



# Election Judge News

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**“It’s just what I always wanted. It’s perfectly right. It’s just what I always wanted. A Christmas delight!” - Debra Clinger as Elisa**

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## Save the Date!

Mark your calendars! Early Voting dates are May 2, 2024 through May 9, 2024. The Primary Election day is May 14, 2024!

We will be having training dates starting in March 2024 and are looking forward to seeing all of you back for another election cycle!

You may have noticed in your election judge packet, which hopefully you recently received, that the application is missing a space to mark Technical Judge and Greeter Judge. This is in error and we sincerely apologize! If either of these positions is your normal position or one you would like to sign up for this year, rest assured the position is still available and we do want you back!! Please simply write in the position, either Technical Judge or Greeter Judge and indicate that you would like to sign up for that position. If you have not received a packet already, please call the office at 240-313-2057 after the holidays when the office reopens, and we'll have one sent out to you!

## Election Judges Needed!

We need your help!! Help us get the word out that Washington County is looking for Election Judges! Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and X. Share and like our posts about election judges and help spread the word!!

If you know anybody who may be interested or who you think may be a great Election Judge, send them to our website:

[www.washco-mdelections.org](http://www.washco-mdelections.org)

and click on “Become an Election Judge.” Remember the pay raise this year!

## Training Center

Excerpts from Chapter 3– Voters with Disabilities and Cross- Cultural Communication

### 3.8 Voters with Physical Disabilities

A voter with a physical disability may choose to vote while sitting in a wheelchair or a chair.

- Ask before pushing or touching a voter’s wheelchair or other equipment. A wheelchair or other equipment is part of the voter’s personal space.
- Ask before helping. Grabbing someone’s elbow could throw the person off balance.
- If a voter struggles to open the door, ask if you can be of assistance. A voter with a physical disability might need to lean on a door while opening it. You might cause the voter to fall if you open the door too quickly.

again and there’s just enough time to head out for last minute pantry items and get this pumpkin bread in the oven!

## Teresa’s Mama’s Pumpkin Bread

Preheat oven to 350

1 2/3 cup sifted flour

1 tsp baking soda

1/2 tsp cinnamon

1/4 tsp salt

1 1/4 cup sugar

1/2 cup chopped pecans (optional)

1/2 tsp nutmeg

Mix all the ingredients above and set aside. In 2nd bowl combine:

2 eggs, lightly beaten

1/2 cup vegetable oil

1/2 cup water

1 cup canned pumpkin

And mix well. Add the dry ingredients. Mix just until blended. Spoon into a greased 9x5x3 loaf pan.

Bake for 1 hour and 15 minutes



## What’s for Dinner?

“What’s for Dinner?” has a winner! After a week on Facebook, you have voted with your emojis and given us a winner! The competition was heated, but the winner came in strong and the results were decisive! **Teresa’s Mama’s Pumpkin Bread** ran away with it at the end and was the clear winner! If you haven’t tried **Teresa’s Mama’s Pumpkin Bread** yet, there’s still time! Holidays are approaching once



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## 2024 Presidential Primary Election

### Early Voting:

May 2-9, 2024 7AM-8PM

### Election Day:

May 14, 2024 7AM-8PM

## 2024 Presidential General Election

### Early Voting:

October 24-31, 2024  
7AM-8PM

### Election Day:

November 5, 2024 7AM-8PM



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### A Memorable Tree!

One of my favorite Christmas memories each year was getting the Christmas tree. Every year many of my brothers and sisters would pile into the old station wagon and head out to "Farmer Jack's" to hunt down the perfect tree on his Christmas tree farm. I couldn't tell you where in New Jersey this Christmas tree farm was or what he normally charged for a tree or how many acres the farm was, but I'll never forget the experience and the trees we came home with every year!

Farmer Jack let us tromp all over the farm hunting down the perfect tree. He had many "perfect" trees; rows and rows of 6-8 ft symmetrical trees dotted the hillside of his farm, perfect for the corner or center of any normal household room. This was not what we were looking for! My brothers and sisters and I were always drawn to the one that would be hilarious and so ridiculous that we knew it had been just waiting for us to take it home. We had a room with a 13ft+ ceiling in it and we needed a tree to fill the space or we weren't ready for Christmas! Some years we found one that could be cut near the base and was good

enough but there were a few years in there that one of my older brothers would climb a huge and long forgotten tree and cut the perfect symmetrical top. This was one of those years.

After my brother and the tree were safely on the ground, it was up to us to heave it onto the roof of the car and tie it down. We tied it to the roof, but it was just for looks. The sheer weight of the tree usually meant it didn't move much on the car as slowly as we were driving anyway.

The car crept along the snowy backroads through a small town on the way home. We wound around a lake and came to a one lane tunnel. I remember hearing the branches scraping the walls of that tunnel, hoping we would fit as everyone in the car yelled out, "Hold your breath!" as if that would help. Long lines of cars would slowly drive passed us with their occupants staring, mouths gaping open, and usually pointing fingers at our tree.

We pulled into the driveway, and it was time to get this thing in the house. The trunk would often nearly fill the doorway and took half the family to pull it in, careful

not to break off important branches along the way. Pine needles were everywhere!

Finally, the tree was properly connected to a pulley system on the ceiling, just like in everyone else's house I imagine. We pulled on the rope until it was upright with the top foot or two poking out of a sky window and the trunk in a bucket or tree stand, whatever it would fit in.

The pine needles and mess were cleaned up, and it was time to get hot chocolate and enjoy a job well done! We had brought the forest in and successfully had the most unique tree in town, again.



### Trivia Question

Which claymation classic is this scene above from?

Answer below:

