

# JA NEPA News - February 2024

*Here's what we are featuring this month:*

Inspire Career Discovery Experience  
YES! Days at Old Forge and Hanover Area  
French Kisses on Irish Dishes Fundraiser  
Keystone Coding and Careers  
Rock to Inspire Concert in May

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## 2024 Inspire Career Discovery Experience: April 16 & April 17

With the overwhelming response we received last year from exhibitors, educators, and students alike on our piloted JA Inspire Career Discovery Experience, we are excited to bring our two-day event this year to even more Northeastern Pennsylvania high school students.

[Inspire is not your typical job fair](#), but a hands-on, career exploration experience where students will interact with more than 80 exhibitors in 10 different career clusters. This event will help create connections, expose students to career pathways they never knew existed, and inspire them toward pathways of their own future success.

We're thrilled to share that our exhibitor space for this year's Experience is sold out! Our sincerest THANK YOU to the more than 80 organizations participating this year, and especially to our **Presenting Sponsors: *Mericle Commercial Real Estate Services & Discover NEPA*** and our **Career Cluster and Room Sponsors:**

- Architecture, Engineering, Construction & Trades: *Mericle Commercial Real Estate Services*
  - Banking & Finance: *M & T Bank*
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  - Health Services: *Geisinger*
  - Hospitality, Tourism, Arts, Media, & Marketing: *Discover NEPA*
  - Manufacturing & Transportation: *Procter & Gamble*
  - Entrepreneurship: *Jacobi Capital Management*
  - Career Readiness: *LCCC*
  - Meet the Attorneys: *Ciarimboli & Fellerman*
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## YES! Days at Old Forge and Hanover Area

So far this academic year we have presented our YES! Day program to more than 1,690 students in six NEPA school districts!



*Volunteers and JA NEPA Staff presenting our YES! Day at Old Forge Middle School.*

***Thank you to the following local businesses and organizations for allowing their employees to volunteer with our YES! Day program at Old Forge:***

- NEPIRC
- University of Scranton
- Disaster Blaster
- Procter & Gamble
- Fidelity Bank
- American Cancer Society



*Hanover Area Administrators, Enterprise Mobility Representatives, and JA NEPA Staff at our Hanover Area YES! Day.*

***Thank you to the following local businesses and organizations for allowing their employees to volunteer with our YES! Day program at Hanover Area:***

- Mondelez
- NEPIRC
- Wells Fargo
- Sheet Metal Workers Local 44

### **What is a YES! Day?**

Our YES! (Your Economic Success) Day program for middle schoolers is a morning of hands-on, interactive sessions designed to help tweens and teens think about their futures. Each student participates in sessions such as the trades, career interests, manufacturing and STEM through games, videos, questionnaires, and more. [Check out this news coverage](#) of our event at G.A.R.

### **Upcoming YES! Days**

Dallas Middle School: March 6  
North Pocono Middle School: May 14  
Nanticoke Middle School: May 22  
Pittston Area Middle School: May 29  
Hazelton Area: Date TBD

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## **French Kisses on Irish Dishes Fundraiser**

Join us on Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> for a [wine & food pairing](#) at Jonathans Restaurant to benefit Junior Achievement of NEPA. **Reservations are required** and can be made by calling Jonathans directly at 570-371-3463. We hope to see you there!

When: Tuesday March 5, 2024. Bar Open at 5pm. Pairing at 6pm.

What: Five Course Wine & Food Pairing (menu below)

Where: Jonathans Restaurant – 31 Lakeside Drive Harveys Lake

Cost: \$65pp + Tax & Gratuity

### ***Croque McSieur***

Corned Beef & Cabbage on Cheese Baked Toast

### ***Gliomaigh Bergere Bisque***

Lobster Bisque with Pea and Potato Gnocchi

### ***Iasc agus Scealloga Salade Nicoise***

Beer Battered Cod with Herb Marinated Green Beans, Olives, Hard Boiled Egg & Greens with House Made Chips

### ***Stobhach Gaelach Bourguignon***

Slow Braised Burgundy Wine Short Rib with Mushrooms, Root Vegetables & Irish Soda Bread

### ***Croissant Marog***

Bread Pudding with Jameson Orange Caramel Sauce



Wines Selected by Our Host Vicki G. The Wine Merchant  
Menu Designed by Our Executive Chef Wendy Wesley &  
Sous Chef Melissa Smyda

Questions? Email [Brandy Lewis](mailto:Brandy.Lewis)

## Keystone Coding and Careers

*Powered by Penn State Wilkes-Barre and JA NEPA*

This FREE program provides 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> graders the ability to increase their computer programming and STEAM education while learning about potential opportunities in the computer science field.

Classes will be delivered Mondays and Wednesdays starting March 4<sup>th</sup> to April 15<sup>th</sup> (no class on April 1<sup>st</sup>) via Zoom with a Penn State instructor. Enrollment is open to students in Luzerne County school districts until filled so be sure to claim your spot today! [REGISTER TODAY](#)

Free for 9th and 10th grade students\*

## YOUR HIGH SCHOOLER CAN LEARN TO CODE

Keystone Coding & Careers aims to increase computer programming skills, STEAM education and entrepreneurship for students in NEPA. 9th and 10th grade participants in our spring 2024 course will learn Python 1 basic programming; then, they can advance to Python 2 in fall 2024.

A computer device with reliable internet access is required.



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**MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS**

March 4 - April 15, 2024

6:00 - 7:15 p.m.

Questions? Contact Penn State Wilkes-Barre  
Continuing Education: 570-675-9253  
[wbce@outreach.psu.edu](mailto:wbce@outreach.psu.edu)

\*Open to the first 20 students from Luzerne County schools.

**Save the Date!**

*Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> for Our Rock to Inspire Fundraiser*

Join us Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> for an amazing night out at [River Street Jazz Cafe](#) in Plains where Teddy Young & The Rugged Individuals will “Rock to Inspire” in support of Junior Achievement of NEPA!

Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. Doors open at 5pm, with the opening act starting at 6pm, and full band beginning at 7pm! Must be 21 to attend.

Scan the QR code on the image below or visit <http://tinyurl.com/rocktoinspire> to get your tickets today!

# ROCK TO INSPIRE



Featuring

**TEDDY YOUNG & THE RUGGED INDIVIDUALS**

Teddy Young, Bill Sordoni & Scott Henry

**Friday, May 10, 2024**

**The River Street Jazz Cafe**

**667 S. River St., Plains, PA 18705**

**\*\* Must be 21 to Attend \*\***

Proceeds to benefit Junior Achievement of NEPA in it's mission to empower the next generation through programs such as the JA Inspire Career Exploration Experience for high school students and YES! hands-on program that introduces tweens and teens to various career clusters.

**Tickets**  
**\$20 Pre-Sale**  
**\$25 at the Door**



**Get Your  
Pre-Sale Tickets  
Here**

<http://tinyurl.com/rocktoinspire>

**Doors Open at 5 pm**  
**Opening Act at 6 pm**  
**Full Band 7-10 pm**



**“Good wishes alone will not ensure peace.”**

—Alfred Nobel

JA Worldwide nominated for the 2024 Nobel Peace Prize.

We're thrilled to announce that JA Worldwide has been nominated for the 2024 Nobel Peace Prize, the third nomination in three years. JA NEPA is a member of JA Worldwide, and we couldn't be more proud!



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