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# Prayer Breakfast

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### Wednesday, October 16, 2024

The Refectory at the United Lutheran Seminary  
145 Seminary Ridge, Gettysburg

8:00 a.m. Registration/Breakfast  
8:30 a.m. - Program

**Cost \$22**

Pre-registration is required.  
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**Speaker:**  
**The Honorable Chris Menges**

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The Honorable N. Christopher Menges





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## THE CHAMBER GETTYSBURG & ADAMS COUNTY

Chartered in 1919, The Chamber of Gettysburg & Adams County is Adams County's oldest and largest business organization. The chamber supports and strengthens its members and the Adams County area by promoting diverse economic opportunities through advocacy, building relationships, providing timely information and developing leaders for the future. Nearly 530 local businesses and organizations have made an investment in Adams County through membership.

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# BUSINESS BRIEFS

The **bolded** businesses in Business Briefs are Chamber members. Submit news to [news@gettysburg-chamber.org](mailto:news@gettysburg-chamber.org) by the second Tuesday of each month for inclusion in the following month's publication.

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This past Independence Day, the Veterans Club at **Amblebrook at Gettysburg**, hosted a community barbecue raffle and fundraiser. The event was attended by

approximately 250 Amblebrook residents and featured delicious food, live music from Amblebrook's resident band the AmbleBand, and a raffle where 43 sponsors donated prizes for charity. The event was a tremendous success, with \$3,320 raised and donated to Roots for Boots, a local organization that supports the needs of military heroes and their families with monthly food banks and specialized items to assist disabled Veterans.



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**The York Water Company's** President and CEO, JT Hand, announced that the Board of Directors, at their August 26<sup>th</sup> meeting, declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.2108 per share. The dividend is payable October 15, 2024, to shareholders as a record

date September 30, 2024. This is the 615<sup>th</sup> consecutive dividend to be paid by The York Water Company. York Water, which is the oldest publicly traded company in the nation, has never missed a dividend in over 208 years. This is believed to be the longest record of consecutive dividends in America.



*Central Penn Business Journal* has selected Evan Wabrick, CPA, MBA, Member of the Firm at **SEK, CPAs & Advisors** as a Forty Under 40 recipient for 2024. Wabrick joined SEK in 2014 and is in the firm's Carlisle office. He was admitted as a Member of the Firm in January 2023

and delivers comprehensive accounting, consulting, and tax services to a diverse clientele of individuals and businesses. He specializes in working with clients in the retail, healthcare, manufacturing, construction, financial services, and real estate industries. Wabrick serves as a leader of the firm's State & Local Tax (SALT) services, assuming responsibility for the preparation and review of multi-state tax returns.



A new exhibit at **Beyond the Battle Museum**, featuring never-before-seen items from President Eisenhower and his family, was officially unveiled with a ribbon cutting ceremony on August 27.

The exhibit, developed and installed by **Adams County Historical Society** team members, including Director

of Education Tim Smith, Archivist & Curator Mary Procopio and Archives Intern Vivek Rallabandi, offers a rare look into President Dwight David Eisenhower's personal life and his connection to Gettysburg.



At an intimate gathering of supporters, **Hoffman Homes** CEO, Rebecca Van Der Groef unveiled a new brand for the mental and behavioral health organization. Formulating a new logo, tagline, and look for Hoffman has been

in the works for over a year following the expansion and success of three new programs launched in 2022. The new logo symbolizes community. Over the next few months, Hoffman Homes will implement the new brand.

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## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

### Totem Pole Playhouse

Ryan Gibbs, Producing Artistic Director

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#### Let's meet Ryan Gibbs with Totem Pole Playhouse!

Founded in 1950, Totem Pole Playhouse has earned a national reputation for providing fantastic professional theatre accessible to all. Each summer season, over 20,000 patrons from across the Mid-Atlantic states attend performances at the theater. This past May, Totem Pole Playhouse welcomed a new Producing Artistic Director to breathe new life into the theatre as they enter their 75<sup>th</sup> season.

"I have a long history with the playhouse as Director, Lighting Designer and Stage Manager," Ryan Gibbs said.

As the new Producing Artistic Director, Gibbs is responsible for supervising general operations, finding ways to engage with the audience, overseeing philanthropic development, choosing programming and hiring guest artists. Born in York County, Gibbs moved to New York City for fifteen years and now lives in Lancaster, PA and happily spends his summers in Caledonia State Park at Totem Pole Playhouse.

