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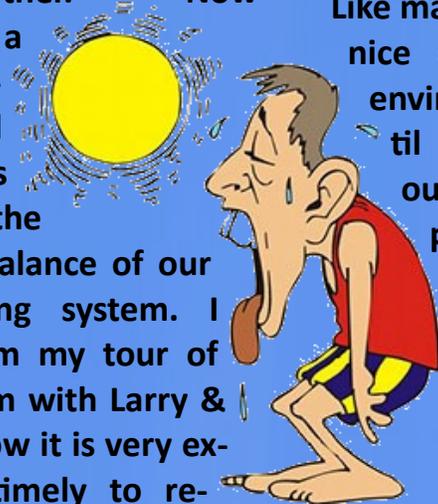
Courthouse A/C Update

There was no doubt that Friday and Monday were warm ones in the courthouse – especially on the third and fourth floors. I also know for a fact that some basement dwellers were chuckling while hunkered down in their cool quarters. For those of you who do not know what a Variable Frequency Drive is, don't feel uninformed, I did not know what it was either. Now

I know it is a large 4'x4' control panel full of electronics that regulates the blowing and balance of our air conditioning system. I know this from my tour of the boiler room with Larry & Paul. I also know it is very expensive and timely to re-

place so we are shipping the current one to Virginia to hopefully have it repaired or replaced.

Thank goodness maintenance was able to bypass some electronics and at least get the systems blowing cold without you even knowing the air pressures and air balance are now out of whack. You just knew you weren't sweating or feeling muggy. Like many things in life we take a nice climate controlled work environment for granted – until it goes south. Thanks to our maintenance folks for putting in the extra effort last week (including the weekend) to make temporary repairs until the issue is finally resolved.



Human Services Building Update

The Human Services Building Core team continues to meet with architect Crabtree & Rohrbaugh to finalize the final interior design and prepare to go to bid. It is anticipated that bids will be let mid-June and be due back in mid-July. It is anticipated construction will begin late August with the first phase completed by mid-December. Department Directors have been involved in the design of their department and common areas and will have input into the final furnishing details.

Thus far, the entire process of renovation from seeking an architect, to getting to the bid stage, has been an excellent collaborative effort between the Court, County, Core Team members and Department Directors. It has been a pleasure working with colleagues toward a common objective that will have such significant benefits. A public auction of interior equipment, furniture, supplies and fixtures is anticipated to take place on a Saturday in late July. The first phase of construction will begin with interior demolition that will take approximately two weeks.



Domestic Relations News

Congratulations to the Adams County Domestic Relations Section for successfully implementing state wide imaging on March 21, 2016. The state imaging initiative is a large undertaking for the Bureau of Child Support Enforcement, with Adams County being selected as one of the two counties in the state trusted to be a “roll out county” for the project. The department was supported with on-site representatives from the Bureau of

Child Support Enforcement who gave accolades to the Adams County DRS staff for their planning and preparation of this initiative.

Judge Simpson also will be the first Commonwealth Judge to test DRS imaging access from the judicial level. We are very proud of the DRS staff and their accomplishments to further serve our community with providing effective and efficient service.

Congratulations

HUMAN RESOURCES NEWS



HR would like to thank everyone for your patience while they rolled out the upgraded time keeping system. Michele reports everyone did fabulously with the change!

HR also reports that the Farmers Market Wellness Initiative has been a big success. Don't forget to frequent the farmers markets on your own as well. On Saturday, I stopped by Hollabaugh's Strawberry Festival on the way home from attending the

Wenksville Memorial Day Ceremony, devoured a strawberry sundae and took home two quarts of fresh local homegrown strawberries. Wow - what taste bud shattering difference from those big shipped in-store berries with no taste. I can't wait for the sweet corn and peaches. Buy local and support our local economy!



Veteran Affairs UPDATE

Adams County Department of Veterans Affairs Director Stan Clark gave me the following update for Memorial Day activities: Another Memorial Day has come and gone and I have to say that it is a real pleasure to live in Adams County, PA where we are blessed with some of the most Patriotic people I have ever seen. I personally attended 6 different Memorial Day events on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. From Wenksville to Bendersville, Arendtsville to Biglerville, York Springs to Gettysburg and each one of them have their own special touch. From the strewing of flowers by children on the Veterans graves and recognizing each living Veteran at Wenksville to the re-creation and living history of the Revolutionary War at Sunnyside Cemetery in York Springs. The Biglerville Legion Post 262 and the Adams County Allied Veteran Honor Guard provided the 3 volley salute at Wenksville, Bendersville, Arendtsville and Biglerville and the annual Memorial Day Parade in Gettysburg (featuring a freshly repainted Huey helicopter used in Vietnam) and keynote speaker U. S. Congressman and Brigadier General Scott Perry. If you did not have or take the opportunity to attend at least one of these events, I urge you to do so next year. It is an opportunity to honor our deceased and fallen Veterans and meet and converse with one of our 9,300 Adams County Vets.

There has been a lot of talk about the situation at Oak Lawn Cemetery in

the past two months and the sad state of disrepair that the current owner had let it fall into. We have 580 Veterans interred in the cemetery. Although there is a designated Veterans Section, there are also another 200 plus Veterans buried throughout the remainder of the cemetery. Last Thursday, Commissioner Phiel and myself rounded up approximately 50 volunteers and went out to see what we could do to try and spruce things up as well as place American Flags on the graves of our Veterans. With the assistance of members of the Adams County Allied Veterans Honor Guard, the VFW, American Legion, Marine Corps League, 40&8 and numerous other county residents we attempted to do just that. Also participating were members of the Adams County Planning Department, Cumberland Township employees and police officers as well as Chief Don Boehs. Special thanks go to Allen Duncan who has maintained the Veterans section since this problem was first evident and Warren and Dolly Sheppard of Sheppard's Groundskeeping who had four of their crews out and mowed the ENTIRE cemetery. All of these folks bring nothing but great credit to our community - and I was proud to be in their company. The cemetery looks much better for now thanks to all of these fine volunteers and patriotic Americans.



The END

Hopefully May's constant rain and drizzle are behind us and it's beginning to feel and look a lot like summer in Adams County. Other signs of summer are knowing that your air conditioning isn't working or needs serviced - and that your rose bushes have burst into a palette of color as mine did this week.

Don't forget we have wonderful summer theater at the Totem Pole Playhouse in beautiful Caledonia State Park and The Majestic Theater has a wide array of live theater and movies in an historic setting.



Interestingly, the play at the moment is starring Loretta Swit who was Hot Lips Houlihan from M.A.S.H. days. No matter what you do get out there and experience all the historic, recreational, agricultural, natural and cultural opportunities that beautiful Adams County has to offer.