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Army Heritage Education Foundation announces that seven Pennsylvania students received honors at the 2021 National History Day (NHD) Contest held virtually June 13-19. They were among the 56 students from the Commonwealth vying for top honors at the international competition, which brought together 2,627 competing students from 57 U.S. states and territories and foreign nations. Pennsylvania's 56 students represented 0.2% of the students competing, yet brought home 1% of the medals awarded for entries that finished in the top three, a level of achievement that is a testament to the strength of the NHD in PA program and the Commonwealth's educational system. To learn more about the NHD in PA program, including how to participate, please contact State Coordinator Jeff Hawks at <u>eddirector@</u> <u>armyheritage.org</u> or 717-258-1102.

**Barley Snyder** announces the following: The Pennsylvania Bar Association Real Property, Probate, and Trust Law Section has named Barley Snyder attorney Reilly S. Noetzel to its council. Luke T. Weber, an attorney in the Barley Snyder Litigation Practice Group, has followed a long line of firm members and has graduated from the Leadership Lancaster program. Weber is one of more than two dozen Barley Snyder professionals that have graduated from Leadership Lancaster, whose mission is to develop outstanding community leadership to support the needs of Lancaster County, according to its website.

In partnership with the Pennsylvania State Police and local police departments, **Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Capital Region (BBBSCR)** will present at the Big Brothers Big Sisters of America's National Conference. This conference, Bigger Together, takes place virtually June 28-July 1, 2021. More than 300 Big Brothers Big Sisters affiliates will receive guidance from BBBSCR and PA law enforcement.

Bhutanese Nepali Evangelical Church of Harrisburg recently purchased 6580 Mifflin Avenue in Harrisburg. Most recently, the Church has been leasing the space in the Rutherford neighborhood. With the purchase, the Church will continue operations at this site with their 200-person congregation. The **Bill Gladstone Group of NAICIR** represented the seller and Senada Mavric of ReMax 1st Advantage represented the buyer.

Susquehanna Style magazine's annual reader poll to find the "best of the best" in the region has named **Boyer & Ritter CPAs and Consultants** Best Accounting Firm in the Harrisburg area. The magazine's survey – open to its more than 80,000 readers – asks participants to rank businesses in everything from best breweries and lunch spots to banks and law firms. A complete list of Best of Harrisburg winners is available in this month's Susquehanna Style magazine. Murphy pointed to Boyer & Ritter's work helping firms navigate COVID-19 business relief programs, including the Payroll Protection Program, ERTC, and EIDL. This ongoing effort has made Boyer & Ritter a trusted source consulted by other accounting firms and businesses nationwide.

Regional premier advisory firm, **Brown Schultz Sheridan** & Fritz (BSSF), hires new team members in Pennsylvania: Wendy J. Rhoads joined as a SBAS Senior Associate, Sarah A. Berg joind the firm as a Staff Accountant, Ivan Sanchez Garcia joined as a Staff Accountant, and Connor R. Shoop joined as a Staff Accountant.

After months of speculation the Lower Allen Township Development Authority and **Campbell Commercial Real Estate** is confirming that Trader Joe's will occupy 12,500 square feet of retail space in Lower Allen Commons, where the former Camp Hill Bon-Ton was located. Trader Joe's, which is known for providing great, quality products at every day, affordable prices, has more than 500 stores in 42 states, including Washington Dc. The location off Rt. 15 at Lower Allen Drive will mark the first-ever Trader Joe's store in the mid-state area. Currently, the closest stores are in State College, Baltimore, and Philadelphia. Construction is underway, and the store is expected to open in early 2022.

**Central Penn College**, in conjunction with UPMC, will host a COVID–19 vaccination clinic on Friday, Aug. 6, at the college's Conference Center from 10 a.m. to noon. Attendees will have the option of receiving one of two vaccines: Johnson & Johnson (one shot) or Pfizer (two shots). "Depending on the response from the community, hours for the clinic could be extended," said Azondekon. All Central Penn College students and employees are highly encouraged to receive the COVID-19 vaccination, if they haven't already done so. To schedule your vaccination, go to: <u>https://vaccine.upmc.com</u>.

