

## WHAT DO YOU CHERISH?



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Amanda Danuski, 34, cherishes her new job at HACC's Welcome Center in York. The Dover Township woman — born with a brittle bone disease — found the opportunity after leaving her nine-year career at Top Flight Corp.

# Work & tenacity

**Amanda Danuski, 34, doesn't let a rare bone condition get in the way of her life — or job search.**

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Amanda Danuski doesn't make excuses or complain about the pain that grips the fragile bones of her 3-foot-tall frame.

Instead, the 34-year-old Dover Township woman smiles from behind the partition at HACC's York campus Welcome Center, answering phones, assisting students and processing college applications while using a wheelchair to get around.

It's blatant that she cherishes the job, one she found after an 8-month battle with unemployment that began in March. That month, Danuski left a nine-year career at Top Flight Corp. to join her sister in starting a business — one that quickly succumbed to the sour economy.

Without work, Danuski applied for any job she could find, using Facebook to post inquiries for leads. In October, she found a link to a HACC job ad in her inbox, courtesy of an online friend.

From there, everything fell into place.

"With the disability factor, usually it's harder," she said. "I've heard it's harder to get a job. I personally have not experienced that."

### Osteogenesis imperfecta?

Osteogenesis imperfecta is a genetic disorder that causes bones to break easily — sometimes for no known reason. It also can cause weak muscles, brittle teeth, a curved spine and hearing loss.

This condition affects an estimated six to seven people in 100,000 worldwide.

Source: United States National Library of Medicine

In reality, Danuski — born with a brittle bone disease called osteogenesis imperfecta — has more to cherish than a paycheck.

At birth, doctors said she wouldn't

live beyond one week. Since then, she has endured about 100 broken bones.

When her parents told her she would never drive a car, Danuski, then 17, contacted the Pennsylvania Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, which outfitted her minivan with a ramp and raised gas and brake pedals.

Today, she owns her own house and often forgets she has a disability.

"I'm thankful for the job and the way my parents raised me to work hard for what you want. Don't let anything stand in your way," she said. "Excuses get you nowhere."

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AMANDA DANUSKI, who has a rare brittle bone disease, found a job at HACC's York Campus

## New jobless claims down

By JIM PUZZANGHERA  
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — New jobless claims dropped sharply last week to a still-high 410,000 as the effect of Superstorm Sandy probably eased.

The figure for the week ending Nov. 17 was down 41,000 from the previous week's revised figure of 451,000. But the 410,000 new claims, which was in line with analyst expectations,



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Angela Winters of Schenectady, N.Y., talks to a recruiter in October during a job fair. New jobless claims dropped sharply last week to a still-high 410,000, as the effect of Superstorm Sandy probably eased.

still were well above the four-week average of 396,250.

The high levels of the past two weeks reversed a year-long downward trend as the job market improved.

Until the week ending Nov. 10, initial jobless claims hadn't topped 400,000 since mid-October 2011. New claims hit a 4½-year low of 342,000 in early October.

## Consumer confidence holds at 5-year high

**The final November index showing consumer sentiment stood at 82.7.**

By DON LEE  
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Consumer confidence held at a five-year high in November, but there were signs that concerns about the "fiscal cliff" are starting to weigh on sentiments.

The final November index of consumer sentiment stood at 82.7 based on the widely followed survey by Thomson Reuters/University of Michigan.

That's a notch above the 82.6 reading for October, but down from the 84.9 preliminary index earlier in November.

Details of the report released Wednesday showed consumers' mood about current conditions brightened in November, most likely reflecting the improving housing market and gains in job growth in October.

But consumers were less upbeat about expectations for the future, signaling greater awareness and caution about a fiscal cliff of higher taxes and federal spending cuts at the start of next year, unless lawmakers take action to avert what most analysts believe will lead the nation into recession.

The latest report comes just two days before the traditional start of the holiday shopping season.

Surveys suggest that the Christmas retail season will likely match last year's performance, but sales could disappoint if consumers become increasingly nervous that the nation could go over the fiscal cliff.

### Daily stats

Wednesday's close		
	Last	Chg
Dow	12,836.89	+48.38
S&P 500	1,391.03	+3.22
Nasdaq	2,926.55	+9.87
NYSE MKT	2,357.24	+3.59
Prime rate	3.25 percent	
30-yr mtg.	3.41 percent	

**Wednesday's metal prices\***  
(N.Y. Mercantile Exchange)

Gold	1,728.20 troy oz.
Silver	33.35 troy oz.
Platinum	1,583.90 troy oz.

(\*Source: CNN Money)

### Sample News Group

#### Gettysburg Times sold

The Gettysburg Times will be sold by the Philip Jones family to George and Marlene Sample.

The family of the publisher, Phil Jones, informed workers Monday of the planned sale, a news release stated.

Jones died last year, according to the release.

The sale is expected to close around Feb. 1, 2013.

While these are challenging times for small town newspapers, George Sample said he is confident that the Gettysburg Times will continue as a daily source of hometown news for many years to come.

The Samples own the Sample News Group, a Huntingdon-based company that specializes in small town newspapers.

### York Habitat for Humanity

#### Tree farm sets sale dates

By buying a Douglas fir tree from the McPherson Tree Farm in Hellam Township, residents will contribute to the York Habitat for Humanity Fund, sponsored by Johnson Controls.

The farm is located at 5931 Mt. Pisgah Road in the township.

Present a completed coupon to donate \$5 in your name to the fund.

The McPherson Tree Farm will be open from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays on the following dates: Nov. 23, 24, and 25 and Dec. 1, 2, 9, 14, 15, 16.

Trees are priced at \$5 per foot and range in height from four to 14 feet.

For more information, call 717-244-2158 or 717-244-8133.

### Local stocks: Wednesday's close

Company	Last	Chg	Company	Last	Chg
ACNB	16.01	+0.23	Hershey	71.94	-0.42
AMZN	238.03	+4.25	Honeywell	60.59	-0.02
Banco Sant.	7.28	+0.05	Johns. Ctl.	26.76	+0.57
Bon-Ton	11.19	-0.18	M&T	98.29	-0.19
Caterpillar	83.05	-0.28	Metro	12.30	+0.08
Ch.&Dwight	53.46	+0.19	PNC	54.81	+0.01
Cod.Vly Bnc.	15.03	-0.14	PPL	28.23	-0.10
Comcast	36.49	-0.07	Rite Aid	1.04	+0.02
Dentsply	38.80	+0.07	Std. Register	0.57	-0.01
Exelon	28.85	-0.13	Starbucks	50.51	+0.45
First Energy	41.20	-0.24	Susq. Banc.	9.94	+0.21
Fulton	9.51	+0.01	UGI	31.77	NC
Glatfelter	16.21	+0.06	Wells Fargo	32.59	-0.33
Harley	47.76	-0.02	York Water	17.18	-0.02

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