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 - After Hours Mixer
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February

13 - Business Women's Networking Luncheon -
Sponsored by **Renewal by Andersen of Central**
Pennsylvania, 4856 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg.
11:30am - 12:45pm. FREE member event.

19- Presidents Day - Office Closed

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Thank You For Renewing Your Membership!



Tuesday, February 13
11:30am - 12:45pm

Business Women's Networking Luncheon

Renewal by Andersen
4856 Carlisle Pike
Mechanicsburg

Join us as we learn all the great products that Renewal by Andersen offers to make your home or office more energy efficient and visually appealing. Find out the many ways that Renewal by Andersen gives back to the community through RBA Cares.

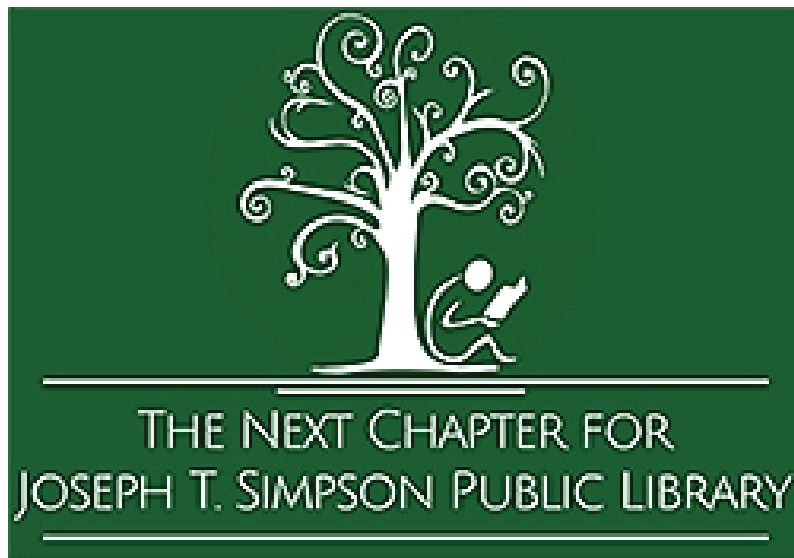
Reservations required.

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GFWC (General Federation of Women's Clubs) Mechanicsburg

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 7:00 PM at Buhrig's Gathering Place, 25 East Main Street, Mechanicsburg. The program will be about the Arts. We will be making Culture Books, so bring in some pictures, stories, articles about you, your family and your heritage. Would you like to know more about how we serve the community while helping Veterans, libraries and schools? Come for a visit to find out. For more information, contact Sue at 717.243.9872 visit our website at <http://gfwcmch.tripod.com/>





The Next Chapter for Joseph T. Simpson Public Library: Library Announces Capital Campaign to Renovate Newly Purchased Learning & Book Sale Center

Joseph T. Simpson Public Library announces the public phase of its capital campaign to raise renovation funds for their new Learning & Book Sale Center. The new facility, which will increase the Library's usable space by an additional 8,600 square feet, is located just a few blocks from the existing structure and will enhance library services by providing additional program and meeting space as well as a permanent home for the Friends of the Library book sales.

Ever since Simpson Library purchased the additional facility at 45 W. Allen Street, the board of directors, the Capital Campaign Committee, and library staff have been working hard to raise the funds needed to renovate the former Agway building into functional program space. And during this quiet phase of fundraising at their new, permanent location, the Friends of the Library have held 6 book sales, raising \$97,048 for library programs. The next book sale will be held on Saturday, February 10, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and on Sunday, February 11, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

"We are so grateful to the Friends of the Library for their generous support of library programs, not to mention everyone who donates used books or visits the book sales," adds Sue Erdman, Simpson Library's Executive Director. "With The Next Chapter for Simpson Library capital campaign, there are even more opportunities to support the library and ensure programs and meeting space for generations to come."

In addition to providing a permanent home for Friends of the Library Book Sales, the new Learning & Book Sale Center will provide additional program and meeting space. Simpson Library has seen its program offerings grow by 111 percent since 2013. Volunteer Capital Campaign Committee chair Karen Cochran comments, "the Learning & Book Sale Center is a timely and innovative way for Simpson Library to meet the community's growing needs for library programs. And with a permanent home, the Friends of the Library can build on their history of successful fundraising for Simpson."

