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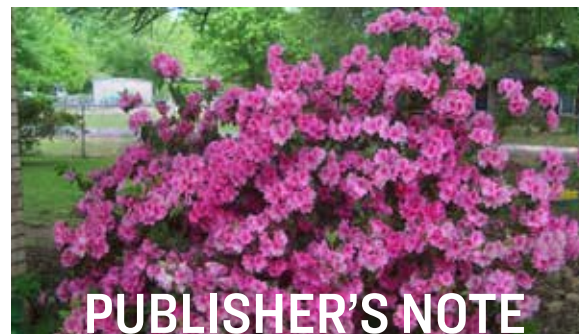
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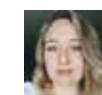
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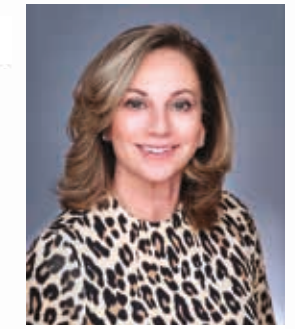
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| 140 Evans Hill Road | Sinking Spring | \$1,040,070 | 1/17/2023 | 2 | 1.5 | 6,236 |
| 12 Chasen Court | Sinking Spring | \$800,000 | 1/18/2023 | 4 | 4 | 3,828 |
| 164 Bran Road | Sinking Spring | \$715,000 | 1/31/2023 | 4 | 4 | 3,340 |
| 200 Wyomissing Blvd | Wyomissing | \$714,000 | 2/28/2023 | 6 | 3.5 | 3,928 |
| 107 Teaberry Ct #54 | Sinking Spring | \$580,000 | 3/10/2323 | 5 | 3 | 3,967 |
| 501 Reedy Road | Sinking Spring | \$534,000 | 3/10/2323 | 4 | 4 | 2,900 |
| 1711 Reading Blvd | Wyomissing | \$520,000 | 3/7/2023 | 4 | 3 | 5,223 |
| 406 Leland Way | Wyomissing | \$450,000 | 1/31/2023 | 3 | 3 | 3,484 |
| 6 Plymouth Place | Wyomissing | \$420,000 | 3/9/2023 | 4 | 2.5 | 2,890 |
| 20 Pinewood Road | Wyomissing | \$370,000 | 1/6/2023 | 5 | 2.5 | 2,272 |
| 932 Franklin Street | Wyomissing | \$345,000 | 3/3/2023 | 4 | 2.5 | 4,356 |
| 6 Avondale Drive | Wyomissing | \$319,000 | 3/1/2023 | 3 | 2.5 | 3,200 |

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1921 Wyomissing Bank Heist

“The Robbery of the Century in Berks”

BY ALEXA FREYMAN



102 years ago – on February 4, 1921, six armed men stormed into the Peoples Trust Company Bank of Wyomissing shortly before noon demanding everyone get on the ground. Three jumped the counter and forced clerks to open the vault at gunpoint. The audacious robbers were unmasked for the duration. It would end up being the largest bank heist of the 20th century in Berks County.

The entire ordeal lasted 10 minutes, afterwards, all six robbers threw themselves into a stolen Hudson Touring Car waiting outside the bank and sped away; leading local police on a wild goose chase that would last over a month.

The initial report in the Reading Eagle on February 4th, 1921, reported that \$40,000 was stolen from the bank. However, by Feb. 8th the bank determined that total to be \$180,800 in cash and Liberty Bonds, which is equivalent to about \$2.6 million today. Luckily the bank was insured so there was no loss to patrons.

The drama that unfolded in the days following was as chaotic as it was cinematic. The Reading Eagle initially reported the robbers

got away using Bernville Road, backtracking into Reading, ultimately ditching the car and catching a train to Harrisburg. A group of 8 men who boarded a train at Reading's Outer Station within a half hour of the heist was initially determined to be suspects. Turns out they were the Reading High Boys basketball squad heading to a game.

