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## ***Best Wish & Thank you To Jane Rentsel***

Jane Rentsel, Special Programs Coordinator for Tax Services, also affectionately known as the “The Queen of Clean & Green,” was recognized by her colleagues at the Wednesday public commissioners meeting for her combined 34 years of service to the residents of Adams County. The recognition was followed by a cake reception and then a staff hosted lunch buffet in the tax office. Always a good sport, Jane took up the challenge and wore her princess sash and crown, presented to her earlier by tax staff, to the meeting. That created a lot of smiles in the historic courtroom. Thank you, Jane, for your 34 years of dedicated service to the residents of Adams County!

# ELECTION UPDATE

## Election Deadlines Approaching

With the November 8<sup>th</sup> General Election just around the corner, residents wishing to register or vote by mail/absentee must meet fast approaching deadlines. Here are the deadlines and some other election reminders.

- The last day to register to vote is October 24th
- The last day to apply for mail-in/absentee is November 1st
- The last day for County Board of Elections to receive the voted ballot is November 8th at 8:00pm. Ballots received by mail in the Elections Office after 8PM election day will not be counted. The date of postmark is not a factor. The ballot must be in the office by 8PM election day!
- In order to apply for an absentee or mail-in ballot, you must supply proof of identification. Read the instructions carefully and mark your ballot. Be sure to complete the front and back of each page. Seal your ballot in the inner secrecy envelope that indicates "official election ballot." Do not make any marks on the inner secrecy envelope. Your ballot must be enclosed and sealed in the inner secrecy envelope that indicates "official election ballot" or it will not be counted. Seal the inner secrecy envelope in the pre-addressed outer return envelope. Complete the voter's declaration on the outside of the outer return envelope. If you do not complete the declaration on the return envelope your ballot will not be counted.
- Voters cannot drop off ballots for family members or friends. Each voter must return his or her own ballot. Voters with a disability can have someone return the ballot for them, but it must be designated in writing. Emergency ballots are available to voters who have an unexpected illness or disability or a last-minute absence from their municipality.

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## New Wayside Sign at Sachs Mill Bridge

Through the generosity of the Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association & The Daniel Lady Farm, a new sign for the interpretative wayside exhibit on the Cumberland Township side of the bridge has been installed. The new sign was installed on Wednesday by Adams County Building & Maintenance to replace the old, faded sign. Hats off and thank you to GBPA for being proactive and generous in preserving and interpreting our Adams County history, especially at this significant and beloved Adams County landmark!

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## IT Update

The Information Technology Department is continuing to prepare for the changeover to the new Adams County website. Remaining data migrations on both County and Municipal sites are being finalized as the project moves forward. The domain change from *adamscounty.us* to *adamscountypa.gov* for the County website and email will occur on the same go-live date. A future update will be provided in early November as the project continues. A final go-live date announcement will provide ample time for departments to communicate changes to ensure a smooth transition.



# Domestic Violence

## AWARENESS MONTH

### Violence Proclamations Take Center Stage at Commissioners' Meeting

At Wednesday's meeting the Board recognized October as *Domestic Violence Awareness Month* in Adams County. Domestic violence remains a pervasive issue across Adams County, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the United States with one in three women and one in four men in the United States having experienced some form of physical violence by an intimate partner. Research shows creating communities where people are connected, supportive and care for one another can reduce incidents of domestic violence. Every day in Adams County individuals and organizations play a part in supporting people that domestic violence impacts by providing therapeutic, legal, educational, housing advocacy, and medical services. The proclamation was sponsored and presented by the Gettysburg YWCA.

*Week Without Violence* was presented by the Hanover YWCA. The proclamation related that Violence against women impacts the lives of countless women and their families across the United States. One in four women experiencing domestic violence and more than three women are murdered each day by their current or former partner in communities across the country. One of every four homeless women is homeless because of violence committed against her, and over 92% of homeless mothers have experienced severe physical and/or sexual abuse during their lifetime. The proclamation urged the Adams County community to work to end the epidemic of gender-based violence and support families, supporting survivors so that together, we can end gender-based violence.

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### Adams County Master Gardener Program Success Story

In a previous TGIF, I featured Adams County's Master Gardener program and explained the benefits of the program and how to become a Master Gardener. Here is a very positive follow-up to that feature:

The Master Gardener Coordinator has been reaching out to the underserved community for programing opportunities. An individual from the Adams County Rescue Mission (ARM) asked about becoming a Master Gardener. The Master Gardener program provided the individual with a full scholarship, and after the six-month training the individual graduated in the spring of 2022. The individual used the training to obtain employment at Quality Greenhouse, a large commercial greenhouse operation, located just north of York Springs. This greenhouse now supplies free plant material to sell at the ARM.

