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April 2025



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Shippensburg Area Chamber of Commerce Committees

Awards Breakfast Committee	Cinco de Mayo Committee
Back to School Family Fun Day Committee	Community Christmas Party Committee
Central PA Chainsaw Carver Festival Committee	Membership Committee
Chamber Golf Tournament Committee	Programs & Promotions Committee
	Shippensburg Beer & Wine Festival Committee

OUR MISSION To provide members with services that promote and support economic vitality as well as develop Shippensburg as a great place to live, work, play, visit and invest.

OUR VISION To be recognized as the premier membership-based organization for professional networking, development, and stimulating economic growth in the vibrant and prospering business community of Shippensburg.



Hello Chamber Members!

In case you haven't noticed, there is something special happening in Shippensburg!!! A movement and collective effort by a group of unselfish, quality men and women to advance our Shippensburg community and surrounding areas.

In just these last 10 months, this movement and new beginning has produced the following advancements within the chamber:

- A full-time President, Wendy Kipe
- A full-time Office Manager, Monica Logan
- A Community Coordinator, Michaela Wetzel

If you have not stopped by or attended one of our chamber events to meet "The Dream Team" you need to do that! These three dynamic women are here to help and serve you. They are quickly changing the face and perception of our town.

If you are not excited about our movement and what's happening in Shippensburg, you should be! Stop by the chamber or attend one of our upcoming events to get a feel and see what I'm talking about. There will be plenty of opportunities in April and May.

- Chainsaw Carvers Festival April 17-19
- Cinco de Mayo Regional Fiesta Mixer May 1
- Keystone Business Summit May 9
- Touch-A-Truck May 31

Now is your time to be active in the chamber and be a part of the movement!
Join us!

Dirk Baumgardner
Board Chair

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Events Calendar

April 8 - Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting, Nonna Ilva, 85 W. King St, Shippensburg

April 17-19 - Central PA Chainsaw Carvers Festival, Shippensburg Fairgrounds

April 19 - Children's Easter Egg Hunt at 10AM, Chainsaw Carver's Festival, Shippensburg Fairgrounds

April 19 - Adult Easter Egg Hunt at 12PM, Chainsaw Carver's Festival, Shippensburg Fairgrounds

May 1 - Cinco de Mayo Regional Mixer, Volvo CE Customer Center



May 9 - Keystone Business Summit, Conference Center, Shippensburg University

May 31 - Touch A Truck, Downtown Shippensburg

April 3 - Memories & Stories of Happel's Meadow, Buttonwood Nature Center, Blue Ridge Summit

April 4 - 80's Murder Mystery Dinner Party, Hammer & Stain, Chambersburg

April 5 - Ron George and Tracy Snyder-Bird Is a Verb: An Introduction to Birding, Coyle Free Library, Chambersburg

April 12 and 26 - Work Day at Norlo Park Native Garden



April 15 - Chambersburg Community Theatre presents:

You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown, Capitol Theatre, Chambersburg

April 25-27 - Fountain Festival, Downtown Chambersburg

April 1 - Messiah University Piano Ensemble, Silent Film: Buster Keaton in "Sherlock Jr", Messiah University

April 5 - CPYB Presents Alan Hineline's *Coppelia*, Whitaker Center for Science and Arts

April 11 - Dills Celtic Festival, Dillsburg, PA

April 12 - An Evening with the Painting, Gettysburg National Military Park Museum & Visitor Center

April 12 - Camp Michaux Walking Tour, Cumberland County Historical



Society Pine Grove Furnace State Park

April 13 - If Walls Could Talk, Craighead House, Carlisle

April 14 - The Creation & Early Years of Upper Allen Township

April 5 - Frontier Beer, Bread and Tea, Shippensburg History Center

April 5 - King Street Stroll, Downtown Shippensburg

April 10 - Johnny Mathis, H. Ric Luhrs Performing Arts Center at Shippensburg University

April 11 - Joan Jett and The Blackhearts, H. Ric Luhrs Performing Arts Center at Shippensburg University



April 19 - Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Shippensburg History Center

April 24 - Josh Turner, H. Ric Luhrs Performing Arts Center at Shippensburg University



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Utility scams in this age of AI: How to spot and avoid fraud

Someone calls claiming to be from your utility company. They say your service will be cut off if you don't pay them immediately. Real utility companies don't do this. But scammers want to scare you into paying before you have time to confirm what they're telling you. And scammers are now using Artificial Intelligence (AI) to craft frauds that are difficult for consumers to detect. Learn some lessons on how to protect yourself.

