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VOTE

Get out and VOTE
Tuesday, May 18th Primary

Revised Hours / Age
Community Vacc. Center

The Community Vaccination Center at the Adams County Department of Emergency Services initially opened offering vaccinations 3 days per week by appointment. Several weeks ago, the facility increased to 6 days. This past Monday, the center went back to Tuesday 11-9, Thursday 11-9, and Saturday 11-4. The hours because of decreased demand. It was just announced that residents 12-15 years of age are now eligible to be vaccinated. The WellSpan portal has been revised to schedule that age group. Appointments are still required at the Adams County CVC. As of today 13,025, vaccinations have been given at the Adams County CVC.

Be advised that walk-in appointments are now available at Gettysburg Hospital. For more information or to schedule an appointment go to the WellSpan portal at www.mywellspan.org or call the WellSpan COVID Hotline at 855-851-3641.



Mercy House Ribbon Cutting Today

You are cordially invited to the Mercy House Recovery Center ribbon cutting ceremony and program at 12:00 today. Following the program tours of the facility will be conducted from 12:30-4:00. Mercy House will have a walk-in center on the 1st floor and residential housing for 7 males approved for the treatment program. The center will be administered by The Rase Project who have a commendable track record with similar centers in York, Lancaster, Harrisburg and Carlisle..

Mercy House has been an outstanding collaboration between The Adams County Board of Commissioners, York/Adams MHIDD Health Joinder, community organizations and individuals that made this vision possible. To take a vacated and deteriorating building, and re-purpose for a significant community benefit is very gratifying. To largely accomplish this with grant funding, and funding from community organizations and individuals, is a tribute to this cause and the vision and generosity of our community. The Mercy House project and The Adams County Law Enforcement Firearms Training Range are two public/private projects our community can be very proud of accomplishing.

The Board has already begun to examine properties for a female version. It is anticipated that the female facility will be entirely residential as the walk-in center already exists at Mercy House.

Adams County Installs New Courtroom Technology

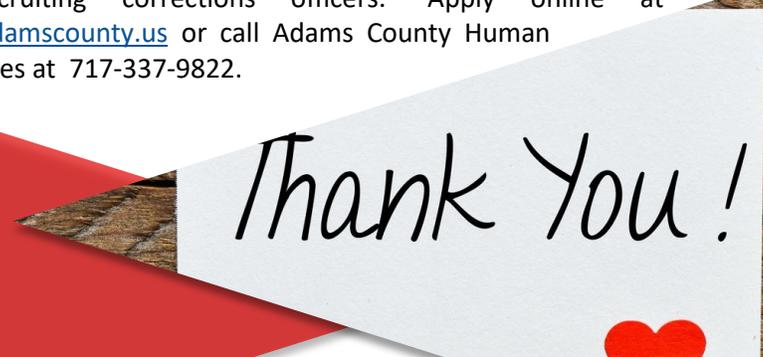
The Information Technology Department is in the process of working with Court Administration on the development and deployment of new courtroom technology. A proof of concept of the new technology was initially put into the Human Services Building Courtroom so that thorough testing could be completed. After multiple years of testing, a determination has been made to extend this technology into all Common Plea's courtrooms located at the Courthouse.

The new technology will include digital recording, video conferencing, and audio system upgrades. With the modernized technology in place, the Courtrooms will have further capabilities that would otherwise not be available. The goal of the effort is to leverage the technology to provide a courtroom that is capable of meeting the standards of our current time.

Corrections Employee Week

At the May 5 Commissioners Public Meeting our Corrections Employees were recognized on Corrections Employee Week - May 2-8. The Board was honored to recognize our corrections staff for their contributions to Adams County with a proclamation and remarks by Warden Katy Hileman.

Adams County has several departments that are deemed essential - including corrections officers. A career in Corrections provides excellent benefits and competitive wages with advancement opportunities. The Board, HR, and Prison Administration has been discussing both proven and new methodologies for recruiting corrections officers. Apply online at www.adamscounty.us or call Adams County Human Resources at 717-337-9822.



Thank You!

Legislators Tour Vacc. Center

Recently the Board of Commissioners hosted both Federal & State legislators to tour the Adams County Community Vaccination Center. Two weeks ago, PA Secretary of Agriculture Russel Redding toured the center in conjunction with agriculture and food workers being approved for the vaccine. Last week U.S Senator Robert Casey toured the center hosted by WellSpan Administrators and Adams County Commissioners and staff. Yesterday, the Commissioners & WellSpan same hosted State Representatives Dan Moul & Torren Ecker.

