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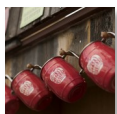
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It's Apple Harvest Time in Adams County

In Adams County we know that Fall has arrived when the National Apple Harvest Festival gates open. This year will mark the 59TH Anniversary of this iconic Adams County event held this year on October 7/8 & 14/15. This wonderful celebration featuring our apple industry, not only brings national and regional recognition to Adams County; but it generates significant revenue for many area non-profits including Oakeside Community Park. Hundreds of communities volunteer their time to make this one of the best events in the region. At least 55,000 visitors are anticipated to attend the event - with Mother Nature always playing a hand in the final count!

After being a volunteer for many years barbecuing chicken and going way back 50 years ago to dipping apple ice cream for the Gettysburg Jaycees, my personal tip is either get there early (like 7:30AM) before the huge crowd and you can park across the street, or wait until mid-afternoon when folks begin to leave and have a very nice less crowded 3-4-hour experience. Regardless of when you arrive, let's hope for good weather and see you at the festival!





IT Network Tested By PA National Guard

The Adams County Information Technology Department recently completed a five-day cybersecurity assessment with the PA National Guard. As part of this engagement, cybersecurity specialists from the National Guard used various ethical hacking techniques to test the County's cyber defenses. In addition, the cybersecurity specialists educated County IT staff on the techniques and tools that are commonly used by the bad actors to gain unauthorized access. The final day of the engagement was spent completing an out brief with County and Court administration that will help shape future cybersecurity strategic plans.

The County is very appreciative to have had the opportunity to participate in this zero-cost cyber assessment by the PA National Guard.

Biglerville Borough Slated for CDBG Waterline Funds

A public hearing was held as part of Wednesday's Commissioners Meeting to solicit public comment on the proposed budget for Adams County's 2023 Community Block Grant Program. The sole qualifying applicant was Biglerville Borough for their East York Street water line project in the amount of \$263,477 and administration in the amount of \$57,836. After the hearing, in the next matter of business the budget for that amount was approved by the Board. This much needed project is currently underway with necessary repair and replacement.

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EDC Adams Response & Recovery Fund Grant Approved

At Wednesday's Commissioners Meeting the Adams Economic Development Corporation (EDC) AARF grant was approved for \$323,100. The proposed purpose of the grant is to create a revolving loan fund to support affordable housing through down payment assistance for qualified individuals who work in Adams County and seek to purchase a home in Adams County. The approval means the applicant has met and submitted all the necessary requirements and documentation and has met the program guidelines.

The Adams County Board of Commissioners had previously recommended 14 applicants be considered for approval totaling \$5M. Thus far 9 of the 14 have been brought to the Board for final approval. County Planning and the County Solicitor's office continue to work diligently with the recommended applicants, and we thank them for their work on behalf of our constituents!

Official Staff Appreciation

Our appreciation for staff is constant every day of the year, given the work that we do and the quality of the product we produce. But each year facilitated by HR, we make an extra effort to engage and recognize Adams County staff.

Employee Appreciation Week was recently celebrated here at Adams County. PA Dairymen's Association milkshakes, Travelin Tom's coffee truck, breakfast items, an online trivia contest, discounted employee logo wear, a "Hall Ball" competition and the annual employee picnic were enjoyed by many staff members. At the picnic all 3 commissioners and Judge George with his white shirt and tie, were honored to serve you! Sometimes work and commitments get in the way of saying "thank you"- hopefully the special events of that week were a reminder that you are appreciated, and we are glad you choose to work for Adams County and its residents!



The **End**

- **National Apple Harvest Festival.** October 7/8-14/15. Gates open 8-6 on Saturday and Sunday 8 – 5. Admission approx. \$10.
- **Mom Foolery,** Majestic Theater. Friday 7:30. Love comedy show with professional comedians. Price \$30-45.
- **Hollabaugh's Apple Harvest Festival Weekends. October 7/8 and 14/15. Saturdays 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM / Sundays 12:00 – 4:00 PM.** Sample apple cider, apple cider donut milk shakes, or apple slushies as well as fresh picked apples and baked goods.
- **Pop Up History.** Children of Gettysburg Museum, Rupp House, Baltimore Street. 10/7/23. 10 a.m.-Noon | 1-3 p.m. Interact with historians and participate in Civil War era activities. Children free with paying adult. Contact the Gettysburg Foundation or call 717-334-2436 for information and tickets.
- **Rock Chapel Traditional Hymn Sing.** Step back in time and join the singing at Rock Chapel historic church in York Springs this Sunday at 3PM. Rock Chapel Church is located at 4730 Oxford Road. Built in 1773 and rebuilt in 1849 it is the oldest Methodist Church west of the Susquehanna. There is no heat, electric or modern facilities. Sounds like a very cool location and very nice event! Call 717-528-4222.
- For all we dog lovers out there, **Canines, Vines & Wines,** takes place on Sunday from 12-4 at Hauser Event Center to support the Adams County SPCA. Beautiful views, beverages, ice cream, music and fun dog prizes. Also, from 10:30-1200 there is Goat Yoga
- **Gettysburg Fire Department Passport Safety Open House,** Saturday 1-4. There will be 20 interactive stations for kids to get their passport stamped. There will be prizes for kids and youth up to 12th grade. A shout out to all our fire departments for offering this type of safety awareness to the community!
- **Land Conservancy of Adams County Fall Road Rally** is Saturday October 21, 12-6PM. The route is always unique, beautiful and educational. Support this great preservation cause by sponsoring, volunteering or participating. Go to the LCAC website or call the office at 717-334-2828.
- **The Fabulous Hubcaps** will be appearing at SAVES on Saturday, October 21 from 7-10PM. The capital campaign fundraiser is sponsored by SAVES in partnership with the Weaver family. Cost is \$40 pp. which includes sandwiches and refreshments. Call 717-637-9621 weekdays Monday-Friday.

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.