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Special State Representative Election - 193rd District on Tuesday, March 17th

On Tuesday, March 17th, there will be a special election to fill the seat of Representative Torren Ecker which was vacated when he was elected as Adams County Judge. Ecker's district generally was the eastern and northern tier of Adams County and goes into southern Cumberland County. The last day to apply for Absentee/Mail-in Ballot is next Tuesday. Absentee/Mail-in Ballots must be received in the Election Office no later than March 17 at 8PM. Get out there and vote!

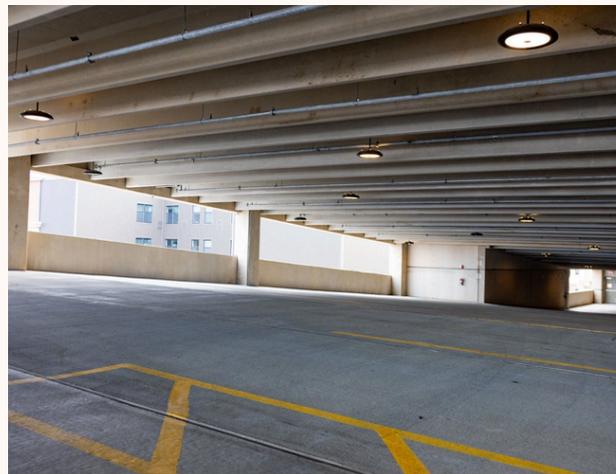
Keeping Our Kids Safe From Digital Dangers

In today's world, cyber security has many different applications. An event titled "Keeping Kids Safe from Hidden Digital Dangers" will take place Wednesday, March 25 at 6:30 p.m. at Gettysburg Area High School, 1130 Old Harrisburg Road, Gettysburg. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. for light refreshments and a resource fair featuring local agencies that support youth, wellness, and family services. FBI Special Agent Geoffrey Ford will walk attendees through current digital risks, from social media and cyberbullying to emerging concerns like artificial intelligence. You'll leave with practical tips and strategies to help your children navigate the online world safely. Tricia Maciejewski, on behalf of the Live Like Levi Foundation, will share her son Levi's story, raising awareness about sextortion, which is a form of online manipulation where someone pressures another person by threatening to share private information.

For parents' convenience free childcare will be provided by the Adams County Technical Institute students, so families can focus on the presentation. Thanks to the generosity of the Gettysburg Area Education Foundation, the first 100 registered families will receive a free copy of "The Anxious Generation" by Jonathan Haidt, a timely book about technology's impact on kids. To register in advance for this special event go to the GASD website.

Jury Parking Approved

At the March 4th public meeting a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Borough of Gettysburg was approved which provides parking at Racehorse Alley Parking Garage for citizens called to jury duty. The term of the MOU is three (3) years, commencing on January 1, 2026, and terminating December 31, 2028. Total cost to the County is \$7,500.00, to be paid in quarterly installments of \$625.00.



Opioid Settlement Funds Dispersal Approved

At the March 4th public meeting 2 subrecipient agreements for the Adams County Opioid Settlement Funds ("ACOSF") Grant Program, which was established by the Board to allocate opioid settlement funds from the Pennsylvania Opioid Misuse and Addiction Abatement Trust stemming from nationwide lawsuits against opioid manufacturers and distributors, were given final approval by the Board. The awarded amounts were previously approved by the Board at the December 17, 2025, public meeting following a public application process: Conewago Valley School District: This Agreement allocates \$24,500.00 in ACOSF grant funding for the purpose of implementing targeted opioid prevention programs in school and community settings to serve historically underserved populations. This Agreement is effective March 4, 2026. The Center for Behavioral Health York – Comprehensive Treatment Center and Chambersburg Comprehensive Treatment Center also received final approval to allocate \$97,597.50 in ACOSF grant funding for the purpose of expanding access to medication-assisted treatment (MAT) for residents of Adams County who are living with opioid use disorder. This Agreement is effective March 4, 2026.