As of January 11, 2024, Simpson Library has raised a total of \$1,177,715 towards its \$2,000,000 goal.

To make a tax-deductible donation and help Simpson Library meet their \$2,000,000 total campaign goal, please visit https://www.cumberlandcountylibraries.org/SIM_Capital_Campaign_2023 or mail your check to Simpson Library, 16 N Walnut Street, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055. Please note "capital campaign" on the memo line.

Joseph T. Simpson Public Library has been serving the greater Mechanicsburg community since 1961 with an array of traditional and innovative library programs and services. Its mission is to serve as a community center for learning and leisure. Simpson Library has been named a PA Forward Library as part of the Pennsylvania Library Association and also recognized by the Pennsylvania Association of Nonprofit Organizations with its Standards of Excellence rating, the only library in Pennsylvania to have achieved that status.



NATIONAL BURN AWARENESS WEEK

PATHS is offering several webinars in February supporting
[National Burn Awareness Week](#) February 4 - 10, 2024.

National Burn Awareness Week is a window of opportunity for organizations to mobilize burn, fire, and life safety to unite in sharing awareness and prevention.

Click on any topic below to be re-directed to the course objectives and registration form.

FEBRUARY

- 6 [Fire Extinguisher Use](#) 9:30-10:30 a.m.
- 6 [Egress and Fire Protection](#) 11:00-11:30 a.m.
- 7 [First-Aid Awareness](#) 9:30-10:30 a.m.
- 7 [Kitchen Safety - Burn and Fire Prevention](#) 1:30-2:30 p.m.
- 8 [Home Fire Safety](#) 11:00-11:30 a.m.
- 8 [Fire Protection and Prevention - Construction](#) 1:30-2:30 p.m.

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(SNOW DATE THURSDAY, FEB. 8)

AT THE THE LOWER ALLEN TOWNSHIP BUILDING
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Join me and presenters from the Department of Banking and Securities at this free, non-commercial event to connect you with information and resources from experts in finance and consumer protection.

**Seating is limited. Please call my office at 717-761-4665
or visit RepDeLozier.com/Events to RSVP.**

Scam Jam is organized through the PA Department of Banking and Securities' Investor Education and Consumer Outreach offices in conjunction with Representative Sheryl DeLozier's office.





EXPANDED Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program Now Open

The application period for the state's 2023 Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program is now open for eligible Pennsylvanians to begin claiming rebates on property taxes or rent paid last year.

Income limits increased this year to \$45,000 annually for both homeowners and renters, so if you were earning too much to qualify before, you may be eligible now. Remember to exclude 50% of Social Security when determining your income.

The law I supported to increase income limits also increased the maximum rebate to \$1,000.

The program is open to residents age 65 years and older; widows and widowers 50 years and older; and people with disabilities 18 years and older.

Remember – you do not need to pay anyone for assistance to apply for the rebates. Apply online at mypath.pa.gov, or contact my office for help. [Additional information about the program is available here.](#)



