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Lock Haven – Woodlands Bank will support local schools in the sponsorship of the Clinton County County Stock Market Challenge from the Pennsylvania Council of Financial Literacy (PennCFL). The sponsorship will include all the 3rd to 12th grade students for both the fall and spring games. The fall game that ended on Dec 14th and the spring game, that begins on Feb 11th.

For the spring game, an extra special competition will be held for high and middle schools. These students will represent their schools in a special local and competitive, investment competition. The schools invited to participate are Bucktail Middle and High School, Central Mountain Middle and High School, Jersey Shore Middle and High School, Sugar Valley Charter and the Catholic and Christian Schools in the county. A celebration luncheon will be held at Lock Haven University in May to honor the schools, teachers and their students. They will be honored by the bank executives and PennCFL staff.

Woodlands Bank is a community bank headquartered in Williamsport, PA, which currently provides banking and asset management services from its eight convenient offices located across Lycoming and Clinton Counties. As a local community bank, Woodlands Bank maintains a focus on supporting the communities in which it operates through donations, sponsorships, and partnerships with community organizations.

PennCFL sponsored stock market competition offers players in grades 3-12 the opportunity to manage a hypothetical \$100,000 portfolio by investing in stocks chosen from the USA markets: American, New York and NASDAQ exchanges. The competition teaches students about investing and encourages financial literacy through hands-on activities in the classroom.

PennCFL's mission is to provide Pennsylvania's K-12 students with economic, personal finance, and entrepreneurship skills that elevate their standard of living, quality of life, and professional success. PennCFL sponsors financial games and programs with the participation over ten thousand students, in 45 counties in the state. Also, they offer entrepreneurship conferences and competitions with partnering colleges and universities. Teachers are offered free training and support. For additional information, please contact Carolyn Shirk, Vice President at carolyn.penncfl@gmail.net or call 570-975-5149.