

PROGRESS



SOMERSET COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

"Networking Businesses to Enhance Economic Opportunities"

Chamber Gift Certificate Program



The Chamber will soon be announcing a new and improved local Gift Certificate Program affectionately named **LOCAL LOOT**. The new program will be an entirely local program run by the Chamber staff through Somerset Trust Company. All proceeds collected from the sale of the gift checks will be kept in an account at Somerset Trust for dispersal as the checks are redeemed. The gift checks can be redeemed at local participating Chamber Member businesses and deposited in the business's daily deposit just like a regular sale made by cash or check. No waiting for your money!

The previous program was very successful (until they became a victim of the national economic turmoil) and contributed well over \$200,000 into the local economy. They were used by local businesses as employee incentives and also purchased for birthdays, anniversaries and every holiday throughout the year. The NEW checks will be very distinctive in design and will include normal safety features to deter duplication.

At this time, the Chamber is promoting the new program to our members and will be compiling a new list of businesses to be included on the Merchant List of Participating Members, which will be included with each check sold. Checks will be sold from the Chamber office and also from our Website at www.somersetcountychamber.com.

\$10.00 Annual fee – your business listed on the Merchant List and participation in the program.

ADDITIONAL ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES:

\$25 Coupon Insertion – Your coupon inserted in each check envelope.

\$100 Annual Fee – your business listed on the Merchant List and registered in the program, your logo on the check stubs and on the Gift Certificate Webpage.

If you'd like to be included as a participating member and will accept the checks at your business, please contact the Chamber. We plan to kick-off the new program on September 1st in time for the holiday season.

We appreciate your support of this new program. It's a great way to promote local businesses and put more dollars into the local economy.

Those participating as of 8-18-09 are: Ameriserv Financial, Angelitto's Hair Co. & Spa, Arcadia Theater, Backwoods Country Store, Baker's Home & Garden Center, Barron's Furniture, Bicycle Pedaler and Outfitter, Bruster's, Cascio's Fruit Market, Clothesline for Women, Daily American, Dumbauld's Tire Service, Inc., Essentials For Health, Hemminger Homes, Inc., Hickory Hollow Campground, Huston's Haunted Hollow, Log Haven Bed & Breakfast, Luther P. Miller, Inc., LPM, McDonalds of Somerset, Magic Mist Cleaning Services, Miracle Steam, North-South Carpet Cleaning, Oakhurst Tea Room, Inc., Pine Grill Inc., Showman's Massage, Nails and More, Somerset Door & Column/SDC Building Center, Tyme & Tradition, LTD, & Turillo's Steak House, Inc.

SEE ENCLOSED INSERT FOR MORE INFORMATION





NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS

Tree Top Cottage Guest House
332 Middlecreek Road, Rockwood, PA 15557

814-926-2679

Ann Mathias, Owner

Private country guest house located on 35 acres in Rockwood, PA. Offers guests private campfires, hiking, and fishing in our lakes. The Tree Top Cottage offers comfortable accommodations for up to five people.

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814-472-9530

Nick Damin, Sales Consultant

Was founded in 1952. Now a three generation family owned and operated commercial printing company. Over 50 years later, one thing that remains the same is our passion for printing. Damin Printing offers graphic design services, digital and offset printing services as well as bindery services. We provide our customers with office supplies such as envelopes, business cards, checks, invoices and letterheads as well as marketing pieces such as brochures, newsletters, tickets, post cards and posters. We also offer full color wide format printing up to 44 inches.

Laurel Mountain Post
P.O. Box 227, 206 Weldon Street, Labrobe, PA 15650

724-537-6845

Cathi Gerhard, Editor

A bimonthly publication designed to focus on the people, places and events at the heart of Westmoreland County. Print stories about real people and their daily lives; feature local merchants, craftsmen and professionals; present short pieces of art & literature; and never lose sight of what makes this area a great place to call home. Most of our writers are not professional reporters, but accomplished local practitioners with years of experience in their respective fields who bring credibility and personality to every article. In October 2006, the BBC News quoted us as "the voice of Pennsylvania".

