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Winters



Lawrence

Everoak Insurance Group is excited to announce two recent additions to their growing team. Kristy Winters, a graduate from Villa Julie College (now Stevenson University) with a bachelor's degree in business administration, has been in the insurance field since 2015. She resides in Hanover, PA with her husband Wes and two daughters. Jared Lawrence is a native of Adams/Hanover, PA area. Jared's professional career consists of 21 years of banking experience prior to joining Everoak Insurance Group as a licensed agent. Lawrence currently resides in Hanover and enjoys spending time with

his family including attending their soccer matches. Everoak Insurance Group is an independent insurance agency with offices in Hanover and Littlestown that focus on helping their clients understand how their insurance works, why they need it, and how they can help them protect what matters most.



Destination Gettysburg is excited to announce the hiring of Lindsay Methlie as its new director of sales. Methlie will head up the organization's efforts to attract student/adult groups, meetings/conferences and international travelers. She will also be working with partners to

prepare for shows and marketplaces including American Bus Association, Pennsylvania Bus Association, Maryland Motorcoach and more. Methlie is no stranger to the Adams County tourism industry, and has years of experience working in a variety of hotels in Central Pennsylvania.



Before restoration

The Shriver House Museum is celebrating 25 years in business. In 1996, Del and Nancie Gudmestads purchased a house on Baltimore Street, now known as the Shriver House. The two-story brick house was built just months before

the Civil War began. 136 years later, it sat abandoned for nearly 30 years. Restoring the Shrivers' home to its 1860s appearance was an extremely challenging undertaking but it was a labor of love. The restoration began in January 1996. Twenty-five years later, the Gudmestads' have shared the Shrivers' story with hundreds of thousands of people. Due to the



After restoration

attention to details during the restoration, the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission recognized the meticulous restoration of the once abandoned Shrivers' home with a Historic Preservation Award.



Hayes



Ferraro

The YWCA Gettysburg & Adams County would like to welcome 2 new staff members. Alex Haves will join the YWCA staff full-time in February as their fund development director. Hayes has worked at the YWCA part-time for almost 15 years and has experience in every department. He is excited to use his additional time at YWCA to further engage supporters into its mission. Also welcomed, Kara Ferraro, senior director of programs, to the team in January. She will provide leadership to the YWCA's sports and fitness, aquatics, mission enhancement, and membership departments. Ferraro most recently

served as the executive director of the Strawberry Hill Foundation and prior, as the YWCA's director of advocacy & public relations. Ferraro holds a master of organizational leadership degree with a focus on effective performance management.

Adams County Arts Council has elected its officers for the year at their November board meeting. They are president, Judie Butterfield, a Gettysburg borough council member, 1st vice president Kim Bond, executive vice president of Open Minds, 2nd vice president Pauline LeVan, managing partner of Battlefield Harley-Davidson, treasurer Stu Kravits, retired from IBM and Lockheed Martin, and secretary Darlene Brown, retired Gettysburg Borough Zoning Board member. Directors for the coming year include Nicole Bucher, owner Mister Ed's Elephant Museum and Candy Emporium, Attorney Todd King of Salzmann Hughes, PC, Holly Purdy, realtor/co-owner of ReMax of Gettysburg, Jill Rakowicz, Alloway Creek Elementary School art teacher and artist, Montserrat Fonseca-Estrada, teacher at the VIDA Charter School, LIU Migrant program and Program Assist Next Generation, Cassondra Selby, realtor with Keller Williams, Lois Starkey, former gallery owner, realtor, and association executive and Debra Westmoreland, design consultant, curator and artist.



Stanley

Cooperative were recently promoted. Jason Stanley of East Berlin was promoted to fourth year apprentice in the operations department of the York District. Stanley began with Adams as a first-year apprentice in

Three employees of Adams Electric

2019. Ryan Gelnett of Shippensburg was promoted to fourth year apprentice in the Shippensburg District. Gelnett started at the co-op as a first-year apprentice in



Gelnett

McKinney

2019. Mike McKinney of Gettysburg was promoted to Staking Technician A in the engineering department at the Gettysburg

District. McKinney started at the cooperative as a firstyear apprentice in the York District in 2013.



