30th Annual Economic Forum Date Set

The 30th Annual Economic Forum, presented by Southern Tier Economic Growth (STEG) and the Chemung Chamber, will take place on Wednesday, March 15th at the Clarion Inn Elmira-Horseheads, located at 760 East Water Street in downtown Elmira. The event will begin at 8:00 a.m., with the program starting at 8:30 a.m.

The Chamber and STEG will provide members with a quality program with a dynamic panel of business community members providing their unique insight into timely economic issues and developments that impact the Southern Tier Region. “The Chamber is committed to make Chemung County and our region a great place to live and conduct business.” said Jennifer Herrick-McGonigal, President & CEO of the Chemung Chamber. “Our commitment to bring you quality program still stands and our partnerships with organizations, such as Southern Tier Economic Growth strengthens our mission to our members. Tickets are $30 per person and includes a buffet breakfast. For more information, please visit the Chamber’s website at www.chemungchamber.org.

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The 2nd Annual Chemung Restaurant Week Launching in Late March

Chemung County Chamber of Commerce is partnering with Elmira Downtown Development Inc. to kick off the 2nd Annual Chemung Restaurant Week! Join us for a foodie-filled week to relish in the delicious specials, and menu deals offered by the participating restaurants, while simultaneously supporting local businesses. Food lovers will be encouraged to dine out at as many participating restaurants as they like during this exciting week. No tickets or passes are required. More information to come.
**Historic Driving Guide Released**

The Chemung Chamber is happy to announce the release of a full-color, multi-paneled driving guide of historic sites in the City of Elmira. The guide was created in cooperation with Howell, Liberatore & Associates, Inc., and features 22 sites related to Mark Twain, the Underground Railroad, Women’s Rights, the Civil War, historic neighborhoods, and more. It also includes a locator map which was provided with assistance from Chemung County.

The printed guide is being distributed throughout the Finger Lakes region and Northern Pennsylvania and are available for pick up at the Chamber office. A digital version can also be found on the Chamber’s tourism website [here](#).

**Winter Event Promotion Continues**

*Warm up to Winter*, a promotion of Chemung County winter events that was launched in December and will continue through February. The campaign is being promoted with billboards in the Finger Lakes region and Northern Pennsylvania, and focuses on spectator sporting events, entertainment, museums, and outdoor winter recreation.

**Chamberlain Acres Warms Spirits during Winter Months**

The Year-round Farmers Market at Chamberlain Acres Garden Center provides an excellent way to interact with others while picking up locally sourced produce, honey, cheese, jam & jelly, meat, and more—all in the comfort of a heated greenhouse. The market is open on Sundays from 11-3 p.m. year-round.

In addition to supporting local farmers, Chamberlain also supports regional artists with ongoing greenhouse events. A variety of art and craft workshops offering workshops are offered throughout the year and the popular Spring Fever Handmade Market will be held on March 4. The latter features dozens of talented artists and makers from across the region offering their unique treasures for purchase.

For more information on the market and events, go to [www.chamberlainacres.com](mailto:www.chamberlainacres.com)
Corning Technology Helps Achieve Nuclear Fusion Breakthrough

Could scientists here on Earth create controlled nuclear fusion – the reaction powering stars like the sun? Transforming common hydrogen atoms found in seawater into an unlimited source of safe, carbon-free energy? Improving people’s lives while protecting the planet? Now more than ever, the answer seems to be yes and Corning's advanced optics technologies played a vital role in the latest milestone of this quest.

A team at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory’s (LLNL) National Ignition Facility (NIF) in California achieved “ignition” from a fusion reaction experiment — producing more energy than the amount of laser energy used to drive it. This energy gain accomplishment was and is a big deal. U.S. Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm hailed it as “one of the most impressive scientific feats of the 21st century,” on par with the Wright brothers’ first flight at Kitty Hawk.

More than 2,500 large, beam-focusing lenses made from Corning® HPFS® Fused Silica helped ensure NIF’s 192 lasers simultaneously focused on a tiny hydrogen fuel pellet within the same 20 billionths of a second, setting in motion the unprecedented, energy-gain fusion reaction.

"Corning’s advanced optics technologies play an essential role in moving our world forward," says John Bayne, senior vice president and general manager, Corning Mobile Consumer Electronics. "We’re thrilled to have contributed optical components for LLNL's fusion experiments which could ultimately lead to cleaner energy sources that prolong the health of our environment."

Jubilation summed up the mood of Corning’s Aerospace & Defense team members in Canton, New York, upon learning of the breakthrough. “What could be more exciting and satisfying than helping to make scientific history? We are so proud to be a part of making the ‘impossible’ possible,” says Dave Navan, a product line manager who’s been collaborating with LLNL on the project since 1998.

“It’s remarkable to see fused silica, a Corning technology invented in the 1930s by Dr. J. Franklin Hyde, being pivotal to today’s leading-edge advancements,” adds Larry Sutton, director of special programs. Larry’s involvement stretches back to the 1980s when Corning first began working with LLNL to develop the Nova laser, the world’s highest energy laser at the time.