Chamber Launches Energy Program to Members

A top concern for business owners is the rising cost of energy, surpassing even healthcare costs. To help local businesses save money and mitigate increases, the Somerset County Chamber of Commerce has enlisted the services of OnDemand Energy to create an aggregated buying pool. The pool will buy electricity in bulk for a fixed time period as a way to lock in a lower price for businesses that are chamber members and participating in the pool. The Somerset County Chamber is joined in this effort by a number of PA Chambers and its partners representing ChamberChoice.

"This new program could present businesses with a significant opportunity to control energy costs," said Ron Aldom, Executive Director of the Somerset County Chamber.


The buying pool approach is nothing new. Business associations have used it to purchase health insurance, office supplies and various services for years. "But with energy, larger and mid-sized users alike typically have not had the same pooling opportunity to obtain bulk prices that we are now working to coordinate," continued Aldom.


The program has already been launched in other parts of the state by their prospective chambers and reaped huge savings to their members. Jason Dailey, Director of Public Works for Cranberry Township states, "When our electricity rate cap expired in 2007, third party suppliers cherry picked our largest meters, such as, the water and sewer treatment plants. They told us to leave our remaining 60 accounts on tariff. When we joined OnDemand Energy, they pooled all of our accounts (large and small), which gave these accounts the same advantages as the largest meters. Cranberry Township is saving 20% on electricity, which equates to over \$160,000 in annual savings.

The Somerset County Chamber is offering an information session for businesses to learn more on Friday, September 4th at 8:30AM at PBS Coals' Business Office, 1576 Stoystown Road, Friedens, PA 15541. All businesses and organizations are invited to this session and you do not have to be a Chamber member to attend. You MUST, however, reserve your space at the session by calling the chamber at 814-445-6431 to reserve your seat, or to obtain an application to join the program. In the event that we fill this session, a second one will be presented that day.




MEMBER NEWS BRIEFS

 **Hidden Valley Four Seasons Resort** is about to expand with the opening of the Hidden Valley Stables. The resort has partnered with Double K Stables to manage the new operation. Double K Stables has a facility in nearby Somerset, where they offer a variety of services to both the casual and serious rider. Guests will enjoy a unique view of the mountains on wooded trails. The Hidden Valley Stables, operated by Double K, will offer guided rides at 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:00 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday, and by appointment on Monday and Tuesday.

 Mark R. Tercek has been appointed president of **PBS Coals**, a subsidiary of Severstal Resources. He succeeds Robert Scott, who retired. Prior to his appointment, Mark was vice president of operations with PBS Coals, Friedens. Mark joined PBS Coals in 1998 and has more than 24 years of coal and mining industry experience.

PBS is engaged in the mining processing and sale of metallurgical and thermal coal. The company's portfolio includes six underground and six surface mining operations.

In 2008 PBS produced 1.5 million clean tons of coking coal and 1 million clean tons of thermal coal. In October 2008 PBS was acquired by OAO Severstal Resources division. Severstal is Russia's largest steel producer.

 Rita Halverson of **Northwood Realty Services**, has been awarded membership in the Pennsylvania Association of Realtors PAR Excellence Club. Eligibility is based on successful transactions, education, and participation within the realtor organization and within the community. A past president of the Cambria-Somerset Association of Realtors and was twice named realtor of the year by that group.

Also was Pennsylvania's realtor of the year and served as a member of the State Real Estate Commission for 10 years.




Health and Safety Awareness Fair

September 19th 1:00 p.m.

Beachdale Church of the Brethren
803 Owl Hollow Road, Berlin, PA
(4 miles South of Berlin off of 219)

- * free blood pressure screening
- * ambulance and rescue workers
- * firemen with a ladder truck
- * fire engines
- * hand washing activities
- * free fingerprinting of children
- * demonstrations of safety workers

4:00 p.m. auction of the furniture and box lot items the Youth have gathered and all kinds of filled baskets and craft items that have been collected by the Dream Team. The Women's Fellowship will have a food stand with lots of delicious foods. We are excited about this wonderful opportunity to bless the community with helpful information and have a good time too! Free Admission. Everyone Welcome!

