

# T.G.I.F. from Adams County

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The Evening Sun

## *What's New*

TUESDAY, MAY 19 PRIMARY  
ELECTION – TWO NEW DISTRICTS  
IN STRABAN

NATIONAL TRAVEL & TOURISM  
WEEK LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

FARM BREAKFAST WITH FOCUS  
ON ADAMS COUNTY FRUIT  
INDUSTRY SPRING FREEZE

HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING  
CULVERT WORK MEMORIAL DAY  
WEEKEND

ADAMS COUNTY ZONING  
HEARING BOARD APPOINTMENTS

CORRECTIONAL EMPLOYEE  
WEEK & MOTORCYCLE SAFETY  
PROCLAMATIONS

## *Adams County Fallen Officer Memorial Service*

Last Friday at 10:00AM, the annual Adams County Fallen Officer Memorial Service was held at the Adams County Department of Emergency Services. If you have never attended the memorial service, this is a very poignant program that not only remembers and honors those fallen officers from Adams County and Pennsylvania - but is a tribute to those currently serving and those that have served.

Along with words of reflection, laying of flowers, honor guard and bagpipes, the father of slain Adams County Wildlife Conservation Officer David Grove was the featured speaker. In his remarks he recognized the many individuals and entities that helped the Grove family maneuver and cope with the aftermath of their son's murder.

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Several years ago, I was honored and privileged to deliver remarks at this event. The memorial service is held annually on Friday in early May, and the public is always welcome. If you have never attended, please consider doing so for your own self-awareness and to recognize and honor our law enforcement community!

## ***Tuesday, May 19 Primary Election – Two New Districts In Straban***

Next Tuesday is Primary Election Day in Pennsylvania. Polls are open from 7AM-8PM. Straban Township residents who live in the newly created District 3 & 4 should have received their change of location information. You will now be voting at Freedom Valley Church at 3185 York Road. Remember that all mail-in ballots must be received by 8PM election day. Mail-in ballots received after May 19 will be invalid! The long-range forecast for election day is 81 degrees - so get out there and enjoy the warm spring day and VOTE!



## ***National Travel & Tourism Week Legislative Update***

Last week all 3 commissioners, County Administrator Steve Nevada, and Planning Director Sherri Clayton Williams attended Destination Gettysburg's National Travel & Tourism Week Legislative Breakfast. Karl Pietrzak & Carl Whitehill reported on a variety of tourism related topics including the current state of tourism in Adams County, update on America 250 commemorations and celebrations, what's on the horizon with upcoming tourism developments, planning for the visitation future, and a resident tourism sentiment survey. With both our state representatives present, a sidebar discussion evolved regarding the severe frost damage to our fruit belt and how that could impact our agricultural industry and ag/tourism components. (See more details in the following item below).

Destination Gettysburg reported there are now approximately 175 large and small 250TH events scheduled throughout the County, with the final number expected to exceed the symbolic 250 threshold. To view all the currently listed events, and the ones yet to be listed, go to Destination Gettysburg [www.destinationgettysburg.com](http://www.destinationgettysburg.com) or for general inquiries, listing events or interest in volunteering or joining a committee go to [america250adams@gmail.com](mailto:america250adams@gmail.com).

## ***Farm Breakfast With Focus On Adams County Fruit Industry Spring Freeze***

On Thursday, State Representative's Dan Moul & Cathy Wallen, co-hosted a Farm Breakfast featuring PA AG Secretary Russell Redding at the Great Conewago Presbyterian Church in Hunterstown. Commissioner Martin and I were among the approximately 150 growers, public officials, and FFA students to hear presentations and discussion on a variety of ag issues. The focus was the recent freeze impact on fruit crops, and concerns regarding the freeze situation for Adams County fruit growers.

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Pennsylvania AG Secretary Russell Redding and House AG Committee Chairman Moul provided a variety of updates. The State has requested a disaster declaration from USDA that could initiate statewide assessment, low interest loans, impact crop insurance delivery, and will hopefully include fruit processors. The impact on full-time labor and seasonal labor was also discussed. Secretary Redding was in Washington last week to meet with the USDA and legislators regarding this matter. The Governor has already slated \$20M for next year's budget to buffer this impact pending final determination of damage. Farmers incurring over 30% damage would be eligible for assistance, but it is extremely important to report their crop loss to the Farm Service Agency to document the loss as soon as possible. Despite potential shortages and higher prices on the horizon, it is critically important that we continue to support our Adams County fruit growers this year!