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The Arc of Chemung-Schuyler Announces New Chief Executive Officer

The Arc of Chemung-Schuyler’s Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Mr. Sal Garozzo has been named the new Chief Executive Officer, effective February 1, 2023.

Sal is currently the CEO at UCP of Western Massachusetts and previously worked for The Arc of Ulster-Greene (now Arc of Mid-Hudson) serving in the roles of Associate Executive Director and Business Development Officer, Director of Vocational Services, and Director of Clinical Services.

“The Search Committee was especially impressed with the candidates who were interviewed and the process which took place to ensure we had the best in the field,” said Anita Lewis, President of The Arc of Chemung-Schuyler’s Board of Directors. “With Sal being our top choice, we are confident that he will continue to drive The Arc of Chemung-Schuyler’s important work.”

The Arc of Chemung-Schuyler is a family-based organization, providing supports and services to nearly 2,000 people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and their families, across an 18-county service area, and is a chapter of the state organization, The Arc New York. Upon accepting the position, Mr. Garozzo noted, “I sincerely want to thank the Board and Selection Committee for giving me the opportunity to return to The Arc family, where I spent 15 years of my career. I look forward to getting to know your loved ones, the great staff who support them, and families.”

The current Chief Executive Officer, Sean Eagen, announced his retirement in September 2022, with plans to depart on February 17, 2023. Eagen will be working closely with Garozzo to ensure a smooth leadership transition.
Community Sidewalk Quality Survey

The Elmira-Chemung Transportation Council (ECTC) is looking to better understand the quality of sidewalks within the City of Elmira. Whether the sidewalk is in front of your property, or on your daily commute, the Elmira-Chemung Transportation Council is seeking public input on the quality of sidewalks in Elmira. While you can submit information on the sidewalk in front of your property, it is not required. ECTC encourages you to submit any sidewalk segment that you may encounter that you feel should be noted.

The link to the survey can be found here. If you are reporting several sidewalk segments, please submit them each as a separate response. Your responses can be edited after submission.

2023 New York State Workforce Innovation Awards Application is Open

The New York State Workforce Innovation Awards serve to recognize outstanding workforce development and education providers and business leaders focused on developing a strong and diverse talent pipeline.

The Business Council will once again honor four of New York’s workforce stakeholders. Awardees will be recognized for their leadership and innovation in developing and/or delivering training and education that meet the workforce needs of local or regional businesses. The four award categories are as follows:

- P-12 Workforce Innovation Award
- Higher Education Workforce Innovation Award
- Non-Profit Workforce Innovation Award
- Business Workforce Leadership Award

Eligible entities for one of four awards include; public and private P-12 schools, career and technical education (CTE) schools and programs, Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES), public and private institutions of higher education, public and private youth and adult training and education programs, non-profit industry associations, and businesses.

Training and education programs and businesses must have a footprint in New York State. Organizations do not have to be a member of The Business Council to be eligible for an award.

All applicants will submit their application on The Business Council’s website through the New York State Workforce Innovation Awards webpage here.

The application deadline is Sunday, March 12, at 11:59 p.m.

All training and education finalists will be announced in early April.

The 2023 awards luncheon will be held on Friday, May 19, in Albany.
Dear Members,

I hope everyone is having a wonderful start to the New Year!

Our networking calendars are filling up quickly – The Chamber’s Annual Meeting of Members is coming up quickly on February 2nd at the Clemens Center Performing Arts from 5:00 p.m. -9:00 p.m. – where we will #CelebrateChemung. On February 15th, join the Chamber with our friends from Corning Chamber of Commerce and Watkins Glen Chamber of Commerce for the first Tri-County Business After Business at Hardinge, Inc. from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Don’t forget to find out about winter events happening throughout our county and the region. The Chamber team is not hibernating – we had fun watching the opening game of our new lacrosse team – The Renegades at the First Arena, a night with Elvis at Tioga Downs, and enjoyed many meals at local establishments. Winter is the perfect time to explore museums, such as, Arnot Art Museum or Chemung Valley History Museum, take a picture-perfect winter walk through the hearts of our small communities, snowshoe at Tanglewood Nature Center or experience Broadway at the Clemens Center. We encourage you to follow Chemung Chamber and Mark Twain County on our social media platforms to find all the fabulous winter events.

A quick glimpse into March with a couple of save-the-dates:

Economic Forum, March 15th at Clarion Elmira from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. More information on speakers to come.

The 2nd Annual Chemung Restaurant Week with partner, Elmira Downtown Development, Inc. which will run in late March. The perfect time to enjoy lunch or dinner with friends, colleagues and family….. More information to come.

I continue to encourage you to stay connected, spread the word, and let us know how we can help. Your Chamber team and your Board of Directors are dedicated to improving what the Chamber can do for our members. I’m looking forward to a very successful 2023 for all of us. Please feel free to reach out to me personally at jennifer@chemungchamber.org anytime you want to get involved or have an idea for our Chamber. We’re here for you! We look forward to seeing you soon.

Respectfully,
Jennifer Herrick-McGonigal
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

117th Annual Meeting of Members
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