

Co-ops

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string beans, tomatoes, baby spinach, lettuce and radishes.

The first food co-ops grew out of the Great Depression, but most did not survive, Reid said. The next wave came during the 1970s, fueled largely by interest in natural foods otherwise unavailable at mainstream grocers. But Reid says many of those failed, too, in part because they lacked sophisticated business operations.

Those co-ops that did survive from the '70s and '80s have continued to evolve to meet the needs of their shoppers and compete with

mainstream food outlets that have since begun selling the natural and organic products that co-ops once held near monopolies on.

The 32-year-old St. Peter Food Co-op in St. Peter, Minn., for example, this spring moved into a 10,000-square-foot former car dealership, nearly doubling its space. Since the move, membership has increased by 10 percent, general manager Margo O'Brien said.

Joining a food co-op generally entails paying a one-time fee that averages about \$150, though payment plans are available with much lower fees, and some co-ops offer waivers for low-income shoppers. For that, members own a share of the co-op, might receive a share in the profits and get to vote

for things such as who sits on the store's board of directors and whether the store should expand or open a second site.

Most co-ops don't require shoppers to be members, but the culture of the stores encourages it.

"It's a very democratic type of organization. And then when the business is profitable, the profits go back to those owners who are the people that shop in the store, and it's usually done based on how much they patronize the store," Reid said.

Though not all cooperative markets specialize in natural and organic foods, most at least focus on local and bulk items, everything from laundry detergent to rice and nuts. And most of those products often come with higher prices.

"The perception of higher costs comes from the decisions about which products they sell," Reid said. "The products themselves are not more expensive. The way that they're grown and the way that the people who produce them are paid adds costs and ... it's not subsidized like commodity products."

The price and array of products aren't for everyone. Even co-op members may do only a portion of their shopping there. When the city of Burlington opted to replace its old downtown grocery store with a co-op nearly a decade ago, some people in the community balked.

"You're not going to take away my red meat and make me eat tofu" was one fear Reid said he heard.

WHO'S NEWS

Gibbel Kraybill & Hess has hired **Heather M. Moyer** as an associate attorney.

Moyer will concentrate her practice on corporate and business associations and nonprofit organizations.



Heather Moyer

Lancaster resident previously was an associate attorney with the Law Offices of Marvin Beshore. She is a graduate of Millersville University and Dickinson School of Law.

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Godfrey has promoted **Jenn Vitello** to content manager, in charge of its writers group.

Vitello, of Lititz, joined Godfrey in 2006. Most recently she was an interactive content specialist.

Vitello has a bachelor's degree from Quinnipiac University and a master's degree from Hofstra University.

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Barley Snyder has hired **Jamie Ellis** as chief operating officer.



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Ellis, of York, most recently was chief financial officer at SC&H Group. Before that he worked at Allegis Group & Affiliates and Ernst & Young.

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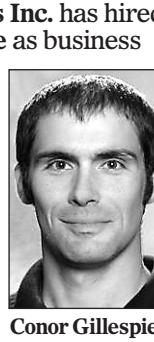
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Gillespie has a bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois and an MBA degree from Duquesne University.

"Who's News," featuring promotions and hireings of management-level employees, appears each Sunday.

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GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

Lancaster County Planning Commission

Lancaster County Planning Commission will meet at 3 p.m. Monday, Aug. 22, in the first floor meeting rooms at 150 N. Queen St., Binns Park Annex. Among the agenda items:

■Community planning reviews: Adamstown Borough, proposed Act 537 sewage facilities plan; Lancaster City, proposed vacation of a public street known as the Parkway in Sunnyside; Upper Leacock Township, proposed rezoning of approximately 38.4 acres situated on the northeast corner of Stormstown Road and Snake Hill Road from agricultural to quarry; Mount Joy Borough, proposed rezoning of seven tracts of land totaling approximately 1.88 acres situated on the north side of Wood Street, east and west of Chocolate Avenue from MDR — medium density residential to LI — light industrial; Mount Joy Borough, proposed vacation and abandonment of a portion of the right of way of a public road known as Chocolate Avenue from its intersection with Wood Street north to its existing termination and a portion of Railroad

Alley from its intersection with Chocolate Avenue (vacated) to its intersection with Plank Alley.

■Subdivision and land development plan approvals: Brad and Jean Pickel, Conoy Township.

Subdivision and land development plan advisory reviews: Members 1st Federal Credit Union, Manor Township; Lancaster Mennonite School Parking Expansion, East Lampeter Township; Grandview United Methodist Church, Manheim Township.

