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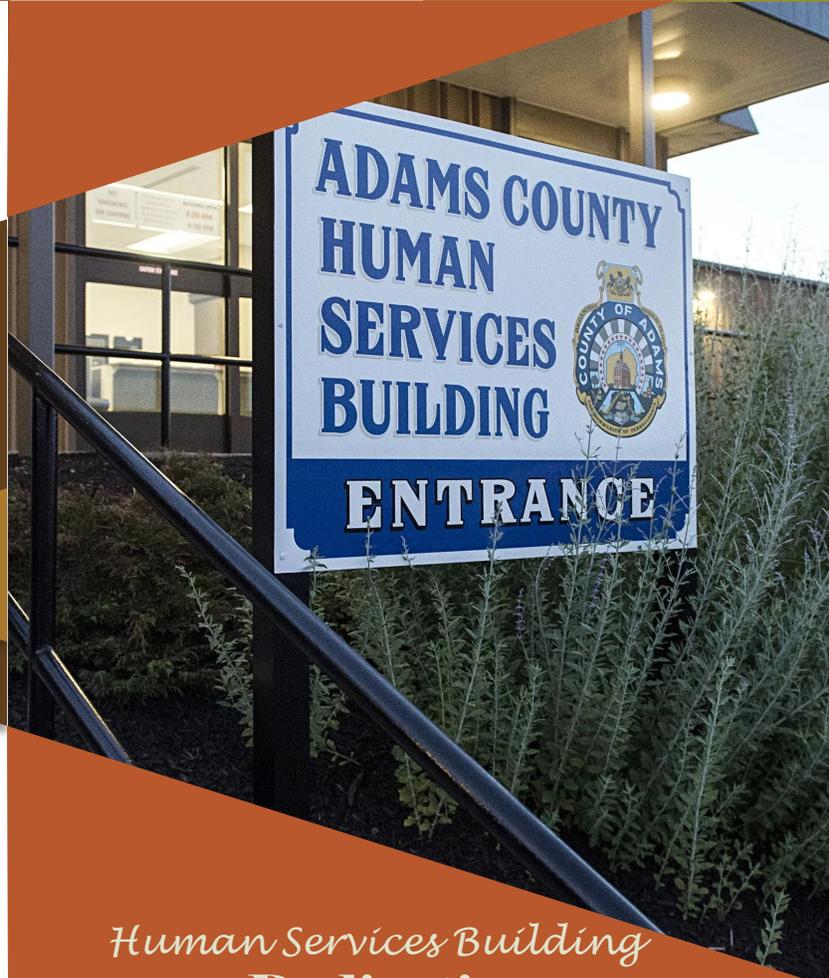
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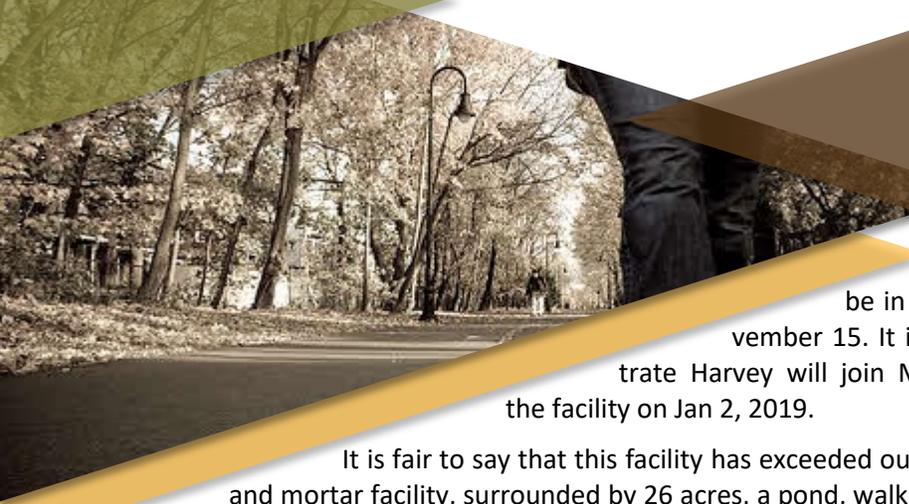
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Human Services Building **Dedication**

What began as a multi-year concept and vision between the county and the courts, to enhance county and court operations, in a fiscally responsible manner, will be fully realized with the dedication of the Adams County Human Services Building on Wednesday, November 14 at 11AM. Adams County staff and public are invited to the program that will take place in the multi-purpose room at the Human Services facility on Boyd's School Road. Following the dedication program a tour of the facility will be offered to attendees.

The Human Service Building has been open for over a year with departments such as Children & Youth Services, York/Adams MHIDD, Court Operations, Adams County IT, Probation, Domestic Relations, Maintenance Receiving and one of two District Magisterial offices coming on line during that period. The large court room where Central Court is slated to be held is sched-



uled to
be in use beginning No-
vember 15. It is anticipated Magis-
trate Harvey will join Magistrate Beauchat at
the facility on Jan 2, 2019.