F&M Trust donates \$2,000 to support Mechanicsburg public library programs

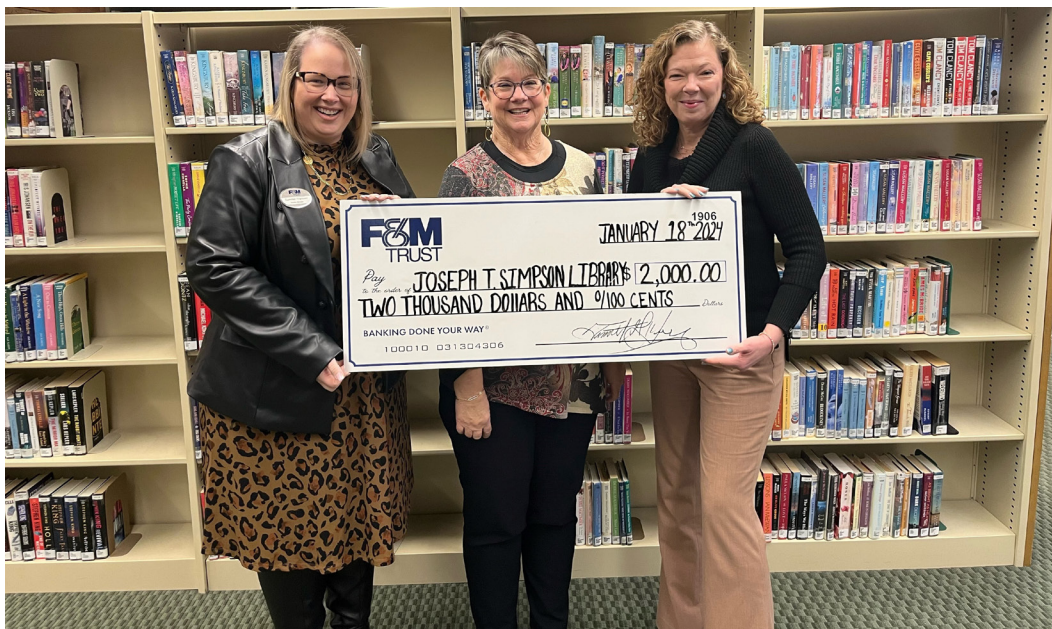
F&M Trust recently donated \$2,000 to support a series of programs at Joseph T. Simpson Public Library in Mechanicsburg.

The contribution will sponsor the library's Run for Reading and Bowling for Books events, as well as the Family Fall Festival and the Family Holiday Party in 2024.

"We are so grateful for F&M Trust's continuing support of the library with this special sponsorship," said Dawna Trump, development coordinator for the library. "This donation makes sure we can offer great events to the community, engaging more people with the library and our services."

Joseph T. Simpson Public Library serves residents in the boroughs of Mechanicsburg and Shiremanstown, and in Monroe, Silver Spring, and Upper Allen townships.

"Libraries are important to our communities because they are welcoming, inclusive spaces that foster a sense of belonging," F&M Trust President & CEO Tim Henry said. "The bank is proud to support Joseph T. Simpson Public Library and its mission of inspiring lifelong learning, advancing literacy, and connecting people with resources for knowledge, discovery, and enrichment."



Joseph T. Simpson Public Library Development Director Dawna Trump recently accepted a \$2,000 donation from F&M Trust Regional Market Manager Summer Franzoni and Mechanicsburg Community Office Manager Anne Bednar.



**THE FOUNDATION
FOR ENHANCING
COMMUNITIES**

TFEC ANNOUNCES MORE THAN \$500,000 IN GRANTS TO LOCAL NONPROFITS

The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC) announced \$507,196.89 in grants have been awarded to 92 Greater Harrisburg and surrounding area nonprofit organizations through competitive grant opportunities. Awarded projects will commence between January 1, 2024, and December 31, 2024.

Grant recipients are registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations or utilize a fiscal sponsor. After a careful review of numerous grant submissions, the following were awarded funding for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Benjamin Franklin Trust Fund – A grant initiative of the Greater Harrisburg Community Foundation, a regional foundation of TFEC, supports programs and services that work to increase the knowledge, quality of life, or inspire positive outcomes for individuals and families living in the service area of Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Juniata, Mifflin, Lebanon, and Perry Counties, and/or the Dillsburg area of York County.

Benjamin Franklin Trust Fund awarded a total of \$3,474 to 3 organizations for supporting key initiatives:

Central Perry Community Senior Citizen's Center (\$1,432), Perry County Council of the Arts (\$1,432), United Cerebral Palsy of Central Pennsylvania (\$610).

The Fund for Women & Girls – A special initiative of TFEC, the mission is to broaden the awareness of and response to issues affecting women and girls through the power of collective philanthropy.

The Fund for Women & Girls award \$60,000 to 15 organizations:

Boys & Girls Club of Chambersburg and Shippensburg (\$1,500), Boys & Girls Club of Harrisburg (\$4,000), Brethren Housing Association (\$4,000), Bridge of Hope Harrisburg Area (\$5,000), Community CARES (\$2,500), Community Check Up Center of South Harrisburg (\$5,000), Cumberland Valley Breast Cancer Alliance, Inc. (\$4,000), Girls on the Run Mid State PA (\$4,000), Girls on the Run Lancaster-Lebanon (\$4,000), Greenlight Operation (\$5,000), Health Steps Diaper Bank (\$6,000), Lebanon Valley Volunteers in Medicine (\$8,000), Perry County Literacy Council (\$4,000), Shape of Justice, Inc. (\$1,000), and YWCA Carlisle & Cumberland County (\$2,000).

