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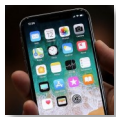
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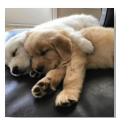
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Fallen Officers **Memorial**

This morning I had the honor and privilege at 10:00, to deliver opening remarks at the *Adams County Fallen Officers Memorial Ceremony* at the Adams County Department of Emergency Services. Having served 30 years as a U.S. Law Enforcement Ranger, this memorial program is always especially poignant to me.

Here are some interesting facts. There are more than 1.1M sworn law enforcement officers in the U.S. In the 1970's approximately 2% were female. Now about 13% are female. Currently there are 21,183 names engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Fallen Officers Memorial. The deadliest day in law enforcement history was September 11, 2001 when 72 officers were killed while responding to the terrorist attacks on America. None of us were even born when the first name on the wall, PSP Trooper Francis Haley, was killed on Rt. 30 at Caledonia by a bank robber.

Since August 2013, when I also had the honor and privilege of delivering remarks when we dedicated the new Adams



County Memorial Wall in the lobby of the Adams County Department of Emergency Services, thankfully, no new names have been added. At the time of the wall dedication, the death of WCO David Grove in 2010 was still painfully fresh on the minds of many of us at the dedication. Grove's family faithfully attends the event every year as does the family of Latimore Twp. Officer Michael Weigand Jr. who lost his life in 2008.

As we gathered at DES this morning at our wall, we owe a deep debt of gratitude to the officers, support individuals, and families who have come before us in this profession, and to those who stand with us today. Although the names and participants for the event will change over time, the one constant is that law enforcement officers are the never bending line that maintains the order of our democracy, in most cases, operating with fairness, pride, compassion and integrity.

HSB Cell Phone Boost Complete

Phase 2 of the SureCall Cell Phone Boosting project at the Human Services Building is now complete. IT reports they are seeing strong broadband coverage throughout the building. IT reminds all staff that Sprint is the only carrier who is not seeing any improvement due to their poor signal even outside of the HSB building. With the project now complete, personal cell phone broadband strength will be improved for anyone entering the building, including the public. The County issued cell phones will also see an improvement in broadband connectivity. Simply look at the bars on your phone to see the difference. The solution was a signal booster for the broadband connectivity of Verizon, Sprint, T Mobile, U.S Cellular, and AT&T. Cell phones have become such a significant part of our everyday personal and work-life, it makes you wonder sometimes how we got along without them. A shout out to Maintenance & IT for their collaboration for making this improvement! *"Can you hear me now?"* Good!

Are we on First or Second?

With those spring flowers poking out of the ground also comes a multitude of invitations for the Board to attend a variety of events. Since February, the Commissioners have become the recipients of many event, speaking, and award ceremony invitations. At times we ask ourselves where do we go next or did we miss anything? Sometimes we can attend three events in one evening. These are great times to meet our constituents from many different segments of the community and hear what is important to them.

This past Tuesday we again had the pleasure to be part of the Annual United Way Volunteer Awards and Recognition Celebration. This was probably no surprise as our picture appeared in the Gettysburg Times presenting Rebecca Beegle with the prestigious 2018 Kenneth K. Kugel Award. This event is one of the larger we attend and deserves our presence to recognize the millions of dollars' worth of volunteer hours devoted to serve worthy causes in Adams County. We have also attended various awards and fund raising ceremonies for local fire companies and area libraries.

Last week Commissioners Phiel and Martin participated in a candidate forum at Valentine Hall. The night before, all three commissioners were in attendance at the Lieutenant Governor's listening tour concerning the legalization of recreational marijuana. On Wednesday we attended Law Day in the historic courtroom.

One question we are sometimes asked is how we make ourselves accessible to the public. Accepting most invitations is just one way we stay accessible. I am also asked Randy - Is that a full-time job? My answer: No it's not a full-time job. It's a time and a half job! The reason is that not only are we in the office or out and around the county Monday- Friday; but it also involves a lot of evenings and weekends if you are committed to interacting with constituents. I am proud to report this Board has proven historically they have that commitment. Looking ahead less than a week, the Com-



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missioners plan to attend the National Day of Prayer, The Fallen Officers Memorial Program, Adams Electric Annual Meeting on Saturday, the Gettysburg Adams Chamber of Commerce Awards Ceremony and the Conservation District Envirothon. That should take us to our next Commissioners’ meeting on Wednesday.

