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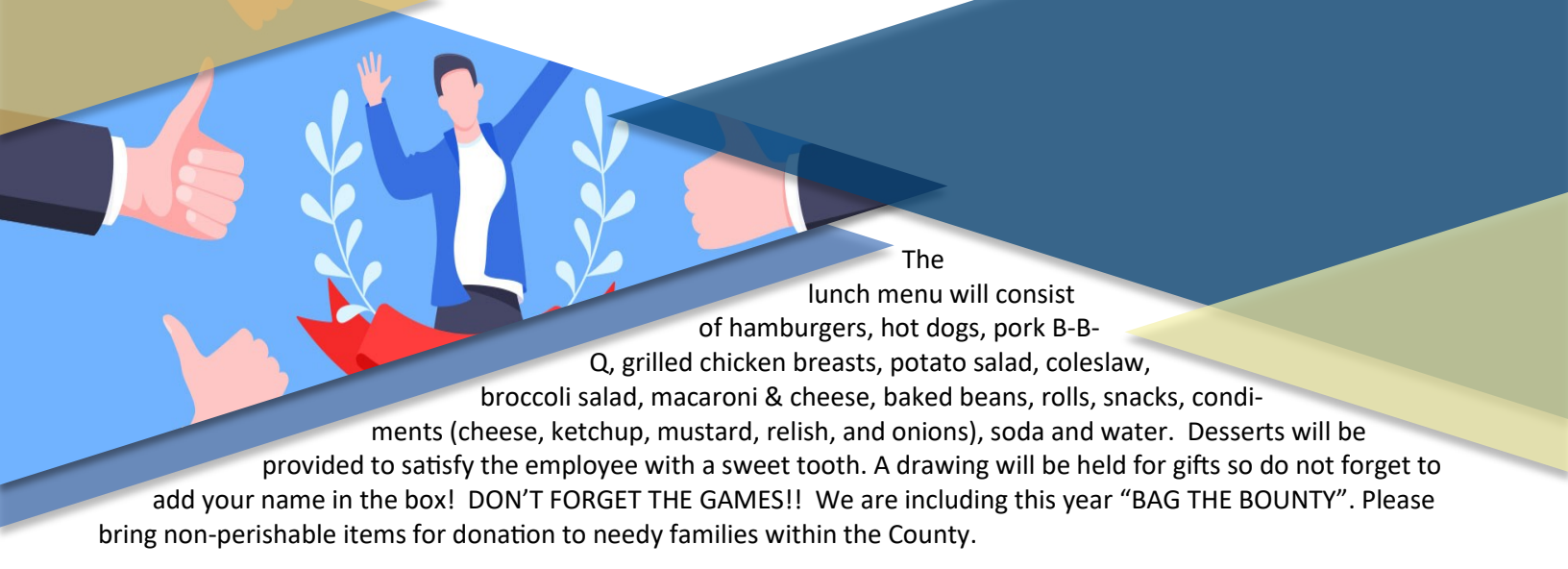
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Staff Picnic Friday, September 22nd

Its that time of year again when we gather at the AG Center to celebrate the good work that you do for Adams County and celebrate each other. The Sixteenth Annual County Staff Picnic will be held on Friday, September 22, 2023, at the Ag Center's pavilion, rain or shine. As is the tradition for this Board, the Commissioner, County Administrator, and maybe some Judges depending on their Court schedule, will be there dishing out the grub. The usual cast of characters will be manning the grill. We will be there to serve you! Special recognition to Paula & Lisa for bringing the picnic together. The picnic will be held during the hours of 11:30 a.m. through 2:30 p.m. This time should cover the lunch hour that is provided to county employees and allow time for employees who work second and third shifts to attend. There will be Take Out containers for essential staff that cannot attend. In conjunction with the picnic, and upon approval by your Supervisor, we will be having a dress down day.



The lunch menu will consist of hamburgers, hot dogs, pork B-B-Q, grilled chicken breasts, potato salad, coleslaw, broccoli salad, macaroni & cheese, baked beans, rolls, snacks, condiments (cheese, ketchup, mustard, relish, and onions), soda and water. Desserts will be provided to satisfy the employee with a sweet tooth. A drawing will be held for gifts so do not forget to add your name in the box! **DON'T FORGET THE GAMES!!** We are including this year "BAG THE BOUNTY". Please bring non-perishable items for donation to needy families within the County.

