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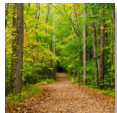
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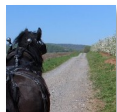
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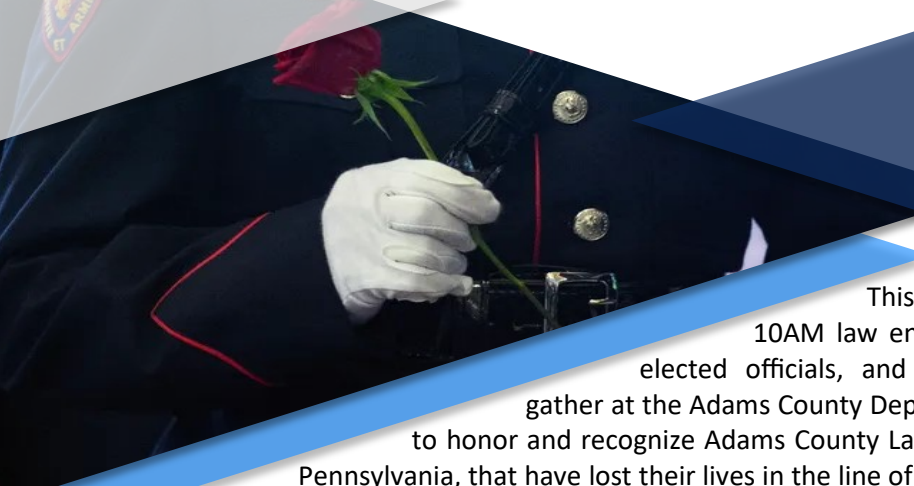
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***Primary Election
Very Smooth—Low Turnout***

From personally moving around to check many of the polls in Adams County, and according to Elections Director Angie Crouse, the primary election ran very smoothly. Voter turnout was 29%. There were 7,359 mail-in requests and 5,934 returned. There were few contested races on the ballot, so voter turnout was very low on a beautiful Spring Day. Everyone understands that will not be the case on November 5TH. Even though as the percentage of mail-in ballots increase, and pressure on the polls decreases proportionally, I believe there will be an enthusiastic turnout.



Fallen Officer Memorial Today

This morning at 10AM law enforcement, families, elected officials, and the community will gather at the Adams County Department of Emergency Services to honor and recognize Adams County Law Enforcement Officers, and those from Pennsylvania, that have lost their lives in the line of duty. The memorial is hosted by the Adams County Chiefs of Police Association. Seven Adams County law enforcement officers have died in the line of duty since 1924. Please pause for a moment to recognize and give thanks to all our emergency responders!

Volunteers Needed to Place Flags at Oak Lawn Cemetery

Volunteers are needed to place the 600 Veterans Flags prior to Memorial Day at Oak Lawn Memorial Gardens. Placement will be on Sunday, May 19 at 1:00PM with a rain date of Tuesday, May 21 at 6PM. Placing of these Veterans Flags is always a poignant experience, but placement at Oak Lawn has special significance given its difficult history and struggle for survival this past decade. These new flags will fly as a testament to the service of these veterans buried there. Please consider sparing an hour of your time, while pausing and honoring the veteran with your placement of the flag. Volunteers are asked to bring a screwdriver to help put flags in the ground. Please contact Oak Lawn Volunteer Coordinator Cindy Shultz to express your individual or group availability at sleepyhollowghostwalks@.com or call 717-357-9684.

Independent Living Recognition Conveys Achievement & Hope

Last week, I had the pleasure of attending the annual Independent Living Awards Dinner held at Gettysburg College. Adams County Children & Youth offers Independent Living to eligible youth ages 14 to 20. Services include a needs assessment, transition planning, life skills instruction and assistance in the areas of housing, placement, education, employment, prevention, and support. Aftercare services are offered until a youth turns 21.

Judge George, who has seen some of these youth in their darkest hour, best summed up the evening by saying to the attendees, *"You being here this evening is a milestone that provides Hope for your future."* Our gratitude goes out to the staff, counselors, placement families, employers and mentors that provide the opportunity for Adams County Youth to become engaged, contributing, and productive members of our society. Commissioner Martin provided the opening remarks for the event.

Public Access Nature Trail Opens at Boyer Orchards & Nursery

Adams County residents now have another beautiful trail open to the public for walking that puts all the wonders of Adams County on display. The owners of Boyer Nursery & Orchards agreed to open the new 1.1-mile trail which is protected by a conservation easement. Boyers has been an ardent supporter of conserving their lands. The hike guarantees some great views. The ribbon cutting ceremony was held cooperatively last Saturday with Boyers and the Land

Conservancy of Adams County. Thank you to the following organizations that underwrote the cost of the trail: WellSpan, Pella, CS Davidson, Walmart, and the South Mountain Partnership. See you on the trail!





Adams County Farmers Market Opens for Season

The Adams County Farmers Market opened last weekend for the season at Gettysburg Rec Park. Last year was a banner year at the new location and it will only get bigger and better folks! They have certainly come a long way since inception in 2008. Sample Adams County's seasonal bounty and beyond. As part of Healthy Adams Wellness program, Adams County staff that enrolled, received redeemable coupons for fresh food. There is lots of parking, a playground, restrooms, fitness trail and now yoga at the amphitheater every Saturday. Hours are 8AM-1PM every Saturday through October. I can't wait for the fresh strawberries, peaches, corn and tomatoes!

