



December 2020



Cumberland Valley School of Music Executive Director Heather McEndree (L) and Growing With Music store manager Tracy Thomas (R) celebrated a Grand Re-Opening Ribbon Cutting at the store located on 42 Center Square. GWM is now a branch of CVSM.

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Greetings!

Happy 30th Anniversary to Heritage Christmas!

Many thanks to the sponsors and community members who've contributed to this year's celebration! Thanks to the Kennedy family of Greencastle for the donation of this year's magnificent tree and to Bob Wolf and his team at GW Electric for placing the tree in the Square and stringing all new LED bulbs. What a beautiful glow!

Thanks to the many sponsors who faithfully partnered with the Chamber to keep Heritage Christmas' well-loved traditions alive: Shop Small Saturday, pictures with Santa, Santa's mailbox, the 2020 Light It Up contest, the Holiday House in the Square, and entertainment in the Square for the nights of Heritage Christmas. We even were able to add a fun, new offering this year, Santa's Naughty or Nice List! (Check the info below to learn how to participate.)

Thanks, as well, to the many volunteers who helped with the behind-the-scenes planning and prepping, and to the businesses who are hosting this year's Lights of Love scrolls, both for our regular "In Celebration" and "In Memory" as well as "Our Hometown Heroes" which is a new addition this year.

We hope you'll join us Friday nights, December 4 & 11, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Square for community groups, entertainers, businesses and craft & food vendors. All activities will be held outdoors, including pictures with Santa which will take place from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in The Life Center parking lot just off N. Carlisle St. In order to maintain social distancing, you'll find Santa in an antique red pick-up, loaded with Christmas treasures with his helpers passing out take-n-make treats for the kids.

We offer a hearty welcome to the businesses who have joined the Chamber this year and an additionally hearty "Way to go!" to those businesses who have creatively and doggedly endured an especially challenging year!

May your Christmas be especially bright and the new year full of opportunity and blessing!



Valerie

Upcoming Events

Heritage Christmas in the Square
Fridays, December 4 & 11



HERITAGE CHRISTMAS

Santa's Naughty or Nice List
Last Day to Enter Someone for Santa's List
Sunday, December 20



NAUGHTY OR NICE?

View the Greencastle Holiday Book online!



HOLIDAY BOOK

Welcome New Members!



Branded Meats & Deli

102 S. Antrim Way
Greencastle
717-593-9191

Thank You Renewing Members!

1st Ed Credit Union

Allison-Antrim Museum, Inc.

Antrim Brethren in Christ Church

Antrim Way Honda

BB&T

Bowman Development

Dice Office Equipment

**Ebenezer United Brethren In Christ
Church**

Evangelical Lutheran Church

Exchange Club of Greencastle

Frederick Seibert & Associates, Inc.

Grace United Church of Christ

Graphics Universal

Greencastle-Antrim School District

Greencastle Veterinary Hospital

H & R Block

Hagerstown Regional Airport

Henry's Floor Covering, Inc.

Ivy Hill Farm

Keystone Health

McDonald's of Greencastle/Delamor Enterprises

Miller-Bowersox Funeral Home

New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc.

Peak Performance Physical Therapy

Pressure Tech, Inc.

Strickler Insurance Agency, Inc.

Sunnyway Foods

T&B Cleaning, Inc.

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Tulpehocken Water

United Enterprises Construction, LLC

Thank You 2020 Heritage Christmas Sponsors!

HERITAGE CHRISTMAS

Premier Sponsors

Antrim Township

*Heritage
Christmas Tree*

Antrim Insurance Agency, Inc.