Madden Family Foundation Fund – A fund of TFEC, offers an annual competitive grant opportunity to any nonprofit that supports disadvantaged mothers with children.

Madden Family Foundation Fund awarded a total of \$49,688 to 10 organizations:

Blue Mountain Escape, Inc. (\$4,750), Christian Life Church (\$5,000), Evolve Youth Trades Academy (\$5,000), Keystone Service Systems (\$5,000), Keystones Oral Histories (\$5,000), Lebanon Valley Family YMCA (\$5,000), Newport Assembly of God Church (\$5,000), Perry County Literacy Council (\$4,938), Summer Program for Youth (\$5,000), and YWCA Carlisle & Cumberland County (\$5,000).

Martin M. Sacks Memorial Fund – A fund of TFEC, offers an annual competitive grant opportunity to any nonprofit that supports youth and family-oriented programs and services that are consistent with the mission of the applicant organization.

Martin M. Sacks Memorial Fund awarded a total of \$9,600 to 12 organizations:

AJB Drug and Alcohol Mentoring Services (\$1,000), Beahive Affordable Housing Outreach, Inc. (\$600), Boys & Girls Club of Harrisburg (\$600), Evolve Youth Trades Academy (\$600), Gamut Theatre Group, Inc. (\$1,000), HANNA's Pantry, Inc. (\$1,000), Healthy Steps Diaper Bank (\$1,000), Nathaniel Gadsdens Writers Wordshop (\$1,000), Newport Assembly of God Church (\$600), PennCares (\$600), St. Stephen's Episcopal School (\$600), and TFEC (\$1,000).

GHCF Upstream – A grant initiative of the Greater Harrisburg Community Foundation, a regional foundation of TFEC, provides funding to nonprofits that improve our area communities by supporting existing or new “upstream” systems, interventions, programs, or projects that attempt to create positive social change by addressing a problem at its source rather than managing its “downstream” symptoms.

Upstream awarded a total of \$384,434.89 to 52 organizations for supporting key initiatives:

Alexander Hamilton Memorial Free Library (\$10,000), Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Capital Region, Inc. (\$5,000), Blue Mountain Escape, Inc. (\$9,750), Boys & Girls Club of Chambersburg and Shippensburg (\$4,485), Brethren Community Ministries (\$5,000), Brethren Housing Association (\$8,000), Bridge of Hope Harrisburg Area (\$10,000), Capital Area Therapeutic Riding Association (\$7,500), Capital Region Literacy Council (\$10,000), Castaway Critters, the James A. Hueholt Memorial Foundation (\$2,690), Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Harrisburg (\$5,000), Christian Life Church (\$7,500), Community Check-Up Center of South Harrisburg (\$5,000), Cumberland Valley Breast Care Alliance, Inc. (\$8,000), Dauphin County CASA (\$10,000), Dauphin County Library System (\$10,000), Diaper Depot Central (\$3,000), Downtown Daily Bread (\$7,412), Employment Skills Center (\$9,000), Evolve Youth Trades Academy (\$8,000), Family Promise of Harrisburg Capital Region (\$7,408.55), Friendship Senior Center (\$5,000), Girls on the Run Mid State PA (\$10,000), HANNAs Pantry (\$8,000), Healthy Steps Diaper Bank (\$3,912), Hospice of Central PA (\$4,412), J. Herman Bosler Memorial Library (\$5,150), Join Hands Ministry (\$8,000), Junior Achievement of South Central PA (\$6,000), Keystone Service Systems (\$6,912), LEAF Project, Inc. (\$10,000), Lebanon Valley Volunteers in Medicine (\$10,000), Lincoln Intermediate Unite No. 12 (\$9,650), Lykens Valley Children's Museum (\$8,000), Millersburg Area Art Association Inc. (\$8,000), Millersburg Area Pool Association (\$10,000), Millersburg Area Senior Center (\$10,000), Millersburg Ferry Boat Association (\$3,000), New Hope Ministries, Inc. (\$8,000), Open Stage of Harrisburg (\$10,000), Penn's Youth Initiative (\$4,412), Pennsylvania Friends of Agriculture Foundation (\$3,000), Perry County Literacy Council (\$8,478), Sexual Assault Resource & Counseling Center (SARCC) (\$6,500), She's Somebody's Daughter (\$8,000), Summer Program for Youth (\$10,000), Tri-County Opportunities Industrialization Center (\$10,000), Twin Valley Players (\$9,263.34), Vickie's Angel Walk, Inc. (\$3,000), Waynesboro Community & Human Services (\$8,000), Wildheart Ministries (\$10,000), and YWCA Carlisle & Cumberland County (\$7,000).