Stock and Leader, Attorneys at Law, is pleased to announce that Devon M. Schoonover has joined the firm as an Associate in the Real Estate law group. Schoonover grew up in rural northwestern Pennsylvania. He earned his undergraduate degree from the University

of Pittsburgh at Bradford and his Juris Doctorate from Duquesne University School of Law. During law school, he intentionally sought internships and clerk positions that fueled his passion for real estate law. Since 2014, Schoonover has served his country in the PA Army National Guard and currently ranks as a First Lieutenant.



The members of **SEK**, **CPAs & Advisors** are pleased to announce that Angela L. Quigley, CPA, has been admitted as a member of the firm effective January 1. Angela provides tax services, financial statement preparation, bookkeeping, and other services for clients ranging

from family-owned businesses to multi-state corporate manufacturers. She provides special support for companies that qualify for the Research Tax Credit and was named a Forty Under 40 honoree in 2021 by the Central Penn Business Journal for her commitment to the accounting profession and the community.



Luminest Community **Development** is excited to announce they broke ground on their new Gettysburg project. Meadow View Townhomes is a townhouse community located in Adams County.

A total of 36 townhomes and a community room will be located in the Misty Ridge Community. The community will include 24 two-bedroom and 12

three-bedroom townhomes. The community building will provide additional amentity space consisting of a community room with full kitchen, management and supportive services offices. Meadow View Townhomes is designed to achieve National Green Building Standard Silver Level and Zero Energy Ready Home Program certifications. Luminest is dedicated to building stronger neighborhoods, better homes and brighter futures.



ACNB Corporation announced today that the name of its insurance subsidiary changed from Russell Insurance Group, Inc. to ACNB Insurance Services, Inc. effective January 1. ACNB Insurance Services, Inc. is a full-service insurance agency based in Westminster, MD, that

offers a broad range of property, casualty, health, life and disability insurance serving personal and commercial clients.

On January 1, Rotz & Stonesifer joined RKL LLP, a leading CPA and advisory firm based in Central and Eastern Pennsylvania. RKL has built a reputation over several decades as an innovative firm focused on enhancing the lives of its team, clients, and communities. RKL's people-first approach earns a high mark for client loyalty and satisfaction, as well as recognition as one of the Best Places to Work in PA over the past five years. In addition to uninterrupted quality service, you can expect industry expertise, specialized services, and cross-disciplinary collaboration. Their four office locations will remain open and committed to serving the needs of the community and clients.



ACNB Corporation announced today that Jason H. Weber has been selected as the successor to ACNB Corporation and ACNB Bank executive vice president/ treasurer and chief financial officer, David W. Cathell. On September 23, the corporation announced Cathell's intention

to retire from all of his positions with the company and its subsidiaries effective the close of business on May 31, 2022. Mr. Weber will be joining ACNB Corporation and ACNB Bank on January 31 as executive vice president/ finance for the period until Cathell's retirement. During this time, Weber will work closely with Cathell for a smooth and orderly transition of the CFO position.



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WORKING WITH LOCAL LEGISLATORS

by Steve Rasmussen, CEO/General Manager Adams Electric Cooperative, Inc.

"ALL POLITICS IS LOCAL." This observation by the late Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill Jr., former speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, means that even national politics have a local impact, and people care most about issues that directly affect them. Indirectly, this famous adage underscores the importance and value of local politics.

At Adams Electric, we think it's critically important to develop and cultivate relationships with local legislators because they craft, introduce, and vote on legislation that impacts local businesses, the environment, and quality of life for our rural community. We work closely with our local elected officials. After all, our purpose is to provide safe, reliable and affordable energy, but our mission is to help those we serve.

Adams Electric helps power economic development and prosperity for our region. As a cooperative, we have deep roots here, and we listen closely to our members to better understand the needs of those around us. Our leadership, board members, and employees live and work right here in the communities we serve.

We strive to be an advocate for our communities, ensuring that local legislators know, understand and act on the issues that are important to our area. In December, we hosted an energy workshop for local legislators to review some of the co-op's local, statewide, and national legislative priorities, including the costs of providing power, rate stability, system reliability, power supply, broadband and local needs.

