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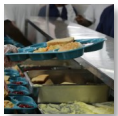
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## *Election Day November 5th*

The Election Office, in their new location on the first floor of the Adams County Department of Emergency Services, is reporting very brisk business with registrations, mail-in applications, and early voting. Additional resources have been expended to assist and supplement given the demand. Depending on the time-of-day, voters may have a wait time. The convenience of parking and the size of the DES lobby has been a significant improvement for residents - even though the scope of this election is very robust. There is no drop box in the lobby, but voters can turn their completed ballot to elections office personnel at the window where it will be tabulated on election day or utilize the drop box on the first floor of the Adams County Courthouse.

New voter registration has ended. Mail and absentee requests for a ballot application ends October 29. All ballots must be returned by November 5 (Election Day) by 8PM. Please note there are no exceptions including those returned by USPS! A reminder that Cumberland Township polls 3 & 4 have temporarily moved to the former Gettysburg Country Club while the township offices are being renovated.





Working in the Elections Office, or at a poll, especially during a Presidential Election can be very stressful and taxing. On behalf of the Adams County Board of Commissioners, we thank and applaud these individuals for their contribution to this plank of our democracy and ask that voters be courteous, patient, and thank these individuals for their service!

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## **Allied Veterans Program November 11**

The Allied Veteran's Council of Adams County invites the public to attend their annual Veterans Day program on Monday, November 11. The program is held at the Gettysburg American Legion and begins at 11:00AM with music by the Apple Core Band. After the indoor program, the group moves outside for the calling of names and ringing of the bell. For those that have previously attended, you already know this is a very poignant ceremony of remembrance to enjoy and reflect. You will find attending is a worthwhile experience remembering and honoring our veterans. I hope to see you there!

Also, all Adams & York County veterans are invited to a free bus excursion to the Air & Space Museum in Chantilly, VA. on Thursday, November 7. Meet at the Hanover Elks at 7AM. Advance registration is required. Registration forms are available at any Adams/Hanover veterans club or you may call Bob Miller at 717-676-6180 or email him at [rw-millercpa@hotmail.com](mailto:rw-millercpa@hotmail.com)

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## **IT Deploys ADA Improvement**

The Information Technology Department recently deployed a new ADA toolset to the Adams County website. This provides accessibility adjustments based on the appropriate accessibility profile for the individual. Some of the profile adjustment options include seizure safe, vision impaired, ADHD friendly, cognitive disability, keyboard navigation, and blind users. Those accessing the County website can utilize this tool by clicking the "stick figure image" in the bottom right-hand corner while on the County website. <https://www.adamscountypa.gov/>

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## **Adams County 4-H Benefit Auction**

The Adams County 4-H Auction raises funds to pay 4-H members annual fees as well as providing scholarships to members. This year's event will take place Friday, November 1, at Redding's Auction Service. Doors open at 5PM and both the Silent & Live Auction begins at 6PM. The auction includes antique, new and handmade items plus gift certificates. Food will be available. Bid early and often so you can outbid Commissioner Martin.

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## **New Adams County Prison Food Service Contract Awarded**

Food service is a very important element in any prison setting. It has an impact on culture and behavior. Because prison staff stays within the secure complex meals are also provided to them. Providing food service is a very costly line item. The contracts are normally for 3 years. On 10/16/24 the Adams County Commissioners awarded the Adams County Adult Correctional Complex (ACACC) Food Services Operations Contract to Summit Food Services, LLC, a subsidiary of Elior North America. As a result of a duly advertised public bidding process, three (3) proposals were received and carefully reviewed by the County. Summit was determined to be the lowest responsible bidder, offering the County the lowest base bid cost, thirty years of experience in correctional food service, and the highest quality in USDA-inspected food and services. The scope of Summit's services will include provision of meals to all inmates and staff, maintenance of the ACACC's kitchen facilities and supervision of inmate kitchen workers, maintenance of a grab-n-go market in the Officer Dining Room, and the Outside/Inside program, which allows family and friends of inmates to



purchase premium meals for inmate consumption. The term of the contract is three (3) years, effective December 1, 2024, through November 30, 2027.

## Turn Those Clocks Back on November 3rd!

There are just two weeks until two crucial events on the American calendar: *Election Day November 5* and the end of *Daylight Savings Time November 3<sup>rd</sup>*.

Unless you live in Hawaii or Arizona, or one of five U.S. territories that have enough sunshine to spare, the twice annual time change is set to end on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The clocks for most Americans will “fall back” an hour until March, to allow for more daylight in the mornings. Don’t know about you – but I would rather have my sunshine in the evening?

## The End

- **One Night In Memphis.** Tonight, 7:30 at the Majestic Theater. On December 4, 1956, music history was made when Carl Perkins, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, and Elvis Presley gathered at Sun Records in Memphis for an impromptu jam session. I have seen a similar show, Million Dollar Quartet several times, and the music is fabulous. The musician portraying Jerry Lee Lewis on the piano normally steals the show. Tickets are \$45-60. I may see you at the Majestic!
- **Cinema Under The Stars: Psycho.** This Saturday evening 8PM on the Lutheran Seminary lawn. Live music begins at 7PM. Psycho is a 1960 American horror flick icon produced and directed by Alfred Hitchcock. The event is free to the public. Bring your lawn chair, blanket, and refreshments. Dress warmly and bring appropriate beverages!
- **National First Responders Day - WW2 Experience.** October 26-28. In observance of National First Responders Day, the WW2 Experience is offering free admission to the individuals who put themselves in harms way to keep our nation safe. 845 Crooked Creek Road, Gettysburg.
- **Community Concert – Sunderman Conservatory of Music.** Saturday 8PM-9:30PM. Recital featuring voice students of the Sunderman Conservatory. Event is free and open to the public. Sunderman Conservatory, Gettysburg College Campus.
- **Beyond The Battle (ACHS) First Responder Free.** All first responders get free admission on Monday, October 28.
- **Encounters With History: The Town of Gettysburg Walking Tour.** Saturday, October 26, 9AM – 4PM. Tour the northern part of Gettysburg with your Gettysburg Licensed Town Guide, break for lunch and the tour the southern portion of Gettysburg with a guide. There will be introductory talks before each tour and the walks will be of moderate pace. Tour begins and ends at the National Park Visitor Center. Cost is \$110. Make your reservation at [www.gettysburgfoundation.org](http://www.gettysburgfoundation.org).
- **Halloween On The Hill – Strawberry Hill.** Saturday, 5:30PM – 10PM. A night of spooky family fun. Scavenger hunt, learn about things that go bump in the night, campfire with s’mores, children’s stories, meet Strix the barred owl, family friendly crafts, and a late outdoor movie Night of the Living Dead. Bring a blanket or lawn chair. \$5 pp or \$20 for the whole family.
- **Mortuary Practices: How the Civil War Changed the Death Profession.** Adams County Historical Society. Wednesday, October 30 at 7PM. Two funeral professionals will be discussing the history of embalming practices in the United States and how the civil war played a vital role in the death care profession. Ticketed event at \$10.
- **Childrens Halloween Parties.** Both the Gettysburg VFW and the Greenmount Fire Department are having Children’s Halloween parties on Saturday, from 5PM – 8PM. The VFW will feature a kids movie night. Gettysburg Presbyterian Church is having a Childrens Trunk or Treat on Sunday from 3-5.

**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!**