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Mentor Program Builds Strong Future

Most chamber members have experienced and trusted advisors who help counsel them through the twists and turns of business and life. Whether it's an associate, retired professional, pastor or spouse, mentors are there for us to bounce ideas off of or lend encouragement when we need a coach.

Yet there are youth in our local community who are forced to navigate the transition to adulthood without the guidance of a responsible adult.

The **Adams County Economic Education Foundation**, the **Gettysburg Adams Chamber of Commerce's** workforce development partner, recognizes that Adams County's future workforce depends on our youth. To help guide them toward a healthy, productive adulthood, the foundation created the **Mentoring Program**.

The two-year program pairs at-risk high school juniors and seniors with well-rounded community members who volunteer their time and talents to help the students succeed in school and careers. The program currently serves students from Bermudian Springs and Gettysburg high schools.

The mentoring program works off the premise that the more dependable adults a young person has in his life, the more likely he is to develop positive behaviors, strong relationships, values, skills and beliefs.

MENTOR TESTIMONIAL

I have mentored four high school students, each with risk factors that may have hindered them from graduating. I showed interest in them and their future and gave them direction and advice. All graduated from high school and two went on to post-secondary education. Watching the students grow over the course of the program is very rewarding in many ways.

— Wendy Miller



A team building exercise during the Mentor Program retreat.



The 2014 Mentor Program kicked off last month during a day-long retreat at the Adams County Agricultural and Natural Resource Center in Gettysburg.

Mentors are charged with building a consistent and reliable relationship with the students, many of whom have never experienced a similar interaction with an adult. Mentors connect with their mentees once a week by phone or email and meet face-to-face monthly. They work with their mentees on goal setting, occupation selection, giving and receiving criticism, money management and time management – basic life and work skills.

The investment mentors make in their mentees has a *(continued on next page)*

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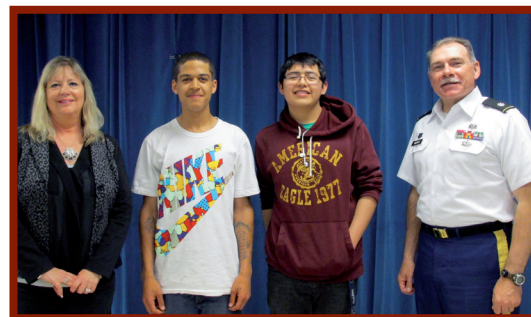
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Participants in the 2013-2014 Mentor Program from Gettysburg High School at an awards luncheon in May.

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lasting impact. Their support helps the young adults build self-esteem and confidence so they can reach their full potential. Plus, students who meet regularly with their mentors are less likely to skip class or school and are more likely to make responsible decisions than their peers.

Learn how you can support this and other programs of the Adams County Economic Education Foundation on page 13. •

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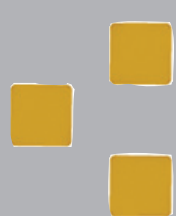
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Check Presentations



The Gettysburg Adams Chamber of Commerce presented a check for \$146, the funds raised during the 10th Annual Gettysburg Wine & Music Festival Celebrity Grape Stomp, to the HACC Foundation. The funds will support the Helen Hauser Memorial Scholarship for students enrolled in the community college's viticulture/enology program. Pictured from left to right: Jennifer McCleaf, chamber membership and events director; Carrie Stuart, chamber president; Hannah Hauser; Scott Simmonds, HACC student affairs dean; Shannon Harvey, HACC-Gettysburg Campus vice president and grape stomp participant; and Heather Hannon, HACC regional community development officer.



Gettysburg High School's Battlefield FFA recently accepted a check for \$1,700 from the Gettysburg Adams Chamber of Commerce for their work cleaning up after the Gettysburg Wine & Music Festival. From left to right: Shawn Abma, Bill Tindall, Ashlyn Burkholder, Monica Fleshman, Olivia Staub, Amber Wenschhof, Nash Re, Katie Sharrer, Matt Wagner, Jennifer McCleaf, Mac Kretz, Carrie Stuart (missing from photo, Cole Milhimes). The students used the money to help fund their trip to the National FFA Convention Oct. 29-Nov. 1 in Louisville, Ky. Photo credit: Darryl Wheeler, Gettysburg Times.



