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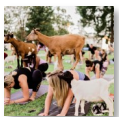


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## *Flags Across Adams County*

*Flags Across Adams County* is back! Started in 2012 by Gettysburg High School student Colin Arnold, last year \$4000 was raised for *Pennsylvania Wounded Warrior Inc.* The non-profit organization helps wounded Pennsylvania veterans and their families. This year's goal is \$8000. The money donated will also include American flags placed in front of Gettysburg High School on Saturday, May 11 starting at 10:00AM. It is quite a stirring visual!

If you would like to donate or have questions, please contact Devin Campbell, at [dcampbell24@gasd-pa-org](mailto:dcampbell24@gasd-pa-org) or call GAHS at 717-334-6254 option 2. I am also sure our Adams County Veterans Affairs Office could also point you in the right direction. Let's make sure a lot of flags are flying at GAHS on May 11!



## Oak Lawn Volunteer Cleanup Well Attended

On a beautiful Sunday afternoon in excess of 50 volunteers, county maintenance and prisoner volunteers showed up with their gloves, tools and equipment for Spring Cleanup at Oak Lawn Cemetery. Some of the tasks included removing worn grave flags, mulching, straightening and leveling grave markers, placing topsoil and seed on bare spots, policing for branches and sticks, weed whacking and raking leaves.

Most Adams Countians are aware of the tragic Oak Lawn Cemetery saga over the last decade. I am proud that our sense of community and pride was quite evident on Sunday! Thank you to all those volunteers who participated. I believe we all personally benefited more than we contributed!

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## AC Conservation District Middle & High School Envirothon

On Tuesday & Wednesday, the Adams County Conservation District hosted the 38th annual Envirothon events at the Adams County Agricultural & Natural Resources Center. The Envirothon events give high school and middle school students hands-on and in-the-field experience focusing on wildlife, aquatics, forestry, soils, and a current issue. This year's current issue was *"Renewable Energy for a Sustainable Future"*.

Representatives from the Adams County Conservation District, Adams County Office of Planning & Development, Natural Resources Conservation Service, PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, PA Fish & Boat Commission, PA Game Commission, and Gettysburg College provided presentations and administered/graded the tests. Commissioners Phiel, Martin, and Qually presented ribbons and plaques to the winning teams. The Team from Littlestown was the high school grand champion. The Canners Team from Biglerville was the middle school grand champion. The middle school participants were also treated to a live animal presentation by Zoo America. There was a total of 25 teams and 112 students from 10 schools that participated in the Adams County Envirothon events this year. Thank you to our staff, outside agencies, and the local sponsors that make this valuable environmental awareness program a reality!

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## Adams County Board of Commissioners Proclamations

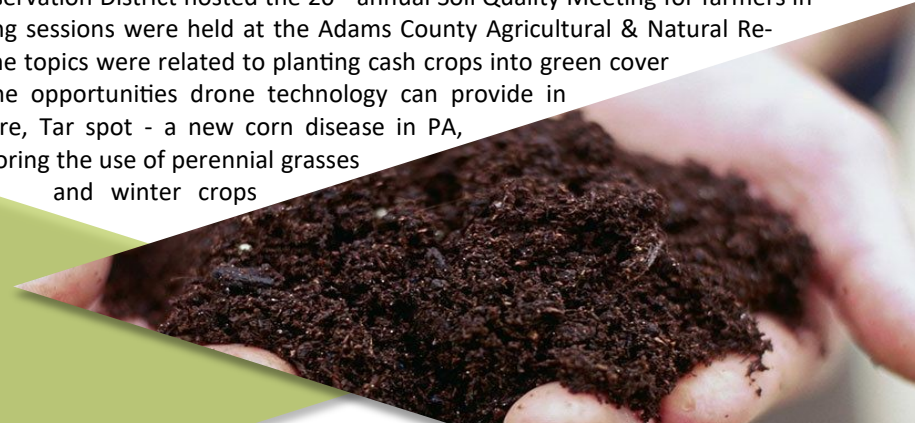
At Wednesday's public meeting we had the pleasure of recognizing five organizations for their contributions to our County by approving proclamations to enhance that recognition. Each organization was well represented and had the opportunity to address the Board. These proclamations do provide the Board, and others attending, to pause for a few moments, recognize and say thank you to all those who provide significant - but sometimes underrecognized services to our community!

