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Welcome Chief Public Defender

The Adams County Board of Commissioners welcomes Scott Harper as the Chief Public Defender. Scott is replacing long-serving Chief Public Defender Kristen Rice, who retired December 31. Harper, is a native of Mifflin County, PA. He joined the Adams County Public Defender’s Office in May of 2021. Prior to that he was in private practice as a trial attorney serving most of south-central Pennsylvania since graduating from Widener Law School. He earned his bachelor’s degree from Juniata College while serving in the National Guard. Upon graduating from college, he and his wife married and have been together for over 31 years with 2 children. Scott, we all wish you the best serving the residents of Adams County in this critical role!

“adamscounty.us” Email Address is History as of April 3rd

As we continually upgrade our cybersecurity to try and stay ahead of the tech savvy cyber culprits, as of 4/3/2023 email will no longer be delivered to adamscounty.us domain. We have all had fair warning for many months. If a user sends you an email at the old address after 4/3/2023, it will get bounced back to them with a message stating the email could not be delivered. Make sure you notify your senders that do not contact you frequently. We appreciate your support on this cybersecurity matter!

Adams County Farmers Market New Location

The Adams County Farmers Market will be launching the 2023 Farmers Market season on Saturday, April 29 from 8:00-1:00 at a brand-new location: the Gettysburg Rec Park. The Gettysburg Rec Park is located at 545 Long Lane and has many features that market customers will find attractive, such as an abundance of free parking, shady areas to sit, newly refinished restrooms, as well as a fitness trail, a dog park, and playground equipment for children. The Adams County Farmers Market will be welcoming many new and returning vendors in 2023 and also has a host of special events scheduled throughout the season. County employees are encouraged to visit the market and spend their "Wellness Bucks," which are redeemable at the Adams County Farmers Market for fresh fruits and vegetables, locally raised meats, and farm fresh eggs. The Wellness Bucks program underscores an important partnership between the County and the farmers market and demonstrates the County's support of local agriculture. To learn more about the Adams County Farmers Market visit www.acfarmersmarkets.org.

Ag Explorer Youth Day Summer Camp Open to County Residents

This week-long day camp, from June 19-23, sponsored by Penn State Extension, is full of fun filled agricultural activities and field trips related to "Agriculture Over The Centuries." The kids will be able to plant, craft, and taste things kids would have in earlier times. The week will include local field trips and conclude with a trip to Port Discovery in Baltimore. Registration by April 15 is \$155, and by the deadline May 31 is \$170. The camp runs from 8:00 – 4:00 each day. Call 717-334-627 or email adamsext@psu.edu to register. Payment is due when registering. Sounds like great educational fun!

Adams County Master Gardener News

Mary Ann Ryan, Penn State Extension Master Gardner Coordinator, reports that a mention of the program in a previous TGIF, has resulted in two trainees enrolling in the program and taking their final exam to become Master Gardner Interns. Congratulations to Kim Smith and Angela Sontheimer for completing the course.

These folks offer many more interesting and informative programs. If you are interested in becoming a Master Gardner (or even a Better Gardner) contact Mary Ann at 717-334-6271 or mar35@psu.edu.



Governor Josh Shapiro Unveils Budget Initiative



Pennsylvania 67 counties listened with interest as Governor Shapiro presented his first budget, sharing his vision for what he called common-sense investments to make Pennsylvania communities safer and healthier, create real opportunity, build an economy that works for all, and ensure every child has access to a quality education. Shapiro said the budget was constructed to lower costs and cut taxes for Pennsylvanians. He addressed cutting red tape, speeding up permitting, and supporting business. He promised to make our communities safer, protect our environment and invest in public health. He wants to begin the long process of making our education system fairer so that every child in this Commonwealth has a shot. He stated, *“instead of playing politics as usual, let's show the people that we are up to this task.”* Governor Shapiro’s primary planks are stated as:

- ✓ *Cutting Costs for Pennsylvania Families,*
- ✓ *Building Economic Prosperity through Key Investments in Communities, Businesses and Workers*
- ✓ *Building A Strong Workforce*
- ✓ *Investing In Children & Students*
- ✓ *Ensuring Pennsylvanians Are Safe and Feel Safe in Their Communities*
- ✓ *Protecting Vulnerable Populations*
- ✓ *Supporting the Mental Health of Every Pennsylvanian*
- ✓ *Safeguarding Pennsylvania’s Environment and Protecting Pennsylvanians’ Rights to Clean Air & Pure Water*

Land Conservancy Month & 4-H Week Recognized

At the March 3rd Commissioners Public Meeting **Land Conservancy Of Adams (LCAC) County Month & Pennsylvania 4-H Week** were both recognized with proclamations by the commissioners. Both groups were on-hand to address the Board, receive proclamations and get photographs of the occasion.

LCAC is in its 28th year of operation having recorded 180 easements enabling the preservation of 1200 acres of open space. They are a dedicated and passionate group that does noble work!

4-H is America’s largest youth development organization with nearly 6 million youth and is delivered to 77,000 state youth by Penn State Extension in all of Pennsylvania’s 67 counties. There are 6,000 adult volunteers who engage and mentor



youth in learning activities, and hands-on projects in topics such as animal science, civic engagement, STEM, health, and wellness. Congratulations to both organizations!



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- ✓ The *Adams County Land Conservancy 26th Art Auction* opens for on-line bidding and a kick-off First Friday Artist's Reception on April 7th, with art on display through close of bidding April 19. Bids may be placed on BiddingOwl.com
- ✓ *Oak Lawn Memorial Gardens Volunteer Clean-up Day* on Saturday, March 25 from 11-3. We are well into the process of turning this community tragedy around to sustain the cemetery. Put on your gloves, bring your rakes, shovels and trimmer to help maintain Oak Lawn!
- ✓ *Lenten Fish Fry* every Friday through March at St. Francis Xavier School & Parish, 465 Table Rock Road, Gettysburg.
- ✓ *Gettysburg Community Theater Gala "Once Upon A Time"*, Gettysburg Hotel, Saturday, March 18, 6PM. Adults \$50. Students \$25.
- ✓ *Lohengrin – The Met Live in HD*, Saturday, March 18, at the Majestic Theater 12PM. Price \$25.
- ✓ *St Patrick's Day Generations Big Band Dance*, WWII Experience, Saturday March 18. Dance from 6:30-10:30. Price \$20.
- ✓ *Elena Millar & Nikita Burakovsky Free Concert At Lutheran Seminary*. Artists and music from Eastern Europe. A superb violin and piano duo. Sunday, March 19 at 4PM.

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