There was speculation that they drove Bernville Road, to Kutztown Road and all the way to Allentown. This was because residents of Kutztown Road reported that a speeding Hudson flew by heading north shortly after the robbery was reported. The day that story ran an anonymous letter was penned to the Editor of the Eagle. One of the alleged robbers wrote that they, “*Had a good laugh over your yarn about going by auto to one Bernville Road and Allentown.*” The letter was determined to be genuine.

The bandits were toying with authorities, and it wasn't difficult considering every lead law enforcement had come from unreliable eyewitnesses. The Eagle didn't seem to discriminate in which stories they chose to

print, and in many cases, different articles in the same daily had conflicting theories based on completely different people's experiences and perspectives.

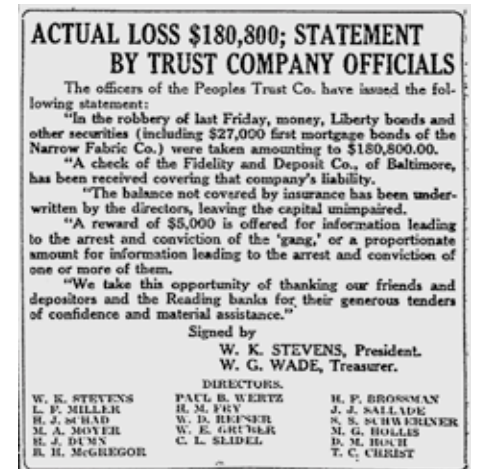
The more accurate story of their escape was eventually solidified by February 7th. In that account, the bandits drove past Textile Machine Works and through North Wyomissing Heights (now Berkshire Heights), traveling at breakneck speeds and even taking a corner on two wheels. The robbers made what amounted to a pit stop at a culvert underneath a railroad bridge by the river to switch and dump the license plate. They then drove into Reading over the Schuylkill Avenue Bridge and ditched the vehicle at the corner of Church and Buttonwood Streets. However, their movements from that moment on eluded police for quite some time.

News of the heist reached national attention. The day after the robbery, detectives showed up from all over the region to try and solve the crime. This included detectives from the Burns and Pinkerton agencies, state police detectives, and private detectives who had heard the rumor of a large reward for the arrests of the fugitives. Berks County Detective Krick, who was the local officer on the case was described in the Reading Times as welcoming all help and would not interfere with any detectives who came to work the case. “*The object is to get the bandits*”, he said in the February 5th, Reading Times article, “*I don't care who gets the credit as long as the men are captured.*”

It would take almost six more weeks and collaboration from all the detectives who came to work the case, but by March 17th, all of the bandits had finally been arrested. Two were in Erie at the time of their capture and the other four were in New York City, including Stewart N. Wallace, who was believed to be the mastermind. New York police were quoted in the Eagle as characterizing Wallace as, “*one of the most desperate and resourceful criminals in America, a man of good family, highly educated and the most daring criminal type.*” He was wanted on murder charges in Detroit and New Jersey, along with various other hold-up charges in New York. The men were extradited to Reading to stand trial.

All but \$11,500 of securities stolen from the People's Trust Company of Wyomissing were accounted for with the arrests. The trials for the robbers were expedited, and four of the six were convicted of their crimes exactly three months after their arrests. All six were convicted and sentenced by the end of September. Stewart Wallace, the ringleader, got the longest sentence of 20 years in the infamous Eastern State Penitentiary in Philadelphia.

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Performing at WCR Center for the Arts, Reading

BY PHYLLIS J. MCCLAUGHLIN



On Saturday, April 22, 2023, the WCR Center in Reading will be hosting Grammy-nominated musician, **Simon Shaheen** who will perform with his trio - according to Crystal Kowalski, Wyomissing resident and Chair of Programs and Events for WCR.

The concert is sponsored by the Reading Musical Foundation and longtime residents Nabil and Najla Muallem. A connection to their native homeland of Israel resulted in efforts to bring Shaheen to the area for a performance. Najla Muallem grew up in the same city as Shaheen, in Hifa, Israel; a beautiful city on the Mediterranean. "Simon came from a very musical family. Every single member of the family played an instrument. His father, Hikmat was a professor of music, a composer, and a master oud (short-neck lute-type stringed instrument) player and taught Simon until he made it onto the world stage" said Najla. "Simon performs all over the world, and I had the opportunity to meet him following a performance at the Kimmel Center at a mutual friend's home."