Light It Up Contest

Blaise Alexander Chevrolet

Lights of Love

Borough of Greencastle

*Heritage
Christmas Tree*

F&M Trust

Pictures with Santa

FastSigns

Banners

Ganoe Paving

Free Parking

Graphics Universal

Brochure

Herald-Mail Media

*Christmas
Family Booklet*

Lumber Direct

Holiday House

M&T Bank

*Friday Night
Entertainment*

McCrea Heating
& Air Services

Small Business Saturday

Orrstown Bank

*Santa's Naughty
or Nice List*

Peak Performance

Physical Therapy

Santa's Mailbox

Premier HVAC

Decorating

Waste Management

Uncle Bean

WellSpan

Luminaries

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Postage



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Credit Union

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Greencastle

Ace Hardware

Mikie's Ice Cream

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APEX Enclosures

The Center of Balance

Century Inc.

Corelle Brands

Dick, Stein, Schemel, Wine & Frey

Greencastle Eye Care Center

Kuddle Kennels

SEK, CPAs & Advisors

Members in the News

SEK, CPAs & Advisors to Acquire Stambaugh Ness Not-for-Profit/Governmental Practice



The Members of SEK, CPAs & Advisors (SEK) are pleased to share that effective December 1, 2020, SEK will acquire the not-for-profit/governmental practice of Stambaugh Ness, a CPA firm located in York, PA that serves clients in 40+ states. Krista M. Gardner, CPA is the Managing Director of the not-for-profit/governmental practice at Stambaugh Ness and will join SEK as a Member of the Firm. Erin M. Fike also works exclusively with not-for-profit and governmental clients and will join SEK as a Senior Associate. Gardner and Fike are based in York and will serve clients of all south-central Pennsylvania offices.

WellSpan Health Implements Health Record System

WellSpan locations in Franklin and Cumberland counties successfully introduced an advanced, new electronic health record (EHR) system, known as Epic, offering a single patient record system across the health system. The implementation brings all WellSpan clinicians onto the same electronic health record, a pivotal step in the integration of WellSpan locations previously part of Summit Health, allowing all WellSpan teams to seamlessly coordinate care for patients across 200+ care locations across the system's six-county footprint.



HRG Announces New Senior Project Manager

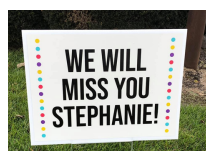


HRG is excited to announce that Steve Malesker has joined the team as a senior project manager in our Transportation Group. He is a licensed professional engineer and certified bridge safety inspector with more than 20 years of experience, and he will be an integral member of our team delivering bridge management services to counties and municipalities throughout Pennsylvania. Please join us in welcoming Steve to the HRG family!



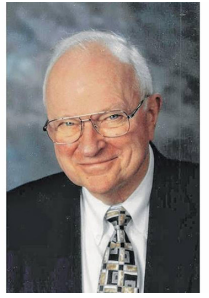
Verstandig Media Account Executive Retires After 36 Years

Stephanie Edgar, account executive at Verstandig Media, retired recently after serving for 36 years. In appreciation, the staff at Verstandig hosted a socially-distanced drive-by retirement party. Congratulations Stephanie!



SEK Founder Merle Elliott Remembered

With great respect and sadness, SEK announces the passing of one of the Firm's founders, Merle S. Elliott. He passed on November 4, 2020, at 90 years old. Smith Elliott Kearns & Company, LLC (rebranded as SEK, CPAs & Advisors in 2018) began its operations in March 1963 in Hagerstown when founding partners Merle S. Elliott and Earl J. Smith combined their practices. Elliott served as Managing Member of the Firm from 1963-1989. In addition to building the Firm and serving the Tri-State business community, Elliott held leadership positions in the CPA profession on a national level. Throughout his career, Elliott did pro-bono work for many nonprofit organizations. His servant heart is evidenced by the impact he made on the community.



