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Primary Election Re-Count Validates Accuracy

The Adams County election re-count for the PA Senate race between McCormick & Oz began on Wednesday, June 1 at 10:00AM and was completed at 4:30PM by Adams County elections staff. The election staff was assisted by IT and the Commissioner’s Office. The 16,902 Republican ballots were run through different scanners than they were originally tabulated on as required by statute. Provisional ballots and ballots the scanners kicked out for various reasons were reviewed by the Election Board for determination. At conclusion the process again validated that elections in Adams County are both accurate and secure!

Administering elections is the responsibility of Pennsylvania counties governed by legislative statute. Most of you are aware that in the past several years the entire election process has become significantly more difficult and laborious. Mail-in ballots have significantly increased preparation time, overall election costs, need

for additional re-sources, and material cost for counties. Pennsylvania County Commissioners continually and consistently ask the Pennsylvania Legislature to allow pre-cavass of mail-in ballots to get them ready for the scanners, and to make the voter registration deadline and mail-in request dead-line synonymous. It has not happened. The irony is that the legislature profoundly agrees with these two simple requests; but they are dead locked into no action because of polarization on election issues in general.

Although the effort put forth by the Adams County Elections Staff deserves special recognition, we again applaud the Teamwork displayed by county staff and numerous other Adams County Departments and individuals that is now required to administer efficient elections. The world of election administration changed dramatically in the past two years, forcing significant adaptation, and we remain very proud of our election process in Adams County!

County-Wide Multi-Factor Authentication Begins

The Information Technology Department recently completed the first deployment of multi-factor authentication to the Department of Emergency Services (DES). With this first department completed, feedback from DES has been positive. The extra security step quickly became a normal part of the daily login process and has since had no remarkable impact on daily operations.

The IT department will use lessons learned from the first deployment as the organization-wide project advances. A department-by-department deployment schedule is being finalized, in which IT will reach out to the department director to kick-off the scheduling and procedures ahead.

Governor Wolf Attends Two Adams County Events

Last Thursday morning Governor Wolf, as well as the Adams County Commissioners, attended two unique events that will hopefully have a very positive impact on Adams County.

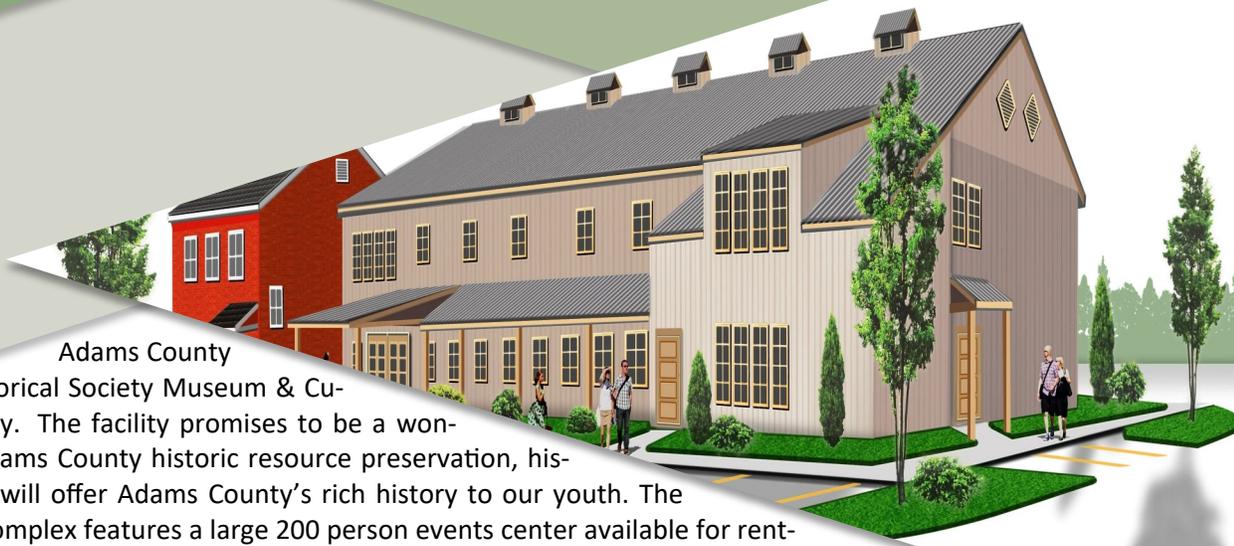
Outside the Gettysburg National Military Park Visitor Center, *America250PA*, the Pennsylvania Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial, relaunched efforts to commemorate the milestone anniversary of the Declaration of Independence in 2026. Established by the state legislature and the Governor in 2018, America250PA was created to plan, encourage, develop, and coordinate the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the U.S. and the state's integral role.

Each county was charged by the state commission, with forming a county commission and facilitating committees and events in their respective county. Adams County Manager Steve Nevada serves as the Adams County advisory committee member to the state commission. In Adams County, five committees have been created, made up of numerous community organizations, focusing on Events, Fundraising, Marketing, Civic Engagement, and County Heritage efforts.

The County is attempting to make this an all-inclusive event for all areas of the County to engage, get involved, and showcase their history and heritage.

The AmericaPA250 event was followed by Adams County Historical Society Director Andrew Dalton giving the Governor, Adams County Commissioners, and other local officials an on-site tour of the partially completed





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Historical Society Museum & Curatorial facility.

