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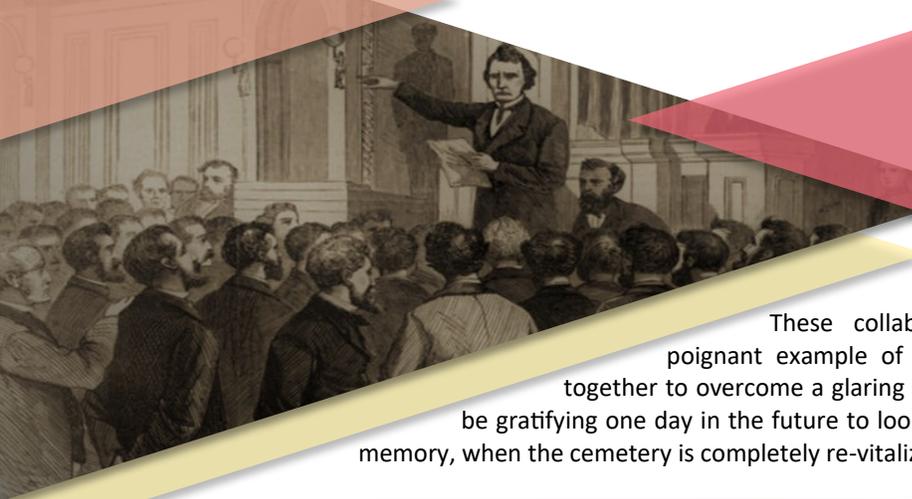
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Oak Lawn Spring Clean-Up Day

Although Adams County has taken control of Oak Lawn Cemetery, pending the formation of a 501c-13 Board this year to take over administration of the cemetery, a dedicated group of volunteers + family members have been steadfast in their contributions to keeping the cemetery respectable - despite the well-known malfeasance that took place to Oak Lawn in the past.

That dedication will again be on display Sunday, April 24, when community volunteers gather for the Oak Lawn Spring Clean-up Day from 11:00am-3:00pm. The clean-up day is led by Oak Lawn Cemetery Family/Friends who have been involved in this effort since 2019. The Adams County Maintenance Department will be supporting the volunteers with trucks, equipment, tools and other resources that day. Many items are being donated by community businesses and residents. Preceding the volunteer spring clean-up day, next week Adams County and Cumberland Township Maintenance Departments will be pruning, trimming, removing and stump grinding numerous trees in the cemetery that need



attention.

These collaborative efforts are a poignant example of a community coming together to overcome a glaring injustice it has endured. It will be gratifying one day in the future to look back on this unpleasant saga as a bad memory, when the cemetery is completely re-vitalized and restored to the dignity deserved!

Thaddeus Stevens Statue Facts

At the conclusion of a dedication program last Saturday, a statue of 26-year Adams County resident Thaddeus Stevens now stands prominently in front of the Adams County Historic Courthouse. The Board is very proud of the role they played in collaborating on the location to recognize this prominent Adams County resident who played a significant role in shaping Gettysburg, Adams County, the State of Pennsylvania and the Nation.

I found Dr. Brad Hoch's description to me, of Sculptor Alex Paul Loza's comments Saturday evening, regarding the symbolism that Loza sculpted into the Thaddeus Stevens statue to be very interesting. I believe you may find these facts interesting as well. I have included them below:

Loza said that he inclined Stevens' head to his right, to suggest that he was listening intently to the people, listening to their voices, their desires for freedom and equality.

Loza placed all of Stevens' weight on his left, deformed leg — the one with the clubbed foot, to symbolize that his greatest physical weakness had been turned by Stevens into his greatest mental strength. He knew what living with pain everyday was like. He knew what living with a visible physical deformity was like when people made jokes about him, wondering as people did in the 19th century whether it was a mark of the devil — and had the physical strength to overcome his weak left leg — and the mental courage to overcome adversity.

Stevens was "father" and author of the 14th Amendment. He made Stevens' right hand clutch the scroll that symbolized the 14th Amendment to the US Constitution - one of our greatest guarantees to personal freedom. And he made him clutch it close to his heart. It and liberty were very precious to him.

He put a determined look on Steven's face symbolizing that he knew that the work was not yet done.

Lastly, Steven's coat is open at the front bottom and flowing behind him — in the wind. He is moving forward, against a strong, facing wind that is blowing in his face — walking against the wind of opposition to all that he stands for.

Thank you Dr Brad Hoch, for increasing our base of history and knowledge regarding Mr. Stevens!

IT Update—MFA to be Implemented

The Information Technology Department will soon begin implementing multi-factor authentication (MFA) on all County controlled user accounts. The purpose of this effort is to improve system access security by introducing an additional authentication step when logging into County systems. It will also allow the County to maintain cybersecurity insurance. The focus of this rollout will include requiring MFA to log into traditional PC's, Laptops, and Tablets that are owned and managed by the County. Instead of only requiring a username and password to gain access to your computer, an additional step will be required to log in. This will be achieved through a cell phone app (primary method) or a USB key (secondary option).

The general rollout plan for MFA will involve individual department onboarding, one at a time. An email will begin from the IT Department to the department director that will kick-off the scheduling and implementation procedures for MFA on staff user accounts. Deanna Painter (IT



Trainer) will be the primary lead from IT on this project, who will communicate with departments directly throughout the onboarding process and be the main contact.

Spotted Lanternfly Finally Lands in Adams County

Well, it took a long time, but the Spotted Lantern Fly has finally been “spotted” in Adams County. It had us surrounded for quite some time!

