



**RHEA BUILDING SUPPLY  
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In the mayor's spotlight for the month of June 2014, I would like to feature another one of the great Knox businesses "Rhea Building Supply" located down at 507 East State Street. This business has been a staple of Knox Borough for some 126 plus years and has been owned by the Rhea family since 1922. Present day owner is Douglas (Robert D) Rhea.....

History of the business & property begins in 1885 when two partners named "Smith & Sackett" erected a lumber yard there. In 1888 Mr Smith bought out Mr Sackett's interest and ran the business until 1910 when he sold out to Wm. Bowman. Mr Bowman ran the lumber yard there until 1912 when he sold out his interests to Robert Watson who also sold the business after two years of operation to Mr R. T. Wilson in 1914, who carried on operations for some 8 years. In 1922, the Rhea brothers (C.C. & W.R. Rhea) purchased the business from Mr Wilson. The business was then renamed "Rhea Brothers" and business was done under this name from 1922 on. You may recall the name "RHEA BROTHERS" on the front and side of the building there @ East Penn & Petrolia Streets, but many will tell you they simply called the business RHEA LUMBER.....

In 2003 the Rhea Family reorganized with David & Daryl Jr. Rhea retiring from the joint owned Knox & Clarion businesses. At that time Douglas (Robert D) Rhea became the sole proprietor of the Knox business and changed the name of the business to the present day name of RHEA BUILDING SUPPLY.....

Today RHEA BUILDING SUPPLY is an outstanding supplier of quality goods to the local contractors, home builders & home owners countywide. Many folks will tell you they find solutions to their problems & needs from the great people at Rhea Building Supply who have the "hands on" legacy & history of helping out anyone get their projects done, and done right in a timely manner. The folks there are always ready to help out anyone. Personally, I can always remember Bob Moore down there delivering the goods over the years. Bob was great, always smiling and ready to help anyone thru a project. The folks at Rhea Building Supply are still the same as they always were, they will help anyone find a solution for about anything you're doing. Bob Moore recently retired after working there for some 50 years but still is great friends with the folks at Rhea Building Supply and Doug tells me he visits often.

There are presently 4 full time & 2 part time employees at Rhea Building Supply

1. Doug Rhea (Knox Pa) Doug has put in a lifetime of service at his business there.
2. Joyce Switzer (Elmo Pa) Joyce has working there for 17 years now.
3. Mike Buzard (Strattanville Pa) Mike has been there for 14 years.
4. Doug Painter (Knox Pa) a 13 year employee....

Completing the workforce there are part time employees Ted Switzer (Knox Pa / Switzertown) & Harold McElhatten (Knightsown Road / Shippenville Pa)

Always FREE delivery on the goods from Rhea Building Supply, these employees are always ready to burst into action & bring an order to you!

Lumber & Treated Lumber fills the yard at RBS. Rhea Building Supply has always been well known to have QUALITY lumber stock in the yard there. On the floor in the showroom you will find hardware product from ORGILL, who is the largest independent hardware supplier in the nation. A complete line of VALSPAR Paints are always in stock. They will "shake" paint for you. Custom Orders for Windows (7D & other brands) and Kraft Maid Kitchens are everyday staples offered at RBS. Replacement window screens, and or glass / plexiglas can be installed in your provided frame - another service provided at Rhea Building Supply.

Many of the homes and buildings around the area were actually Rhea built homes over the many years they have been in business. Close to 80% of the homes built up in Woodland Heights (Knox) are Rhea built homes. It's another great American Dream story, a family legacy business that's still going strong into the new millennium providing quality jobs, goods & services to the people in our area. This mayor salutes Rhea Building Supply and I wish to say thanks to Doug and all the fine folks there at RBS, Knox is fortunate to have this fine business located in our town. Thanks to you all!