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Prison short on staff, again

By Vanessa Pellechio
Times Staff Writer
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Within the last two months, 15 correctional staff members left their employment at the Adams County Prison.

The Adams County Prison Board approved the separations of employment Tuesday for 13 corrections officers and two lieutenants.

Of the six newly-hired corrections staff, one started his employment June 10 while others will start later this month.

"Some of them decided soon after hired, it was not the right fit for them," Adams County Prison Warden Katy Hileman said Tuesday at the meeting.

After the meeting, Hileman declined to disclose the current number of staff vacancies at the prison citing "security" concerns.

Hileman did say there was a "high percentage" of those hired who "didn't make it to the floor."

Some of the vacancies impacted the cost of overtime for June, according to Alyssa Harris, Adams County Prison business manager. Harris also attributed the increase to firearms training and Department of Corrections training.

For June, prison officials budgeted \$75,892 for over-

time, but exceeded that amount by \$26,903, with expenditures reaching \$102,795, according to budget documents.

A total of 642.5 shifts needed to be filled, which included 423 shifts stemming from vacancies and 57 from block and firearms training, officials said. Other shifts were described as military leave, bereavement, call-offs, hospital duty and the like.

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JIM HALE/GETTYSBURG TIMES FILE PHOTO 2013

Fred Gantz is pictured with some of his photographs at the Ragged Edge Coffee House in Gettysburg in 2013. Gantz, who was Gettysburg's police chief from 1988 to 2002, died recently.

Former G'burg Police Chief Fred Gantz dies

By Alex J. Hayes
Times Managing Editor

Fred Gantz, the police chief turned photographer, died Monday, according to a death notice from The Monahan Funeral Home.

He was 68 and living in Dillsburg.

The Gettysburg native joined his hometown's police department in 1973 after attending the U.S. Army Intelligence School in Maryland and working for the Department of Defense.

"Initially, I had never seriously considered a career in law enforcement until then Chief of Police Dan Miller asked if I was interested in tak-

ing the Civil Service exam," Gantz wrote in a column for the Times in 2002. "Officers were simply given their equipment and expected to learn on the job from more experienced officers."

Gantz's training was a little more extensive.

After beginning to wear his badge, he completed the Pennsylvania State Police Academy in 1974. He later earned an associate's degree in police science from York College, a bachelor's degree in sociology from York College and a master's degree in sociology from the University of Baltimore.

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Electronic voting machines lesson



JOHN ARMSTRONG/GETTYSBURG TIMES

Adams County Elections and Voter Registration and information technology (IT) staff met Tuesday at the courthouse with Justin Lacey, a representative of Election Systems and Software L.L.C., providers of the county's new electronic voting machines, to learn to operate the Express Vote Universal Voting System. From left are: Phil Walter, county director of information technology; Lacey; Angie Crouse, county director of elections; Gail Laughman, election and registration staff; Brandon Brenize, IT staff; and Chip Guise, IT staff.

Authority preps to send out 1st-ever storm water bills

By Jim Hale
Times Staff Writer

The Gettysburg Borough Storm Water Authority (GBSWA) is set to send its first-ever bills to property owners in the borough.

Bills are to be sent to all owners on July 15, Borough Manager Charles Gable said Tuesday.

Most homeowners will receive an annual bill for \$50 or \$100, but "a few" will receive bills for \$200, he said. Commercial property owners will also be billed, Gable said.

Because the fee is not a tax, it also applies to properties owned by tax-exempt nonprofit and governmental institutions such as churches, schools, and the National Park Service, he said.

Fees are based on the portion of each property covered by impervious surfaces that do not easily let water enter the ground, ranging from roofs to parking lots. The extent of such areas was determined primarily by satellite imagery, Gable said.

Bills will be due after 45 days, with a discount for early

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Vivitrol program rolls out for inmates

By Vanessa Pellechio
Times Staff Writer
and Hannah Pollock
Times Intern

The medically-assisted opioid treatment program is "up and running" at the Adams County Prison.

The prison received the grant award from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) for residential substance abuse treatment (RSAT) to implement the Vivitrol program locally,

Adams County Prison Warden Katy Hileman said Tuesday.