JAZZ ME BAND

KIRK WISE UPCOMING SOLO, DUO & BAND PUBLIC DATES

Fri. 1/26 – Totem Pole Wine Tasting Room,
Mechanicsburg...Kirk solo 6:30-9

Sat. 1/27 – The Gettysburger, Gettysburg...
Kirk solo/Duo 7-10

Tue. 1/31 – Greystone Brew House@
Range End , Dillsburg...Kirk solo/duo 6-9

Sat. 2/3 – Castle Rigg Wine, Carlisle...
Kirk solo 5-8

Tue. 2/6 – Greystone Brew House@
Range End , Dillsburg...Kirk solo/duo 6-9

Wed. 2/7 – Lancaster Event...
Rhoads Trio 6-9

Sat. 2/10 – Hauser Hill Events Center,
Biglersville...Kirk Duo 6-10

Tue. 2/13 – Greystone Brew House@
Range End , Dillsburg...Kirk solo/duo 6-9

Thurs. 2/15 – Big Bottom Brewery @
Al's Pizza, Dillsburg...Kirk solo 6-8

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The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC), the 18th oldest community foundation in the United States, inspires giving by partnering with donors to achieve their charitable goals and strengthens our local communities by investing in them now, and for future generations. TFEC has been serving the South-Central Pennsylvania counties of Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lebanon, and Perry, and the Dillsburg Area for more than 100 years. Regional foundations of TFEC include the Greater Harrisburg Community Foundation, the Franklin County Community Foundation, the Mechanicsburg Area Community Foundation, the Perry County Community Foundation, and the Dillsburg Area Community Foundation.

For more information on TFEC, please visit www.tfec.org.



Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Capital Region Commemorates National Mentoring Month with Call to Action for Central PA to Empower Local Youth through Mentorship

BBBS of the Capital Region leads community-wide initiative this January to address the need for mentorship among youth across Cumberland, Dauphin, Lancaster, Lebanon & Perry Counties.

In alignment with National Mentoring Month, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Capital Region [BBBSCR] is putting out an urgent call for new volunteers to help close the mentorship gap for local youth.

Today, one in three kids in America are growing up without a sustained, positive adult mentor in their lives. The need for youth mentorship is critical in BBBSCR's 5-county service area, with more than 100 youth on the agency's wait list for a mentor.

The gap between mentorship and youth who need it most continues to widen due to perceived barriers of the time and expertise needed to become a mentor. This January, BBBSCR is shifting perceptions of mentorship and redefining the little everyday moments that can make a big impact on the lives of young people—time already spent going to a movie, sharing a slice of pizza, and getting coffee.

Paul Almquist, a BBBSCR mentor, was matched with his Little, Ethan, in 2015 and in June of 2023, he watched as Ethan received a leadership award from his high school JROTC program. "Ethan is so deserving of love and support, and I am truly grateful and honored that I get to be a part of his life and to watch him grow into the strong leader our community needs," says Almquist.

Throughout January, BBBSCR will highlight the power of little moments and the experience of being a mentor through their social media and community engagement. The organization plans to recognize and celebrate several volunteer mentors who have made a life-changing impact on their Littles. Additionally, the nonprofit arranged for the State Capitol Complex to be illuminated in green (facing State Street) this week, January 8-15, in appreciation of the positive impact mentors make in the lives of youth across Pennsylvania.

For National Mentoring Month, BBBSCR also invites the community to share their most pivotal mentorship moments, no matter how big or small, on all social media channels using the hashtag #BeBig and tagging @BBBSCapRegion. This tapestry of stories is part of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America's digital storytelling initiative, "A Million Little Moments," serving as a testament to the significant impact and universality of mentorship moments.

