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Daylight Savings Time Duties Important

On Thursday, Adams County Department of Emergency Director Warren Bladen put out a press release from the Governor's Office which cannot be emphasized enough! This Saturday night is that time of year when we gain one hour of sunlight in the evening and lose one hour in the morning. Beside advancing your clocks one hour; it should be the trigger for performing another very important task. Take the time to change your smoke and carbon monoxide detector batteries and then test your device.

Recently, I have noticed there have been numerous fire related deaths in our region due to no smoke detectors, or non-working detectors in the structure. Please take the time to change the batteries and test your device this weekend. Fire, smoke inhalation and carbon monoxide poisoning are killers that don't discriminate! For the protection of your families and your property, join me in changing your batteries and testing your devices this weekend!



Primary Election April 23rd

The April 23RD primary election is rapidly approaching. Here are some critical election dates to remember:

- April 8 is last day to register to vote.
- April 16 is last day to request mail-in or absentee ballot.

Last day to receive completed ballots is April 23RD by 8PM.

A reminder that the Adams County Elections Office has moved from the historic courthouse to the lobby of 911 Center, next to the Adams County Prison on Greenamayer Lane. The location provides easy parking, more lobby and office space, and increased storage, oversight and security of elections materials and equipment.

The Adams County Voter Registration & Elections Office telephone # is 717-337-9832

Job Well Done Darlene Resh!

Darlene Resh, 4-H Youth Development Educator, Adams County Penn State Extension, was recognized for over 44 years of dedicated service to Adams County youth at Wednesday's public meeting. Darlene received a well-deserved standing ovation. At an earlier event, Darlene who is a 4-H pistol and rifle target shooting instructor, received a new shotgun from her peers and colleagues.

It is impossible to calculate the impact that Darlene had on the lives of so many Adams County youth and residents. Job well done Darlene Resh!

Resuscitation Commendation

At Wednesday's public meeting, Adams County Telecommunicator in Training Maxwell Nease, was presented a *Clinical Save Commendation* from the Emergency Health Services Federation for providing excellent emergency medical dispatching of a call for a cardiac arrest and providing accurate CPR instructions that resulted in a successful resuscitation. The award was presented by Adams County Department of Emergency Director Warren Bladen. Max's mother, who is also an emergency dispatcher, was present for the award. The award was not only recognition for a job well done by Max but is symbolic of the critical work that our emergency dispatchers do every hour of every day. Thank you to Max and all our emergency dispatchers for the critical role they play in the health, safety, and welfare of our community.

At the February 7TH public meeting, a *Prehospital Delivery Commendation*, from the Emergency Health Services Federation, was presented Adams County Telecommunicator for Dusty Lumpkin, for providing instructions over the phone for the delivery of a child.

Land Conservancy Month

At Wednesday's public meeting the Adams County Board of Commissioners recognized March 14 – April 22, 2024, as Land Conservancy Month in Adams County. The Land Conservancy of Adams County (LCAC) is an accredited, member-supported non-profit land trust with the mission to preserve the rural lands and character of Adams County, using conservation easements, outreach, advocacy, and collaboration to maintain the benefits of open space and water quality to preserve our community's way of life and to protect our unique heritage and ecosystems. LCAC is in its 29th year of operation and has recorded 190 easements, enabling Adams County landowners to preserve a staggering 13,275 acres of farm-

land and
open space.



LCAC is holding its Annual Membership Meeting on Thursday, March 14th, celebrating last year's achievements and honoring the Conservation Benefactors who generously granted land preservation agreements. The organization has two important annual fund-raising events. The *2024 Art Auction* begins Friday, April 5th with a kick-off wine and cheese reception at the Adams County Arts Council from 5-7PM. The auction will be virtual via BiddingOwl.com. It will go live online following the reception, and the donated art will remain on display in the Arts Council's main gallery through the auction's close on Monday, April 22nd. The *2024 Fall Classic Road Rally* tours Adams County iconic locations on Saturday, October 19. Call 717-334-2828 or go to www.preserveadams.org

Thank you to the passionate and dedicated volunteers of the Land Conservancy of Adams County for their efforts in maintaining the quality and character of our community!

March Is American Red Cross Month – Blood Donations Needed

Red Cross Executive Director, Laura Burke, came before the Adams County Commissioners to not only seek recognition for *Red Cross Month* in March, but to also deliver a message that was a serious need for blood donors. Please consider giving this gift of life! Only 3 in 10 adults donates blood. To donate blood through the Red Cross visit RedCrossBlood.org. The Blood Bank of Central Pennsylvania mobile unit also offers some donor opportunities this month at York Springs Fire Department on March 14 from 11A.M.-6P.M., Gettysburg Rec Park March 19 from 12P.M.-6P.M., and Wellspan Gettysburg Hospital on March 26 from 8A.M.-3P.M. Central Pennsylvania blood typically stays in our region.

