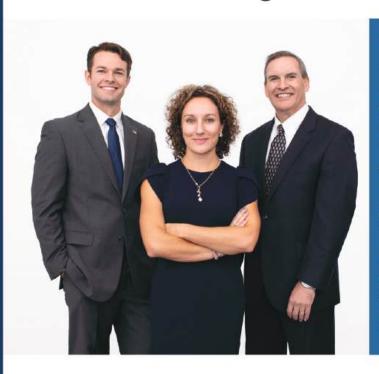


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It's hard to believe August is already here! It seems only a moment ago that grads walked across school stages, accepting their diplomas. But there's still a bit of summer left, so squeeze every drop of fun out of it! Get outside, spend time with friends and family, and create memories to cherish.

Although it is sad to see summer end, I also feel a little anticipation at this time of year. A new season is coming, which means new beginnings and fresh starts!

Each month, we get to feature residents in order to help you get to know your community a little better. This month, you'll meet Debbie Brashears. Be sure to check out her story on page 9.

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## Powering Through Eight Decades: Adams Electric

#### Cooperative Celebrates 85 Years of Community Connection BY JILL RICKLE

hen 65 concerned farmers and rural residents gathered in 1940 to form what would become Adams Electric Cooperative, they had a simple yet revolutionary vision: bring reliable electricity to their neighbors through the power of cooperation. Eighty-five years later, that same spirit of community partnership continues to light up south-central Pennsylvania.

#### From Humble Beginnings to Modern Marvel

It's 1940 and rural Pennsylvania families are still relying on kerosene lamps and wood-burning stoves while their neighbors enjoy the conveniences of electric power. The Rural Electrification Administration (REA), a federal program, changed everything. Those pioneering founders saw an opportunity and seized it, establishing Adams Electric Cooperative with headquarters in Gettysburg.

The cooperative's first milestone came swiftly. By 1941, they had secured their initial REA loan and began stringing those first crucial miles of power lines across Adams County. What started to serve 543 charter members is now a thriving cooperative powering over 34,700 homes, farms, and businesses across five counties: Adams, Cumberland, Franklin, Perry, and York.

#### The Co-op Difference: Power to the People

What makes Adams Electric truly special isn't just the electricity flowing through nearly 3,000 miles of power lines—it's the cooperative business model that puts members first. Unlike investor-owned utilities focused on shareholder profits, Adams Electric operates on seven fundamental cooperative principles that prioritize community benefit over bottom lines.

As a member-owned, not-for-profit organization, every consumer is also an owner, called members, with voting rights in the cooperative's direction. This means decisions are made locally by member-owners who don't just live and work in these communities—they're also the very people receiving the services. When you're both a member and an owner, you have a real stake in making sure things work right for your neighbors and yourself. When Adams Electric invests in infrastructure improvements or community programs, those benefits stay right here at home rather than flow to distant investors.

#### **Current Connections: Serving Today's Needs**

Today's Adams Electric looks remarkably different from the startup of 1940. The cooperative, still headquartered in Gettysburg (but at a new location), also maintains district offices in Shippensburg, and York, serving a diverse mix of residential, agricultural, commercial and industrial customers. With competitive rates that run about 18% below Pennsylvania's average, Adams Electric proves that the cooperative model delivers both value and reliability.

The cooperative has earned recognition for its commitment to customer satisfaction, recently receiving honors from the American Customer Satisfaction Index. But perhaps more impressive are the community programs that reflect those original cooperative values: Project Helping Hand provides assistance to members facing financial hardship, while the Community Loan Fund supports local economic development. Educational initiatives include high school scholarships, safety demonstrations, and youth leadership programs that inspire the next generation.

#### **Breaking Barriers: A Trailblazing Journey**

Some of Adams Electric's most inspiring progress comes through the courage of employees willing to break new ground. Cathy Waltz, of Littlestown, made history as the cooperative's first female employee to work "outside"—in the field, facing the elements and tackling the demanding physical challenges that come with maintaining rural electrical infrastructure.

Cathy's journey with Adams Electric began on March 14, 1988, when she was hired as a full-time switchboard operator and receptionist. But Cathy had bigger aspirations than answering phones! In 1992, she moved to the warehouse clerk position, gaining valuable hands-on experience with the equipment and materials that keep the lights on.

Her real breakthrough came in 2004 when Cathy transitioned to staking technician—a role that would take her directly into the field alongside the all-male line crews. Cathy found herself working storms in driving rain and bitter cold, staying out in harsh weather conditions for hours on end, and yes, even sleeping in her truck when emergency repairs demanded round-the-clock attention.









While some might have seen these challenges as hardships, Cathy saw it as an opportunity to prove that dedication and skill matter more than outdated stereotypes. Her willingness to tackle any assignment, weather any storm, and work shoulderto-shoulder with crews in the most demanding conditions helped pave the way for other women in the utility industry.

When Cathy retired in January 2021 after an incredible 33 years of service, she left behind more than just a stellar work record—she left a legacy of possibility. Her story reflects the broader evolution of Adams Electric itself: an organization willing to embrace change, value all contributions, and focus on getting the job done regardless of who's doing it. Her journey from receptionist to staking technician mirrors the cooperative's own growth from a small rural startup to the sophisticated utility operation serving our community today. Cathy Waltz proved that dedication and perseverance can power more than just our homes and businesses. They can power change itself.

