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Barley Snyder played an instrumental role in the settlement by the Maryland Department of Environment (MDE) and Blue Water Baltimore with Baltimore City to address state and federal pollution violations that occurred at Maryland's two largest Wastewater Treatment Plants (WWTPs) which are operated by the City. The settlement represents the largest civil penalty in Maryland for water pollution violations in at least 25 years and one of the largest civil penalties for violating any Maryland environmental law. The violations include the discharge of phosphorus and nitrogen that far exceeded regulatory standards, posing harm to the public and the Chesapeake Bay. Martin R. Siegel, an attorney in the firm's Environment & Energy Industry Group, served as co-counsel with the Chesapeake Legal Alliance in the representation of Blue Water Baltimore.

Boyer & Ritter's internship program scored ninth out of the 25 top programs in the accounting industry nationwide following a survey of more than 12,000 current and former interns by career research website company Vault-Firsthand. According to the Vault survey, Boyer & Ritter's internships also ranked 18 out of 100 top programs in any field. The findings supported feedback the firm received from many of its interns. "I enjoyed that the tasks given are actual tasks we would be doing as full-time employees. I also appreciated how much flexibility they have with working from home versus working in the office," said a recent Boyer & Ritter intern.

Two seasoned accountants with business and nonprofit experience are among the five new professionals recently welcomed to the **Boyer & Ritter** team: Garrett Murphy, CPA, joins the firm as Tax Manager, Kimberly Woodworth joins the firm as Supervisor. Joining Boyer & Ritter as Associates: Alicia Berryman, who interned with Boyer & Ritter last summer, Tyler McDonald earned a BS in Accounting from West Chester University, Amar Peco earned a BS in Accounting from Centenary University in Hackettstown, NJ, and an associate degree in science and biology from County College of Morris in Randolph, NJ. Boyer & Ritter is proud to announce the well-deserved promotion of four outstanding professionals to Supervisor roles and eleven to Senior Associate positions. Four Promoted to Supervisor: MacKenna Mahan, CPA, Geneka Zechman, CPA, James Farano, CPA, Christine Lingle. 11 Promoted to Senior Associate: Andrew Horst, CPA, Cassandra Root, Conrad Martin, Desirae Kerr, CPA, Emily Consoletti, John Sterner, Lydia Tamayo, Matthew J. Becker, CPA, Rachel M. Bosworth, CFE (Certified Fraud Examiner), and Rachel Miller.

900 Bent Creek, LLC has purchased the 10,000 square foot office building at 900 Bent Creek Blvd, Mechanicsburg from SREES, LLC. The Sellers of the Bent Creek building were represented by Laura Martin of SVN Latus, the Buyers were represented by Art Campbell and Jessica Gasper of **Campbell Commercial Real Estate, Inc.** 

**CAEDC** is proposing an adjustment to the county's hotel occupancy tax from the present 3% to the allowable 5%.

Funds raised from this incremental tax increase on overnight stays in Cumberland County lodging properties would enable CAEDC to better support its strategic plan. This increase would allow Cumberland Valley to remain competitive in marketing and selling our destination to drive visitation and support projects that enhance the visitor experience, ultimately benefitting local businesses and strengthening the community's overall quality of life. Learn more here: <a href="https://cumberlandareaeconomicdevelopmentcorporation.cmail20.com/t/t-l-vjhclt-jttjokho-d/">https://cumberlandareaeconomicdevelopmentcorporation.cmail20.com/t/t-l-vjhclt-jttjokho-d/</a>

F&M Trust is pleased to announce the following recent hires and promotions: Kristin Lombardi has been hired as Commercial Services Portfolio Manager in Harrisburg, Steve Nowowiejski has been hired as Systems Engineer in Chambersburg, Samantha Carbaugh has been hired as Loan Servicing Records Retention Specialist in Chambersburg, Larissa Cisneros has been hired as an Investment and Trust Services Support Specialist in Harrisburg, Pheonix Gilbert has been hired as Management Trainee in Chambersburg, Kathy Henson has been hired as Loan Servicing Specialist in Chambersburg, Johnathan Imboden has been hired as Residential Mortgage Processor in Camp Hill, Kristan Johanson has been hired as Staff Accountant at the corporate headquarters in Chambersburg, and Owen McCleaf has been hired as Credit Analyst in Chambersburg. Logan Elliott has been promoted to Business Performance Analyst, Tangela Gibbons has been promoted to Lead Financial Services Representative for the West Side Community Office, Chad Rydbom has been promoted to Vice President, Keira Velazquez has been promoted to Lead Financial Services Representative for the McConnellsburg Community Office, and Megan Witmer has been promoted to Community Office Manager for the Memorial Square Community Office.

