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Adams County's **Staff Picnic** *Next Friday!*

Be there or be square – employees. Don't miss the 10th Annual Adams County Staff Picnic on Friday, September 23rd at the Ag Center. There will be lots of fun with games and good food. The lunch menu will consist of hamburgers, hot dogs, pork B-B-Q, grilled chicken breasts, potato salad, coleslaw, pasta salad, macaroni & cheese, baked beans, rolls, chips, condiments (cheese, ketchup, mustard, relish, and onions), soda and water. Delicious desserts as usual will be provided by the administrative staff. A drawing will be held for gifts so don't forget to add your name in the box!

Don't forget that this year we are incorporating "**BAG The BOUNTY**" with the staff picnic. Please bring non-perishable items for donation to needy families within the County. Our tradition of available Commissioners and Judges serving you lunch will be a feature again this year. This year Commissioner Qually and I are staying out of the dunk tank - and we are back to working the serving line. The picnic provides a great opportunity for fun, food and comradery while supporting worthy causes. Hope to see you out at the Ag Center!

On Wednesday afternoon
I stopped by the Human Services

Building and the inside is beginning to look pleasingly empty. There is a beehive of construction activity and I am told that metal stud walls and drywall will begin to go up next week. The work of Probation and Court Operations continues to go on in the building while construction proceeds. With the progress there is certainly accompanying noise and dust.

As walls go up this should diminish accordingly. We appreciate our staff's tolerance for this short term inconvenience.

I remind all staff that if it is necessary to be in the construction area -when entering the construction zone portion of the building that hard hats are required. Extra hard hats are in the maintenance office as you enter the rear of the building. Larry Steinour tells me that having our own maintenance person assigned to the building to be familiar with all systems and be an extra set of eyes and ears - is working out very well and has proved very valuable. As a refresher Phase I is Children & Youth Services, IT Services, and Probation by December 31. Phase II is MDJ Offices, Domestic Relations, Dining, Court Operations, and Mental Health by April 30 2017. Phase III is Courtroom, Program Storage and Receiving.

Adams County
Law Enforcement Firearms Range
Fundraiser

Tomorrow kicks off fund raising for the new Adams County Law Enforcement Firearms Range. The event will be held from 1-9PM Saturday at Battlefield Harley. This is a family friendly event that includes lots to do and see for young and old alike. Besides a Chicken BBQ Dinner for the purchase price of \$10, there will be a fireworks display at 8PM, a bomb robot, an Adams County Law Enforcement Vehicle Display, music, and bomb dog demonstrations to list just some of the activities. We had planned on having a helicopter to provide rides - until they got called to Florida for Zika Virus spraying.

The planning, design and permitting for the training range is almost done. In Tuesday's Gettysburg Times you may have seen the insert with the event ad on the front and three dimensional range rendering on the back. The Firearms Training Range will be strategically located beside the 911 center and thus will be able to utilize already existing parking, classrooms and restrooms. Adams County Blue Needs You and your support on Saturday, September 17, to help us off to a great start for the Adams County Law Enforcement Training Range Campaign Kick-off.

Voter Hall of Fame

It is hard to believe that yesterday was our third Voter Hall of Fame event. Every two years our Elections Office organizes a recognition event for residents that have voted in 50 or more consecutive November elections. What an accomplishment! As Commissioners, the Adams County Voter Hall of Fame event is certainly is one of our favorite events. The program had been held previously but had gone into a bit of a hiatus until it was revived in 2012 at the beginning of our first term.

Every time we have held the event the Pennsylvania Secretary of State has been part of the ceremony handing each recipient their citation and shaking their hand. Yesterday was no exception, with Secretary Pedro Cortes and Assistant Secretary Marion Schneider both at the Adams County Emergency Services Center to honor these voters. The first Voter Hall of Fame in 2012 honored over 100 residents as we had some Catching up to do, and yesterday's event honored approximately 40 very appreciative residents.

I give you a few of the remarks I made to the recipients that reflect the Boards sincere appreciation of these residents. *Ladies and gentleman you are truly an inspiration to our Community, our County, our State and our Nation, and we are honored to be here today to recognize you! You folks sitting before me here today, are the fabric and foundation of our community. You have set a standard and raised the bar to a level that others can both admire and strive to emulate! Unlike too many others, you did not just stand back and complain, you consistently and routinely engaged in the democratic process - that is denied to and envied by so many other citizens around the world!*

Events like this do not just happen. I would like to give a big shout out to our Elections Office Team of Monica Dutko and Angie Crouse. We actually stopped counting the times that Secretary Cortes complimented Monica and Angie for their performance and their working relationship with the Department of State. The Commissioners all took part in this recognition and we look forward to many more Voter Hall of Fame events!

Updates for Two Polling Places

Due to the construction of a new skating rink at Ski Liberty, voters in Carroll Valley 2 will move from the ski instruction building to the bottom of the hill at the old ACNB bank building. Also some residents that vote at the Cumberland Township Municipal Building will go to other side of the room as our Elections Office has re-balanced the Cumberland Twp. precincts. The elections office will have a poll informational person out front at the Cumberland Township Building to assist voters. Last year there was a need to re-balance precincts in Conewago Twp. where residents vote at SAVES. The re-balancing at Conewago was beneficial and enacted with minimal confusion partly by providing informational assistance at the polls.

As you can see this is an action packed weekend for the Board. Tomorrow the Board will be at the at the **United Way Day of Caring** event from 9-12 at the Adams County Emergency Services Building. Volunteers will be preparing "Shelter In Place" kits for distribution. In the afternoon we will be at the **Adams County Firearms Training Range Fundraising Kick-off** from 1-9 at Battlefield Harley. The event is appropriately named **Adams County Blue Needs You!** You can get a complete BBQ Chicken dinner for \$10 and don't forget the dogs, bomb robot and fireworks beginning at 8PM. The **Adams County Heritage Festival** kicks off at 12 Sunday at the Gettysburg Recreation Park. Lots of events and great food. On September 24 The **Adams County ARC** will be holding a benefit concert on Saturday, September 24 featuring the iconic Hubcaps at the Eisenhower Hotel Resort. The ARC is very worthy of your support as they do valuable work in our community assisting folks with developmental and intellectual disabilities. Call 677-8487 for more information. Today from 9-6 get your free library card at the Adams County Library during **National Library Card Sing Up Month**.

I saw the movie **Sully** last evening at Gateway and it was well done and very interesting. I have now given not one – but four suggestions for this weekend; but 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.

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