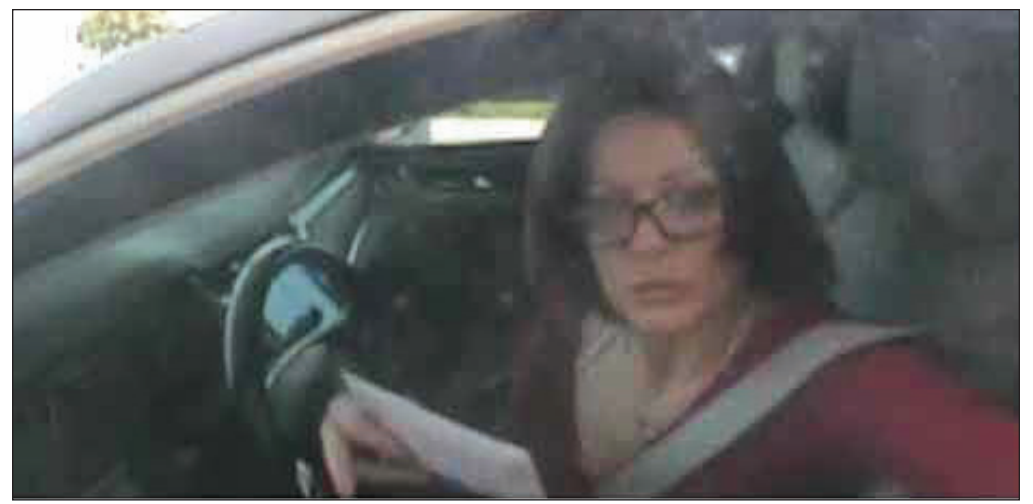
The medical treatment, known as Vivitrol, "is a non-addictive, once-monthly treatment" used "to prevent relapse in opioid dependent patients," according to naltrexone drug's website. "Vivitrol blocks opioid receptors in the brain while you work with the psychological aspects of counseling," the website indicates.

However, the award amount, which was \$87,463 with a county match of \$29,154

according to the RSAT application in May, "will change" due to a modification request, Hileman said.

The request sought to move "full-time equivalent hours for staff involved in the program from the other grant" to the RSAT grant, which would "not use additional county funds, as the match will come from current, budgeted staff salaries," according to Hileman.

Since the program rolled out, (See VIVITROL on Page A6)



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Cumberland Township Police Department released this photo of a woman at the ACNB Bank, Spring Grove, drive-up banking window.

Police seek vehicle break-in info

Times Staff Report

Recent vehicle break-ins may be linked to a group called the "Felony Lane Gang" (FLG).

Cumberland Township Police Department (CTPD) and National Park Service law enforcement responded to vehicle break-ins in the park and at township campgrounds on June 25, according to CTPD.

Vehicle windows were smashed at the park, as well as at

the National Riding Stables, 610 Taneytown Road, police said.

Stolen items included purses and wallets containing credit cards, checkbooks, and identification, police said.

"Several checks were later recovered after an unknown female was attempting to cash them at several different banks throughout Adams County," according to police.

"The FLG is a group of organized burglary and identity

theft rings operating in multiple jurisdictions throughout the U.S.," according to information from the FBI provided by CTPD.

The group often operates independently, with a loose hierarchy utilizing rental vehicles with heavily-tinted windows to conduct surveillance in parking lots, police said.

They steal identification

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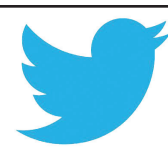


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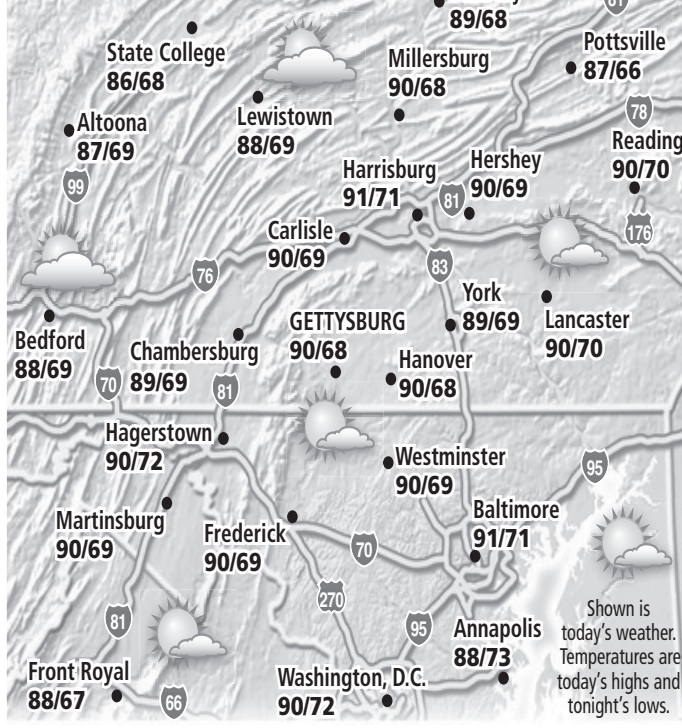
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Table of national cities with columns for Today and Thursday weather and temperatures for locations like Anchorage, Atlanta, Atlanta City, etc.