"Before this, I ran the Allenberry Playhouse in Boiling Springs, PA and worked on Broadway Shows and National Tours of such titles as *Wicked*, *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child*, *Rent* and *Mary Poppins*," Gibbs said.

Each season, between Memorial and Labor Day, the theater produces six titles and one holiday show. They usually select well-known comedies, murder mysteries, and Broadway-style musicals. This year two shows stand out in Gibbs' mind.

"We staged a truly spectacular production of *Tuesdays with Morrie* that I hold dear," he said, "However, much like how we feel about our children, we take immense pride in and love all of our shows. Our run of *Jersey Boys* was a standout success, with nearly every performance sold out."

Getting to curate entertainment for the community is a challenge and a joy that Gibbs loves about his job. Describing

that Totem Pole is more than just a venue, but a community gathering spot that offers a refreshing experience that fosters connections among people.

"Each day we open our doors, everyone involved—the actors, the audience, the staff, and the ushers—experiences a unique moment in time together," Gibbs expressed. "It's a fleeting snapshot that we all share, never to be the same again."

Sharing the love of community theater is important to not only Gibbs, but also the mission of the theater as well. With that in mind, Totem Pole Playhouse offers three performances, each year, to Adams County students at little or no cost.

"This initiative is part of our broader commitment to giving back to the local community," Gibbs explained. "By making these shows accessible, we aim to inspire and engage young minds, fostering a love for the arts."

Through these efforts, they provide the community with top-tier entertainment while also providing support and enriching the lives of the next generation.

#### What makes Adams County such a great place to do business?

The variety. Where tradition and history collaborate with innovation and eyes on the future. Complementing this is the diverse mix of patrons who travel from all over the world to spend time here, enriching our community with their unique perspectives.

#### As someone doing business in Adams County, how does the chamber help you?

The chamber provides invaluable resources and enhances our business through robust communication and support! This collaboration not only boosts our visibility and growth but also strengthens our role within the community.

## BIZ BUZZ

Located in Fayetteville, Pennsylvania, the mission of the Totem Pole Playhouse is to provide superior professional theater at affordable prices, to introduce a diverse population to the joys of live theater, and to give young people an opportunity to learn about the arts.



## #FreshFaces

HealthMarkets

**Lawrence  
Williams**

**Independent  
Insurance Agent**

### **Who am I:**

I am an independent licensed insurance agent that is licensed in 16 states. I help others with their insurance needs in health, life, accident, Medicare, Small business and supplemental insurance.

My goals are to understand the individual or family's needs and situation. Then educate them on the options available to make a well-informed decision. Whether it's health insurance or a life policy, I want to ensure that I am doing the best I can to protect them and their loved ones as well as their financial assets.

### **What I love about the Adams County community:**

What I love about the Adams County community is the love and support that we provide for each other. I also love the relationships that I have established with the community.

### **Fun fact about yourself:**

I am a member of the Adams County Sports Hall of Fame for athletic careers in high school and college.

## CHAMBER CHAT

### **Seeking Donations**

Before you know it, Christmas will be here and with Christmas time comes the Chamber Chance Raffle! Funds raised through the raffle help support membership programming throughout the year. The Chamber Chance Raffle gives a chance to win every day in January and uses the winning numbers from the PA Lottery. Each day is sponsored by an organization or business and provides cash value prizes. If your business would like to sponsor a prize or donate a prize, reach out to Maura Herron at [maurah@gettysburg-chamber.org](mailto:maurah@gettysburg-chamber.org).

### **Successful Gettysburg Wine and Music Festival**

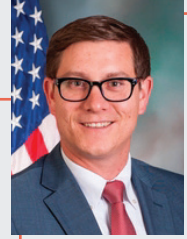
The chamber would like to thank everyone who came out to the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Gettysburg Wine and Music Festival. Putting together the festival takes hundreds of hands and we appreciate everyone who pitched in and helped! The festival was a great success, and thousands enjoyed the new location, vendors, and live music.

### **Confirm Your Directory Listing**

Planning for the 2024-25 *Adams County Living*, the chamber's annual publication showcasing chamber members and Adams County, is in full swing. Look for an email in the coming weeks to confirm your listing information and respond with approval or corrections by the deadline. For any questions regarding your membership listing in the directory, reach out to Annie Burns at [annieb@gettysburg-chamber.org](mailto:annieb@gettysburg-chamber.org) or call 717.334.8151.