F&M Trust recently donated \$5,000 to the Broad Street Market Corporation to fund a temporary structure that will house vendors while one of the market's buildings is being reconstructed. An electrical fire in July destroyed the market's brick building, a central part of the market that housed vendors and small businesses that provide fresh produce and artisanal products to Harrisburg residents. The market, at the intersection of Broad and 3rd streets downtown, was founded in 1860 and is the oldest continuously operated market house in the United States. "F&M Trust knows how important the Broad Street Market is to the Harrisburg community. It supports local commerce, fosters a sense of community pride, and offers a space where diverse cultures converge," F&M Trust President and CEO Tim Henry said. "It also is a popular shopping destination for disabled members of the community. The bank is proud to offer its financial support to the rebuilding effort."

Central Penn Business Journal honored Aaron Moyer as a Forty Under 40 recipient at a ceremony on October 18 at the Hilton Harrisburg. Moyer is a team leader at **HRG**, a firm that offers infrastructure planning, design, and management services...

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to communities throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. Forty Under 40 recognizes professionals 39 years of age and younger based on their professional accomplishments, community service and commitment to inspiring change. A listing of this year's winners is available at <a href="https://www.cpbj.com/event/forty-under-40/">https://www.cpbj.com/event/forty-under-40/</a>.

Junior Achievement of South Central PA's JA Inspire won the Central Penn Business Journal's top award in 2020 for program innovation and The International E-Learning Association award in 2023 for our learning delivery platform. Last year, over 16,000 local students participated in the program! Sponsoring a booth in the JA Inspire Career Fair provides your company with the unique opportunity to support local students in their career exploration journey AND gain visibility in the community. For more information take a look at the JA Inspire Exhibitor Brochure.

Broadrange Logistics LLC ("BRL"), an end-to-end warehousing, distribution & third party (3PL) fulfillment company headquartered in Atlanta, GA, is set to open a new warehouse and distribution center in Berks County. Jason Grace negotiated the transaction on behalf of BRL with the landlord, The Keith Group, out of Charlotte, NC. Jason Grace, CCIM, SIOR CEO & Managing Principal at Landmark Commercial Realty/TCN Worldwide, stated, "Completing Landmark Commercial Realty's biggest deal in company history wasn't about numbers or contracts. It was about envisioning the possibilities, harnessing our team's collective expertise, and the relentless drive to generate unparalleled value for our client. This historic transaction highlights our unwavering commitment to being leaders in the regional commercial real estate market." For more information about Landmark Commercial Realty and its services, please visit <a href="https://www.LandmarkCR.com">www.LandmarkCR.com</a>.

Barb Murdocca, Chief Operating Officer for Landmark Commercial Realty, was inducted into the IREM, Delaware Chapter No. 3 Board of Directors on November 16, 2023. IREM® is an international force of 20,000 individuals united to advance the profession of real estate management. Through training, professional development, and collaboration, IREM® supports our members and others in the industry through every stage of their career. Murdocca expressed her excitement about the new role, saying, "I am grateful to be selected to serve on the board of IREM's Delaware Chapter. This prestigious position allows me to contribute more substantially to an organization that has been instrumental in my professional development. I look forward to leveraging my years of experience in real estate management to strengthen IREM's commitment to the advancement of our industry." Her commercial real estate career began in a property management role over two decades ago in Washington, DC. She has been with Landmark Commercial Realty since 2013 and is a licensed Realtor®.

Sadler Health Center, a federally qualified health center serving Cumberland and Perry counties, today announced that its new health center at 5210 East Trindle Road, Mechanicsburg, is set to open tomorrow on December 1. The new health center will offer primary care, dental care, behavioral health care, lab services, a pharmacy and vision care all under one roof. Initially, the primary care portion of the new health center will be open to patients. The rest of the 21,800-square-foot facility and its other healthcare services are scheduled to open in January. "At Sadler's new West Shore health center, patients will receive state-of-theart and comprehensive care provided by professionals who have a heart for community healthcare," said Sadler Health Center Chief Executive Officer Manal El Harrak. "They'll also benefit from convenience, as the new health center will serve as a one-stop-shop for care including a pharmacy and even vision care." Registration information to become a new patient, including a patient handbook offered in multiple languages, can be found on Sadler Health's website by clicking the "Accepting New Patients" button. To make an appointment, patients can call (717) 218-6670 or (866) SADLER7.

