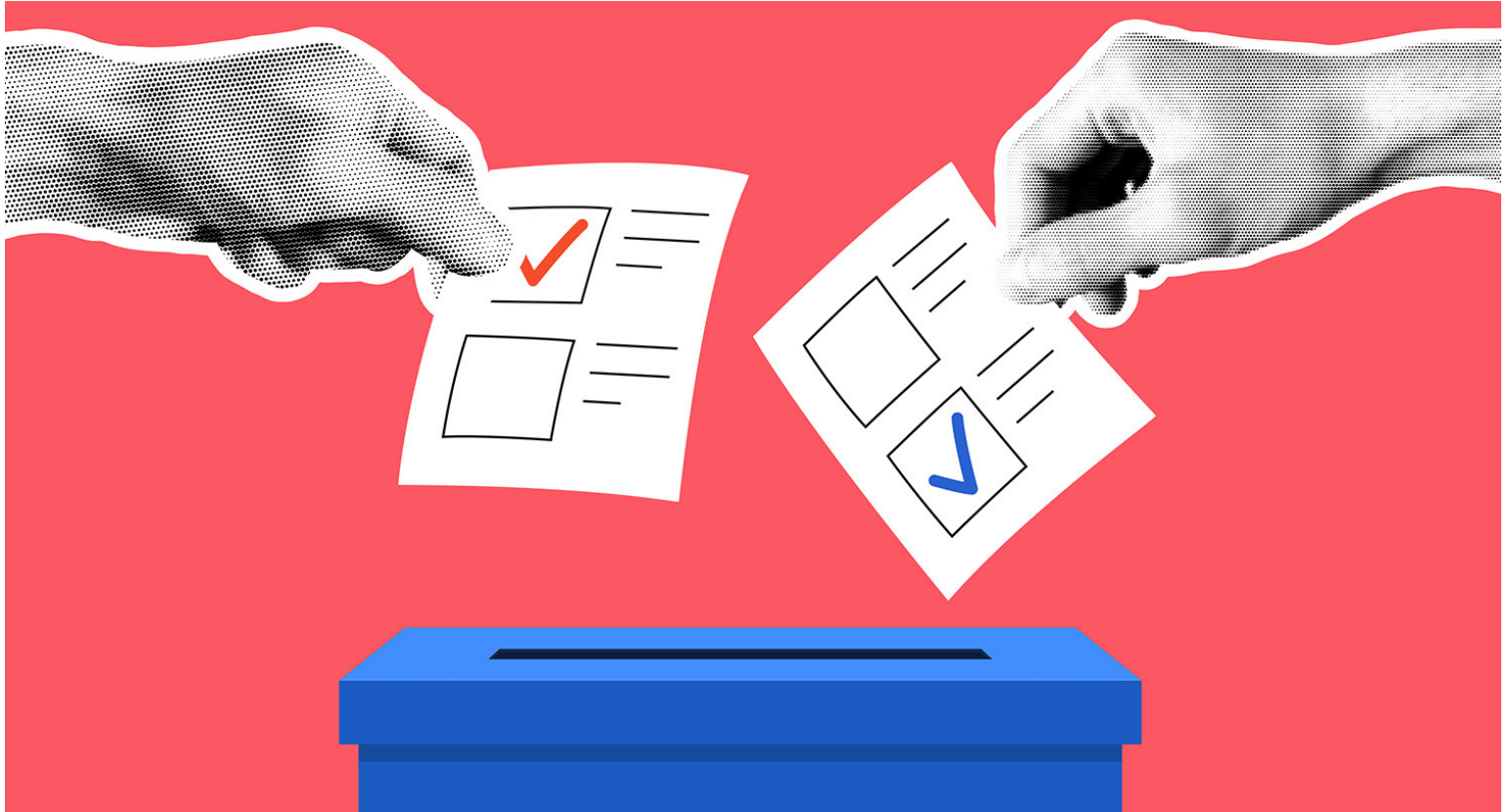


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What's New

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ADAMS COUNTY HOSTING
2026 PA. ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT ASSOC.
CONFERENCE

VOTE! - General Election ***Tuesday, November 3rd***

The General Election takes place in just over 1 week. Polls are open from 7AM-8PM. A reminder that all mail-in ballots must be received in the Elections Office by 8PM election day. Last day to obtain an Absentee Ballot is October 27.