Beware of these common scam tactics

- Disconnection threats: Scammers claim your service will be cut off without immediate payment.
- Caller ID spoofing: Fraudsters use software to make their calls appear legitimate.
- Overpayment claims: They may say you've overpaid and ask for personal or banking information to issue a refund.
- Smishing: Scammers send fake text messages that seem to come from your utility company.
- Phishing attempts: Beware of emails that look like bills; always verify the sender's email before clicking links.

If you have any doubts about the status of your electric service, call your utility company using the phone number on their website.

Watch for the following red flags

- High-pressure tactics that demand urgent action.
- Unusual payment method requests (wire transfer, gift cards, reloadable cards or cryptocurrency).
- Poor grammar, misspellings and suspicious email addresses.

AI use enhances utility scams

By leveraging AI-powered techniques, utility scammers can create sophisticated and convincing frauds that are hard for consumers to recognize and avoid.

- AI helps scammers craft convincing emails that appear to be from legitimate utility companies and include the use of company colors and logos.
- Scammers use AI to create realistic-looking utility company websites that are nearly indistinguishable from legitimate ones.
- AI technology can clone the voices of utility company representatives, making phone scams convincing.
- AI analyzes victims' online presence and social media to create highly personalized spam related to your utility services.
- Scammers create geographically targeted online ads that appear when users search for keywords related to their energy bills.
- Scammers use AI to launch large-scale utility scam campaigns quickly and efficiently.

According to Kathy Stokes, AARP Director of Fraud Prevention Programs, "the ability of AI to improve and scale scam tactics is the equivalent of the Industrial Revolution for fraud criminals."

Protect yourself

- Take your time: Don't rush into payments or action.
- Verify any communication by calling your utility company directly using the number on your bill.
- Be cautious when sharing personal information.
- If someone claims to be a utility worker, request official identification.

If you suspect a scam, report it to your utility company and the FTC at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](https://www.ftc.gov/report-fraud).

Remember, legitimate utilities will provide multiple notices before disconnection and will not pressure you for immediate payment. If you are in doubt, let your utility company know so they can take proactive measures to both protect you and others from becoming victims.

Join us for the Nonna Ilva

Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting

Join the Shippensburg Area Chamber of Commerce as we celebrate the grand opening and ribbon cutting of Nonna Ilva, a new business bringing the flavors of Italy to our community.



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**Join us on May 9, 2025, from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Shippensburg
University Conference Center for the 2025 Keystone Business Summit, a half-
day event designed to connect, educate, and empower professionals from
across industries.**



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month



Mission

The Children's Advocacy Center of Franklin County is committed to providing services and support to suspected child abuse victims and their families in a compassionate, child friendly environment utilizing a multidisciplinary approach with respect to the prevention, identification, investigation and treatment of child abuse while emphasizing the child as our first priority.

Vision

The Children's Advocacy Center supports and envisions a community where children and their families are provided with the resources necessary to lessen the trauma of abuse. It is our belief that proactively addressing these needs will lead to the future wellbeing of the child and ultimately the community.

Learn More

To learn more about The Children's Advocacy Center of Franklin County and their resources available, contact us at 717-504-8491 or visit our website: www.cacfcpa.com

Values

The basic principles that guide us include:

- Recognition that above all else the child is our first priority
- Opportunity for achieving positive outcomes is multiplied when people work together towards a common goal
- Every child has the right and deserves to grow up in a world free from abuse

Our Multidisciplinary Team

Members of the Multidisciplinary Team include: Forensic Interviewers, Medical Providers, Mental Health Providers, Franklin County Children and Youth Services, Franklin County District Attorney's Office, Franklin County Law Enforcement, Pennsylvania State Police, Chambersburg Police Department, Waynesboro Police Department, Washington Twp Police Department, Mercersburg Police Department, Greencastle Police Department, Shippensburg Police Department



Join us for our 10th Anniversary Breakfast

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APRIL 17 - 19, 2025

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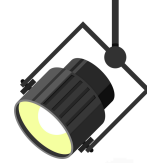


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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Guardian Mosquito and Tick Control

As the weather warms up and outdoor activities ramp up, the enjoyment of spending time in your backyard can quickly be dampened by mosquitoes and ticks. These tiny pests not only cause annoying bites but can also carry harmful diseases like West Nile Virus, Lyme disease, and many others. That's where Guardian Mosquito and Tick Control comes in. We offer superior mosquito and tick control solutions to create a personalized plan for your property, with guaranteed results.