Probation Department Staff Recognized

At the July 12 Commissioners public meeting, the staff of Adams County Probation was recognized as an essential part of the justice system. Former Probation Services Director Gale Kendall and Judge Campbell addressed the Board regarding the community benefits, dedication, and value of the work that Probation staff does.

These community corrections professionals are responsible for supervising adult and juvenile offenders in the community. Probation professionals uphold the law with dignity, while recognizing the right of the public to be safe guarded from criminal activity. They work in partnership with other community agencies and groups to achieve results that benefit our community and the individuals they supervise.

A shout out to these folks for their professional and essential service to our community!

Penn State First Responders Ag Safety Event

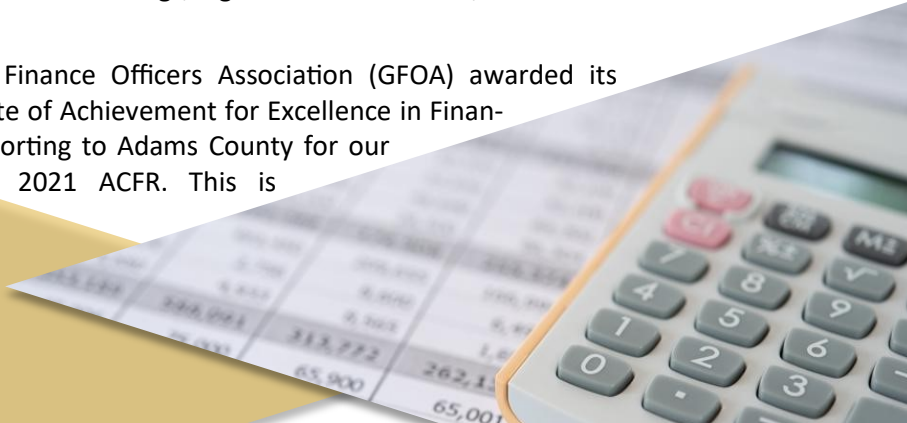
Emergency responders face unique challenges when they respond to 911 calls at farms. Penn State College of Ag Sciences is offering training to first responders to better prepare them for farm calls. The training will enhance responders' awareness of potential farm hazards from machinery, chemicals and animals that can endanger you and the person you are trying to help.

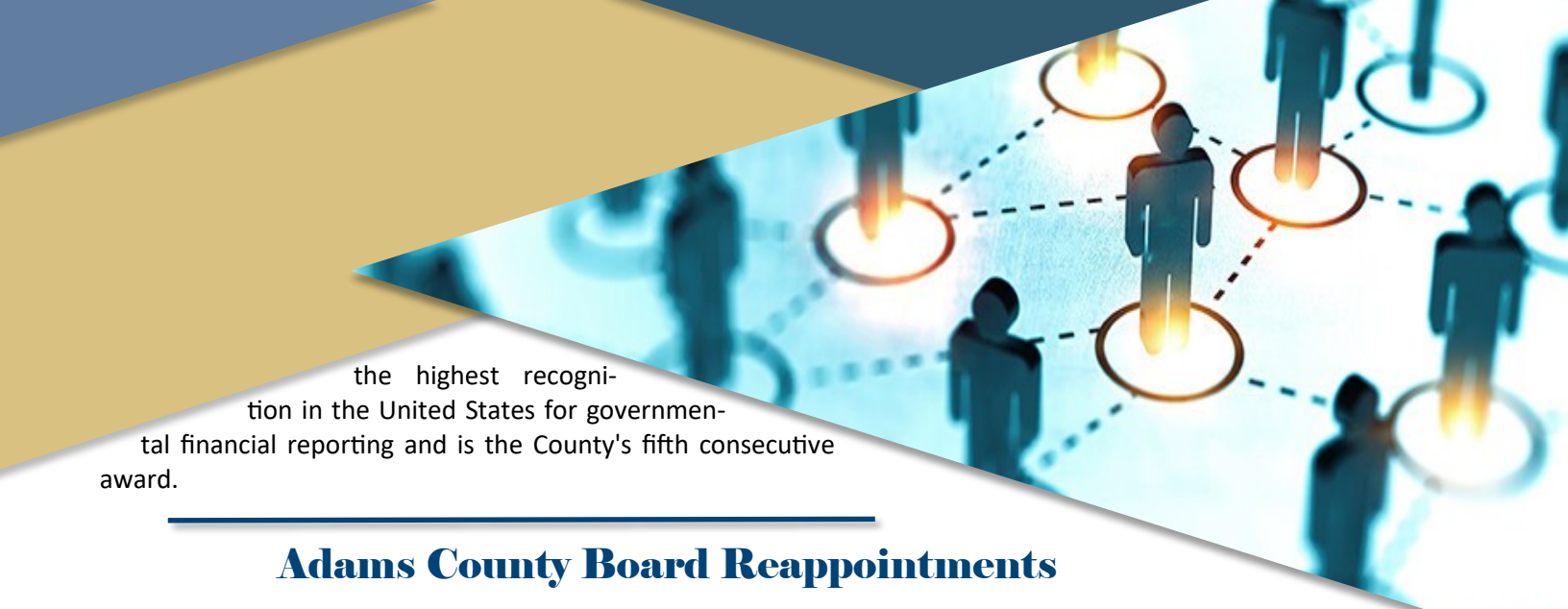
The training will be held on Saturday, Oct. 21st 8 a.m.—2 p.m. at Hayman Farms, 450 Sherwood Drive Carlisle, PA 17015. You can call or email Samantha Gehrett with any questions. Samantha at 717-240-6502 or email smr5319@psu.edu

