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Unique gift boutique opens in Downtown Mechanicsburg

Mechanicsburg, PA — October 28, 2013 — Amos Went West has joined the retail business community in downtown Mechanicsburg. The gift shop, which had its official grand opening on Saturday, hosted a celebratory ribbon cutting ceremony with the Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce.

The store, owned and operated by Sandra Huffman, offers a wide variety of gifts and antiques, ranging from children's books and pottery to clothing and organic foods. The shop also offers many award-winning and popular items, including Barefoot Books, Wildtree culinary products, and Simple Sugars, an all-natural skincare line which was recently featured on ABC's hit show, *Shark Tank*.

For Huffman, opening up her own business has been a lifelong dream. "I come from a long line of business-minded ancestors," she explained. "I've always said that if I ever started my own business, it would be named 'Amos Went West' after my second great grand uncle who moved west back in the mid-1800s and remains a genealogical mystery to this day." Intrigued by genealogy and committed to preserving family history, Huffman's shop also offers heritage services including genealogical research, archiving, and digital scrapbooks.

Amos Went West is located at 71-A West Main Street and is open Wednesday through Friday from 10am to 6pm, and on Saturday from 10am to 3pm. For more information, visit www.amoswentwest.com or call the shop at (717) 795-1028.



Amos Went West Owner Sandy Huffman cuts the ribbon with Jeff Palm, Executive Director of the Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce. Also pictured are several members of the Mechanicsburg Chamber.

About Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce

The Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce supports a variety of community, business and economic development programs throughout the year. It has over 400 business and residential members throughout South Central Pennsylvania; and focuses on the Mechanicsburg Borough, Hampden, Lower Allen, Monroe, Silver Spring and Upper Allen Townships.

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