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## *Weather Delays and Closures Review*

The past two mild winters we have been fortunate that delays and closures have been minimal. Now twice in one week! Just saying that I have not missed my alarm going off at 5AM! With the recent weather, it is probably time to again review that mystery of how those Liberal Leave, 1-Hour Delay, 2-Hour Delay and Closure calls are made for Adams County government.

Making a call the night before during a blinding blizzard is easy. But most times during inclement weather, I am up at 5:00 AM checking existing conditions, weather forecast, weather radar, local delays/closures, and taking several operational realities into consideration. By 5:30AM, I confer with Judge George (or acting) and we come to terms with the best safety/operational decision based on the information we have at the time. Most of the time we get it right – but it is not an exact science with changing conditions. A few degrees one way or the other, or miscalculations on when precipitation begins and ends, can make a difference between being a genius or a Bozo! Also, what's happening in the Gettysburg area may be somewhat different in Upper Adams, Buchanan Valley, Mt Carmel, Cham-





bersburg, Hanover, or Dillsburg. When the weather event is scheduled to take place during commuter hours, or during the workday, (like today), it also makes the decision much more difficult.

Then comes the next step of calling IT to put the information on the website and notifying numerous staff and media outlets. With my long-time IT early morning weather contact Loretta Weaver retired, Phil Walter now has the distinct pleasure of hearing from me at 5:30AM to post the status on the County website. We strive to have these notifications and postings all done by 5:45AM, in consideration of staff that needs to travel some distance, and consideration of maintenance staff needs to address parking lots and sidewalks. So next time there is inclement weather, and you wake up and look at the County website or WGAL for Adams County government delays or closures, and you don't agree - Judge George made the call!

## Dancing With The Local Stars Grand Champion Mark Clowney

For those that attended the *Dancing with the Stars Champions Dance-off* at the Majestic Theater last Friday evening they saw a fabulous show. Not only were 7 of the past 9 champions competing, but the video prelude of each couple before they performed added a whole other interesting element to the event. Although every performance was excellent, I checked with Las Vegas odds makers before the show, and put my money on our own Rural Resource Planner Mark Clowney. Well Mark and his partner Dawn Glass did not disappoint. At the end of the evening, by a paper vote of the individual audience members that filled the theater, Mark & Dawn were crowned DWTLS Grand Champions.

I knew Mark was serious about this competition when I asked him last week if he was going to the Farm Show with us last Wednesday, and he said he could not - because he had dance practice. For those of us that saw Mark in a foot cast and mobile scooter for months, it made me wonder if he was going to slow dance 😊? Not surprisingly, Mark & Dawn's dance routine was anything but slow - with lots of athleticism, lifts, slides and tremendous energy.

The best take-away for the evening was a packed house for a great community event, that significantly supports the YWCA and Adams County Arts Council! Job well done and thank you to all the organizers, sponsors, participants, and attendees!

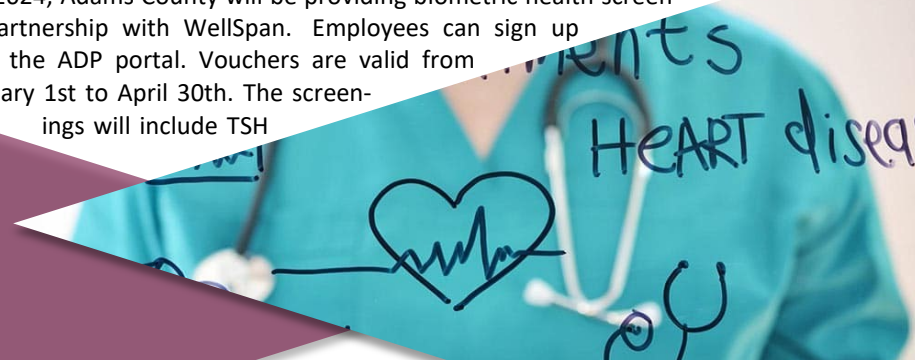
## 108TH Pennsylvania Farm Show

Whether you wanted to pay \$5 to cuddle with a baby goat, have a Farm Show Milkshake, see newborn cows in the birthing room, go to a rodeo, or watch shawls being made directly from wool just taken from a sheep at the Sheep to Shawl demonstration, the Farm Show was the place to be last week. Commissioner Martin and I attended Public Officials Day on Wednesday. The featured speakers were PA Secretary of Agriculture Russell Redding, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, and Governor Shapiro. We had the opportunity to chat with Adams County's own Russell Redding and wife Nina. Nina is our retired Penn State Extension Executive Director.

A highlight was seeing all the Adams County apple displays, and especially the featured apple display sponsored by the PA Fruit Growers Association and created by Upper Adams Elementary Art Department. It spells out PA Farm Show 2024 and was a must photo opportunity. I always marvel at the extensive and unique variety of Christmas trees on display. The cost was only \$15 for parking and is a great family activity with something for all ages.

## HR: Health Screening + Hamming It Up

Looking ahead for 2024, Adams County will be providing biometric health screenings in partnership with WellSpan. Employees can sign up soon on the ADP portal. Vouchers are valid from February 1st to April 30th. The screenings will include TSH



testing for employees and spouses.

HR is again coordinating a fun Easter event. The Bunny Hop is tentatively planned for March 16, 2024, at Carroll Valley Park. Bring your family and pet out for a short walk on the Park Walking Trail and you'll receive a voucher for a Free Ham! I have done this, and it is a very nice activity promoting a healthy lifestyle. More information will be coming soon on the ADP portal.


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## Adams County IDA & ACGA Appointees

The Board of Commissioners made several appointments at their public meeting. The Board appointed Max Felty, Gettysburg Tours, to the Adams County Industrial Development Authority Board of Directors for a five-year term, effective January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2028. We also appointed Michael Showers, Keystone Fur Dressing, Inc. to fill a vacancy on the Adams County General Authority Board of Directors, for a five-year term, effective January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2028.

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## IT Update



The Information Technology Department recently completed a change in the County's backup and disaster recovery software. As part of this change, the County will benefit from a software solution that requires less complex configuration and manual intervention to keep the backup and disaster recovery environment secure. The new software package also includes a dedicated incident response team that is available 24x7x365 to respond to cybersecurity incidents. This change in backup software directly aligns with the County's efforts to reduce cybersecurity risk, improve business continuity, and protect County owned data from loss or destruction.

# The End

- **Winter Ball**, Adams County Historical Society. 1860's style dance with Dance Masters and refreshments on 1/20/24 @8PM Cost \$35. Call 717-337-0748 or Civilians of Gettysburg 1861-1865 Facebook. Saturday.
- **A Behind the Scenes 30TH Anniversary Look at the Filming of Movie Gettysburg**. Beyond the Battle Museum. LBG Phil Cole. Free for members and \$10 for non-members. Saturday 2PM.
- **Boys In the Boat & The Claw**. Majestic Theater. I saw Boys in the Boat and would highly recommend this movie as very entertaining and historically informative. The Claw is another factual movie about a pro wrestling family.
- **Neil & Shannon Live**. Lincoln Social & Food Mart. Tonight 6-8. No cover!
- **PGL Fiesta & Auction**. Saturday 4-8. Gettysburg College Athletic Complex. Getaways, Dinners, Experiences, Services, Desserts, Fine Arts & Entertainment. \$25in advance \$30 at door. <https://gettysburg-leon.org/pgl2/>

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