 Joel C. Valentine, CPA, Audit Manager at **Wessel & Company** recently addressed local government finance officers and accountants from across the State at the annual local government conference in conjunction with Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The annual conference, which had over 500 participants, was held this year at the Hershey Lodge & Conference Center, Hershey, PA. Mr. Valentine spoke to those issues confronting local government auditors in regard to designing audit programs, exploring risk assessments, and incorporating paperless audit packages into the audit approach.

Wessel & Company is a regional Certified Public Accounting and business consulting firm headquartered in Johnstown. The Firm was named to the list of the "Top 100 Best Places to Work in PA" for 2008.



Annual Award Nominations 2009

Nominations are being accepted for three awards that will be presented at the Chamber's Annual Dinner, to be held on November 18, 2009, at Seven Springs Mountain Resort.

The Outstanding Person of the Year Award is presented to a Somerset County resident in recognition of outstanding accomplishments outside their vocation. It is intended to recognize a person for public service in a voluntary effort. Key consideration for this award should be volunteer service and involvement, which may come in the form of leadership, monetary support or participation as a worker.

The Grant B. Miller Award is given in memory of Grant B. Miller, a former director and dedicated volunteer of the Chamber. The selection is based upon any accomplishments generally beneficial to the area and its residents. Although the award is presented to a member of the Chamber, their accomplishments need not have come while working for the organization or within its framework. Preference however, could be given for outstanding work within the Chamber.

The Betty Haupt Memorial Tourism Award is given in memory of Betty Haupt, former director of the Somerset Historical Center, and a former member of the Chamber's Tourism Committee. It is given to a county resident or business that has made a significant effort to further tourism in Somerset County.

All award nominations must be received at the Somerset County Chamber office by October 12, 2009. Nomination forms can be picked up at the Chamber office or call 814-445-6431 for more



It's a Steeler's Tail Gate Party!

September 10th, 2009

5-8:00 p.m.

Somerset Country Club

SEE ENCLOSED INSERT FOR DETAILS!

WANTED: Future Leaders of Somerset County



New Class Forming Now For Leadership Somerset County 2009/10

The Somerset County Chamber of Commerce is now accepting applications for Leadership Somerset County. The program was founded 7 years ago by progressive thinking members of Somerset County who understood the importance of community leadership and the impact it has on the continued success of Somerset County. Now in its 7th year, Leadership Somerset County has provided a wonderful opportunity to inform and expose participants to various facets of community life. In doing this, it allows the participants to grasp a better understanding of all the issues facing our communities and encourages them to take an active role as leaders.

The program is 10 months long, and the class meets once a month at various locations throughout the county. The one exception is an overnight retreat where the participants learn about teamwork and are given an overview of the program. The sessions cover topics including: Community and Economic Development, Local Government, Education, Healthcare and Human Services, Natural Resources, Judicial System, Local Heritage and concludes with a banquet and graduation. The class also gets to choose a class project(s), which they are to complete before the end of the program.

Leadership Somerset County would not be possible without the cooperation of the Somerset County Economic Development Council (SCEDC) and the Partnership for Rural Industrial Development Enterprises (PRIDE). The past and future success is dependent on the support of local businesses, individuals and organizations that realize the importance of creating leaders by sponsoring them to attend.

Applications are available at the Somerset County Chamber of Commerce office or by calling 814-445-6431 or email: info@somersetcountychamber.com. Scholarships are available for small businesses and non-profits.





CHAMBER BIZ TIPS:

Keeping Unscheduled Time

by George Ambler on Sunday, August 9, 2009

“Every leader should routinely keep a substantial portion of his or her time—I would say as much as 50 percent—unscheduled. ... Only when you have substantial ‘slop’ in your schedule—unscheduled time—will you have the space to reflect on what you are doing, learn from experience, and recover from your inevitable mistakes. Leaders without such free time end up tackling issues only when there is an immediate or visible problem. Managers’ typical response to my argument about free time is, ‘That’s all well and good, but there are things I have to do.’ Yet we waste so much time in unproductive activity—it takes an enormous effort on the part of the leader to keep free time for the truly important things.” – Dov Frohman

Making time to reflect and think is a critical leadership practice. In its simplest form, reflecting is just thinking about what happened. It’s the process of thinking about and examining what we’ve experienced, how we reacted and what changes we need to make to become more effective.

