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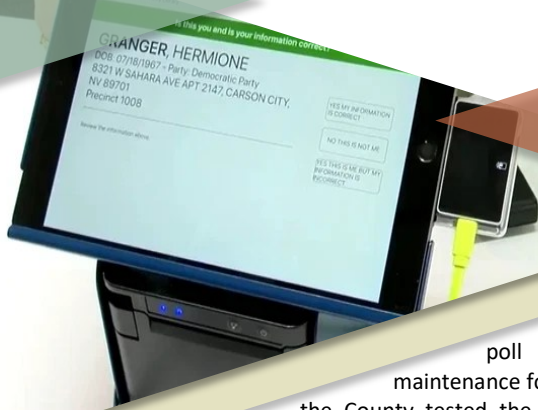
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Community Foundation "Giving Spree"

The 15TH Adams County Community Foundation Giving Spree is back in-person on Thursday, November 6, at the Wyndham Hotel from 3-7PM. Can you imagine the quality of life in Adams County without some of these non-profits? The giving keeps increasing and breaking previous records each year. In fact, it has become one of the largest per capita giving days in the nation. It is a time when our Adams County community comes together to support non-profits and give them a financial boost.

Donations generally break down into Today Donations and Forever Donations. The Community Foundation also provides an *Incentive Match* to increase the impact of donations to organizations. adamscountycf.org or 717-337-0060. Donate online, in-person drop-off or mail-in donation available.



Poll Pad Rollout at all Polling Places for General Election

Previously, the Board approved the purchase of 102 electronic poll pads, printers and 3-year licenses and maintenance for a total cost of \$227,460. In the Primary Election the County tested the poll pads with two pads at eight different polling locations. The poll pads were overwhelmingly well received by voters and poll workers. Poll pads have been certified by PA Secretary of the Commonwealth Al Schmidt for use in elections as of April 15, 2025. The cost of the poll pads is covered by the Act 88 Election Integrity Grant Funds.

For the November 4 General Election, Poll Pads as a voting option will be located at all of Adams County's 51 voting precincts. The pads will streamline the voter check-in process and reduce the number of phone calls to the election office on Election Day. The ticket prints out the name and address of the voter to help the poll worker with the number list of voters so there is no more guessing the spelling of their name. The entire Adams County data base is on every poll pad, therefore if the voter shows up at the wrong polling place, they can print out a ticket with the address of their correct poll.

It is also worth reiterating that the Adams County Voting System DOES NOT collaborate with the internet! **GET OUT THERE AND VOTE ON NOVEMBER 4.**

Air Methods Presentation Recognizes Board

Air Methods is the organization that provides the WellFlight Helicopter Service that is based at the Adams County Department of Emergency Services. As part of the 5-year anniversary of the Air Methods WellSpan WellFlight 2-8 medevac program in Adams County, WellSpan presented a really nice plaque with a blade of the rear rotor, to the Board of Commissioners, to honor the County's commitment to establish this life saving resource to the citizens of Adams County and the surrounding area. This Board believes that we have no greater responsibility than to provide for the health, safety and welfare of our residents, and would like to reciprocally thank WellSpan for their support of this critical resource!

Adams Regional EMS Building Project

Adams Regional EMS serves roughly $\frac{3}{4}$ of all municipalities in Adams County with emergency medical response. AREMS is a local non-profit that has grown significantly in size and scope since its inception in 2015 as a collaboration between Gettysburg & United Hook & Ladder Fire Departments. Although now being dispatched from Gettysburg FD, United Hook & Ladder FD in New Oxford/Bonneauville, and Fairfield FD, administration has always been divided between the Gettysburg Fire Department & United Hook & Ladder Fire Department in New Oxford. This has proved workable, but not ideal for AREMS or the hosting fire departments.

AREMS has been diligently searching for a location for a dedicated permanent headquarters facility. At Monday's AREMS Board of Directors meeting, the Board voted to proceed with a new building facility at the site of the former Bonneauville Fire Company, which had been previously incorporated into United Hook & Ladder Fire Company.

While the new facility will certainly improve efficiency's for AREMS, it will not reduce the response time or response locations that are currently in place. A Spring 2026 groundbreaking is anticipated. We urge all municipalities and residents that AREMS serves, to support this important community initiative and resource. For more information or to support this project email alebo@arems.net or call 717-624-7456.

Adams County Allied Veteran's "Veterans Day" Program

Veterans Day is not just another holiday. To grasp the true meaning of what the day is about, consider attending the Adams County Veterans Day Program, November 11 at the Gettysburg American Legion. The program is organized by the Allied Veterans Council of Adams County. I guarantee you will be moved by the patriotic music, tribute to those Missing In Action, speakers and recognition of each service branch. The program then moves outside for the bell tolling for deceased County service members. That is followed by light refreshments and socializing in Legion Hall. The public is encouraged to attend – and I guarantee you it will be a fulfilling, enjoyable, solemn, inspirational and patriotic experience.