There have been five changes in polling places since the previous election:

- Arendtsville Borough is now at Arendtsville Borough Office
- Butler Township is now at Butler Township Office
- Cumberland Township 3 & 4 back to Cumberland Township Office
- Littlestown 1 is now at Littlestown Borough Office
- McSherrystown 1 & 2 is now at McSherrystown Senior Center

Domestic Relations Presidents Award Recipient

Domestic Relations Executive Director Kelly Carothers was given the President's Award by the Domestic Relations Association of Pennsylvania (DRAP) during their conference last week. The President's Award is the highest award given by DRAP and it is given to the person whose achievements have won the admiration and respect of child support workers throughout Pennsylvania.

Kelly began her career in Clinton County, where she was initially hired as a juvenile probation officer, and was instead assigned to the Domestic Relations office. Since then, Kelly has dedicated her entire career to Domestic Relations, a combined 32 years in Clinton, Cumberland and Adams Counties. She has been a part of Adams County DRS for 19 years and in the Executive Director role for the past 14 years. Her encyclopedic knowledge of all things child support related is nearly unmatched across the Commonwealth. Aside from her family, Kelly is most proud of her collaborations with other county offices and organizations across the State to advance the Title IV-D child support program. This is exemplified by the Community Connections Event held during child support awareness month each year at the Human Services Building. This event brings together a myriad of providers throughout the County and State in support of families and children in our local community. Congratulations to Kelly for receiving this award recognition and her superior service to the residents of Adams County!

Watershed Alliance of Adams County Contributions Recognized

Last Thursday, during the annual tree distribution at the AG Center, the Adams County Conservation District and the Adams County Commissioners presented the Watershed Alliance of Adams County Conservation District's 2026 Conservation Stewardship Award. This award recognizes individuals, educators, engineers, contractors, elected officials, or organizations that have made significant contributions to conserving, protecting, and enhancing natural resources in Adams County, Pennsylvania. Since the Watershed Alliance of Adams County (WAAC) was founded in 1999, the Adams County Conservation District has been a close partner and has witnessed the extensive volunteer-driven conservation work accomplished through WAAC's efforts. These initiatives include watershed studies, land preservation, stream restoration, riparian buffer plantings, water quality and quantity monitoring, educational programs for students, the public, and elected officials, stream cleanups, and, most recently, the highly popular tree giveaway program called the Adams

The Adams County Planting Partnership is a joint initiative of Watershed Alliance of Adams County, the Adams County Conservation District, volunteers from Penn State's Master G and Master Watershed Stewards programs and the dedicated community at large to distribute and plant native trees and shrubs. The trees and shrubs are now all volunteer grown starting with collecting seeds and nuts as they mature, potting and nurturing them through the growing season, and ending with a fall seed distribution to Adams County residents to plant for the benefit of improved water quality and wildlife habitat. The Partnership recently distributed over 100,000 seedlings! This is just one example of how WAAC's efforts have strengthened community partnerships and have contributed to the long-term health of Adams County's natural resources.



