

GVCC monthly newsletter



February

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!

The students were excited to get a glimpse of their contributions to the 2025 Valley Guide, which will be ready for distribution within the next few weeks.

A tour/information session at **Gannon Associates Insurance** is in the works.
Thank you, Kali Grove and Amanda Alexander!

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

has been a great project and I can't wait to share it with YOU!

Many thanks to Alicia and Clare Printing

for making my ideas come to life and doing such quality work for fellow GVCC members!

Within the next few weeks, I will be visiting Bradford County, GUTHRIE, Tioga Co., Watkins Glen, and YOU! to distribute the newest masterpiece!





Upcoming
mark your calendars

WHO LOVES HOCKEY ????

Join us for
GVCC night

at

**LECOM EVENT CENTER,
Elmira**

this Friday evening
when the
Elmira Aviators
vs.
Danbury Hat Tricks



GREATER VALLEY CHAMBER NIGHT



AT LECOM EVENT CENTER

Elmira Aviators vs. Danbury Hat Tricks
Friday, February 7th • 7:00 PM

Please present this voucher at the box office when purchasing your ticket to receive \$5 off the ticket price. This offer is valid only for the game on February 7th.

The Future of Hockey Starts here in Elmira



We look forward to seeing you!

Wednesday, March 26th
GVCC ANNUAL Banquet

Have you sent in
Your
Sponsorship
And
Reservations
yet?

Looking forward
To seeing you
there!



The Best Western
Grand Victorian Inn, Sayre

GVCC Awards will be
presented:

- * BUSINESS Member of the
Year
- * 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

Bring your **Cash**
 for our first ever
LIVE
Awards Banquet
Auction
 featuring the
 one & only
Donnie Ingham

Bid on amazing
MUST HAVE
 Gifts created
 by the
 Members of our
 Board of Directors



January 17, 2025

Dear GVCC member,

We are pleased to announce that the 29th Annual United Valley Business Banquet sponsored by the Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce will be held at the Best Western Grand Victorian Inn in Sayre, PA on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

On this evening, we recognize and honor many of the top businesses in our community. The highlight of the evening is presenting the award for "2024 Business Member of the Year." In addition, we will also be presenting awards for "Community Connected," "Small Business Hero," "Great Beginnings," and "Caring for our Community."

Our banquet would not be possible without your generous sponsorship. All sponsors will be featured in Press Releases, Social Media Posts, and the Event Program & Video. We would be honored to highlight you as one of our valued sponsors this year.

Please feel free to contact us if you need any additional information. We look forward to working with you and seeing you at this year's banquet. Thank you in advance for your continued support. Below are our many sponsorship opportunities. Please detach and return with payment. It is important that you include your email address below as further communication including voting for the 2024 Business Member of the Year will all be done via email this year.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Mastrantonio

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 GVCC Presiding President

Jan Lee

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 Greater Valley Chamber of Commerce – Executive Director

2024 GVCC Sponsorship Letter / Reservation Form

Ticket price for non-sponsors \$48.00 per ticket / \$52.00 per person: non-member

Business: _____

Address: _____

Contact Information: (phone and email) _____

Total # of Seats needed: _____ (please include name of guests that will be attending)

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| 1) _____ | 5) _____ |
| 2) _____ | 6) _____ |
| 3) _____ | 7) _____ |
| 4) _____ | 8) _____ |

Sponsorship Level: (Please upload your most recent logo to Jan at jan.gvcc@gmail.com)

- ❖ _____ Platinum Sponsorship is \$1200.00 (includes 8 banquet tickets and sponsorship luncheon)
- ❖ _____ Gold Sponsorship is \$600.00 (includes 4 banquet tickets)
- ❖ _____ Silver Sponsorship is \$300.00 (includes 2 banquet tickets)
- ❖ _____ Bronze Sponsorship is \$150.00 (banquet tickets are not included)

Make checks payable to: GVCC, 109 Chemung St Waverly NY 14892
 Reservations and payments must be received by March 7, 2025



5pm:
 Registration
 Cocktails &
 Hors d'oeuvres

6pm:
 Dinner
 Live Auction
 & Awards
 in the
 Ballroom

“Business Member of the Year”

will be announced at our
Awards Banquet on 03/26

ALL GVCC Members
can vote for 1 of 3
deserving candidates
whose “bios”
will be in an
Email from me
@ February 18th