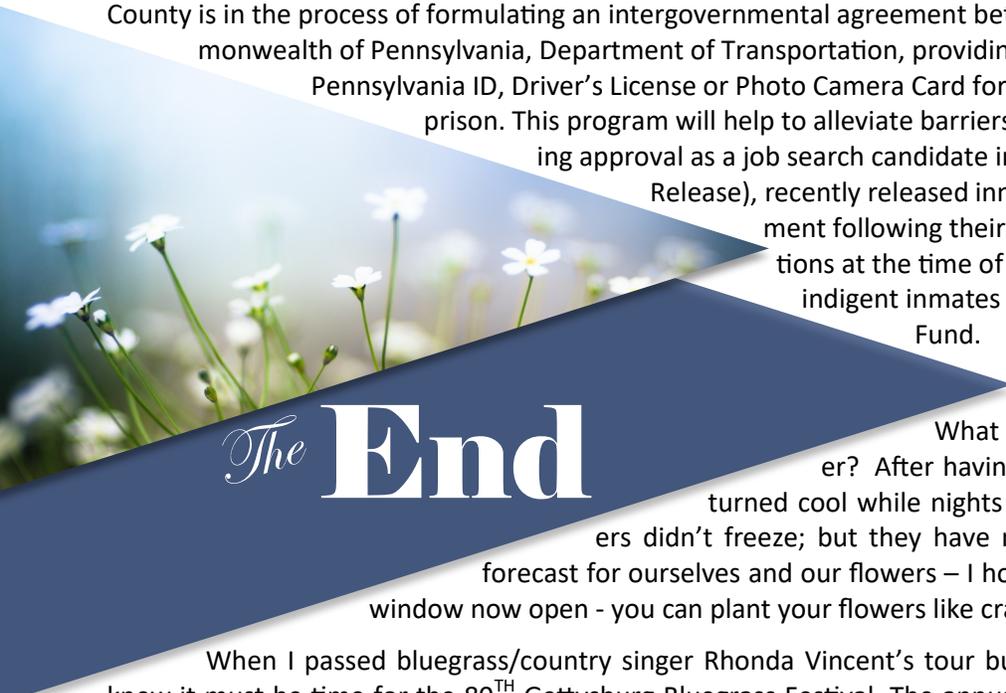
The Adams County CVC has received very positive feedback from WellSpan, our legislators and the residents that have utilized the center. Getting this facility up and running was a Board priority, and as we had surmised, it has been an excellent facility for this program and our residents seem to really appreciate that opportunity. As stated above, 13,025 vaccinations have been provided to date.

Youth Design Traffic Safety Billboard

On Monday, the Commissioners had the pleasure of attending the unveiling of the student designed Traffic Safety Billboard on Rt 30 just west of New Oxford. The theme presented to the students was Do No Drive Distracted. Hailey Riley and Nathan Hamm, both students at Littlestown High School, created the winning design displayed on the billboard. Congratulations to Hailey & Nathan!

Drivers License's & ID's Program Prior to Release

A significant obstacle for many inmates assimilating back into society is a lack of a Driver's License or proper ID. Adams County is in the process of formulating an intergovernmental agreement between the County of Adams and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation, providing for application and issuance of a valid Pennsylvania ID, Driver's License or Photo Camera Card for inmates prior to their release from the prison. This program will help to alleviate barriers and remove challenges for inmates seeking approval as a job search candidate in the community re-entry center (Work Release), recently released inmates attempting to obtain gainful employment following their release, and inmates setting up travel options at the time of release including bus/train travel. Fees for indigent inmates will be paid out of the Inmate Commissary Fund.



The **End**

What happened to our warm Spring weather? After having been spoiled for several weeks, our days turned cool while nights and early morning turned cold. Our flowers didn't freeze; but they have not been happy. Warmer days are in the forecast for ourselves and our flowers – I hope! With the Mother's Day flower planting window now open - you can plant your flowers like crazy!

When I passed bluegrass/country singer Rhonda Vincent's tour bus on West Middle Street this afternoon, I knew it must be time for the 80TH Gettysburg Bluegrass Festival. The annual Bluegrass Festival takes place this Thursday - Sunday at Granite Hill Camping Resort west of Gettysburg. Go to www.gettysburgbluegrass.com for tickets and information.

Check out Gettysburg's 54TH Annual Spring Outdoor Antique Show this Saturday. The 2021 Farmers Market Season kicks off on Saturday at the Transit Station on Carlisle Street from 8-1. Barlow Volunteer Fire Company is having a Pit Beef/Pit Turkey Platter Drive Thru this Saturday noon until sold out. Platters \$10 and sandwiches \$8. The Littlestown Area Municipal Band will present a concert at Crouse Park this Sunday at 2PM.

No 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!