Beside blood donors, Burke also expressed the need for volunteers as blood donor ambassadors or transportation specialists. Ambassador's welcome donors, help them register, answer questions, and assist them with refreshments. Transportation specialists serve as the critical link between blood donors and patients by delivering the blood, platelets, or other blood products to the hospital. Contact Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank by calling 1-800-771- 0059 or www.cccb.org.

Commissioners Approve Housing Trust Fund Grants For \$760,000

Upon recommendation by the Adams County Department of Planning, and the Act 137 Housing Committee, the Board of Commissioners reviewed and approved the following grants from the Housing Trust Fund totaling \$760,000.00:

- South Central Community Action Programs, Inc. - \$300,000.00 for Stratton Street Apartments
- Habitat for Humanity - \$130,000.00 for construction of affordable housing project assisted by Adams County Tech Institute students.
 - Servants - \$80,000.00 for critical home repairs for low-income homeowners
 - PICPI - \$250,000.00 for a rehabilitation project at Old Friend's at New Oxford Preservation



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- **Healthy Adams County Hikes.** Pickett’s Charge Hike, this Saturday, 1:30 P.M. Leaves and returns to the Sterner Building at the Rec Park. Hike is 4 miles. Surface is both pavement and gravel/dirt surface. As an old NPS guy I led this hike several years ago and it nicely combines hiking and history. On Tuesday, March 19, at 10A.M., do the 6-mile Sunset Rocks Trail Hike at 1100 Pine Grove Road, Gardners. There are some rocky sections and includes a brief stop at the WW2 POW site Camp Michaux.

Walking Tour: Women of Gettysburg – Episodes of Courage. The Gettysburg Licensed Town Guides celebrate Women’s History Month by providing this tour several times each weekend in March. This Saturday at 1P.M. Adults \$20, Students \$10. Call 717-253-5737 or www.gbltg.com

- **The Kings of Queens.** Experience a re-creation of attending a live Queen performance at The Majestic Theater on Saturday at 7:30P.M. Tickets are \$35-\$50. Also, *Red Hot Chili Pipers*, Thursday, March 14, 7:30P.M. Bagpipes with an attitude and drums with a Scottish accent. This group has been rocking the world from New York to Beijing. \$35-\$50.
- **Mansion House March Madness Cooking Classes.** Hands on cooking class with Chef George Keeney every Monday in March. End each class with a dinner feast. \$50 per class with 10-person limit. Call George at 77-642-5410.
- **Ghost City Lincoln Square Afternoons Tea.** Starting with this weekend, there will be a tea every Saturday and Sunday at 3:00P.M. at Ghost City, 10 Lincoln Square in Gettysburg. Price is \$25 and includes tiered plate of sandwiches, baked goods, and individual tea. Call Megan at 267-328-0230.
- **St Patrick’s Day Hauser Hill.** Celebrate St Patrick’s Day on Saturday, March 16 with live music by Crossing Abbey Road, wine, beer, sangria, cocktails, and non-alcoholic beverages. They will even have green beer. Hauser Event Center, 410 Cashtown Road.
- **Battlefield Harley St Patrick’s Day Celebration.** Saturday, March 16, 12P.M. Live music by Mark Baxter 12P.M.-3P.M. Free Guinness Beef Stew. Free Green Beer. Free Party Gear and prizes.
- **Written in the Stars.** Shining Stars Therapeutic Riding Program Fundraising Dinner & Silent Auction. Friday, March 22, SAVES Fire Hall. \$30 includes dinner and beverages.
- **Donut & Wine Pairing.** Adams County Winery. Saturday, March 23, 10A.M. Adams County Winery grape paired with Ziggy Donutz. Price \$22.
- **St Francis Lenten Fish Fry.** Friday March 8, 15, 22. 5-7PM. Dine-in or Take Out. 465 Table Rock Road, Gettysburg.
- **Lincoln Social Winter Market.** Indoor market at Lincoln Social every Saturday morning from 9A.M.-1P.M. Crafts, sweets and \$4 breakfast. Line dancing and trivia every other Thursday evening. Live music this Friday Eli August, 6P.M.-8P.M. and Cameron Molloy Saturday, 6P.M.-8P.M. Food hall, market, bar and event center. 985 Baltimore Pike.

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!