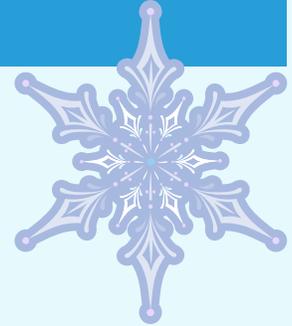


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THE PWAC NEWSLETTER



From Our CEO

Dear PWAC Friends and Supporters,

Happy 2026! I am glad to write to you at the beginning of another new year. As always, we are looking forward to all this year has to offer as we head into the second half of our 2025-2026 fiscal year. Our programs continue to grow, our partnerships are going strong, and new community partners are receiving services all the time as we enroll more and more adults with disabilities from across our area. As always, we remain focused on working toward our mission to guide those we serve toward community employment and inclusion.

We decided to start off the new year by hosting a brand new fundraiser event as a way to bring our community together. While our annual Golf Outing each June has become a wonderful event that draws a lot of incredible support for our programs (save the date for **June 27, 2026** for our fifth annual golf outing!), we wanted to come up with a winter event that would draw support, but could also serve as a fun event open to anyone in the community. Plus, by this time in the winter season, most of us are looking for an escape from the cold and dreary weather...so what better solution than an evening of soup and lively karaoke! We hosted our **"Soup & Sing For a Cause" Karaoke Fundraiser** on February 7, and it was a great success! Everyone enjoyed an evening of karaoke, a homemade soup dinner, raffles, and good community fun. Thank you to everyone who sponsored this event, donated prizes or supplies, and a special thank-you to those who attended! We hope you enjoyed your time together as much as we did. All proceeds from this event supported our programs for people with disabilities...and we are excited to share that this event garnered a total of \$3,600 to benefit our mission and programs!!

Every season of the year has its purpose, but as we bear through these cold winter months, don't forget to look ahead to spring! Progressive Wood Works now has square planter boxes available for pre-order (more info on page 4), and soon it will be time for spring cleaning and lawn clean-ups!

As always, thank you for your incredible support of our mission and those we serve. We couldn't do what we do without you. Please enjoy our Winter 2026 newsletter!

Sincerely,

Chief Executive Officer
PWAC

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Christmas at PWAC



We had a wonderful Christmas celebration with all our clients at the local St. John's Lutheran Church at the end of December! Everyone enjoyed the annual ugly sweater contest, visit from Santa, and the homemade Christmas dinner provided by our kitchen staff.



Our staff Christmas party was a great time also, as always! We love to celebrate, especially when we're celebrating the end of another great year together.

AAC Kittanning had their own Christmas party, and everyone especially loved the visit from Santa!



SOUP & SING FOR A CAUSE



Our first "Soup & Sing For a Cause" karaoke fundraiser on February 7 was a great success! We raised \$3,600 to benefit our programs for people with disabilities - thank you to everyone who attended, sponsored, or supported this event! It was a great evening of singing, soup, and community fun; we can't wait to do it again next year.



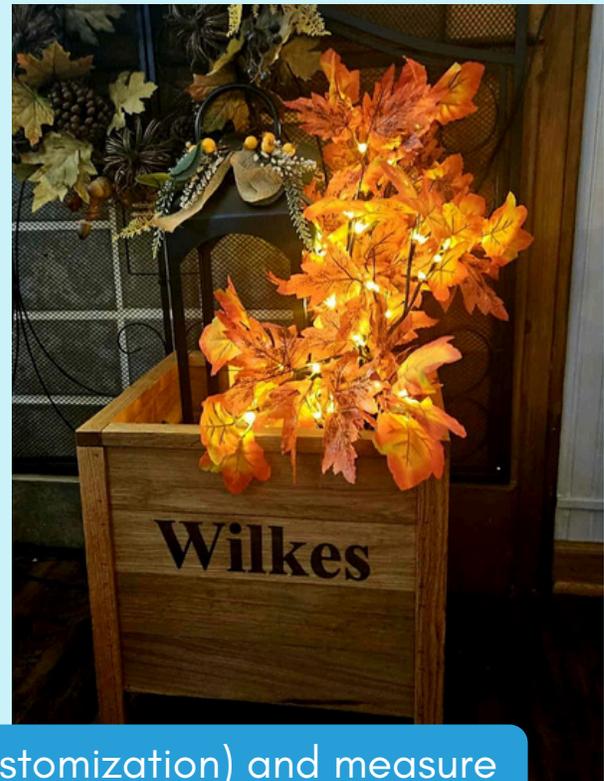


FROM PROGRESSIVE WOOD WORKS...



**Now Available
for Pre-Order:
Planter Boxes!**

Progressive Wood Works is now offering square planter boxes for pre-order! These boxes are handcrafted by our woodshop employees and are perfect for adding that finishing touch to your outdoor decorations.