The Gettysburg Adams Chamber of Commerce presented a check to the Adams County SPCA for \$351, the total raised by the winning team during the Celebrity Grape Stomp at the 10th Annual Gettysburg Wine & Music Festival. Pictured from left to right: Jennifer McCleaf, chamber membership and events director; Carrie Stuart, chamber president; Abby Avery, shelter manager; Joan Stremmel, shelter board president; and Nancy Yang, shelter board vice president. Photo credit: Darryl Wheeler, Gettysburg Times.

Ribbon Cuttings



Colony House Furniture & Mattress Store, based in Franklin County, recently hosted a ribbon cutting and open house of the new location in Gettysburg at 1630 Biglerville Road (formerly Sixeas Furniture Galleries). The 22,000-square-foot Colony House Gettysburg has furniture for every room of the house.



The Wireless Experience recently opened next to GIANT Food Stores on Natural Springs Road in Gettysburg (l-r): Gettysburg Adams Chamber of Commerce Ambassador Judi McGee, Members 1st Federal Credit Union; Commissioner Jim Martin; Gettysburg Adams Chamber of Commerce Director Ryan Fox, Financial Consulate; Tom Armstrong, store manager; Montell Fullerton, wireless specialist; Commissioner Marty Qually; Matt Sweigart, district manager; Scot Pitzer, field representative for Senator Richard Alloway; Gettysburg Adams Chamber of Commerce President Carrie Stuart; Commissioner Randy Phiel; Chris Kimple, legislative aide to Representative Dan Moul; Holly Sutphin, field representative for Congressman Perry; Wendy Gale, account manager; Lynn Jones, sales manager; and Steve Stanion, district manager.

Member News



Graphcom Creative recently celebrated its fifth anniversary.

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portfolio of projects encompasses the areas of website design and development, mobile interactive development, print design, branding and publications. Representative clients span industries ranging from national health care entities and nonprofit organizations to local and regional businesses and corporations

Another Chance Thrift Store reorganized their merchandise, adding a new children's clothing corner, men's area, skirt and dress section and pajama rack. The 1,700-square-foot store sells like-new clothing, purses, shoes and belts, plus books, household and kitchen items, novelty knickknacks, home decor including framed artwork and wall hangings, jewelry and small furniture.



The Adams County office of **rabbittransit**, located at R257 N. Fourth Street in Gettysburg,

is currently undergoing a building renovation. During construction, the offices are located at the same address in a construction trailer next to the building. Renovations are expected to be completed by the end of 2014.

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LLC was named as a national leader in the IPA 200, INSIDE Public Accounting's fifth annual ranking of the nation's largest accounting firms. The full-service public accounting and consulting firm ranks as the 179th largest in the nation, with offices in Hagerstown, Md., and Chambersburg, Carlisle, Camp Hill and Hanover, Pa.



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Former dancer turned **Stock & Leader** school law attorney

Leigh Dalton was named to the York Little Theater Board of Directors. Focused on keeping arts and culture thriving in the community, Dalton comes to the theater board with more than 20 years of experience in dance and choreography.

Chamber members **Schmuck Lumber Company** and **Susquehanna Bancshares** were named in the 50 fastest growing companies in central Pennsylvania by the *Central Penn Business Journal*.



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Community News



The **Wyndham Gettysburg** is seeking vendors for the Love, Laughter, and Happily

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The **Gettysburg Foundation**

presents the 12th Annual Remembrance Illumination on

Saturday, Nov. 15, from 5:30-9:30 p.m. at the Soldiers' National Cemetery. This solemn commemoration features luminary candles on each of the 3,512 Civil War soldier's graves. The event is free and open to the public.

