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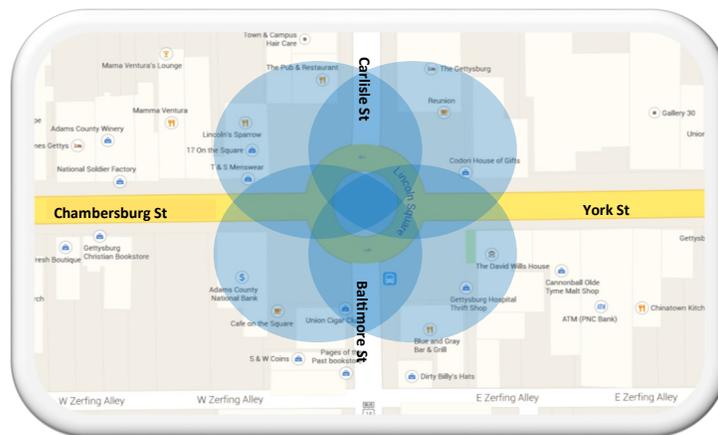
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FREE WiFi

Well the first month of free Wi-Fi on the Square has come to an end and we are still excited about the potential it represents for Gettysburg and Adams County. At a meeting last week, Destination Gettysburg, in seeing the results of the first month for Wi-Fi usage, has committed to fund the first year. We have

asked Phil Walters, Assistant Director of IT, to prepare a brief presentation on Tuesday, June 9th at 3:30 in the Commissioners offices. Destination Gettysburg and the business owners were an integral part of this plan and we look forward to their continued feedback.



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Human Services Building

UPDATE

Despite some possible options that have not come to fruition, we are very much committed to our year-long quest for a Human Services Facility that is financially advantageous and operationally more effective.

As you may have noticed there was an agenda item on the Commissioner's workshop Wednesday regarding the Human Services Building plan. Over the past few months various local realtors, property owners, and/or developers have approached one or more of the Commissioner's with ideas for a building project. These efforts have been at various levels of detail. On Wednesday we announced a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) in an attempt to obtain some basic comparable information from any interested parties. In essence, it is time for interested parties to "fish or cut bait". The RFQ will outline specific dates for receipt of information and we anticipate that by mid-June to have reviewed this final batch of options.

Thank you all for your patience throughout this long and at times stressful process. What started out as a challenge to reduce rents and leases has slowly evolved into an excellent example of inter-County government cooperation and innovation. The Court & County have engaged in this important joint initiative to create a lasting benefit to Adams County residents. The Directors and staff of Children & Youth Services, Probation and Domestic Relations have been invaluable to that process. The prospect of bringing Mental Health Services to Adams County is huge!

Our hope is that the vetting process is nearly at an end. Our options have been reviewed for over a year and it is time to set in motion the future of a unified Human Services Building.

Finance Review Team

Outlook Calendar Option

To eliminate the need for physical desk calendars, each county user has the ability to utilize the integrated calendar feature available in Outlook. The calendar functionality can be used for individual, department, or global level calendar creation.

If an employee is already using Outlook, their individual calendar is ready to be utilized. For use of a department or global level calendar, the IT department can assist in the initial setup of both department and global level calendars. The IT staff will then train department directors or managers on how to utilize the security features associated with that calendar for sharing of the department calendar. By utilizing a department or global level calendar, departments will have the ability to update one central calendar relating to depart-



ment or global level matters and will eliminate the redundancy of notifying staff through email, phone, and word of mouth. Some basic uses are listed below. There are notification options available for reminders and even reoccurring meeting options.

On a department level it would enable employees to see who is scheduled off, special events, department meetings, or important deadlines related to that department. On a global level you can view conference room scheduling, multi-department scheduling which goes beyond individual departments, and County motor vehicle scheduling.

Please contact the IT department if department or global level shared calendars may be of interest to the department.

Cross Keys Villages

Cardboard Boat Regatta

Several of your Adams County Commissioners will be participating on the "boat launching crew" at the Cross Keys Village Cardboard Boat Regatta this afternoon. That means we are in the water - so we do get wet.

Although they might look like cars or submarines or riverboats, but they're all made of cardboard, duct tape and paint, and they all float (at least in theory). Boats are made by

teams of villagers, volunteers and team members - some large and buoyant enough to carry several sailors - and multiple races are run on a course marked out on the pond. Some crews dress in theme garb to complement their boats. It's all a spectator favorite activity. The free event is from 1:30 - 3:30 and open to the public.

I believe you can anticipate some interesting pictures of the Board showing up on the county website.



Arts Council Event This Evening



Last years exhibition photo

Don't miss the 12th annual Adams County Arts Council's Juried Art Exhibit reception to be held at Schmucker Hall on Gettysburg College Campus this evening. It is a great exhibit showcasing local artists. Tonight's event will also feature a free appetizer reception by our own Com-

missioner Qually and his wife. If you miss tonight's festivities, but still want to see the artwork, the exhibit will be up until June 19th. And don't forget that tonight is 1st Friday in Gettysburg, so make it a night on the town.

The END

The dynamics of the Phiel household changed dramatically yesterday. After 34 years of teaching 5th & 6th grade in the Gettysburg Area School District, Kathy's last day on the job was yesterday. Of 12 retiree's she had the longest tenure. Over the years, I have been told by former students and parents how Kathy had impacted their lives. I have heard it numerous times in the past several weeks. To hear those comments is very gratifying. Tongue in cheek - I have asked Kathy if part of the reason she was retiring was to help make my life easier? Her quick reply was that she will - when she is home! Being a great teacher and a great mother to four children, is not only a tribute to Kathy, but the many wonderful teachers who simply do not get enough credit for the impact they have on our community.

When you read this I will be at the CCAP Board of Directors meeting in Lancaster. Yesterday afternoon included a tour of Lancaster's tourism and economic development projects, the new University of Pennsylvania Cancer Center/Coroner's Office and the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Facility. I was at the Totem Pole production of The Nerd last Saturday and it seems like they have a great lineup of shows. We almost lost the Totem Pole a year ago. The Totem Pole seems re-energized so please get up there and support theater in our community. No matter what you do, get out there and experience all the historical, recreational, agriculture, cultural and historical opportunities that beautiful Adams County has to offer.



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

The Information Technology Department recently completed a DocSTAR system upgrade on Friday, 5/29. The system upgrade included a major update to the core software used to run the system database. With the new release in place, the system will have additional resources available to better utilize server memory to support the growing number of users accessing the system. Future plans to upgrade the system have been created and will be scheduled throughout the rest of the year. The next upgrade will focus on migrating DocSTAR to the latest software release.

In addition, the IT department completed the four Adams County Magistrate office network upgrades on Monday, 6/1. The four offices now have secured direct connections into the county network. The new infrastructure provides a stable connection and delivers a reliable backbone to support scalability for future needs. With the modern connections in place, additional bandwidth is available for faster connections to the county systems through fiber optic cabling. All pieces of equipment at the four locations are now secured behind a firewall to better protect the equipment from modern day computer threats.