

GVCC monthly newsletter



March

2025

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE GVCC JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Our 12 Junior Chamber of Commerce students have been busy making plans for our Annual Banquet which will be held on March 26th. The menu is set, along with the decorations, centerpieces, theme and more!! They will be preparing their speaking roles and will be on hand to greet you at our Annual Banquet!

We recently had the opportunity to tour Leprino Foods. Thank you to Marc Rycroft, Sherry Boor and our tour guides, Nate and Keith. We all learned so much about the operation and economic impact of Leprino Foods.



Athens
Advisor, Brady Liechty
Hayden Bartlow
Keaton Wiles
Kara Schultz
Addyson Wheeler



Sayre
Advisor, Cambria Ely
Brooke Romig
Liam Barry
Rose Shikanga
Logan Richman

Waverly
Advisor, Mary Cole
Maddy Olmsted
Cody Weaver
Grace Spaulding
Hayden Howe

2025 Valley Guide ~ a GVCC Member Directory is here!!

I have been out & about delivering the new Guide to many of our members in
Sayre and Waverly & also to Towanda
to the Bradford County Tourism Promotion Agency....

I will be making my way to all of you, along with making deliveries to Owego,
Watkins Glen Visitors Center, Chemung County and Corning and to many
other locations throughout Bradford County!

THANK YOU CLARE PRINTING!



WELCOME & CONGRATULATIONS TO
OUR NEWEST MEMBER



**Thank you for joining the
Greater Valley Chamber
of Commerce!**



**Stop in the
Nichols, NY Branch
to meet Elizabeth
& staff !**



WHAT'S

EVENTS

HAPPENING

5pm:

Registration in Lobby
Cocktails &
Hors d'oeuvres in
dining room

6pm:

Dinner, *Live Auction*
& Awards
in the Ballroom

LIVE AUCTION

featuring the
one & only
Donnie Ingham

**Bid on fabulous
gifts created
by the GVCC
Board of Directors**

We look forward to seeing you!
Wednesday, March 26th
GVCC ANNUAL Banquet



**The Best Western
Grand Victorian Inn, Sayre**

GVCC Awards:

- **BUSINESS Member
of the Year**
Candidates are:
 - **Croft Lumber**
 - **Dandy Mini Marts**
 - **Vulcraft**

Along with

- * **Community Connected**
- * **Small Business Hero**
 - * **Great Beginnings**
- **Caring for our Community**

Business Persons of the year:
Athens Business Association
Sayre Business Association
Waverly Business Association

THE LUNCH BUNCH

“An opportunity to share information about your business!”

The Lunch Bunch has been moved to Wednesdays based on your feedback !

WHEN: Wednesday, MARCH 12th at 12:30pm

WHERE: The Grille at the Train Station,

***Feature presenter this month: Joshua Fallenstein with Freedom Financial & Freedom Tax*

PLEASE RSVP - LUNCH BUFFET WILL BE SERVED

FUTURE LUNCH BUNCH DATES

APRIL 9, MAY 14, JUNE 11, JULY 9,

AUGUST - OFF

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

"A TIME FOR SHARING COMMON ISSUES & BRAINSTORMING POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS WITH FELLOW GVCC MEMBERS"



I apologize that I am unable to host
Coffee & Conversation on
Wednesday, March 19th

Please let me know if you can meet
on **Thursday, March 20th at 8:30am.**

Thank You ~ RSVP please



TASTES of the VALLEY

Friday, May 16th

Waverly Glen

Featuring many great Tastes from Valley eateries
& the sounds of The 5 Man Trio

MORE FUN IN STORE with
Our FIRST ANNUAL
DUCK DERBY!!!



ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

for High School Scholarships!

August 14th

Shepard Hills

- Two flight times, amazing prizes, food
 - & TONS OF FUN

NEWS & INFO. FROM OUR MEMBERS!

If you have something you would like to share in our monthly newsletters, please just send me a flyer, promo, etc by the 2nd of the month



FIRE & ICE

BURN IT UP. COOL IT DOWN. ELEVATE YOUR GAME.

6-WEEK CHALLENGE

MARCH 3 TO APRIL 15

\$1000 CASH PRIZE
1 MONTH UNLIMITED RECOVERY SERVICE
BONUS STRETCH SESSION
\$1000 BASED ON PARTICIPATION

Only \$25 per week to participate for non-members
That's as low as \$4 per session!
Plus \$25 to register*!

