

# Chamber CHATTER



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## SAVE - THE - DATE

**92nd Jubilee Day**

**Thursday, June 16th**

**18th Annual Golf Outing**

**Friday, September 16th**

Interested in sponsorship - email  
[info@mechanicsburgchamber.org](mailto:info@mechanicsburgchamber.org)

## CHAMBER EVENTS

*Watch for Weekly Updates!!*

### *February*

**22 - AM Strategies for Business Success** - Hear from Heather Holloway of **Holloway Media Services** and Host of Practadgoal. - at Buhrig's Gathering Place, 25 E Main Street, Mechanicsburg. 8:30am-10:00am.

**24 - Business Leaders Discussion Group** - Sponsored by **US Health Advisors**, 5000 Ritter Rd, Suite 202 Mechanicsburg. 7:45am - 9:00am

### *March*

**8 - Business Women's Networking Luncheon** - Virtual Edition. Sponsored by **Meadowbrooke Gourds** (Lunch not provided). RSVP to [info@mechanicsburgchamber.org](mailto:info@mechanicsburgchamber.org). Upon registering, Zoom login credentials will be provided. 11:30am-12:30pm.

**22 - AM Strategies for Business Success** - The Basics of Estate planning - knowing NOW what not to miss. - **IMOR Financial & Keystone Elder Law P.C.** at Buhrig's Gathering Place, 25 E Main Street, Mechanicsburg. 8:30am-10:00am.

RSVP to [info@mechanicsburgchamber.org](mailto:info@mechanicsburgchamber.org).

For a full calendar of chamber and member events,  
visit [www.mechanicsburgchamber.org/events](http://www.mechanicsburgchamber.org/events)

**Thank You For Renewing Your Membership!**

Associated Product Services  
AuMiller's Auto Parts  
Cumberland County Housing & Redevelopment  
Wells Fargo Advisors - Thomas Kimmett

## Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce

# Business Women's Networking Luncheon

Tuesday, March 8th  
11:30 am - 12:30 pm

## Virtual Event



Meadowbrooke Gourds - an accident that  
turned into a dream.  
Now 20+ years in business.

Join in to hear from Dori Heller, Retail Manager,  
about their upcoming events and what  
new creations may be in the works....

Free Event for Members -  
\$10 for Non-Members

RSVP to [info@mechanicsburgchamber.org](mailto:info@mechanicsburgchamber.org)

Upon registering, Zoom login credentials  
will be provided.



# AM Strategies... for Business Success

Tuesday, February 22  
8:30 - 10:00 am



## Is Your Business Social Media Savvy Enough? Want to Turn UP Your Social Media Marketing!!

Heather Holloway, Founder of Holloway Media Services and Host of Practadgoal Talk (pronounced practical) will share a few tips and her insight on social things such as....

- Why content is the key for a repeat buyer
- How to use our system to monetize your content and turn video views into sales
- What SCOPE is, and why it is the best strategy for generating long-term repeat business

A former radio and television commercial producer, her jam is producing high-impact social media content then crafting it into carefully measured revenue-generating campaigns. Her years and expertise in broadcasting provides her the platform to make sure your message speaks louder than words ever could alone.

With the power of persuasion, a conviction to kindness, and a dash of tenacity, Heather can help create new airwaves for your business and brand.

### Event Location:

Buhrig's Gathering Place - 25 E Main St,  
Mechanicsburg - Parking available (any Buhrig lot) -  
off Strawberry Alley.

Complimentary breakfast fare included.



Free Event for Chamber Members. Non-Member \$10.00  
Please email - [info@mechanicsburgchamber.org](mailto:info@mechanicsburgchamber.org) to register

**Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce presents:**

# **Business Leaders Discussion Group**



**Thursday, February 24  
7:45 - 9:00 am**

Perfect  
for:  
-business owners  
-decision-makers  
-management staff

**Host Location: US Health Advisors  
5000 Ritter Rd, Suite 202,  
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055**

**Bring your questions and business topics and hear what others have to say!**

**RSVP to [info@mechanicsburgchamber.org](mailto:info@mechanicsburgchamber.org) or call  
717-796-0811.**

**This members-only event is free to attend!**

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## **WEST SHORE YOUNG PROFESSIONALS**

### ***Upcoming WSYP Events***

#### **Coffee & Connections**

Enjoy Coffee or a morning beverage of your choice as you make new connections

Check out [WSYP.org](http://WSYP.org) for more information and locations details.