Shaheen's father was the most influential figure in his musical education which began at the age of five. At the age of six, he began studying violin at the Conservatory for Western Classical Music in Jerusalem before continuing his education in the United States where he received his master's degree from the Manhattan School of Music and Columbia University. In 1994 Shaheen received a National Heritage Fellowship for the National Endowment for the Arts, the highest honor for traditional arts in the United States. He is a music educator at Berklee College of Music in Boston.

Today, Shaheen is one of the most significant Arab musicians, performers, and composers of his generation. He dazzles listeners as he deftly leaps from traditional Arab sounds to jazz and Western classical styles. His soaring technique, melodic ingenuity, and unparalleled grace have earned him international acclaim as a virtuoso on the oud and violin. Shaheen explains, "One of the unique qualities of Arabic music, especially when we improvise, is to play the quartertones, or micro-tones - those are the tones that appear in between what Western music perceives as a complete or half-tone. So, these microtones, which may be difficult for the Western ear to recognize, give the music a richness and beauty."

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BY PHYLLIS J. MCLAUGHLIN
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In 1965, Dr. Vincent Parisi joined Dr. E Otto Rosenast to form Reading Orthodontic Group; growing a practice that today includes three locations providing children and adults with “Fantastic Smiles”. Dr. Robert Doleva joined the group in 1979 and the practice was eventually rebranded ROG Orthodontics. Today ROG is led by Dr. Parisi’s daughter - Dr. Natalie Parisi, Dr. Dennis Mauro, and Dr. Ashima Sharma, along with a team of 50 full and part-time employees working between locations in Pottstown, Douglassville, and the flagship location in Wyomissing.

After 50 years at the 1268 Penn Avenue Wyomissing, ROG has moved to 840 Penn Avenue (formerly Santander Bank). Beth Daly, marketing director for ROG Orthodontics, explains the decision to move. “When our original location was built in the 70s, there were fewer businesses on Penn Avenue, including the firehouse. The space was designed to accommodate typewriters and paper filing cabinets - no longer needed in today’s paperless age of electronics, the setup was no longer ideal. Unlike ROG’s other locations in Douglassville and Pottstown, the original building was not ADA-compliant, making it difficult to serve our patients with special needs. Parking became an issue as patients and team members were competing for neighborhood street parking on busy Penn Avenue. We had our eyes open for some time searching for a new location that would meet the needs of our patients and allow us to keep our main office in Wyomissing.”



Last year, ROG Orthodontics purchased the beautiful brick property four blocks east on Penn Avenue, which serves as an ideal space to repurpose as their flagship location. “The building accommodates us well,” notes Beth. “It has 46 parking spaces and an elevator. The open interior space of the former bank lends itself to the flow of an orthodontic office and is perfect for the patient treatment area located on the first floor. A bright, open space accommodates nine patient chairs, allowing the doctor to move smoothly from patient to patient, the customary practice for orthodontic treatment. Beautiful and energy filled with music playing and interaction, the first-floor treatment area is exactly what we hoped it would be. The second



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floor is reserved for financial and administrative offices.” Beth expressed that the remodel and move were an exciting endeavor. “The treatment area is not a whole lot bigger than what we had, but we can serve our patients in a better way. We like being closer to West Reading and all that happens there as well.”

Drew Bell of D&B Construction said, “We are proud of the final product we were able to provide ROG as their Construction Partner. We are thankful that they put their faith in us to deliver. Since the start of the project, we knew the vision ROG had would result in a special place and that’s exactly what this office is. It’s a new standard in the heart of Wyomissing.”

The future looks *fantastic* for ROG Orthodontics as they settle into their new space at 840 Penn Avenue. “We have been around for over 60 years. As the leading orthodontist practice in the community, staying committed to excellence in the level of care we give to our patients is our promise” says Beth Daly. “Our emphasis will continue to be on education and 3D technology allowing for the latest in esthetic choices. Committed to the entire community, ROG has a scholarship program for underserved families, so that no child is turned away. We hope to be here for a long time, and who knows if there will be more Parisis or Mauros creating *fantastic smiles* in the future.”



