

New faces attend chamber meeting

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TROY — The Chamber of Commerce held their first meeting of 2025 on Wednesday, Jan. 8, at Cummings Lumber Co., which a few individuals attended for the first time. Chad Barclay, of Barclay Forestry and Tree Services, from Columbia Cross Roads, recently joined the Chamber and advised they manage timber, along with cutting down trees. Also, Marie Seymour, on behalf of Bradford County Heritage Association, and Alex Seeley, of Brought & Osgood CPA's, attended the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

President, Bonnie Seeley announced they will meet on Sunday, Jan. 19, at 7 a.m., behind Hoover's Hardware, to gather to take down the Christmas decorations. Depending on the weather, they may only take some down, and unfortunately the beautiful lights would be unplugged until next Christmas, and taken down when weather permits.

Anyone participating in helping with this task, will be invited to attend the Troy Fire Department breakfast held until 10:30 a.m.

CAR SHOW

Seeley passed the 2025 calendar around for businesses and individuals to sign-up to host the Tuesday night Chamber concession stand at the car show. The same guidelines will be followed as last year. More than \$3,000 was raised last year, with proceeds going toward the scholarships for three Troy High School students.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST

Jeni Putnam announced Armenia Mountain Footwear won the decorating contest, resulting in \$250 being awarded to their designated non-profit organization, Heritage Village and Farm Museum. Seymour thanked the Chamber for the donation.

HOMETOWN HEROES

All of the banners have been hung up.

PERSON/BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

Seeley expressed a big thank you to Lee Preston, Trish Wilkinson, and Robyn Cummings for a great job in this annual recognition. She also thanked the Troy Vets Club for holding this annual event, delicious meal, and good time.

BRADFORD COUNTY TOURISM

Cummings advised the annual guide will be printed and can go to their website, www.bradfordcounty.com, to add events during the year. She also advised the State provided a significant line item increase for tourism and it is the first time tourism has seen this increase.

HERITAGE VILLAGE AND FARM MUSEUM

Seymour advised 88 windows were going to be installed in the Carriage House this year, at an estimated cost of \$150 per window. They are seeking donations or for people to 'adopt a window,' to help with this project.

CHRISTMAS BASKET PROGRAM

The Troy Lions Club served 250 families, (more than 400 people), with the Christmas Basket program this year, at a cost of \$30,000. Fortunately they receive a substantial

donation from Tioga Downs, which helps defray costs, along with various generous donations from businesses, including Expand (Chesapeake) Energy and individuals. Cummings acknowledged a huge appreciation to Erin Cole who starts collecting food and gift items in October. It is a significant week long project of assembling boxes and set times for people to come and pick-up boxes. Some are delivered for those that can't come to pick them up.

TROY SALE BARN

They have various fundraisers coming up. On Friday, Jan. 17, from 4 to 7 p.m., there will be a benefit for the couple, Rebecca High and Skylar Drake, who were tragically killed in an automobile accident. This benefit includes a Chicken and Biscuit Dinner, with mashed potatoes, gravy, salad, and a dessert, all for \$10 a meal.

There will also be a Chinese Auction and car decals will be available for purchase.

On Saturday, Jan. 18, Kids Can't Fight Cancer Alone will be holding their fourth annual Texas Hold'em Bounty Poker tournament at the Barn from 1 to 9 p.m.

There are only 140 spots available, with a \$110 entry fee and \$40 add ons. The top eight got paid at the previous tournament.

On Saturday, Jan. 25, doors open at 5 p.m. for the fundraiser for the Barn's Operating Corporation. A meat raffle will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m., which will include all different types of meat from seafood, pork, chicken, beef, or lamb. This event will also include music by the Clark Jackson Band, performing from 7 to 10 p.m. Mexican food, wine, and beer will be available for purchase. Bluestone Brewing Co, from Sayre, will be on site. There is a \$5 entry fee donation to benefit the Barn.

On Saturday, Feb. 1, LeRoy Heritage Museum President, Matthew T. Carl's presentation of his book, "Laquin: The Rise and Fall of a Pennsylvania Town," at 10 a.m. in the Arena of the Troy Sale Barn. This is a free program and includes a book signing.

On Sunday, Feb. 9, a Bridal Bonanza at the Barn will be held from Noon to 4 p.m.

There will be Vendors, Giveaways, Samples, a Fashion Show and more.

In addition, the Archery League began on Wednesday, Jan. 8 and will run through March 12, from 6 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$10 for anyone 16 years of age and over, and \$5 for anyone 15 years of age and under.

MISC.

Charlie Earle, of Building No. 9 Grille, questioned how Chamber Bucks work. Seeley (and other members) advised they can be purchased at First Citizens Community Bank. A list of more than 12 participants are listed on the paperwork, where the 'Bucks' can be used. Businesses can become a part of this by checking the appropriate box on the Chamber membership application.

Also, any Chamber business is invited to schedule a Chamber meeting at their place of business, with it being up to their discretion to provide lunch or not, off their menu or for a donation, if desired.

The next Chamber meeting will be held at the Troy Vets Club on Wednesday, Feb. 5 at noon.