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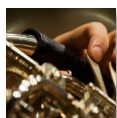
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Memorial Day Thoughts & Remarks

President Ronald Reagan was known as a great communicator – especially when it came to verbally capturing Memorial Day with his messages. It is fitting in this issue of TGIF that we contemplate and consider 3 of his remarks:

"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We did not pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free."

"The United States and the freedom for which it stands, the freedom for which they died, must endure and prosper. Their lives remind us that



*freedom is not
bought cheaply. It has a cost;
it imposes a burden. And just as they
whom we commemorate were willing to sacrifice, so too
must we—in a less final, less heroic way—be willing to give of ourselves."*

"We owe this freedom of choice and action to those men and women in uniform who have served this nation and its interests in time of need. In particular, we are forever indebted to those who have given their lives that we might be free."

This is also an appropriate time to pause, recognize and thank the Adams County Veterans Affairs Department for their efforts in providing superior service, to not only Adams County veterans; but any veteran who seeks their assistance. Thank you, Stan Clark, and Sonny Freeman, for your professionalism, dedication, and passion in serving all of our Veterans!

May 16 Primary Election Results

As anticipated voter turnout for the May 16 Primary Election across Adams County was very light, with only 23% of voters exercising that privilege - despite beautiful election day weather. Of 14,122 ballots cast 4,521 were mailed in.

Interest and participation in School Board races were of prime interest, and a number of write-ins displaced incumbents.

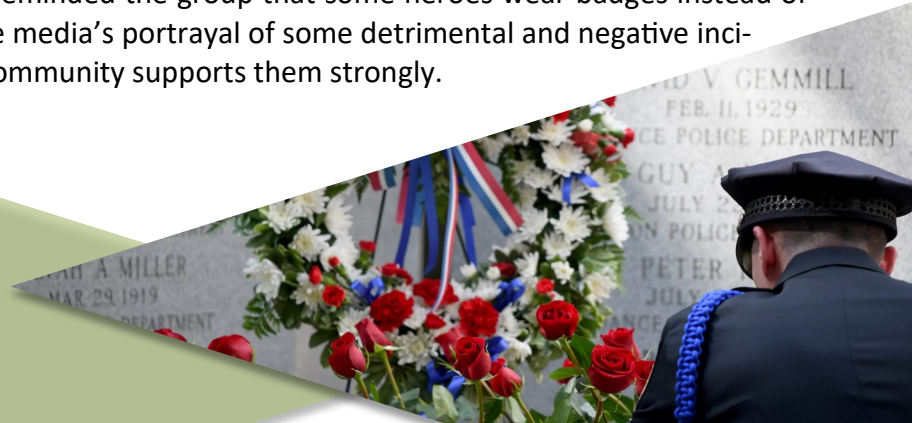
The large number of write-ins on the ballots were unusual with 29 write in candidates moving forward to the November General Election for School Board, Township, and Borough offices.

Fallen Officer Memorial Service

Last Friday, all three commissioners attended the Fallen Officer Memorial Service at the Adams County Department of Emergency Services. Although the event is always poignant to me, having had the honor to retire from law enforcement after 30 years and speak at prior events, this year's speaker and message was especially moving.

Erin Bevenour, the sister of Latimore Twp. Police Sgt. Michael Weigand, delivered a moving and heartfelt message. Sgt Weigand while escorting a charity ride was killed when his motorcycle was hit by another vehicle on Rt 15 near Dillsburg in 2008. Bevenour's message was that although empathy from others is well intended, others do not know what you are feeling; but yet you must have hope!

District Attorney Brian Sinnett reminded the group that some heroes wear badges instead of capes, and despite the media's portrayal of some detrimental and negative incidents, our community supports them strongly.





Library Board Appointees

At the May 17 Commissioners Public Meeting the Board acted on a recommendation from Heidi Gillis, President of the Board of Trustees, to officially appoint Sheila Fleischer, Julie Ransey, and Rita Rice to the Adams County Library Board of Trustees for a three-year term effective April 27, 2023. A sincere thank you to these three residents for stepping up to serve on the board of this very important community resource.

Cyber Security A County Priority

Cybersecurity continues to be a major priority for the County. It is important because cyberattacks pose notable risk to the public services our local government provides. The vast majority of business operations are centered around technology being secure and available to deliver these public services. Additionally, the data the County stores and retains must be protected and secured from bad actors who are motivated to steal it for financial gain.

Thus, the County has put numerous protections in place to combat these threats. A few of these measures include: contracted cybersecurity firm, multi-state information sharing and analysis center (MS-ISAC) advisory report analysis, penetration testing, tabletop cybersecurity exercises, email and data encryption techniques, email & web Filters, advanced malware security solutions, vulnerability scanning solutions, phishing exercises, backup and Restoration improvements, record retention education, asset tracking software, security logging solutions, physical destruction of data storage hardware.

County Receives Unemployment Compensation Dividend

We are pleased to report the CCAP Unemployment Compensation (UC) Trust Board of Trustees has authorized the payment of a \$3 million cash dividend to all members who, as of December 31, 2022, have an Eligible Account Balance with the Trust. Adams County will receive a \$47,707 dividend payment, via paper check, in June. The UC Board of Trustees congratulated Adams County on their success in retaining quality employees and using effective hiring and termination practices.



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If you have never taken the opportunity to go the Commissioners Page of the Adams County website, then go to the archived TGIF section, give it a look, and view the outstanding work that Adams County IT does in bringing TGIF articles to life with color and vivid illustrations! From the beginning 11 years ago, and several hundred newsletters cranked out, one person has contributed immensely to making TGIF come to life as a state-wide award-winning newsletter. Thank you, Adams County IT Lead & Network Specialist Chip Guise!



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• *One Hundred Nights of Taps* begins Memorial Day – Labor Day in the Gettysburg National Cemetery. Licensed Battlefield Guides present interpretive programs beginning at 5:30 PM and at 7:00PM will offer historical vignettes followed by Taps.

The Gettysburg *Brass Band Festival* is back from June 7-11. Over 500 musicians are expected to perform various types of music at a variety of venues around the County. www.gettysburgbrassbandfestival.com

- *The Gettysburg Choral Society Presents Let Freedom Ring, a patriotic concert*, this evening, 8Pm, at Trinity United Church of Christ, 60 East High Street.
- *The Willys Live* at Reid's Winery Cider House, 400 Baltimore Street, Saturday, 7PM-10PM.
- *Free Family Day at The Spangler Farm & Field Hospital*. Saturday from 10AM-3PM. 488 Blacksmith Shop Road. Visitors may drive directly to the site. Sponsored by The Gettysburg Foundation.
- *The Changing Battlefield Landscapes*. Gettysburg Beyond the Battle Museum. Program at 7PM. Part of the 2023 Battlefield Overlook Speaker Series. Free for members and \$10 for non-members.
- *Night at the Museum 1863*. Gettysburg Heritage Center. As you are led through the museum, people from the past come alive to tell you their stories. 5:30PM – 7PM. \$20 Adult \$15 Child.
- *Live Music with Russel Mayer*. Adams County Winery. Saturday 1PM – 4PM.
- *Maddie Yingling Live*, Reid's Winery & Cider House. Saturday, 2PM – 5PM.
- *Cocktails & Cookies at SavorHood*, 985 Baltimore Pike, Sunday, 11-2. Enjoy 4 ½ cookies that are paired with 4 specialty cocktails. Price \$20.

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!