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November 7th General Election

Tuesday's General Election went very smoothly in Adams County. It was a simply gorgeous weather day with 32.53% turnout. Of 71,181 registered voters, 23,153 voted, with 6,710 of those voters using mail-in ballots. Thank you to Vickie Corbett, Robin Fitzpatrick, and Jim Waybright for stepping into the role as the Adams County Board of Elections since all 3 commissioners were candidates.

This was the first election since the Adams County Elections office moved to the Adams County Department of Emergency Services (911 Center). Dropping off ballot boxes and paperwork by driving through the garage bay doors was an improvement according to poll officials and staff. With a few tweaks inside the election office, we should be ready for the anticipated volume of the Presidential Election in 2024 that we know is coming at us!



Oak Lawn Fall Clean-Up

Last Sunday Adams County Maintenance and Community Volunteers turned out for Oak Lawn Cemetery Fall Clean-up. It was a beautiful day to do some detail maintenance work on the cemetery. Five prison inmates volunteered to help out and they were very much appreciated helping maintenance remove numerous dump truck loads of brush from dead trees previously cut. Although the cemetery looks pretty good driving by at 50 mph - when you look under the veneer there is a lot to do! Volunteers picked up debris, pulled weeds, mulched, and trimmed around markers that have grass and sod impacting them. The mausoleum and the grotto especially were transformed from looking overrun with vegetation to very presentable.

Prior to the cemetery being turned over to the Oak Lawn Foundation, hopefully within the next year, the plan moving forward in the near future is to demolish the structurally unsound old maintenance building and put up a new basic structure with approx. 800 sq. ft that will contain an administrative office, records storage room and storage for markers and equipment.

Thank you to Cindy Codori-Shultz for coordinating the volunteer effort, Adams County Maintenance and all the other volunteers that made a difference at Oak Lawn Cemetery last Sunday!

Veterans Affairs Sponsors Health Care Enrollment Fair

This past Wednesday Adams County Veteran's Affairs, along with the VA Medical Center, Harrisburg Vet Center, and WWII Experience Museum, sponsored a VA Benefits Fair at the museum. The event included refreshments and a free tour of the museum. I stopped by the event and was impressed by this outreach to veterans. A shout out to Adams County Veterans Affairs & *WWII Experience* for hosting these events!

Penn State Extension Education Opportunity

Do you like to entertain? Do you want to switch up your ordinary meal routine? Then *Let's Cook Charcuterie Boards* is for you if you answered yes to any of these questions! Charcuterie boards can make a fun family meal or can serve as a creative appetizer. Learn the basic steps to create an exciting board and practice creating condiments from scratch together with Penn State Extension Educators. Space is limited - preregistration is required! Sign up online at extension.psu.edu/lets-cook-charcuterie-boards or call 877-345-0691. See all the cooking classes Penn State Extension offers at extension.psu.edu/lets-coo.

Blue Star Memorial Ceremony Re-dedication

It is hard to believe that 10 years have passed since the Gettysburg Garden Club dedicated two Blue Star memorial Markers in Gettysburg – one in front of the Court House, and one at Evergreen Cemetery. In honor of Veterans' Day this year, on Wednesday, the Gettysburg Garden Club celebrated the 10th anniversary of that event by laying wreaths at both markers. All 3 commissioners and the Veterans Affairs Director Stan Clark participated in the wreath laying in front of the Court-house. A shout out to the Gettysburg Garden Club for their role in keeping the remembrance of our veterans and their families alive!



Glass Recycling Ribbon Cutting

Glass re-cycling has finally arrived in Adams County. This past Saturday, the ribbon was cut at the fenced receiving area in the Adams County Department of Emergency Services parking lot and the first bins of glass were received and dumped. Winter hours will be from 9-12 on the 1st Saturday of every month. Expanded hours will be announced at a future date.

The glass receiving site is located at 230 Greenmyer Lane, Straban Township. Follow the signs to the rear of the DES building. Expanded Spring/Summer hours are expected to be announced on Earth Day, April 20, 2024. Volunteers will be at the site during those hours to assist residents.

Absolutely no dumping or leaving glass outside the fenced area during non-operational hours is permitted. Residents are encouraged to bring glass bottles and jars to the site for recycling. Glass containers should be empty and free of hazardous residue. For safety reasons, it's preferable, but not required, that the containers not be broken. Only glass bottles and jars will be accepted. No plate glass, mirrors, auto glass, porcelain, crystal, or china are allowed.



The **End**

- **Adams County Allied Veterans Day Program** at Gettysburg American Legion. Saturday 11:00 AM. Public invited. The program will include a prayer, a moment of silence, three volley salute, the sounding of Taps and a display of the Missing Man Table. Lt. Col. Edward Cooper is the featured speaker. The Apple Core Band will provide a selection of patriotic music.
- Gettysburg Community Theater featuring **Senior Moments**. A collection of short plays and songs performed by young at heart actors. Friday 7PM and Saturday & Sunday 2PM. \$15 online and \$20 at door.
- **St Francis Xavier Gift Fair & Holiday Bazaar**. Saturday 8-2:30PM. Xavier Center Table Rock Road. Breakfast & Lunch served.
- **History at the Cigar Pit**. Join Licensed Battlefield Guides sitting around the firepit with cigars for an open format discussion of Robert E. Lee and the decision to make Pickett's Charge. Rupp House Lawn. 451 Baltimore Street. 7PM.
- **Serpents of War – An American Officers Story of Combat and Captivity in WW1**. Beyond the Battle Museum. Saturday 7PM. Free for members and \$10 for non-members. **Eternal Words: Lincolns Gettysburg Address in Perspective**. Luncheon with esteemed historian Harold Holzer in conversation with filmmaker Jake Boritt and they discuss the enduring significance of Lincoln's speech. Tuesday 12PM Adams County Historical Society. Cost \$40 members \$50 non-members.
- **Frisson Ensemble Classical Music**. Emerging stars with winds, piano trio, and piano quartet + oboist. Engaged through the Gettysburg Community Concert Series. Tuesday 7:30PM. Cost \$20 and free under 18 or college ID.
- **Elvis Tribute Artist Taylor Brown**. Core Kitchen. Saturday, November 18, 6PM. This is a 3-hour event. Cost \$20-100.
- **Thanksgiving Pop-Up Market**. Adams County Farmers Market. Gettysburg Recreation Park. Saturday, November 18. 10:00-2:00PM.
- **21ST Annual Remembrance Day Illumination in Gettysburg National Cemetery**. Saturday, November 18, 5-9PM. Free and open to the public.
- **Songs and Stories of a Civil War Hospital**. Christ Lutheran Church, 30 Chambersburg Street. Saturday, November 18 & December 2nd. Prelude 7:30PM. Performance 8PM. Free and public invited.
- **67th Annual Remembrance Day Parade**. Middle Street, Baltimore Street and Steinwher Avenue. 1PM. Sat, Nov 18th.
- **Dedication Day Ceremony: 160TH Anniversary of the Gettysburg Address**. Sunday, November 19th, Soldiers National Cemetery 10:15AM

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!