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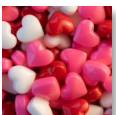
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## *Security EMS Response*

Security responding to medical emergencies within County buildings is unfortunately part of job reality. This week Security responded to a medical emergency involving a Courthouse staff member. In a time of crisis, the needed response was timely and professional providing the patient with the best chance of success. Having experienced and trained staff members that can go from normal to crisis mode is a trait that none of us should ever take for granted.

Besides recognizing our Security Staff for their commendable actions, we hopefully will take a moment to pause, recognize, and reinforce the value of the relationship we have with our families, friends, and co-workers!

Agriculture & Tourism are the straw that stirs the drink for Adams County's economic engine. Governor Shapiro's new bipartisan Agricultural Innovation Grant Program invests in 88 cutting-edge solutions and technologies in 45 counties that will shape the future of Pennsylvania agriculture. The program received an overwhelming response, with the Department of Agriculture receiving more than \$68 million in funding requests. We are happy to report the following Adams County Farms were recipients of this program for various innovative applications:

- Adams County Nursery – \$30,000 for development and installation of an advanced harvesting system for fruit crops.
- Bonnie Brae Fruit Farms – \$40,000 for installation of state-of-the-art spray technology, including Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) remote sensing components.
- Erik Larson- \$150,000 to upgrade sorting technology for improved fruit processing.
- Gettysburg Energy & Nutrient Recovery Facility – \$40,000 for converting poultry waste into renewable energy.
- Kime's Cider Mill – \$80,000 for installation of advanced refrigeration technology.
- Kuhn Orchards – \$19,000 for use of drone technology in precision chemical and fertilizer application.
- Rice Fruit Company – \$130,000 to implement a robotic bin-tipper system
- Robby V Sebright – \$40,000 for advanced ventilation systems for optimal dairy farm conditions.

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## York/Adams Joinder Appointments

The York/Adams Joinder is a critical partnership that administers Drug/Alcohol, Mental Health, and Health Choices Programs in York & Adams County's. Efficient management of these programs is essential given the millions of dollars involved and the benefits of the programs. At the joinder bi-monthly meeting on Thursday, York County Commissioner Doug Hoke was re-appointed as the York/Adams Joinder President and Adams County Commissioner Randy Phiel was re-appointed as the organization Secretary by their fellow commissioners.

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## Affordable Housing In Adams County

Affordable housing remains near the top of the list for needed improvement and resources in Adams County. At the February 5TH public meeting, Commissioners approved the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Agreement with the Adams County Housing Authority. This Agreement grants \$70,000.00 from the County's Affordable Housing Trust Fund to the Housing Authority to assist with the continuing provision of affordable housing in the County. This comes at a time when we have received notice that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has temporarily suspended Affordable Housing Vouchers.

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## Communication With PSP Improved

At last week's public meeting, the Board approved an "Intergovernmental Agreement For Talkgroups" with the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP). This Agreement establishes a radio talk group between PSP and the County to promote situational awareness regarding PSP-involved incidents for the purpose of improving coordination between PSP and the County 911 Center. This improvement will potentially have a beneficial impact to several of our departments that interact regularly with PSP. There is no additional cost to the County.

## Leadership Training For Adams County Probation

The Board of Commissioners approved two (2) Enrollment Agreements with The Professional Leadership Academy, sponsored through the National Association of Counties (NACo). These Agreements provide one-week leadership trainings for four (4) Probation staff members, three (3) enrollments in "Leading on Purpose" and one (1) enrollment in "High Performance". Adams County is a member of the National Association of Counties and this type of training is just one of the many benefits available to NACo members.

## \$1M Homeland Security Grant Approved For Task Force

Another item on last week's agenda was the Federal Fiscal Year 2024 State Homeland Security Grant Program Agreement C950004782 between the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) and the South-Central Pennsylvania Counter Terrorism Task Force (SCTF). Adams County is a member of SCTF. This Agreement provides for a grant award of \$1,086,766.00 to support planning, training, preparedness, and response to acts of terrorism and other catastrophic events. The term of this Agreement is the date of last Commonwealth signature through December 29, 2027.

## Adams County Government Transitions to T-Mobile

The Information Technology Department is in the process of transitioning all County cell phones and MIFI internet devices to T-Mobile. Approximately 50% of the project has been completed with a targeted conclusion by the end of February. It is estimated that the County will save \$27,000 per year as part of this transition from the prior service provider. There is further cost savings expected as the outdated technology is replaced and consolidated into fewer end user devices.

## Presidents Day, Monday, February 17

Wishing each of you a wonderful and long weekend as we celebrate the President's Day holiday this Monday!



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- **The Other Mozart.** The forgotten story of Mozart's genius older sister Nannerl Mozart. A powerful one-woman work of music theater, created, written and performed by Sylvia Milo. February 13-15. \$35
  - **Lineage & Legacy.** Interested in starting your ancestry research? Come to the ACHS from 12-5 this Saturday and join the ACHS staff to help you explore the world of genealogy. \$30 Members \$50 Non-members.
  - **Seated Valentine Wine & Chocolate Pairing.** This evening 5-6:30 at Adams County Winery. 4 exceptional wines and 4 decadent chocolates. \$35
  - **Gettysburg Loves Love.** Start the festivities on Lincoln Square this Saturday at 2PM with shop and restaurant discounts and special gift giveaways. Gettysburg Mayor Rita Frealing conducts a short vow affirming ceremony at 3PM.
  - **Winter Lecture Series – Civil War Music & Poetry.** Saturday 1:30-2:30. NPS Visitor Center. Free and open to public.
  - **Daniel Lady Farm: Valentines Movie Night.** Saturday evening at Gateway Theater. Party at 6:30 with heavy hors d'oeuvres and movie begins at 8:00. John Wayne in the movie classic McLintock! A perfect date night. Go to [www.danielladyfarm.com](http://www.danielladyfarm.com) for tickets and information.
  - **September 5<sup>TH</sup>.** Historical drama. Majestic Theater. During the 1972 Olympics in Munich an American sports broadcasting team must adapt to live coverage of the Israeli athletes being held hostage by a terrorist group.
  - **The Time Machine.** This evening, thru Sunday. 7PM and 2PM. Gettysburg Community Theater. Tickets \$20.
- 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!**