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## *Staff Picnic Today*

I hope that you have signed up for the staff picnic today. The 15<sup>TH</sup> Annual County Picnic kicks off at 11:30AM -2:30PM. It will be held at the Ag Center pavilion on Old Harrisburg Road rain or shine. Adams County will again be supporting *Bag The Bounty* to help feed our community, so please don't forget to bring your non-perishable items. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Ag Center for delicious food and good conversation! For those that cannot attend in person due to their job commitments, we have approximately 60 take-out orders being delivered to county staff! We will be there today to serve you, as you serve the residents of Adams County!



## **Employee Appreciation Week**

Adams County thanked our employees by showing them some extra appreciation this week. Breakfast was provided in the form of egg sandwiches (911 Center), with pancakes or muffins at the other locations. Soft pretzels were a special snack for everyone that received rave reviews. The famous Pennsylvania Dairymen’s Milkshake truck made stops at several county venues offering many employees their first one ever Dairyman’s Milkshake! Many commented that it won’t be their last. Root beer floats “popped up” in the newly renovated Employee Breakroom at the Courthouse. Pizza was enjoyed in the Public Defender’s Office. An online fun game with candy as a prize has been played by 158 people as of this writing. In the spirit of promoting wellness and selfcare, 15-minute chair massages were enjoyed by many

It’s been a great week celebrating the County’s greatest asset – Our Staff! The final celebration takes place with the Annual Staff Picnic today! Thanks to each and every employee who chooses to make Adams County their employer. You are not taken for granted. Also, a very special thanks for those who made these events this week happen!

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## **Multifactor Authentication Transition In Process**

The Information Technology Department has now onboarded 15 offices that are fully using Multifactor Authentication (MFA) to log on to the County portal. The Commissioner’s office was the most recent to complete the transition to the extra technology security step. The IT staff overcame what will probably be one of their most difficult challenges - in converting both Paula and yours truly this week! The next two departments scheduled for MFA deployment are Veteran Affairs and the Sheriff’s office. The IT department is happy to report that feedback thus far has been positive and the extra security measure has not created delays in getting employees logged in.

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## **Congratulations ACACC Chaplain Perez**

Too often the good work done at the prison by both staff and volunteers goes unrecognized or unreported. That is not the case for Chaplain Angel Perez, who serves as the director of Christian Ministries at the Adams County Adult Correctional Complex. Perez was recently named *Chaplain of the Year* by the Pennsylvania Prison Chaplains Association during their annual conference on September 7. Warden Katy Hileman praises Perez for his mentorship program and other opportunities focused on preparing inmates for release and supporting them after release. Perez was also recognized for supporting the correctional staff. Chaplain Perez also serves his community and country with 15 years as a member of the United States Army Reserves. Congratulations and thank you Chaplain Perez!



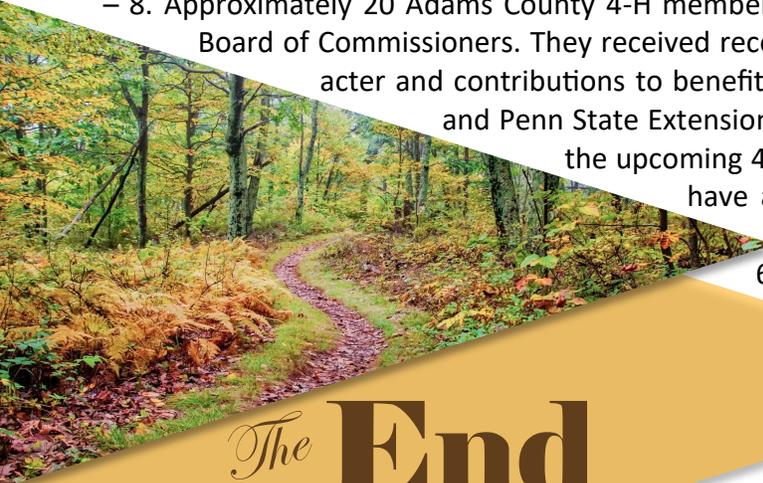


short-term to attract individuals to the field, but also long-term commitment to funding the system and providing long-term sustainability. The flexibility for the use in the funds will be key, as the needs of one county will not be the same as in others, and the funding increases must go beyond just one-time funds.

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## National 4-H Week

At Wednesday's public meeting the Board approved a proclamation celebrating National 4-H Week from Oct 2 – 8. Approximately 20 Adams County 4-H members attended the meeting to make the presentation to the Board of Commissioners. They received recognition from all 3 commissioners for their initiative, character and contributions to benefit their families, community and self. Commissioner Martin and Penn State Extension's Darlene Resh would not forgive me if I did not mention the upcoming 4-H Benefit Auction on Friday, November 4. This year it will have a new location at Redding Auction Service on Table Rick Road. Doors open at 5PM and the auction begins at 6PM. There will be both live and silent auction items. Hope you can attend to support Adams County 4-H!



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The iconic *Pippinfest* is being held this weekend for the 41<sup>st</sup> year on Saturday & Sunday. The streets of Fairfield come alive from 9AM-4PM both days. There is lots of arts, crafts, yard sales, food and music. From Pippinfest we go right into *National Apple Harvest Festival* October 1 & 2 and 8 & 9. These are 3 great event weekends in Adams County!

Pick up your copy of *Healthy Routes Of Adams County* and select from half-mile to four-mile scenic and healthy walks. Also offered are seasonal guided fitness hikes. The booklets were produced through the assistance of WellSpan Health and are distributed and available through Destination Gettysburg.

Every Saturday from March – October head to Lincoln Speedway in Abbottstown for high banked oval auto racing. Lincoln Speedway is celebrating 62 years of professional auto racing in Adams County. Racing starts at 7:30PM.

If you like to shoot sporting clays, or want to learn how to shoot, Orvis Hill Country – Shooting Grounds in southern Adams County, Blue Ridge Summit, near the Maryland line is the place to go. They have 15 different shooting stations. It is open daily from 9AM-5PM at 519 Gladhill Road, Fairfield. Must be at least 12-years old to participate.

Gettysburg College is hosting a concert for Ukraine on Saturday, September 24. The 7PM concert will feature music of Eastern Europe performed by The Sunderman Conservatory of Music faculty and students. The concert will take place in the Paul Recital Hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Schmucker Hall on the campus. Admission is free with donations collected for the Khmelnytskyi City Children's Hospital in Ukraine.

The *Land Conservancy of Adams County Road* rally is on the horizon. The route per usual remains a secret until the start – which adds to the allure and satisfaction of the event. The event takes place on Saturday, October 15, with this year's theme *Catch 22, Puzzles and Conundrums*. To register your team, to volunteer, or be a sponsor – to support land preservation in Adams County, go to [www.presserveadams.org](http://www.presserveadams.org) or call LCAC at 717-334-2828.

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!