*members registration is waived if teammate is a non-member

Challenge Focus:

- Burn It Up: Fat burning workouts, Red Light, Infrared Saunas
- Cool It Down: Compression Boots, Cold plunges, and Stretch

Bonus Points

- For both partners completing all challenge categories

Grand finale celebration:

- Cold Plunge and Winery visit in Watkins Glen

HOW IT WORKS:

Each week, you and your partner will complete 4 new activities across our 4 challenge categories:

- Plan: This will include things like setting goals and meal prepping
- Train: This will be about completing various training activities
- Recover: Engage in our recovery activities
- Shine: Get your Mind Right & Be The Light Activities

BONUS POINTS

8 Bonus Points for the greatest transformation as indicated by final measurements of both partners.

NAME	EMAIL ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER	PAID

- Registration Deadline - Friday February 28
- Challenge ends and final weigh in is Tuesday April 15
- Results will be announced on Wednesday, April 16
- Email your registration to Kristan@impactxperformance.com for Sayre

****If you did a trial in the last 6 months then you must become a member to participate.****

Tioga County Small Business Grant Program



Tioga County was awarded \$170,000 in CDBG Microenterprise Grant funding to help existing and new small business owners bring their dream to life. Apply today, and you could be awarded up to \$35,000 to help your business!



Have a new business idea? Give us a call or go to our website for more information.

Apply now!

Application deadline: March 27, 2025

For the application visit our website or use the QR Code

www.tiogacountyny.com/departments/economic-development-planning/

Completed applications can be delivered to
Ryan Harriott, Thoma Development Consultants
34 Tompkins Street, Cortland, NY 13053
OR
ryan@thomadevelopment.com



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TIOGA COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM INFORMATION



**APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE
IS DUE MARCH 27, 2025**

Application must be mailed or delivered in person to Ryan Harriott, Thoma Development Consultants
34 Tompkins Street, Cortland, NY 13053 or
ryan@thomadevelopment.com

Questions:

Contact Ryan Harriott with Thoma Development at
ryan@thomadevelopment.com
or Casey Yelverton with Tioga County Economic Development and Planning at
yelvertonc@tiogacountyny.gov

BUSINESS COURSE:

Date: TBD

10 hours, 2-day course

Location: Koffman Incubator/online



The Arc of Chemung-Schuyler &
LECOM Event Center Present

FLX FEST

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!



Saturday, March 22nd
3:00 PM TO 8:00PM



LECOM EVENT CENTER
ELMIRA, NEW YORK

This will be an opportunity to sample Wine - Beer -
Spirits - Cheese - Cider - Liquor - Crafts -
Experiences from the Finger Lakes as well as shop
various vendors all while benefiting The Arc of
Chemung-Schuyler

Thank you to our sponsors:



EVENT CENTER





TURKEY DINNER FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2025

4 PM – 5:30 PM

**Enjoy a turkey dinner with sides and
drinks included
(Dine In or Take Out – your choice!)**

Door Prizes and Basket Raffles

Choice Food Pantry Tour

Location: The Salvation Army, 351 Fulton Street, Sayre
(enter through rear entrance)

For more information call 570-888-2153

**\$10 includes
Dinner, Drinks, and
door prize ticket
Proceeds to benefit
Youth Programs**

Presented
By
M&T BANK

Contact Tierani Auman,
Sayre Branch Manager
for more information
tauman@mtb.com



As a business owner, you face a broad set of financial challenges managing the complexities of your business.

Planning for the long-term future of your business is a vital area to identify what's important to you, whether to ***pass on to the next generation, transition to a key stakeholder in your current business or sell to potential outside sources.***

Follow this section monthly to understand the importance of preparing a long-term plan for business acquisition, ways to finance an acquisition or you are in the position to purchase a business.

How do I know I'm ready to sell my business?



Looking to retire



Looking to reduce number of working hours



Expansion is needed. You do not have the funding to do so



Economic factors cause a need and/or challenges for rebuild/reinvestment



A competitor/partner wants to buy out OR a relative wants to take business over



Life events (health reasons, relocation, family event)

****Regardless of to the business stage you are in, planning for the future of your business can solidify your legacy in the business you built, provide funding for your retirement & strengthen the Greater Valley community.****

Stay tuned next month for the next installment of "Business Acquisition & Succession Planning" presented by M&T Bank.

For more information, please contact M&T Bank's Sayre Branch at 570-888-2284.

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THE GREATER BRADFORD COUNTY JOB FAIR - 2025

Wednesday, May 7th 2025 (10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)
Best Western Grand Victorian Inn, 255 Spring St. Sayre, PA 18840

For more information contact: **Sonya Metzger**, Site Administrator for the PA CareerLink® or **Jason McNett**, LVER
Office: 570-265-2171 ext. 503 TTY: 570-265-5720 or smetzger@bradfordcountyaction.org, jmccnett@pa.gov

REGISTRATION FORM

\$75 REGISTRATION FEE

Employer Community Service Organization

Company Name: _____

Name of Staff Member/s that will be attending the job fair: _____

Contact Name/Contact Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Small Snacks and Refreshments will be provided
Is your position listed on the www.pacareerlink.pa.gov site? Yes No
If not, please contact the PA CareerLink® and we can help you with the **free** set up process

Final Registration and Payment Due by Thursday, May 1 2025

(Pay by check, money order, or cash the day of the event – sorry no credit or debit card payments)
If paying with cash - arrangements must be made prior to the event.