Keep your eyes on
your EMAIL

@ February 18th

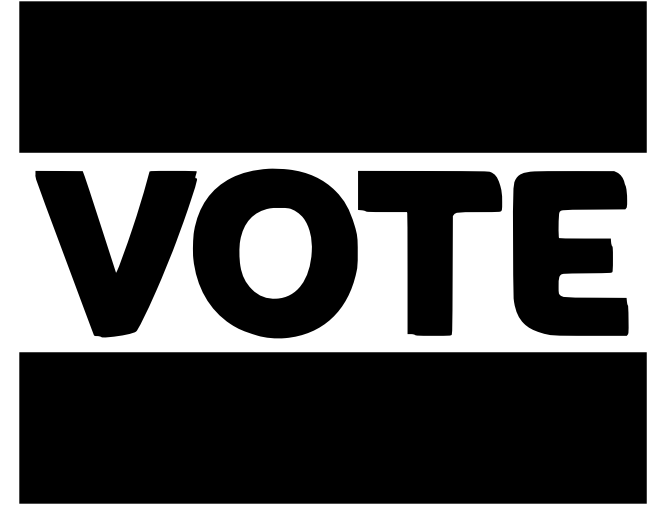
To **VOTE** for

the

GVCC

BUSINESS MEMBER

OF THE YEAR!



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, February 12th at 12:30pm

WHERE: TOMASSO'S RESTAURANT

Feature presenter this month: **Melanie Stratton~Doggy Doos Boutique & Barkery**

PLEASE RSVP WITH PREORDER - BY MONDAY MORNING 02/09

MENU OPTIONS:

- Reuben sandwich * Hamburger/cheeseburger * Pittsburgh Steak Salad
- * Ham or Turkey or Tuna Sandwich * Hot Beef or Hot Turkey sandwich
 - Chicken Spiedie Sandwich * Buffalo Chicken or Shrimp Salad

Next LUNCH BUNCH: Wednesday, March 12th at The Grille at the Train Station, Sayre

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

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

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, February 19th 8AM – 9AM

WHERE: GVCC OFFICE: 109 Chemung Street, Waverly, NY



**RSVP's are now requested please.
Email Jan if you plan to attend!**

MEMBERSHIP!!

Thank you to those who have renewed 2025 memberships with us!

We strive to add value to our membership and to bring **YOU** what you need for your business.

We truly appreciate all of your continued support.

THANK YOU!

If you haven't submitted your 2025 renewal pmt., please put that on your "TO DO" list!



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TASTES of the VALLEY

Friday, May 16th

Waverly Glen

Featuring many amazing restaurants from the Valley
& The 5 Man Trio



ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

in support of our High School Scholarships!



August 14th

Shepard Hills

* Two flight times

Great 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



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 examples of
 the amazing
 work of
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 Daniel Reinhart,
 AIA, NCARB

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 have such
 talent in the
 GVCC!

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Stone House Investment Management Donates

\$1,300 to Children’s House Child Advocacy Center

[TOWANDA, PA] – December 2024 – Stone House Investment Management is proud to announce a donation of \$1,300 to the Children’s House Child Advocacy Center (CHCAC), made on behalf of their Towanda and Sayre, PA clients.

This contribution is part of our ongoing commitment to giving back to the community and celebrating a successful year.

“When we hear some of the heartbreaking stories about the kids whom The Children’s House serves, it truly brings tears to our eyes.”

Says Larry Alderson, CFP®, Senior Advisor at Stone House, “Our community is fortunate to have a Child Advocacy Center like this one. We are thrilled to support them.”

The Children’s House Child Advocacy Center is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting children and families affected by abuse. Through comprehensive services, advocacy, and education, CHCAC works to ensure the safety and well-being of children in our community. The donation from Stone House Investment Management will support CHCAC’s mission to protect and advocate for the most vulnerable members of our community.

This donation reflects Stone House Investment Management’s dedication to social responsibility and community engagement.

As we celebrate a wonderful year, we remain committed to making a positive impact and supporting organizations that make a difference.

For more information about Stone House Investment Management and our community initiatives, please visit stonehouseinv.com or contact us at info@stonehousemail.com.

ENJOY AN MORNING OF

BRUNCH + BUBBLY

PLUS, SHOP WITH
CARLY'S PERMANENT JEWELRY
AND TWISTED PEACH BOUTIQUE

SATURDAY, FEB. 8TH

11:00AM - 1:00PM

BRING YOUR FAVORITE BOTTLE
OF BUBBLY! MIMOSA MIX INS, TAKE
HOME CHOCOLATE COVERED FRUIT BAR
& BRUNCH INCLUDED!