The **Gettysburg Foundation** hosts author Harold Holzer on Remembrance Day, Nov. 15, from 3-3:45 p.m. He will autograph copies of his newest book, *Lincoln and the Power of the Press*, at the **Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center**. At 4 p.m., he will speak on "Lincoln and the Press: At Gettysburg and Beyond." Both events are free, but registration is requested for the lecture by calling 877.874.2478.

Learn how to tie a nymph, dry fly, wet fly and a streamer during a fly casting clinic at **Strawberry Hill Nature**



Preserve from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 8. Cost is \$45 for preserve members and \$55 for non-members. Registration is required to 717.642.5840.

Strawberry Hill Nature Preserve hosts a trail run Saturday, Nov. 15, from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. The event includes 10 mile, 10K and one mile trail runs and a 10 mile and 10K power walks. Visit strawberryhill.org or call 717.642.5840 to register.

The **Gettysburg National Military Park** is offering three free "Days with Documents" professional development opportunities for middle and high school teachers in November from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Ford Education Center. Wednesday, Nov. 12, teachers can explore documents from the "Declaration of Independence to the Gettysburg Address." The following day, Nov. 13, break-out sessions will feature speakers and focus on documents surrounding the "Civil War: Causes and Consequences." Friday, Nov. 14, teachers can examine documents from the "13th, 14th and 15th Constitutional Amendments to the 1864 Civil Rights Act." Register at nps.gov/get/forteachers.

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Pressley Ridge: Changing Lives, One Child at a Time

Just days before Christmas, a young boy sits in a hospital located hours away from his home. The boy is not just away from his family because of an illness. He is one of 15,000 children in Pennsylvania in need of foster care. The ending to this boy's story is a happy one. Staff from Pressley Ridge, a nonprofit that helps children and families in crisis, worked tirelessly to find him a foster home by Christmas Eve.

With this dedication, it is no surprise that Pressley Ridge uses a nationally recognized model for Treatment Foster Care. Pressley Ridge strives to be the last placement service for every child, so they work closely with biological families to find a permanent home. Treatment parents are provided with training, 24-hour support, and compensation.

Not every child is as lucky as the young boy. Many children are alone and struggling during the holiday season, a time of year when all of us want to experience joy and belonging. Children in foster care come from diverse backgrounds and have unique needs. Many of them have faced emotional and economic hardships.

Pressley Ridge is always seeking caring adults to take children into their homes. The boy's foster mom believes anyone can do it. "If you just open your heart, it's going to be a blessing," she says. A blessing not just for you, but for a child who desperately wants to be loved.

Change a child's life this holiday. Visit the Pressley Ridge website to learn more about becoming a treatment foster parent in our Community Residential Rehabilitation program.

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ENVIRONMENTAL TEAM

Monitors local and regional environmental conditions and recommends implementation of programs to enhance the quality of life in the Adams County community. Meets the second Tuesday of the month at noon.

GOLF OUTING TEAM

Organizes an annual golf outing in the summer to benefit the local community. Meets as needed.

HOLIDAY JACKPOT RAFFLE TEAM

Coordinates the annual holiday fundraiser event. Meets as needed.

LEGISLATIVE TEAM

Monitors legislative issues and educates membership about issues that affect the business community.

MARKETING COUNCIL

Develops and enhances the image of the chamber by publicizing chamber events and improving communication with the media and public. Meets the third Wednesday of the month at 12:30 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP COUNCIL

Recruits and maintains chamber membership. Meets the first Friday of the month at 8:30 a.m.

TASTE OF THE TOWN TEAM

Plans the spring culinary showcase featuring 25 local eateries and the Top Local Celebrity Chef Competition.

WINE FESTIVAL TEAM

Organizes the chamber's major annual fundraiser, the Gettysburg Wine & Music Festival, held each September. The event draws nearly 7,000 attendees to enjoy hundreds of Pennsylvania wines from 25 wineries, more than 50 food and specialty vendors and the region's best live music. Meets as needed.

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Program Updates



Judi McGee, Members 1st Federal Credit Union, and Carrie Stuart, chamber president, with Christine Smith, the \$1,000 Jackpot Raffle winner, during last year's event.

