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Adams County Law Enforcement
Range Kick-Off
This Saturday!

Mark your calendars for the Adams County Law Enforcement Firearms Range Capital Kick-off Event tomorrow from 11-3 at Battlefield Harley. Your \$10 donation includes a complete chicken BBQ dinner, music by TC Beats, and law enforcement displays including Airsoft range training drills, bomb tech suit, bomb robot, police vehicles, canine demonstrations, weapons display and STAT MedEvac Helicopter landing at noon. In late breaking news the PA Game Commission is bringing an electronic deer decoy.

Adams County Law Enforcement officials have



wished for a dedicated law enforcement training range many years. The training activities that will take place on it are different and varied from just traditional point and shoot qualification. Pending final zoning approval, the range will be built be-

side the 911 Center utilizing current parking and classroom facilities. The range is being built on county land and funded utilizing a public/private partnership with corporate, business and private donations.



The Adams County Law Enforcement Association will be responsible for day to day administration of the range per agreement with the County

of Adams.

Besides supporting a great cause, there will be a drawing for a bike for a youth under 16. I would sincerely ask that you please consider coming to the Range Kick-off event tomorrow to support your Adams County Law Enforcement officials. Tickets will be available at the event and donations will also be accepted. See you tomorrow!

Local Farmers Markets

Healthy Adams County just released the findings of their new County Health Assessment. It can be found at healthyadamscounty.org. What was learned from a recent forum discussing the results is important to all of us. Here are a few items, in no particular order, that were stressed at the forum.

- * Eat more Vegetables. Only 4% of us eat three or more servings of veggies a day!
- * We all could use a little more exercise.
- * And as a County we need more mental health providers.
- * We need better housing options in Adams County.

This year expect to see a renewed emphasis from Healthy Adams County in trying to reduce obesity, reduce depression, and improve safe affordable housing in Adams County. Take the time to review the results of the Health Assessment and let's help each other live healthier lives.

Healthy Adams County's Health Assessment Forum

Throughout Adams County there are many great Farmer's Markets, but Commissioner Qually wanted to highlight one that is very convenient for County employees working in Gettysburg or going through town on their way home. Every Wednesday from 2:00 – 6:00 from May through October, there is a great market on Steinwehr Avenue beside the new Heritage Museum. Of special note is "Three Pigs and a Bull" a food truck that not only has great local BBQ, but where you can preorder meats from Weaver's Butcher in New Oxford and pick up on Wednesdays at the market.

Here is a link to the Adams County Markets Association, which manages this market at <http://acfarmersmarkets.org/gettysburg-farmers.html> Check out the other great markets in Adams County and let's not just get some good healthy food, but provide a financial boost to our local farmers.

CJAB Best Practices Award Presented to Adams County CJAB

On Monday, June 15 several officials from Adams County traveled to State College to receive a prestigious award from the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania. The CCAP Best Practices Committee and the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime & Delinquency presented their *CJAB Best Practices Award* to Adams County for their successful utilization of best practices for the operations of their Criminal Justice Advisory Board.

The Adams County Criminal Justice Advisory Board was established in 2007 as a mechanism to collaborate and improve criminal justice outcomes and is comprised of over 26 county, state, public and private agencies. Some of the agencies comprising Adams County CJAB include the County Courts, Commissioners, District Attorney's Office, the Adams County Correctional Facility, Probation Services, Sheriff's Office, Children and Youth, Emergency Services, Pennsylvania State Police, HACC, Adams County Collaborating for Youth, Healthy Adams County, Survivors and the Adams County Chief of Police Association.

Some of Adams County CJAB's recent initiatives include the creation of a Crisis Intervention Training program designed to help law enforcement and first responder personnel handle mental health related incidences and defer those individuals into the mental health system before they be-

come entangled in the criminal justice arena. Other successful projects of the Adams County CJAB over the last eight years have included the establishment of the Children of Incarcerated Parents Program at the local correctional facility, the start of the Mental Health Partnership Program through Probation Services, and the formation of a Central Booking Plan for the County and a Constable policy for the Adams County Courts. It should be noted that the Adams County CJAB has received approximately 1.2 million dollars in grant funding from various state and federal agencies to help support the many initiatives that have been undertaken by the Board.

Accepting the award at the Nittany Lion Inn at State College were CJAB Board Chairman President Judge Michael George and CJAB Vice-Chair Commissioner Randy Phiel. Other Representatives from Adams County CJAB included Don Fennimore Court Administrator, Jay Ondrizek Director of Resource Development for the Department of Operational Services, Warden Brian Clark, and Geoffrey Willet from Probation Services. The award was presented to Adams County by Linda Rosenberg, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime & Delinquency along with Pennsylvania Department of Corrections Secretary John Wetzel.



Miller Chemical Fire

We would like to thank all the fire companies as well as local, state and federal agencies that responded to the Miller Chemical Fire and its aftermath last week. Be-

sides the significant environmental and aquatic impact, the plant sits on the border of Adams and York

County and required numerous agencies from both counties to respond. Thank you to York County for their efforts. Communication was a challenge until the York County mobile

command center arrived. This was just one practical case in point why a radio system with interoperability (ability to talk to different agencies

and departments) is a necessity. To have a county disaster, without interoperability, simply increases risk, expo-



sure and response.

The Board of Commissioners will be convening a round table discussion with local representatives from our

The END

Summer is here and as alluded to previously, farmers markets and roadside stands are beginning to flourish around Adams County. There are plenty of pick your own opportunities around Adams County that allow you to enjoy our beautiful landscapes - while having the satisfaction of getting the produce from the source. Picking and eating those big dark red Bing sweet cherries is a special treat!

In the next month, Adams County will experience several major events with many folks

from out of the area. Please take the time to be courteous and welcoming; treating visitors the way you would like to be treated when you are a visitor in another community.

Don't forget the Totem Pole and the Majestic Theater are two wonderful places to spend a summer evening. 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.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

UPDATE

The Information Technology Department recently began preliminary testing of the Microsoft Windows 10 and Office 2016 software releases. The new computer operating system and office suite are currently available for testing before the official release of the software later this year. This proactive approach will provide the necessary time to test the products and develop a sound strategy for deployment throughout the environment. The IT department will be working with departmental software application vendors to ensure that future releases of software packages are compatible with the newest Microsoft software that will continue to meet industry standards.

Discussions on a test pilot project using Cisco telepresence (video conferencing) equipment continued over the past week. The pilot project will allow users to test and determine if the new video conferencing technologies are applicable throughout the county system. By utilizing video cloud technologies as a service, the deployment of telepresence can be scaled and deployed in a variety of ways. Each county department requires unique communication needs and through the use of these technologies, it will provide improved solutions to departmental communication needs.