LCAC Fun Fundraiser at Fourscore Brewery

On Wednesday evening, I had the pleasure of bartending for the Land Conservancy of Adams County at Fourscore Brewery. I should mention that Commissioner Qually also attended – but was on the receiving side of the bar! There were different “celebrity bartenders” from 4PM-8PM with 10% of proceeds going to the Land Conservancy of Adams. I was paired with celebrity Attorney Adam Boyer. It's by no means an easy job with all those different types of brews, like 20 taps and a lot of questions about the beer! A shout out to everyone who turned out at Fourscore Brewing for supporting the Land Conservancy of Adams County!

May 1st Commissioner Meeting Proclamations

At the Wednesday, May 1, Commissioners Public Meeting, the Board of Commissioners recognized National Corrections Officers Week May 5-11 and SCCAP's 60TH Anniversary.

A large contingent from every department at the Adams County Adult Correctional Facility attended the meeting to hear Warden Katy Hileman eloquently address those assembled as to the role and professionalism of the officers and hear the Board of Commissioners express the gratitude of the community to the officers.

SCCAP plays an extremely significant role in the life of our community and Executive Director Megan Shreve made remarks to the Board addressing their role while publicly thanking all the individuals and organizations that support SCCAP.





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- **Trailblazing Women of Country - Patsy, Loretta & Dolly.** Majestic Theater 7:30PM this evening. Soloists supported by 5-member all female band. Tickets \$40 - \$65. I must admit I am a fan of this music, and you may see me there!

- **Silvershire Farm Blossom Belt Horse-Drawn Carriage Ride.** April 18-May 5. Farm located at 210 Clearview Road, Aspers. 1-hour tour. Ride through the picturesque Adams County landscapes and orchards. Adults \$32 Children \$16. Under 6 free. 717-778-5275.

- **Eisenhower National Historic Site WWI Weekend.** Saturday & Sunday. Explore the impact of WWI on Dwight Eisenhower and on the U.S. in 1918 with WWI Weekend at Eisenhower National Historic Site. Admission to the site is FREE. Visitors should enter the farm from Emmittsburg Road.
- **The Life & Death of Jenny Wade.** Saturday 11:00. Adams County Historical Society. Join Historian Tim Smith. FREE to the public.
- **Civil War Medicine Symposium.** Learn about the battle that took place behind the lines. Third annual symposium event featuring topics on civil war medicine and its importance in the overall study of the American Civil War. Gettysburg National Military Park Museum & Visitors Center. Saturday, May 4, 8AM-4:15PM. Cost in-person \$85 and virtual \$70. Friends of Gettysburg receive special discount. Go to www.gettysburgfoundation.org
- **Yoga in the Park.** Every Saturday in conjunction with the Gettysburg Farmers Market, classes will be conducted in the grassy lawn in front of the Gettysburg Rec Park Amphitheater. Beginners are welcome. Bring your own mat or become one with grass. Class will take place undercover in the amphitheater during inclement weather. For season pass and additional pricing details go to www.riseyogagettysburg.com
- **Amblebrook Farmers Market.** Join the folks at Amblebrook at their monthly Farmers Market this Sunday at 11AM.
- **First Friday – Gettysburg Style.** This evening from 5PM-8PM. Look for the First Friday Flags for special events and discounts.
- **Cinco de Mayo Celebration.** Today from 2PM-6PM at the Gettysburg Rec Park. Enjoy authentic Mexican food, music and dancing. Outdoor gazebo valued at \$1500 raffle prize. Benefits Gettysburg/Adams YWCA!
- **22ND Annual Gettysburg Tennis Tournament.** Saturday, May 11 at Gettysburg College court. Play begins at 9:30AM. A luncheon and prizes round out the day. Benefits Gettysburg/Adams YWCA.
- **Cross Keys Village Butterfly Release.** Saturday, May 11 from 10AM-11AM. Release ceremony to honor and remember loved ones. Sponsors will have small boxes with butterflies to release. Release at 10:30. Music and reading of names. Contact www.crosskeysvillage.org/butterfly to reserve a butterfly. You may also call 717-642-5208. Sign up through today.
- **GNMP Heritage Trail Hike.** This Saturday & Sunday the Gettysburg Foundation is having a unique 2-day guided hike that will depart both days at 9AM from the Park Visitor Center. The 15-mile battlefield hike will follow the Billy Yank & Johnny Reb Trail, covering a history of the men who fought here and the monuments that pay homage to them. Registration fee includes water, snacks and lunch. Event pricing \$110 with special pricing for Friend members. This seems like a neat event combining physical activity with education and history! www.gettysburgfoundaion.org
- **Music Gettysburg - Gettysburg Children's Choir.** Sunday, May 5 at 4PM. Seminary Chapel. FREE and open to the public.
- **Fields of Fury Civil War Reenactment.** Daniel Lady Farm. May 18/19. www.danielladyfarm.com
- **Live Music with Jake Graft.** Lincoln Social, Baltimore Pike. Saturday 2-4 & 6-8PM. Trivia on Tuesday 6PM.

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!