#### **Looking Forward: The Next Chapter**

As Adams Electric celebrates this milestone anniversary, the cooperative continues evolving to meet tomorrow's energy challenges. From embracing renewable energy options to modernizing the electrical grid with smart technology, Adams Electric remains committed to the same principles that guided those 65 founders in 1940: democratic control, community concern, and cooperation among cooperatives.

The cooperative model that seemed revolutionary 85 years ago has proven its staying power. In an era of corporate consolidation and distant decision-making, Adams Electric remains steadfast in its founding principles of local control and community partnership. As they like to say, they truly are "The People Behind the Power."

#### **Celebrating Community Power**

Adams Electric Cooperative's 85th anniversary isn't just a celebration of eight decades in business—it's a testament to what communities can accomplish when they work together toward a common goal. From those first power lines strung across Adams County farmland to today's sophisticated electrical infrastructure, the cooperative has remained true to its original mission: providing reliable, affordable electricity while strengthening the communities it serves.

Here's to 85 years of lighting up lives and powering progress in south-central Pennsylvania. The future looks bright when the power truly belongs to the people.

Adams Electric Cooperative serves more than 32,000 members across Adams, Cumberland, Franklin, Perry, and York counties from its headquarters at 1338 Biglerville Road in Gettysburg. For more information about the cooperative's services and community programs, visit adamsec.coop or call 717-334-9211.

#### **Editor's Note**

As a retiree of Adams Electric Cooperative, I can personally attest to the incredible sense of purpose that comes from working for an organization truly committed to its community. During my years with the co-op, I witnessed firsthand how our member-focused approach made real differences in people's lives.

What strikes me most about this anniversary milestone is how Adams Electric has never lost sight of those founding principles from 1940. Whether it was responding to storm outages at 2 AM or celebrating a member's new business connection, we always knew we were serving neighbors, not just customers. The cooperative spirit isn't just a business model—it's a way of life that builds stronger communities one connection at a time.

Congratulations to Adams Electric on 85 remarkable years of keeping the lights on and the community spirit strong! •





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his month, we're sharing a remarkable story of resilience, reinvention, and relentless pursuit of dreams unfolding daily. Meet Debbie Brashears, a 47-year-old single mother whose journey from grease-stained coveralls to beauty school graduation reads like an inspiring testament to the power of adaptability and determination.

#### A Family Built on Strength

Debbie's family constellation tells a beautiful story of transition and growth. With five children ranging from 29 down to 14, she's watched her nest gradually empty as her four older children have built families of their own. Now, it's just her and 14-year-old Zechariah sharing their comfortable space near the police station, where everything they need is within walking distance.

"We moved here in 2015 for the security and convenience," she explains, noting how they downsized from a six-bedroom home to something more manageable for their current chapter of life. The neighbors are friendly,- exactly the kind of community atmosphere that works for this dynamic duo.

#### From Engines to Excellence

Growing up in the countryside as a self-described tomboy, Debbie was no stranger to getting her hands dirty. Building engines, racing fast cars, and mastering archery were all part of her adventurous upbringing. By age 19, she was already running her own auto shop, and later, she and her late husband built a successful mechanic and detailing business from the ground up in just six months.

"We had two Huskies that weren't very good guard dogs because they loved everyone," she laughs, "but they sure looked intimidating enough to give us a few seconds' head start!" Those were golden days - family, work, and play all beautifully intertwined.

But life had other plans. After her husband's passing and her layoff from Harley-Davidson on what everyone initially thought was an April Fool's joke, Debbie found herself at a crossroads. As a single mother, she needed stability and a fresh start.

#### The Unlikely Beauty School Student

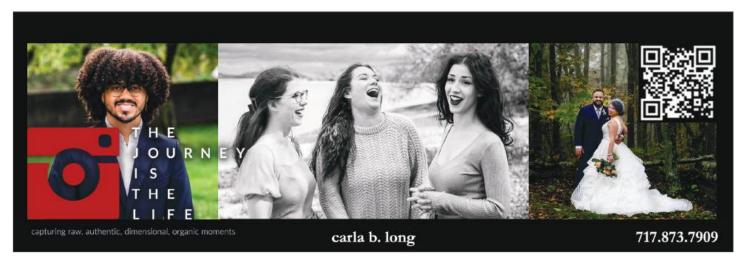
Picture this: a woman in steel-toe boots approaching a beauty school table at a job fair. When the recruiter suggested she'd make a great addition to their program, Debbie looked down at



her boots and laughed. But the recruiter's simple wisdom struck home: "Everyone needs a haircut!" "You know, you got a point!" Debbie replied, and off she went on an entirely new adventure.

Without knowing how to curl hair or apply makeup, she dove headfirst into cosmetology school. The transition wasn't without its amusing moments – like the time she had to trade her "beauty-school pretties" for steel-toe boots to ace a forklift certification class she'd forgotten she'd scheduled.

