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THE PWAC NEWSLETTER



FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT

Dear PWAC Friends and Supporters,

It is my pleasure to write to you this fall as I begin another year as President of PWAC's Board of Directors. It has been an eventful season for PWAC, and in the following pages of this newsletter, I hope you will enjoy reading about some of our goals and ambitions that have brought us to where we are today.

On behalf the board, I am happy to share PWAC's biggest and most recent accomplishment: our newest program location, the Adult Achievement Center in Leechburg, officially opened for services on September 30! It was a fantastic milestone for us that represented the culmination of so much hard work over the past nine months as we pursued the vision we had for this new program location. Now, as more clients are being referred for services at AAC Leechburg, we are so glad to see that vision gradually coming to life. To share this great development with our community and supporters, we invite you to attend the **AAC Leechburg Open House** on November 14 from 2-6pm to see the new space and to learn more about our programs, services, and our mission of supporting adults with disabilities. For more details about the Open House, please see page 2 and 3 of this newsletter.

As president, I know I speak for all of us on the Board of Directors when I say we are so proud of the work PWAC does and are honored to help lead this organization toward its mission and purpose. Together, we have seen PWAC grow its program and service offerings, support more and more individuals in pursuing their employment goals, and form lasting partnerships with local businesses and residents. However, we certainly acknowledge that none of this would be possible without the support of people like you. Without your consistent support for our mission and those we serve, our agency would not be able to function as it does today. Our successes are made possible not only by our staff and leadership, but also by those of you who support us externally. We are so grateful to you and hope to continue to lead PWAC to be the best agency it can be for the benefit of the adults with disabilities in our area.

From myself and the entire Board of Directors, thank you very, very much for your continuous support. We look now to the months ahead, excited to see our programs grow and the individuals enrolled in them accomplish new feats, make new discoveries, and find meaning, purpose, and belonging.

Sincerely,

Lynn Sibley

President,
PWAC Board of Directors

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AAC LEECHBURG OPEN FOR SERVICES!

PWAC's new Adult Achievement Center in Leechburg opened on September 30!

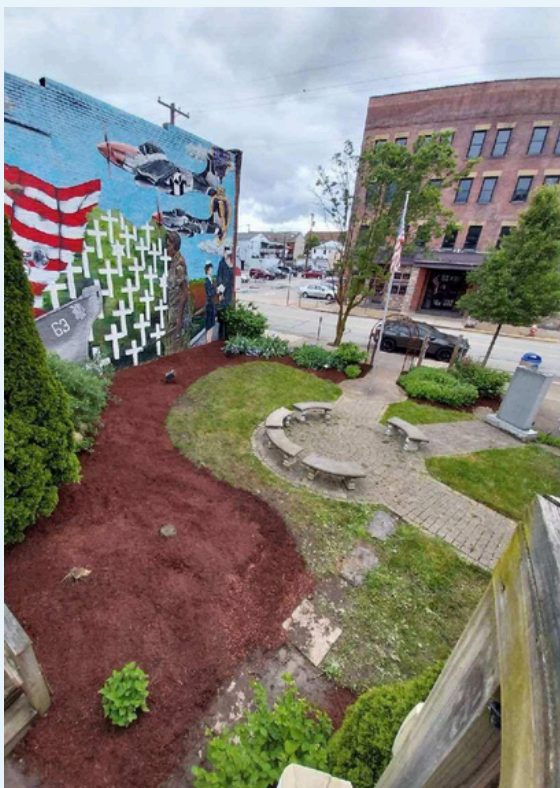
We started the process of preparing this building back in January, but the vision for this program has existed for even longer.



Last year, we realized that southern Armstrong County was an underserved area that could benefit from the introduction of a program like our Adult Achievement Center. With our mission of serving adults with disabilities in mind, and desiring to reach the people in that region who were without services, we began the process of finding a building that could house such a program.

After finding our building, we began the process of preparing it to house our new AAC. Our Progressive Lawn and Landscaping crews cleaned up the front courtyard, and our facilities staff have worked tirelessly to make repairs, small updates, and changes to the space to prepare it to best serve our clients.