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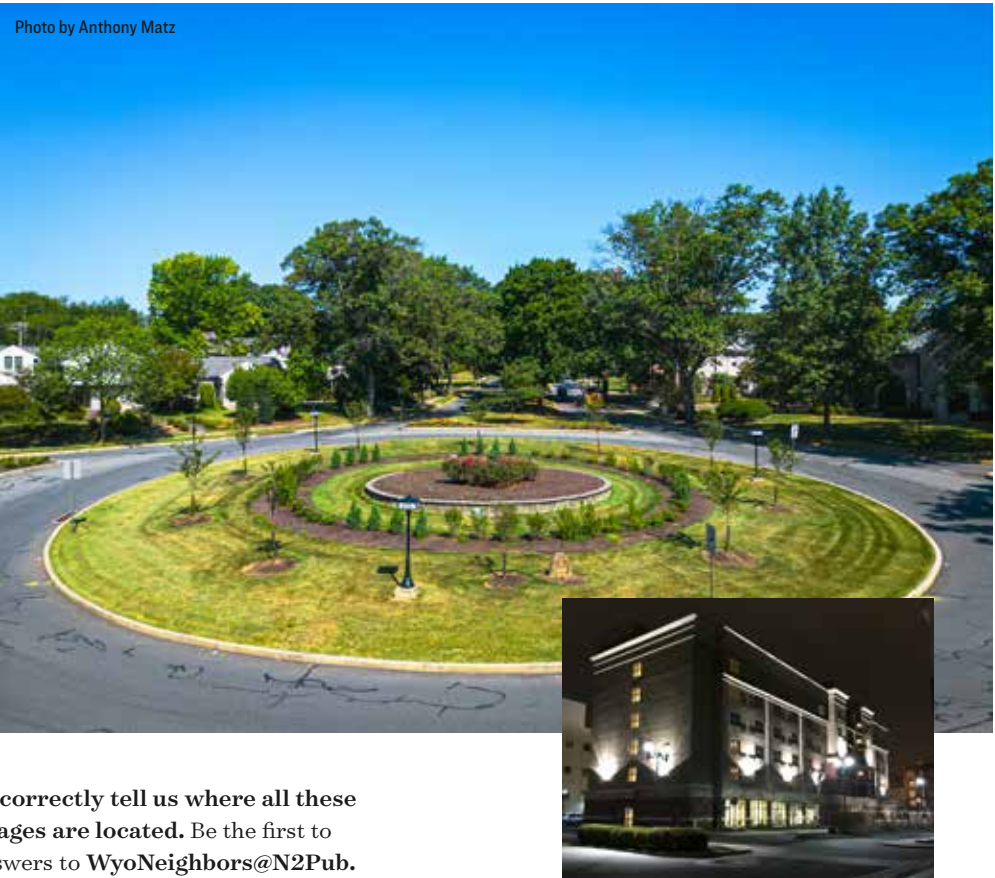
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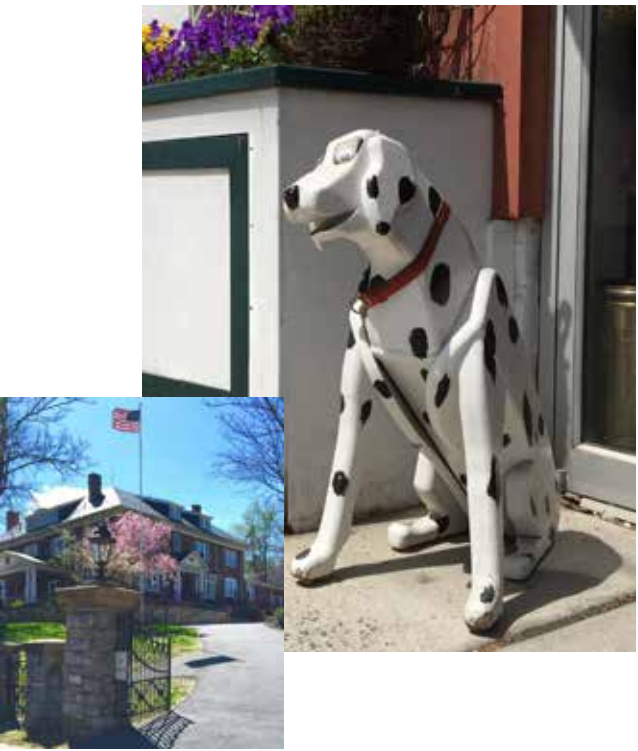

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Over the last few years, investors have become accustomed to near-zero interest rates.