Adams County Demonstrates Superior Accounting Practices

Adams County's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for Fiscal Year 2022, was released August 15th and posted on the County website for the public. The ACFR includes audited financial statements, notes, and supplemental materials that fully present the County's financial position. Also posted was the 2022 Single Audit Report, which covers Pennsylvania Department of Human Services and Federal grant programs in additional detail. The County received unmodified audit opinions with NO findings, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses — thus a "clean" audit.

Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) awarded its Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to Adams County for our 2021 ACFR. This is





the highest recognition in the United States for governmental financial reporting and is the County's fifth consecutive award.

Adams County Board Reappointments

Citizens of Adams County consistently step to the plate to serve on Boards that enhance and benefit our community. They are an essential part of our community and do not get the recognition and thanks they deserve. The Board of Commissioners recently made the following appointments.

Adams County Planning Commission: Tom Streiff, Jim Morhalek and Richard Crouse, 4-year terms to expire December 31, 2026

Adams County Housing Committee: Yeimi Gagliardi, Lucy Lott, Vicki Huffaker, Dennis M. Murphy, 2-year terms to expire December 31, 2023 (these terms expired in 2021), Alan Fleckner, Robin Fitzpatrick, 3-year terms to expire December 31, 2025.

Adams County Parks, Recreation and Green Space Committee: Gus Fridenvalds, Pat Naugle, Matt Sheads, Ellie Vranich, 4-year term effective January 1, 2022 thru December 31, 2025, Coleen Reamer, Steve Toddes, 4-year term effective January 1, 2023 thru December 31, 2026, Brock Widerman to fill a vacancy to a 4-year, Craig Yingling to fill the remainder of the term of David Waybright, thru December 31, Stephanie Haley to fill the remainder of the term of Anna Geiger, thru December 31, 2024