Now, we are proud to say that AAC Leechburg is open for business, and we are so excited to see what's ahead! This location currently serves three clients and employs two staff members, but we are actively accepting referrals for clients and are looking to hire more staff. **Join us for our AAC Leechburg Open House on Nov. 14 to see the new space in person!**





Join us for our

AAC LEECHBURG OPEN HOUSE

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14
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128 Market Street
Leechburg, PA 15656

**2-6
PM**



*Please note: street parking required

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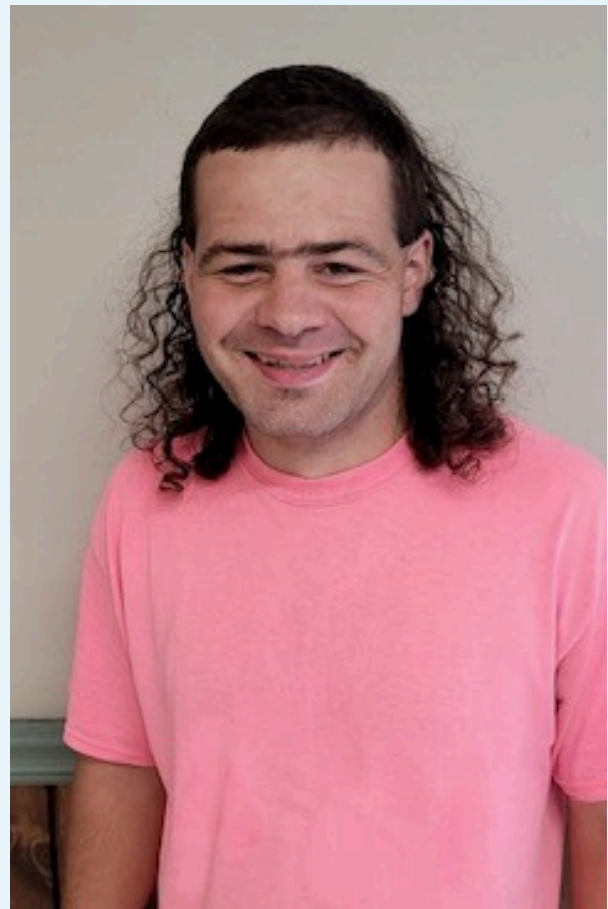
FEATURED EMPLOYEES



The PWAC Small Group Employment program frequently celebrates employees who have each excelled in their work and displayed an admirable, consistent work ethic.

Congratulations to **Billy** and **Sam**, who were selected as the Small Group Employment Employees of the Month for September! We are so proud of your work and achievements!

CONGRATULATIONS



FROM PROGRESSIVE WOOD WORKS... NEW CUSTOMIZABLE PRODUCTS



NOODLE BOARD

Progressive Wood Works has created a design for a beautiful noodle board that can be customized to include a name and/or a simple design.



COAT RACK & KEY RACK

These custom coat and key racks are new products as well, and both can be customized to include names and a range of designs.

Head to www.pwacprogressivewoodworks.com to check them out!



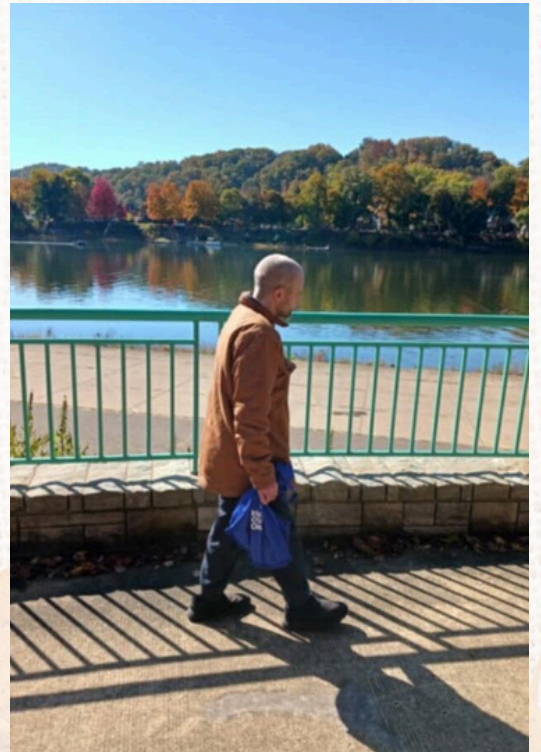
hello FALL



Everyone has been busy making festive crafts and decorating the rooms for fall!