A'La Carte Decor LLC
EVENT OUTFITTERS

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL

VALENTINES *Party*

THURSDAY, FEB. 6TH 6:30PM - 8:30PM

OR SATURDAY, FEB. 8TH
11:00AM - 1:00PM

A'La Carte Decor LLC
EVENT OUTFITTERS



SHARE THE LOVE AT OUR

Valentine's Meet and Greet

**FEBRUARY 11
10AM- 12 NOON**

**SAYRE MEMORY CARE
1001 N ELMER AVE
SAYRE PA 18840**

**WE WELCOME THE COMMUNITY
TO ENJOY LIGHT REFRESHMENTS
WHILE GETTING AN INSIDE LOOK AT
OUR FACILITY!!**

**PLEASE RSVP WITH TONI
TCHAPMAN@SENIORHEALTHPA.COM OR (570)-731-7034**

Short & Sweets Crystals
404 North Main St.
Athens, Pa



Short and Sweet's
Crystals

Enjoy your Friday
night with the
person you love,
have some laughs,
and paint their
beautiful face!

\$25 For 2

Feb 14, 2025

11x14 inch
canvas panel

570-423-
0099

404 N Main
St Athens Pa
18810



Time slots(6 per hour)

12pm-1pm

1:30pm-2:30pm

3pm-4pm

4:30pm-5:30pm

6pm-7pm



2025

February 1 - The Great American Outdoor Show

March 1 - Philadelphia Flower Show

March 2 - RIVERDANCE at the American Music Theatre In Lancaster. Uplifting, high energy show! We will be dining at Miller's Smorgasbord immediately after the show. (32 seats left)

March 29-30 - Washington, DC overnight (Sold out, Wait List Available)

April 5 - Sight and Sound to see **NOAH!** Very popular show, returning for ONE season. I have two bus loads of tickets and reservations at the newly built Hershey Farms immediately following the show. (Sold out, wait list available)

April 26 - NYC Leisure Day coming soon (available to book but not on website yet)

May 3 - Lahaska Strawberry festival at Peddler's Village with New Hope Railroad after!

May 11 - Jim Thorpe for train ride, and Asa Packer mansion tour. Tickets aren't available yet, but I have been put on the books for a dome car for optimal viewing on the train. (details at a later date)

May 17 - Wicked on Broadway **2nd bus added! (22 seats left)** a portion of all proceeds will be donated to the **Bradford County Regional Arts Council!**

June 9-13 - Virginia Beach

June 16-17 - Lancaster Overnight - includes Kitchen Kettle Village, Strasburg Railroad, dinner at Miller's Smorgasbord, lodging at Hershey Farm Resort, Breakfast at Hershey Farm Resort and **NOAH!** (14 seats left!)

June 18 - Sight and Sound to see **NOAH!**

June 22-27 - Cape Cod including Provincetown, Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard, Plymouth, and Newport! (sold out, wait list available)

July 28 - Aug 2 - Magnificent Michigan featuring Mackinac Island (26 seats left)

Sept 26-28 - Haunted Happenings in Salem (Concord, Salem, and Boston) - exact same trip as October but with smaller crowds. This trip will offer the same experience! (18 seats left)

Oct 24-26 - Haunted Happenings in Salem (Concord, Salem, and Boston)

(sold out, wait list available) - This trip sold out in less than 16 hours from when it was posted.

Nov 1-2 - Gettysburg overnight - this trip was such a fun time! I secured hotel rooms again for 2025. The trip will be similar. However, I am going to try to visit the Eisenhower farm instead of doing the Gettysburg Heritage Museum. I have also secured Tom, our ghost story teller, and Eric, our amazing Battlefield guide. I'm already looking forward to visiting Gettysburg again. And how could I forget Abe Lincoln (James Hayney) popping in for a visit at the Dobbin House to give us a talk. I will be hiring him again as well!

Nov 15 - American Music Theatre - Christmas Show! - I think I can speak for everyone when I say how impressed we were with the show last Saturday. I've secured seats for next year's show already! The set was just beautiful!

