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Swearing in Ceremony

Adams County Warden Katy Hileman and Deputy Warden Larry Snyder were recognized and presented Law Enforcement Awards by The Optimist Club of Gettysburg at Wednesday's Commissioners Meeting. They were recognized not only for the challenges they meet head-on every day at the prison, but for the unique challenges they have faced for the past two years with the COVID pandemic. Along with their staff, they have risen to these challenges, and remained vigilant and proactive, to prevent full-scale COVID outbreaks by inmates and staff in a contained environment. The pair viewed the award as a shared accomplishment and commended their staff, as well as others in the County for their effort during the pandemic. Congratulations and well-deserved Katy Hileman and Larry Snyder + staff!



May 17 Primary Election Updates

On Wednesday, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court issued an order adopting the Congressional redistricting plan known as the “Carter plan.” As part of the order, the Supreme Court also provided an updated schedule modifying the Primary Election calendar for Congressional races and statewide elections as follows:

- First day to circulate and file nomination petitions - February 25, 2022
- Last day to circulate and file nomination petitions - March 15, 2022
- First day to circulate and file nomination papers - March 16, 2022
- Deadline to file objections to nomination petitions - March 22, 2022
- Last day that may be fixed by the Commonwealth Court for hearing on objections that have been filed to nomination petitions - March 25, 2022
- Last day for the Commonwealth Court to render decisions in cases involving objections to nomination petitions - March 29, 2022
- Last day for the County Boards of Elections to send remote military-overseas absentee ballots - April 2, 2022

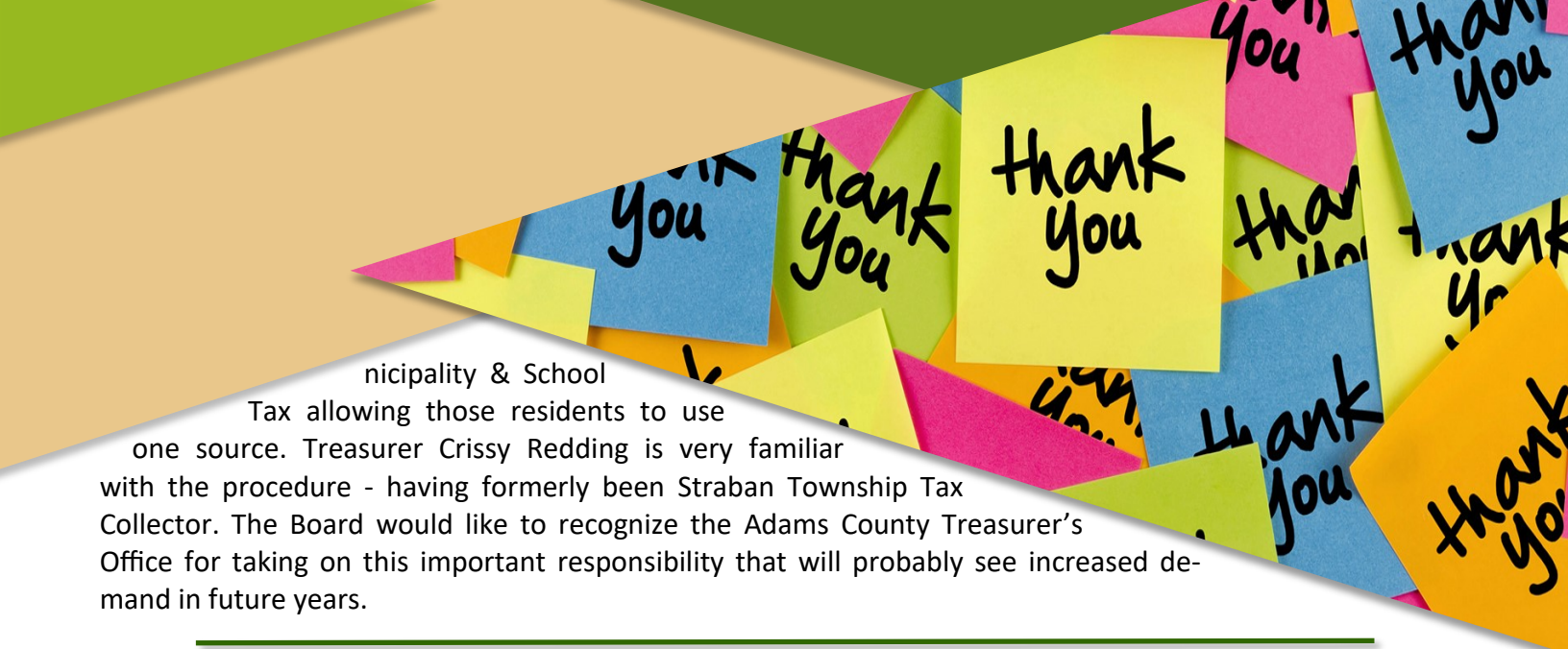
At this time, the use of *Mail-In Ballots* is in question due to the Commonwealth Court recently finding that voters must cast their ballot at the polls unless they meet specific requirements. Although the Court did not rule against the merits of Mail Voting, they said that the state constitution must be first amended to allow it. It is believed that the Democratic majority PA Supreme Court will eventually uphold Act 77 allowing Mail In Voters. Stay tuned. Once again, the election process for Counties is uncertain causing fiscal and logistical issues for Pennsylvania Counties charged with administering elections.

Please make note this does not change the day of the Primary Election itself, which remains Tuesday, **May 17** under this order!