On March 25, 2022, the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture (PDA) added Adams County and 10 other counties to Pennsylvania’s Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) quarantine zone. The SLF is a serious invasive pest that has proven to be an outdoor nuisance in infested areas, and it also has the potential to impact Pennsylvania’s economy. According to a 2019 economic impact study, the SLF could drain Pennsylvania’s economy of at least \$324 million annually if left unmanaged. The SLF uses its piercing-sucking mouthpart to feed on sap from over 70 different plant species including grapevines, hops, maple trees, black walnut trees, and other trees. The feeding stresses the plants, which leads to decreased health and potentially death.

With Adams County’s vibrant and important Ag Industry, this pest is certainly concerning. During the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania Summer Conference in Berks County (Reading) several years ago, we were able to experience first-hand the infestation as SLF were all over the Courthouse, hotel grounds and sidewalks.

SLF infestations are not known to be widespread in the newly quarantined counties, but PDA asks that everyone in the quarantine areas be on the lookout for these bad bugs. You can manage Spotted Lantern Fly on your property by scraping eggs, using traps ,and using chemical control when appropriate. To help identify and report sightings, and treatment options: <https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly>

Conservation District Celebrates 75th Anniversary

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania enacted Pennsylvania Act 217 on May 15, 1945, in response to the dust bowl of the 1930’s to improve soil and water conservation. Act 217, “Conservation District Law” designated Conservation Districts as the primary local government unit responsible for the conservation of natural resources in the Commonwealth and to be responsible for implementing programs, projects, and activities to prevent and control nonpoint sources of pollution.

On April 2, 1947, the Adams County Commissioners made the declaration, at the request of local farmers and county citizens, to establish the Adams County Conservation District. The first Adams County Conservation District Board of Directors meeting was held on November 14, 1947.

The Adams County Conservation District continues to work with landowners and local governments to assist in the management and protection of Adams County’s valuable land and water resources on private and public lands. The Adams County Conservation District is led by a volunteer Board of Directors that are appointed by the Adams County Commissioners with farmers, public members, and a member of county government, which works with the Adams County Commissioners and community to identify local conservation needs and determines priorities for implementing programs, projects, and activities. Commissioner Jim Martin is the Commissioner representative.

Congratulations to the Adams County Conservation District for 75 years of serving Adams County by protecting our resources and quality of life!



Slave Ledger Loaned

At Wednesday's Commissioner's public meeting the Board approved two Historical Document Loan Agreements between the County of Adams and the Adams County Historical Society. The 1st agreement was for a book held in the Prothonotary's archives entitled *Register of Negroes and Mulattoes 1800-1818*, commonly called "*The Slave Register*." The other agreement was for Polaroid photos from the tax office of various commercial venues dating from 1980-2009.

These actions acutely symbolize the value of the Adams County Historical Society in preserving Adams County government documents - and Adams County history. We look forward to these and many other documents being preserved in the proper conditions and displayed, so our residents and visitors can better understand Adams County history.

Easter Bunny Hop/Walk Tomorrow Morning



Thank you to everyone who signed up for our annual *Bunny Hop/Walk* being held on Saturday, April 9 at Carroll Commons Community Park in Fairfield. So far, we have 101 adults, 31 children and 31 dogs attending our walk this year. We are looking forward to seeing familiar faces from last year, as well as lots of new ones, joining us for the first time. Receive a spiral ham voucher and surprises for the kids. Let's not forget the hot dogs! Remember to check the ADP portal daily for upcoming events.

The End

The Cashtown Community Lions Club Talent Show is Saturday at 7pm. The show is held at Franklin Township Elementary School. This event has been around for a long-time as I attended in my youth. This is an opportunity for an entertaining evening out, while supporting local talent and the Lions Club at the same time!

The Hunterstown Ruritan Club is having its last *all-you-can-eat breakfast* Saturday, April 9 from 7:00am-10:30am at the Great Conewago Presbyterian Church. The menu includes eggs, blueberry pancakes, French toast, sausage gravy and all the trimmings.

The New Oxford Lions will hold a *Chicken Barbeque* on Saturday, April 23 at 10:30am until sold out at Nugen Propane on York Road. Cost is \$10 for a complete dinner.

Enjoy live music with great food and drink at *The Mansion House in Fairfield* every Thursday from 6:00pm- 8:30pm. Depending on the weather, music may be inside or outside in the garden. There is no cover charge. Call 717-642-5410.

Andy Bopp & The Strungouts will be live at Garryowen Pub tonight from 10:00pm-1:00am. They play original songs as well as traditional folk and Civil War compositions. Stop by and have a pint with Shepperd's Pie and enjoy the music!

The Festival of Races takes place this Saturday, April 10 leaving from The Gateway Eisenhower Conference Center on Emmitsburg Road. Chose to compete in one of 3 different races including a full marathon, half marathon and 5K. Packet pick-up will be on Saturday. Go to <http://racejoy.net>

Hop Along The Bunny Trail Kids Event at Hollabaugh Brothers on Saturday, April 16 from 10:00am-1:00pm. Easter egg hunt in the orchard with wagon ride. \$8 per child with 1 free adult. Phone 717-677-8412.

The historic Daniel Lady Farm will be hosting its first of 3 Civil War Reenactments this year on April 23 & 24. *The 160th Anniversary of Shiloh* will be featured. Gates open 9AM each day. This is an all-day family event with battles, living history and tours of the historic house and barn. Go to danielladyfarm.com A new feature this year at the farm will be several weekends with Cowboy & Indian events.

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