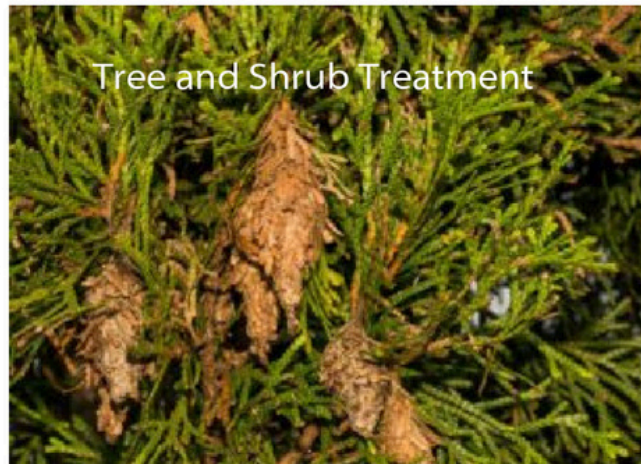
Suann Lehman, owner of Guardian Mosquito and Tick Control has 10 years' experience in the landscaping/pest control industry. Her mission is to provide a mosquito and tick free experience that has less impact on our environment yet shows proven results. Suann and her team of certified professionals use the latest techniques and products to target and eliminate pest populations while prioritizing the health and well-being of your family, pets, and the environment.



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With two **big** events coming this spring, there are PLENTY of opportunities for the businesses and organizations of our community to participate, increase brand awareness, and more!

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WAYS YOU CAN PARTICIPATE

- Open your doors during these events!
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- Volunteer
- Become a Vendor

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The following is the acceptance speech delivered by Amanda Smith, Founder and Chairperson of the Circle of Love Community Outreach Program, upon receiving the Shippensburg Person of the Year award—thank you, Amanda, for graciously allowing us to share it with all of our members.

I hesitated several times about sharing the following speech because it does hold a certain level of darkness, but it also shares a certain level of truth and light as part of my personal testimony.

I do appreciate this honor voted on by the community and presented by the Shippensburg Area Chamber of Commerce.

In accepting this award, I cannot help but recognize and remember last year's recipient, the amazing Sonja Payne, who was easily deserving and definitely who you'd think of when you envision person of the year. Kind, patient, warm and full of life, Sonja had a true heart for people. I see her legacy as an inspiration for my journey.

When I take a deeper look at myself in relation to this recognition, I see 4 parts unfold: Victim, survivor, thriver, inspirer.

Victim: Widowed at 27 with 2 small children, manipulated into believing I was never enough in the eyes of some, abandoned more times than I care to mention because I struggled to delay the gratification of wanting to be loved. With a war between my head and heart I was left with a bit of an “unhinged” personality. But as someone very wise in my life shared with me - “when you’re feeling unhinged, find your pins!” I'd like to say this comes easily for me, but the reality is my journey has only just begun.

Survivor: I have learned powerful and very impactful lessons from those who felt I was too much yet never enough over the years. For grief is not only a product of loved ones passing, but also a product of those who are still living who have caused great pain. There is a saying I took with me from a recent relationship that says, “train your mind to be stronger than your feelings”. This is true in the sense that I am going to lead with my mind and not allow my feelings to run the show, but I feel there should be a second part - “train your mind to be stronger than your feelings, BUT when your mind tells you it’s safe, love with all your heart.” Sometimes our mind tells us it’s safe far too early and we end up hurt, and other times our mind tells us it’s never safe and we end up missing out.

Thriver: If there are toxic people in your life, people who do not support you, people who constantly tell you you’re not enough or use manipulation and control to conform you to their ways, take a step back, protect your mind and heart, and create those healthy boundaries. Own the part you had in the situation and come to terms with the fact they may never own theirs. And remember - if you’re not changing, you’re choosing. So, choose to make the healthy change. Choose what makes you grow. Choose what makes you glow. Choose what brings you peace in the chaos. Your suffering is never wasted; there is a greater plan.

Inspirer: I continue striving to be more steadfast, confident, and focused on who I am determined to be, rather than who others tell me I should become. It's not enough to simply save yourself, however. Pouring into the lives of others, helping them to create self-sustainability, and encouraging their own accountability have become valuable pieces of my journey. For there is a song that says - “Even in the madness there is peace. Drowning out the voices all around me. Through all this chaos - you were writing a symphony, a symphony”.....and isn't this life, your life, the most beautiful of symphonies

85th Annual Award Breakfast Recap



On March 13, the Shippensburg Area Chamber of Commerce proudly hosted the 85th Annual Awards Breakfast in the Tuscarora Room at Shippensburg University. With just over 200 attendees, it was a morning filled with celebration, recognition, and community spirit.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for this special event, and congratulations to our award winners! Enjoy these highlights from this memorable occasion.



PILLAR OF THE COMMUNITY AWARD

Bruce Hockersmith provided the keynote address and was honored with the Pillar of the Community Award, presented by Chamber President Wendy Kipe, in recognition of his outstanding dedication and contributions to our community.

BRUCE HOCKERSMITH



Thank you to our Award Sponsors: WellSpan Health, Volvo Construction Equipment, John L. Grove College of Business, and Orrstown Bank.

