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Ribbon Cuttings

Negley's Water & Well Drilling

7 Keener Drive, Ste B,
Mechanicsburg 17050

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH

RIBBON CUTTING - 10:00AM

You're invited to Join us!!

CHAMBER EVENTS

Watch for Weekly Updates!!

February

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

15 - After Hours Mixer - CANCELLED

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

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

RSVP to info@mechanicsburgchamber.org.

*1st Quarter printed newsletter - On Track -
Coming Soon*

For a full calendar of chamber and member events,
visit www.mechanicsburgchamber.org/events

Thank You For Renewing Your Membership!

Aflac - Jeff Stauffer
Clay's Service Center Inc.
Eichelberger's, Inc.
Hynes Group, LLC
Members 1st Federal Credit Union
Requiptment Co. Inc.

Chris Moulton
Cumberland Area Economic Development
Gunn-Mowery, LLC
Joseph T. Simpson Public Library
Mid Penn Bank
Ritters True Value Hardware

Thank You For Renewing Your Membership!....Cont'd

**RM Kitchens
Synergy Home Care of Mid Penn**

**Safe Harbour, Inc.
The Mechanicsburg Club**

Varano Spong Financial Group

Business Women's Networking Luncheon

**Tuesday, February 8th
11:30 am - 12:00 pm**

Virtual Event

**The month of February highlights several
DOG related days**

**Join in and hear from two Canine Coaches about the energized
fun loving world of dogs**

**And why their customers run,
not walk, into dogtopia**



**Free Event for Members - \$10 for Non-Members
RSVP to 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 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 or call
717-796-0811.**

This members-only event is free to attend!



Pennsylvania's Shared-Work program is a great tool that allows an employer to temporarily reduce the work hours of a group of employees while supplementing their lost wages with partial unemployment benefits rather than laying off any employees.

Employees covered by the Shared-Work plan receive a percentage of their unemployment compensation (UC) weekly benefit amount while they work the reduced schedule, if they are otherwise eligible for UC.

Shared-Work plans empower employers to retain a trained and qualified workforce during periods of slowdown, and quickly ramp up operations without the expense of recruiting, hiring, and training new employees.

What qualifications are required for participation?

To participate in Pennsylvania's Shared-Work program, the employer must have filed all UC tax reports and paid all amounts due under PA UC Law, have a positive reserve account balance (for contributory employers) and have paid wages for the last 12 consecutive quarters, according to the department's Office of UC Tax Services.

**For more information and to view FAQs, forms and the brochure, please
visit www.uc.pa.gov/sharedwork.**

GFWC (General Federation of Women's Clubs) Mechanicsburg's



next meeting is on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 7:00 PM at Buhrig's Gathering Place, 25 East Main Street, Mechanicsburg.

We will be having our annual Arts Festival showcasing members arts and crafts.

For more information, contact Sue at 717.243.9872 or check out our website at <http://gfwcmec.tripod.com/>



Mark your calendars

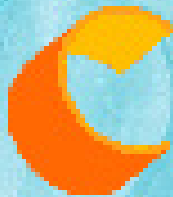
Join us the second Wednesday of every month at Buhrig's Gathering Place from 8am to 9:15am for a light breakfast and conversation with our attorneys.

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 9
from 8:00AM to 9:15AM

Conversation Topic: To marry or not to marry: the legal pros and cons of the marital relationship. Discussing the impacts that marriage has on property rights, taxes, family law and estate planning. Presented by Attorneys David Galloway & Anna Knych.

Can't attend in person - Zoom information available
RSVP to nora@waltersgalloway.com to confirm in person or Zoom

Also...Mark your calendar for March's meeting on 3/9/22...
[Click here for more information](#)



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Feb 4-6, 2022
Come Stay with us during
Ice Fest Weekend with a
special rate
\$99 for Friday and Saturday



ATTENTION Chamber Members

The Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce is looking to make a Computer UPGRADE. If your business would like to be considered and you'd like to submit a proposal -

Please call 717-796-0811 or email -
info@mechanicsburgchamber.org
for more information



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!

PA MEDIA GROUP

**MENTORING
MONDAY**

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

REGISTER HERE!

Joseph T Simpson Public Library - February Book Sale

February 11 to 13



Members Preview: Friday, February 11,
6:00 to 8:00 pm

Book Sale: Saturday, February 12,
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Bag Sale: Sunday, February 13, 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Book Sales are held at our Book Sale Center, 114 North York St., Mechanicsburg. The entrance to the Book Sale Center is off of North York Street.

Invitations to the Members Preview are mailed one month before the sale to current Friends' members, and a list of members will be at the door.

Memberships may be purchased at Preview Night.

Bag Sale: All the books you can fit in a level bag for only \$10.00!
Some restrictions apply. Paper bags supplied by the Friends of the Library.

For more information call - 717-766-0171

**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
SPONSORED BY:

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

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.



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

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



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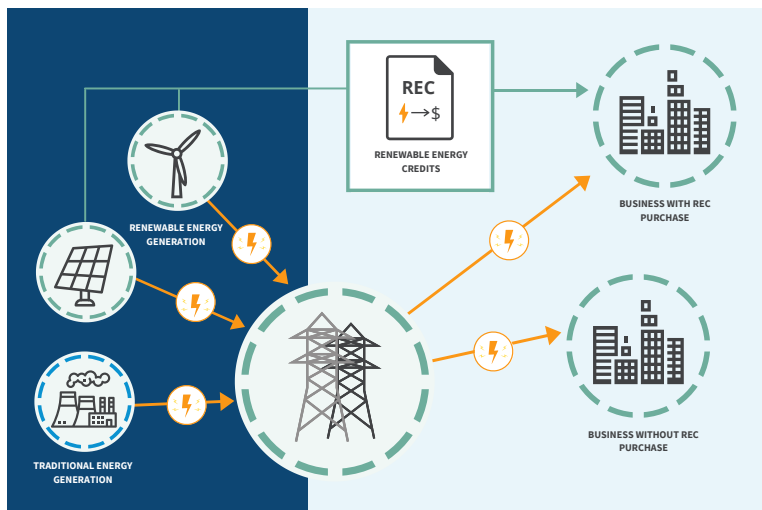
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GEOTHERMAL



SMALL HYDRO



Piercing Word Scripture Dramatization: The One Story

Hosted by The Tide® ministry

Saturday, February 19th (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 Soles ~ Their Souls* Shoe Drive Fundraiser.



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.

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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.

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.

For more information, e-mail 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.

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
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