When her beauty school instructor questioned why she needed a forklift license to do hair, Debbie's response perfectly captured her adventurous spirit: "You never know what big idea dreams I might come up with." →





#### **Building a Legacy of Service**

Today, Debbie isn't just cutting hair - she's building an empire of education and community service. She earned her beautician's educator's license, specialized in men's cuts (drawing on her behind-the-scenes mechanical experience), and has styled hair for some impressive clients, including Harrisburg Official Scott Perry, Hershey Bears players and coaches, Penn State Hershey medical students, and head table members of Mattel.

But she didn't stop there. While running Debbie J's, LLC, she's also pursuing a Business Administration degree with a nonprofit focus at Southern New Hampshire University. Her philosophy? "Knowledge is power. Power is money. Money is helping strengthen the community!"

This mindset led her to found her own nonprofit and partner with the Hanover Area Council of Churches and Changing Lives Shelter, working to strengthen the community and "show the love of Christ through our works and talents."

#### Making Memories, One Adventure at a Time

Family time means adventure time for Debbie and Zechariah. Whether they're exploring Buttermilk Falls in New Florence, bouncing at trampoline parks in York, or traveling as far

as Jamaica, this mother-son team believes in experiencing everything life has to offer.

One particularly memorable winter adventure involved Zechariah's first sledding experience at Codorus. True to her "all or nothing" philosophy, Debbie suggested he try going down backwards for "the most fun you ever had." The result? A scream of terror so long and loud that Zechariah declared his sledding career over after reaching the bottom, saying his life had flashed before his eyes!

Despite the dramatic end to his sledding days, these moments capture what Debbie values most: taking photos and making memories while life unfolds around them.

#### A Family Legacy of Service

The family's commitment to service runs deep, with relatives having served in every branch of the military. Debbie's grandfather served in the Army as part of the OSS (the predecessor to the CIA), stationed behind enemy lines during World War II with the dangerous mission of treating enemy wounds while gathering intelligence.

This heritage of courage and service clearly influences Debbie's own commitment to her community and her fearless approach to life's challenges.

#### **Looking Forward**

As Debbie continues juggling haircuts and homework, running her business and nonprofit work, one thing remains constant: her enthusiasm for whatever comes next. When asked about her bucket list, her answer is refreshingly simple: "Yes."

Whether she's perfecting her pottery skills, practicing archery, or dreaming of mud bogging and dirt track racing, Debbie approaches each day with the same enthusiasm that carried her from steel-toe boots to styling success.

Her message to neighbors perfectly captures her outlook: "Life is short. Take photos and make memories."

In a world that often feels uncertain, Debbie's story reminds us that with determination, adaptability, and a willingness to embrace the unexpected, we can write remarkable new chapters at any stage of life.

From engines to education, from loss to renewal, she's proof that sometimes the most beautiful transformations happen when we're brave enough to step outside our comfort zones – steel-toe boots and all. •





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## From 9 to 5:

## A Workplace Comedy That Still Punches the Clock BY SHARON A. DORN

s the 75th Anniversary of The Totem Pole Playhouse's operation continues, Dolly Parton's Broadway hit, 9 to 5, is a smashing success. The show ran through July 6 and with a cast of twenty-five local and extraordinarily talented actors and crew.

First premiering as a hit film in 1980, the story follows the antics of a business wherein the culture is less than ideal, and not so subtly depicts a bit of reality for the times. The show represented working women's struggles in business and society at the time.

Three smart, capable, female employees (including one new hire) find themselves under the supervision of a chauvinistic boss within a toxic culture. Determined to implement change, they take matters into their own hands to teach their incorrigible boss a lesson. The result is a cultural redirection which leads to muchneeded employee empowerment.

However, some not so creative accounting practices are uncovered when the three co-conspirators physically remove the incorrigible boss from the organization in hopes that he will learn the error of his ways. In the end, and on their own, the women go on to create an empowering, more successful business model through cultural change resulting in greater employee satisfaction.

The serious, often exaggerated, and humorous jabs against female employees is not lost in the performance. However, the much needed and sometimes satiric solutions initiated by the





three women result in a changed culture, improved employee satisfaction, as well as a stronger bottom line.

To say that this show is dynamic is a vast understatement. The rapid set changes, palpable high energy, enlivening music, powerhouse vocals, and professional acting combine to evoke emotion (and especially for those of us who worked during that era – empathy).

"9 to 5 is the show our community has been asking for", says producing Artistic Director Ryan B. Gibbs. "It's smart, it's hilarious, and full of joy."

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## **Big Brothers Big Sisters of South**

Central PA Honored with 2024 Big Brothers Big Sisters of America Agency of The Year Award

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ig Brothers Big Sisters of South-Central PA has been recognized as a Big Brothers Big Sisters of America (BBBSA) Agency of the Year Award Winner for program and team excellence in 2024. Out of more than 230 agencies across the country, BBBSA selected Big Brothers Big Sisters of South-Central PA as one of four affiliate organizations to receive this top honor.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of South-Central PA received the 2024 Agency of the Year Award in the Mid to Large Agency affiliate size category on June 12th at the BBBSA National Conference. The award was given in recognition of the agency's 2024 accomplishments including serving 1,320 youth, the greatest number served in a single year across the past two decades; the acquisition of a neighboring affiliate, increasing their service area from 5 to 7 counties; development of the region's only Youth Leadership Summit; and quality of program services.