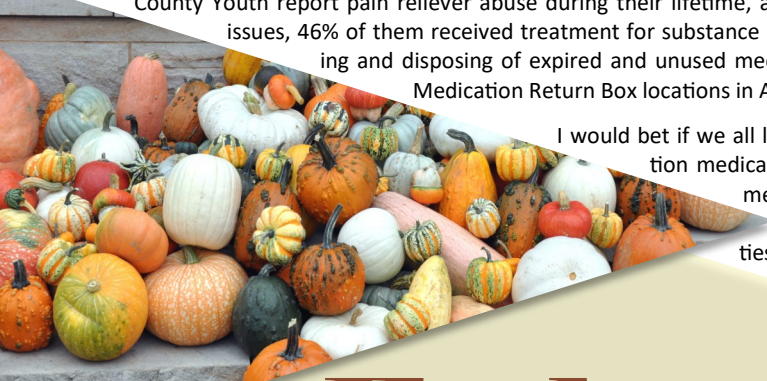
America250PA Bells Across PA

The 2026 America 250 celebration is only months away. Adams County entities are striving for 250 related events of all shapes and sizes in Adams County. All PA Counties are being requested to sponsor a 250 Bell in their county. Upon the recommendation of Adams County Planning, the Board approved \$10,000 to sponsor a bell in Adams County. The bell will be hosted at the ACHS Beyond the Battle Museum and will be on display to the public through December 31, 2026. The Bell will be included in the Bells Across PA Trail Map.

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day Tomorrow

For the past 14 years the Adams County Law Enforcement community has been a strong supporter of substance use prevention. 3.7 % of Adams County Youth report pain reliever abuse during their lifetime, and of Adams County residents who sought treatment for Behavioral Health issues, 46% of them received treatment for substance abuse. Everyone can help prevent prescription drug abuse by properly securing and disposing of expired and unused medicines at home by turning them in year-round at one of the 12 permanent Medication Return Box locations in Adams County.

I would bet if we all looked in our medicine cabinets, we would find unused and expired prescription medications. DO NOT flush them down the toilet. Dispose of all unused or expired meds, including pet meds, at a local collection site tomorrow, or contact Collaborating for Youth at 717-338-0300 for details including volunteer opportunities to help with this important initiative!



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- **Allied Veterans Adams County Veterans Day Program:** Tuesday, November 11, Gettysburg American Legion, 11:00AM.
- **Fall College Choir Concert:** Featuring each of the 4 college choirs, College Choir, Concert Choir, Audeamus, and Camerata. Held this evening, Gettysburg College Chapel, 8:00PM. Over age 18 \$5 for admission.
- **Orchard Springs Fellowship Annual Harvest Fest:** Free food and activities for kids and families, including hot dogs, cotton candy, hayrides, pumpkin painting and candy scrambles. Orchard Springs Fellowship, 2140 Carlisle Road, Aspers, PA. Check it out on Facebook!
- **Hollabaugh's Halloween Family Fun:** Saturday, October 25 from 10-1. The day is jam packed with pumpkin picking and painting, wagon rides and much more. Wagon rides 10:30-11:30. Recommended for kids under 10. Come in costume or as you are. Registration required to participate in all events \$12.
- **Mr. Ed's Annual Great Pumpkin Party:** Saturday, October 25, 12-3. Take it home pumpkin painting, goodie bags with candy for kids in costume. Giant pumpkin to be carved by professional pumpkin carver. Carmel apples to be sold to benefit SPCA. Carved pumpkins and art throughout the property. Free! Registration is not required.
- **Ride With Custer:** On Saturday, October 25, from 9:00-3:00, step back to the summer of 1863 and discover one of the civil war's most colorful and controversial figures – CSA Calvary Commander General George Armstrong Custer. The full day bus tour visiting key sites is led by LBG and Custer expert Jim Hessler, who will trace Custer's movement from Hanover and Hunterstown to Gettysburg. Includes boxed lunch at ACHS. ACHS Members \$90 Non-members \$110. 717-334-4273 Ext 101.
- **Springsteen: Deliver Me From Nowhere:** Opens at the Majestic Theater October 24. Portrays Bruce Springsteen's journey crafting his 1982 album "Nebraska", which emerged as he recorded "Born in the USA" with the E Street Band. Based on Warren Zanes book.
- **Little Women - The Musical:** Premier's Thursday, October 30 at The Majestic Theater. Presented by Gettysburg College Department of Theater Arts with the Sunderman Conservatory of Music. Performances 10/30 – 11/2. Tickets \$10 available on the Majestic Theater site.
- **International Gift Festival & Rug Event:** YMCA, Fairfield Road, November 5-8, 10-6. Handcrafted gifts, home goods, Christmas ornaments, teas and coffees, and artesian designed rugs. Supports the YMCA!
- **Free Veterans Bus Trip To Naval Academy:** On Thursday, November 6, join other veterans (+guest) for a free bus trip to the United States Naval Academy. Meet at Hanover Elks on Forney Avenue at 7AM. Advance registration is required. Registration Form at any Adams/Hanover veteran's club, or contact Bob Miller at 717-676-6180

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!