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Restoring Trust, Creating Hope

Pretrial, Probation & Parole Week Recognized

At the July 20 Commissioners Public Meeting, the Board recognized Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week. A large contingent of Probation staff attended the meeting. The group was also featured in The Gettysburg Times receiving the proclamation. Our community is fortunate to have these dedicated professionals playing an integral role in our criminal justice system.



IT to be Awarded CCAP Technology and Innovation Award

The Adams County Information Technology Department has been awarded the 2022 CCAP Technology and Innovation Award. This is the first year for the award. Recipients of the award are those who have made significant contributions to advance technology and cybersecurity initiatives within the County that improved internal or external services and solutions. The award will officially be presented to Adams County on the evening of Tuesday, August 9th at the Lancaster Marriott during the CCAP Annual awards dinner.

Adams County Rhodes Mill Bridge—State Award Winner

Adams County will also be receiving an award at the CCAP Summer Conference for rehabilitation of the Rhodes Mill Bridge over Middle Creek, on Shorbs Mill Road, off Old Rt. 15 near the Maryland line. A panel of judges representing the Pennsylvania Highway Information Association & PennDOT selected this project as the winner of the Pennsylvania *2022 Road & Bridge Safety Improvement Plan*. The bridge is a complete and beautiful example of a small polygonal Warren pony truss bridge. It was built in 1905 and is 84' in length by 13' wide with stone sidewalks. This is one of many county-owned historic and beautiful bridges that we are very proud of.

Multi-Factor Authentication Project Update

Adams County currently has a total of seven departments who are fully utilizing multi-factor authentication. These departments include Budget and Purchasing, Controller, Treasurer, Human Resources, Prothonotary, Register & Recorder, and Emergency Services. All departments have been onboarded by the IT Department's Technology Trainer, Deanna Painter who will continue leading the project. Department heads should be on the lookout for emails from Deanna which will guide each department through the onboarding process.

The Commissioners also recently approved updates to two County email policies. This includes 121.05: Email retention Policy and 121.08: Email Usage Policy. The updated policies were placed on the ADP employee portal for easy reference.

PTO Donations Can Make a Difference


HR has announced they are accepting PTO donations for the non-union PTO bank. Donations under this program are voluntary and are used to provide non-union employees paid leave who are on approved FML qualifying illness or injury, and their own paid leave (SLR and PTO) has been exhausted. PTO can be donated to the bank anytime during the year. If you are interested in donating Leave Time, please complete a PTO donation form, and email the completed form to Danette Laughman. Donated hours will be deducted and transferred from your PTO account balance into the PTO Donation bank. The program is voluntary, and all donations will be kept in confidence. Regardless of whether you choose to donate, please do your part to respect the confidential nature of this program. Please contact Danette with any questions you may have regarding this program assisting your co-workers.

Clerk of Courts Advances Digitizing Records

In order to reduce storage space, improve customer service and enhance information retrieval, Adams County row offices are in the process of increasing the digitizing of county records. Kelly Lawver, Clerk of Court, recently reported that despite a requirement of physical maintenance of some court records, her office has made huge strides digitizing office records, including eliminating the need for 19,951 paper case files. As the IT evolution marches forward, Kelly has consistently been a proponent and innovator for utilizing IT to improve both process and service. Congratulations to the Clerk of Courts Office for achieving this milestone!

Master Gardener Opportunities

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Staff Hot Dog Hoe Down a Success!

A shout out to Michelle Miller and HR for facilitating last weeks “Hot Dog Hoe Down” at the outdoor lunch area in front of the courthouse. There were many nice comments regarding this informal affair. It is always nice to get out of our respective offices and mingle with other staff. Also, thank you to Doug from Building & Maintenance for manning the grille. Last Thursday was a busy day with a lot of food for the Board with the hot dog lunch, Jay Ondrizek farewell luncheon at HSB and the Conservation District 75th Anniversary picnic. Rumor is there are some plans in the work for another event involving food when the new courthouse break room renovation is completed.

Courthouse Staff Breakroom Progress Update

Speaking of the courthouse lunchroom the breakroom renovation is well on its way. A nice new paint job has been completed along with new flooring, ceiling, electrical, and lighting. The kitchen cabinets arrived in a timely fashion and are in place. Currently, Building and Maintenance is fabricating the counter tops in house. Soon appliances will be installed, and the sink will be plumbed. It won't be long until it's ready. Watch your inboxes for a future announcement of the opening. The Board again thanks Steve Nevada, Michelle Miller, Larry Steinour and Paul Lloyd for leading the charge to make this long overdue rehab happen!

Conservation District 75th Anniversary

All three commissioners and two former county commissioners, plus past and present Conservation District representatives attended the Adams County Conservation District 75th Anniversary at the Adams County Agricultural Complex on Thursday, July 28. The program included a picnic dinner with recognitions presented to the Conservation District from county and state officials. Conservation District Manager Adam McClain provided a history of the Adams County Conservation District from its inception in 1947, to the construction of the Ag Center in 2000, to present day. Given Adams County's agrarian heritage, and the significance of agriculture's economic impact, the Adams County Conservation District plays a vital role in providing service to the ag community as well as all residents whether it be a home gardener or a 500-acre farm. As the ag industry continually evolves, the Adams County Conservation District must and will continue to evolve to meet the needs of our community.

