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Adams County Hosting PA County Commissioners Summer Conference

With total attendance of approximately 500 attendees, County Commissioners from all 67 Pennsylvania Counties will be arriving in Adams County on Sunday for the County Commissioner Association of Pennsylvania Summer Conference from August 4 -7. The 4-day conference is being held at the Gateway complex utilizing the Wyndham, Courtyard and RC Theater complexes. When not occupied with conference business and education sessions, attendees will be visiting the Battlefield, NPS Visitor Center, Beyond the Battle Museum, Seminary Ridge Museum, clay bird shooting, Big Hill Cider, and other area attractions during scheduled free time.

Sunday activities include Board and Committee meetings and a Welcome Reception. Monday includes an Opening General Session and break-out sessions on a variety of contemporary topics. Monday evening CS McKee hosts a conference-wide event at the NPS Visitor Center. Tuesday morning begins with break-



out sessions followed by the Annual Business Meeting & election of officers.

Tuesday afternoon offers an option of area activities. Tuesday evening is the Summer Conference Dinner & Awards Ceremony. Wednesday begins with break-out sessions and the Closing General Session.

We are honored to host the Summer Conference for the 2nd time in 7 years. This is not happening by accident. Not surprisingly, folks like Adams County – for good reason! In 2018 the summer conference in Adams County registered one of the largest attendances ever – which is being repeated next week. Please welcome our invited guests from all over the state of Pennsylvania to Adams County!

Domestic Relations Child Support Event Today

A reminder that Adams County Domestic Relations is hosting a *Child Support Awareness Community Connections Event* today from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. This event is an expanded version from last year and we have 15 community partners committed to attending. The event will be hosted on the lawn around the walking path directly outside of DRS at the Human Services Building.

Those committed to attending include BCSE Director and staff, PA Secretary of DHS, DRAP (Domestic Relations Association of Pennsylvania) President, local school districts, ASERT (Autism Services Education Resources and Training Collaborative), Adams County CYS, Adams County Library, SCCAP, Lions Club, K-Pets and many more.

The committee is delighted to have this overwhelming community support with many providing free school supplies for children. I hope you will be available to stop by and celebrate the children, the Domestic Relations staff, and the importance of the child support program and the impact on families in Adams County!

Bring Home the Gold Lunch This Tuesday, August 6th

HR wants to see who will bring home the Gold in “Hall Ball” while partaking in an international lunch on Tuesday, August 6 in the courthouse lunchroom 11:30 to 12:45. Please let HR know by the end of business today if you would like to provide a food item or monetary donation to turn into an international food for your culinary enjoyment. Remember the deadline for signing up is Today!

IT Update

The Information Technology Department recently completed Cyber Awareness Training for 32 County, Courts, and Elected offices. The Cyber Awareness Training was completed from March to July 2024, starting with the Elections and Voter Registration office and concluding with the Commissioners’ Department. Trainings were primarily completed in person, however a cybersecurity recording of the content was provided for those who were not able to attend. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive, and departments were appreciative of the in-house cybersecurity training. Be on the lookout for additional Cybersecurity trainings from the IT Department and essential cyber safety tips in the monthly IT newsletters!

Preserving Adams County Natural Heritage Areas

At a recent public meeting, the Board of Commissioners recently approved the *Adams County Natural Heritage Areas Agreement* with the Appalachian Trail Conservancy. This Agreement provides that the County will award matching funds in the



amount of \$16,750.00 along with York, Cumberland, and Franklin Counties for the purpose of updating the Natural Heritage Inventories in each of the Counties. This Agreement is effective July 17, 2024, and expires January 1, 2027.

Employee Health Benefits Package Approved For 3 Years

Employee Health Insurance is very important to most staff members and is a critical element in hiring and retention of staff. At the July 24th Commissioners public meeting, the Administrative Services Only (ASO) Group Contract Declaration Page with Capital BlueCross, regarding the administration of employee health benefits in 2024 was approved.

The ASO Group Contract that was approved is an agreement for Capital BlueCross to administer health benefits on behalf of the County as described in the Plan. The term of the ASO Agreement for Group Preferred Provider Benefits and Rx Card Plan Benefits is three (3) years, commencing on January 1, 2024, and terminating on December 31, 2026. The term of the ASO Agreement for Vision Benefits is two (2) years, commencing on January 1, 2024, and terminating on December 31, 2025, and Group Preferred Provider Benefits, General benefits coverage, and administrative procedures under the PPO Plans for union and non-union employees, including the RX Card Plan & Vision Benefits Plan, were also addressed in the agreement.



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- **Gettysburg Annual Music Muster.** Gettysburg National Military Park. This Friday & Saturday. Muster opens at noon on the front lawn at the Visitor Center. Free to public.

- **Gettysburg Brewfest & 5K Trail Run/Walk.** Daniel Lady Farm. Saturday, August 17. Trail run at 12:00. Brewfest gates open at 1:30. Live music, food beer + ciders. This event benefits The Daniel Lady Farm preservation. Go to: gettysburgbrewfestandtrail5k.com

- **Kids Day – Adams County Farmers Market.** Gettysburg Rec Park. Saturday 8am-1pm.
- **Music Gettysburg – Dearest Home.** Lutheran Seminary Chapel. Begins at 6pm. Free to public.
- **Majestic Theater Summer Classic Movie.** This week's classic movie in the main theater is *Clue*. Wednesday August 7 at 7:30.
- **Tribute Beatles Concert.** A renowned tribute to the Fab Four. Majestic Theater. Friday at 7:30.
- **Spangler Farm Living History.** Open at 10:00am. Location 488 Blacksmith Shop Road. Free to public.
- **Discover Adams County ACHS Bus Tour.** Saturday, August 10. Departs from the Adams County Historical Society on Biglerville Road. Tour from 12-5. Tours villages, towns and countryside with lesser-known sites and stories. Cost \$70. achs-pa.org
- **Hollabaugh Bros. Annual Peach Fest.** Saturday/Sunday August 10/11. Festival begins at noon.
- **Jersey Boys at Totem Pole.** Jersey Boys now playing at Totem Pole Playhouse from today through August 18. An international music phenomenon.
- **Basil Biggs and the Black Community in Gettysburg.** Saturday, August 3 at 6pm. Join local historian Jean Howard Green exploring the historic black community and Basil Biggs. Biggs is one of the three historic figures featured in the Lincoln Train Station reality experiences. Tickets are required in advance. The event is at the Lincoln Train Station on Carlisle Street. Green will also explore the connection between Lincoln Cemetery and the black community. www.reservations@gettysburgfoundation.org
- **Adams County Relay For Life.** Oakside Community Park. Saturday August 10. 5-10PM. This year's fundraising goal is \$45,000 to fight cancer. To register for event and track details www.relayforlife.org/paadamscounty

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!