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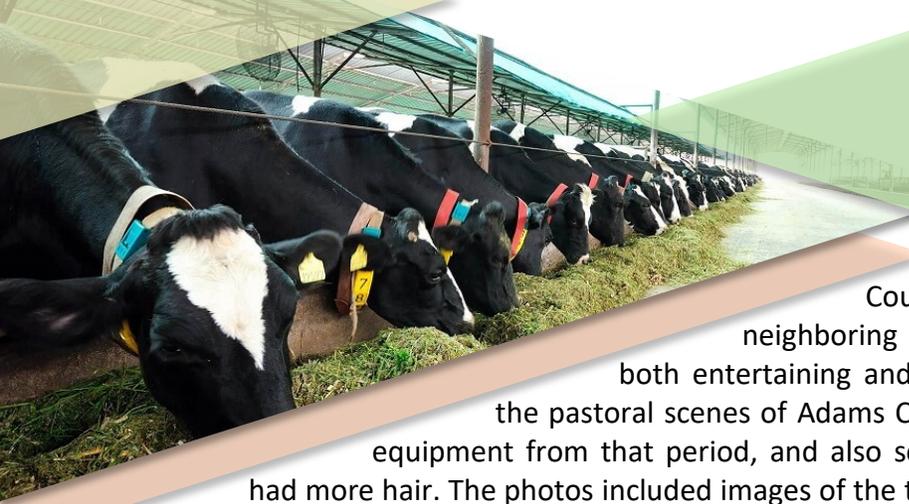
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Tom Piper
**Adams County Dairy
Farmers Over the Years**

On Tuesday, April 3 the Ag Center played host to some 60 current and past local dairy farmers, who had the opportunity to view over 40 years of photographs taken by Tom Piper. Tom was the Director of the Adams County Ag Extension Agency from 1963 until he retired over 40 years later.

Many of the slides were from the 60's and 70's. I had the pleasure of viewing Adams County over the years at this event. Over a thousand original Kodachrome slides from Tom were transformed into jpegs by local volunteer and photographer Loy Elliott. These images included Tom's documentation of many years of conducting the Adams County Holstein Association Tours in and around Adams



County as well as neighboring counties. It was both entertaining and informative to view the pastoral scenes of Adams County. We got to look at farm equipment from that period, and also seeing many in the audience when they had more hair. The photos included images of the tours and its participants, but also ranged from past dairy princess pageants to local profiles of some of the great dairymen of our recent past. There were also a lot of different manure pits and cows.

Local dairyman Tom Clowney, along with grandson Adams County Planner Mark Clowney, spearheaded the event by personally reaching out to many of the folks captured in the images to come and enjoy an evening of fellowship. Many of the old-time farmers hadn't seen each other in a very long time. Mark set the slides to appropriate "farm music." I'm still singing *Pass the Mountain Dew* song in my brain. Mark tells me there are plans to make the slides available upon request through the web. Thank you Tom and Mark Clowney for a very enjoyable evening of looking back and fellowship!

Healthy Adams County Walks

At Adams County we support our Wellness Program and healthy initiative's by our staff. The Adams County Physical Fitness Task Force invites everyone to participate in their Spring Walks. The walks are free and open to everyone. Dogs on leashes are welcome as long as they are picked up after. Wear good walking shoes and bring a bottle of water! Walks are held rain or shine except for thunderstorms and severe weather.

The hikes are pre-planned at different location as follows: April 25 National Cemetery to Little Roundtop, May 2 Gettysburg Outlets, May 5 Culps Hill/Spangler Spring, May 9 Hoffman Home, May 16 the old Gettysburg Country Club cart path, May 23 Oakside Community Park, May 28 Wyndham Hotel free 5k walk or run, May 30 Carrol Commons, Carrol Valley, June 6 Barlows Knoll, June 13 Gettysburg Rec Park and June 21 Spirit Trust Lutheran. For more information call 337-4137 or check the Healthy Adams County Facebook page to check for cancellations.

Land Conservancy of Adams County Art Auction

Looking for something to do next weekend? The 21st *Annual Land Conservancy of Adams County Art Auction* is set for Sunday, April 22. Once again the folks at The Parrot in Gettysburg will be graciously hosting the event. Doors open at 12 p.m. on April 22, and bidding starts promptly at 1 p.m. The price of admission provides you with some very nice local art and also some great hordourves. Most importantly, this is one of the ACLC largest fundraisers - which has helped to preserve 10,733 acres of land in Adams County. For more information on the Art Auction call 717-334-2828 or e-mail LCAC@adamscounty.us.