We recognize that most legislators' expertise may not include the changing energy industry, which is why Adams Electric is a reliable resource for lawmakers. We work with elected officials regardless of their party affiliation, and while we appreciate their willingness to work with the cooperative on energy-related matters, it does not mean that we agree with everything they say or

Today's energy landscape is an increasingly complex topic, covering not only the traditional engineering and vegetation management aspects of the industry, but also encompassing technology, cybersecurity, the electrification of the transportation sector, and connecting communities through fiber.

Our employees can provide briefings to legislators and their staff. And because we're involved in economic development and we know local community leaders, we can provide insight on how issues and policies might impact our region.

We periodically invite legislators and their staff to the co-op for tours, so they can see firsthand how we operate and can view our dispatch center, substations, EV charging stations, etc. We strive to be a trusted resource on energy issues. We continue to invest in the long-term interests of our members.

We're proud to power your life and bring good things to our communities. We hope you'll continue to advise us on matters of importance to you, so we can continue to advocate on your behalf and improve the quality of life for all those we serve.

ADVOCACY UPDATE

BY THE WAY...DID YOU KNOW I HAVE A PODCAST? BY REPRESENTATIVE TORREN ECKER (R-193)

I am always looking for new ways to reach the residents I am privileged to represent in the Pennsylvania House. It is my philosophy that keeping people informed on what their elected officials are doing further increases oversight and improves our society in general.

To that end, my team and I started a podcast called "By the Way...Did you Know?" a few months ago with the aim of telling the stories of bills that do not receive a lot of media attention but will have a profound impact on the lives of Pennsylvanians.

Each episode features an in-depth discussion about the bills, or, in some cases, laws in a concise manner with either the sponsor of the bill or someone directly impacted by it. One episode covered a law to update expiration date labels on milk containers. In another, I talk with an organ transplant recipient about a bill to increase protections for living donors.

Recently, I was joined by House Speaker Bryan Cutler (R-Lancaster) to chat about a law, known as the Employment First Law, he sponsored that helps those with physical and mental disabilities find meaningful employment.

I hope you can find a few minutes to check out the podcast. To listen to it, go to www.repecker.com/mypodcasts.



THE RECOVERY STARTS NOW BY ADAMS COUNTY COMMISSIONER, MARTY QUALLY

Over the past year two significant pieces of legislation have been enacted that will bring with them unprecedented funding opportunities for county and local government. They are the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Infrastructure). This month the county received initial guidance on Infrastructure funding and final guidance on ARPA funds.

The Infrastructure bill is long overdue, as at the state and federal level there has been little investment into improving public infrastructure. In general this bill addresses public transit, airport upgrades, hi-speed internet, safe drinking systems, abandoned wells, and electric vehicle networks. While some of these items won't impact Adams County, I hope our community makes a strong push for hi-speed internet funds.

The ARPA funds are to be used to help overcome the negative impacts of the pandemic and are also by federal standards incredible flexible pools of funding. In broad terms ARPA funds can be used to: support public health response, address negative economic impacts, replace lost public sector revenue, and to improve water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure.

I encourage you to look up and review these bills and contact the county with projects you feel are important to our community.

Executive Committee Members



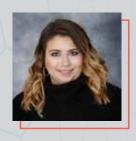
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OUT & ABOUT



New Membership Development: Coffee and Connections | December 7



Amblebrook Gettysburg Fitness Center Groundbreaking | December 8 Photo by: Darryl Wheeler, Gettysburg Times



Carrie Stuart and Stacey Schlosser recognize Chris Bigger, superintendent of Littlestown Area School District for Board service



Chamber staff celebrates with a Christmas lunch at Mason Dixon Distillery



Mingle & Jingle | December 15



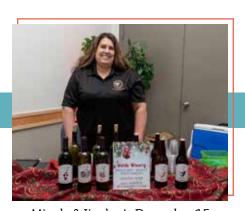
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Children's Aid Society Ribbon Cutting | January 20 Photo by: Darryl Wheeler, Gettysburg Times



Staff Lunch at Mamma Ventura Restaurant

PENNSYLVANIA FREE ENTERPRISE WEEK – CREATING OUR NEXT GREAT WORKFORCE!



Company Advisor Raylene Boots (second from left) takes a break with her team, Mist Fitz, an outerwear company, on a sunny Wednesday in Williamsport.