Join **Central Penn College** for any of their upcoming August events: Summer Block Party on August 7th from 11am – 1:30pm with FREE Admission, the 50th Central Penn College Golf Open on Friday, August 13th from 8a.m. – 2pm, and Harrisburg Taco and Margarita Fest on Saturday, August 14th 11am – 6pm. Register here for the <u>Golf Outing</u> or here for the <u>Taco and Margarita Fest</u>.

Starting in the fall term, students can earn a certificate in Bookkeeping in just nine months. The new 18-credit Bookkeeping Certificate Program—which is offered online and in-person at the Lancaster Center—provides students the financial background they need to successfully enter this vital career field. Students in the program will take two courses a term for three terms, earning their Bookkeeping Certificate in less than a year! **Central Penn College** operates on a year-round schedule of quarterly, 11-week terms. "Our accelerated schedule is built for working professionals who are ready to change careers or make the leap to the next level," said Lipschutz, who teaches a variety of business courses. To learn more about the Bookkeeping Certificate Program of to apply, go to: www.centralpenn.edu/bkc.

**Doceo**, a family and employee-owned technology company headquartered in York, Pennsylvania, has opened a new office location in Lebanon County. The 1,800 square foot sales and service center is located at 604 Cumberland Street in downtown Lebanon. The new office space is in the same building as the Lebanon Valley Chamber of Commerce. This office is one of eleven Doceo branch locations that are strategically positioned throughout Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia. "The decision to expand our presence in Lebanon had been on our radar prior to the pandemic. Then in February of this year, we decided to make the long-term commitment to an office in downtown Lebanon..." said John Lewis, President and CEO of Doceo.

The **Greater Harrisburg Association of REALTORS®** Foundation hosted its Annual Golf Outing on Wednesday, June 23, 2021, at Armitage Golf Club in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. Proceeds will benefit housing-related charities in the Greater Harrisburg area. For the 144 golfers, a shotgun start marked the beginning of the tournament at noon. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Foundation did not hold the dinner portion of the event again this year and made some logistical changes. The Foundation thanks everyone for their cooperation.

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Taylor Chip Cookie Co. has purchased a 3.3 acre parcel located in West Hempfield Township, at 1780 Columbia Avenue, Columbia, from the Estate of Barry Newhart, Amy Deptula, Gwen Goldfarb and Michael Goldfarb. Owners Doug and Sara Taylor plan on building a 20,000 SF creamery. 5,000 SF will be retail and the rest will be split amongst their fulfillment facility, cookie baking and creamery, which will process milk into all-natural ice cream and produce cream and butter for their 6-ounce cookies. Annette Cassel Means of **High Associates Ltd**. represented the Seller and Mark H. Diffenderfer of Hess Realty, LLC represented the Buyer. The Worship Academy School of the Arts has leased 2,175 SF in the City of Harrisburg, at The Harrisburg Transportation Center 415 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA from The Redevelopment Authority of The City of Harrisburg. Annette Cassel Means of High Associates Ltd. represented the Lessee and William Gladstone of NAI CIR – Bill Gladstone represented the Lessor.

Landmark Commercial Realty is pleased to announce Michael Curran, President and Executive Managing Director, has achieved the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors® (SIOR) designation. The Society of Industrial and Office Realtors® (SIOR) represents the world's elite in industrial and office brokerage. With more than 3,460 members in 42 countries, SIOR represents today's most knowledgeable, experienced, and successful commercial real estate brokerage specialists. Landmark Commercial Realty is pleased to announce the addition of Colleen Erickson, NCIDQ, to its growing team. Erickson will serve as Director of Facility Planning as part of the newly expanded client services platform. Colleen will work directly with owners and occupiers, delivering a dynamic suite of services that will significantly benefit clients in their relocation or right-sizing analysis.

**McKonly & Asbury** – a regional accounting and business advisory services firm – announced promotions for nine of its team members. One advances to Senior Manager, two to Manager, three to Supervisor, and three to Senior Accountant. Also announced was the hiring of Director of Client Engagement and Growth, Robert Duffield.