The **Holiday Jackpot Raffle** is **Thursday, Dec. 11**, from 5-7 p.m., hosted by the **Wyndham Gettysburg**. In addition to great cash prizes, attendees can bid on Silent Auction items. The Raffle Team is seeking donations for the auction. Last year, auction items included a New Year's Eve package from the Wyndham Gettysburg, a catered party for 20 guests by Biggerstaff's Catering, a diamond necklace from Scott & Co. Fine Jewelers and more.

If your business or organization has

something fun and unique to share, contact Jennifer McCleaf at jenniferm@gettysburg-chamber.org or 717.334.8151.

Members will receive most communications from the chamber through email starting Jan. 1, 2015. This means you will not receive hard-copy invitations to chamber programs or nomination forms. You will

continue to receive renewal notices and the *Chamber Chat* by mail. Take steps now to ensure chamber emails go directly to your inbox, not the spam folder. Also make sure all members of your organization who should receive chamber emails are receiving them by sending additional contacts to info@gettysburg-chamber.org.

Special edition **10th Anniversary Gettysburg Wine & Music Festival T-shirts** are still available. Get yours at the discounted rate of \$10. A variety of sizes in three colors (sand, ice and white) are available. Email info@gettysburg-chamber.org or call 717.334.8151.

Put your expertise to work educating fellow chamber members by hosting a 45-minute **Lunch & Learn** program, a monthly series over lunch designed for a small, interested audience. Contact Jennifer McCleaf at 717.334.8151 or jenniferm@gettysburg-chamber.org to discuss how you can give your business extra exposure while providing an important service to Adams County's business community.

Holiday

Jackpot

Raffle

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Hosted by Wyndham Gettysburg

GRAND PRIZE	\$1,000
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Member Spotlight

Transitions Healthcare

A New Way to Look at Health Problems, A Better Way to Treat People

With the vision of creating a better rehab and long-term care option, the team behind Transitions Healthcare opened its first pioneering facility in Sykesville, Md., in 2007. Now with seven locations throughout Maryland, Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia, including a Gettysburg facility that opened in 2011, Transitions is a leader in rehab and long-term care.

Transitions goes beyond traditional care to be more responsive to patient needs, with stronger continuation of physicians' treatment plans and closer coordination with hospitals. That means patients recovering from illness or surgery return to normal life as soon as possible – and return to the hospital less often.

Even when people require long-term care, transitions creates an upbeat, home-like atmosphere with life-enriching activities. Their Gettysburg facility, in the former Green Acres Adams County Nursing and Rehab Center, has undergone nearly \$1 million in renovations to upgrade medical equipment and make it more inviting for residents to live there. Residents enjoy weekly happy hours with smoothies, movie nights, a community trick-or-treat night, and even a county fair complete with games, an egg race and fair food.

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- Programs that improve outcomes, including a pioneering cardiac rehab program that pairs patients with medical, therapy and dietary professionals to help them recover fully and return home.

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The Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry hosts the 2014 Annual Human Resources Conference Tuesday, Dec. 2, at the Hershey Lodge. The conference will provide tangible, practical steps and sound advice that human resources professionals can immediately apply to help make their difficult jobs a little easier. Cost is \$325 for members and \$385 for non-members. For details or to register, visit pachamber.org/conf or call 877.866.8965.

The **Adams County SPCA** Gala Fundraiser is Saturday, Nov. 8, at the 1863 Inn of Gettysburg. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., with a silent auction from 5:30-7 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. and a live auction at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased by calling 717.334.8876.



Businesses are invited to enter the **Gettysburg Festival** Gingerbread Competition Dec. 5-6 at HACC-Gettysburg. **Destination Gettysburg**

took home the traveling Ginger Trophy at the first competition last year with their recreation of the Lincoln Train Station. Register by Nov. 22 at gettysburgfestival.org.

The **Adams Rescue Mission** hosts a spaghetti dinner and silent auction Friday, Nov. 14, from 4-7 p.m. at the Intersection Church. The silent auction features gift baskets, Christmas gift items, Coach purses and gift certificates to local businesses. Proceeds benefit the mission's homeless shelter programs. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Call 717.334.7502 for details.