Last Wednesday of each month - **7:30 AM – 9:00 AM**

**February 23**

**March 30**

**April 27**

# Central PA Wedding Shows to Begin February 20



## Five in-person wedding shows from 2/20/22 thru 3/27/22

HD Entertainment, the area's only all-female, award-winning DJ company is excited to announce their 2022 circuit of wedding shows for couples looking to plan their weddings.

"Wedding venues and vendors are in the highest demand ever right now due to reschedules and newly engaged couples, so it is never too early to plan your dream wedding. says Heather Dino-Laughman, owner of HD Entertainment and Executive Producer of Central PA Wedding Shows.

Central PA Wedding Shows are not your typical convention center ballrooms packed with over 100 vendors. Each show hosts only 20-30 vendors in total. A smaller show may mean less vendors, but the vendors are of high quality, so securing any of them is guaranteed to be a win for your wedding day.

Over \$20K in fantastic prizes available to couples in attendance. AND.... the first 50 couples to register for each show will receive a complimentary set of wedding bands.

PLUS....Each show will have not only feature individual vendor prizes from each booth but also a \$500 cash prize. At the conclusion of the Gettysburg, PA show on 3/27/22, one lucky couple will also gain \$1000 to use towards their wedding day.

## Show Locations:

- 2/20 - HARRISBURG - The Conference Center at Central Penn
  - 2/27 - HANOVER - Ballroom on Broadway
- 3/13 - MECHANICSBURG -The Catering Barn at Strock Enterprises
  - 3/20 - GREENCASTLE - Green Grove Gardens
- 3/27 - BIGLERVILLE/GETTYSBURG - The Historic Round Barn

All shows run Noon- 3 p.m. with two or three time slots available for tickets.

Questions? Contact Central PA Wedding Shows at 717.850.0460, more information on Facebook and Instagram (will also find list of vendors for all shows), or emailing [ido@centralpaweddingshows.com](mailto:ido@centralpaweddingshows.com).





PennLive Virtual Job Fair  
Feb 8 - March 7

Local professionals! Are you  
great at what you do and want  
to work for a community  
business?

Check out  
PennLive's Virtual Job Fair to  
see which great local  
companies are hiring!

Find the **RIGHT** fit  
for **YOUR** future  
**FEBRUARY 8 - MARCH 7**

Virtual Mentoring Monday will  
take place on February 28 from  
6:15 - 8:15 p.m. utilizing event  
technology that allows attendees  
to move freely as if they were  
meeting in person.

Tickets are \$35 a person and  
can be purchased at [https://  
events.pennlive.com/mm](https://events.pennlive.com/mm).

Use code MM2022 to get 20%  
off of your ticket!

 **MEDIA GROUP**

**MENTORING  
MONDAY**

**FEBRUARY 28th  
6:15 - 8:15PM**

**REGISTER HERE!**



## Local Share Account Statewide Grant Program for Non-Profits Available Through March 15

**Program Overview:** The PA Race Horse Development and Gaming Act (Act 2004-71), as amended, provides for the distribution of gaming revenues through the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) to support projects in the public interest within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

**Eligibility:** By state requirement, non-profit organizations are eligible to apply for funding for projects that improve the quality of life in the community. **Applications must be submitted through an eligible applicant, such as Cumberland Area Economic Development Corporation (CAEDC).** For-profit entities are not eligible for this program.

### Eligible Uses of Funds:

- Acquisition
- Construction
- Demolition
- Infrastructure
- Purchase of vehicles, machinery and/or equipment
- Planning, consulting and design costs related to planning projects.
- Engineering, design and inspection, to include permitting fees, for construction projects not to exceed 10% of the total grant award.
- Administrative costs of the grantee for the purposes of administering the grant. Administrative costs may not exceed 2% of the total grant request.
- Contingency costs not to exceed 5% of documented construction and infrastructure costs.

**Funding:** Grants are available for projects with a total eligible project cost of \$25,000 or more. Grant requests shall not exceed \$1,000,000 for any project.

Learn more about this program and view the Program Guidelines [here](#).

CAEDC INVITES ELIGIBLE NON-PROFITS TO REACH OUT TO DONNA GIBERTI AT [DONNA@CUMBERLANDBUSINESS.COM](mailto:DONNA@CUMBERLANDBUSINESS.COM) OR 717-240-7186 TO DISCUSS THE PROGRAM AND BEGIN THE PROCESS.



