

Police and fire



CLEANUP — A flatbed truck removes a motorcycle from an accident scene at Fifth and York streets in Gettysburg Wednesday afternoon.

Gettysburg crash injures biker

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A 40-year-old Greencastle motorcyclist was injured Wednesday afternoon in a two-vehicle collision that occurred in Gettysburg during the lunch-hour commute.

Christopher Krause, of Greencastle, was westbound atop a Harley-Davidson along York Street at 12:14 p.m., when a Ford Escort pulled out from a stop sign from Fifth Street, into the path of the bike.

The driver of the Escort was identified as Amy Ayala, 21 of Gettysburg, according to Gettysburg Police Dept. Officer Christopher

Folster.

Investigators reported that Ayala was driving from Fifth Street onto York Street through a gap in backed-up traffic, when the collision occurred.

There is curb-cut work occurring on York Street.

Krause, who was ejected from the motorcycle on impact, was transported to Gettysburg Hospital for treatment of unspecified injuries.

Ayala was cited for a stop sign violation. The motorcycle was towed from the scene.

Emergency personnel directed traffic for about 30 minutes at the lighted intersection of York and Fourth streets.

Crews respond to Hamiltonban mountain blaze

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Firefighting units from Franklin and Adams counties were dispatched late Wednesday evening to a forest fire reported in Hamiltonban Township.

The fire broke out around 7:30 p.m. along Cold Spring Road in the area of Teaberry Road, according to the Adams County 911 Center.

The South Mountain Fire Department (Franklin County No. 16) was the primary responder due to the closer proximity of that department to the fire scene, with a number of Adams County fire departments responding in

support.

According to the Cashtown Community Fire Department (which had two units on the scene of the fire as of 9:52 p.m.), firefighting equipment was still being dispatched from various companies to the scene as late as 10 p.m.

The county 911 Center was too focused on managing the responding fire fighting units to provide information to the media during the event.

No additional information was available by press time.

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Railroad property damaged in Butler Township

State police reported that one or more unidentified subjects inflicted damage to railroad property sometime last week in Butler Township.

According to Trooper George Ross, the suspect or suspects damaged rails belonging to the

Gettysburg Northern Railroad Company sometime between 11 p.m. last Tuesday and 3 p.m. last Thursday.

The incident occurred at the railroad crossing on Rake Factory Road.

Community groups plan to 'TAKE BACK' drugs

Local police are partnering with Collaborating For Youth, local governments, agencies, and health organizations to sponsor a prescription drug "TAKE BACK" from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Saturday, Sept. 25.

The program is an opportunity for residents and doctor offices to dispose of unused or expired medications safely. The collection is free and no questions will be asked.

Collections sites are:

—Adams County Agricultural Center, 670 Old Harrisburg Road, Gettysburg, hosted by Cumberland Township and Gettysburg Borough Police Departments;

—Alpha Fire Co. #1, 40 E. King St., Littlestown, hosted by Littlestown Borough Police Department;

—Bermudian Springs School District, 7335 Carlisle Pike, York Springs, hosted by Latimore Township, East Berlin Borough, and Reading Township Police Departments;

—Biglerville High School, 161 N. Main St., Biglerville, hosted by Pennsylvania State Police, Troop H

—United Hook & Ladder #33, 21 N. Bolton St., New Oxford, hosted by Eastern Adams Regional Police Department;

—Fairfield Fire Department, 108 Steelman St., Fairfield, hosted by Carroll Valley, Liberty Township and Hamiltonban Township police departments;

The Adams County "TAKE BACK" is part of a national effort by the Drug Enforcement

Administration to decrease the abuse of prescription drugs by decreasing their availability.

Online drug prevention resources and information are available at www.drugfree.org. For more information regarding "TAKE BACK," contact Collaborating For Youth, 338-0300, ext. 26, or drugfree@cfygettysburg.com.

Adams County's disposal is being sponsored by the Pennsylvania Office of the Drug

Enforcement Administration in partnership with local and State Police, Collaborating For Youth, Adams County Department of Environmental Services, and the Potomac River Basin Drinking Water Source Protection Partnership, with support from Adams County Office For Aging, Inc., Gettysburg Hospital/Wellspring Health, Healthy Adams County, and the Watershed Alliance of Adams County.

West Nile positives reach 27 in Adams County

A total of 27 mosquito samples in Adams County Conservation District have tested positive for West Nile Virus.

