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County Wage Growth Outpaces PA and National Averages

It was recently reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics that over the last four calendar quarters, average wages in Franklin County increased by 2.6%. The County outpaced national and state averages, which were reported to be 2.3% and 2.1% respectively. Local job growth was also higher locally than on the state and national levels. Over the same time period, employment increased 2%, while growing 1% nationwide, and 0.6% statewide.

...Message from Mike



In case you haven't noticed, Franklin County is operating on all cylinders. From Path Valley to Blue Ridge Summit and all points in-between, development is taking place. As you read this edition of *The Developer*, you will read about the expansion of Junk-Inn Farms in Path Valley; the groundbreaking of Herbruck's Poultry Ranch in Montgomery Township; and the completion of the Jamison Door-BMP facility in the Wharf Road Industrial Park to name a few of the projects. Through the first six-months of 2019, the FCADC has facilitated projects in 5 of the County's six school District and we are currently working on a project in the Shippensburg Area School District that would complete the cycle. As we look to the next six months, based on our current project discussions, I anticipate several major announcements that will represent significant capital investments and cause both the retention and creation of hundreds of jobs.

While transactional economic development will always be a priority of the FCADC, it is important to note that we are equally focused on community-based issues related to the creation of strategies that will increase the levels of affordable housing; enhance education opportunities ranging from pre-school-to-secondary and vocational education-to-higher education; and support healthy community/lifestyle initiatives. Our goal is to create comprehensive and sustainable community and economic development policies capable of elevating *all Franklin County residents*.

We always welcome constructive input and if at any time the FCADC can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Jamison Door Facility Completed

FCADC Completed Transfer to Jamison in June

The construction of the 50,000 square foot production facility for Jamison Door-B.M.P., LLC has been completed and the property was transferred from the FCADC to Jamison on June 28th.

The company is expected to employ 36 people at the facility with an opportunity for employment growth in the future. The FCADC served as the project developer, in addition



to construction management, FCADC services also included the facilitation of low interest financing from the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority and approval of LERTA benefits from Washington Township and the Waynesboro Area School District. For more information on Jamison Door and their products, check out jamisondoor.com.



FCADC Supports Craft Brewery Start-up



In late April, the FCADC approved a \$100,000 low interest Franklin County First Fund (FCFF) loan in support of craft brewery start-up, Rough Edges Brewing. The FCADC financing will help to support the acquisition and renovation of real estate located at 91 W. Main Street in Waynesboro, as well as the acquisition of brewing equipment. Founded by Wesley and Casey Phebus, Rough Edges will offer a full line of local craft beers and is expected to open in late 2019. Other project partners include private investors and Orrstown Bank. Rough Edges Brewing can be found on Facebook.

Herbruck's Poultry Ranch Holds Ground Breaking on Mercersburg Facility

On June 13th officials with Herbruck's Poultry Ranch were joined by local business and community leaders for an official ground breaking ceremony for the Company's future \$100 Million egg production facility. Located on Corner Road in Montgomery Township, the new facility will ultimately support more than 2.4 million cage free hens, housed in up to eight state-of-the-art houses. The Company is projecting to create up to 190 new jobs at the facility when fully operational. In addition to the construction of the new facility, the Company was awarded state funding to make improvements to Landis Drive in the Borough of Mercersburg. Based in Saranac, Michigan, Herbruck's is multi-generational, family owned, and operated. The Company is one of the largest producers of cage-free and organic eggs in the Country.



Letterkenny Munitions Center Welcomes New Commander *Change of Command Ceremony Held June 6th*

On June 6th LTC Dennis K. Williams, II assumed command of the Letterkenny Munitions Center (LEMC). LTC Williams, who becomes only the fourth commander of the installation, replaces outgoing commander, LTC Jeffrey Ignatowski. A native of Grants Pass, Oregon, LTC Williams enlisted in the US Army in 1991 as a light wheeled vehicle mechanic. He was commissioned through Officer Candidate School in 2001 and is a graduate of the University of Maryland with a Bachelor of Arts in History, as well as a Master's Degree in Management. His previous assignments include deployments in various sustainment, ordnance, and supply capacities around the world, including Somalia, Haiti, Iraq, and Afghanistan. Decorations include the Bronze Star (with one Oak Leaf Cluster), Meritorious Service Medal (with four Oak Leaf Clusters), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and the Combat Action Badge, among many others. His military education includes the Command and General Staff College. LEMC is the US Army Center for Industrial and Technical Excellence (CITE) for missile maintenance. The facility also provides ammo supply and logistics services, demilitarization, and ammo storage for all branches of the US Armed Forces. LEMC has an operating budget in excess of \$41 Million and employs more than 250 people.