## ***Human Services Building Culvert Work Memorial Day Weekend***

A necessary culvert replacement project will take place at the Adams County Human Services Building during Memorial Day weekend. It will involve closing the main entrance coinciding with the holiday closure. The entrance will close at 6PM on Friday, May 22, and the work is scheduled to be completed Monday, May 25. The entrance will re-open on Tuesday, May 26. Parking at the rear of HSB remains open for any staff needing to access the building over the holiday weekend!

## ***Adams County Zoning Hearing Board Appointments***

At the April 29 public meeting Jennifer Jackson was approved to fill a vacancy on the Adams County Zoning Board with the 3-year term to expire on December 31, 2028. Christopher McDonald was re-appointed to a term that will expire on December 31, 2026, and Ben Wenk to a term that will expire on December 31, 2027. The Adams County Board of Commissioners thanks these residents for their community service!

## ***Correctional Employee Week & Motorcycle Safety Proclamations***

At the April 29 public meeting the Board recognized two organizations with proclamations. A large contingent of Adams County Adult Correctional staff were in the courtroom for their well-deserved recognition and presentation. The staff is committed to the common goal of operating Adams County's essential correctional facility in a safe, secure, effective and professional manner despite nationwide correctional staffing shortages. To the staff at ACACC - your service to our community is sincerely appreciated!!

The Alliance of Bikers Aimed Toward Education (A.B.A.T.E.) is an organization of motorcycle enthusiasts dedicated to the protection of individual rights of motorcyclists through political change, public education, and charitable works. Last year the local York/Adams chapter donated \$202,000 to community programs and local charities. If you would feel inclined to place a Motorcycle Safety Awareness Yard Sign at your residence or place of business stop by the Commissioner's Office to get one from Lisa or Paula!





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- **Gettysburg Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony:** Monday, May 25 at 2PM. Hosted by The Gettysburg Joint Veterans Memorial Day Commission, it is known as one of the oldest Memorial Day parades and ceremonies in the country. The ceremony and laying of wreaths in the Soldiers' National Cemetery immediately follows the parade at approximately 3PM.
- **Revolutionary War Reenactment:** "A Nation Born In Philadelphia & Saved At Gettysburg": This Saturday & Sunday at The Daniel Lady Farm on Hanover Road. Experience 2-days of Revolutionary War living history demonstrations, reenactment skirmishes, revolutionary speakers, and historic house & barn tours. Gates open at 830AM. Admission is FREE! Donations to support Daniel Lady Farm Preservation are appreciated and encouraged.
- **Dobbin House Tour:** May 15 & 16 and then occasionally throughout the summer. Step inside Gettysburg's oldest home built in 1776 – the same year the country was founded. This is a guided look behind the scenes at this historic structure. Tours are at 10:00AM and reservations are strongly recommended as group size is limited. The tour is free with a \$7 gratuity for the guide appreciated. [www.dobbinhouse.com](http://www.dobbinhouse.com)
- **McAllister Mill Underground Railroad Tour:** Saturday's now through the end of August. Led by HGAC volunteers, the experience offers the opportunity to explore one of the area's most significant and compelling historical sites tied to the Underground Railroad. The mill provided shelter to hundreds of escaping slaves. Tours depart from the former Mulligan McDuffer parking lot at 11AM. No reservations are required and rain or shine departs. Walk is ½ mile round trip. Suggested donation Adults \$10 & Kids \$5. Benefits Adams County Barn Preservation.
- **Gettysburg Battlefield Sunset Bus Tour:** May 23 & 24 at 6:30 PM. An open-air double-decker sunset tour across the 24-sq. mile battlefield and through the town of Gettysburg. A licensed battlefield guide leads the tour offering clear informative narration. The tour runs approx. 1 hour and 30 minutes. [info@gburgtours.com](mailto:info@gburgtours.com)
- **Annual Gettysburg Bluegrass Festival:** May 14-17 at Granite Hill Camping Resort. Besides a wide array of Bluegrass artists and music, there are arts/crafts, vendors, merchandise, and a wide variety of delicious food options. [gettysburgbluegrass.com](http://gettysburgbluegrass.com)
- **60TH Annual Gettysburg Outdoor Antique, Arts & Collectible Show:** This Saturday. After 60 years the event moved from downtown Gettysburg to a more expansive area at Gettysburg Rec Park. The show will be held adjacent to the Gettysburg Farmers Market, offering guests a unique opportunity and benefit of visiting both events. Both the Outdoor Market & Farmers Market are Free! [gettysburgretailmerchants.com](http://gettysburgretailmerchants.com)
- **Daniel Skelly's Story:** "A Boy's Experience During the Battle of Gettysburg." Gettysburg History, Biglerville Road. This Saturday at 11AM. Historian Tim Smith presents this 18-year-old Gettysburg residents battle recollections from his small but insightful booklet on the battle. Gettysburg History members free and non-members \$10.