The most recent samples were collected Sept. 1 in the area of the Berwick Township Municipal Building and in the area of Kinneman Road in Berwick Township.

Other positive samples have been found in Butler, Conewago, Cumberland, Hamilton, Highland and Reading townships and East Berlin.

Residents should protect themselves when outdoors at dawn or dusk. Using a repel-

lant that contains DEET is a good method, as well as wearing long pants and long sleeved shirts. The clothes should be loose fitting to keep the mosquitoes from being able to bite through them.

Some ways that homeowners can help control mosquito populations are:

— Identify and eliminate standing water that collects on the property. Mosquitoes will breed in any puddle that lasts for more than 5 days.

— Dispose of tin cans, plastic containers, ceramic pots or similar water holding containers, including those that have become overgrown

by aquatic vegetation.

Because mosquitoes acquire West Nile Virus from infected birds, it is important to report dead crows, blue jays and hawks. Residents who discover dead birds and would like to submit them for testing should call the Adams County West Nile Coordinator Matthew Stough at (717)334-0636.

For more information about West Nile Virus, and to register for updates via e-mail, visit www.westnile.state.pa.us, or www.adamscounty.us.

Renovations

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what was budgeted. Consultant Jill Rohrbaugh, of Hanover-based Architecture Workshop, was hired by council last year to analyze the administrative complex.

"Essentially, it's a good building. But the problem is, it's leaking," said Rohrbaugh. "It's like a car — it requires periodic maintenance."

The building has not received "periodic maintenance" since its last major repairs occurred in 1992-93, when it was transferred from the Adams County Library to the borough government. Renovations that were performed 17 years ago, such as window replacement, are now not up to industry standards.

The renovation project includes roof repairs, plumbing upgrades, a new heating/air conditioning system, and other infrastructure repairs to the administrative complex.

New walls are also being added throughout the building, for staff members, and the lobby is being reconfigured, for security purposes. Preliminary plans called for up to 12 walls downstairs, and six new walls upstairs.

"There won't be any major demolition," said Butterfield. "It's adding more walls and bringing more efficiency to the space we have."

Staff offices are now located — temporarily — in the room that was formerly known as "council chambers." All government meetings are being held at the borough-owned Charlie Sterner Center at the Gettysburg Recreation Park, through the duration of the project.

The project is underwritten with a \$3.8 million loan that Borough Council floated in May. Carlisle-based McCoy Bros. is the general contractor (\$780,200) for the project.

Bugs

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don't know much about the stinkbug," he said. "This is the first year it has really shown up in abundance. It is a relatively new pest and the problem is that it has multiple generations. A lot of the questions as to how to eradicate it are unanswered right now."

Stinkbugs spare no fruits or vegetables and while the flavor of the product is not greatly impacted, it is the visual appeal of the crop that takes a hit. Experts said the bug leaves behind a brown spot on the inside and outside of the fruit.

"The consumer wants to see a perfect piece of fruit or vegetable," Hollabaugh said. "With stinkbugs you will see corking in apples and other visual deficiencies."

Krawczyk said this year the stinkbug population is around three times its average. He is currently trying to establish a colony in his lab to do research during the winter.

No answers are coming from the orchards either.

"They wintered quite well," Hollabaugh said. "I would like to think that if we had a hard, cold and wet winter it would help but we just had that and they are strong this year so I can't make any predictions."

The problem is so scary, she added, that local farmers are trying to get the American Farm Bureau and even Congress involved.

"In Adams County, we have strong people in the agriculture

industry and we will get past this," she said. "It won't be fast and it won't be easy and I do fear that some growers will not

be able to withstand the financial impact that the stinkbug issue brings with it."

Lottery



Wednesday

Pa. Daily Number (midday)	0-2-7
Pa. Daily Number (evening)	4-1-9
Pa. Big Four (midday)	5-5-1-3
Pa. Big 4 (evening)	9-2-3-0
Pa. Cash Five	03-31-38-40-42
Pa. Quinto (midday)	4-6-6-1-9
Pa. Quinto (evening)	1-5-9-5-8
Powerball	10-35-39-51-57, Powerball: 20, Power Play: 5
Pa. Treasure Hunt	02-04-08-15-18
Md. Pick 3 (midday)	9-7-6
Md. Pick 3 (evening)	5-9-3
Md. Pick 4 (midday)	4-6-8-3
Md. Pick 4 (evening)	3-8-5-0
Md. Bonus Match 5	05-09-14-17-37, Bonus: 8

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