Treasurer Assists Municipalities

At Wednesday’s public meeting, the Adams County Board of Commissioners approved the Adams County Treasurer collecting taxes for the boroughs of Abbottstown and Arendtsville. In many smaller communities it is becoming increasingly difficult to find residents to seek and accept the position of tax collector. Treasurer Crissy Redding and her staff have stepped up to the plate to fill this void in Adams County. With no one seeking the position in these two municipalities, the Treasurer has worked with the officials of Abbottstown and Arendtsville to become their tax collection agency.

At Thursday’s Adams County Council of Government meeting, officials of both municipalities commended the Adams County Treasurer’s Office for her experience and willingness to provide this service to them. The Treasurer’s Office will collect all three taxes, County, Mu-



municipality & School

Tax allowing those residents to use one source. Treasurer Crissy Redding is very familiar with the procedure - having formerly been Straban Township Tax Collector. The Board would like to recognize the Adams County Treasurer's Office for taking on this important responsibility that will probably see increased demand in future years.

Court Reporters Recognized with Proclamation

At the February 9th Commissioners Meeting, Adams County Court Reporters were recognized with a Proclamation for *Court Reporting And Captioning Week*. The recipients were 51st Judicial District Court Reporters Corrie Ondrizek, Jennifer Nice & Karen Brown. The work of our Court Reporters is vital to the keeping and protecting of the official Court Record. It is certainly a special talent to be able to record thousands of words, for long periods of time, with a variety of dialogue and testimony. Thank you to our full-time Court Reporters, as well as the freelance reporters, whose service we occasionally utilize!

How County Priorities Fare in State Budget

On Tuesday, February 8, Gov. Wolf delivered his eighth and final budget address, announcing his \$43.7 billion fiscal proposal for FY 2022-2023 in a joint session of the House and Senate. The proposal represents an increase of approximately \$5.1 billion, or 13%, over the FY 2021-2022 enacted plan of \$38.6 billion. With the current surplus in state revenue, Gov. Wolf's budget did not call for a tax increase to coincide with increased spending. While Gov. Wolf recently announced his proposal for spending some of the state's remaining American Rescue Plan Act funds, the Governor's budget proposal also avoided use of these funds to balance the state's expenses.

Notably, the proposal includes a \$36.6 million investment in mental health community base funds. This is an investment that counties greatly appreciate as it tracks with their top priority for 2022, and a long-time funding goal for increased funding to support the crumbling mental health system.

Overall, for counties, the Governor's proposal gives some hope that counties could receive long-needed increases to some critical human services line items; but provides level funding across many other line items. However, working with counties to assure the funds can be used for their greatest needs will be essential to a successful FY 2022-2023 budget. It will be vital to monitor the state's commitment to fortifying these programs and services with appropriate and sustainable funding in light of increased need for human services in our communities coupled with sector-wide



staffing shortages.

There are a number of initiatives proposed to alleviate current workforce shortages and bolster Pennsylvania's economy.

Although the initiatives are not directly aimed at addressing the County human services work-force crisis, another county government priority for 2022, they offer increased support for overall workforce development programs and solutions. Finally, the

child welfare budget for FY 2022-2023 includes an increase of \$181 million from the enacted FY 2021-2022 budget and counties are eager to work with the administration and General Assembly to assure those funds can be used in the areas of greatest need with respect to another county priority, appropriate funding and reform for the current children & youth system.

More information on the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania priorities can be found on CCAP's "Priorities Page."



The End

Looking for some *music and fun* on a Friday night beginning tonight? Jacks Hard Cider at the Village Outlets has music events the next four Fridays. Tonight, enjoy Karaoke from 6-9pm. The Elvis show is in the house on March 4 featuring "Live with Elvis" from 7-10pm. Note the Elvis show is a ticketed event. On March 18 it's "Live with the Winston's" from 7-10pm. March 25 – Karaoke from 6-9pm. Go to jackshardcider.com

March is Women's History month! The Gettysburg Licensed Town Guides are celebrating this event by providing *walking tours* each weekend in March. Join them for a one-hour special tour discussing some of the heroics of these special women during the battle of Gettysburg. Check out their website or call to reserve your tour today! The cost is \$15 and kids under 8 are free. Go to www.gbltg.com for details.

Notice to all fisherman that the Heidlersburg Fire Company will host its 6th *annual Fishing Show* on February 26 & 27th. Hours are 8am-3pm Saturday and 9am-2pm Sunday. Admission is \$5 to view new and used fishing merchandise, fresh and saltwater tackle, talk to charter captains and let the kids test their skill in a casting competition. Food and beverages will be available for purchase with all proceeds benefiting the fire company. Call 717-253-4175 for more information.

The Bendersville Fire Company is sponsoring an *Old-Fashioned Hymn* sing on Sunday, February 27th at the Bendersville Community Fire Hall. The program will begin at 1:30pm with lunch available beginning at noon. Donations are welcome to support the fire company.

The *York Springs Community Breakfast* is being held on Saturday from 6:30am-10:30am at the York Springs Fire Hall. Its all-you-can-eat and the cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 ages 4-12. Bring a canned good for the Food Bank and receive a \$1 discount. Co-sponsored by the York Springs Lion Club and York Springs Fire Company. For more information contact pcchef-prosser@gmail.com

On Saturday, February 26, the Gettysburg College Sunderman Conservatory Jazz Ensemble takes to the stage at The Majestic Theater. For just \$5, listen to a myriad of music styles and music performed by Gettysburg College music students. This group has performed across the country and around the world. The concert begins at 8pm.

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.