Penn State Mont Alto Offers Certified Family Life Education Program

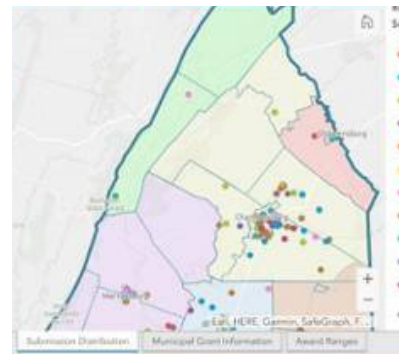


PennState
Mont Alto

Students in Penn State Mont Alto's Human Development and Family Studies (HDFS) program have an opportunity to obtain a new certification that could give them a competitive edge in the job market. According to the National Council on Family Relations (NCFR), the CFLE credential is recognized in the U.S. and Canada for family life education professions. It encourages applications from professionals who have preparation and experience in teaching; research/scholarship; community education; public information and education; curriculum and resource development; health care; military family support; and ministry. Read more [HERE](#).

Franklin County Covid-19 Relief Grants Approved

Franklin County Commissioners have approved \$6.8 million in COVID-19 relief grants for local businesses and non-profit organizations. The money comes from \$14 million the county received from federal CARES Act funding. The funds were part of a block grant administered by the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED). Read more via Franklin County Free Press [HERE](#).



Heritage Christmas Celebrates 30th Anniversary!

This year marks the 30th anniversary of Greencastle's annual Heritage Christmas. Special thanks to every sponsor, volunteer, community member and business who has contributed to this time-honored local tradition.

Merry Christmas to all!

Legislative Updates



A representative of Rep. Schemel is available to help constituents on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Antrim Township Office, 10655 Antrim Church Rd., Greencastle.



You can follow Rep. Schemel on Facebook

Rep. Schemel can be reached at:

1402 East Main Street
Waynesboro, PA 17268
(717) 749-7384



The House State Government Committee, led by newly appointed interim Chairman Seth Grove (R-York), will soon launch a series of hearings into the process undertaken in Pennsylvania's 2020 election. Leading up to the election, actions by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court and the Department of State created confusion for voters, poll workers and county elections officials, resulting in countless complaints being relayed to me and my colleagues across the state. We need to investigate what transpired so that we can develop a comprehensive legislative fix to ensure that the people of Pennsylvania can have faith in their future elections.



Our veterans have sacrificed so much for us and for our country. As a Commonwealth, we have a responsibility to honor them and support them in any way we can. In conjunction with Veterans Day, the PA Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) launched PA VETConnect, a statewide outreach initiative designed to better serve our veterans, especially those in areas where support resources are scarce. PA VETConnect identifies and cultivates new community partnerships to simultaneously broaden referral capabilities and connect veterans to the best possible resources.



A representative of Sen. Ward is available to assist local residents every month on the third Tuesday at Greencastle Borough Hall, 60 N. Washington St.



You can follow Sen. Ward on Facebook

or write to Senate Box 203030
Harrisburg, PA 17120-3030
Phone: 717-787-5490
Fax: 717-783-5192



Many Pennsylvanians have experienced severe challenges in filing for and receiving Unemployment Compensation claims throughout the pandemic. In order to help more state residents who were unable to receive the money they were owed, the Department of Labor and Industry has temporarily extended its ability to backdate payments. The temporary extension will allow individuals to file backdated claims for up to 52 weeks.



The open enrollment period for Pennsylvania's new state-based health insurance exchange is open now through January 15. The state exchange – also known as Pennie – was created by lawmakers last year to transition Pennsylvania away from the federal exchange, HealthCare.gov, and allow the state to take local control of operations and customer service to reduce costs to consumers. The Pennie system is designed to help Pennsylvanians shop for quality health insurance and access financial assistance that may be available to them. State residents can learn more and enroll at [Pennie.com](https://www.pennie.com).



PA Chamber of Business & Industry



Governor Wolf Signs a Series of Bills

Gov. Tom Wolf signed dozens of bills into law recently, including several the PA Chamber has been following closely in the final weeks of session.