- Boxes are \$45 each (+ \$10 for customization) and measure 16 1/2" x 16 1/2" x 6" deep.
- Made from untreated oak wood and sealed.

Call PWAC at 724-548-5664 or visit Progressive Wood Works online at www.pwacprogressivewoodworks.com to order yours!



SAVE THE DATE!

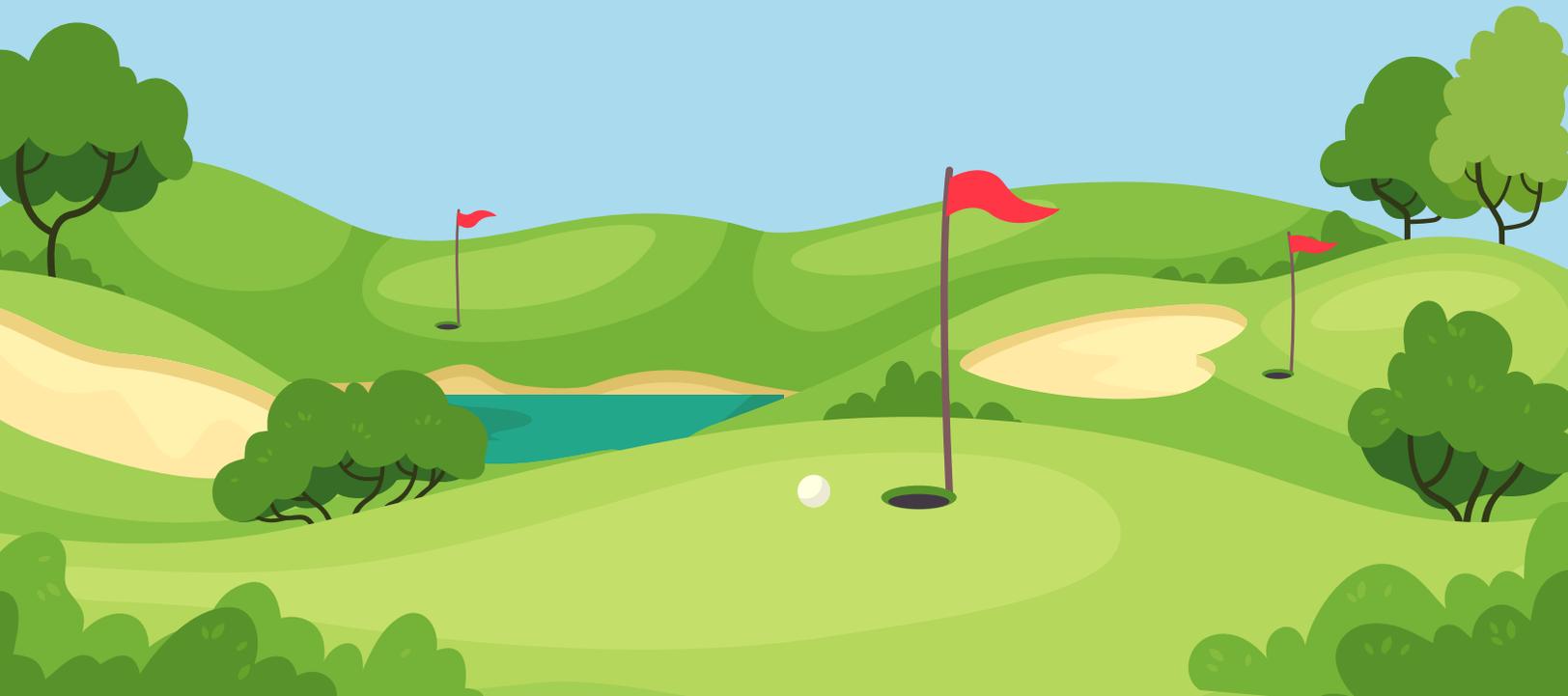
PWAC'S 5TH ANNUAL "GRIP IT & RIP IT" GOLF SCRAMBLE FUNDRAISER IS ON JUNE 27!

WHERE? The Links at Spring Church in Apollo, PA

WHEN? Saturday, June 27, 2026

More details and registration information coming soon!
Visit our website at www.progressiveworkshop.org or
follow our Facebook page to watch for updates!

We hope to see you on the course this year!

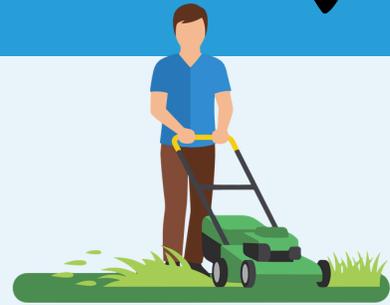


OUR SERVICES

1



PROGRESSIVE LAWN & LANDSCAPING



Our Progressive Lawn & Landscaping crews provide excellent lawn services under staff supervision. They serve both residential and commercial clients within PWAC's area of service from April to November each year. Individuals learn to handle equipment, collaborate with co-workers, and build other related work skills while on the job. Contact us to hire our lawn crews for the upcoming spring season!

