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100th South Mountain Fair

When I was in grade school in the 60's, the South Mountain Fair was a really big deal. Every student got a "free ticket" so they could bug their parents to take them for the rides, to see the animals, ride the ponies, and climb over a multitude of huge shiny farm implements and new cars. Although our society has changed, and the Fair has gotten somewhat smaller; it still captures the essence of Adams County agriculture and community spirit. The Fair also is a showcase for our local 4-H and their projects with hundreds of entries.

This historic event, recognizing some of the best things in Adams County, kicks off the 100TH edition from July 26 – July 30. Parking is free and general admission is only \$7. With that \$7, all the rides for the kids are FREE! Kids under 36" get Free Admis-



sion! With 3 young grandchildren, the \$7 admission with free rides caught my attention. See livestock judging, mini horse pulling, produce exhibits, chainsaw carving, mechanical bull, live music, horse drawn carriage rides, great food, and fireworks Thursday evening. This is a family friendly low-key event. Visit www.SouthMountainFair.com I will be volunteering several evenings – so see you there at the Fair!

Controller's Office Recognition

At Wednesday's public commissioners meeting we recognized the Controller's Office, and its dedicated staff, for receiving their 4th consecutive Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Award of Financial Reporting Achievement for fiscal year 2020. The Controllers Team, led by Controller John Phillips and Asst. Controller Beth Cissel, consistently strive for excellence. This is just one tangible example of those efforts. On a related note, several years ago, we formed the Adams County Financial Team with the Controller, Treasurer's Office, Budget Office, and Commissioners Office all collaborating to increase budget, accounting, and investment efficiency. We are very proud of the results and the efforts all these offices have made to receive professional recognition. Congratulations to our Controller's Office!

ACACC Awards

The Adams County Adult Correctional Complex (ACACC) recently received "a perfect score" from the National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) audit. The ACACC met all 37 standards that covered a three-year audit period. The standards address governance and administration, health promotion, safety, and disease prevention; personnel and training; ancillary health care services; patient care and treatment; special needs and services, and medical-legal issues.

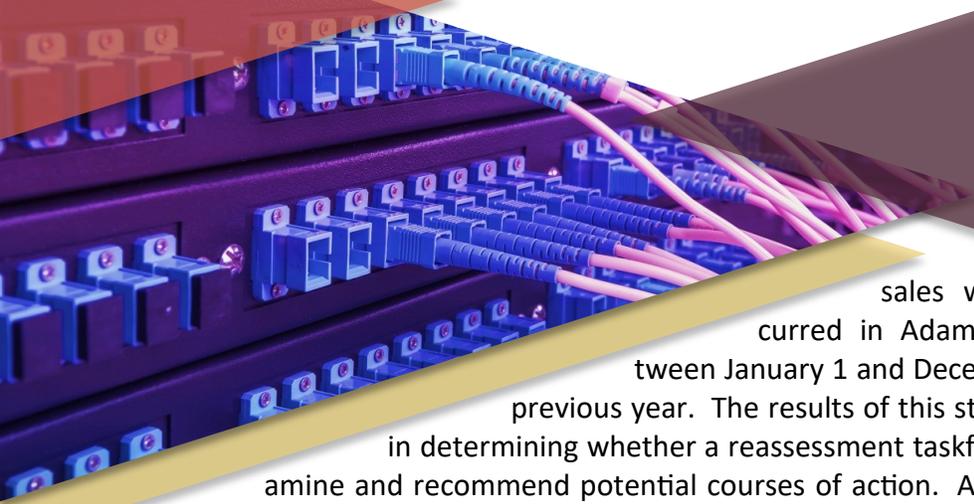
Here is some more good news from the prison. Every year, the PA Prison Chaplains Association accepts nominations from State Correctional Institutions and County Correctional Facilities for Chaplain of the Year. There are two winners, one for the state Department of Corrections and one County Chaplain. Adams County Prison staff nominated ACPC - Chaplain Perez, and we were informed this week that Chaplain Perez was selected to receive the award for the 2022 County Chaplain of the Year. The Warden did a search of various records and websites, and it looks like an ACPC has never won this award. Chaplain Perez is also a Major in the US Army Reserves, and currently in the field for training. Chaplain Perez will be honored at a banquet on Wednesday, September 7. Congratulations and Thank You Chaplain Perez for all of your service!

Real Estate Co-efficient Of Dispersion Within Norm

Per County Ordinance #3 of 2013, on an annual basis as of July 1, the Adams County Tax Services Department calculates the Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) based upon

$$COD = \frac{100}{R_m}$$

$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^N |R_i - R_m|}{N}$$



sales which occurred in Adams County between January 1 and December 31 of the previous year. The results of this study will guide the Board in determining whether a reassessment taskforce needs to be appointed to examine and recommend potential courses of action. A COD greater than 20.0 would trigger the need for the taskforce. This year's COD is calculated at 12.86, which is well within the acceptable range as stated by the international Association of Assessing Officers.

Broadband Feasibility Study Awarded

Having efficient Broadband in all areas of Adams County ranks high on the this Board of Commissioners priority list. We have partnered with Franklin County in the evaluation phased toward meeting the goal of efficient broadband. Cost will be equally divided. At Wednesday's public meeting, Adams County awarded the Multi-County Broadband Feasibility Study to Design Nine, Inc., a Virginia company. After a duly advertised public bidding process and subsequent modification of scope (due to Cumberland County's withdrawal from the project), Design Nine submitted the lowest qualified bid of three (3) total proposals that the Counties received.

