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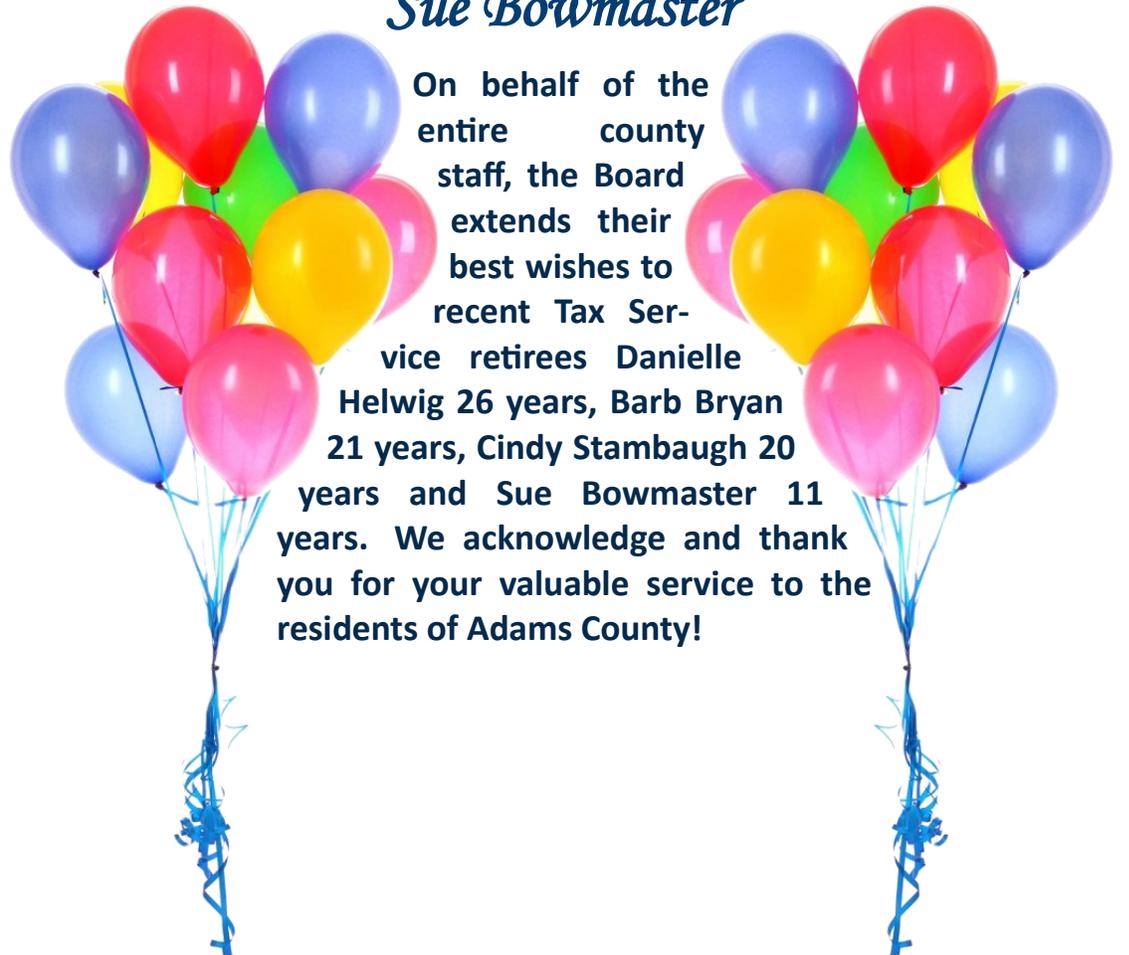
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Written by: *Commissioner Randy Pried*

Happy Retirement!

Danielle Helwig Barb Bryan Cindy Stambaugh
Sue Bowmaster



On behalf of the entire county staff, the Board extends their best wishes to recent Tax Service retirees Danielle Helwig 26 years, Barb Bryan 21 years, Cindy Stambaugh 20 years and Sue Bowmaster 11 years. We acknowledge and thank you for your valuable service to the residents of Adams County!

Air Conditioning Update



On Sunday, June 12th Commissioner Martin participated in the open house and tour of the county's newest Habitat for Humanity construction. It is located at 40 Franklin St in Biglerville. The project has resulted in a very attractive house with an excellent interior design that is very utility efficient. The dwelling complements the neighborhood. We encourage county residents to drive by and see how affordable housing can be provided by the volunteer efforts of others. This program is a part of the larger plan to provide affordable housing for Adams County. Two more Habitat for Humanity homes will be built on Franklin Street in Biglerville this year. The goal is to have the residences under roof by August. ACNB Bank was a partner in this program by providing interest free mortgages qualified applicants.

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Magistrate Office **MOVE BEING CONSIDERED**

With the new Adams County Human Services Building quickly becoming a reality, it has created other opportunities to better serve our staff and residents. One major addition at the facility will be approximately ten staff from York/Adams Mental Health - which has never had a presence in Adams County.

In collaboration with the Courts, we have discussed the potential of moving Magistrates Beauchat and Harvey's offices to the Human Services Building. Beauchat's office is leased, with the lease soon expiring, and Harvey's office is owned by the county. Besides being both fiscally and operationally effective moving to county owned space, the offices would be inside a secured building. In today's world enhanced security

simply cannot be ignored and an opportunity to enhance security needs to be recognized. Other benefits will include free and ample parking with public transportation to the facility.