Cumberland Township New Building Dedicated

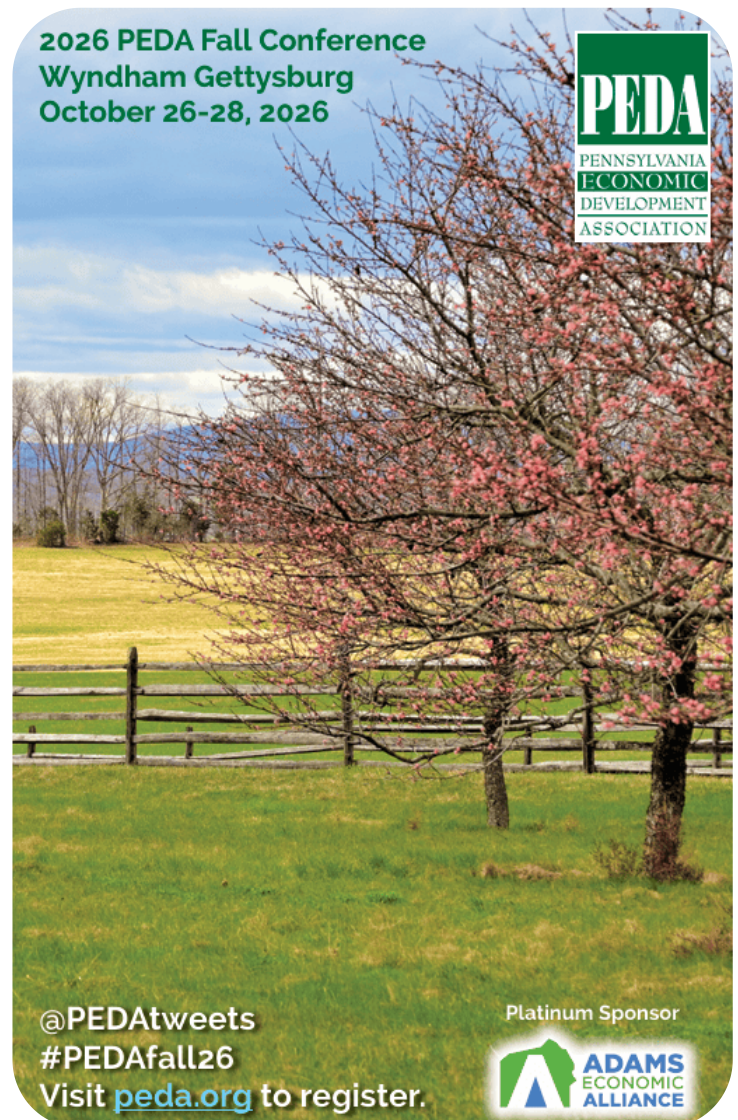
On Tuesday, all three Commissioners and the County Manager attended the ribbon cutting and tour of the new Cumberland Township office/police department complex. The project was 50% funded by grants. It was quite evident during a tour of the complex that this new complex was well planned from a public, administrative, technical and security perspective. I know that their staff put significant effort by visiting other similar venues to incorporate the best design for their operations. This building will effectively serve Cumberland Township for decades. Congratulations to Cumberland Township officials for their vision and efforts!

I know we have mentioned this before, but another recent and notable addition to a County municipality is the new Butler Township Municipal Office. Commissioner Martin and I were there for the groundbreaking. Butler Township residents will have a reason and opportunity to visit their new township building when they vote there on November 3.

Adams County Hosting 2026 PA. Economic Development Assoc. Conference

Adams County is pleased to host the 2026 PEDA Conference at the Wyndham Monday – Wednesday. The Adams County Economic Alliance, Adams County Planning, and Destination Gettysburg are key players in organizing the conference. The focus of this year's conference is striking a balance between growth and preservation. This is a subject that our board has been vocalizing since we stepped through the door. How do we sustain and honor our history and agrarian roots; while facilitating a sustainable tax base, jobs, education, commercial enterprises, housing and quality of life? I have noticed in the conference itinerary that many of the speakers are folks from Adams County that play an everyday role in maintaining this balance in our community.

I am honored to provide the PEDA welcome on Monday morning and am followed by keynote speaker, Adams County's own native son, PA Secretary of Agriculture Russell Redding. Listening to Russell's perspectives is always an enjoyable experience. I am glad I don't follow him! I may also hang around to hear what former Senior Planner, and now Commissioner, Mark Clowney has to say. A shout out of appreciation to all the local officials who have helped to pave the way and are participating in making this conference in Adams County a great success!