The facility promises to be a wonderful addition to Adams County historic resource preservation, historic education, and will offer Adams County’s rich history to our youth. The second level of the complex features a large 200 person events center available for rental with a stunning view of Barlow’s Knoll. Both Adams County and the State of Pennsylvania provided funds toward the project. The original fundraising goal was \$5M. With increasing interest and surprising momentum, the newly established goal of \$10M is within reach. We are extremely excited for this new addition to our community!

2022 Block Grant Application Period Open

The Adams County Department of Planning is pleased to invite applications from all County municipalities, community non-profits, and other organizations serving residents of Adams County for the 2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). In order to meet CDBG project requirements, projects must meet one of the CDBG objectives for residents of Adams County:

1. Benefits low to moderate income persons (this must be demonstrated with income data for each beneficiary, census data for the service area, or survey results for the service area – see below)
2. Removal of slums or blight.
3. Meets an urgent community need, usually disaster related.
4. Benefits specific populations, including the elderly, persons with disabilities, abused children, battered spouses, homeless persons, illiterate adults, persons living with HIV/AIDS, or migrant farm workers.

Historically, the County has been allocated approximately \$300,000 for each CDBG program year. The exact amount of County’s CDBG allocation will be announced by the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development later this year. Applications to the Adams County Office of Planning and Development are due by Friday, August 19th. If you are considering applying for funding, please contact the Adams County Office of Planning and Development at 717-337-9824 any potential projects.

CYS — Family Success Extravagant

Adams County Children & Youth Services plays a huge role in our community that largely goes unrecognized by most residents. Children & Youth and the Adams County Courts had a very successful event at the Adams County Agriculture Center on June 3, 2022, from 3-7 p.m. There was gorgeous weather, good food, many smiles and laughs and a fun time was had by all.

This event was originally discussed several months ago among several CYS staff, Judge George, attorneys, and service providers that work in our community. The idea was posed about having an event to celebrate all the successes of the families that we serve- there are so many- and they wanted to do something really special to commend families for completing their goals, working hard to reunify their families, keeping their families



together, finding strong and reliable family and friends to support them, all while working hand in hand with the courts, CYS staff and the community. It takes a lot of vulnerability to allow people into your personal life and your children's lives and allow them to help you and lift you up when you need it.

CYS had a planning committee that worked VERY hard to make this event a huge success – so a special thank you to that team! We also applauded CYS staff for doing so much to give children safer environments and giving families richer and better futures through a lot of hard work. Families were invited with the idea that they could see all the people celebrating and recognizing them all their hard work, dedication and achievements and the choice that they made to make their children's futures brighter. This is what Adams County is all about!



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The *Adams County Community Foundation Giving Spree* provides remarkable benefits to our community. The event will be held on November 3 this year. Adams County non-profits are encouraged to participate - but must apply by June 27. The details and application are available at www.ACCF-GivingSpree.org

The Greenmount Fire Company will be holding their traditional *Father's Day Breakfast* Sunday, June 19, from 7-11AM. A large all-you-can-eat menu for \$12 adult and age 6-12 \$6. Under 6 free.

The *Adams County Farmers Market* is now open Saturday's 8AM – 1PM through October with free parking off North Stratton Street. The market is located behind the Transit Station on Carlisle Street.

The very popular *One Hundred Nights of Taps* began on Memorial Day in the Gettysburg National Cemetery. This year there is a new feature with a Licensed Battlefield Guide providing a free interpretative program at 5:30PM preceding the sounding of taps at 7PM. Also, as part of the Taps Program there will be presentations focused on Abraham Lincoln just prior to the sounding of Taps. These seem like very nice additions to enhance what is a very poignant experience!

Wednesday began 5 days of the *Gettysburg Brass Band Festival* in Gettysburg. There are various events throughout the town with most of the events at the new outdoor stage at the Lutheran Seminary. Friday evening is "Bands in The Boro" while Saturday performances go from 12PM-7PM on the main stage at the Seminary. The festival will conclude on Sunday morning at 10:30AM with a Jazz Church Service on the Seminary Chapel patio. For complete schedule go to www.gettysburgbrassbandfestival.com

Check out *Always...Patsy Cline* at the Totem Pole playing through June 12. Kathy and I went to dinner and then to the show with friends and had a wonderful evening. This is a two woman show with two very talented actresses. Get out there and support the local theater in the woods! Also, the Majestic has kicked off their Summer Classic Movie Series. Don't miss these gems from the 30's to the 90's. Price is \$8 with shows at 7:30PM.

New Oxfords 66TH Annul Market on the Square returns on June 18TH from 8AM-2PM. There will be 150 vendor, antiques, handmade crafts, farmers market, entertainment and delicious food. The event is Free. Go to newoxford.org/market-on-the-square for more information and a list of vendors.

The *Mansion House in Fairfield* has live music every Thursday evening. There is no cover charge. Music will be inside or outside depending on the weather.

American History comes alive again this weekend at the historic Daniel Lady Farm just east of Gettysburg on Hanover Road with an *Historic Military Timeline Event*. On June 11 & 12 learn how our country was formed and protected throughout history. See American history through first person impressions and speaking with living historians representing all eras of military history. Adults \$10 and Kids age 11-16 \$5. Admission includes tours of historic house and barn. Go to info@gbpa.org

Now 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.