2

PROGRESSIVE DOCUMENT DESTRUCTION



Our document destruction crews collect, shred, and recycle documents efficiently, safely, and securely. They serve businesses and residential customers within 75 miles of Kittanning by providing affordable options for HIPAA-compliant document destruction services. Contact us to learn how we can serve your needs!

3



PROGRESSIVE COMMERCIAL CLEANING



Our Progressive Commercial Cleaning crews provide cleaning and janitorial services to businesses in Armstrong, Butler, and Indiana counties. Staff members provide useful instruction at work sites to guide employees to develop essential skills as they complete their work tasks. Let us know if your business could benefit from a cleaning service and we would be happy to help!

HOW CAN WE SERVE YOU?

4



Consider hiring PWAC production crews to expand your workforce! Our crews specialize in various types of contract work including small parts assembly, parts inspection/repairs, mailings, packaging, labeling, and more. Progressive Production Services is available to assist with you production needs on both short and long-term projects. We can also accommodate you by completing jobs either on-site at your business, or in-house at our own facilities in Kittanning.

Contact us to learn more, and become like the many local businesses (including Anchor Distributors, Cook Medical, Sloan Lubrication Systems, and more) that partner with us regularly for production services!



PROGRESSIVE PRODUCTION SERVICES

5



Individuals who work for Progressive Wood Works produce high-quality, hand-crafted wooden cutting boards, charcuterie boards, coasters, and special items including picnic tables, garden boxes, stakes, and seasonal decorations.

Individuals learn to handle equipment, raw materials, and participate in each phase of the crafting process from start to finish.

Shop all available products from Progressive Wood Works at www.pwacprogressivewoodworks.com!



OTHER PWAC HAPPENINGS

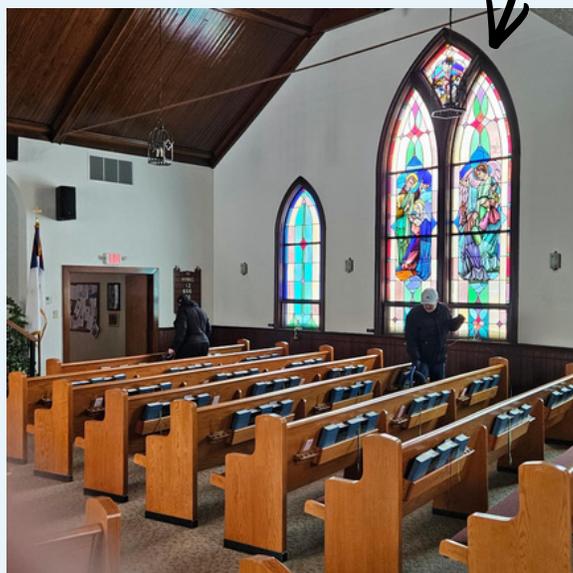


Matt has been working at The Allegheny Mariner in Kittanning for the past few months and loving it! We are so proud of his hard work and enthusiasm. Keep up the great work, Matt!



Thank you to our partners, both new and old, who contract with our sub-businesses to receive services! The Plumville Presbyterian Church is one of our new partners now receiving services from Progressive Commercial Cleaning. Our crews are glad to serve you!

Folks at our Oak Avenue location had their seasonal painting class in December. What a great group activity where everyone gets to create a painting and have fun while practicing essential skills!



Our program staff are so good at coming up with creative activities for our individuals that encourage learning and special skill development. The AAC Leechburg has recently been learning about static electricity and building puzzles together!

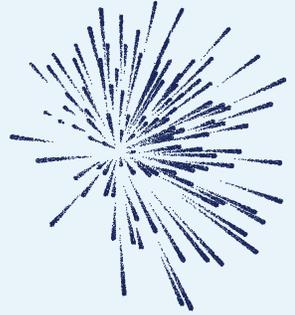
STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

DECEMBER, JANUARY, FEBRUARY



Happy "Workiversary"!