Jay Ondrizek 34 Years

The Board of Commissioners recently recognized Jay Ondrizek at their public meeting for his 34 years of dedicated service to the residents of Adams County. Jay is retiring from Adams County and has accepted a position with the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC). Jay's contributions to Adams County Probation & Adams County Criminal Justice Advisory Board will have a lasting impact for the organization. At the recognition Judge George offered some thoughtful comments regarding Jay's contributions including Grantsmanship along with Probation and CJAB. Jay has definitely left our community a better place and we all wish him well in his new endeavors!

Auxiliary Tax Assessment Appeal Board Appointed

The Board of Commissioners recently acted on the recommendation by the Adams County Department of Tax Services to appoint Barbara Underwood, William Arrington, Robert Hahn, Barbara Walter, and Lisa Moreno-Woodward as Auxiliary Tax Board members. The Auxiliary Tax Board hears residential appeals - while the Board of Commissioners, acting as the Adams County Tax Hearing Board, hears commercial, clean & green, and special appeals. The deadline for filing application for appeals hearing this year was August 1. Appeal hearings are normally scheduled for September and October. Appeals must be filed on the appropriate form to Adams County Tax Services, 117 Baltimore Street, Room 202, Gettysburg, PA 17325. You may access tax appeal information at www.adamscounty.us. The Board of Commissioners thanks the Auxiliary Tax Board for their willingness to serve in this critical role.



The End

Per a number of inquiries, I am providing a *Bailey the golden retriever* update for all you dog lovers. Bailey turned 3 last month. She is still basking in her fame as the “centerfold dog” for 2021 Adams County dog licenses - as that web page hangs on my office wall. Her puppy enthusiasm has waned somewhat, but her initial exuberance in someone new arriving on the scene can be overwhelming – especially as she is 70 pounds of speedy solid muscle. Naturally, as a golden retriever she loves everyone – whether they like it or not! There is not a ball or stick she won’t fetch – she just makes a game of giving it up. The grandkids like the fact that they think they can boss her – with orders she doesn’t often follow. Pool season is the best time of year for both of us, as we hang out in the pool, she fetches the tennis ball, swims circles around me and then gets out and shakes off on the closest victim. She is quite content to lay in the shade and watch me spend several hours mowing. Usually when I go somewhere she rides shotgun unless Kathy goes with us – and then she is relegated to the back seat. Today she is off to the beauty parlor to get her Teddy Bear summer cut and other canine grooming necessities. After 3 years, we know each other’s personality and habits fairly well. There are many of you who understand that dogs provide a very comforting solace, that is an important addition to supplement our human relationships!

If you did not make it to the 100TH Anniversary of the South Mountain Fair, you missed a really nice event. I volunteered in some capacity every evening and it was the definition of a nice, low key, community event. The admission price included endless rides and the 4H livestock barns were full. My 3-year-old granddaughter, Amaya, insisted on delaying our path to dinner to see every animal in every barn. Naturally, I had to try the chicken corn soup and fresh peach sundaes several times. Congratulations to Commissioner Jim Martin on winning several ribbons for his fresh vegetables, and I believe he also gets an unnamed award for buying the most desserts at the 4-H baked goods auction? Also, a shout out to Treasurer Crissy Redding for volunteering at the ticket booth for 4-H. It was great talking to so many Adams County residents. We really need to support this iconic Adams County event which honors our county heritage!

On Wednesday nights enjoy the 2022 Summer Classic Movies at the Majestic Theater. For \$8 see a variety of classic movies on the big screen in a classic theater while munching on popcorn in air conditioning.

The Bendersville Fireman’s Carnival takes place this Thursday – Saturday. Enjoy sit down meals each evening with a different band each night as well as special bingos.

Every Friday evening enjoy the Summer 2022 Concert Series at the National Apple Museum in Biglerville. The concerts are from 7 pm-10 pm. Tonight’s group is Charlie McFry & Eurotrash. Concerts are free with donations appreciated.

The Gettysburg Heritage Museum on Steinwehr Avenue is presenting Night at The Museum on selected evenings through October. The next presentation is this evening from 5:30-7:00. Hear about the civilian struggle to survive the battle and as you are led through the museum people from the past come alive and tell their stories. Seating is limited and ticket purchase in advance is advise. Cost is \$20 adult and \$15 children ages 6 -12.

Wild West History Show – Incident At Rock Creek takes place at The Historic Daniel Lady Farm on Hanover Road this Saturday and Sunday. This is a family friendly event for kids. Search for gold nuggets that can be traded in at the Saloon or General Store, play period games, attend a tent school, pet a horse, and maybe even see a bank robbery. Gates open at 10:00 am - 4:00 pm and entry is by FREE will donation. Food and beverages will be available. Go to www.danielladyfarm.com

Other sources of Adams County event information can be found at Gettysburg Times Community Calendar www.gettysburgtimes.com, Destination Gettysburg Events Calendar at www.destinationgettysburg.com, and Gettysburg Connections Community Events Calendar at www.gettysburgconnection.org.

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