The Study will assess the current status of high-speed broadband infrastructure in Adams and Franklin Counties and outline a plan for the Counties to expand broadband in underserved areas. It is anticipated that the Study will take approximately 4-5 months to complete. Design Nine has over 25 years of experience working in the broadband sector and has recently worked with 14 other Pennsylvania counties on broadband initiatives.

Adams County Bridge Evaluation

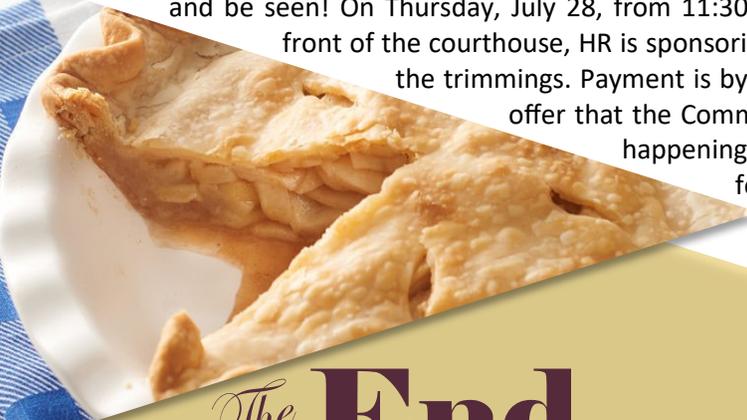
Bridges are an expensive item in our budget and result in expensive maintenance. Many folks do not understand that bridges are generally owned by 3 different entities in Pennsylvania. They are state, county and municipality.

At the public commissioners meeting, the County approved a Bridge Maintenance Project Proposal with Pennoni Associates, Inc., the County's appointed Bridge engineers. The Proposal includes reviewing inspection reports and completing bridge design/repair specifications for all 40 County bridges, assisting in the preparation of bid documents and consulting with potential bidders for repair services, and inspecting the final repairs to ensure compliance with specifications. It is anticipated that total performance will be completed in 32 weeks. The bridges will then be ranked according to need, emergency access and traffic flow.



Hot Dog Hoe Down Staff Lunch

Sometimes we do not get to see each other very much as we are engaged in our tasks to serve the residents of Adams County – not to mention COVID! We miss seeing your smiling faces! Well, here is an opportunity to see and be seen! On Thursday, July 28, from 11:30am -1:00pm, at the staff picnic area in front of the courthouse, HR is sponsoring a Hot Dog Lunch (both regular/turkey) with all the trimmings. Payment is by donation and hopefully will cover the cost of lunch. I can offer that the Commissioners will make up any deficit; but I do not anticipate that happening. The rain plan is to move the event to the HR Office. Deadline for sign up was yesterday – but if you contact HR, I am sure they will add you to the list! Thank you to HR for facilitating this event!



The **End**

The 100TH South Mountain Fair takes place from July 26th to July 30th. \$7 Admission included unlimited rides.

Boyer Nursery has *Pick-Your-Own* in full swing. This is a great family activity and delicious eating.

One Hundred Night of Taps every evening. At the Gettysburg National Cemetery. Program at 5:30 and playing of Taps at 7:00.

The *Mansion House 1757* in Fairfield has live music every Thursday either inside or outside weather dependent. Enjoy great acoustical music and delicious far.

Julie B. Jones The Musical JR at Gettysburg Community Theater. Perfect for the entire family. \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door.

This evening 7:00PM-10:00PM enjoy the *Summer Concert Series at the National Apple Museum* at 154 West Hanover Street, Biglerville. Concerts are every Friday during the summer and are Free with donations requested to support the museum.

This evening you can attend a special program at *the Gettysburg Foundation Spangler Farm* on Blacksmith Shop Road. At 6PM, join Licensed Battlefield Guide Mary Turk-Meena to hear a program on the citizens of Gettysburg and their experiences during this pivotal battle. The program lasts approximately 90 minutes and is limited to 40 attendees. Ticket price is \$40. Go to www.GettysburgFoundation.org or call 717-874-2478.

Don't miss the 3-day military vehicle show this weekend at *the World War II American Experience* at the corner of Mummasburg & Crooked Creek Road. Call 717-253-3414 or go to www.visitww2.org

Beehive. The 60's Musical wraps up on July 24 at Totem Pole Playhouse. It is the mutilate celebration of female e empowerment featuring classic songs. Call 717-352-2164 or go to www.totempoleplayhouse.org

On Screen July 22-28 at the *Majestic Theater*: *Where the Crawdads Sing* & *Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris*

Gettysburg Ministerium NPS Amphitheater Worship Service every Sunday at 8AM. The Park Amphitheater is located on West Confederate Avenue. This Sunday is retired Presbyterian Minister Dave Wright.

Last week I stopped by Hollabaugh Bros.to get an apple pie for dinner, and in addition to the pie, ended up buying fresh early peaches, local sweet corn, and sweet cherries. The point I am making is that Adams County fresh produce is rolling in. Visit your favorite produce market soon to get delicious, healthy fresh produce while *supporting our Adams County Ag Industry!*

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