There are few people who make a conscious effort to learn from their experiences and fewer still learn from their mistakes. This is because reflection is not an automatic process for most people. Most of us make our way through life simply reacting to circumstances. To be effective leaders must make reflection a regular practice.

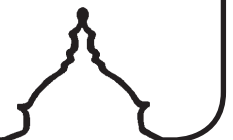
“Leaders like everyone else, are the sum of all their experiences, but, unlike others, they amount to more than the sum, because they make more of their experiences.” – Warren Bennis, Why Leaders Can’t Lead

A simple way to start the practice of reflection is by asking questions, questions about how we feel, about the results we are getting in our life, and what we can do differently to get different results. For example, find a quiet place where you are not going to be disturbed then, take an issue that’s important to you, and ask yourself the following questions:

- What happened?
- What was I trying to achieve?
- What went well and why?
- What didn’t go so well and why?
- How did it affect me?
- How did it affect others?
- What were the consequences (positive or negative) for myself and others?
- What could be done differently next time?
- Would this change improve the consequences?

“Reflection is asking the questions that provoke self-awareness” – Warren Bennis, On Becoming a Leader

As leaders much of our success is dependent on the way we think. Given this, it’s important that we schedule regular time-out to reflect on how we are behaving, how we are thinking about a situation and what adjustments we might need to make to improve our effectiveness. When was the last time you spent reflecting on an issue that is important to you?



MEMBER 2 MEMBER DISCOUNT

Carlow University
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Carlow University offers eligible students who are Chamber members or employees of Chamber members, a discount on undergraduate tuition and a discount on graduate tuition.

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SAJ Publishing - 814-445-9695

SAJ Publishing is offering to Chamber members a 20% discount on the following books: *Courage After the Crash* and *Quiet Courage*, by local author, Glen J. Kashurba, M.D. Royalties for *Quiet Courage* are donated to the Flight 93 National Memorial. Visit our website, www.sajpublishing.com, or contact Katie Keiser at 442-6866 or 445-9695.

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CHAMBER COMMITTEES

Please call the Chamber office for exact dates/times. Committees are open to Chamber members and we encourage participation.

Agriculture

Meets quarterly or as needed.

Ambassador/Membership

Meets monthly.

Education/Business & Workforce Development

Meets monthly during the school year.

Energy/Natural Resources

Meets quarterly or as needed.

Government/Transportation & Infrastructure

Meets as needed.

Technology

Meets as needed.

Tourism

Meets monthly.

**Voter
Registration:
October 5, 2009**

2010 MEMBERSHIP UPDATES NOW!

Don't forget to send us your 2010 Membership Update form. Current business information will stay AS IS if no form is returned in the directory and Chamber website.

You will ONLY receive ONE Notice!

July Hits on The Chamber Website

Attractions	2,393	Benefits	1,067
Business/Tech/Industry	3,259	Calendar	1,654
Contact Us	527	County Facts	259
Dining	640	Directory	3,423
Education	321	Gov. Contacts	342
Fairs & Festivals	1,150	Health Care	918
Historical Sites	649	Lodging	1,065
Links	386	Newsletter	277
Location	261	Real Estate	1,025
On-Line Store	804	Shopping	1,837
Photo Gallery	373	Transportation	756
Recreation	1,292		
Theater/Arts	366		
Event Registration	2,061		

Total website hits: 4,267



Northwood Realty Services
Halverson Office
Phone: 814-443-4858

Mobile Home Park

108 Unit Mobile home park on **23.18 acres** \$2,500,000
Contact: Ken Halverson

Retail Store For Sale in Somerset

1 1/2 story, vinyl siding, store room with warehouse storage. Doing a Great Business 1.9145 acres.
Contact: Ken Halverson
\$249,000