# ADVOCACY UPDATES

## A WEALTH OF INFORMATION AWAITS AT MY SENIOR EXPO REPRESENTATIVE TORREN ECKER



Each year, I am fortunate to host a Senior Expo at the Cross Keys Village in New Oxford. This fun-filled event is truly a highlight of the year. I get to meet so many wonderful residents and attendees gain a lot of information about the countless services available to older Pennsylvanians.

This year, the Senior Expo will be held in the Nicarry Meetinghouse from 9-11 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 11.

Those who attended in the past left with information about medical equipment, transportation, health programs and legal services from local organizations and businesses. It will be the same this year. There will also be free giveaways and the ever-popular door prizes will be awarded.

Though the event is geared toward older residents, I also encourage caregivers, such as sons and daughters of seniors, to attend so they know what services are available.

My Senior Expo is only a success thanks to the countless local businesses and organizations, as well as the statewide agencies, that take part. We are always looking for new senior-oriented businesses to join the excitement. Local business owners interested in taking part can contact my office at 717- 259-7805 for more information, or to register.

## 911 TEXT SERVICE NOW AVAILABLE IN ALL COUNTIES REPRESENTATIVE DAN MOUL



The Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) announced that it is now possible to text 911 in any county across the Commonwealth. Simply type 911 in the address field of a new text. Then provide as much detail as possible about your location and emergency.

Texting 911 is ideal for those with hearing or speech disabilities or in situations when it's impossible or unsafe to talk. PEMA still recommends calling, when possible, as it provides background sounds and context clues to aid operators and emergency responders.

Just as with a voice call, the 911 telecommunicator will ask questions about your emergency – confirming your location, the people involved, and any other details that are important to responders. Texting conversations take time, so please be patient and be as clear and concise as possible.

A text or data plan is required to place a text to 911.

Text-to-911 conversations cannot include more than one person.

Do not use abbreviations or emojis.

While voice calls occur in real-time, texts do not. They may be delayed, get out of order, or not be received at all. Call when possible. Finally, location information is crucial! Text signals are limited to the cell tower your cell phone is communicating through. A 911 telecommunicator won't automatically know where you are.

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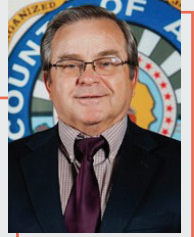
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## CONFERENCE HAPPENINGS

### COUNTY COMMISSIONER JIM MARTIN



Adams County was the 2024 host for the Annual County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania Summer Conference. This conference had the highest attendance of any commissioner's conference on record; there were 540 attendees.

The conference was held at Gateway Gettysburg and received wonderful support from Destination Gettysburg and area businesses providing special gift basket items to all attending commissioners and staff. Adams County takes great pride in providing an impressive gift basket of authentic Adams County products. Not only do we want our guests to feel welcome, but to remember that Adams County is a great place to visit, relax and enjoy. Attendees repeatedly expressed their thanks to the Adams County Commissioners for hosting a very enjoyable conference. Frequently we were told, "We will be returning to Adams County." That is definitely one of our goals in hosting the conference, future tourism.

At the conference two special people were recognized for their outstanding contributions to Adams County and County Government. Randy Phiel was awarded the PA Outstanding Commissioner of the Year. Also, Adams County's Solicitor, Molly Mudd was awarded PA's Outstanding County Solicitor of the Year. These awards were the highlight of the conference.



**Election Day:**  
**November 5**



# VOTER INFORMATION



**Last Day to Register:**  
**October 21**

**Last Day to Submit  
Absentee or Mail-in  
Ballot Application:**  
**October 29**





## THE INTERNET IS SCARY

*Written by Shannon McCleary, TREYSTA Marketing & Account Manager*

I'm in my mid-30s. Growing up I was told never to share my personal information on the internet. Don't immediately believe what people share. Double check links and information. Did I always listen? Of course not! But it did set a foundation for how I view online content today.

Does anyone remember "rickrolling"? If not, it was an internet prank where someone would trick you into clicking a link that unexpectedly led to the music video for Rick Astley's "Never Gonna Give You Up." What a foresight into practicing security awareness! This meme had an entire generation second guessing the links they may have blindly clicked before.