Pajama Drive

At Wednesday's Commissioners Meeting one of the proclamations was for National Crime Victim Awareness Week. Adams County Victim Witness Director Cindy Keeney informed us of an initiative to collect new pajamas for foster children. Adams County Victim Witness is collecting pajamas of all sizes from infant to age 21, for children involved with Children & Youth Services. Many times children are placed into foster care on very short notice, and this is just one method of helping them in the transition at what is normally an already traumatic time in their life.

Donations will be accepted until Friday, April 20. Drop off at Adams County Victim Witness in the Courthouse or Adams County Children & Youth at the Human Services Building on Boyds School Road. For any questions contact Adams County Victim Witness at 717-337-9844. Please consider contributing to this very worthy cause!

Taste of the Town Event on Sunday

This year's annual *Taste of the Town*, sponsored by the Gettysburg/Adams Chamber of Commerce, is an "All Star" Chef event on Sunday from 2-5 at Liberty Mountain Resort. This is a new location for the competition. The winners from the past 4 years, are paired with a local professional chef, and will go head to head in a competition to see who can prepare the best appetizer, entrée and dessert. They are committed to the same specific pre-assigned ingredients – which can be pretty unusual. I can attest to the uniqueness and preparation for this event because I was the runner-up two years ago – although Chef Paul Karsteter and my creations were pretty darn good 😊. The final prep in front of the attendees is time limited so speed in final presentation, skill, taste, creativity and presentation count with the judges. The limited time does cause some the preparers some stress.

The All Star previous winners are Mr. Ed Gotwalt, Harry Hartman, Vickie Corbett and our own Mark Clowney. It promises to be a fierce competition with a lot of great food, beverages and fellowship. For the fee of \$35 you can graze a host of local restaurants, caterers and beverage outlets letting you sample their products. For more information or tickets get them on-line at the Chamber site or call or email Jennifer at the Gettysburg/Adams Chamber jenniferm@gettysburg-chamber.org 717-334-8151. I will be there cheering on all the chefs!



Drug Take Back

April 28th is medicine take back county-wide from 10pm to 2pm. This is an excellent and safe option for removing unused, dangerous and addictive medications from our homes. Local participation is headed by Eileen Grenell, Substance Abuse Specialist and Positive Action Coordinator for Adams County Collaborating For Youth (CFY). Grenell co-chairs the Heroin Awareness Task Force sub-committee on Drug Removal with Adams County Detective Eric Byers.

There are drop off locations in Gettysburg, Biglerville, Carrol Valley, Littlestown, New Oxford, York Springs and Conewago Township. Details may be found on the Collaborating For Youth website by going to <https://www.cfygettysburg.com/permenant-medication-dropbox>.

Used Tire Collection on May 5th

May 5th is *Adams County Tire Collection Day* held at the Ag Center from 8am to 1pm. Pre-registration is required. This is for standard car and truck tires. Tires must be off their rim and free of debris. The cost is \$1 per tire and must be paid in advance while registering at the Office of Planning and Development. This is an inexpensive way to rid your property of old tires. If you plan to move in the near future and have unwanted tires on your property, this is a great way to get ready for that move. Commissioner Martin says he has personally utilized this program and personally recommends it. Call Adams County Planning at 717-337-9824.

The End

My youngest architect son Connor, will be beginning his quest of thru hiking The Appalachian Trail next Sunday. Kathy and I will be taking him down to Springer Mountain, Georgia to the trailhead and saying goodbye to the baby of the family. Connor and I have hiked the Grand Canyon twice together; but this is a bucket list solo adventure for him that promises new adventures, new experiences, new relationships, character building and I am sure some adversity along the trail. The AT begins in Springer Mountain Georgia and ends at Mount Katahdin in Maine. The thru trail is estimated at around 2,200 miles. The AT is used by millions; but only about 2700 folks "thru hike" the trail each year during the season April – October. Since the National Park Service has federal jurisdiction on the AT, I was on it in this region for several investigations in my previous life. Connor definitely has the psychic and physical ability to succeed – but his mother and I are making sure he has a tracking device on his phone - and somewhat to his dismay we are also getting a personal GPS satellite emergency locator for him to carry in his pack that can be activated. There is no doubt this is one of those lifetime adventures that you can look back on and it can never be taken away. Kathy and I plan to meet him a few places and day hike with him. CB - your mother and I will be anxiously following your progress!

Whether you day hike the AT in our neck of the woods in Caledonia State Park, go for a walk or go to *The Taste Of The Town* event this Sunday or the *LCAC Art Auction* on April 22, get out there and experience all the historical, recreational, agricultural, natural and cultural opportunities that beautiful Adams County has to offer!