**Jr. Adventures in Game Design**

Kids become game builders for a week!  
Learn computer science concepts by creating various Scratch Jr. Games.



**S.T.E.M Discoveries**

This camp unleashes kid's imagination piece-by-piece and bit-by-bit as they build with circuits and practice computational tinkering with various creative hands-on projects



**Code your own Arcade (MakeCode)**

Ninjas will create retro-style arcade games with Microsoft MakeCode Arcade. Ninjas combine the power of coding with game design to enhance their programming skills and develop games inspired by classic platformers, adventure games, and more!



**Modding with MINECRAFT**

Build your very own Minecraft Mods including weapons, armor, food, and biomes. Kids will learn all about making their own modpacks.



**Moviemaking with MINECRAFT**

Kids unleash their creativity through Storytelling in Scratch! Express themselves and learn to code their own animations.



**Code your own Robot in MINECRAFT**

Ninjas will use code to control a robot in Minecraft Education Edition\*. Through simple programming, they'll apply complex computer science concepts to automate parts of Minecraft\* such as farming, digging and more. Ninjas will use concepts like loops and functions to code crazy things like spawning hundreds of chickens from the sky!

**INTRO TO ROBLOX**

Power your imagination by learning the basics of Roblox or continuing with more advanced game concepts! (Requires a Roblox Classic Tier account)

**NEXT LEVEL ROBLOX**

Ninjas will take their skills to the next level as they learn coding fundamentals and dig deeper into the game-making side of Roblox using the Lua programming language. They will showcase their game, play their peers' games, and publish their creation to the Roblox world.



**Become a YouTuber**

Kids will learn how to record, edit, modify, and upload their own videos to YouTube. Your child can be the next YouTube star like their favorite YouTubers!



Through adventures in 3D Printing, Ninjas will explore design thinking and the innovative proves as they learn to prototype and test new creations



Ninjas learn how to make Stop Motion Animation movies. You child will capture, edit, and use all the techniques required to make their own film.



**Adventures in game design**

Ninjas will explore different programming concepts as they create various games inspired by Breakout, Snake, Flappy Bird, and more using a block-based programming language called Scratch.



**Robotics with Lego**

Ninjas learn the fundamentals of how to design, build and code an autonomous LEGO robots. These activities will prepare ninjas for the upcoming First Lego League season if they choose to compete



**Intro to web development**

Ninjas will learn about creative website development by building their own website and fan page. Ninjas will gain a foundational understanding of HTML and CSS. Using these essential computing languages, Ninjas will publish websites and share links to showcase what they've learned.

**WEEK-LONG CAMPS**

**\$197**

**MORNING**

**9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**\$197**

**AFTERNOON**

**1:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

*Discounted price for CREATE members*

**717-546-4652**

65 Gateway Dr,  
Mechanicsburg PA 17050

Click [here](#) for more information  
OR



SCAN ME



**ONGOING EDUCATION SERIES**

Building Great Teams

Presented by: *Jim Carchidi CSP*

**March 3 | 11:45 AM - 1:00 PM | VIRTUAL**

**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER**

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**LEADERS AT LUNCH**

Honoring the Carlisle  
Family YMCA Capital  
Campaign Leaders



**MARCH 11  
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM**

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Renewable energy certificates (RECs) are one option for organizations looking to become more sustainable and meet renewable energy goals.

Video: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=auVH1\\_En5ms](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=auVH1_En5ms)

Article: <https://www.appienergy.com/news/recs/>

## WHAT ARE RENEWABLE ENERGY CERTIFICATES (RECs)?

A REC is produced when a renewable energy source generates one megawatt-hour (MWh) of electricity and delivers it to the grid. RECs are certificates that then transfer the legal rights to the environmental attributes of that renewable energy to the purchaser (you). In other words, paired with electricity from the grid, renewable energy is being generated on your behalf.

### RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES



WIND



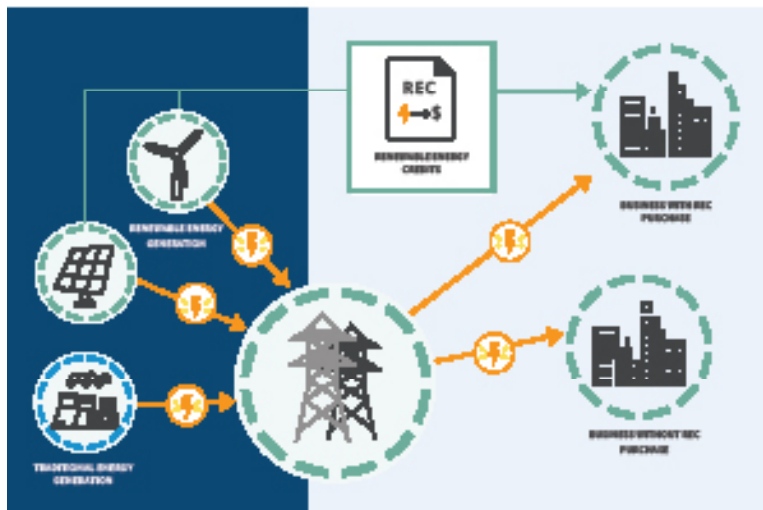
SOLAR



GEOTHERMAL



SMALL HYDRO



### Piercing Word Scripture Dramatization: The One Story

Hosted by The Tide® ministry

Saturday, February 19<sup>th</sup> (6:00 PM)

Antrim BIC Church

24 Kauffman Rd E

Chambersburg, Pennsylvania 17202



*Experience the ultimate story of God's plan for redemption. Framed around Jesus' conversation on the Emmaus Road, this piece shows how all of Scripture points to the person and work of Christ. The One Story incorporates original orchestrations and other artistic elements to bring beautiful clarity to the Scriptures.*

The Tide® ministry invites you to an evening of worship through a dramatized presentation showing how all of Scripture points to the person and work of Christ. The One Story will be performed by a team from Piercing Word using memorized Bible passages as their script, and incorporates original orchestrations and other artistic elements to bring beautiful clarity to the Scriptures.

This event will be hosted by The Tide Ministry at Antrim BIC Church on Saturday evening, February 19, at 6:00 PM. It is a wonderful opportunity for a family outing to experience a vibrant and exciting presentation of God's Word.

There is no admission charge or ticketing for this event, but donations will gladly be accepted to help support The Tide ministry. For more information visit <https://www.thetide.org/events> or contact [Erinda Hand](#) at The Tide office (717-264-7288).

**In addition, if you, or anyone you know, have new or gently worn used shoes (any style) there will be donation boxes on site for our *Your Sales ~ Their Souls* Shoe Drive Fundraiser.**

Vision Resources of Central Pennsylvania is sponsoring a live, benefit, performance of the psychological thriller, *Wait Until Dark*, at the Little Theatre of Mechanicsburg on February 27, 2022, 2:30 p.m. The play involves a recently blinded woman who is terrorized by a trio of thugs while they search for a heroin-stuffed doll they believe is in her apartment.



Tickets are \$25.00 each and may be purchased at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wait-until-dark-at-the-little-theatre-of-mechanicsburg-tickets-250571144037>

You may also purchase tickets on the Vision Resources web site, [www.vrocp.org](http://www.vrocp.org), or call Cheryl Cuddy, 717-238-2531.

Proceeds will support the mission of Vision Resources to the blind and visually impaired.

**PLEASE JOIN US!**

# AVOID SLIPS & FALLS THIS WINTER



Wear shoes with gripping soles that provide traction. Tap the edge of icy areas with your foot to check for slipperiness before taking a step.

Avoid carrying heavy items that can change your center of balance. Keep hands free of pockets while walking



Check around vehicles before entering and exiting. Use the vehicle for balance and support.

## Patient First



# Part Time Office Administrator



We are a small financial services office seeking a responsible, detail-oriented person to help with various

office duties. We are willing to train, and there is significant opportunity for learning, growth, and pay increases with flexible hours.

## **Skill Requirements:**

- Friendly and Welcoming
- Pleasant reception and phone presence
  - Organized
- Proficiency in Office 365 Suite (Outlook, Word, Excel)
  - Attention to Detail
  - Respects Confidentiality
  - Strong Typing Skills
- Able to work Independently
- Must be able to prioritize and shift between tasks

(Police background check and fingerprint card to be filed with FINRA are industry requirements for this position. Varano Spong Financial Group will pay for any onboarding expenses incurred.)

Monday through Friday 30-35 hours per week.

