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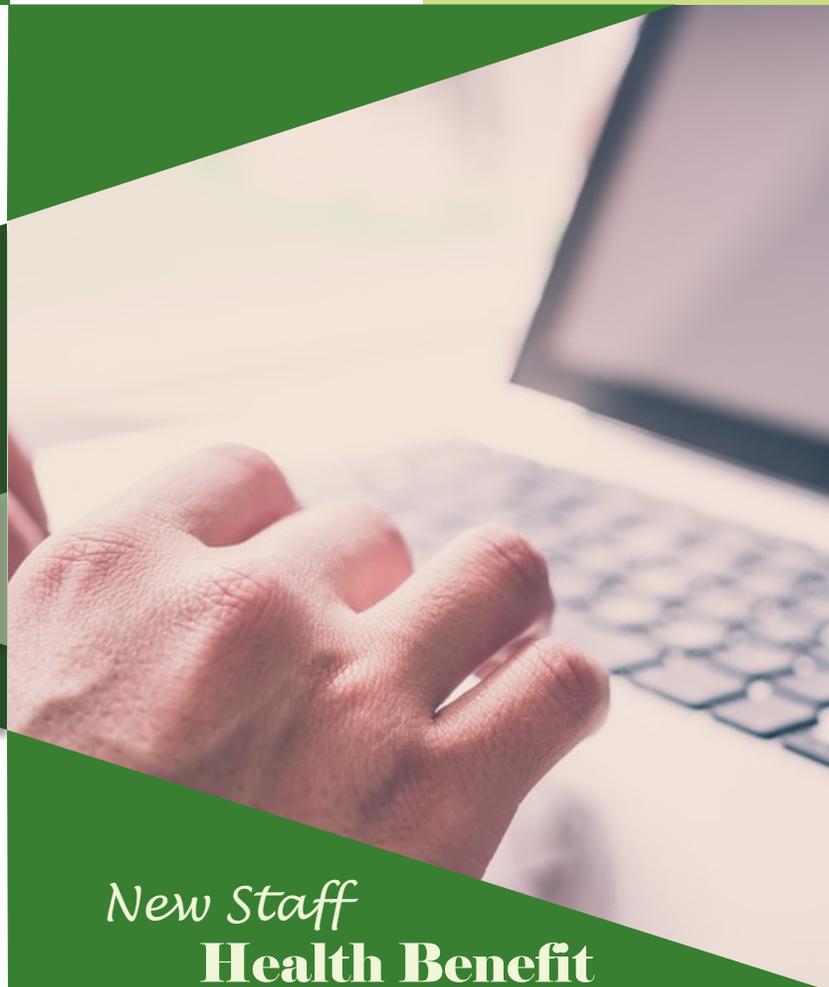
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New Staff **Health Benefit**

Adams County is always striving to improve health benefits for staff. **Wellspan On-line** is a program where in appropriate situations you can speak to and see a doctor without stepping foot in a doctor's office. Wellspan Online Urgent Care can provide staff access to on-demand doctor visits 24/7 from any computer, tablet or smartphone. Have your video-based appointment whenever and wherever it is most convenient for you. The program has been tested internally with positive results. As a promotion for 2018 Adams County is offering this benefit for a zero co-pay for all covered plan members. Details are available from HR and on the ADP portal.

While on the subject of good health and the County of Adams's wellness initiative, Michelle Miller reports that this Sunday at 1:30 - two hikes will kick off





on!
at Strawberry Hill
outside of Fairfield. One will be
a flat hike and the other will actually be a
mountain hike!! Get off the couch and get your hiking shoes

Department of Emergency Services New Position

The Adams County Department of Emergency Services (DES) welcomes Tom Leedy as their new Assistant Director – Protective Inspections. Tom previously served in the Planning Department, handling the tasks of weights and measures inspections for the county. The move to DES was a result of his expanding duties with the county in the Emergency Management discipline. Tom plays an important role as Operations Chief when the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is activated in times of Disaster. Additionally, he will supplement the Hazardous Materials response staff and assist in emergency planning. Tom will continue to investigate complaints of illegal burning and dumping of waste materials in the county. The staff at DES looks forward to working with Tom on a more regular basis and recognizes the valuable skills and wealth of knowledge he brings to the table.

