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### *Telecommunicator Recognized*

At Wednesday's public meeting, Warren Bladen, Director of the Department of Emergency Services, presented a Clinical Save Commendation from the Emergency Health Services Federation (EHSF) to Kim Hope, Telecommunicator, for providing lifesaving CPR instructions over the phone that resulted in a successful resuscitation. Unfortunately, resuscitation attempts are not often successful, so this recognition is richly deserved.

Recently, our Adams County Telecommunicators have received several awards for their outstanding and critical interactions that have resulted in positive outcomes. A shout out to our telecommunicators who are always there for us 24/7 to facilitate assistance in some of our most significant time of need!

# Hanover Shoe Farm Preserved Land Approaches 2000 Acres

Two thousand acres of preserved Ag Land in Adams County is indeed an attention getting number! This has been achieved through a series of Agricultural Easements with Hanover Shoe Farms along with numerous partners. This land preservation legacy continues with the most recent Agricultural Easement with Hanover Shoe Farms, Inc., Union Township, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through the Department of Agriculture. The easement was approved at Wednesday's public meeting as presented by Adams County Rural Resource Manager Ellen Dayhoff.

This Agreement provides for the purchase of a conservation easement for the purpose of preserving 161.32 acres of agricultural land owned by Hanover Shoe Farms located in Union Township. The total purchase price of the easement is \$548,488.00, of which \$27,424.00 will be paid for by the County and the remainder by the Commonwealth and the Township. As development pressure in the eastern part of the County accelerates, easements such as this ensure that designated portions of the County will retain the agrarian landscape that is part of our Adams County history and fabric!

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## Commissioners Appoint Adams County Library Trustees

The Adams County Library is a longstanding and important resource to our community for a variety of reasons. At Wednesday's public meeting the Board acted favorably on a recommendation from the Adams County Library System Board of Trustees to appoint the following as members to the Board of Trustees, effective April 25, 2024:

- Kathleen Pratt to her first three-year term
- Robert Williams to his first three-year term
- Kara Boehne-Miele to her second three-year term
- Heidi Gillis to her second three-year term
- Rukhsana Rahman to her second three-year term

Also, library staff reported on numerous children's program that will be offered this summer, and that the ever-growing Adams County Library FunFest will be held at the Gettysburg Rec Park on Friday, June 14, from 3-7 as part of their SummerQuest program. I hope to be there with my grandchildren!

A shout out to all these trustees who have volunteered their time and expertise to ensure the mission of the Adams County Library System continues to be a valued asset in Adams County.

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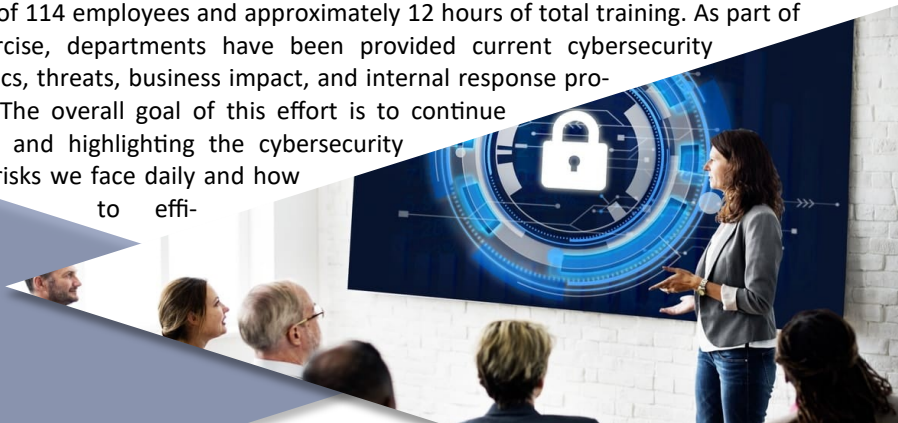
## Register & Recorder Upgrades Digital Capabilities

As per County Ordinance #3 of 2013, "Annually, on July 1, the Adams County Tax Services Department calculates the Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) based on property sales occurring in Adams County between January 1st and December 31st of the previous year." This study's results guide the Board in determining whether to assemble a reassessment task force to evaluate the need for a county-wide reassessment. A COD exceeding 20.0 would trigger the task force. Tax Director Daryl Crum reports that this year's COD stands at 12.94, well within the acceptable range defined by the International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO). Consequently, a reassessment task force is unnecessary at this time.