Walking in Riverfront Park has been a great activity during the warm fall days. Everyone enjoys the weather and viewing the colorful leaves.



The Outdoor Discovery Center at Crooked Creek gave a lesson to a group of clients and employees about pumpkins. Everyone made a craft and had a great time!



OTHER PWAC HAPPENINGS



PWAC was awarded a grant from the Armstrong County Community Foundation to purchase new furnaces.



Clients & staff from AAC Kittanning took a trip to the Mahoning Creek Dam.

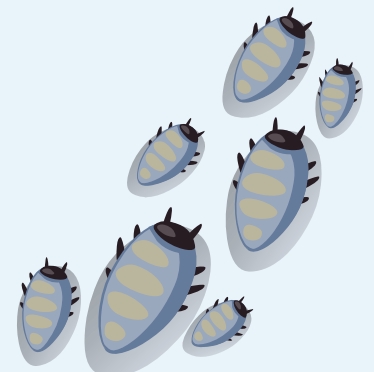


Local fairs are a great place for clients and employees to participate in community activities, and they enjoy learning about animals and agriculture.

Michelle works as a dishwasher in the cafeteria at Cook Medical. The staff celebrated her birthday in August with cake and gifts!



Erin and Barb from the Penn State Master Gardeners of Armstrong County came to do an activity with a group of our individuals. They created "bug hotels" to give bugs a place to lay their eggs!



STAFF APPRECIATION



Each September, we celebrate Staff Appreciation Week to recognize and thank our staff members who work to serve our clients and employees every day. From our management team and our program specialists and assistants to our direct support professionals, facilities management, and everyone in between, we are so glad to have this amazing PWAC team that makes our mission possible! **(see all our staff on page 9!)**

"Thank you to each and every employee at PWAC for working together for those we serve! It is an honor to know each of you and a greater honor to serve on the PWAC team with you! Together we can accomplish amazing things!"

-L. Michelle Reefer, CEO

PINK OUT DAY

PWAC staff (and some clients/employees) wore pink on October 28th to recognize Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and to honor those who have fought or been affected by this disease.





Not pictured: Amy, Tim, and Ian

Halloween

October 31 was a great day of Halloween fun for everyone at all our program locations! Clients, employees, and staff all enjoyed games, snacks, prizes, getting their pictures taken, and of course, dressing up!

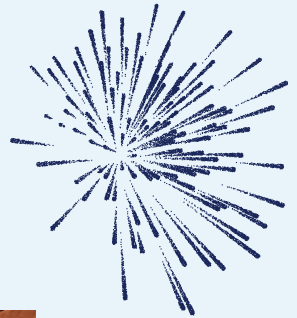


STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER



Happy "Workiversary"!



Congratulations to our staff members who are celebrating a work anniversary this fall, as well as our new staff who just started this season! We appreciate all you do!

SEPTEMBER

Mae Slease	9-2-2004
Ron Blystone	9-7-2021
Stacy Patton	9-14-2022
Kristi Johnson	9-12-2022
Lindsay Moore	9-18-2023
Wanda Ellis	9-22-2015
Terri John	9-09-1999
Devin Crytzer	9-30-2024



OCTOBER

Marilyn Laird	10-9-2018
Beckie Vallies	10-9-2020
Kim Leone	10-23-2018
Chris Goldinger	10-23-2018
Tina Miller	10-24-2022
Jacquelyn Cannon	10-25-2021
Raven Anderson	10-30-2023
Jessica Tuttle	10-30-2023
Cameron Zimmerman	10-31-2022

NOVEMBER

Christin Pierce	11-16-2017
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FALL CROSSWORD

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LEECHBURG
PINK
SEPTEMBER
BILLY
HALLOWEEN
LEAVES
PUMPKIN
SAM
HOUSE
AUTUMN
OCTOBER
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FALL

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OUR LOCATIONS

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