- National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week
- National Crime Victims Week (Victim/Witness)
- National Fallen Fire Fighters Week
- Motorcycle Safety Awareness Week
- Conservation District Week

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## AC Conservation District Annual Soil Quality Meeting

On April 12<sup>th</sup>, the Adams County Conservation District hosted the 20<sup>th</sup> annual Soil Quality Meeting for farmers in Adams County. The morning sessions were held at the Adams County Agricultural & Natural Resources Center. The topics were related to planting cash crops into green cover crops, the opportunities drone technology can provide in agriculture, Tar spot - a new corn disease in PA, exploring the use of perennial grasses and winter crops



to produce biogas, nutrient stratification in soils in long-term no till operations, and the use of basalt as a soil amendment. Following the morning sessions, the group traveled caravan style to Becky Nas and Don Miller's farms to explore their various inter-seeded cover crop trials. Annual conservation awards were also presented to: Janet Ludwig – 2023 Farmer of the Year, Rusty Roof Angus Farm – 2023 Outstanding Cooperator, Tim Brown – Bill McCleaf Award.

## Attention: Low Flying Helicopters

Each year Adams Electric Cooperative surveys its power lines via helicopter for hard to spot damage from the ground. Beginning this past Tuesday, Adams Electric Gettysburg District began their low-level powerline observation flights in Adams County. So, if you see or hear an unusual amount of low flying helicopters in Adams County - it could be part of the program. Days and flights are weather permitting!



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- **An Historic Evening with Stephen Lang & Jeff Shaara.**

The Gettysburg Foundation reports that tickets are now on sale for this July 5<sup>TH</sup> historic evening at Gettysburg National Military Park. The evening includes live performance, poetry readings, 50<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary of Killer Angels, music from Ney York Philharmonic Bass, Q&A session, dinner, and a complimentary book signed by Lang & Shaara. Seating is limited and reservations required. Reserve your spot early before it sells out! Go to [gettysburgfoundation.org](http://gettysburgfoundation.org) for information.

- **Chill on the Hill.** Hauser Hill Event Center. This evening at 6PM. Live music and catering by Cottage Creperie. Wine, beer, Sangria, cocktails + other beverages, cheese and crackers available for purchase.
- **Silvershire Farm Blossom Belt Horse-Drawn Carriage Ride.** Everyday April 18-May 5. Farm is at 210 Clearview Road, Aspers. 1-hour carriage tour. Ride through the picturesque Adams County landscapes and orchards. Adults \$32 Children \$16. Under 6 free. 717-778-5275
- **Sunderman Sings.** This evening, 8PM. Schmucker Hall, 210 N. Washington Street. Show cases talented members performing arias, art songs, and musical theater selections. Free and open to public.
- **Plant Your Own Hanging Basket.** Taylors Greenhouse, Fairgrounds Road, Biglerville. Saturday 12-3. Cost depends on size, quantity and variety. 717-677-7471
- **Dinosaurs, Rocks & Meteorites.** Some less discussed Adams County significant history. Saturday, 10:30AM. Adams County Historical Society. Free event.
- **Gettysburg College Jazz Ensemble.** Majestic Theater. Saturday 8PM. Tickets \$5 under 18 Free.
- **Gettysburg Green Gathering.** Gettysburg Rec Park. This Saturday plant trees and perform maintenance on trees planted in the past. Also kid friendly presentation by Strawberry Hill Nature Preserve. 814-276-6602. [gettysburggreengathering.com](http://gettysburggreengathering.com)
- **Gettysburg Nature Alliance Celebrates Earth Day.** This Saturday at 10:00AM, join the Nature Alliance & Gettysburg Heritage Center at The Learning Barn at Sach's Bridge, and help with cleaning up Marsh Creek at Sach's Bridge. Snacks will be provided, and boots recommended.
- **Gettysburg Goat Yoga.** Adams County Winery. Sunday 10AM. Cost is \$40 and includes a sweet or dry wine flight. [adamscountwinery.com](http://adamscountwinery.com)
- **Cocktails & Cottontails Adult Egg Hunt.** Teams from 2 to 6 hunt eggs and enjoy a farm fresh dinner, wine, cider, dessert, live music and prizes. Fields of Adventure, Aspers. Saturday 4-7. Must be 21. \$56 per ticket. \$1000 in prizes.
- **Lincoln Social & Food Market Tree of Life Wreath Workshop.** Live music this evening and Saturday 6PM-8PM. This Sunday from 1-3PM make a 14" Tree of Life Wreath with all supplies included. The tree shape depends on you. Grab some great food and beverage while you construct your wreath. [lincolnsocialfoodmarket.com](http://lincolnsocialfoodmarket.com)

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!