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## Jobs up 2.3% in County Over Last 12-Months

On August 28th the PA Department of Labor and Industry reported that, over the last 12-months, the number of jobs in Franklin County grew by 2.3%. The percentage represents roughly 1,400 new jobs. Statewide, jobs grew by 1.2% over the same period. The transportation sector saw the largest gain with 400 new jobs while the professional services sector added 300 new positions. Finally, it was also reported that Franklin County ranked 5th out of 18 total statewide statistical areas for lowest unemployment rate. The local rate is 3.7%. The rate is lower than state and national averages.



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## ...Message from Mike



So as summer turns to fall and we look to the end of 2018, what are some of the projects and public policy issues that could impact the County? One that you might not be aware of is that Greenwood Gaming (d/b/a Parx Casino) will be making a site-location decision by October 23 for a mini casino. Two of the possibilities under consideration are Shippensburg Township (Cumberland County) and Greene Township (Franklin County). The obvious impediment to a Greene Township location is that it is "dry" municipality. To ensure Greene Township's developability for establishments that include the sale of alcohol as part of their business model-albeit a mini-casino or Outback restaurant-would require a 2019 Township referendum, similar to that which passed in Antrim Township several years ago. Speaking of referendums to authorize the sale of alcohol, Montgomery Township residents will be voting in November to allow sales at Whitetail. Knowing how professionally managed Whitetail is and its economic impact on Franklin County, the FCADC is supporting passage of the referendum. The Courthouse project is expected to commence in late October/early November with the demolition of the former Chambersburg Trust building. The Courthouse/county annex project is the cornerstone of more than \$100 Million of investment that is currently taking place in the core of downtown Chambersburg. To that point, the new Franklin County Visitor's Center will be completed and open to the public by mid-to-late November. When you see it completed, you will be impressed by the facility but more important how it will showcase all 772 square miles of the County. So as we look to the end of the year, we will see projects being completed as new ones begin...which makes me excited about 2019.

## FCADC and Jamison Door Break Ground on New Facility

On August 22nd representatives from the Jamison Door Company joined with the FCADC to officially break ground on a new 50,000 SF production facility in the Wharf Road Industrial Park in Waynesboro. The FCADC is serving as the project developer and when completed, the building will serve as Jamison's latest plant for the production of high speed roll-up doors in partnership with Italy-based manufacturer BMP Group. High-speed roll-up doors are used in a variety of industrial and commercial applications including clean rooms, cold storage, warehousing facilities, industrial refrigeration, hospitals, and commercial carwashes. The FCADC expects to complete the facility in the second quarter 2019. Jamison initially expects to employ 15 people at the facility with an opportunity for employment growth in the future. In addition to Jamison, other project partners include Lehman Construction Services, Inc. and Orrstown Bank.



## FCADC Participating in Statewide Business Retention Program

The FCADC is partnering with SCPa Works on implementing a new business retention program in Franklin County. Known as Engage!, the program is a statewide industry driven initiative designed to proactively call on targeted business sectors in an effort to help identify potential opportunities and/or challenges and offer technical assistance and solutions where possible. What does this mean for Franklin County? Well, you may be contacted by our partners at SCPa Works regarding your participation in the program. Participation is voluntary, however should you choose to “engage” in a discussion, your insights will allow the FCADC to provide assistance and information to help your business stay and grow right here in Franklin County.



## Novae Corporation Acquires Industrial Lot in Waynesboro for Future Expansion



# Novae®

In August Indiana-based utility trailer manufacturer Novae Corporation acquired Lot 1 within the Wharf Road Industrial Park from the Waynesboro Industrial Development Corporation (WIDC). Earlier in the year, Novae acquired Waynesboro-based

utility trailer manufacturer Cam Superline, Inc. Lot 1, which is 11 acres, is contiguous to Cam Superline’s 60,000 square foot production facility on Zane Miller Drive. The acquisition of Lot 1 will allow for future expansion of Novae in Franklin County. The company is the 3rd largest manufacturer of utility trailers in North America and remains the largest exporter of utility-type trailers into Canada. The acquisition of Lot 1 by Novae marks a milestone for the development of the Wharf Road Park by WIDC. All original twelve lots have been sold.

## FCADC Partners with PA CareerLink-Franklin County on Recent Job Fair

The FCADC recently partnered with the PA CareerLink-Franklin County on a job fair. The event was held at the Clarke Community Center in downtown Chambersburg and featured 25 employers including Wenger’s Feed Mill, Ulta Distribution, TB Woods, Inc, ManorCare, Manitowoc, and FedEx Ground, among others. Given the current labor climate in the region, turnout was lite, however more than 75 job seekers participated in the opportunity to meet with those employers who are actively looking for employees. Other event partners included the Chambersburg Hispanic American Center and the Chambersburg Community Education Coalition.