It is fair to say that this facility has exceeded our expectations. Although it is a beautiful bricks and mortar facility, surrounded by 26 acres, a pond, walking path and spacious parking, the true value of the facility is that it is a quality work environment where staff can communicate easily with each other, and departments can also easily and effectively communicate. This allows us to serve constituents more effectively. The facility was purchased and renovated in a fiscally responsible manner that came in far under market cost for new construction. Being able to remove ourselves from several leases, not only off-set much of the cost; but allowed some departments that were located in several locations to effectively become one.

The Adams County Human Services Building will efficiently serve our residents for decades. There are a lot of thanks to go around; but the vision, cooperation, collaboration and efforts of the county and the courts to make this project a reality, is to be commended and was simply outstanding.

IT Service Catalog

Have you ever wondered what all the IT Department is responsible for at the County? Most are not aware of all the different services that IT is responsible for beyond the Helpdesk functions. Though the Helpdesk is a key component of our service catalog, there is an abundance of other elements that make up the entire portfolio. Behind the scenes there is a dedicated staff in place to ensure that the technical heartbeat of business functionality throughout the County is up and running, 24/7/365.

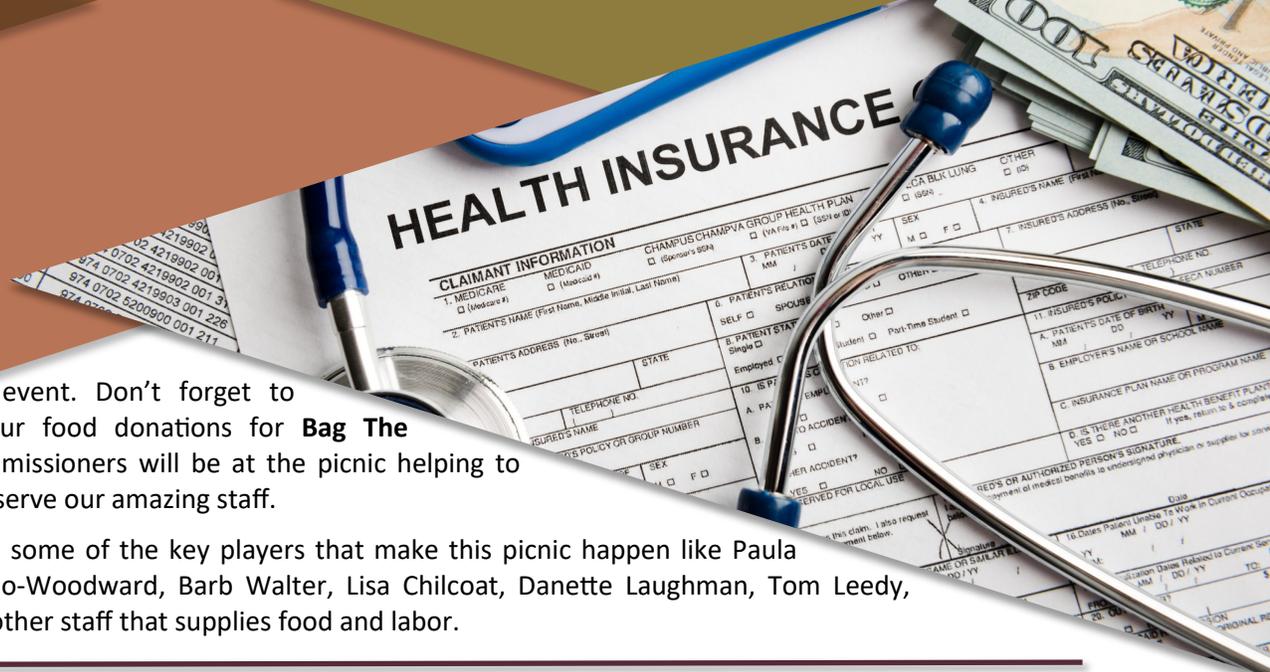
In an effort to better understand the scope of Adams County IT, the IT Department is pleased to announce the go-live of the "IT Service Catalog." Here you will find an easy to navigate portal showcasing all core components of the department. The information will provide insight into who we are, why we are here, and the plans for the future. The portal will also be utilized as a central hub for various pieces of educational documentation that has been sent to County users over the years. A special thanks to Loretta Weaver for developing the portal and gathering all of the content for the new service catalog. If there are any departments who are interested in developing something similar, please reach out to her at the helpdesk at #2201.

We welcome you to check out the new service catalog and to regularly check the portal for up-to-date information by clicking [HERE](#) and logging into the County intranet.

