Twelve county row officers were sworn in on Saturday, January 4th at the Snyder County Courthouse. Special guests included Congressman Fred Keller, State Representatives Lynda Schlegel Culver and David Rowe, County Jury Commissioner Pat Saylor, and Former Commissioner Malcolm Derk. The opening prayer was given by Pastor William LaBarre of Westminster Chapel and Closing prayer by Pastor Dan Durkee, President of the Penn View Bible Institute. Middleburg High School student, Maggie Bachman lead the nearly 200 attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. President Judge Michael Hudock presided over the ceremony and after being sworn in by Judge Hudock, Judge Michael Sholley administered the oaths of office to all the county row officers.

The County Commissioners were honored to be invited to the celebration of the First Cutting at Bright Farms in Selinsgrove on Tuesday, January 28th. Bright Farms has invested $20 million in a new facility that is over 300,000 square feet. Bright Farms plans to employ up to 50 people and is currently supplying fresh, pesticide free greens to Giant Supermarkets.
Commissioners Begin Planning at Faylor Lake

On February 17th the Commissioners held a public meeting to collect ideas from the public. The public was encouraged to come to the meeting at the MACC in Beaver Springs with ideas of things they would like to see at the nearly 800 acre property. Commissioners were pleased with the over 40 people who turned out for the public listening session. Potential ideas from the public included a trail for horse back riding, use of electric motors on the lake, kayaking enhancements, hiking trails, pavilions, a restroom, parking area, etc.

Girl Scout Gold Award Earned By Selinsgrove Student

Commissioners Kantz and Steininger were privileged to be in attendance for the presentation of Girl Scout’s highest award, the Gold Award. The award was earned by Miranda Beaver, daughter of Matt and Zena Beaver from Selinsgrove. Miranda is a senior at Selinsgrove High School and has been modeling for a number of years and enjoys acting and singing as well.
Changes in Middleburg “Square”

The Commissioners have been working with EADS Architects on plans for the renovation of the former M&T Bank Building in Middleburg. In 2019, the Snyder County Commissioners were successful in acquiring a $500,000 RACP grant from Governor Wolf thanks to the help of Senator John Gordner, Representative Lynda Schlegel Culver, and former State Representative Fred Keller. The Commissioners plan to seek bid proposals in August and begin the construction sometime in October. The additional space will give much needed room for the Treasurer’s office, the Commissioner’s office and allow for new and improved safety for the Courthouse with the addition of the Sheriff’s office moving into the Courthouse. County staff has also removed the former bank drive thru and plan to make additional improvements to the parking lot area in the future.

Commissioner Kantz testifies on Elections

Commissioner Joe Kantz has been the Co-Chair of the CCAP Elections Reform Committee for the past 4 years. With the passage of Act 77 in November 2019, there have been many changes for voters. Voters now have a vote by mail option but must submit their mail-in or Absentee application 15 days prior to the election. Commissioner Kantz recently testified before a joint Senate and House Committee and at two separate Senate hearings as well.

Public Service comes honest...

Many folks are blessed to have great parents who have been a real example of how to serve our greater community. Commissioner Steininger is one of those people who gets his desire to serve the public honestly. Recently, Federal, State and local officials came together to recognize Charles Steininger, II for his 31 years of serving as a Jackson Township Supervisor. Mr. Steininger is 96 years young and has been an excellent role model for his son.
One of the ways the Commissioners plan to fund some of the work at the Faylor Lake Recreational Area is by responsibly managing the timber on the property. While inspecting a parcel on the property in preparations for the upcoming timber sale, Commissioner Kantz came upon this very unique beech tree. He had never seen a tree with the “wavy” texture and took a photo of it.

Did you ever see a tree like this?

Faces Change in Elections Office

Just in case you did not see the recent article in the Snyder County Times, Debbie Bilger was recently hired to replace now retired, Pat Nace as the Snyder County Elections Director. Debbie has been a Snyder County employee since 2007. She has served the county very well, always stepping up to take on additional work, like being the secretary of the county’s Safety Committee and also serving as secretary for the County Planning Commission for a time. With the very recent changes in the election laws, Debbie has been working very hard to be ready for the recently rescheduled Primary Election which will now be held on Tuesday, June 2nd. If you have any questions, need to register to vote, or would like to receive a Mail in ballot, please contact Debbie at 570-837-4207. Additionally, we wish Pat Nace the very best in her retirement and thank her for her 14 years of service to the residents of Snyder County.

Primary Election is now Tuesday, June 2nd!

The Snyder County Commissioners are
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