"We are deeply honored to be recognized as Agency of the Year. This achievement is a direct reflection of the unwavering dedication of our entire team: our passionate staff, committed board members, and the extraordinary volunteers who give so much of themselves. We're equally grateful to the parents and guardians who trust us, to our corporate and community partners and to our generous donors, whose belief in our mission fuels everything we do. This recognition belongs to our entire BBBS community, and together, we are making a lasting difference in the lives of young people."

Big Brothers Big Sisters of South-Central PA was also recognized at the BBBSA National Conference as one of 40 organizations to receive the Growth Award for program excellence in 2024. For close to 45 years, Big Brothers Big Sisters of South-Central PA has been dedicated to advancing program growth and quality services across the organization, making a lasting impact on the lives of young people. Today, the affiliate creates and supports one-to-one mentoring relationships, helping build self-confidence and emotional well-being and empowering young people on a path to graduate with a plan for their futures and a mentor whose impact can last a lifetime. •



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#### What Makes Gold Jewelry Authentic?

When it comes to gold, purity is key. But how do you know what's what? Enter karat ratings—these little numbers tell you just how much

pure gold is in your jewelry. It's quite simple: The higher the number, the purer the gold. For example, 24K gold is considered 99.9% pure, while 18K gold is 75% pure gold mixed with other metals for durability. The lower the karat, the less gold it contains.

Authentic gold jewelry often comes stamped with a hallmark, which lets you know the level of purity and the maker of the piece. For example, "750" indicates 18K gold (75% pure). Typically found inside rings or on clasps, these marks are the most reliable way to verify the authenticity of your gold jewelry. Look for these identifiers, as they can save you from a costly mistake.

Want to learn more about gold? Check out our blog post on why white gold needs rhodium plating—it's pretty interesting!

#### Real Gold vs. Fake Gold: Physical and Visual Clues

When it comes to spotting the real deal, the look and feel of gold can be a dead giveaway. Here's what to look out for when investigating a piece of jewelry:

#### 1. The Weight Speaks Volumes

Real gold feels heavier in your hand compared to fakes like brass or gold-plated jewelry, which are much lighter. If your piece feels surprisingly light or flimsy, it could be a sign that it's not solid gold.

#### 2. A Color That Lasts

Visually, gold tends to have a rich, warm glow, and its color is typically consistent. Gold-plated items, however, may have a shiny appearance at first but can show signs of wear as the gold layer wears off, exposing the base metal underneath. Over time, you might notice a change in color or a duller finish, which is a clue that your piece isn't solid gold.

#### 3. Gold is Highly Durable

Durability is another significant factor. Real gold doesn't tarnish quickly, while fakes, like gold-filled or brass jewelry, often show wear and tear after just a few months of regular use. If your jewelry starts to fade, discolor, or show scratches, it's likely not the genuine article.

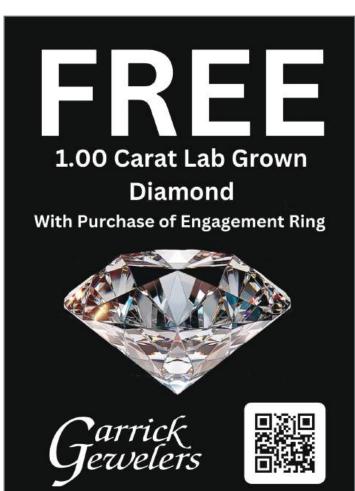
#### **Easy DIY Gold Testing Methods**

How do you know if gold jewelry is real? There are simple tests you can try at home to end your doubts. Let's dive into a few easy methods that you can experiment with:

#### **How to Test Gold with Vinegar**

One of the easiest ways to test your gold is by using vinegar. Gold doesn't react with vinegar, so if your piece is real, it should remain unchanged. Here's how to do it:

- 1. Clean your jewelry to remove any dirt or oils.
- 2. Drop a small amount of vinegar directly onto your gold piece.
- Wait for a reaction—if the gold doesn't change color or show signs of corrosion, it's real. If it does change color, the jewelry might not be pure gold.





#### The Magnet Test

Here's a simple test you can do with everyday items: a magnet. Real gold is not magnetic, so if your piece attracts the magnet, it's likely made of another metal, such as brass or copper.

#### **The Scratch Test**

This one's straightforward: the scratch test. Take your jewelry and scratch it against a piece of unglazed ceramic or a white tile. If the streak is gold in color, it's likely real gold. Fake gold, on the other hand, often leaves a black streak, as the surface layer is usually made of something else.

If the results from these DIY tests are unclear or inconclusive, it's best to have your jewelry professionally tested for absolute certainty.

#### The Gold Testing Kit: A Reliable Option

If DIY methods leave you with more questions than answers, it might be time to take it up a notch with gold testing kits. These kits offer a more accurate, reliable way to check if your jewelry is the real deal—and they come in two popular forms: acid testing kits and electronic gold testers.

#### **How Acid Testing Kits Work**

One of the most trusted ways to test gold is with an acid testing kit. These kits contain special acids that react differently with various karat levels of gold. To use it, you'll gently scratch the jewelry to expose a small bit of the metal, then apply a drop of the acid. Based on the reaction, you can figure out the gold's purity. A word of caution though: these acids can be a bit dangerous! Be sure to wear gloves and protective eyewear, and always work in a well-ventilated space to stay safe.