The benefits include historically low rates on mortgages and other loans. On the other hand, investors were earning next-to-nothing on bank accounts, savings vehicles, and some types of bonds.

This quickly changed in 2022 as the Federal Reserve (Fed) steadily increased interest rates throughout the year in an effort to curb inflation.

The 10-year U.S. Treasury rate, a benchmark measurement for interest rate movements, moved from 1.5 percent at the end of 2021 to almost 4 percent at the end of 2022.

How do interest rates affect bonds? 2022 was particularly tough for fixed-income investors. The Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index suffered a 13 percent decline; the worst in its history. When interest rates rise, bond prices typically fall.

Individual bonds or mutual funds? When it comes to fixed income, investors have two primary options: owning individual bonds or owning a bond mutual fund.

A bond mutual fund provides investors with the opportunity for diversification as the fund may hold hundreds of individual bonds. They also offer professional management and research with lower transaction costs and minimum investment requirements. Mutual funds are a good option for investors who seek a diversified bond portfolio of smaller dollar amounts.

However, there is a potential for increased price fluctuation with bond mutual funds, if investors without a long-term approach may sell out of the fund if the market becomes rocky. The fund manager may have to sell bonds to meet redemption requests, which could lead to lower prices and losses for remaining investors.

To offset these drawbacks, owning individual bonds directly in your portfolio may be a good choice, depending on your situation.

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Russell Slocum

LANDSCAPE ARTIST

BY JOHN BIEBER



Russell Slocum is a landscape artist and as he says, a “sporadic writer” who spends most of his time painting in Berks County, around Southeastern Pennsylvania and along the coast of Maine. He works primarily in oils. Many of his paintings are done *en plein air*, at least in part, and the rest are from his own photos and sketches. He is Co-director of Art Plus Gallery in West Reading.

I met with Russell in his beautiful Wyomissing home to talk about his art.

Why painting? What got you interested? “In school, I was always known as one of the kids who could draw. I started painting in high school and it stuck as a hobby. I would do it on family vacations, take paints with us wherever we would go, even try to get our son and his cousins into it too.”

Are there any people who influenced your painting? “I like the French and American Impressionists, I’m in awe of John Singer Sargent. Things have stuck with me from workshops I did with Jack Coggins and Mark Boedges. There are certainly painters I admire, but none that I’ve patterned myself after.”

What is it that keeps you painting? “I enjoy being outside. I’ll find a spot that I think is beautiful or interesting, stand there for two or three hours and absorb it and try to capture the feel of it on canvas. And if I accomplish that and get lucky, someone might buy it. How can you beat that?”

What does the painting do for you? “My entire career, my jobs were creative - a writer, creative director. I get gratification from creating. If I’m not doing something with art or writing, I’m probably down in my shop doing woodwork. At this point, most of my woodwork is making frames for my larger paintings.”

How do you look at your subject, what is the process? “When a subject attracts me, I’ll ask myself ‘Why, what about this makes this interesting?’ That needs to come through as the focus. I want the painting to either tell a little story or evoke a feeling. If the subject moves me in a certain way, I hope to create a painting that will move the viewer the same way.”

Do you go for realism or do you try to improve on what you are looking at? “It depends on the subject, especially ones with architecture, structures - buildings, I tend to make those more realistic. Other subjects might be more impressionistic. In a woodland scene with a creek with rapids and a lot of energy in it, I might use the pallet knife more. I try to capture a feeling, not literally recreate a scene. I won’t hesitate to move a tree over a few feet or eliminate power lines if they don’t add anything to the story.”