Resource Conservation Supervisor Deb Musselman Is **OUTSTANDING**

Adams County Conservation District Supervisor Deb Musselman was recognized by the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts as “Outstanding In Their Field” in PACD’s Feb 16, 2026 newsletter. Deb was lauded for working with staff to improve Adams County E&S and DGLV roads program. She possesses an exceptional wealth of knowledge and is well respected by local developers, engineers, contractors, municipal officials, and her peers. She finds solutions to difficult problems and leads by example every day. Congratulations and Thank You Deb!

Farmer & Farm Cooperator of the Year Awards

The **2025 Farmer of the Year Award** was recently awarded by the Adams County Conservation District at their annual meeting to DDB Ranch LLC (Dale and Donna Byers and family). This award is given to a farm/farmer that has installed an extensive amount of agricultural conservation practice within the last year. DDB Ranch installed an 80 ft by 50 ft roofed heavy use area protection, a 48 ft by 50 ft roofed waste storage structure, 256 ft of roof spouting, and 1,138 ft of fencing.

The **2025 Outstanding Cooperator Award** was presented to Nathan Stock of Hilltop Farms. This award is given to a farm/farmer that has demonstrated their long-term commitment to conservation. Nathan has completed conservation work on his farm as well as several rented farms since 2011. He has installed 9 grass lined waterways totaling over 7,400 ft or 5 acres, 62 ft of rock lined waterway outlets, 7 gradient terraces totaling 2,176 ft, 7,512 ft of subsurface drainage, 4 water control basins with 4,278 ft of underground outlet, and a high tunnel system. He is also working with the Adams County Land Conservancy and United State Department of Agriculture to preserve two farms.

All 3 Commissioners attended the meeting to recognize and present the awards to these worthy recipients.

Land Conservancy Month In Adams County

Land Conservancy Month, March 12 – April 22, was recognized at the Commissioners March 4th public meeting. In closing out 2025, LCAC achieved their 200TH easement. Land Conservancy Chairman Dave Salisbury recognized and welcomed new Conservation Director Morgan Huckaby who replaced long-time Conservation Director Sarah Kipp. The LCAC 30TH Annual Dinner Meeting will take place this Thursday, at Beyond the Battle, where 2025 conservation participants will be recognized.

SCCAP Food Purchase Program

At the March 4th public meeting the Commissioners approved an agreement that allows SCCAP to act as the County's Lead Agency and to administer grant funds received by the County from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's State Food Purchase Program. The total amount of funding received is \$131,782.44. SCCAP will utilize 8% of the funding for program staffing, with the remainder going toward food purchases. The term of the Agreement is March 4, 2026 through September 28, 2026 and the period of performance is July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

Staff – Don't Miss the Spring Bunny Hop

Our annual staff Spring Bunny Hop will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2026, at the Rec Park in Gettysburg. You can register through the ADP portal or with HR, and the registration deadline is Friday, March 20. All participants will receive a voucher from Kennie's Market to use toward their Easter dinner. The Easter Bunny will also be there to greet you, your family, friends, and even your pups. Sammi and I hope to see you there!

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“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!”

- **We The People Musical:** Gettysburg Community Theater, this evening, Saturday & Sunday. Featuring a senior cast.
- **John Adams & the American Revolution:** Saturday, 11AM, Adams County Historical Society. Free to members. \$10 non-members.
- **NPS Winter Lecture Series:** Saturday, 1:30, Visitor Center Museum. Topic is One War at a Time : Diplomacy during the Civil War. Free admission!
- **St Francis Xavier Fish Fry Dinner:** On Fridays through March 27 from 5-7 at Xaiver Center on Table Rock Road.
- **Glass Recycling:** Saturday, 8-5, Adams Rescue Mission, York Road. Please note the collection center has permanently moved from the Adams County Department of Emergency Services.
- **Gettysburg VFW Chili Cook-off:** Saturday, March 14. \$5 to judge (eat) and \$10 to compete. Cash prizes. Benefits Children's Advocacy Center.
- **Heidlersburg Fire Company Roast Beef & Oysters:** Saturday, March 21 from 3-6. Cost \$27.