#### **Electronic Gold Testers: Non-Invasive and Convenient**

If you'd rather avoid any potential mess or risk, electronic gold testers are a fantastic option. These devices check the purity of your gold without harming your jewelry. They work by measuring factors like conductivity and are incredibly quick and easy to use. They're perfect if you're testing jewelry frequently or simply want a more tech-savvy solution that's kind to your pieces.

#### **Perfect for Frequent Testing or Collectors**

Gold testing kits are a game-changer if you're someone who frequently deals with gold—whether you're a collector, a reseller, or just someone who wants peace of mind. They're accurate, easy to use, and save you from running to a jeweler every time you need a guick check. They're a solid investment for anyone serious about their gold's authenticity.

#### **Debunking Common Myths About Testing Gold**

When it comes to testing gold, a few myths arise. These misunderstandings can lead to some pretty misleading conclusions if you aren't careful. Let's set the record straight on a few common ones.



#### **Real Gold Always Sinks in Water**

One of the most persistent myths is that real gold will always sink in water. The logic behind this is that gold is heavy and dense, so it should sink, right? Well, not always. While solid gold typically sinks, thin gold pieces or jewelry with a hollow core might float or hover just below the surface. So, while gold has a high density, this test can still be misleading for certain pieces.

#### **Pure Gold Never Scratches**

Another popular myth is that pure gold never scratches. While it's true that gold is a relatively soft metal compared to others, it can scratch—especially if it's 24K, which is often too soft for daily wear. Even gold jewelry, particularly the higher karat varieties, can get scratched over time. So don't be too quick to dismiss a piece based on a few scratches—it could still be genuine gold.

#### Relying on Just One Test Can Lead You Astray

Relying solely on one test can give you a false sense of security. For instance, the magnet test may tell you that a piece isn't real gold, but it could still be gold-filled or plated. Similarly, the vinegar test might be a good indicator, but it won't tell you exactly how pure the gold is. It's always best to use multiple tests to get a more complete picture.

#### **Wrapping Things Up**

So, how to tell if gold jewelry is real? You need first to understand the purity and compositions of gold and then learn which test you can rely on. Whether through DIY methods like the vinegar or magnet tests or professional tools such as gold testing kits, you can feel confident about determining if your gold is genuine.

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If you've read this far, it's clear you have a genuine interest in jewelry. Take it a step further with our comprehensive guide on the difference between karat and carat.



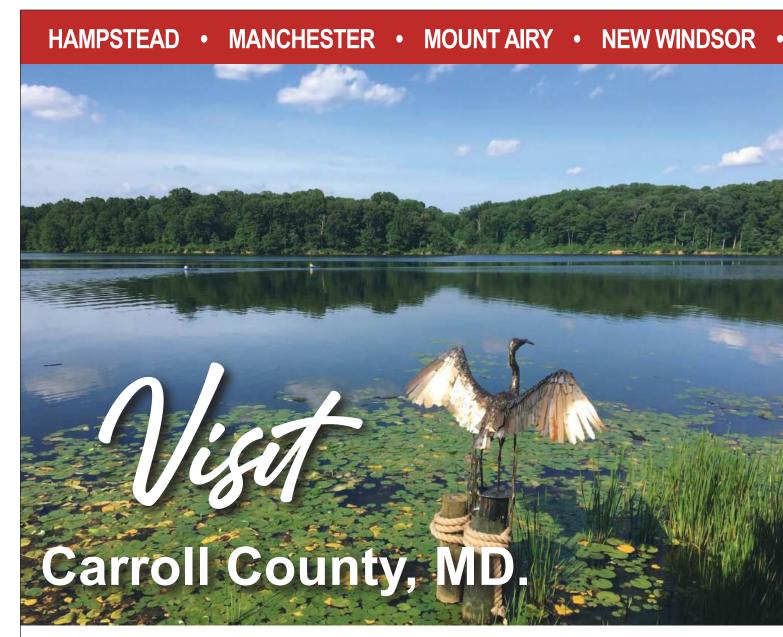
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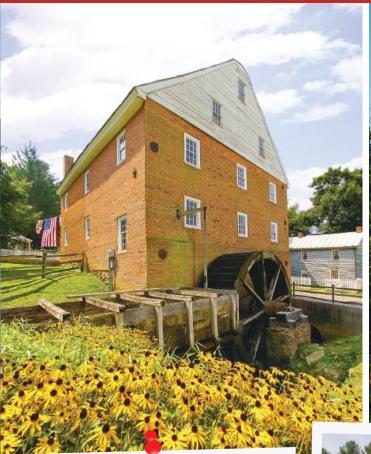


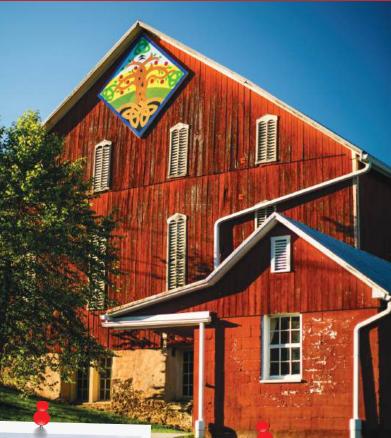


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@Carroll County Agriculture Center, 706 Agricultural Center Dr., Westminster, MD 21157

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Time: 8:00 AM Cost: Free

More Info: carrollcountytourism.org

#### Sat., Aug. 16

#### **Mead-Making Class**

@Dawg Gone Bees, 7 Center Square, Hanover, PA 17331

You will mix and take your first batch home to finish. Topics Covered: History of mead equipment and supplies; Honey and fruit mead making process; Fermentation, Aging, storage, and bottling Recipes Q&A session.