**Members 1st Federal Credit Union** recently received news that it was named as one of America's Best-In-State Credit Unions of 2021. This prestigious award is presented by Forbes and Statista Inc., the world-leading statistics portal and industry ranking provider. The awards list was announced on June 24 and can currently be viewed on the Forbes website. Members 1st FCU serves nearly half a million members through its network of almost 60 branch locations throughout Central Pennsylvania, as well as its robust digital banking and call center channels. To learn more about Members 1st, visit <u>www.members1st.org</u> or call (800) 283-2328.

**Mid Penn Bank** headquartered in Millersburg, Pennsylvania, and Riverview Financial Corporation, headquartered in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, today jointly announced the signing of a definitive merger agreement pursuant to which Mid Penn will acquire Riverview in an all-stock transaction valued at approximately \$124.7 million (based upon Mid Penn's closing stock price of \$27.47 for the trading day ending June 29, 2021).

For over 40 years **Mountz Jewelers** has been a leader in the jewelry industry, committed to offering their customers an extraordinary shopping experience. As of this summer, that experience has been taken to the next level with remodels of the Camp Hill and Colonial Park/Harrisburg locations. Both remodels will keep the stores modern and exciting, offering customers the most incredible jewelry shopping experience possible. "Mountz Jewelers is always honored to be invited into our customers' lives, celebrations, milestones, and special moments," says Tonia Leitzel Ulsh, President, COO, and Co-Owner of Mountz Jewelers. "From the moment they enter any of our three stores, they can trust that we'll go above and beyond to create their perfect Mountz Moment. With the updating of our stores, we will be able to continue this tradition." Thursday, August 5 to Saturday, August 7, customers will have a chance to explore both beautifully remodeled stores. Visit Mountz Jewelers in Camp Hill and Colonial Park/Harrisburg during these three days to enjoy wine, champagne and other refreshments while perusing new jewelry inventory.

The 2nd floor office suite located at 5241 Simpson Ferry Road in Mechanicsburg has been leased to Depalma Construction. Headquartered in Etters, PA, Depalma Construction will operate their branch office in Mechanicsburg. Amber Corbo, of **NAI CIR**, represented both the landlord and the tenant.

**PRworks**, a branding, marketing and public relations firm with a presence in Harrisburg and the Williamsport area, has promoted Keri Oram to senior strategist and Carly Grazette to strategist. "I couldn't be prouder of Keri and Carly and what they accomplish for our wide range of clients," said Jason Kirsch, partner and senior counselor at PRworks. "We pride ourselves on our collaborative approach, strategic thinking and versatility – and Carly and Keri each live and breathe that in everything they do. Whether strategizing and executing a long-term program or a short-term campaign, they always bring their best and are always driven by what will achieve the best possible results for our clients."

**RKL LLP** announced the admission of four new partners to firm leadership: Travis A. Bieber, CPA, Benjamin J. Fortner, J.D., Timothy D. Kraft, CPA, and Joshua L. Weiss, CPA, MST. "We are proud to welcome Travis, Ben, Tim and Josh to the firm partnership," said RKL CEO Edward W. Monborne. "They are respected experts, trusted advisors and leaders among their colleagues and communities, and we are eager to see their contributions to the firm's ongoing success."

**The Salvation Army Harrisburg** SHOE STRUT event is Friday, October 1st. Join us at the Hershey Lodge for networking, lunch, silent and live auctions, a fashion trends presentation, contests and more! Proceeds from the event provide funding for The Salvation Army's 11 programs and services to the local community. Also, each ticketed guest enables a child in need to receive a voucher for a new pair of shoes which they get to select from a local retailer. And when kids have shoes they're proud of, they're far more likely to succeed in school! Visit www.shoestrut.com for sponsorship and ticket information, or email Cindy at cindy.minnich@use.salvationarmy.org. But hurry—we expect this event will once again sellout.

**Saxton & Stump** attorney Erik M. Hume was recently named Chair of the Pennsylvania Bar Association's (PBA) Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section. The section is PBA's largest and focuses on the interests of real estate and trusts and estates attorneys and their clients. The section is a leading voice on legislation related to real estate and trusts and estates matters. It is frequently consulted by legislators, committees and other interest groups on pending legislation and it reviews and advocates for specific bills. In his role as chair, Hume will be responsible for supervising and directing the work of the entire section, as well as leading the section's executive committee.