Annual County Picnic Today

Halleluiah! Finally a day without rain for today's Annual County Picnic. We are covered out there if it would rain – but what a pleasure to have a break from this six month long monsoon. In what is predicted to be one of the largest attended county staff picnics in years, the picnic is being held at the Ag Center from 11-2 today. Come on out and enjoy some great picnic food, games, prizes and fellowship. According to Paula & Lisa, approximately 300 staff members have signed up for the





event. Don't forget to bring your food donations for **Bag The Bounty**. The commissioners will be at the picnic helping to dish out the grub to serve our amazing staff.

A huge shout out to some of the key players that make this picnic happen like Paula Neiman, Lisa Moreno-Woodward, Barb Walter, Lisa Chilcoat, Danette Laughman, Tom Leedy, Warren Bladen and other staff that supplies food and labor.

Health Insurance 2019

It is that time of year when Human Resources, Administration and our Health advisors are looking over the Health Market in regards to rates, companies and coverage. We understand just how critical health insurance coverage is to all staff and their families. Given the comparative regional market we have very good coverage at a very fair cost to staff. We plan to mirror that in 2019; but not surprising to any of us is that health insurance premiums will go up next year and so consequently will the employee's portion. At this time we anticipate an average increase of staff contribution of approximately 13% depending on the plan and deductible that you have. Some plans could be more and some could be less.

The good news is that most staff seem quite satisfied with our current providers and we do not anticipate making any changes to providers or coverages for 2019. Human Resources stands ready to assist you by comparing plans, deductibles and Flexible Spending Accounts so you can make the best decision for your specific health-care situation. Please contact Danette Laughman for details or to schedule a personal conference.

PA Domestic Relations Training Conference

Adams County Domestic Relations hosted the State Annual Training Conference for the Domestic Relations Association of Pennsylvania (DRAP) on September 23rd - 27th at the Wyndham. The conference hosted approximately 450 Child Support professionals across the commonwealth along with numerous vendors from across the Country. Over the past year the entire DR staff, along with Judge Simpson, were actively involved with the planning for the conference. The conference kicked off with a welcome reception at the Visitor Center and was the perfect venue to appreciate the beauty and history of Gettysburg. A big shout out to the Adams County Sheriff's Department for providing the transportation to and from the Wyndham to the Visitor Center, not only was it a safe method to travel but entertaining too!! The DRAP conference was a wonderful opportunity for the Court and the County of Adams to shine and celebrate the work DR employees do to further the mission of collecting child support for children and families within our community.

Also of note is that Adams County hosted the Annual County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania Summer Conference at the beginning of August. We also had approximately 500 attendees. These conferences



are a boost for our economy and hopefully when the attendees depart we have gained some new Adams County ambassadors!

Survivors Need Your Support

Survivors Inc. is a significant and vital community resource. Survivors makes a significant difference to hundreds of people in our community that cross their threshold each year. Survivors is serving and sheltering more vulnerable individuals and families than ever before. Last year Survivors served 1700 victims. Last year there was a 21.5% increase in emergency shelter services to individuals/families. Funding cuts have decreased the amount of transitional housing in Adams County. Also, with the increased national dialogue in regard to sexual assault, domestic violence and human trafficking, more victims are coming forward to seek safety, shelter and healing for the first time in their lives.

Survivors is an agency that is critical to our community. Survivors is asking the Adams County community for their support in helping Survivors help those in need of their services. The Board recently approved a stop gap measure to assist Survivors until grant monies were received. Survivors President/CEO Terri Hamrick has recently put out a plea to the community for financial assistance for the agency. If you are an individual, business, institution or organization that would like to consider supporting this valued community organization Terri can be reached at 717-334-0589 or

Adams County 4-H



Commissioner Martin asked me to remind you to mark your calendars on November 2, 2018 for the Annual 4-H Benefit Auction to support activities of the various 4-H clubs. From now until the end of October, the 4-H is accepting donated items for the auction. Those items can be collectables, crafts, gift cards, business vouchers, baked goods, tools, certificates, fruit (canned and fresh), and the unimaginable (campers, home cooked meals, labor, limousine service). Your donated items can be taken to the 4-H office at the Ag Center or the Commissioner's Office. This is also a great opportunity to make a tax-deductible donation to a great organization working with the youth of Adams County. For more information call Adams County Penn State 4-H at 717-334-6271.

The **End**

This afternoon I will be participating in the Cumberland Township Police Department Association benefit golf tournament at Caledonia. I am wondering if we will need a boat to get across the stream? There might be just a few plugged balls.

It is hard to believe that it is time for Apple Harvest next weekend. Yours truly will be manning the chicken pit the first weekend making sure those chicken halves are cooked to golden brown perfection. If you are at the festival stop by and say hello. I will be the guy at the pit with the apron, poking those chickens with a meat thermometer and shedding crocodile tears from the smoke. This weekend the Fairfield Pippensfest takes place on Saturday & Sunday. Thank goodness they are finally calling for a beautiful weekend with no rain.

Fall is a certainly a wonderful season in Adams County with warm days and crisp evenings, fall foliage, fall festivals, corn mazes and crisp apples. 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!