Congressional District Update

The split ruling by the PA Supreme Court to change congressional districting right before the spring primary had obviously caused some confusion and changes in voter's districts for US Congress. Pending any varied consideration by the US Supreme Court, congressional candidates will follow a revised petition circulating and filing schedule approved by the PA Supreme Court in a split decision among party lines. The revised petition filing schedule, which applies only to these congressional candidates, allows for circulating and filing petitions from February 27 through March 20. Ballot Position drawing will be March 22. The last day for withdrawal by candidates who filed nomination petitions is March 27.

Filing deadlines for Nomination Petitions for the May 15, 2018 General Primary for the following offices: U.S. Senator, Governor, Lt. Governor, Representative in the General Assembly – 91st District, Representative in the General Assembly – 193rd District, Republican State Committee, Democratic State Committee, Adams County Democratic Committee. February 13 was the first day to circulate and file nomination petitions. March 6 was the last day to circulate and file nomination petitions. Ballot position drawing will be on March 14; and March 21 will also be the last day for withdrawal by candidates who filed nomination petitions.

Some other important dates are that March 26 will be the first day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot. April 16 will be the last day to register before the primary. May 8 will be the last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot.

Most of Adams County is now in the 13TH District; but not all of Adams County is in that district. If you would like to ascertain your District, go to www.pavoterservices.pa.gov and click on *Find Voter Registration Status*.



Land Conservancy

At Wednesday's Commissioners meeting, March 8 – April 22nd was proclaimed Land Conservancy of Adams County Month. Land Conservancy of Adams County is in its 23rd year of operation and has recorded 159 easements, enabling Adams county landowners to preserve 10,770 acres of farmland and open space. The volunteer based organization utilizes 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 protect our ecosystems.

The LCAC held its annual dinner last evening at the Gettysburg Hotel to celebrate last year's achievements and honor the Conservation Benefactors who generously granted land preservation agreements. Mark your calendars on Sunday, April 22 for the Spring LCAC Art Auction and October 20 for The Fall Classic Road Rally.

County Liability Insurance

Recently, Commissioner Martin attended a meeting of the CCAP Insurance Pool Investment Board as a member of the Board of Directors. Belonging to this insurance pool not only maximizes Adams County insurance buying power; but has resulted in dividend returns. One of the responsibilities of the PComp Board is to facilitate the prudent investment of excess funds held in each insurance program that are held in reserve. The PComp Board oversee the investment of those funds based upon the need for liquidity, security, and maximizing the return on various categories of reserves. They also bring back to the various insurance pool's boards of directors a report of investment performance quarterly. Our investment advisors and fund managers are under continual review by the CCAP investment board of directors.

To date our advisors and managers have done excellent work. Their decisions in fund investments has been a significant factor leading to member counties receiving substantial Annual Dividends. Adams County has received in excess of \$225,000 in dividends the past two years. However, Commissioner Martin reports that the financial advisors are cautioning the Board that as we approach 2019, the financial returns that Adams County has been accustomed to receiving could decline. With that in mind, we should expect to see our investment portfolios managed with less aggressive investments and more alternative and fixed investments.



The **End**

A reminder that our next Adams County Commissioners Community Forum will focus on the *Spotted Lantern Fly* which is threatening Adams County's significant fruit industry. The forum will be held on March 27 from 6:30-8:00 at the Adams County Ag Center on Old Harrisburg Road. Following the Spotted Lantern Fly Forum we will be hosting a somewhat different format and subject than we normally present. It will be a 1 hour training session called *Stop the Bleed*. A person can bleed to death in just 5 minutes. This one hour

course of instruction will provide information and training for bystanders, or those first arriving at the scene, the best options for maximizing survival for those with severe bleeding. Just like CPR, this a very practical and useful knowledge base for all of us to have!

The doors will open at 6:00 and at the conclusion of the training at 8:00, a tour of the facility will be conducted, including checking out the 911 dispatch center. Attendees will also be able to check out the new Adams County Law Enforcement Firearms Training Range during their visit. As usual, the forums will be taped by Community Television to be broadcast on Channel 12 or streamed on-line to your computer.

I see that the Heidlersburg Fire Company is having its monthly Oyster, Shrimp & Roast beef Dinner on Saturday, March 17 beginning at 3PM. I guarantee you it's a great meal. Take note this is their last oyster dinner of the season. Another culinary option this evening is the St Francis Xavier Parish Lenten Friday Night Fish Fry held each Friday during Lent at the school on Table Rock Road. Whether you have a lots or just a little of blarney, there is also good live Irish food and music around the county the next two weekends. There may even be some green beer?

Don't forget it's time to Spring Ahead this weekend – so adjust your clock before you go to bed Saturday night. 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!