

Business

Business Newsmakers

■ **Elizabeth Presnell** of Port Deposit has joined Coughlin & Mann Chartered in Bel Air as a staff accountant.

Presnell graduated in the spring of 2002 with a bachelor of science degree in accounting from Goldey-Beacom College in Wilmington, Del. She graduated *summa cum laude*, with a 4.0 grade point average, receiving the Academic Achievement Award as top student in accounting. Presnell is a member of the Alpha Chi National Honor Society and a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. She is a CPA candidate and took the November CPA exam.

■ **Forest Hill Bank**



Robert Wehland

announced the promotion of **Robert Wehland** of Bel Air to vice president.

Wehland joined the bank in 1999 and serves as manager of the Whiteford Branch. He has a bachelor of science degree in mathematics and computer science from Towson University.

Wehland is a board member for Mason-Dixon Community Services and president-elect of the Mason-Dixon Business Association.



Anita A. Brightman

■ **Anita A. Brightman** of A. Bright Idea LLC in Bel Air was recently accredited in public relations by the Public Relations Society of America.

Accreditation is a voluntary certification program for public relations professionals. The purpose is to unify and advance the profession by identifying those who have demonstrated broad knowledge, experience and professional judgment in the field. The designation accredited in public relations signifies a high professional level of experience and competence.

Members with at least five years of full-time, paid professional public relations experience may earn APR status by passing oral and written examinations that test their competence in and knowledge in the field. Public Relations Society of America members are required to update their APR status every three years by completing professional development activities.

"I've helped many clients build successful public relations and outreach programs," Brightman said. "My accreditation with PRSA is validation of the work I've done for my government and retail clients."

A. Bright Idea is an advertising and public relations agency that provides verbal and visual communication

solutions to government agencies and contractors, private industry and nonprofit organizations. A. Bright Idea offers services including public outreach, strategic communications planning, corporate identity packages, logos, advertising, media placement, graphic design, creative writing and special events planning.

■ **Ken Jones Insurance Agency**, an independent insurance agency in Delta, Pa., has been awarded Inner Circle honors for 2002 by Mutual Benefit Group, a multiline property and casualty insurance company based in Huntingdon, Pa.

Agency owners David B. Jones and Shirley C. Morris and their staff at Ken Jones Insurance Agency have qualified for the award based on outstanding agent performance, a consistent record of profitable growth and superior customer satisfaction.

Mutual Benefit Group markets its insurance coverage through a network of more than 200 independent agents in Pennsylvania, Maryland and Ohio. Ken Jones Insurance Agency is one of only 31 among Mutual Benefit's agency force to achieve Inner Circle status for 2002.

■ The addition of several new clinicians to the Alliance Outpatient Mental Health Clinic in Harford has been announced:

Dr. Gary Gay, a psychiatrist, received his training at Sheppard Pratt and the Cleveland Clinic. Gay treats patients of all ages and specializes in medication issues. He has worked in a variety of settings, including hospital inpatient units and traditional outpatient clinics. He has also worked in a methadone clinic with people who were dually diagnosed with psychiatric and substance abuse disorders.

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