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



DECEMBER

Haley Wolfe	12-2-2024
Linda Coffman	12-2-2024
Jen Wingard	12-4-2023
Pam Cromie	12-11-2018



JANUARY

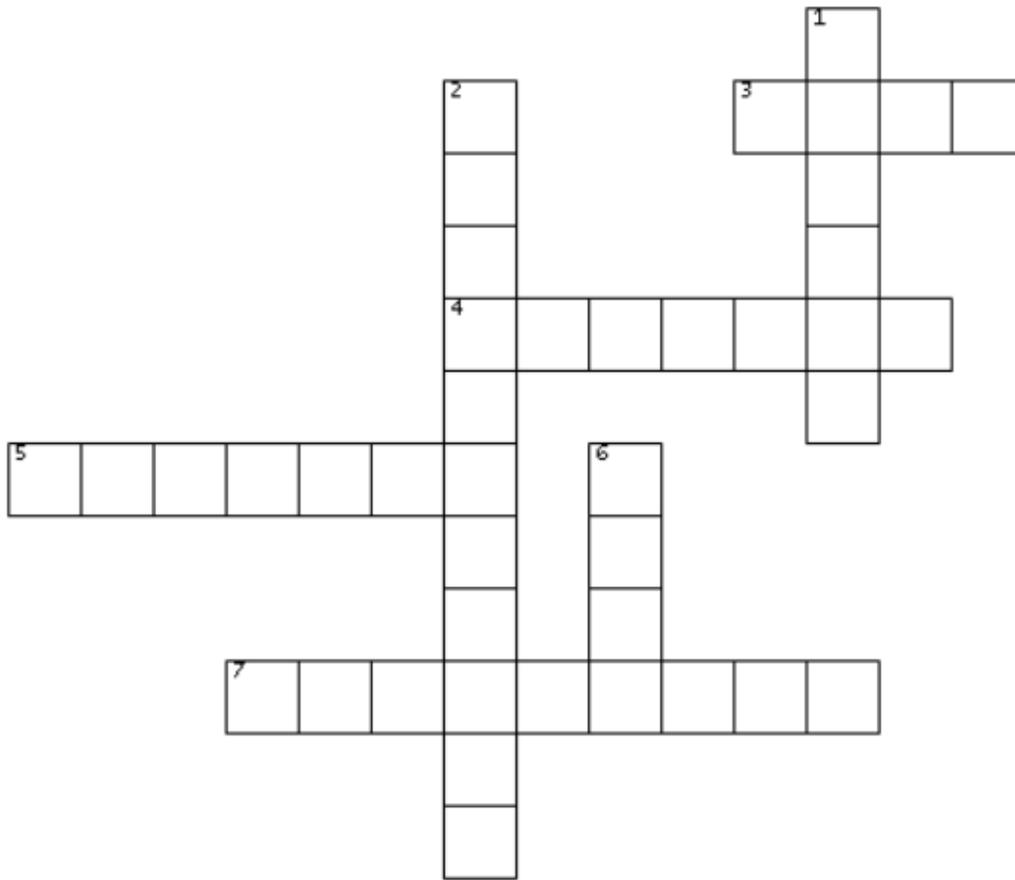
Kenith Walters (not pictured)	1-5-2026
Traci Wilson	1-8-2024
Shawn Cupec (not pictured)	1-12-2026
Mel Heckert	1-23-2017

FEBRUARY

Haylie Ortman (not pictured)	2-12-2025
Amy Gray (not pictured)	2-16-2004
Bogie Goughler	2-19-2018
Brian McGrath	2-21-2024



WINTER CROSSWORD



ACROSS

3. The number of services we offer
4. The type of box now available for pre-order with Progressive Wood Works
5. A structure people make when there is lots of snowfall
7. The red/green holiday

DOWN

1. The coldest season of the year
2. The fundraiser we hosted on February 7
6. He started working at the Allegheny Mariner recently

THE PWAC TEAM

OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Lynn Sibley (President)
Rob Watt (Vice President)
Chris Yanoff (Secretary)
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Linda Kuruc

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Director of Adult Achievement Center Leechburg

OUR LOCATIONS

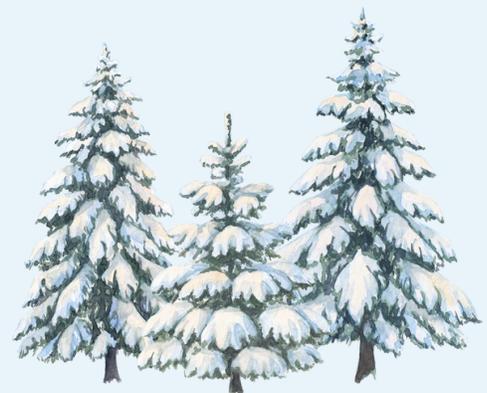
Oak Avenue (Main Office)
301 Oak Avenue
Kittanning, PA 16201
Phone: 724-548-5664
Fax: 724-545-2088

Adult Achievement Center - Kittanning
368 Butler Road
Kittanning, PA 16201
Phone: 724-548-5664

PWAC Shelocta
9561 Route 422 W
Shelocta, PA 15774
Phone: 724-548-5664

Leonard M. Meneely Industrial Center
1340 North Water Street
Kittanning, PA 16201
Phone: 724-548-5664
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Adult Achievement Center - Leechburg
128 Market Street
Leechburg, PA 15656
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**Thank you for supporting us as we
“Move People Toward Jobs”!**