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LARGE BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

Dr. Kooti, John L. Grove College of Business, presented the Large Business of the Year Award to John Marshall, General Manager of Parx Casino.

PARX CASINO



SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

Carley Miller, AVP, Mortgage Originator at Orrstown Bank, presented the Small Business of the Year Award to Jane Offner, Art of Pie.

ART OF PIE CAFE



NON PROFIT OF THE YEAR

Keegan Fonder, People & Culture Analyst HR at Volvo Construction Equipment, presented the Nonprofit of the Year Award to Jerome Kater, Meet the Needs Inc.

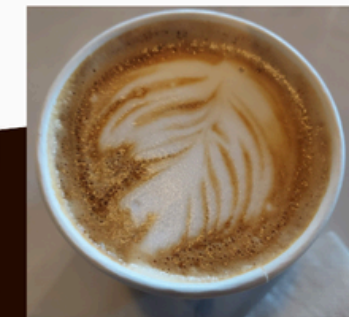
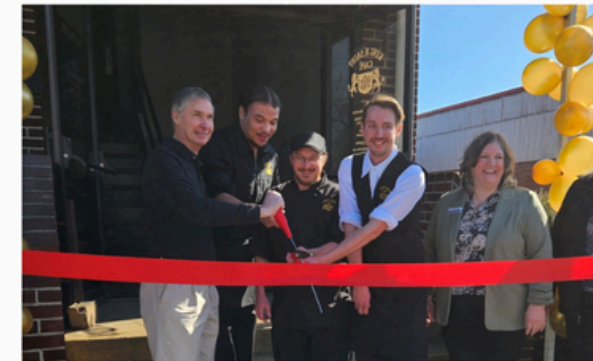
MEET THE NEEDS, INC



Thank you to our Coffee Bar Sponsors UPMC & F&M Trust and Silent Auction Sponsor Gannon Associates Insurance.



We recently celebrated the grand opening of King & Saint Cafe with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. This European-inspired coffee shop and bakery is a delightful addition to Shippensburg, offering a cozy and inviting space to gather, enjoy handcrafted coffee, and indulge in freshly made treats.



King & Saint Cafe is located on the top floor at 512 W. King Street, Shippensburg. They are open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Saturday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Be sure to stop by and give them a warm Shippensburg welcome!



We had a fantastic evening at the Side Pocket inside Parx Casino Shippensburg for our Parx Evening Mixer, where our members had the opportunity to connect, network, and experience the lively atmosphere of one of Shippensburg's newest entertainment destinations.



Guests enjoyed great food, engaging conversation, and a welcoming space to build meaningful connections. Thank you to Parx Casino for hosting and supporting our business community with such a fun and well-organized event.

85th Annual Award Breakfast Recap

Thank you to
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SHIPPENSBURG PERSON OF THE YEAR

John Massimilla, VP WellSpan & President of Chambersburg Hospital, presented the Shippensburg Person of the Year Award to Amanda Smith.



AMANDA SMITH

CHAMBER COMMON GROUND

Dr. Nicole Hill had the honor of accepting the Chamber of Commerce Common Ground Award on behalf of President Charles and First Lady Colleen Patterson.



**PRESIDENT CHARLES &
FIRST LADY COLLEEN
PATTERSON**

SU COMMON GROUND

Dr. Nicole Hill, Vice Provost & Dean of Education and Human Services at Shippensburg University, presented the SU Common Ground Award to Senator Greg Rothman.



**SENATOR GREG
ROTHMAN**

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 223 is part of the American Legion Family, located at 100 Dykeman Road in Shippensburg. Made up of dedicated members and friends, the Auxiliary is committed to supporting veterans, military families, and the local community. They work to enhance the membership experience while continuing a strong tradition of service and support.

The Auxiliary is currently inviting all non-profit organizations to participate in Heroes on the Homefront Day on Saturday, May 10th, from 9 AM to 2 PM—a community event dedicated to honoring those who serve and supporting the organizations that serve others.



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CHAMBERSBURG COMMUNITY THEATRE

Chambersburg Community Theatre, Inc. (CCT) is an independent, non-profit, volunteer-based community theatre located in downtown Chambersburg. Their mission is to entertain, educate, and enrich the community through live theatre.

CCT is the resident theatre company of the historic Capitol Theatre Center at 159 S. Main Street, where they rehearse, perform, and maintain office space. Most productions take place in the Capitol's main theater, with occasional special events held in the Wood Center.

CCT's next production will be *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, from April 11–13, 2025. Tickets and details are available at cctonline.org/shows-tickets.

Learn more at www.cctonline.org. Interested in getting involved? Email director@cctonline.org.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



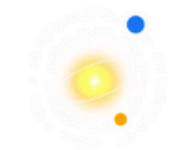
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