Confluence



Russ's wife Ann in Spring in Her Steps

What types of scenes are most challenging? “One with close-ups of people. I’ve only recently tackled some portraits but I’m much more drawn to water. I love painting streams and ponds. The ideal subject for me has woods, water and a structure in it.”

How long do you work on a piece? “When you’re painting on location you have two or three hours until the light changes so much that it becomes a different painting. On occasion, I will go back to the setting at the same time of day to get the light and shadows the same way. Most of my paintings are started on location and finished in my studio. My goal is to do the best painting, not to say I did it all on location. I try to do at least one painting every week, and have some stretches of time when I paint every day for a month.”

Fresh out of college, Slocum’s first job was with Prentice Hall in New Jersey, where he wrote and designed book jackets and catalogs. After a year he returned to Pennsylvania, and in 1972

married his Lycoming College sweetheart Ann Hippensteel. Slocum spent most of the next decade with ad agencies as copywriter and account manager. During this time, he took a couple of breaks from advertising to work as a freelance writer with articles published in the New York Times Magazine, Playboy, The Atlantic and other magazines, and wrote 24 children’s story coloring books. In 1983, he started his own agency, Slocum Advertising. This grew into Slocum Blatt Advertising in 1986, and in 2002 evolved into The Slocum Group. In 2014 he retired from his 40+ year advertising career and made the transition to full-time artist.

Russell Slocum is well known in the Berks County and eastern PA art community, where his work can always be found in Art Plus Gallery, West Reading, as well as Visual Expansion Gallery in West Chester. He is getting to be known in central coast Maine, where he is represented by Landing Gallery, Rockland. Slocum has won numerous awards including the 2022 Plein Air West Reading Berks History Award and Best in Show at the 2019 Scenes of the Schuylkill juried Art Show.

Art Plus Gallery has been a part of Slocum’s life since 2015 and he has been Co-Director since 2016. A cooperative of 25 local artists, Art Plus has been recognized as

a 501(c)3 non-profit shortly after it was founded in 1999. The gallery keeps that status by virtue of a two-pronged mission, one is to help local artists display and sell their work and learn the gallery business from the inside; the second is to promote art appreciation and participation throughout Berks County in general and among K-12 students in particular. In support of this mission, Russell helped the gallery found Plein Air West Reading and the “Nature of Nolde Forest” Student Art Contest.

Today Russell’s wife Ann contributes as resident art critic and helps with the framing. Their son Matt, a 2004 graduate of Wyomissing High School, is now VP of Product Development for Precedent, an Insurtech company and lives in Rockville, MD with his wife Allie and their 2-year-old son Will. The joy of plein air painting didn’t stick with Matt, but Russ is looking forward to getting his grandson out painting on a family vacation someday.

You can see more about Russell and his art at www.RussellSlocum.com



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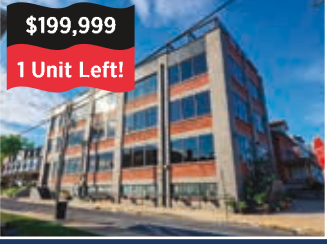
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DR. JENNIFER L. MUELLER



Dr. Jennifer L. Mueller, MD FAAD

Dr. Jennifer L. Mueller, MD FAAD is the owner and CEO of Clear Dermatology. Fourteen months ago, she opened her beautiful offices at 4906 Penn Avenue, Sinking Spring, PA where she brings her 15 years of dermatology experience to patients of all ages.

Dr. Mueller lives in Berks County with her husband Dr. Darryl Mueller, MD, an otolaryngologist, and their son Jackson.

How did you start this practice? “I practiced in a larger dermatology group in Lancaster for about 12 years, and while I found that to be very fulfilling, I felt that it would be so wonderful to be able to better serve my own community, the greater Wyomissing area, so I decided to open my own practice.”

“Patients deserve and should be able to make informed decisions regarding their skin care. We, as dermatologists, are the most equipped to help in this manner. Dermatologists complete four years of medical school, four years of residency, and then must pass a rigorous examination to become board certified by the American Board of Dermatology.”