The individual secured housing and no longer lives upstairs at ARM. The manager for the thrift shop at ARM spoke about how this opportunity benefited the individual and our community. It is great to share this success story with you!

If you may be interested in be-



coming a Master Gardener Volunteer, contact Mary Ann Ryan, Penn State Extension, [mar35@psu.edu](mailto:mar35@psu.edu) or stop by the Ag Center on Old Harrisburg Road. This volunteer program teaches you about gardening so you can share that knowledge with others.



## The End

Last week the weather was not very kind to *The National Apple Harvest Festival*; but this weekend promises to be much drier and sunny. So, if you had plans to go last weekend that were stymied, make this weekend count by attending this very significant Adams County annual event. The Upper Adams Jaycees, Oakside Community Park and many other community non-profits benefit from the event. Cost is \$10 for Adults and Children under 12 are free. Get there early because due to last week's weather - there may be a large crowd this weekend.

*Gettysburg First Friday* on Lincoln Square takes place this evening with live musical entertainment, artist receptions, book signings, special tours, sales and later business hours by local merchants until 8PM. Look for the First Friday banner at participating businesses.

Bring your flashlight and your friends to navigate the corn maze at *Fields of Adventure* in Aspers this evening from 6-10PM. It may be a challenge to get out of the maze; but then you can relax on a fall hayride with your friends around the farm. This a non-scary event suitable for families. Fields of Adventure is also hosting their 2022 Fall Harvest Festival from September 10 - November 5. Go to [www.fieldsofadventure.com](http://www.fieldsofadventure.com)

What is a better and more delicious family activity than picking your own fruit? You can pick-your-own apples at Boyers Monday-Saturday from 8AM-4:30PM and Sunday 12-4:30PM. *Boyer Nurseries and Orchards* is on Boyer Nursery Road - not too far from the Apple Harvest Festival. 717-677-8558.

This Saturday is *Free Family Day at the George Spangler Farm*. Living historians portray Union & Confederate soldiers, Gettysburg civilians, generals and surgeons, at the 80-acre farm that was suddenly transformed into a large civil war field hospital in July 1863. You can also walk through the encampments and talk to these living historians. The event is hosted by The Gettysburg Foundation. If you haven't experienced the beautifully restored interpretative gem at 488 Blacksmith Shop Road, which is right in your backyard, do yourself and your family a favor and take advantage of this generous opportunity. Go to [www.gettysburgfoundation.org](http://www.gettysburgfoundation.org)

Winner winner chicken dinner! The Gettysburg VFW Post 15 Auxiliary is sponsoring a *chicken barbeque lunch* from 8AM-1PM at the Adams County Farmers Market on Saturday to benefit our veterans. The market is behind the Transit Station at 108 S. Stratton St. To pre-order chicken email [brenda.mccabe22@gmail.com](mailto:brenda.mccabe22@gmail.com)

How about *A Haunted Bus Tour*? Beginning at 7PM Saturday, take a 90-minute journey through the local countryside as your guide entertains you with stories of haunted history and paranormal tales. Cost is Adults \$26 and Children 6-12 \$20. Contact Gettysburg Battlefield Tours for reservations and to make sure the tour is not sold out. Call 717-334-6296 Ext 49 or [www.gettyburgbattlefieldtours.com](http://www.gettyburgbattlefieldtours.com)

Been on a scavenger hunt lately? The 3<sup>rd</sup> *Annual New Oxford Harvest Hunt* runs from Saturday, October 8 through Sunday, October 23. Participants visit local businesses to find the special hidden item at each location and vote for their favorite decorated business. The more items found, the more chances to win prizes. Obtain Harvest Hunt booklets from the New Oxford Chamber of Commerce or participating businesses.

The 58TH Catocin Colorfest takes place this Saturday & Sunday at Thurmont Community Park. Admission is free and there is a nominal parking fee at the parking locations throughout town.

Get over to the *Gettysburg Community Theater* this weekend for Xanadu Jr. This student performed musical inspires love, laughter, and the world's first Roller Disco in the 1980's. The endless fun will keep the audience in stitches; not to mention the legendary chart-topping tunes. This is a 1-hour performance with no intermission. The performers are 27 students from all over Adams County. Price \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Go to [www.gettysburgcommunitytheater.org](http://www.gettysburgcommunitytheater.org)

Next Friday evening at the beautiful Majestic Theater, students of the Gettysburg College Sunderman Music Conservatory, present a *potpourri of musical theater favorites* at 8PM. The cost is \$5. Just saying - seems cheap for a night of great music at The Majestic!

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!