A full-service, certified public accounting and consulting firm, SEK, CPAs & Advisors first opened its doors in 1963. Over the next 60 years, a group of entrepreneurial-minded CPAs grew a small three-partner firm in Maryland into one of the premier CPA and advisory firms in the region. Today, SEK has five offices in Pennsylvania and one in Maryland, employing a total of 200 team members. At SEK, we have provided personalized attention and the highest quality service to our clients for the last six decades. We couldn't have achieved this milestone without our incredible team of employees. Among other accolades, SEK was recently named one of the Best Places to Work in PA for 2023 by the Central Penn Business Journal and Lehigh Valley Business, as well as voted Tri-State's Best Accounting Firm for the second consecutive year by Herald Mail Media readers. The firm also received ClearlyRated's 2023 Best of Accounting Award for Client Satisfaction for the third consecutive year. Client or not, we encourage you to sign up for our email updates at <a href="https://www.sek.com/subscribe">www.sek.com/subscribe</a>. You can also view a complete listing of SEK's service and industry specializations on our website. For more information about the firm or our services, please visit <a href="https://www.sek.com">www.sek.com</a>. We look forward to helping you achieve your goals!

The Foundation for Enhancing Communities "Emerging Philanthropists Program (EPP)" seeks to engage Central PA's emerging business and community leaders with the great possibilities that lie within philanthropic endeavors in our region. EPP provides resources and educational opportunities for those who wish to be actively engaged in philanthropic endeavors. In the culminating experience, the class applies their newly learned community and grantmaking skills by awarding a grant to a nonprofit organization in a funding priority chosen by the class after assessing community needs. Since 2014, the Emerging Philanthropists Program has granted more than \$40,000 to nonprofit organizations serving Central PA. Apply for EPP: <a href="https://www.tfec.org/our-community/initiatives/emerging-philanthropist-program-overview/">https://www.tfec.org/our-community/initiatives/emerging-philanthropist-program-overview/</a>

The **YWCA** of Carlisle & Cumberland County is looking for donations of essential items to help refill their pantry. The essentials needed are shampoo, conditioner, body soap, pads, tampons, deodorant, toothbrushes, and toothpaste! All donations are given out to community members in need, at zero cost. But we need YOUR help to restock so we can continue to providing this vital resource to the community! Visit their Amazon Wish List at <a href="https://a.co/22lWzRG">https://a.co/22lWzRG</a>, to see what other products we're looking for and visit their website at <a href="https://a.co/22lWzRG">www.ywcacarlisle.org</a>

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#### 60 - 69 years

Sun Motor Cars Automotive Group

#### 50 - 59 years

United Way of the Capital Region

#### 40 - 49 years

Hampden Township Highmark Blue Shield

#### 30 - 39 years

Mountz Jewelers

#### 20 - 29 years

Don Jacobs Insurance Services Inc. effectv GeoServices Ltd. Linlo Properties Smith Custom Framing & Fine Art Gallery

#### 10 - 19 years

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Capital Region Capital Region Council of Governments Conte Wealth Advisors, LLC Kirbtech LLC Mid South Building Supply, Inc. Wealth Development Council, LLC

#### 5 - 9 years

Great Road Settlement Services LLC
Grove Financial & Associates, Inc.
Holiday Inn Express & Suites Harrisburg West
/As One Management
Janney Montgomery Scott, LLC
LINKBANK
Penn State Health
River Wealth Advisors
SotirIS Information Strategies
SPAtacular Escapes
The Carlisle Sports Emporium/Barn at Creek's Bend
TownePlace Suites by Marriott Harrisburg
Trout CPA

#### 1 - 4 years

Baker Tilly MSP
Central Pennsylvania Youth Ballet
Comfort Suites Camp Hill-Harrisburg West
CORE Design Group
Fairfield Inn and Suites Mechanicsburg
Girl Scouts in the Heart of PA
Higher Information Group
Legend Senior Living
Spuhler Wealth Advisors