If the move is approved by all appropriate parties, including the State Supreme Court, the building at 34 East Middle Street could be sold, and thus placed back on the tax rolls, with hopefully another viable business taking up residence in the county. As a requirement, a public hearing on this matter will be conducted by the Court on Wednesday August 3rd, in Courtroom #1 at 6PM. The Court will discuss their foot traffic study and various dynamics of the potential move.

Information Technology UPDATE

The Information Technology and Human Resources Department recently completed an upgrade to the ADP time keeping system for employees. The system was upgraded to the newest software package offered by ADP to provide a much improved look and feel, while also enabling additional functionality. The new server software removed the inconsistent JAVA plug-in component and has moved to a plug-in free, independent platform. Due to the nature of the application and its use throughout the entire County, many users will find the system to be more responsive, reliable, and easier to use. As many employees know, this upgrade was one of the most frequently requested upgrades the IT Department received over the past year. Both the Information Technology and Human Resources Departments appreciate everyone's dedication to learning the new software and making the overall project a success. The ADP server will continue to be upgraded throughout the year to ensure the migration to the new software runs at optimal performance.

The official App of Adams County was launched in the spring of 2016. The County of Adams recently acquired a subscription to this service and went live in May. This free all-inclusive app is a must whether you are a native of Adams County or just visiting the area. The app will lead you to the best accommodations, restaurants, shops, attractions, and adventures.

In addition, the Information Technology Department rolled out the newly refreshed Adams County website. The IT Department began the refresh in December 2015 and completed the project on May 20, 2016. The most prominent new feature is that the website is now mobile responsive. The website can be accessed by using any device in-

cluding smart phones, tablets, laptops, and desktop computers. Today, mobile devices are the preferred choice for viewing web content, which prompted the refresh efforts. The website is essential to overall County communications and services. This includes both employees of the County as well as the public. The general layout has changed slightly, but users will continue to find the same services that were offered on the previous site. The IT Department encourages you to bookmark the website and check back often!

Furthermore, research has begun for potential solutions to replace the current County phone system with a server enabled Voice over IP solution (VOIP). Today, many enterprise level phone systems operate over a computer network and no longer utilize a stand-alone analog connection. With network infrastructure upgrades having been completed throughout the entire County system, the network has the capacity and ability to support a modern VOIP system. Additional updates will be provided as progress continues on this project.

Lastly, the upgrade project for the current DocStar document imaging system kicked off in early June. The project will be centered on migrating the current DocStar system to the newest software release called Eclipse. The new Eclipse software will provide a web-based interface which will move the system off of the current legacy software package. The project is scheduled to span the next few months with scheduled trainings to be held throughout the summer. Core departments utilizing this system will be encouraged to begin preparing for the trainings in advance by identifying key functions utilized within those departments. This is the first major platform upgrade to the software since it went live in 2005.



Human Services RENOVATION BIDS

The bid specs for the renovation of the Adams County Human Services Building, prepared by the architectural firm of Crabtree and Rohrbaugh, are anticipated to be let on Wednesday, June 22. The four bids will be broken down into the following categories. General Construction, HVAC, Plumbing & Electrical.

It is anticipated that on or after June 22, 2016, bidders may obtain bidding documents by submitting a written request for the same, together with a check in the non-refundable amount of two hundred and fifty (\$250.00) dollars, payable to: Crabtree, Rohrbaugh & Associates, 401 E. Winding Hill Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055. Bidding document questions shall be directed to Crabtree, Rohrbaugh & Associates, Attention: Bidding Department, phone number (717) 458-0272; FAX (717) 458-0047; email: bidning@cra-architects.com. All questions pertaining to the Contract Documents, technical sections, legal documents, and bid submission shall be directed in writing to: Joshua C. Bower, Senior Project Manager, phone number (717) 458-0272, FAX: (717) 458-0047; email: jbower@cra-architects.com. A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on

Wednesday, June 22, 2016 at 3:45 p.m., prevailing time, at the Human Services Building, 525 Boyds School Rd Gettysburg, PA 17325.

Sealed bids for construction of Alterations to the Adams County Human Services Building, 525 Boyds School Rd, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania 17325 must be received at the Adams County Controller's Office, Adams County Courthouse, 117 Baltimore Street, Room 207-B, Gettysburg, PA 17325 by 11:00 P.M., prevailing time, on July 13, 2016. Bids must be submitted to the attention of Steve Renner, Adams County Controller. Bids shall be submitted in sealed envelopes bearing the name of the Bidder and shall be clearly marked "Alterations to the Human Services Building." Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 1:00 p.m. prevailing time at a public meeting of the Board of Commissioners, held in the Adams County Courthouse, in the Historic Courtroom, second floor. Bids received after the above-referenced date and time shall be returned to the Bidder unopened. This information in detail will be posted on the Adams County website.

The END

Normally things slow down a bit this time of year with events ramping up in the fall and spring; but at the moment there is a lot going on as you can see from TGIF and reading the local newspapers.

I stopped by the farmers market on the square yesterday and bought some Adams County freshly picked strawberries and sweet cherries. I then began popping them both like candy because they were so delicious. I urge you to patronize these markets all around the county for fresh delicious produce - and to support our Adams County agriculture community.

It is wonderful time of year in Adams County and outdoor opportunities are endless. 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!

