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What: 12<sup>th</sup> annual Juneteenth Celebration event  
Where: Hepburn and Memorial Avenue, back lot  
When: June 18<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 until 7:00  
Contact: 570-419-2502 or [www.JuneteenthCelebration.org](http://www.JuneteenthCelebration.org)

#### PRESS RELEASE

The 12<sup>th</sup> annual Juneteenth Celebration event will be held in the back lot of Hepburn and Memorial Avenue in Williamsport on June 18<sup>th</sup>. The rain site will be Bethel AME Church, 601 Hepburn. From 1:00 until 7:00 there will be a mix of family fun, music, good food, history and education. Our featured speaker will be Rev. (Chef) Ron James, founder of the *Williamsport/Lycoming Crime Commission*, who will talk on what motivated him to found the organization. He will, as well, be offering his conflict resolution and anti-bullying advice. Attorney Jeff Dohrmann of the *Rieders, Travis Law Firm* will speak on “Employee’s Rights in PA”. A presentation, with an explanation of its historical significance, of a stained glass window showing Bethel AME Church’s pastor from 1886 – Rev. J. E. Russell, will be given by art history professor Dr. Amy Golahny. Also speaking will be State Rep. Richard Mirabito, Mayor Gabriel Campana and Rev. Kenneth A. Burnett. Musical entertainment will include the popular retro dance band *Groove Train*, as well as, recording artist Kevin D. Watson and inspirational singer, Evangelist Dawn White. A first for the celebration will be internationally known, comedian/ventriloquist *Willie Brown and Woody* from Atlanta. Emceeding the event will be Rev. Rick and Mrs. Mary Wyatt. The association will be accepting donations for Dr. Mamie Sweeting-Diggs memorial fund and will match donations up to the first \$50.00. There will be a children’s carnival, Russ and Marie Reitz’ Gracious Meadows’ petting zoo, C.C. Clowns, an historic exhibit, vendors and more. For information, call 570 419-2502 or visit [www.JuneteenthCelebration.org](http://www.JuneteenthCelebration.org).

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