

Lehigh Valley Manufacturing Takes National Spotlight During Presidential Visit

By Paul Muschick

LEHIGH Valley - When President Donald Trump wanted to illustrate America's manufacturing strength, he came to the Lehigh Valley.

During a visit to Mack Trucks on Tuesday, the President highlighted the iconic manufacturer's long legacy of producing here and providing quality jobs.

"For more than 100 years, this legendary company has been making trucks right here in eastern Pennsylvania, building the heavy-duty machinery that keeps our economy rolling, our factories moving, and our industries roaring all across the nation," he said following a tour of the plant in Lower Macungie Township with President Stephen Roy.

His visit came a few days after U.S. Rep. Ryan Mackenzie visited another Mack Trucks location in Allentown to announce that subsidiary Mack Defense had received \$47 million in federal funding to continue building heavy dump trucks for the Department of Defense.

During his remarks at Mack, Trump also called out three recent major expansions that are bolstering the Lehigh Valley's position as one of the Top 15% of manufacturing markets in the U.S.:

Eli Lilly and Company's \$3.5 billion pharmaceutical manufacturing campus planned in Upper Macungie Township. It will create 850 jobs, 2,000 construction jobs, and generate a projected \$14 billion in economic activity.

Nokia's \$30 million expansion, announced just last week, of its photonics advanced testing and packing operations in Upper Macungie. It will create 242 new jobs and position the Lehigh Valley to continue its role as a leader in technological innovation amid the demand for semiconductors to fuel artificial intelligence.

Braun's \$20 million expansion, announced last year, of its medical device manufacturing hub in Hanover Township, Lehigh County. It will create 200 new jobs.

Lehigh Valley is home to more than 700 manufacturers who collectively generate an output of \$9 billion, which makes up 16% of the region's Gross Domestic Product. Nationally, manufacturing accounts for 11% of GDP.

Employment in manufacturing in the Lehigh Valley has grown three times as fast as the nation since 2010. Growth in manufacturing helped to fuel Lehigh Valley's ranking as the No. 1 mid-sized market in the U.S. for economic development in 2025.

This is the second presidential visit that Mack Trucks has hosted in five years. In 2021, President Joe Biden toured Mack to kick off his "Made in America" initiative.

Lehigh Valley is a regular stop for presidents to speak on economic issues.

In January 2024, Biden visited three small businesses in Emmaus to celebrate America's entrepreneurial spirit and its connection to economic growth.

In 2020, Trump visited Owens & Minor in Upper Macungie Township to highlight how the company had ramped up production and delivered millions of pieces of protective equipment to health care workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.



The Warren County Community College Trustee Search Committee is seeking persons interested in serving as Trustees of the Warren County Community College.

By Art Charlton

WARREN COUNTY NJ - Applicants shall have been residents of Warren County for at least four years, and cannot currently hold any elected public office or be employed by Warren County or Warren County Community College.

College trustees must be available approximately 20 hours per month. Trustee duties include: fiscal and operational oversight of the institution; setting policies and procedures to be implemented by the college administration; evaluation of the college president and appointment of other staff; determination of the educational curriculum and programs consistent with the institution's mission; development and approval of master planning concepts; and preparation of reports to New Jersey Higher Education, the Warren County Board of County Commissioners and the community in general.

Interested applicants are required to submit resumes, a letter outlining their interest and ability to fulfill the role of WCCC trustee, and any other pertinent material by Friday, August 7, 2026. Please send applications to Chairperson, Warren County Community College Trustee Search Committee, c/o Board of County Commissioners Office, 165 County Route 519 South, Belvidere, NJ 07823.



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Bangor Women's Club Bake Sale Was Again A Success

By Bangor Women's Club

BANGOR - The Bangor Women's Club Bake Sale at Capitol Ace Hardware on May 23rd was again a success thanks to the generosity of our neighbors. Money raised allowed us to again present a \$1000 scholarship to a deserving Bangor Area High School Senior. This year's recipient, Summer Jolly, will pursue a nursing degree, and we wish her all the very best.

Our January Arts & Literature Contest first place winners were entered into the State level Literature Contest. In May we received the GFWCPA contest results:

Category 4 (gr. 9-12)

Short Story 1st place: Emma Confalone's "Clocks" (Bangor Area High School)

Poetry 1st place: En-Ai John's "Proof" (Faith Christian)

Category 3 (gr. 6-8)

Short Story 2nd place: Brielle Cecchini's "Gingerbread Thief" (Faith Christian)

Poetry 2nd place: Nadya Calder's "I Wanna Fit In" (Faith Christian)

Category 2 (gr. 3-5)

Short Story 3rd place: Matthew Aulisio's "The Unbeatable Escape Room" (De Franco)

Poetry 2nd place: Matthew Aulisio's "Yellowstone" (De Franco)

Congratulations to our talented youth!

In support of our local library, our Bangor Women's Club's Yvonne Humphreys presented Director Kathleen Lynch with a \$1000 check. And at our June luncheon the new officers were installed: Dottie Sawyer President, Heidi

Bates Vice President, Bonnie Due Secretary, and Cindy Strunk Treasurer. We invite folks to sign up for our Autumn Card/Game Party scheduled for Thursday, October 29th from 1-4PM at Stone Church's Trinity United Church of Christ. Call Heidi (610-599-8815) to reserve a table. Have a great summer!