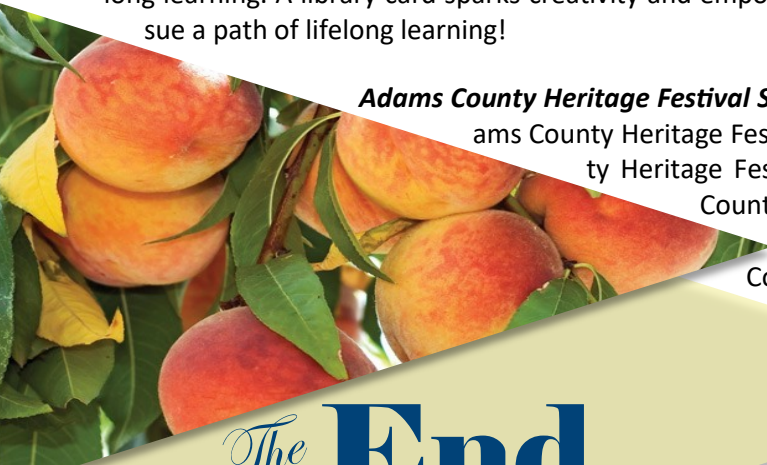
Upcoming Events & Proclamations

The Adams County Board of Commissioners strives to regularly recognize individuals, groups, departments, and events that make our Adams County community the wonderful place to live that it is. Here are some of the following proclamations that are coming before us:

Suicide Prevention Awareness Month September. Millions of Americans consider suicide, make a suicide plan, or attempt suicide every year. In 2021, suicide was the 9th leading cause of death in the United States, and the second leading cause of death for young people between the ages of 10 and 34. Suicide rates increased approximately 36% between 2000 and 2021, and in 2021 there was one suicide every 11 minutes. In Adams County Since 2010 there have been 188 suicides, with 8 happening this year so far, the majority males and cause of death by gunshot. Too many of our Nation's veterans and active military service members have also considered suicide or taken their own lives. In many cases, they did not receive the mental health services they need and deserve. The County of Adams is steadfast in its commitment to share information regarding "SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH," with the resolute aim of ensuring the utmost success.

On September 13 there will be a Suicide Awareness Month Walk around Lincoln Square. There will be 3 Keynote speakers with the walk beginning at 12:15.

Library Card Sign-up Month September. Libraries play a crucial role in the education and development of children, from story times for preschoolers to college and career planning for high schoolers, fostering literacy and a love of reading. Libraries are welcoming and inclusive spaces for people of all backgrounds to learn together and engage with one another across cultural, ethnic, generational, and economic lines, strengthening the social fabric of the communities they serve. Libraries strive to develop and maintain programs and collections that are as diverse as the populations they serve and ensure equity of access for all. Libraries contribute to a strong local economy by providing access to the technology and training that are critical to the success of jobseekers, entrepreneurs, and students. In times of crisis, libraries and library professionals play an invaluable role in supporting their communities both in person and virtually. The shared resources libraries offer reduce the number of items households buy and dispose of, providing a simple way to save money, conserve resources, and reduce waste. A library card sparks creativity and empowers all people to explore new passions and interests and pursue a path of lifelong learning. A library card sparks creativity and empowers all people to explore new passions and interests and pursue a path of lifelong learning!



Adams County Heritage Festival Sunday, September 27. The 32nd celebration of the annual Adams County Heritage Festival occurs on Sunday, September 27, 2023. The Adams County Heritage Festival promotes understanding and respect among the Adams County residents of all racial and ethnic backgrounds and celebrates and honors their ancestries. The Commissioners of Adams County will continue to pursue the goal of attaining a harmonious, multicultural Adams County, where all races are

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- Its *Family Day at WWII Experience* this Saturday from 10am-2pm. Lots of kids experiences and they will also have their half-track out for the kids to explore. Sit inside the cool vehicles, make a craft, and join in a scavenger hunt. Children 12 and under Free with paying adult.
- *Annual Buchanan Valley Picnic*, on Saturday, August 26, 2023, from noon until dusk, rain or shine. Homecooked Family-Style Ham and Chicken dinners will be served all day. Price is \$16.50 for adults; \$7.00 for children ages 6 to 12; and ages 5 and under are free. To be held at the picnic grove at the St. Ignatius Loyola Church at 1095 Church Road, Orrtanna. It is an old-fashioned picnic with games for the children, drawings, bingo, music, and good food. For more information, contact St. Ignatius Loyola Church at 717-677-8012.
- *Gettysburg Rocks* all weekend long for the kids fight against pediatric cancer. This is a 3-day event, at 20 different local venues, with 150 bands on Friday, Saturday & Sunday. Listen to some music, eat, drink, and support the Four Diamonds Fund! Go to www.gburgrocks.com
- Adams County is more than the Civil War. This Saturday from 1-2, Gettysburg Beyond the Battle Museum will present a program on *Native American Archaeology* and display their collection of Native American artifacts unearthed in Adams County. Participants will handle dozens of artifacts. On Sunday, from 11-12 *Witnessing Lincoln* follows Lincoln's 25-hour visit to Gettysburg step by step and highlights dozens of first-hand accounts by those who witnessed the President deliver the most famous speech of all time. Both events are FREE and open to the public.
- Its Peach Season in Adams County. They are all fabulous, but peach season is my favorite fruit season of the year! Head with your friends to Hollabaugh's this Saturday at 10am for their *Peachy Muffins Family Cooking Class*. You will be reserving 1 table that can seat 1-5. Cost is \$50 per table. Registration is required. While you are there grab a fresh peach/blueberry pie – you can't go wrong!
- *On Golden Pond* will be opening at Totem Pole Saturday, August 26 – September 3. At the family's lakeside cottage, colliding generations forge common ground through interesting interaction between grandparents and granddaughter.
- *Improv at Gettysburg Community Theater*. The GCT Improv Troupe performs without a script and who knows what could happen? Show starts at 7pm with the doors open at 6:30. Cash bar available. \$15 in advance & \$20 at door.