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**SEK, CPAs & Advisors** is pleased to announce the following team members have been promotioned effective July 1, 2021: Victoria A. Fiorino, CPA, MBA promoted to Tax Manager, Paul P. Previti, CPA promoted to Supervisor, Michael P. McCartney, MBA promoted to Senior Associate, and Hannah E. Bumbaugh, SHRM-CP promoted to Senior Human Resources Associate.

**SVN Latus** has the following properties available: Pennsylvania Business Center at 50 Utley Dr, Camp Hill, PA with 2,387-4,124 SF available at \$1,125,000, PA Business Center at 75 Utley Dr, Camp Hill, PA with 5,863 SF available at \$5.50 SF/YR, or 3540 Gettysburg Rd, Camp Hill with 1,440 – 6,885 SF available. Contact Ida McMurray at 717-737-2422 ext 1002 for more information.

**The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC)** announces that \$97,411 in grant funds have been awarded to 32 nonprofit organizations through four competitive grant opportunities. "The most rewarding part of what we do, is seeing our donors' charitable contributions go back into the community and serve those who need it most," says Janice Black, president and CEO of TFEC. "The impact of these funds will be felt throughout our entire geographic footprint." The grants were awarded through the Children's Home Fund, Family & Children Services of Lebanon County Fund, The Kids Trust Fund, and Perry County Community Foundation. For more information <u>click here</u>.

**UPMC** announced today that Urology of Central PA, Inc. (UCPA) will join its network of providers, effective July 1. The practice name will be UPMC Urology of Central PA. In addition, the UCPA Surgery Center will become part of UPMC and be named UPMC Community Surgery Center. Providers and transitioning staff become UPMC employees on July 1. There are no changes for existing and new patients who have an appointment with the practice after July 1. Phone numbers, hours of operation and existing locations in Harrisburg, Camp Hill, Newport and Millersburg will continue. In addition, patients will continue to have access to their patient portal. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 717-724-0720.

Join the **West Shore Young Professionals (WSYP)** for their August Events: "5 Things to know before you say "Go"!" on August 5 from 3:30 – 5:00pm in a hands on session as you learn to gain confidence in your ability to make marketing decisions and develop effective campaigns; "Unplugged with WSYP" on August 20 from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm to escape your office and join WSYP over lunch to enjoy great conversations with your peers; WSYP Charity Golf Outing on August 20 from 12:00-6:00pm at Rich Valley Golf as they host their first annual charity golf outing. Click here to register for any of these events: <u>https://www.wsyp.org/events</u>

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Building/Construction/Remodeling www.homeriteharrisburg.com

#### **Midwest Food Pantry**

Lori Renne 2700 Commerce Dr Middletown, PA 17057 (717) 614-8095 **Nonprofit** www.midwestfoodbank.com

#### PaulB Hardware

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#### 70+ years

Johnson, Duffie, Steward & Weidner, P.C. Kessler's Inc.

#### 60 - 69 years

Capital BlueCross R.T. Grim Company Ralph E. Jones Inc.

#### 50 - 59 years

Edwin L. Heim Company Radisson Hotel Harrisburg

#### 40 - 49 years

Boswell, Tintner & Piccola Highmark Blue Shield Lamar Advertising

#### 30 - 39 years

Abel Personnel / Abel Temps Brown Schultz Sheridan & Fritz Hamilton & Musser PC Mowery Construction PPL Corporation Property Management Inc. Roland Builder Inc.

#### 20 - 29 years

Allied Roofing & Sheetmetal Inc. Alpha Consulting Engineers Inc. Cumberland County Commissioners Fort Pitt Capital Group LLC Fulton Bank

#### 10 - 19 years

Edible Arrangements H.B. McClure Company LLC Mazzitti and Sullivan Counseling & EAP Services Travel Simplicity UPMC Harrisburg/West Shore Wiedeman & Douty PC

#### 5 - 9 years

Harrisburg University of Science and Technology Messiah University RSR Realtors

#### 1 - 4 years

Bobby Rahal Toyota Central Penn College Education Foundation Cornerstone Coffeehouse & Culinary Kitchen Great Road Settlement Services LLC RKL LLP