614 South Franklin Ave.

1800 sq. ft. Professional space. First floor, easy access, parking, good cabinetry, Plumbing in many areas.
Contact: Rita Halverson

373 E. Main Street, Somerset

Previous restaurant/bar along high traffic Rt. 31! Handicapped accessible with banquet/meeting rm. 2nd level 3 BR apt. on **4.46 acres**.
\$359,000 or Lease for \$3,200/month
Contact: Ken Halverson

363 W. Main Street, Somerset -2,400 sq.ft. brick building with paved off-street parking along Rt. 31. Zone C-1.
\$209,000 or Lease for \$1,500/month
Contact: Ken Halverson

RE/MAX PREMIER, REALTORS
Phone: 814-445-4748

Building for Rent

50x35 shop/garage was inspection station, 10x10 office, 14x14 overhead door, 2 hoists, 4x10 restroom w/shower, 10x14 mezzanine for storage, gas heat. \$500/mo.
Call Scott

Restaurant/Bar

Full service restaurant with bar located near ski resorts featuring a banquet room, small & large dining rooms, and large fully equipped kitchen. Seating capacity of 290 and parking for 125.
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**Chamber Members With
Commercial Space**

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Brian Zeigler
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For Rent: 4000 Sq Ft Warehouse with office/retail frontage in Somerset Borough. Rent \$600.00 a month plus utilities.

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814-445-7019

For Lease: Uptown Somerset: Main floor office/retail space, 6,000 square feet with parking, will divide as needed.

RMB Realty
Phone: 814-444-9400

Lease Space-1490 N. Center Ave.

Somerset's newest commercial location. Exceptional visibility. Convenient access. Ample interior parking. New construction. Only 1,320 SF remaining in Phase I.

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Well located neighborhood shopping center. Suites from 1,300 SF-30,000 SF. Office and some other users welcome. Best deals in town. Rents ranging \$4-\$7/SF with Landlord white box available depending on lease terms. Free rent available to qualified lessees.

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Call: Melanie Heiple

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Phone: 814-445-6587

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Phone: 814-444-8252

Office for lease:

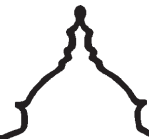
Historic refurbished Victorian in Somerset Business district. 5 offices, conference room and reception area. Off street parking. \$675 plus utilities

Location, Location Policy:

*** Each member will be allowed up to four (4) free listings in the Location, Location page.**

*** Additional listings will be subject to a fee of \$10 per entry, per month.**

*** Contact the Chamber by the second Friday of preceding month to renew your listings. If you fail to renew, the Chamber will not include your listing in the next issue of the newsletter.**





ACM PARTNERSHIP WITH SCTC PAYS DIVIDENDS IN CE OPTIONS

A partnership between the continuing education arm of the Somerset County Campus of Allegany College of Maryland and Somerset County Technology Center has yielded a fall schedule with much to offer the workplace.

The ACM/SCTC Workforce Development and Continuing Education Center provides a wide range of academic and vocational education and training to residents and businesses of Somerset County.

SCTC is well regarded for career programs in such broad areas as health care and the health care office, cosmetology, hospitality, commercial truck driving and the building and construction trades.

ACM's Workforce Development and Training unit in Somerset has established strengths in computer operations, business and professional advancement, health and safety careers, language training and personal interest, including for senior citizens.

Their joint venture -- the ACM/SCTC Workforce Development and Continuing Education Center -- brings demonstrated expertise in assessing learner needs and designing and delivering training programs to meet them. Customized training can be delivered on site as well as on the ACM/SCTC campus east of Somerset.

The ACM-arranged component of the center's fall catalog features eight computer applications courses.

These start in mid-September with Basic Computer and the Windows Operating System and beginning-level courses in 2007 versions of Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint as well as Introduction to QuickBooks 2009.

Mid-October brings the start of intermediate-level courses in Word and Excel as well as Microsoft Access 2007.