What range of services do you provide to all your patients? “We see patients of all ages. We provide the full spectrum of medical, cosmetic, and surgical dermatology services. In addition, we practice pediatric and geriatric dermatology. One of the ways dermatology is so important is in preventive medicine through general skin examinations, a service I provide every day. If we can prevent skin cancer or treat it at an earlier stage, patients have better outcomes. We routinely address spots of concern, eczema, psoriasis, hair loss, and nail disorders. I



am passionate about cosmetic dermatology and have fifteen years of expertise in this area including Botox, Juvederm fillers, laser therapy, sclerotherapy, and Kybella.

How did you become interested in dermatology? “I received my undergraduate and graduate degrees from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, and then I attended medical school at Eastern Virginia Medical School. I felt very fortunate to be accepted to medical school. I didn’t take any part of medical school for granted and I wanted to learn everything. I even tutored the other medical students, and I ended up doing very well. The Dean of our medical school was a dermatologist and during the third year of medical school, he asked me if I had considered dermatology. I had not because a typical medical student may only get about two hours of lectures on dermatology during the course of medical school. He explained that dermatology was a great field, and I began dermatology rotations in my fourth year of medical school in various locations from Portland, Oregon to Edinburgh, Scotland and I fell in love with dermatology. I could take care of patients from newborn to geriatric, and I loved doing surgeries and procedures. I completed my internship and residency in dermatology at Drexel University and became board certified in dermatology in 2009.

“It is amazing to think that I have patients that I’ve been seeing for 15 years. I know their families and they know my son Jackson. It’s really humbling and amazing, the ability to talk and connect. I love the relationships that we develop and foster over time. I love that I can follow patients for a lifetime.

“Cosmetic dermatology can be life-changing because when it’s done well the patient should be the only one who notices. They should look in the mirror and feel they look rested and

refreshed. It’s about balance and symmetry. It shouldn’t be about changing people, just about listening and restoring.”

Your office space was the former J.O.Y. Bookstore, which was a beautiful open-beam barn. “When I first saw the space, it was simply a huge attic, but I could see its tremendous potential. Dr. AJ Giesa and Dr. Lisa Ciabattoni, owners of Green Valley Dental, are good friends. They told me they had a space available.” Dr. Mueller did a total remodeling of the space with the help of contractor Real Services, Inc. of York, PA and interior designer Julie Garman Interiors, LLC, Wyomissing.

How many employees are on your staff at Clear Dermatology? “We currently have 11 teammates. My goal with our team was to find people that are equally as passionate as I am and who bring different strengths. Our staff works well together, and I think everybody really feels that sense of family and feels a great deal of pride and ownership over their role in this endeavor. Our team includes our office administrator, patient care coordinators, medical assistants and Jennifer Dankel, PA-C Physician Assistant. It is really important to me that every patient have a good experience from their first



Dr. Mueller and Dr. Galvin



Dr. Jessica Galvin, DO FAAD

phone call to set an appointment to the end of their visit. Medicine should be team focused because patients get the best outcome.”

What are you most proud of regarding Clear Dermatology? “I’m proud of the trust that the community has put in me. I think trust is hard to earn and it feels good that people come here. My team works hard and I’m proud that the practice is growing and the more we can responsibly grow the more people we can take care of.

“Our entire team shares this vision because we know there are so many people that need high-quality dermatologic care in our area. It is important for patients to make the most educated decisions about their skincare whether it’s medical or cosmetic. Skincare is a journey, and it changes as we age. There are tools that we can use to prevent skin cancer so it’s important to be proactive with your skin.”

In April 2023, **Dr. Jessica Galvin** joined the team of Clear Dermatology. She is a board-certified dermatologist and a Fellow of the American Academy of Dermatology and the American Osteopathic College of Dermatology. As a general dermatologist she sees patients of all ages. Her special interests include complex medical dermatology and the early detection and treatment of skin cancers.

Dr. Galvin attended Columbia University for her undergraduate degree. She attended Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences for medical school and completed her internship and dermatology residency at University Hospitals in Cleveland, Ohio.

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