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## Adams County IT Update

The Adams County Information Technology Department recently completed its 15th department cybersecurity training of 2024. This includes a total of 114 employees and approximately 12 hours of total training. As part of this cybersecurity exercise, departments have been provided current cybersecurity trends, statistics, threats, business impact, and internal response procedures. The overall goal of this effort is to continue educating and highlighting the cybersecurity risks we face daily and how to effi-



ciently respond to limit business impact. The cybersecurity efforts will continue to focus on an organization-wide commitment towards keeping the network and data safe. As stewards of citizens data, it is essential all County departments remain diligent in maintaining a strong cybersecurity posture.

## Mental Health Funding Remains a Priority for Counties

Mental Health funding has been identified by Pennsylvania counties as their # 1 priority. Counties are seeking a \$250M increase for county mental health services. Mental Health issues in our prisons are significant. This investment would ease the burden on various system partners, including law enforcement, jails, emergency rooms, and schools.

As state budget negotiations are now underway in Harrisburg through June, legislative leaders have indicated to counties that the way to influence the leadership's decision on any budget matter is through the "rank-and-file" members of their caucus raising these issues with legislative leaders. Every legislator is significant in this call to action to support mental health services. We appeal to our legislators to prioritize mental health funding, as well as being able to canvass ballots prior to election day!



# The End

- **One Hundred Nights of Taps**, May 31 (today) – September 2nd. 5:30 interpretive program with Licensed Battlefield Guides. 7PM Taps. Soldiers National Cemetery. Free to public.

- **8<sup>TH</sup> Annual Gettysburg Pride Fest**. Weekend events May 31-June 2. Go to [www.gettysburgpride.org](http://www.gettysburgpride.org) for schedule of numerous events.

- **Wine 5k Run on the Hill**. Hauser Event Center. Saturday 9AM. Cost \$25-45. Includes t-shirt and wine glass.
- **Yoga in the Park**. Gettysburg Rec Park. Saturdays 11AM. On grass in front of amphitheater. Season passes available.

Web: [www.riseyogagettsburg.com](http://www.riseyogagettsburg.com).

- **Gettysburg Civic Chorus: Pop Goes The GCC**. Sat/Sun 3PM. Gettysburg Area Middle School. Free offering taken at intermission.
- **CW Encampment, CW Programs & Artillery Firing Demonstrations**. Gettysburg National Military Park. 119<sup>TH</sup> NY Infantry & 8<sup>TH</sup> NJ Infantry. PA Memorial. Saturday 10, 12, 2. Sunday 10 & 12. Pitzer Woods West Confederate Avenue. 12<sup>TH</sup> Georgia, Saturday 11,1,3. Sunday 11 & 1. Free to public.
- **Treasures From Beyond the Battle**. Adams County Historical Society. Rare Adams County artifacts from all eras of Adams County. Saturday 11AM. Free public program.
- **80<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary of D-Day**. Eisenhower National Historic Site. Next Thursday – Sunday. On-site visitor parking available. Open house tours and a variety of living history programs all weekend. For program information please visit 80<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary of D-Day, Eisenhower National Historic Site. All programs are fee and open to the public.
- **Lincoln Social, Trivia, Food & Music**. High energy Beth Holland from 6-8 tonight and the band Fierce on Saturday night. High Stakes Trivia Thursday evening.
- **HGAC Underground Railroad Walking Tours**. Every Saturday May – August. Meet at old Mulligan McDuffer Golf Course parking lot 11AM at the monument. Walk ½ mile through woods to old mill site on Rock Creek. No reservations needed. Rain or shine. Professionally guided. A \$5-10 donation is suggested.
- **Healthy Adams County Spring Walk at Carroll Commons**. Wednesday, June 5. Mayor Ron Harris will lead the 1-mile walk at 1PM and provide resource commentary. Walk as many times as you like. Please count for me how many times Mayor Ron walks it? Event from 1-6PM.
- **27<sup>TH</sup> Annual Brass Band Festival**. Numerous musical events from June 5-8. On Wednesday, June 5 Community Band Night at the Lutheran Seminary outside stage with the Adams County Community Band & the Community Big Band from 6:30-930.
- **Summer Classic Movie: The Great Escape**. Majestic Theater big screen. Wednesday, June 5 at 8PM. Cost \$8

**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!**