Humpback Bridge Now Open

One of Adams County’s most historic and scenic bridges, the John’s Mill Burnt Bridge, was struck by an unknown large vehicle or piece of machinery and suffered significant structural damage to the south side. That caused the bridge to close for structural repairs. The stone structure was built in 1870 and spans the south branch of the Conewago Creek on Storms Store Road. Bridge contractor Lobar Associates called this week to report that they have opened the “humpback bridge” to traffic. Adams County has several interesting and historic bridges, and you may already have a favorite, but if you have not seen this one, do yourself a favor and take a look at this visual, architectural and structural work of art!

Information Technology Update

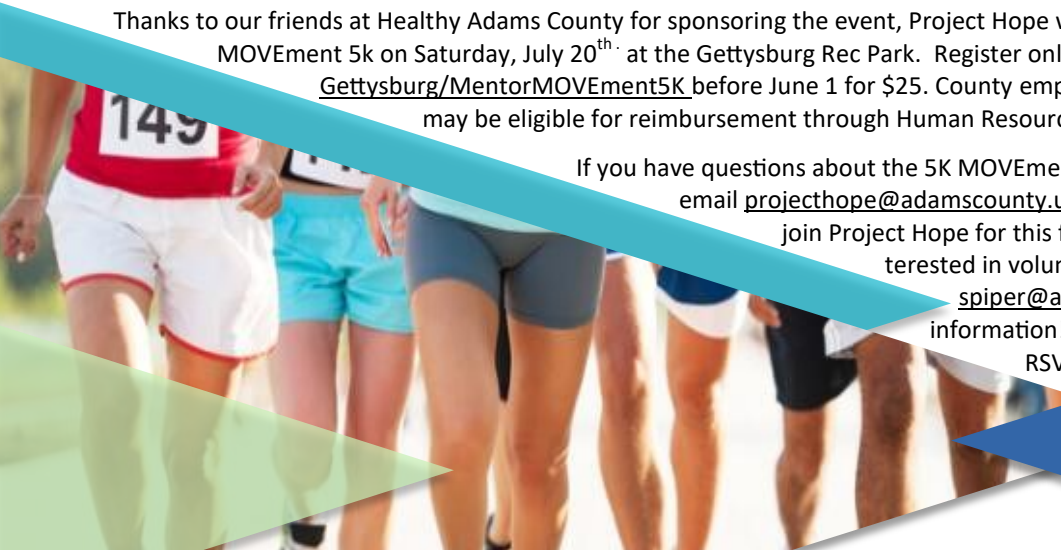
The Information Technology Department was recently approved to move forward with the full replacement of the virtual desktop environment. With the approval of the County Commissioners, the IT department will be embarking upon the replacement of approximately 300 virtual desktops with traditional desktops. The decision was made in conjunction with the upcoming data center refresh, which includes the replacement of the County’s aging core server and storage environment. With rapid change and emerging cloud technologies becoming readily available, the future of the County’s data center is evolving. Future strategy will include a hybrid approach, utilizing both on-prem and cloud hosted solutions. The cloud hosted solutions will provide additional capabilities towards managing cyber security efforts to protect the County’s most sensitive information. The IT Department will provide future updates on the status and progression of these two major initiatives.

Project Hope 5K

Many of you have heard about Project Hope, a mentoring program through Adams County Children and Youth Services for youth in, or formerly in, foster care. Project Hope’s Program Coordinator, Tessa Adams, had a vision of hosting a 5k run/walk in an effort to raise awareness about Project Hope and the impact mentoring has on the young people Project Hope is serving. Tessa has enlisted the assistance of some well-known and familiar faces – Lisa Angstadt, Kara Neiderer, and Sherri Piper – to help her make this dream a reality!

Thanks to our friends at Healthy Adams County for sponsoring the event, Project Hope will have Adams County’s first-ever Mentor MOVEment 5k on Saturday, July 20th at the Gettysburg Rec Park. Register online at <https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Gettysburg/MentorMOVEment5K> before June 1 for \$25. County employees, remember your race registrations may be eligible for reimbursement through Human Resources!

If you have questions about the 5K MOVEment, or are interested in being a sponsor, email projecthope@adamscounty.us. This event is a Walk & Run, so please join Project Hope for this fun community event! If you would be interested in volunteering please contact spiper@adamscounty.us for more information! Don’t forget to RSVP to