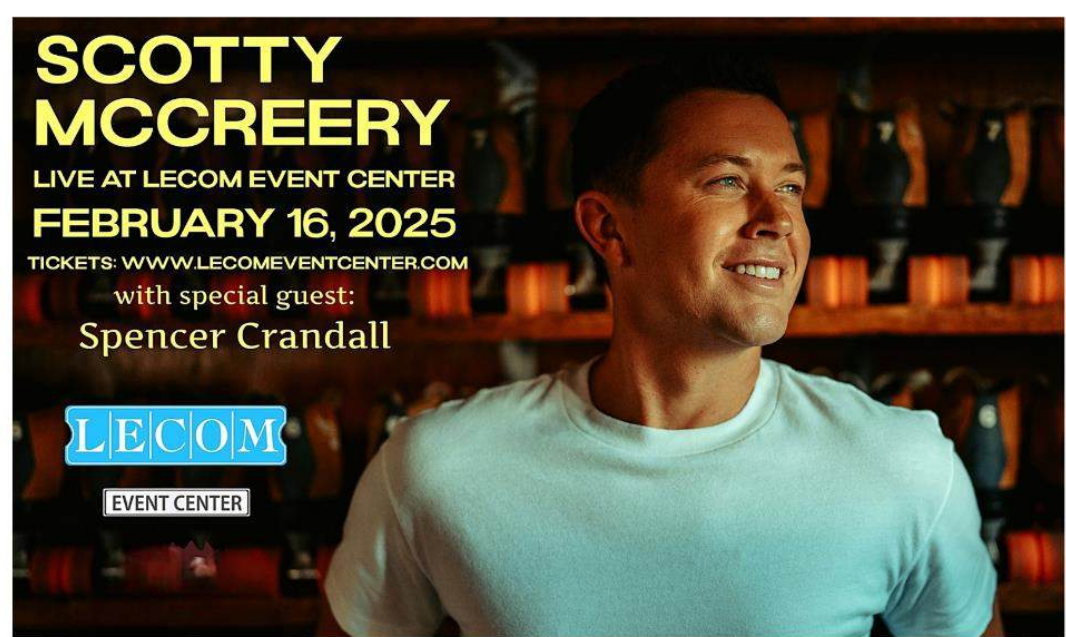
All trip information including pricing and itineraries can be found on my website www.rollinwithrogers.com

I have recently obtained the ability to take credit cards. Unfortunately, there comes a 4% fee if choosing this option.

As always, I thank YOU for YOUR support on this new endeavor of mine. So many great opportunities for people in the valley and surrounding areas to enjoy. All trips will depart from Sayre. Some offerings will offer Monroeton Dandy pick up if headed directly south. (Lancaster/Gettysburg/Harrisburg Destinations)

To book: Call or Text: (570) 886-1544

Email: rollinwithrogers@gmail.com Any questions? Please reach out. I'm only a text, call, or email away. Have a great week!



UPCOMING EVENTS AT LECOM EVENT CENTER

SCOTTY MCCREERY

Sunday February 16th (7:30pm) Get your tickets now.

FLX FEST

FLX Fest – Mark your calendars for March 22nd, tickets on sale soon. Brought to you by The Arc of Chemung-Schuyler. Accepting Vendors – Wineries, Breweries, Distilleries, Crafts, Businesses
sales@lecomeventcenter.com



155 N. MAIN Street, Elmira, NY



The Arc of Chemung-Schuyler &
LECOM Event Center Present

FLX FEST

SAVE THE DATE

Watch for tickets to go on sale!



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



LECOM EVENT CENTER
ELMIRA, NEW YORK

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



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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:

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*Tioga County Economic Development and
Planning*
lannings@tiogacountyny.gov
607-687-8267





UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE • FARM SERVICE AGENCY

**109 Chemung St.
Waverly, NY**



USDA's Farm Service Agency – often referred to as the “front desk” of USDA due to our direct engagement with America’s farmers and ranchers and our dedicated employees located in nearly every county – is taking a look back at the successes we’ve achieved, on behalf of the producers we serve, since 2021.

By listening to farmers, ranchers, and employees, we’ve adapted our programs and our thought processes to meet expressed needs, pursue equity, and embrace innovation. Looking ahead, this commitment remains central to ensuring the success of producers, the agency, and the sustainability of American agriculture. Key highlights include:

- Since 2021, we have made significant strides in adjusting disaster response policies to reflect the realities faced by producers and delivered more than \$12.5 billion to help agricultural producers recover from weather and market impacts.
- We improved our farm loan programs and in 2023 enacted policies that will have a positive impact on family agricultural operations for generations to come.
- We delivered \$6 billion in financial safety assistance to provide ongoing support when market fluctuations create economic challenges for our producers.
- We’ve positioned ourselves as a leader in advancing climate-smart agriculture and helping more farmers adopt these practices.
- For the first time, we signed CREP agreements with tribal nations, reflecting a historic commitment to supporting Indigenous agricultural practices.
- We worked to better support urban producers including establishing 17 Urban Service Centers, with 10 more underway.
- We modernized our technology to keep up with 21st century demands including advances to our online tools for current and prospective farm loan customers.



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