Job Type: Part-Time

Salary: \$18 to 22 per hour (based on experience)

For more information and to apply - Call 717-703-3211 or email - [klong@royalaa.com](mailto:klong@royalaa.com)



United Way of  
the Capital Region

# FREE TAX PREPARATION!

**Make \$58,000 or less last year? You are eligible to receive FREE tax preparation through the Money in Your Pocket (MIYP) program. Review the following information BEFORE arriving at a site.**

**You MUST bring the following documents to have your taxes prepared:**

- Valid photo ID (driver's license, military ID, etc.) for taxpayer and spouse.
- Original Social Security card or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) for you, your spouse, your children and other dependents included in your tax return.
- Your current Identity Protection PIN number issued by the IRS (if you have one) for each year's taxes that you need prepared.
- Printed copies of all year-end tax forms you have received in the mail. (We cannot use electronic files from phones.)
- If you received health care from the marketplace, bring your form 1095-A. (We cannot prepare your return without it.)

**Also bring the following information if it is available:**

- Previous year's federal and state tax returns. (We can only access prior year returns for clients who used MIYP last year.)
- If you wish to have your refund deposited directly into your checking or savings account, bring a blank check or other documentation from your bank/credit union that shows your account number and the routing transit number.
- If you expect to claim a credit for child or dependent care, bring the child care provider's address and Employer Identification Number (EIN) or their Social Security number.

**\*\*MASKS ARE REQUIRED AT ALL SITES\*\***

**For more information on tax prep sites, contact United Way of the Capital Region at 717.724.4077, or e-mail [miyp@uwcr.org](mailto:miyp@uwcr.org).**

Please do not call sites directly unless a number is listed.

**TAX PREPARATION WILL BEGIN ON JANUARY 31, 2022 AT THE FOLLOWING SITES:**

## YOUR TAXES FOR FREE!

**Low- to moderate-income individuals and families with a yearly income of \$58,000 or less are eligible to receive FREE tax preparation from IRS certified volunteers through the Money in Your Pocket (MIYP) program.**



- The amount of money you get back depends on the amount you earned.
- To get a refund, you must file a tax return even if you don't owe anything.
- If you did not claim the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) in the past but were eligible, you can file an amendment at any time during the year for up to three previous tax years. You may be eligible for money you did not know about!
- Refunds for e-filed returns that will be direct deposited are usually received in 10 days or less.

### TOUCH-FREE TAXES FREE Remote Tax Preparation

Touch-Free Taxes is a free tax preparation program which can be done from the comfort of your home by connecting you to a trained volunteer to complete your taxes. This is a fantastic option for people who are not ready for "in person" preparation.

**You can start using the Touch-Free Taxes service starting January 31, 2022 by visiting [www.getyourrefund.org/uwcrpa](http://www.getyourrefund.org/uwcrpa).**

For more information, e-mail [miyp@uwcr.org](mailto:miyp@uwcr.org) or call 717.724.4077.

*Touch-Free Taxes is brought to you by the Money in Your Pocket program.*

### FEDERAL EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT ELIGIBILITY

If you fit these guidelines, you are eligible for the Federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC).

1. You may not have investment income of more than \$10,000.
2. Your earned income in 2021 is equal to or less than incomes below:

Children	Single Income	Married (filing jointly)
No children**	\$21,430	\$27,380
1 child*	\$42,158	\$48,108
2 children	\$47,915	\$53,865
3 or more children	\$51,464	\$57,414

\* To be claimed, a child must meet relationship, age and residency requirements.

\*\* For 2021 only, EITC is available to all clients age 19+ who meet the income eligibility.

*All reasonable accommodations will be provided at no cost to individuals with special needs. For more information about special accommodations, or the availability of interpreters, call the MIYP info line at 717.724.4077, or e-mail [miyp@uwcr.org](mailto:miyp@uwcr.org).*

### MONEY IN YOUR POCKET PARTNERS:

- Belco Community Credit Union
- Bosler Memorial Library
- Central Pennsylvania Food Bank
- Code For America/Get Your Refund
- Dickinson College
- Employment Skills Center
- First Christian Church of Lemoine
- Market Square Presbyterian Church
- Messiah University
- Middletown Public Library
- Midwest Food Bank
- Mifflin-Juniata Human Services
- New Hope Ministries, Inc.
- Penn State Dickinson School of Law
- Penn National Insurance
- Perry County Literacy Council
- PNC

- Shippensburg University
- Tri County Community Action
- Truist Foundation
- United Way of Carlisle and Cumberland County
- United Way of the Capital Region
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- Widener University
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