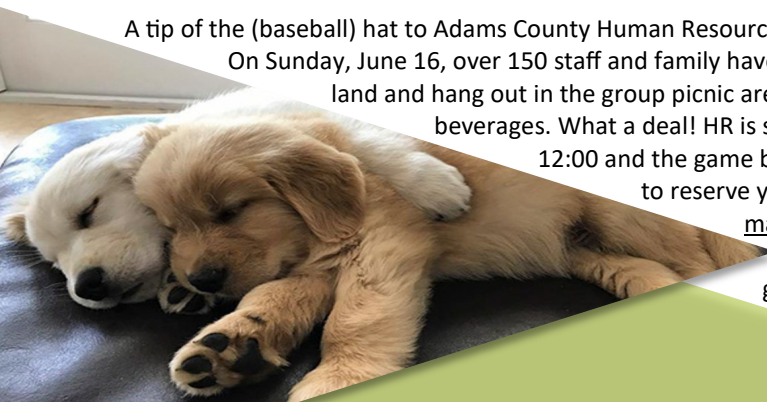


the Facebook event for up-to-date information. <https://www.facebook.com/events/543904782779850/>

Let's support this worthy event by assisting our youth and promoting good health!

Take Me Out to the Ball Game

A tip of the (baseball) hat to Adams County Human Resources for coming up with another "Home Run" idea for a family event. On Sunday, June 16, over 150 staff and family have already signed up to attend a Harrisburg Senators game on City Island and hang out in the group picnic area. The \$5 per individual includes game ticket, food and non-alcoholic beverages. What a deal! HR is subsidizing the balance with Wellness Funds. The picnic area opens at 12:00 and the game begins at 1:00. Today at noon is the absolute drop dead date and time to reserve your tickets for the game. Please email Danette Laughman dlaughman@adamscounty.us or Sherri Piper at spiper@adamscounty.us if interested. Let's all root, root, root for the home team - and enjoy a great deal of fellowship with family, friends and co-workers!



The End

Many of you have been following my quest for another Golden Retriever pup and have been asking me if there are any new developments. I am happy to report the answer is Yes! I found a local family that has raised, breed and shown Golden Retrievers for 40 years. We were invited to visit the family and got to see a 14-week male from the winter litter that they were keeping, the mother, and two 2 year-old ½ sisters of the pup. There is another litter due at the end of June and I have 2nd pick. Hopefully and probably there will be some females; but I will not rule a male. Having found a very reputable, knowledgeable and local breeder, that does all the right things, is a relief. Most likely my search is over and we can get down to the business of welcoming a Golden Retriever pup into the Phiel Family by the end of August!

There is so much to do in Adams County this time of year. For those of us with yards and landscaping chores there are not enough hours in the day at the moment. When you get done mowing, it seems you could go right back to where you started because the grass is growing so fast. My mother lived by the adage that you do not plant your flowers before Mother's Day. Well Marie, I went ahead and planted the barrels and boxes last evening and we will see just where the petals fall? I hope we are not soon placing sheets over our newly planted flowers and you are looking down saying - I Told You So! Speaking of plants The *Wellspan Gettysburg Hospital Auxiliary Plant Sale* is Thursday, May 9 from 2:00-5:30 & Friday May 10 from 7:00-3:00 in the Community Room at Gettysburg Hospital. Find that special Mother's Day gift or flower basket to brighten your Mom's day - while supporting our community hospital.

There are a couple of great Farm Events this weekend. Hollabaugh Bros. is having an *All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast* from 9-11 on Saturday, followed by a *Bees & Blossom Festival* with a variety of activities for the entire family. Oyler's Organic Farm is having a *Breakfast On The Farm* event on Saturday with two breakfast seating's at 9:00 and 10:30. Also on Saturday, there is a *Home Run Derby & Biser Trail Re-dedication* at the Gettysburg Rec Park. The Biser Trail re-dedication is at 11:00 with activities and food trucks from 11-5. For you historians, there is a *Doors Open Gettysburg* event at the Gettysburg National Military Park. . Doors Open gives the public a rare look at buildings ranging from newly restored to those in need of repair. Visitors will be able to explore the Edward McPherson Barn; the Josiah Benner Barn; Meade's Headquarters – the Lydia Leister Home; and the Eisenhower Show Barn. These buildings will be open from 10-2. On Sunday May 5, the *Faces Of America Bike Ride returns to Gettysburg arriving on Steinwher Avenue at approximately 12:15. The ride which begins in Arlington VA. and ends in Gettysburg, honors our military, with 500 adaptive and able bodied riders. Note that the ride has a new finishing location this year at Brown's Ranch bordering West Confederate Avenue. On Saturday, May 10 head to the Majestic Theater for Jeanne Robertson's live Fabulously Funny Tour. The show begins at 7:30. On Sunday, May 11, get moving at Oakside Park in Biglerville to either walk or run in Relay For Life to help fund cancer research.*

Given all these suggestions, if you cannot find something to do - it's your own fault! No matter what you do - get out there and experience all the historic, recreational, agricultural, natural and cultural opportunities that beautiful Adams County has to offer!