- House Bill 440 (now Act 83 of 2020) expands Pennsylvania's successful "Clean Slate" law that was supported by the PA Chamber and is helping to improve employment prospects for low-level former offenders in the Commonwealth. The new law allows for automatic sealing of a criminal history record if an individual has been unconditionally pardoned or fully acquitted following a trial.
- House Bill 716 (now Act 85 of 2020) creates a Joint Task Force on Misclassification of Employees within the Department of Labor and Industry to investigate the practice of employee misclassification and develop recommendations to reduce such practices.
- H.B. 2370 (now Act 97 of 2020) allows for remote notarization. Early in the pandemic, a measure was enacted to provide for temporary remote notaries to allow for social distancing; and the new law now makes remote notarization permanent. Read more [HERE](#).

Gov. Wolf Vetoes GOP-Backed Bill on Limiting COVID-19 Liability

Pennsylvania's governor rejected a bill that would have made it harder to sue schools, health care providers and other businesses for coronavirus-related claims. Democratic Gov. Tom Wolf said the measure's liability protections were so broad the legislation would have invited "the potential for carelessness and a disregard for public safety." The bill passed both chambers with mostly Republican support and Democratic opposition. It would have applied to cases of exposure to the coronavirus during a governor-declared disaster emergency. Supporters argued the pandemic should not impose on businesses and others expensive or even ruinous litigation. The bill had been supported by the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry. Read the full announcement [HERE](#).



U.S. Chamber of Commerce

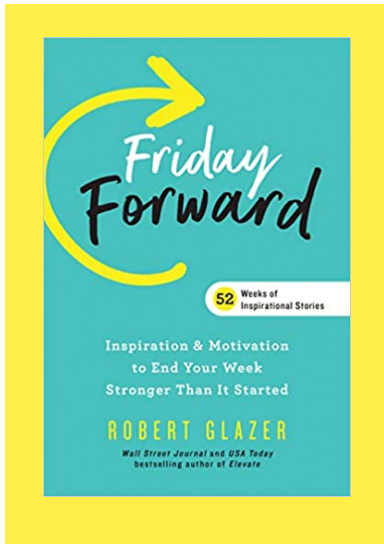
U.S. Membership in the World Trade Organization Government Procurement Agreement: Benefits for American Businesses and Workers

Thanks to U.S. participation in the WTO Government Procurement Agreement, American companies have the right to bid on foreign government procurement opportunities in the 46 other countries that are parties to the agreement — and do so on a level playing field. Among the industries that benefit significantly from the GPA are those that sell their goods and services to foreign governments, state enterprises, and state-managed healthcare and energy systems. Beneficiaries include U.S. businesses in sectors including infrastructure, healthcare, energy, aviation, transportation, cloud and other ICT services, telecommunications, semiconductors, satellites, and select services. Read more [HERE](#).

Book of the Month

Friday Forward

Inspiration & Motivation to End Your Week Stronger Than It Started



Friday Forward takes the 52 most impactful stories from Glazer's inspirational newsletter of the same name, which reaches more than 100,000 readers in more than 60 countries. From stories of struggling entrepreneurs who turned things around to new hires rising to the occasion, Glazer's latest book can give you the push you need to make an impact in your own network.

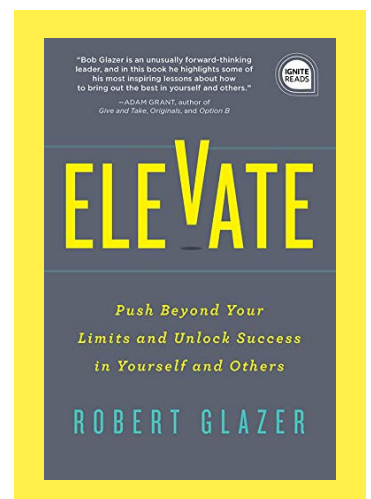


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Topics covered include:

- Motivation and inspiration
- Goal-setting
- Performance management and feedback
- Growth and learning
- Competition and cooperation
- Teams
- Culture and climate

Glazer's first book, Elevate, showed what capacity building is: the method through which we seek, acquire, and develop the skills needed to perform at a higher level and unlock innate ability. Friday Forward shares some real-life examples which will inspire you to increase your own capacities.





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