**Did you know that since 1986 the FCADC has participated in 760 economic development projects and helped to facilitate more than \$329 Million of economic development resources?**

## FCADC Sells “Spec Building” to Fil-Tec, Inc.

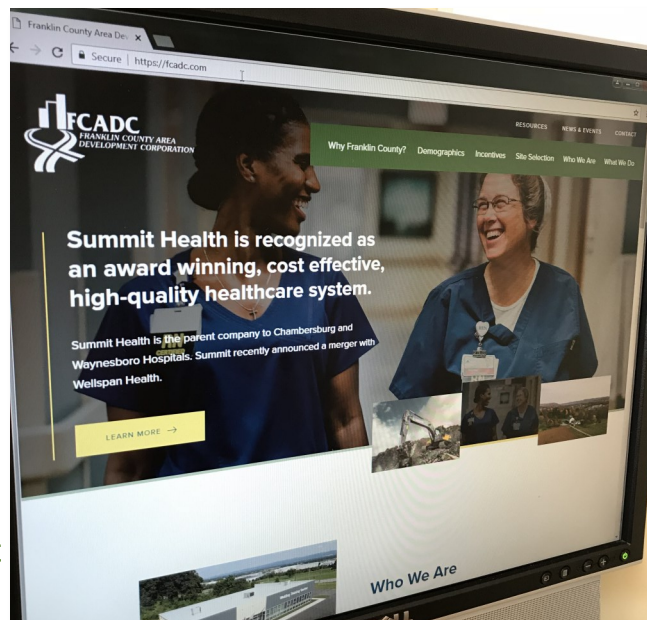


In early August the FCADC settled on the sale of its 18,000 square foot industrial “spec building” to Smithsburg, MD-based Fil-Tec, Inc. The property is located in the Wharf Road Industrial Park in Waynesboro. Fil-Tec owns 45,000 square feet immediately adjacent to the building. Additionally, the Company entered into a sales agreement with the Waynesboro Industrial Development Corporation for the remaining seven acres of industrial land located to the rear of the new building. Fil-Tec manufactures a wide variety of industrial threading, candle wicks, dental floss, and related products. After a competitive bidding process, the

FCADC partnered with Lehman Construction Services, Inc. and the Patriot Federal Credit Union on the development of the project. The building was completed in mid-July and represents the third industrial property completed by the FCADC within the Wharf Road Industrial Park.

## FCADC Launches Newly Redesigned Website...Check it Out!

On July 8th the FCADC launched its newly redesigned website developed in partnership with Chambersburg-based Cross-Crown Media. Utilizing the latest in multi-media technology, the new site is designed to be more user friendly, while at the same time telling the story of Franklin County’s growing and diverse economy. A highlight of the site includes a custom designed “site selection matrix” where users can “drill down” their search for available industrial buildings and land by square footage, location, and whether the property is an existing building, business park, or a build-to-suit option. We are confident that the updated site will be your first choice when looking for comprehensive socio-economic, demographic, and quality-of-life information on Franklin County. Additionally, the FCADC staff has internal content control of the site whereby changes and updates can be made in real time. Please take a moment to check out the site at [www.fcadc.com](http://www.fcadc.com); also don’t forget to like us on Facebook.



## A. Duie Pyle Planning Latest Truck Terminal in Antrim Township



It was recently reported that West Chester, PA-based trucking firm A. Duie Pyle is proposing to build a new truck terminal and maintenance shop on US Route 11 in Antrim Township. The 35-acre site is located directly across from the Corelle Brands (formerly World Kitchen) packaging and distribution facility. According to news reports, Pyle is estimating the creation of 125 jobs at the site. Established in 1924, Pyle is a family-owned and operated transportation and logistics provider serving customers throughout the eastern and midwestern US and parts of Canada.

## Another Industry Appreciation Dinner in the Books 2018 Marked the 32nd Year for the Annual Event

On September 6th the FCADC celebrated its 32nd Annual Industry Appreciation Dinner. The dinner is one of the most anticipated annual events in Franklin County. The evening honors those employers...large and small...who make Franklin County's economy prosper. The event, which was attended by nearly 500 people, was held at the Green Grove Gardens event center and featured the entertainment of comedian and juggler Mark Nizer, as well as a raucous Franklin County news report by WTFI Senior Anchor Rock Sterling and cub-reporter, Jacob Stein. The special part of the evening included the presentations of the 2018 Large and Small Business of the Year Awards and the 2018 Zane A. Miller Award. To see the awards presentations and WTFI news report check out [www.fcadc.com](http://www.fcadc.com) and click on "Who we Are" and scroll down to "Industry Appreciation Dinner".



The Shenberger family accepts the 2018 Small Business of the Year Award presented to Mercersburg Printing, Inc.



Frank Guthrie (r), Plant Manager, and Garry Faehl, Project Manager, Eldorado Stone accept the 2018 Large Business of the Year Award on behalf of Eldorado Stone



Joanne Cochran, President, Keystone Health, accepts the 2018 Zane A. Miller Award

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