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Tim Smith **“Official Historian”**

At the Commissioners Public Meeting on March 15, it was the Board’s privilege to approve a proclamation naming Timothy H. Smith *Official Adams County Historian*. Tim’s lifetime commitment to the study of Adams County history, which began under the teaching of the late Dr. Charles H. Gladfelter, former Official County Historian, has made him the expert on Adams County history. Besides being a Licensed Battlefield Guide, he continues to serve the Adams County Historical Society (ACHS) while researching, writing, and developing exhibits for the new ACHS Museum “Beyond The Battle.” Tim has served in various roles at the Adams County Historical Society as Volunteer, Research Assistant, Collections Manager, Historian and Director of Education. Following in the shoes of Dr. Gladfelter are big shoes to fill – but Tim’s knowledge of Adams County History, and helping to impart that knowledge to others, makes him a very worthy recipient of the recognition!



Det. Eric Beyer Outstanding L.E. Service

It is always with pride when we see one of our own recognized for superior service to our community. At the Adams County Commissioners March 15 public meeting, Adams County Detective Eric Beyer was recognized for his outstanding and significant service to Adams County and beyond by the Gettysburg Optimist Club.

Detective Beyer is the coordinator of the Adams County Drug Task Force (ACDTF) where he oversees all investigations, manpower, equipment, training, and reporting conducted by the ACDTF. This alone is a full-time job, but despite his many other commitments as detailed below, Det. Beyer has taken on this responsibility in earnest and the ACDTF is more productive than ever in our community and is constantly adapting to different investigation requirements.

Detective Beyer also serves as a member of the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) task force through the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). In that capacity, Det. Beyer receives, reviews, investigates, and coordinates hundreds of allegations of child abuse specifically focused on child sexual assaults, child pornography, grooming and trafficking of child victims. Again, the responsibility of these investigations takes considerable time and effort, and Det. Beyer has been successful in bringing scores of defendants to justice who prey upon children behind the supposed cloak of anonymity of the internet.

Detective Beyer has also been trained for and conducts forensic downloads of digital evidence by request and coordination with all local and state law enforcement agencies in the county. Det. Beyer successfully graduated from training conducted by the Department of Justice several years ago and has been an integral part of too many investigations to count while analyzing cell phones, tablets, computers, and other forms of digital evidence to identify perpetrators and victims of crime, as well as to provide corroboration and further evidence in investigations. Specifically, Det. Beyer is trained in using Cellbrite technology to crack these digital devices and obtain evidence criminals felt was hidden from the reach of law enforcement. Detective Beyer also assists all other law enforcement agencies within the county as needed to aid investigations from minor summary offenses to homicide investigations.

Congratulations Eric for this well-deserved recognition!

Extremely Honored to Receive Award

On Tuesday, March 21, all 3 Commissioners attended the Destination Gettysburg Annual Dinner Meeting held at the new Adams County Historical Society Museum Events Center. The event began with a tour of the new museum "Beyond The Battle" and then moved to the beautiful new Events Center on the 2nd floor overlooking Barlow's Knoll.

During the program, I was very honored to be recognized with the *2023 Jim Getty Award* for a lifetime of achievement promoting Tourism in Adams County. I cannot adequately begin to thank and recognize the multitude of family, friends, colleagues, and community members, who have played such an integral role in each of my chapters of community service to be considered for this very meaningful award. The award was extra special to me because Jim Getty was a friend and a very special and cherished ambassador for our community. Each year Jim mesmerized the crowds at the reenactment with his persona and delivery of *The Gettysburg Address*. I used to needle Jim when he arrived at the reenactment, that I was the one (not him) that six times carried an original copy of the *Gettysburg Address* between the Library of Congress and the old Cyclorama in the 1980's - where it was displayed at Gettysburg for the summer.





Each chapter of service has been different. Beginning in 1977 the chapters included a 30-year National Park Service career, the Annual Gettysburg Reenactment for 25 years, the 2012 150TH Gettysburg Anniversary Prelude event in Greencastle, Chambersburg, Fairfield & the Lutheran Seminary, in 2009 going to South Korea for 10 days to the International Festival & Event Association as Destination Gettysburg’s ambassador explaining a civil war reenactment and promoting our tourism, 12-years as Adams County Commissioner, and currently lending a hand to preserve and sustain the historic Daniel Lady Farm, all would not have been possible or the successes achieved without the support of many, many members of this community. Some of these chapters are now closed, and some are still an open. For those that have played a role in the past, and for those that are currently still engaged with these endeavors – Thank You For Your Support! We are so very fortunate to live in Adams County!

Adams Response and Recovery (ARRF) Awards

From an applicant pool of 44 entities, 14 organizations were awarded ARRF monies from Adams County’s allotment of \$20M in American Recovery Act Funding. Some counties chose to keep all the money awarded to them to off-set allowable expenses. The Adams County Board of Commissioners chose not to keep all the funding and utilize \$10M for County expenses, and dedicate \$5M toward improving Broadband, and \$5M toward public needs concentrating on affordable housing, public infrastructure, and health, life, and safety needs.