The Sgt. Mac Foundation is seeking donations and volunteers for its National Wreath Project in memory of Gettysburg's own Sergeant Eric McColley and other military men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice. This year the group will place 10,000 wreaths Dec. 5 in Gettysburg National Cemetery and Dec. 6 in Quantico National Cemetery. Donations can be sent to the Sgt. Mac Foundation, Attn: Stan Clark, 915 Fairview Ave., Gettysburg, PA 17325. Call 717.337.1728 for more information or to volunteer.



Totem Pole Playhouse has launched its Annual Fund drive to help underwrite the playhouse's year-round operating costs, fund their upcoming 65th summer season and to finance some much needed repairs at the 44-year-old playhouse. Donations can be made online at totempoleplayhouse.org/donate or by mail to P.O. Box 603, Fayetteville, PA 17222-0603.

The Gettysburg area **Edward Jones** financial advisors have joined together to support the Adams County Marine Corps Toys for Tots program by using their offices as drop-off locations for this year's toy drive starting Nov. 1. Drop off new, unwrapped toys at Erik Hendricks office, 17 E. Middle St., or Frank Pizzuto's office, 249 York St.



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The **Adams County Community Foundation** Giving Spree is from 4-7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 12, at the **Gettysburg Hotel**. Representatives from community organizations, including the **Adams County Economic Education Foundation**, will discuss their programs as attendees make monetary gifts to support missions that make the community a better place to live.

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Reservations for 14th Annual Community Prayer Breakfast - Nov. 12, 2014

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Adams County Economic Education Foundation

Preparing Adams County's Future Workforce

The future of Adams County depends on our youth – our upcoming leaders and workforce. The Adams County Economic Education Foundation bridges the gap between the business and education communities to prepare students with essential skills for future employment. More than 30,000 local students have benefited since 1991.



CAREER FAIR

All Adams County schools send high school sophomores to this half-day career discovery event at Gettysburg College. More than 60 careers are represented by local experts. Each student may attend three presentations of their choosing.

INTRODUCTION TO MANUFACTURING & BUSINESS

An 18-week intensive course, with HACC Gettysburg Campus, that puts high school seniors in the center of local business operations.

MENTORING PROGRAM

A two-year program that pairs at-risk high school students with positive role models who are actively engaged in their lives and help them develop skills in goal setting, occupation selection, giving and receiving criticism and money and time management.

SENIOR SELF IMPROVEMENT

A recognition program that provides cash awards to high school seniors from each of the county's school districts who show the most improvement during their senior year in grades, attendance, behavior, effort and service to others. This is typically the first time the students are recognized for their work in a public forum.

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Series Honors Women in Leadership

by Ashley Andyshak Hayes, Director of Advocacy and Public Relations,
YWCA of Gettysburg & Adams County

Adams County is home to female leaders in a variety of fields, including medicine, government, education, business, law and many others. This year at the YWCA Gettysburg & Adams County, we've had the privilege of hearing from just a handful of these inspiring women during our Women's Leadership Brown Bag Lunch Series.

We continue our theme this month at noon on Tuesday, Nov. 18, with a presentation by Dr. Marijka Grey, associate medical director for quality and innovation at WellSpan Health. The session is free and open to the public, and will be held in the YWCA Community Room, 909 Fairfield Road. Our Brown Bag Lunch series isn't just for women; men are most welcome to attend.

Women hold far fewer leadership positions than men across the board, and we have designed our series to provide an opportunity for women in our community to learn from others' experiences so that they can begin to envision themselves in leadership roles.

We are currently planning our 2015 Brown Bag Lunch series to continue our Women's Leadership Theme. If you would like to present at an upcoming session, or if you know a female leader in our community, in any field, who has an inspiring story to share, email Ashley Andyshak Hayes at aahayes@ywcagettysburg.org or call 717.334.9171, ext. 113.