As your partner in supporting local business, we know how difficult it is to find and keep great employees. Many of our young people lack the knowledge and skills you need, or they leave to pursue opportunities because they simply don't know about the great local jobs available right here, right now. That's why we support Pennsylvania Free Enterprise Week (PFEW). PFEW is a youth development program like no other. It teaches high school students about business and our American free enterprise system and helps them develop job ready skills like leadership, communication, work ethic, finance, marketing and more that prepare them for great careers right here at home.

Offered by the Foundation for Free Enterprise Education (FFEE), PFEW holds multiple week-long summer sessions for rising high school juniors and seniors on the campuses of Lycoming College and the Pennsylvania College of Technology in Williamsport.

PFEW made a triumphant return to in-person learning in 2021, educating 1,139 students statewide. This summer, they plan to welcome 1,600 eager students to Williamsport for the 43rd year of this award-winning program. Students attend on a fully tax-deductible \$625 sponsorship donated by a business, foundation, organization or individual. FFEE is an approved Educational Improvement Organization through the PA Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program. I encourage you to provide PFEW sponsorships for our local students and, if possible, volunteers for the sessions.

FFEE offers two other impactful programs that prepare students for the 21st century workforce. The Stock Market Game™ (SMG) teaches students in grades 4-12 about investing and financial literacy, and the Speaker Series helps students explore careers and develop the knowledge and skills needed to become great employees. All Foundation programs are singularly focused on promoting the ideals of business and the American free enterprise system and preparing our young people to become great business and community leaders. To learn more about PFEW or their other educational programs, please visit the Foundation's website, www.pfew.org, or contact Scott Lee, vice president of marketing & development for the Foundation for Free Enterprise Education at (814) 833-9576 ext. 8, or scott@ pfew.org.

CHAMBER EVENTS

FEBRUARY 8

Executive Committee | 7:30 a.m., The Chamber

FEBRUARY 9--REGISTRATION OPEN

Lunch & Learn: Interviewing Techniques | 12 Noon The Chamber

FEBRUARY 10

Governmental Affairs Committee | 12 Noon, TBD

FEBRUARY 16--REGISTRATION OPEN

County Connections | 11:30 a.m. Gettysburg Fire Department

FEBRUARY 17--REGISTRATION OPEN

Membership Mixer | 4 p.m., Gettysburg Suites

FEBRUARY 21

President's Day | Office Closed

FEBRUARY 23

Ambassador Committee | 11:30 a.m., Dobbin House Young Professionals | 5 p.m., TBD

FEBRUARY 24

Board of Director's | 7:30 a.m., The Chamber

COMMUNITY EVENTS

FEBRUARY 3, 14, 15 & 25

American Red Cross Blood Drive The Outlet Shoppes at Gettysburg 717.337.9705 | theoutletshoppesatgettysburg.com

FEBRUARY 18-19

2022 Adams County Home Show All -Star Events Complex 717.337.5144 | adamscountybuilders.com

FEBRUARY 21

Adams County Day Gettysburg National Military Park Museum & Visitor Center 717.337.1243 | gettysburgfoundation.org





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60-65 YEARS

Crouse Electric Co. LLC Monahan Funeral Home

50-59 YEARS

Drummer Boy Camping Resort

40-49 YEARS

1863 Inn of Gettysburg Best Western Gettysburg Hotel Martin's Family Shoes Raffensperger, Martin & Finkenbiner, LLC United Way of Adams County, Inc. WellSpan Gettysburg Hospital

30-39 YEARS

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Kampstra Wealth Management

M & T Bank

Moritz Machine & Repairs, LLC

Myers Electrical Repairs

New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc.

Quality Inn Gettysburg Battlefield

Salzmann Hughes, P.C.

Totem Pole Playhouse

20-29 YEARS

Adams County SPCA

Americana Souvenirs & Gifts

Battlefield Motorcycles

Belco Community Credit Union

Central Pennsylvania Transportation Authority dba

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Gettysburg Glass Inc.

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KPI Technology

Laslow's Pharmacy

Redding Auction Service, Inc.

The Outlet Shoppes at Gettysburg

Truist

10-19 YEARS

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New Oxford Mechanical Services & Adams County

Truck Repair

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Scott, Carolyn

5-9 YEARS

Brown, Darlene A.

Getty Pak Inc.

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1-4 YEARS

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