With the Commissioners input on concentrations, Adams County Planning led the evaluation and ranking process, assisted by GMS Funding Solutions, to make recommendations to the commissioners for the public \$5M. The following successful applicants and

- ◆ Adams County Arts Council \$312,000
- ◆ Adams County Economic Development Corporation \$323,100
- ◆ Adams County Technical Institute \$500,000
- ◆ Alpha Fire Company \$250,000
- ◆ Anthony’s Way Foundation \$250,000
- ◆ Adams Regional Emergency Medical Services \$250,000
- ◆ Buchanan Valley Volunteer Fire Department \$250,000
- ◆ East Berlin Joint Authority \$1,000,000
- ◆ Gettysburg Combined Area Resources for Emergency Shelter (C.A.R.E.S.) \$368,900
- ◆ Heidlersburg Area Civic Association Fire Company \$250,000
- ◆ Lake Meade Property Owners Association, Inc \$250,000
- ◆ S.A.V.E.S. \$250,000
- ◆ South Central Community Action Programs, Inc. \$465,000
- ◆ True North Wellness Services \$281,000

CCAP Broadband Discussed at Spring Conference

At our Spring County Commissioner’s Association Conference, Commissioner Qually was joined by Harlan Lawson, County Planning office, and Brady Rogers, Adams Economic Alliance to serve on a panel discussing how to increase broadband expansion through local partnerships. It was great to see our local broadband team working side by side with the new State Executive Director of the Broadband Authority. We may not be a large county, but our broadband taskforce of local partners and our recent public survey are getting some attention at the state level. Soon



our broadband study will be complete. The broadband taskforce will then begin reviewing the results and match funding sources to our needs. When the time comes to apply for state funds, let us hope the relationships formed with state leaders help us move forward!

Penn State Summer Internship Available


PSU Extension has a [summer internship opportunity](#) for undergrad students in an animal science field. Additional information is available at the link below. Please share this opportunity with any local students you know who are interested in animal science.

Ag Land Preservation News

At the Commissioners March 22nd meeting, following a recommendation from Ellen Dayhoff, Rural Resource Manager, and after review by Solicitor Molly R. Mudd, the Board of Commissioners approved the offer letter for the David and Beatrice Waybright Farm, 837 Mason Dixon Road, Gettysburg, PA located in Cumberland Township. This action preserved 70.27 acres, at \$3,000.00/acre. This beautiful family farm is located in southern Cumberland Township on the Mason Dixon Line bordering Rock Creek and Mason Dixon Farms.

Applicant properties are chosen from a variety of features that contribute to productive farming areas and protect existing clusters of preserved land. Features like soil quality and protecting watersheds are also ranking factors. Each application is scored and ranked based on Land Evaluation & Site Assessment (LESA) scores. *“Preserving our agrarian and historical past, while planning our economic future, while maintaining an excellent quality of life”* is more than just a catch phrase in Adams County!

Bunny Hop a Great Success



Thank you to everyone who attended the Adams County staff and family annual Bunny Hop at Carroll Valley Park. The event is part of the Adams County Wellness Program. What a pleasant surprise it was to have the Easter Bunny join us! It turned out to be a beautiful day. We had 93 adults, and 36 children attend this year. The Easter Bunny wants to send out a special thanks to all the children who picked flowers along their walk just for her. A loud shout out to Adams County HR for making these family friendly events happen for us!

The End

- Enjoy symphony music in Adams County this evening when The Majestic Theater hosts *Wind Symphony Masterworks Concert*. The ensemble of 40-50 musicians performs some of the best new literature and wind masterworks. The concert begins at 8PM with a cost of only \$5. Under 18 Free.
- This is the last day to enjoy the *St Francis Lenten Fish Fry* at St Francis Xavier School & Parish on Table Rock Road. Dinner is served 5-7 with a variety of dinner choices.
- Hickory Bridge Farm is hosting a dinner - murder mystery. The murder mystery is aptly named *I Love The 80's To Death*. The event provides a rocking radical night of mystery. The famous family style Hickory Bridge dinner is included in the cost. Begins at 6PM this evening. Cost is \$80.
- *Line Dancing At Thirsty Farmer*. Line dancing from 5:30 – 8:30PM this evening. Thirsty Farmer Brew Works 290 Cashtown Road. 717-334-3325
- *HGAC Architectural Salvage Warehouse* will be open for browsing and buying from 10-2pm this Saturday. Located at the Daniel Lady Farm 986 Hanover Road.
- *Children & Family Day at World War II American Experience*. All day scavenger events, get inside the military vehicles for photos, experience craft areas, and participate in an Easter Egg Hunt at 1:00. Admission is free for children under 12 with paying adult. Located at the intersection of Mummasburg & Crooked Creek Road.
- *Gettysburg Community Theater Improv Show*. Show begins at 7PM this Saturday. Come see the silliness unfold. Price is \$15 online and \$20 at the door.

No matter what you do, get out there and experience all the historic, recreational, agricultural, natural and cultural resources that beautiful Adams County has to offer!