Time: 2:00 PM Cost: \$75.00

More Info:dawggonebees.com

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#### The U.S. Army Band

@Majestic Theater, 25 Carlisle St., Gettysburg, PA 17325

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More Info: gettysburgmajestic.org

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#### **Educational Speakers Series - Bo Brinkman** @G.A.R. Building. 53 E. Middle St., Gettysburg, PA 17325

Historical Gettysburg Adams County Preservation Society presents writer, actor and director Bo Brinkman, and founder of the Gettysburg Film Commission, will give listeners an advance look his newest project: "A Gettysburg Christmas 1863," which will recount the first Christmas after the historic battle. The film is a follow-up to his "Gettysburg Christmas" movie filmed in Gettysburg in 2023. Fans of the 1993 film "Gettysburg" will know Brinkman from his role as Major Walter Taylor.

Time: 7:00 PM (doors open at 6:30)

Cost: Free

More Info: hgaconline.org



#### Thurs., Aug. 21

#### **Red Cross Blood Donation**

@Hanover Bowling Centre, 1630 Broadway, Hanover, PA 17331 or United Hook & Ladder Co.33, 21 N. Bolton St., New Oxford, PA 17350

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and 1:00 PM in Hanover More Info: redcrossblood.org

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Time: 11:00 AM Cost: Free

More Info: summersarmy.com

#### Sat., Aug. 23

#### **Carroll County Kidz' Funfest**

@Carroll County Farm Museum, 500 S. Center St., Westminster, MD 21157

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More Info: local.aarp.org

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#### Hanover, PA 17331

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Time: 11:00 AM

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More Info: hanoverexchangeclub.com

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#### @Penn State Extension Adams County, 670 Old Harrisburg Rd., Gettysburg, PA 17325

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Time: 10:00 AM Cost: \$15.00

More Info: extension.psu.edu

#### Wed., Sept. 3

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starting at 6:30 PM

Cost: Free

More Info: hanoverpahistory.org

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#### Mason Dixon Historical Society 63rd Gas & Steam Roundup

#### @Carroll County Farm Museum, 500 S. Center St., Westminster, MD 21157

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Time: 7:00 AM Cost: Free

More Info: carrollcountytourism.org

#### Sat., Sept. 6

#### **Boots, Bolos and Boogie**

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More Info: mainstreethanover.org

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Meals include half a BBQ Chicken, Baked Potato, Apple Sauce, Dinner Roll, Butter, Plasticware.

More Info: penntwp.com or 79firevolunteers.com

#### Mon., Sept.15

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Time: 8:30 AM

Cost: \$100.00 and includes box lunch, coach bus, tips and gratuities.

More Info: sgahps.org

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#### A Conversation On Spying and Diplomacy @Guthrie Memorial Library, 2 Library Place, Hanover, PA 17331

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## Where's Hershey?

BY JENNIFER SCHULTZ



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## Celebrating Excellence: Special Olympics Athletes of the Sport

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pecial Olympics Team Adams coaches of each sport choose an athlete at the end of the season to be recognized as the "Athlete of the Sport." Here are the four outstanding recipients from our athletics, tennis, swimming, and basketball programs, highlighted through heartfelt reflections from their dedicated coaches.

Daniel Rudy is new to the sport of athletics this year. He has shown a positive attitude and a willingness to learn and improve in the sport. Daniel is kind to everyone and is usually seen with a smile on his face. He has been a pleasure to coach! Congratulations, Daniel!

Congratulations to Aubrey Pace! This was Aubrey's third season playing tennis, and she continues to show improvement. Aubrey makes good contact on her volleys at the net, and she is getting better at tossing the ball for her serves. Aubrey attends practice regularly and has only missed a couple of practices all season. She's quiet and could easily be overlooked if you aren't paying attention, but her coaches notice that she always does what is expected and tries her best!

Congratulations to the 2025 Swimming Athlete of the Sport, Cole McIlwee. Cole has shown tremendous growth in his swimming over the past year. Always shivering, but always with a smile, he has especially improved by consistently swimming on top of the water instead of underneath. Cole loves to race with volunteer Gabe, and it showed when he competed at the

Central Spring Sectionals Competition and beat all his own times! He swam a true Gold Medal performance in all three races: the 25-yard Freestyle, 25-yard Backstroke, and 50-yard Freestyle. We look forward to having Cole represent the TEAM ADAMS CANNONBALLS in future competitions! Keep up the positive spirit and "Just Keep Swimming!"