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Table showing Sun and Moon phases (Full, Last, New, First) with rise and set times for July 16, 24, 31, and Aug 7.

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Main broadcast schedule table with columns for channel, time, and program details for various networks like ABC, FOX, NBC, CBS, etc.

Vivitrol

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Hileman said staff has been looking for participants, including putting posters up throughout the prison.

30 individuals' participation in the program each year, Hileman said. The program gives participants the time to get assistance with life skills, bringing an educational component to it, according to Hileman.

tient component and meet the minimum qualifications would get one injection, Hileman previously said. Adams County Solicitor Molly Mudd said staff do not "recruit" individuals for the Vivitrol program.

Laura Rowland, director of Resource Development, and Hileman put forth both grant applications. One of the grants seeks federal dollars, while the other is for state funds, Rowland previously indicated.

would oversee the entire program, in addition to performing case management work and treatment assistance, said Hileman. Funding also will go toward Vivitrol, behavioral health assistance, and counseling, according to Mudd.

according to Mudd. In the second year, Mudd anticipates it could be reduced by \$20,000. Mudd previously noted how counseling is a "critical part" of the program.

North Carolina lawmakers take early step to expand Medicaid

North Carolina Republicans are taking an initial step toward expanding Medicaid coverage to more working families under a plan that its chief sponsor says adds no costs for state or county taxpayers

families after nearly a decade of Republican opposition when a GOP-designed plan easily passed a committee with bipartisan support. But Republicans who initially seemed ready to fast-track the measure later made clear that Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper's chief goal would be sidetracked until enough Democrats turned their backs on Cooper and backed the GOP budget he vetoed last month.

billion from hospitals hoping to cut the volume of poor people who can't pay, would cover the state's share without costing taxpayers, said state Rep. Donny Lambeth, a Forsyth County Republican and former hospital executive. "We have a problem with health care in North Carolina" that includes more than 1 million residents without insurance coverage, struggling rural hospitals and small communities unable to attract doctors as an aging population increases demand, Lambeth said.

law must be voided because Congress dropped tax penalties for people who don't buy health insurance coverage. Any decision by three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals panel will likely be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court. Republican House leaders allowed the North Carolina legislation, building on proposals first advanced in 2017, to get a committee vote amid a budget fight in which Medicaid expansion looms large.

just totally inappropriate," Berger said Tuesday. Berger said the Medicaid expansion bill being considered by the House lacked the votes to pass in the Senate. Cooper called the Republican decision to begin consideration of Medicaid expansion "a good step forward" but short of his proposal that would expand Medicaid to between 500,000 and 600,000 working North Carolinians.

health care and former Republican gubernatorial candidate George Little, who said North Carolina businesses couldn't remain competitive without financially stable hospitals. Cassandra Brooks, who owns two daycare centers near Raleigh, said two of her teachers died prematurely from heart ailments that went untreated because they couldn't afford medical costs, a problem Medicaid expansion could address.

By Emery P. Dalesio Associated Press

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Gantz

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Gantz described himself as a “gypsy” in 2013 interview with *Gettysburg Companion* writer Jim Hale. All his life, he was eager to experience new places and the people who lived there. That eagerness drove him to hitchhike to New Orleans and Berkley, Calif. after graduating from Gettysburg High School in 1969.

The combination of empathy and curiosity served Gantz well as an investigator. After

a series of arson fires in the 1980s, culminating in the near-destruction of the Gettysburg Hotel on Lincoln Square, Gantz said “everybody pretty much knew” who the culprit was, but proof was lacking. Gantz met with the suspect on a Sunday morning, armed with knowledge that would help him make the personal connection he knew was key to winning a confession. “We compared first wives,” Gantz said.

He was confident that topic would be effective because he

had interviewed people who knew the suspect, and learned that troubles in the man’s relationships seemed to trigger incidents of arson. After the man served years in prison, Gantz met him by chance in a restaurant.

“He bought me a meal,” Gantz said.

He was promoted to chief in 1988, following the retirement of Russell Porter. One of his first acts as chief was to computerize the department’s record keeping system.

While sitting in the chief’s

chair, Gantz did not lose connection with the people he served. He fully supported a group called Police and Community Together, said founder Milton “Babe” Moyer.

“I don’t think in my entire life there has been as much of a people person as Fred. He was always doing something for people,” Moyer said Tuesday.

