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Vietnamese Judges visit Adams County Court

This past Wednesday the Adams County Courthouse hosted a delegation of Vietnamese Judges and Lawmakers to discuss the integration of juvenile justice principles into the Vietnamese legal system to bring the Vietnamese juvenile system into compliance with international standards. The delegation consisted of numerous Judges and Government Leaders from Vietnam including the Deputy Chief Justice of the Vietnamese Supreme People's Court and the Deputy Chairwoman of the Vietnamese National Assembly.

The visit was organized by the National Center for State Courts in coordination with the United States Department of State with the delegation visiting Baltimore, Harrisburg, and Pittsburgh in addition to Gettysburg. The delegation met with President Judge George and several representatives from the Department of Probation Services to discuss the best practices for the protection of rights for juveniles. It was an exciting oppor-



tunity to plant
the seed of the rule of law and
due process protections with others who
do not yet have the many liberties which we, as United
States citizens, enjoy.

Voter Registration/Election Office Meeting to DES

On August 1, 2, & 3, the Adams County Voter Registration and Elections Office will be moving from the Courthouse to the 1st floor lobby of the Adams County Department of Emergency Services (911) facility on Greenamyer Lane next to the prison. With the expanded role the office has had to adapt to in recent years, and the importance and oversight of election security, as well as convenient customer service, the move should benefit all those concerns.

The move allows for expanded office, clerical and equipment storage to be combined to one facility that is occupied and monitored 24/7. Currently some records and equipment are stored in several areas. Residents can now conveniently park free of charge before entering the DES lobby. A shout out to the Elections office staff, County Administration, and Maintenance for this improvement to the Adams County election process.

Adams County Junior Fire Academy Week

Adams County DES Director Warren Bladen tells me that the Department of Emergency Services building has been filled with activity this week as the Adams County Volunteer Emergency Services Association (ACVESA) hosts their 6th Annual Junior Fire Academy.

Twenty-seven Cadets, aged 14 to 17, have been training to be our next generation of firefighters. The participants arrived at the DES building on Sunday to take part in training of basic firefighting skills. Additionally, they received CPR/AED certification, completed an orientation with WellFlight 2-8, and toured the 911 Center. An all-volunteer staff of 12, from local fire companies, were on site to provide instruction and support throughout the week. The Academy concludes on Saturday with a graduation ceremony for the Recruits and their families. The program was made possible with donations from Giant Foods, Weis Markets, and Dairy Queen.

A shout out to the staff that volunteered their time to make this opportunity possible!

101st South Mountain Fair

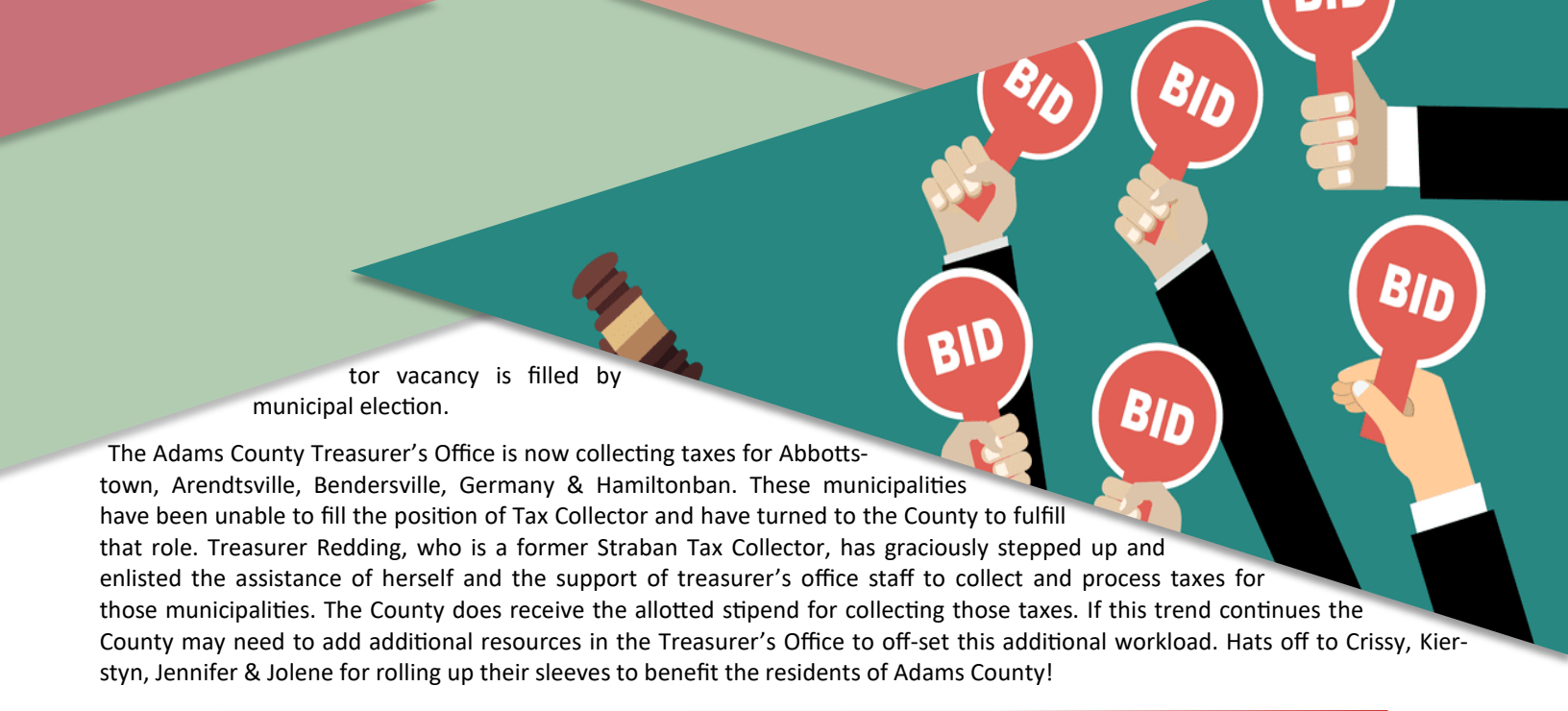
The South Mountain Fair celebrates its 101-year anniversary at The South Mountain Fairgrounds this week from Tuesday – Saturday. You still have a chance to attend today and tomorrow. Admission is only \$8 and includes unlimited rides. There is no doubt that Apple Harvest is a great Adams County Fall event, but for those that would like to experience a slower paced county fair type of activity, the South Mountain Fair fits that bill. Adams County 4-H activity plays a large role in the fair and provides the members a chance to show their acquired skills as well as their livestock. The milkshakes, fries, burgers, hot dogs with sauerkraut, sausages, chicken corn and bean soup all taste just as good - without the lines.