Spot will be reserved once your registration form has been received. Spots are limited, reserve your space today!
You will be contacted with more information about the event after your completed registration has been processed.

Make checks payable to: **Northern Tier Regional Planning & Development Commission (NTRPDC)**.
Mail to: PA CareerLink®, Attn: Job Fair, 312 Main Street, Towanda PA 18848

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JOB FAIR 2025

You can find your first job, a career change or explore new options.



May 7th
10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
BEST WESTERN GRAND
VICTORIAN INN
255 Spring Street, Sayre, PA 18840



Secure your professional future and take the next step in your career!

- Meet Leading Employers.
- On-Site Interviews.
- Networking.
- Real Opportunities.
- Community Service Organizations

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870-385-8081 or toll free 888-888-8800 TDD/TTY PA Relay 711
Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) programs are federally supported 100% by the U.S. Department of Labor as part of an award totaling \$1,762,482 with 50 (50%) state, local and/or non-governmental funds.



TwinTiers Regional Job Fair

Are you hiring?

Register today for the
2025 Twin Tiers Regional Job Fair
and find your next employee!

Connect with
HUNDREDS
of local
job seekers!

Anticipated attendance of
more than 400 high school seniors
and 100-200 local job seekers.

March 25, 2025

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Chemung Innovation Center
71 North Street • Chemung, NY 14825

Registration fee: \$100.00

*Includes advertising, event admission and booth,
primary event parking, use of interview room,
grab and go breakfast and box lunch for two.
Sponsorship opportunities also available.*

Register by March 1.

bit.ly/40Vruwj



*For additional information, please contact Jessica Lloyd
at jlloyd@wcdletsgo.com or (607) 529-3221.*

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*Wolverine Den
Enterprises*



Do you produce MAPLE??

Are you aware that the Farm Service Agency, right here in Waverly can provide you with insurance on your SAP?

Although it is too late to apply for this year, stop in and see us about preparation for next year. You can also call Faith at 607-565-2106.



“Making maple syrup is just like making holy water.. you gotta boil the hell out of it!”

Tioga County Work-Based Learning Experiences



Help Prepare Tomorrow's Workforce

By filling out our survey, you can help Tioga County compile a list of work-based learning and workforce opportunities that will be shared with the following high schools and BOCES partners:

- Candor CSD
- Newark Valley CSD
- Owego Apalachin CSD
- Tioga CSD
- Spencer-Van Etten CSD
- Waverly CSD
- Broome-Tioga BOCES (Binghamton)
- Greater Southern Tier BOCES (Elmira)
- Tompkins-Seneca-Tioga BOCES (Ithaca)

Details from this survey will be used to build an interactive GIS map of work-based learning opportunities. This map will be made available to school staff, students, and the public.

To Participate, Fill Out This
Google Forms Survey:



For more information:

Sean Lanning, Community Development Specialist
*Tioga County Economic Development and
Planning*
lannings@tiogacountyny.gov
607-687-8267



Attention Local Businesses!

Waverly High School is looking for businesses to partner with our Work-Based Learning Program! We're seeking employers interested in offering job shadowing (2-4 hours) or student internships (2-3 hours per day for a semester).



This is a great opportunity to:



Mentor the next generation of workers



Showcase your industry to future professionals



Build connects with motivated students

**Email Miranda Palmer: MPalmer@wcsdletsgo.com
to sign your business up**



A FEW IMPORTANT REMINDERS FROM THE



GREATER VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

VALLEY GIFT CERTIFICATES:

Valley Gift Certificates (VGC) are redeemable at over 100 businesses (List is updated monthly)

- VGC can be purchased in denominations of \$10, \$25 & \$50
 - They can be purchased at:
GVCC office, USDA/Farm Svc. office next to the GVCC office,
Birdsall's Auto Works, Athens, Urban Floral, Sayre and
Jayne's Flowers & Gifts, Waverly
- Each establishment decides how they will accept/process VGC in their own POS system. Many tender as gift certificate.
 - Once VGC are redeemed at the store, just simply send the actual VGC to the GVCC office
 - (or drop them in office mailbox) &
you will receive a check as reimbursement for the total amount.
DO NOT SEND TO C&N BANK!
 - NO FEES for ANYONE - not the consumer, not the place of business! WIN ~ WIN for ALL!
Contact Jan with any questions.

IF YOU HAVE A LARGE ORDER, please give 10 days notice.

DID YOU KNOW..
THERE IS A
**** JOB BOARD ** ON OUR WEBSITE**

Simply send an email to Jan with your complete job posting.
Please include how & where to apply.
Please also provide a start & end date for the posting.

Additionally, we are happy to share your
job postings on our fb page!

You asked for it – we LISTENED!!

Grow - Expand - Flourish