Coaches agreed that Ethan Laughman is deserving of the Athlete of the Sport award for basketball because of his excellent work ethic. He is well-focused and gives his best no matter what is asked. Ethan has always been a good defensive player, but he realized he could help his team by working on his offense. So he started going to a local park to practice and gain confidence in his shooting ability. Ethan is a thinker and asks very good questions. He seems to be a quiet guy, but when you get to know him, you appreciate his great sense of humor. Ethan is compassionate and respectful toward his teammates, his opponents, and his coaches.

These four remarkable athletes exemplify the true spirit of Special Olympics through their dedication, perseverance, and positive attitudes. Daniel, Aubrey, Cole, and Ethan have not only excelled in their respective sports but have also inspired their teammates and coaches with their commitment to growth and sportsmanship. Congratulations to all our Athletes of the Sport you make our community proud! •





Cole McIlwee



Aubrey Pace



Ethan Laughman





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# Gearing Up for Glory: August Brings New Energy to Hanover Area Athletics

BY JILL RICKLE

s summer winds down, Hanover's fields, courts, and diamonds reignite with energy and purpose. August kicks off a fall sports calendar packed with athletic pride—from football to volleyball, soccer, and beyond.

#### Friday Nights on the Horizon: Hanover Nighthawks Take Flight

The Hanover Nighthawks football squad is ramping up preseason work, starting with a scrimmage at Susquehannock on August 16, followed by the opener @ Kennard-Dale on August 22, then hosting Annville-Cleona on August 28, and continuing with conference battles including Eastern York, York County Technical, York Catholic, Littlestown, Delone Catholic, Biglerville, Bermudian Springs, and Archbishop Carroll.

Alongside these gridiron battles, Hanover's girls' volleyball, field hockey, soccer, and cross country teams are also entering season mode, preparing for practice, team-building, and preseason matches.

#### Mustang Momentum: South Western's Fall Lineup

The South Western Mustangs are preparing for their fall slate. The football team hosts a scrimmage vs Gettysburg (Aug 16), opens officially @ Susquehanna Township on Aug 22, then clashes with @ Dover (Aug 29) and New Oxford (Sept 5). Conference contests follow against Dallastown, Central York, Red Lion, West York, Northeastern, William Penn, and Spring Grove.

#### South Western's girls' programs-volleyball, field hockey,

**soccer,** and cross country—are similarly active, with preseason practices and early matches underway, adding depth and excitement to the Mustang athletic culture.

#### Summer's Last Swing & Fall's Early Goals

Hanover Diamond Sports closes out summer with playoff baseball, showcasing young talent and community collaboration. Meanwhile, Hanover Soccer Club, with 400+ families involved, continues preseason training behind Utz Quality Foods fields. Clinics, skill-building and team



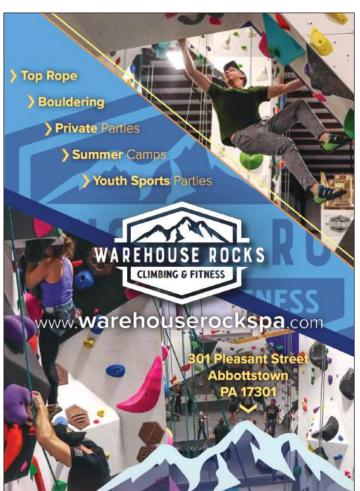
orientation sessions are in motion, setting up both recreational and travel teams for the competitive season ahead.

#### Join the Fall Athletic Beat

Hanover is calling: coaches, parents, alumni, and fans—step up and get involved. From two-a-days and soccer clinics to volleyball tryouts and baseball playoffs, our local teams will soon light up the season. Attend a game, register for a program, or support the next generation by volunteering or cheering them on.

#### Don't forget to share the highlights with us at

Neighbors of Hanover! Shout-outs, great pics, heroic tales—we want to celebrate it all. Whether it's a buzzer-beater, a game-winning goal, or a moment of great sportsmanship, send your stories our way and we'll print as many as we can. Email submissions to jrickle@bestversionmedia.com and help us showcase the best of Hanover athletics! ●



#### Coffee Filter Butterflies

#### What you need:

- Coffee filters
- Markers
- Spray bottle with water
- Clothespins
- Pipe cleaners

#### How to make it:

Have the kiddos color the coffee filter with markers. Then, lightly spray it with water and let it dry. Scrunch the middle and clip it with a clothespin. Add pipe cleaners for antennae!

#### Handprint Butterflies

#### What you need:

- Paint
- Paper
- Markers

#### How to make it:

Paint your child's hands and press them onto paper. This will be the butterfly's wings. Then, draw the body in the center. Add eyes, antennae, and spots on the wings to make your butterfly unique!

#### **Butterflies**

#### What you need:

- Empty toilet paper roll
- Construction paper
- Glue

- Googly eyes
- Markers or crayons

#### How to make it:

Decorate the roll as the body. Cut out wings from paper and glue them to the back. Add eyes, draw a smile, and use pipe cleaners for antennae. Now you have your very own butterfly!

#### What you need:

- Black construction paper
- Tissue paper squares
- Clear contact paper or wax paper

#### How to make it:

First, cut a butterfly shape out of black paper. Stick the tissue paper on contact paper and sandwich it between two butterfly outlines. Use whatever color tissue paper you'd like and hang it on the window for a colorful effect!