regarded as equal, and upon which will be constructed an economically and racially just United States that has compassion for the world and all its inhabitants. This goal is supported by the sponsoring organizations of the Adams County Heritage Festival, including the Interfaith Center for Peace and Justice, the Young Women's Christian Association of Gettysburg and Adams County and the Gettysburg Area Recreation Authority.

Hunger Action Month September 2023. Hunger and poverty are issues of vital concern in Adams County where 7.3% of people are food insecure and one in every 10 children do not know where their next meal will come from and 42% of school aged children are eligible to participate in free and reduced lunch programs. Adams County Food Policy Council has determined through research that an additional 20% of the residents of Adams County fall in the "food gap" which means they are not eligible to receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits any longer because their income is between 200% and 300% or higher of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines. Though their income has improved many families in this gap are still not able to sustain themselves even to pay for basic needs such as rent, utilities, health care, and transportation. Many of these families have reported that to pay those bills, their food budget is the first to be slashed and they cannot feed their families 3 healthy meals a day Adams County Food Policy Council is committed to taking steps to combat hunger in every part of our community and to provide additional resources that those in our community need, including our Adams County Local Foods Guide, our online dashboard located on our food policy website, and several educational programs including a food forum on September 13 at the Adams County Technical Institute. The Adams County Food Policy Council is committed to working with Central Pennsylvania Food Bank and its partner agencies in educating people about the role and importance of food banks in addressing hunger and raising awareness of the need to devote more resources and attention to hunger issues through outreach at the Adams County Farmers Market, Social Media posts, and newspaper articles. Adams County Food Policy Council partner, South Central Community Action Programs, Inc. (SCCAP) is vital to supporting our mission in meeting the needs of food insecure individuals in our community. Last year The Gleaning Project provided 734,702 pounds of fresh produce and SCCAP pantries provided more than 631,953 pounds of shelf stable food, meat, and dairy products to more than 22,000 individuals. During September, SCCAP will be highlighting the voices of food insecure individuals, most of whom are individuals who are working or seniors on a fixed income, as we seek to raise awareness and ensure that no one in our community goes to bed hungry.

International Overdose Awareness Day. The Adams County Commissioners are proud to announce the official recognition of August 31st as "International Overdose Awareness Day" in Adams County. In a united effort to combat the devastating impact of drug overdose, the Commissioners have issued a proclamation underscoring their commitment to addressing this critical issue. With a shared acknowledgement of the harm and hardship inflicted by drug overdose, the Adams County Commissioners are taking a firm stand against this pressing concern. International Overdose Awareness Day is dedicated to remembering those lost to overdose and eradicating the stigma associated with drug-related deaths. The Commissioners recognize that those impacted by overdose are not statistics, but beloved members of our community – sons, daughters, parents, and siblings. This proclamation reflects their dedication to extending unwavering love, compassion, and support to all affected individuals. By designating August 31st as "International Overdose Awareness Day," the Adams County Commissioners join hands with government entities, community groups, and residents in fostering open conversations about drug overdose. This proactive approach aims to reduce the stigma, encourage understanding, and pave the way for a safer Adams County.