Junk-Inn Farms, LLC Approved for Low Interest Loan from Commonwealth FCADC Facilitates \$400,000 PIDA Loan

In early May, the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority (PIDA) approved a \$400,000 low interest loan to Franklin County livestock producer, Junk-Inn Farms, LLC. The loan, which was facilitated by the FCADC, will support the construction of a new 40,831 square foot finishing barn that will allow for the expansion of farming operations. Located in Willow Hill, Junk-Inn Farms raises turkeys, hogs, and sheep. The operation also grows crops for sale on the open market.



Fil-Tec, Inc. Acquires Additional Industrial Land within the Wharf Road Industrial Park

FIL-TEC On June 6th Fil-Tec, Inc. acquired an additional seven acres of industrial land within the Wharf Road Industrial Park from the Waynesboro Industrial Development Corporation (WIDC). The Company already owns and operates two facilities within the Park. The new acquisition will help to support future growth of Fil-Tec locally. Fil-Tec is a leader in the manufacture of industrial threading, fibers, and related products. Additionally, the transaction represents the disposition of all lots owned by WIDC at the Park. The development of the Wharf Road Industrial Park began in the early 1990's. The Park is home to seven companies who collectively employ several-hundred-people.

The FCADC Supports Ratification of the United States-Mexico-Canada-Agreement

In keeping with the FCADC responsibility of providing leadership on issues that impact the economic vitality and quality-of-life of Franklin County, on July 2nd, the Corporation drafted a letter to Senators Casey and Toomey encouraging them to support ratification of the new United States-Mexico-Canada-Agreement (USMCA). If ratified, the new agreement will make needed changes to the 25-year old NAFTA treaty. Below is the full transcript of the FCADC support letter. For more information on the USMCA visit <https://ustr.gov/trade-agreements/free-trade-agreements/united-states-mexico-canada-agreement>.

July 2, 2019

RE: Support of United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA)

Dear Senators Toomey and Casey:

This letter is to evidence the support of the Franklin County Area Development Corporation (FCADC) for the passage of the USMCA. The proposed agreement will enhance trade relations between the three countries and will significantly impact Pennsylvania to include Franklin County.

According to the Office of the US Trade Representative, Pennsylvania exports in the aggregate more than \$14 billion of goods to Canada and Mexico. Exports are expected to grow under the proposed agreement, especially those related to agriculture and manufacturing, each of which is critical to Pennsylvania's and Franklin County's economy. To that point, agriculture is Pennsylvania's leading industry and Franklin is the second leading county in the production of dairy products and third in the production of poultry. Both poultry and dairy exports will be significantly bolstered by the new agreement.

With respect to manufacturing, the three largest manufacturers in Franklin County-Manitowoc Crane Group, JLG Industries, and Volvo Construction Equipment-have strong ties to both Canada and Mexico. The agreement will strengthen the protection of intellectual property, incent new investment opportunities in the United States, and create more equitable labor practices. Simply stated, the USMCA will create a more level playing field among the three countries.

In closing, the FCADC strongly encourages your support of the USMCA.

33rd Annual Industry Appreciation Dinner

Thursday, September 5, 2019
Green Grove Gardens
1032 Buchanan Trail East, Greencastle, PA

Sponsorship Opportunities

The Franklin County Area Development Corporation (FCADC) invites you to help us celebrate our 33rd Industry Appreciation Dinner! Here is your chance to be a vital part of one of the most anticipated dinner events of the year. This year's event will celebrate our 33rd year and honor those employers who make Franklin County a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

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- Reserved Seating for 2
- Recognition in FCADC Printed Materials and Website

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***Sponsorship reply to be received by August 16, 2019.**