Almquist shares, "Due to BBBS daily efforts and dedication, they are offering kids something I feel

they are missing, something I missed growing up as well, and that's someone to listen to them and support them. BBBS gave me the opportunity to support Ethan."

"I encourage others to take the next steps to help the kids in our communities by supporting them," says Almquist. "These kids need us to show up for them. We all can change our communities for the better, one Little at a time."

To learn more about becoming a mentor and bridging the gap between people and possibility visit CAPBIGS.ORG.



1) Choose a Date.

Saturday, March 23

1:00pm & 3:30pm. ABC West, Mechanicsburg.

Sunday, March 24

2:00pm. ABC West, Mechanicsburg.

Sunday, April 7

2:00pm. 222 Dutch Lanes, Ephrata.

Thursday, April 18

6:00pm. Palmyra Bowling, Palmyra.

Thursday, April 25

6:00pm. Midway Bowl, Carlisle.

2) Register Today.

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3) Build your team.

Invite friends, family & coworkers.

4) Raise funds.

Support a Little, a Big & a family.

5) Party!

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Mechanicsburg Lions Club

4th Annual “We Serve” Golf Tournament



July 12, 2024 @

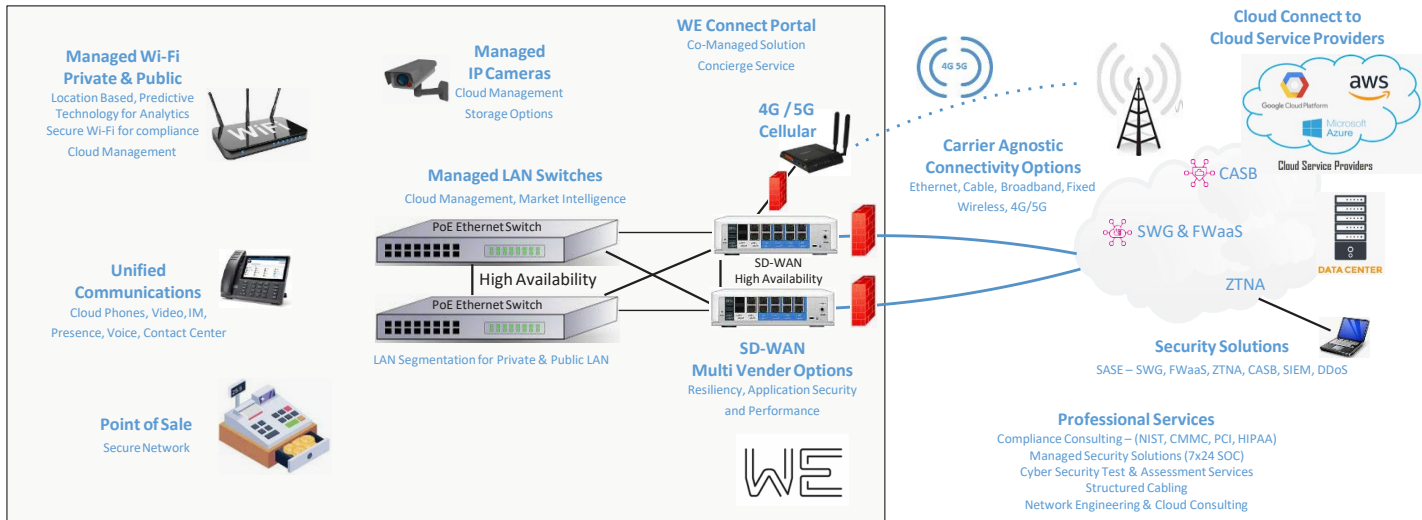


Calling all men and women who enjoy golf, good food, and fellowship. It's never too early to be thinking about warm weather and golf. This is a save the date announcement to let you know that our 4th annual “We Serve” Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, July 12, 2024. Mayapple Golf Club in Carlisle will be hosting our tournament. We will have an 8am shot gun start with lunch to follow at Fiddler's Bar & Grill at the golf course. So, mark your calendars now and plan to join us for a fun filled day of golf and dining with your friends. Registration forms and more details will be made available in early April.



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