With the rise of social media, people have become lackadaisical about the information they both share and read. Unfortunately, bad actors love when you do this. You may unknowingly share false content or maybe you comment on something you know is incorrect – which pushes the content higher for more people to see. Not only that, but with AI blindly gathering information, AI can now pretend to be anyone and everyone.

AI can take your voice and image and create life-like videos or voice overs. The FTC calls this "voice-cloning phishing scams". Victims receive calls using a cloned voice from a panicked friend or relative demanding money for their "dire" situation. Businesses are also targets. Some companies lost hundreds of thousands of dollars due to this scam. If you find yourself receiving a call like this – hang up and call the person directly to verify.

Not only can you, your friends, family, or co-workers become targets – so can celebrities and

politicians. With it being an election year, "deepfakes" are on the rise. Deepfakes are highly realistic, AI-generated content that manipulates media to make it appear as though someone is saying or doing something they never actually did.

Sadly, social media giants such as Facebook have openly admitted they purposely show you negative and fake content to drive engagement. Knowing this, bad actors create spam pages or "click bait" just to draw in your attention. Don't fall for it! Would the person in the video or image really do that or do you wish they did or didn't?

The internet doesn't have to be scary. Here are some tips to up your security game. Lock your social media profiles to private and enable multifactor authentication on everything. Don't share information you wouldn't want the whole world to know. Double check the information you're viewing; is it too good to be true or make you angry? Always think before you click and never think you won't become a victim of a phishing scam!

Additionally, it's important to share security awareness with your friends, family, and co-workers. Make sure to remind the kids in your life to never share their personal information online.

October begins Cybersecurity Awareness Month, an annual campaign to boost the importance of staying safe online. You can visit [staysafeonline.org](https://staysafeonline.org) for more great security awareness tips. Stay safe!

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**"AI can take your voice and image and create life-like videos or voice overs"**



## CHAMBER EVENTS

### OCTOBER 2

Federal Legislative Luncheon | 11:30 a.m.,  
Wyndham Gettysburg

YPR | 5-7 p.m., Gettysburg Tour Center

### OCTOBER 8

Executive Committee Meeting | 8 a.m., chamber office

County Connections | 11:30 a.m., The Markets at Hanover

### OCTOBER 10

Governmental Affairs Committee Meeting | 12 p.m.,  
chamber office

### OCTOBER 15

Membership Orientation | 3 p.m., chamber office

### OCTOBER 16

Prayer Breakfast | 8 a.m., The Refectory at United Lutheran  
Seminary

### OCTOBER 23

Ambassador Committee Meeting | 11:30 a.m., chamber  
office

### OCTOBER 24

Board of Directors Meeting | 8 a.m., chamber office

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### OCTOBER 5

Improv Show | 7- 8:30 p.m.

Gettysburg Community Theatre

717.334.2692 | [gettysburgcommunitytheatre.org](http://gettysburgcommunitytheatre.org)

### OCTOBER 8

Medicare 101 at Gettysburg Library | 10-11 a.m.

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### OCTOBER 12

Buddy Walk at Gettysburg Rec Park | 2:30-4:30 p.m.

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### OCTOBER 19

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### OCTOBER 20

Chill on the Hill Beer & Pretzelfest

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### OCTOBER 22

Gettysburg Halloween Parade | 7:15 p.m.

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## Annual Meeting

Thursday, November 14, 2024

The Refectory at United Lutheran Seminary

4:30 p.m. - Self-Guided Museum Tours

5:00 p.m. - Networking and Heavy Hors d'oeuvres

6:00 p.m. - Program Begins

Join us for an evening recognizing the 2024  
Outstanding Citizen of the Year and Chamber  
Volunteer of the Year. We will also recognize  
outgoing board members and newly elected  
board members.

Cost is \$40 per person which includes  
hors d'oeuvres, one drink ticket, and a  
self-guided tour of the Seminary Ridge Museum.

Registration deadline is November 4, 2024.  
Refunds will not be issued after registration deadline.

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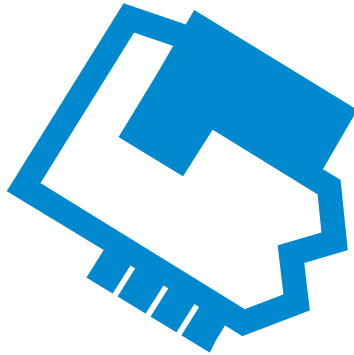
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