Requests for waivers: Robert R. and Katherine L. Sullivan, Little Britain Township, 303 plan processing procedures.

Manheim Township commissioners

Manheim Township Board of Commissioners will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 22, at the township municipal building, 1840 Municipal Drive. Agenda items include:

■Motion: 2012 Humane League agreement

■New business/consent agenda: Stonehenge reserve, final Phase I subdivision/land development plan, northwest corner of Fruitville Pike and Koser Road, financial security

reduction; Worthington planned residential development, Phase I, Oregon Pike, financial security reduction; Metro Bank, preliminary/ final land development plan, 3199 Litz Pike, time extension request; Brooklawn, preliminary subdivision/land development plan, Delp Road, Bonnie Drive and Dolly Drive, time extension request; township position schedule amendment, restructuring to eliminate recreation superintendent position and add adult and family program manager position.

■Motions: 630 Valley Road, preliminary/ final subdivision and land development plan; bid award for Jackson Street reconstruction, North Water Street to North Charlotte Street project

■Resolution 2011-32, planning module for Cedar-Oregon Pike LLC Ordinance 2011-12, Crossings at Conestoga Creek, planned commercial development, text amendment petition, Harrisburg Pike and Farmingdale Road

■Acknowledge Manheim Township Historical Society-Community Club conditional use request in the R-2 residential district, schedule public hearing

West Lampeter supervisors

West Lampeter Township Board of Supervisors will meet at 7 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 22, at the township municipal building at 852 Village Road, Lampeter. Agenda items include:

■Conditional use hearing: Willow Valley Retirement Communities — Harnish Tract

■Township matters: Ordinance 225, fire alarms; Ordinance 226, soliciting and canvassing; resolution 9-2011, appoint school crossing guard; authorizing sale of excess property at county auction.

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BANKRUPTCIES

Following is a list of Lancaster County bankruptcies

recorded in U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Reading, Aug. 9-15.

Aliggy's Homemade Drinks, 705 Graystone Road, Manheim, Aug. 2. No violations.

Banzhof's Café, 917 S. Duke St., Aug. 1. Replace damaged ceiling tiles and maintain.

Benolie's Gourmet Meat and Deli, 2347 Oregon Pike, Aug. 3. Thermometers needed

ent temperature of 29 degrees while actual temperature was 39 degrees. Provide a new thermometer. Light bulb in the walk-in cooler is not shielded or shatterproof.

Distlefink Inn, 917 S. Prince St., Aug. 1. Pink-and-white residue inside the soda nozzle and holster and inside the beer taps. Old food residue inside two microwaves in the food prep area. Static dust on the Ansol system over the fryer area.

Evy Rosa, 640 S. Queen St., Aug. 2. No violations.

Fairview Tavern, 4220 Fairview Road, Columbia, Aug. 2. Single-service items not inverted. Residue inside the larger set of beer taps.

Family Dollar Store, 923 S. Duke St., Aug. 1. No violations.

Far East Cafe, 4 S. Prince St., Millersville, Aug. 1. The hand sink in the food prep area was blocked by jars, bags, containers, etc., and was not accessible for employee use. Corrected.

Francesco's, 30 S. Main St., Manheim, Aug. 2. Raw eggs stored over ready-to-eat food. Corrected. Potatoes stored directly on the floor in the walk-in cooler rather than six inches off the floor as required. Food was held at 69 degrees in the bain-marie rather than 41 degrees or below as required. Food removed to the cooler.

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FRIDAY, AUG. 26 Minority Business Mixer, hosted by BASE Inc. at the UEDC Small Business Center, 447 S. Prince St., 7-9 p.m. Free. Information: 392-5467.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 20 Fall Legal Update, hosted by Lancaster County Association for Human Resource Management, at IU-13, 1020 New Holland Ave., 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Cost: \$100 members, \$125 nonmembers. Information: lcahrn.org.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 21 How to Approach Foundations for Grants, hosted by the Lancaster Public Library's Duke Street Business Center, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Free. Information: 394-2651, ext. 131, or dsbc@lancaster.lib.pa.us.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 22 Author and management consultant Jeanne C. Meister on attracting, developing and keeping employees, hosted by the S. Dale High Center for Family Business at Elizabethann College, at Myer Hall, 7:30 a.m. Free for members and first-time High Center attendees, \$100 for second-time attendees. Information: fbc@etown.edu or 361-1275.

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