There are also several personal enrichment courses. Instruction in American Sign Language is taught at a beginning level, starting in late September.

Adult literacy tutoring certification is available in a free training course funded by the Pennsylvania Department of Education and offered, starting mid-September, in collaboration with ACM and SCTC.

Two other computer-related courses start in early and mid-October: How to Buy and Sell on eBay and The Digital Camera and Your Computer.

All of these one dozen courses meet in the evening on one or two weekdays at SCTC or the Somerset County Campus of ACM

Another ACM-developed program, computerized numeric control machining, is an on-line simulation that can be accessed at the student's convenience. Its three modules concern precision measurements, lathes and machine center.

Machining for Beginners presents a special opportunity for displaced workers starting a new career. Funding is available for qualified applicants as they prepare for entry-level machinist positions in training that begins this fall.

Also this fall are recreational cooking classes taught by local chefs on a single evening at SCTC's professional teaching facility in the culinary arts. Students can expect to carry with them newly acquired skills and also the fruits of their labor.

Members of the Somerset County Chamber of Commerce receive a 20 percent tuition discount on ACM CE classes.

For more information about these CE offerings contact Bob Penner, ACM director of workforce development and training in Somerset County. He can be reached at 814-443-3651, extension 6184, or bpenner@allegany.edu. Information is also available on the college Web site, www.allegany.edu.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Who: Adults

What: The Farmers' and Threshermen's Jubilee, sponsored by The New Centerville and Rural Volunteer Fire Company.

When: September 9th through September 13, 2009

Adults volunteers are needed in various areas over the 5 days. Areas where help is needed include the fire hall, where meals are served on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the hamburger stand and the quilt show.

If you have a few hours and enjoy volunteer work, help your local fire company. Please call Joyce Henry at (814) 926-3450 or call the Jubilee at (814) 926-3142.



The Chamber Classifieds

Market Motivators

Promotional items are a proven, effective way to market your company, school, service or event. We carry over 350,000 custom imprinted promotional items for corporate logo branding, business promotional items, trade show giveaways, health care promotional products, company apparel and business promotional gifts. Custom logo items including badge holders, business bags, watches, promotional t-shirts, polo shirts, caps, hats, pens, fine writing instruments, note pads, umbrellas, flashlights, mugs and coolers are just a few of the many promotional items, products, gifts and giveaways we have available with your corporate logo custom imprinted.

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Somerset County Chamber Annual Dinner Wednesday, November 18, 2009 at Seven Springs

Any business wishing to donate general door prizes, and various other items are welcome to do so. We are also looking for All America's County Sponsor \$3,000, Platinum, Gold and Silver Sponsors. All America's County Sponsor includes recognition banner and 8 tickets, Platinum \$1,000 includes 8 tickets, Gold \$500 includes 4 tickets, and Silver \$250 includes 2 tickets. Lock for your invitation in Mid

October.
The Chamber is asking for gift basket donations for the Chinese & Silent Auctions during the Parade of Baskets at the Dinner.

Baskets can be any type of theme representing holidays, sports, local products, dining, hobbies and more. All ideas are welcome. Suggested value of the basket is \$50 or more.

Contact the Chamber office at 814-445-6431 for more information or email at info@somersetcountychamber.com

Fall Membership Incentive

All businesses joining the Chamber of Commerce between September 1st to December 1st, 2009 will be paid up to December 31, 2010, giving them up to 15 months for the price of 12! **We will also waive the \$15.00 initiation fee.**

Share the benefits of Chamber membership with your non-member friends.

One More Benefit of the Somerset County Chamber of Commerce.....

Chamber  **Choice**
The People. The Power. The Plan for You.



**Somerset County Chamber of Commerce
2007 Officers and Board of Directors**

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Vice President- Sharon Ackerman, Som.County Register of Wills
Treasurer- Andrew Cook, Somerset Trust Company
Secretary- Patty Gross, Somerset Drug Company, Inc.

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- 4 Electricity Seminar
- 10 Steeler Tail Gate Party
- 23/24 Leadership Retreat
- 25 Harvest Ball-CANCELED

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