Dr. Marijka Grey

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by Walt Tuchalski, Member, Gettysburg Area Retail Merchants' Association

November is upon us and the streets of downtown Gettysburg will soon be decorated for Christmas, the tree will stand tall on the Square, Santa will keep visiting hours in his Shanty, stores will be fully stocked with gifts, entries for the annual \$1,000 Shopping Spree Giveaway will be open and the holiday shopping blitz will be underway.

GARMA gift certificates are welcomed gifts that are honored at most of our more than 75 member locations. Gift certificates are available in denominations of \$5, \$10 and \$20 and available for purchase at T&S Clothing & Gifts on Chambersburg Street, the Gettysburg Heritage Center on Steinwehr Avenue and Goin' Postal at The Outlet Shoppes at Gettysburg on Baltimore Pike.

Celebrate 1st Friday – Gettysburg Style this Friday, Nov. 7, when participating members will be open extended hours, offering specials, extra hospitality, unique events, entertainment and unusual opportunities at their locations.

GARMA and Goin' Postal will join the community to send holiday boxes to our troops currently serving overseas. The "Salute the Troops" campaign kicks off Nov. 1. Collection boxes are available at participating members to accept donations of requested items throughout November and Goin' Postal will generously ship them to our military men and women stationed overseas during the holidays.

Learn more about the benefits of GARMA membership by contacting Walt Tuchalski at 717.309.2482. Download a membership application and more at gettysburgretailmerchants.com.

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September Membership Mixer hosted by the
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Congratulations to the September door prize winners:

Member Spotlight
David Laughman, DL3 Systems

Adams County Montage Print
Alex Hayes, Gettysburg Times

10th Anniversary Gettysburg Wine & Music Festival T-Shirt
Randy Prasse, Gettysburg Festival
Jean Thomas, Individual Member

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR 2015 MIXERS

Whether you're new in town or an area landmark, a mixer allows you to acquaint the community with your products and services and establish rapport with business leaders. Mixers are from 4-6 p.m. or 5-7 p.m. the third Thursday of each month.

Join us for these upcoming mixers in 2015:

Jan. 15	Hilton Garden Inn-Gettysburg
Feb. 19	Leer Photography
March 19	Eisenhower Hotel
April 16	Gettysburg Lutheran Retirement Village
May 21	St. Joseph's Ministries
June 18	The Corner Brick
July 16	Mister Ed's Elephant Museum & Candy Emporium
Aug. 20	Colony House Furniture & Mattress Store
Sept. 17	Financial Consulate
Oct. 15	Adams County SPCA
Nov. 19	Transitions Healthcare



November 2014 Events

Nov. 3

Staff Meeting, 9 a.m., Chamber Office

Nov. 4

Chamber Chat Content Deadline

Nov. 5

Career Fair Meeting, 1 p.m.,
Chamber Office

Annual Meeting, 5:30-7:30 p.m.,
Gettysburg National Military Park
Museum & Visitor Center

Nov. 7

Membership Council Meeting, 8:30 a.m.,
Chamber Office

Nov. 10

Staff Meeting, 9 a.m., Chamber Office

Nov. 11

Chamber Board Charge, 7:45 a.m.-Noon,
Adams County Agricultural and Natural
Resources Center

Environmental Team Meeting, Noon,
Chamber Office

Nov. 12

Prayer Breakfast, 7 a.m.,
Wyndham Gettysburg

Nov. 12

Adams County Community Foundation
Giving Spree, 4-7 p.m., Gettysburg Hotel

Nov. 13

Legislative Team Meeting, Noon,
Gettysburg Eddie's

Nov. 17

Staff Meeting, 9 a.m., Chamber Office

Nov. 24

Staff Meeting, 9 a.m., Chamber Office

Nov. 27-28

Thanksgiving Holiday, Chamber Office
Closed

The Celebrity Grape Stomp at the 10th Annual Gettysburg Wine & Music Festival helped raise close to \$500 for the local community. Pictured, Representative Dan Moul (left) and Gettysburg Borough Council Member Scot Pitzer (right) steady HACC-Gettysburg Vice President Shannon Harvey (center) as she stomps 30 pounds of grapes for charity. The event was sponsored by Biggerstaff's Catering. See page 2 for more details.





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