

# Laughlintown Landmark to reopen in July

**Progress:** For the past two years, The Progress Fund has worked to acquire and rehabilitate the old Ziders General Store, an important Laughlintown landmark. The building will soon be fully renovated from rooftop to basement, with modern heating, plumbing, and electrical systems. The storefront was returned to the original design and the building was repainted to match its original paint scheme.



**In a "Catch 22":** The building stood vacant for 16 years in a Catch 22 of restrictions and building code issues. The dirt floor basement and old roof were problematic and the building lacked modern heating, plumbing, and electrical systems. Also, the property had historic preservation restrictions that limited its use to the point that it did not make economic sense to renovate. We were able to work out a solution with the help of the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy.

**History:** The building was used as a General Store and Post Office from 1873 until 1978. During 34 of those years, the property known as "old Ziders store," was run by Israel M. Ziders. From 1979 - 1998, the building housed two antique shops. Since then, the property stood vacant.



**Future Use:** The building will reopen again on July 4 as the Country Cupboard & Nature Run Wood Works. This successful Ligonier business is opening its second location.



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