#### Bead and Pipe Cleaner Butterflies

#### What you need:

- Pipe cleaners
- Beads

#### How to make it:

Thread beads onto pipe cleaners, then twist into wing shapes. Use another pipe cleaner to form the body and hold everything together. •





## Sourdough Pizza from Scratch

#### By Dawn, Sweet & Savory Cottage Bakery

There's something deeply satisfying about making pizza entirely from scratch—from bubbly sourdough crust to slow-simmered sauce and creamy, fresh-pulled mozzarella. This recipe celebrates the beauty of homemade food using just a few wholesome ingredients and time-honored techniques. It's a favorite in our family, especially on weekends when we all gather around the table and build our pizzas together.

#### SOURDOUGH PIZZA CRUST

#### Ingredients (Makes 2 medium pizzas)

- · 500g bread flour
- 325g water (65% hydration)
- 100g active sourdough starter (100% hydration)
- 10g sea salt
- 15g olive oil (optional, for extra tenderness)

#### Instructions

- 1. Mix: In a large bowl, combine the flour and water. Mix until no dry bits remain. Let rest for 30 minutes (autolyse).
- Add starter and salt: Add the sourdough starter and salt. Mix thoroughly until incorporated. Add olive oil if using.
- **3. Stretch & fold:** Over the next 2 hours, perform 3-4 sets of stretch and folds every 30 minutes.
- **4. Bulk ferment:** Cover and let rise at room temperature for 4–6 hours, until doubled.
- **5. Cold proof:** Divide the dough, shape into rounds, and place in covered containers. Refrigerate for 12–24 hours.
- 6. Bake: Bring to room temp 1 hour before baking. Preheat oven to 500°F with a pizza stone or steel. Stretch the dough into 10–12" rounds. Add sauce and toppings. Bake 7–10 minutes until crust is golden and cheese is bubbling.



#### **HOMEMADE PIZZA SAUCE**

#### Ingredients

- 1 (28 oz) can San Marzano tomatoes
- · 2 tbsp olive oil
- · 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tsp sea salt
- 1 tsp sugar (optional)
- · Fresh basil, to taste

#### Instructions

- Heat olive oil in a saucepan over medium heat. Sauté garlic until fragrant.
- Add tomatoes, salt, and sugar. Simmer for 20–30 minutes until thickened.
- · Stir in torn basil at the end. Let cool before using.

#### FRESH MOZZARELLA

#### Ingredients

- 1 gallon whole milk (not ultra-pasteurized)
- 1½ tsp citric acid dissolved in ¼ cup cool water
- ¼ rennet tablet dissolved in ¼ cup cool water
- · Salt to taste

#### Instructions

- Heat milk to 90°F. Stir in citric acid.
- Add rennet. Stir gently, then let sit undisturbed for 5-10 minutes until curds form.
- Cut curds and slowly heat to 105°F while gently stirring.
- Remove from heat, transfer curds to a bowl. Microwave in 30-second intervals (or use hot water bath) to heat and stretch the curds.
- Add salt and stretch until smooth and shiny. Shape into balls.
   Use immediately or refrigerate.

#### TIP FROM THE COTTAGE

Let your dough ferment slowly—it's not just about flavor, but about tradition, patience, and digestibility. This crust is a favorite at Sweet & Savory Cottage Bakery, and it always brings people together.



# Where Everyone Belongs in the Spotlight

BY SHARON A. DORN

The mission of DreamWrights Center for Community Arts is simple: To build a creative community that fosters character building through inclusive intergenerational performance and creative arts programming.

While the interior of the building on Carlisle Avenue in York has evolved a great deal since its construction in 1920 as a market, for the past 28 years it has been home to the DreamWrights Center for Community Arts. On-site are two distinct performance locations: a Black Box Theatre (an intimate room with movable seating and a stage as well as a flexible lighting system) and a Studio Theatre (designed for intimate, contemporary themed performances), and the Main Stage (the largest and most prominent theatre with seating for 165 patrons. Ample, free parking is available on site.

My tour guide, Melanie Yan, Communication and Administrative Coordinator explained,



"Art spaces can be exclusionary and oftentimes too historic. With Diversity as one of our hallmarks, we strive to be inclusive, timely, and flexible in all our initiatives. There is a role for everyone — regardless of age, interests, and talents."

We began our tour with a viewing of a current, compelling and impressive artistic gallery show entitled, Ocean of Emotion. Local artists are invited to display their art based upon changing exhibit themes throughout the year. As the community evolves so does DreamWrights in its quest to be relevant in these dynamic times.

Eric Miller, the relatively new Executive Director of DreamWrights, following Ann Davis' recent retirement after 28 highly successful years with the organization, shared that he is spending about 50% of his time running operations and

managing the budget with the balance on connecting to the community and fundraising. He said, "the Arts connect people and seeing art in its many diverse forms can change your day."

With the guiding principles of Building Community, Building Character and Ethical and Responsible Stewardship of Financial Resources, DreamWrights is a proven and successful model for community engagement. Whatever your age and interest and whether you would like to work backstage, such as on lighting or set building or perform on stage, there is something for everyone. Volunteer opportunities are available for performances as well as teaching theatre and performance skills. Information on the remaining plays and audition dates is posted on their website, Dreamwrights.org. •









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