2026 PEDA Fall Conference
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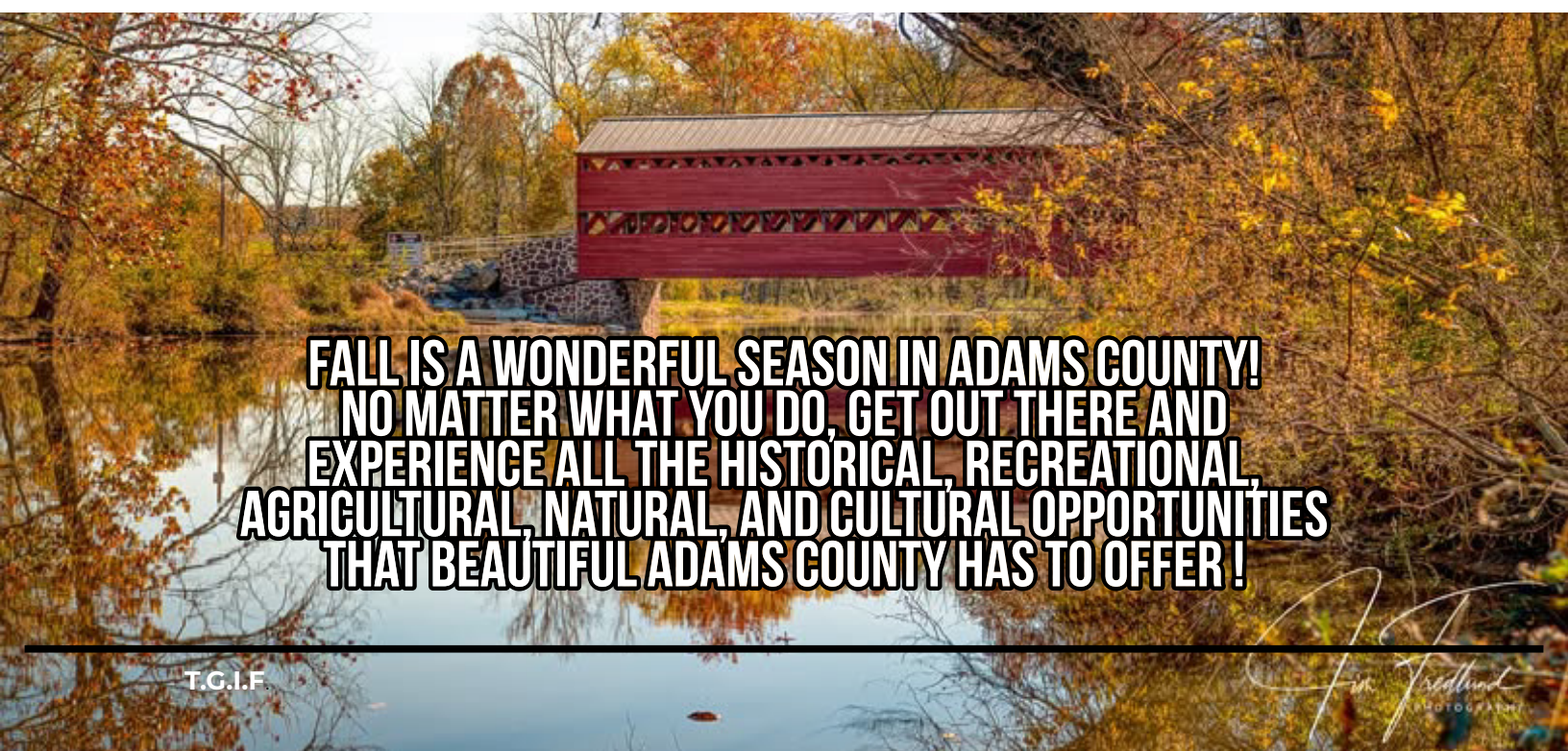
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The End

- **Adams County Community Foundation Day Of Giving:** The Giving Spree Live is on Thursday, November 5 at the Wyndham. This year the community can support more than 100 non-profits by mailing in, dropping off, or attending the live event from 3-7. What a wonderful and beneficial community event. See you there!
- **Uncle Abe – Common Image of the Uncommon Man:** Schmucker Art Gallery, Gettysburg College. Runs through November 22. The exhibit explores how Lincoln's image evolved into one of the most recognizable symbols in American history.
- **Annual Gettysburg Fall Cycling Weekend:** For all you cyclists this event centers around the Wyndham Hotel with scenic group rides with leaders. Ride utilizing GPS route links, cue sheets, meals, snacks, evening gatherings, and entertainment. Event takes place today, Saturday & Sunday. Go to biketoursbylinda@yahoo.com
- **Life of the Party – Live Comedian:** This Saturday for 2 performances the Totem Pole presents Johnathan Bruns – The Life Of The Party. Combines elements of vaudeville, standup comedy and circus performance. Performances at 2 & 7:30.
- **Picnic With A Purpose:** Hosted by Gettysburg Nature Alliance at the Sachs Bridge on Saturday, October 24 from 12-4. Family friendly with Hog Wild Catering, drinks, desserts, pumpkin painting, games, a hayride and other activities. Ticket sales support the Nature Alliance in their efforts to preserve and protect Adams County's natural landscapes and historic sites. For tickets and information go to GettysburgMuseumStore.com
- **Christmas In The Park:** Saturday, November 7, from 9-3 at Crouse Park in Littlestown. Vendors, food trucks, music and Santa from 11-1. Also story time and a coloring tent.
- **New Oxford Harvest Day:** This Saturday from 10-4. There will be crafts, food, free kids' activity area with a parade at 3PM.
- **Owl & Nightingale Players "The Christians":** The Department of Theater Arts at Gettysburg College presents this play today and Saturday at 7 and Sunday at 2PM. Admission to the Kline Theater is FREE and no tickets required.



**FALL IS A WONDERFUL SEASON IN ADAMS COUNTY!
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!**