When I was in grade school the fair was during the Labor Day period and all Adams County elementary school students were given one “free” ticket. I always wondered how many elementary students could drive themselves to Arendtsville? The South Mountain Fair is a great family event. I was there Thursday evening for Fireworks Night. Hope to see you at the South Mountain Fair!

County Treasurer to Collect Germany Township Taxes

In what is becoming a recurring theme for smaller municipalities, the Board at their June 28 public meeting, approved by resolution, Treasurer Crissy Redding to collect Littlestown Area School District taxes until the local tax collec-





tor vacancy is filled by municipal election.

The Adams County Treasurer's Office is now collecting taxes for Abbottstown, Arendtsville, Bendersville, Germany & Hamiltonban. These municipalities have been unable to fill the position of Tax Collector and have turned to the County to fulfill that role. Treasurer Redding, who is a former Straban Tax Collector, has graciously stepped up and enlisted the assistance of herself and the support of treasurer's office staff to collect and process taxes for those municipalities. The County does receive the allotted stipend for collecting those taxes. If this trend continues the County may need to add additional resources in the Treasurer's Office to off-set this additional workload. Hats off to Crissy, Kierstyn, Jennifer & Jolene for rolling up their sleeves to benefit the residents of Adams County!

County to Auction Vehicle, Furniture & Equipment—Aug 10th

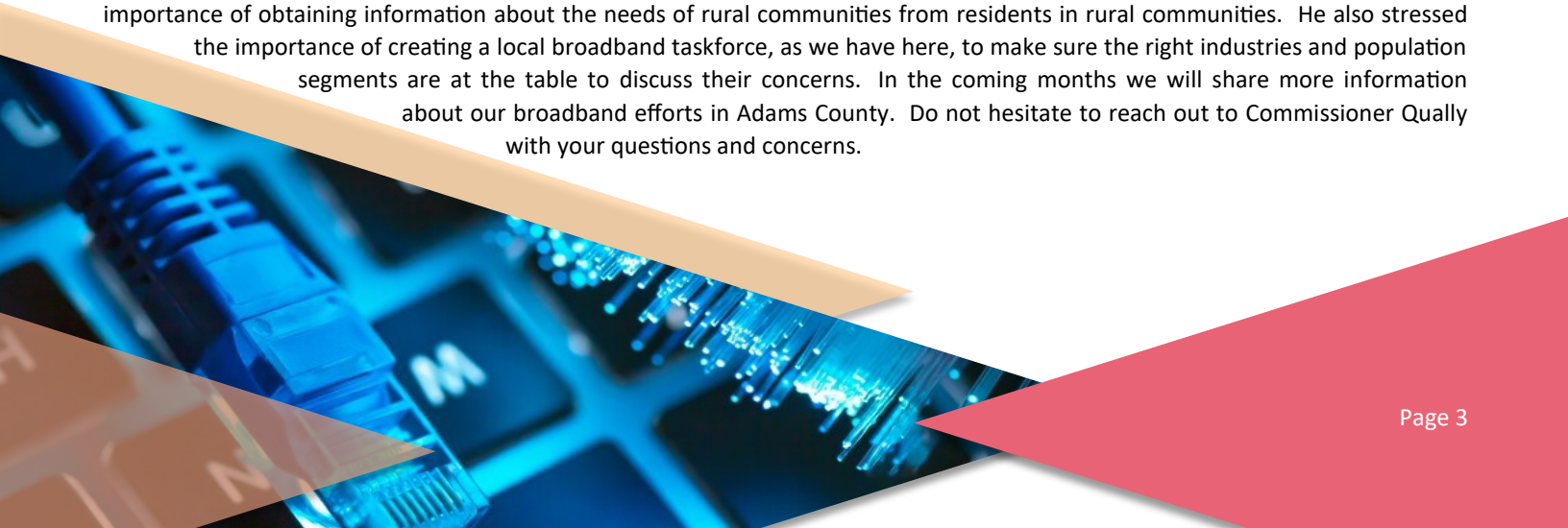
The County of Adams, by and through the Adams County Board of Commissioners, will be holding a public auction on Thursday, August 10, 2023, at the following locations:

- 8:30 a.m. at the Adams County Courthouse, a very large heavy antique floor safe with dial combination lock.
- 9:00 a.m. at the former St Francis School Building collection of approximately 200 pieces of used office furniture, to be sold by lot.
- 2:00 p.m. at the Adams County Department of Emergency Services vehicles and equipment including a 1994 International Bus, 2003 Ford F350 4x4, mileage 107,392; 2009 Chev. Impala, mileage 150,711; 2003 Ford F350 Dump Truck with snowplow, mileage 28,876; Kohler Generator 10KW, 680 hours; Anna Salt Spreader.

Terms of vehicles and equipment "As Is." Pre-sale viewing by appointment. Contact Director Larry Steinour 717-752-5176. Vehicles must be removed the same day as sale.

County Broadband Update

This month has been an important one for broadband in Pennsylvania and Adams County. Commissioner Qually was asked to attend two different statewide panels to discuss how Adams County is addressing outreach to rural communities. On July 13th the State Broadband Authority and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration hosted a broadband summit at Penn State University. In attendance were telecommunication companies, state and local elected officials, and businesses interested in broadband expansion. Commissioner Qually followed that up with a panel discussion hosted by the Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank on how local input is critical to developing a solid funding plan for broadband expansion. These panels stressed the importance of obtaining information about the needs of rural communities from residents in rural communities. He also stressed the importance of creating a local broadband taskforce, as we have here, to make sure the right industries and population segments are at the table to discuss their concerns. In the coming months we will share more information about our broadband efforts in Adams County. Do not hesitate to reach out to Commissioner Qually with your questions and concerns.



Child Support Awareness Day

Child Support Awareness Day will be held on August 3, 2023, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Human Services Building. The purpose is to celebrate the many children we serve in our community in recognition of August as Child Support Enforcement Awareness Month. This event is free and open to the public and will provide FREE services, activities, books, and balloons for children to enjoy. Agencies attending are the American Red Cross educating children on how to prepare for disastrous situations (Pedro Project demonstration K-2 10:30 am -11:15 am, Pillow Case Project demonstration 3-5 11:15 am - 12:00 pm), Adams County Library providing a story time and craft from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm, Adams County Head Start providing free vision exam, children's activity and enrollment applications, KEPTS on site with therapy dogs, Adams/York MH-IDD hosting children's activity, Wellspring Community Health and Engagement providing activities and educational material.

A big shout out to the DRS staff who assisted in organizing this special event. This is the first of hosting such an event and we are looking forward to children attending. For more information, please contact Kelly Carothers at DRS or visit the Adams County website for the flyer located under events.



The **End**

- *South Mountain Fair* this Friday & Saturday

- *Gettysburg Brewfest & Trail 5K Run/Walk*. Saturday, August 19 at the Daniel Lady Farm sponsored by G.B.P.A. to sustain and preserve farm. Trail 5K at 8 a.m. and Brewfest 2:30 p.m. Go to gettysburgbrewfestandtrail5k.com.

- *One Hundred Nights of Taps*, Gettysburg National Cemetery, LBG program 5:30 with Taps at 7 p.m. Every day through thru Labor Day!

- *Million Dollar Quartet* July 29 – August 13 at Totem Pole. This is a don't miss throwback musical that will have you rocking and singing along to old hits!
- *The Eisenhower's At Gettysburg*. Gettysburg Beyond the Battle Museum. Sunday, July 30 11-12. Free and open to public.
- *Music In the Park*. Gettysburg Rec Park Amphitheater. Sunday, July 30 at 6 p.m. Free event.
- *Buzz Jones Jazz Sextet Music Gettysburg Concert*. Lutheran Seminary Schmucker Grove pavilion. Sunday 6 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Free event.
- *Oppenheimer & Barbie* are now playing at the beautiful Majestic Theater. Oppenheimer is at 3:30 & 7:00 with Barbie at 4:00 & 7:15. These movies are the hits of the summer. I want to see Oppenheimer. Not quite so sure about Barbie?
- On Sunday afternoon Kathy and I headed to *Hollabaugh's* for some pies and peaches, then cut across gorgeous orchard country to *The Round Barn* for some of their delicious bi-color sweet corn. We wandered in during their annual Corn Festival. Good news for them, bad news for us, the place was packed. It's that time of year so do yourself a tasty favor and support our local ag community by patronizing the many farm produce stands around Adams County!

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