Gantz retired as chief in 2002.

The next phase of his life included photography outside of police work and offering classes as an adjunct professor

at HACC Gettysburg Campus, Carroll County Community College, York College, Mount Saint Mary’s University, and University of Maryland.

Gantz preferred to teach without textbooks and use PowerPoint slides sparingly.

“There’s a difference between being educated and just having a degree,” Gantz told Hale.

Gantz began his interest in photography while working as a criminal investigator in the late 1970s. He captured everything from accidents to autopsies,

as well as visiting celebrities. His collection is archived at the Adams County Historical Society.

Gantz’s photography outside of his work encompassed a wide range, including nude models and Lincoln Highway artifacts. In 2018, he displayed photos he took along his travels of the Lincoln Highway at the Adams County Arts Council.

Funeral arrangements for Gantz are incomplete, according to Monahan Funeral Home. A complete death notice will be in a future edition of the *Times*.

Staff

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While staff overtime saw an increase in June, there was a decrease in May despite having 530 shifts to fill, documents showed. In those documents, there were 399 shifts stemming from vacancies and 34.5 shifts from block and firearms training. The prison budgeted \$75,892

for overtime for May and saved \$21,136 in costs, when the expenditure came in at \$54,756, according to officials.

As of June, the total overtime cost has reached \$367,229; \$910,706 was budgeted for the year, officials said.

Even though officials won’t disclose the extent of the staff shortage for June, the Adams

County Prison was fully staffed just seven months ago.

It had been years since the 45 Major Bell Lane facility had a full complement of 113 correctional officers and sergeants, according to officials.

“It was maybe three years ago,” Lt. Larry Snyder said in December. Snyder is now deputy warden of security and

operations.

Following an executive session Tuesday, the prison board approved altering the employee pre-screening process.

Hileman said the hope is to remove “some barriers” of getting applicants into the prison.

Currently, she said it takes about two months from the application process to getting

staff in the prison. After an application goes in, Hileman said the process calls for closed testing and background checks, interviews, and then two weeks’ notice to be provided to an employer.

With the new process, Hileman hopes it will take about a month to put people to work in their positions at the prison.

Adams County Solicitor Molly Mudd said applicants can go through a new portal from the Adams County Human Resources Department, which involves fewer steps.

Adams County Commissioner Vice Chairman Jim Martin called the new process “more streamlined.” Martin is the chair of the prison board.

Bills

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payment and a charge for late payment, he said.

The proceeds are to fund projects mandated by the federal Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) program, which hits municipalities with significant fines if they fail to reduce runoff, erosion, and other sources of water pollution.

The borough’s engineer,

Chad Clabaugh of the Gettysburg-based C.S. Davidson firm, has estimated armoring stream banks, installing rain gardens, and other MS4-related projects could cost the borough more than \$188,000 annually for five years.

Extensive information is available on the borough’s website, www.gettysburgpa.gov/gettysburg-borough-storm-water-authority-gbswa. Also, the borough posted a

video titled “Gettysburg Borough — Stormwater Management and MS4 Program” on YouTube.

The GBSWA board was unanimous in adopting rates, rules, and regulations during its regular meeting Monday, Gable said. Board members also authorized borough staffers to apply for grants.

Bills are based on each property’s equivalent residential units (ERU). The GBSWA

defines one ERU as “the statistically estimated impervious area found on the average single-family residential parcel.” In theory, each ERU is \$100. The actual rates are: up to 1,249 square feet is regarded as one-half of an ERU; 1,250 to 3,749 square feet is regarded as one ERU; and larger properties are billed at one ERU per each 2,500 square feet.

Some connections to the borough storm water system

are illegal. For example, “gray water from your washing machine should not go into the storm drain,” Gable said. Violators can be fined, he said.

The borough council, which also met Monday, took a step toward expanding the duties of the borough Code Enforcement Appeals Board to include appeals related to the GBSWA. The council authorized the drafting of an ordinance for future adoption.

The council enacted an ordinance creating the GBSWA in November.

Info

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documents, credit cards, and checkbooks from unattended vehicles in areas where people would be more likely to leave their purses in their vehicles, said police.

FLG members then use the stolen checks and IDs to withdraw large sums of money at multiple banks before the victims can close their accounts, police said.

These thieves strategically choose the farthest window from the teller, in bank drive-thru lanes, to impersonate the customer using the stolen ID, according to police.

This drive-thru lane is commonly known as the “felony lane,” thus coining the name of this criminal enterprise.

Police ask anyone with information about the break-ins to contact Adams County emergency dispatchers at 717-334-8101.

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