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Fallen Officer Program A Time for Reflection

On Friday, May 31, the Commissioner's office was well represented at the Fallen Officer's Memorial Program. The program was hosted by the Adams County Chief of Police Association at the Adams County Department of Emergency Services. Beside a Role Call for the Adams County Law Enforcement Officers who have died while on duty, dating back to PSP Pvt. Francis Haley in 1924, the names of other officers from across the state who died this year were also read. As each name is read a rose is placed by family that is present accompanied by a law enforcement officer or by a member of law enforcement. The program conclusion is especially poignant with a bagpiper playing and fading into the distance. That gets me every time! Having spent a proud 30-year career in law enforcement, I admit the memorial may have a little extra meaning to me; but it doesn't take a law enforcement career to appreciate the importance of taking a moment to honor and re-



FunFest



member these heroes! I noticed many county staff at the memorial, and I urge each of you to attend this event in the future if possible.

Adams County Library Family FunFest Today

The Adams County Library FunFest has arrived! This afternoon from 3pm-7pm head on out to the Rec Park for the free, family friendly event that marks the official kick-off of Summer Quest, the library's county-wide summer learning program. More than 50 non-profit organizations will be on-site offering fun and educational activities for all ages. Besides the activities there will be music and food trucks on site. At the DJ stage at 5:30pm there will be two major county-wide announcements that will benefit families and children across Adams County. The Adams County Library is there for YOU! I hope to see you this afternoon at FunFest!

Adams/York Hazardous Material Response Agreement

Having to mitigate the impact of hazardous materials normally happens at a moment's notice. It is a given that expeditious and appropriate response is critical. Remember the train derailment and resulting toxic fire on the PA/Ohio line in 2023 and the Miller Chemical & Fertilizer fire in Adams County with run-off into Conewago Creek in 2015? As a county that has relatively few hazmat calls, the cost of staffing and equipment becomes both an operational and fiscal consideration. Thus, Adams County has chosen to partner hazmat resources with York County to be fiscally responsible and operationally prudent.

The Commissioners renewed our HazMat agreement with York County on June 11. This Agreement provides that York County will maintain a certified HazMat Response Team on behalf of Adams County for the purpose of responding to emergency incidents and mitigating hazardous materials within Adams County. The agreed cost is \$8000 annually - and well worth the return on investment!

Consider A Tele-Health Appointment

Its sure is tough to teach an old dog new tricks – but sometimes necessity forces you to adapt. Remember the days when you had a raging sinus infection, and you would call up your General Practitioner and get in to be seen the same day? In these days of corporate doctors' offices - for most folks, those days are long over. I gradually morphed to going to Urgent Care and paying the \$40 co-pay to expeditiously get a \$10 antibiotic. Well, that has turned into paying a \$70 co-pay to get a \$10 antibiotic. What to do?

Last month faced with some desperation and some adventurism, I decided to try the Telehealth thing for an upper respiratory infection that just would not stop. I got on My Wellspan and had a choice of numerous appointment times that afternoon. At the appointed time that suited my schedule, I met with a very professional Nurse Practitioner located in Indiana. (I only know that because I asked her where she was). Within 10 minutes of providing the responses to my symptoms, a prescription for a common antibiotic was on the way to my local Rite Aid before we concluded the call. And it gets even better – with our county insurance there was no cost to me. I guess I should listen a bit more intently when our HR folks give us treatment options!



ACCYS Truancy Summit

The Adams County Children and Youth Truancy Team invite those interested to join for the first annual Truancy Summit, scheduled for Monday, June 16, 2025, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Adams County Human Services Building. The truancy summit theme is Growing a Strongly Rooted Education System.

The featured speaker is Derek Null from the Waynesboro School District. Throughout the day, participants will be able to gain and discuss how to build an engaging school site for students and parents, gain strategies to reduce absenteeism and truancy, and network with other school sites. There will be providers on site who will be sharing how their services can support students and families in Adams County. To register go to <https://truancysummit.eventbrite.com>

118 Acre AG Easement Approved

On May 28, the Board of Commissioners approved the Agreement of Sale and Purchase of an Agricultural Conservation Easement with Edward and Shirley Prosser and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This Agreement provides that the County and the Commonwealth will jointly purchase a conservation easement on 118.38 acres of agricultural land located in Latimore Township, Adams County and owned by the Prosser's. The total cost of the easement was \$326,010 with the County paying 50% and the Commonwealth of PA paying 50%.



The End

- **National Apple Museum Music on the Porch.** This evening 7pm. Music by jackfunjackfunk! Food available with free admission. Donation accepted.
- **Barn Art Opening Reception.** HGAC invites guests to celebrate Adams County's great old barns and the artist that have captured them. 6pm-8pm at the G.A.R. Hall, as well as 10am-6pm Saturday and Sunday 12pm-4pm. The show and sale features 50 local and regional artists. Proceeds from the show benefit HGAC Barn Preservation Project and Grant Program.
- **NPS Campfire Program: Gettysburg's Fantasyland.** Pitzer Woods, West Confederate Avenue, 1-hour ranger program 8:30pm. This is certainly a nostalgic topic for our community. Many of my teenage peers worked at our own storybook park Fantasyland in the 1960's. This family friendly park was quite an attraction located in the area where the "new" visitor center is located. There were rides, live shows, a railroad, a steamboat, lake, and themed buildings. Ken & Thelma Dick (Jackie White's parents) saw a need in 1959 and operated this family gem until 1980 when it was purchased by the NPS. There is no cost to attend the program.
- **Adams County Farmer Market Fairy Festival.** Gettysburg Rec Park 8am-1pm Saturday. Besides the usual market fare there will be kids' activities, prizes, costumed entertainment, and facepainting. I hear this is a very popular market weekend so get there early and experience the magic!
- **Gettysburg National Battlefield Amphitheater Sunday Worship.** For the last 50 years every Sunday through Labor Day you are invited to attend a non-denominational service conducted by pastors throughout Adams County. Both locals and visitors are welcome. (My parents were regular attendees). Service is 8:00am-8:45am at the amphitheater on West Confederate Avenue.
- **Dolly Parton 9am-5pm: The Musical.** Totem Pole Playhouse June 20-July 6. Who doesn't like the Queen of Country Music. I saw *The Marvelous Wonderettes* and plan to see this show as well. All tickets are \$50.
- **Majestic Theater Summer Classic Movie: Strangers on a Train.** June 18. Classic movie shown every Wednesday in the main theater at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$9.
- **Gettysburg Community Theater Kids Summer Camp.** Camps held June & July. Various themes each week for different age levels from kindergarten through 9th grade. At the end of the week the students put on mini-showcases or ticketed performances. This sounds like a kid's camp that's fun with creative enrichment. For more information or to register for summer theater camp go to info@gettysburgcommunitytheater.org

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!