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Happy July Hanover!

Summer's in full swing, and many weeks remain to revel in the season's seemingly endless days. So, I hope you're making the most of this time to enjoy the sunshine, play outdoors, reconnect with friends, and head off for some much-deserved travel.

Each month, we get to feature a resident in order to help you get to know your community a little better. This month, you'll get to meet The Wolf family. I had such fun learning about their story, and I think you will, too. Be sure to check out their article!

If you're interested in being featured in an upcoming edition, I'd love to hear from you. The process is very simple, and it's a great way to get your story out into the community.

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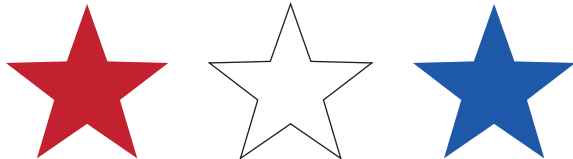
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The First 5 Minutes:



Impressions Matter in Property Management

BY WENDY WRIGHT

Jake considered himself a seasoned landlord. With a portfolio of single-family rentals and a couple duplexes, he has weathered tenant turnovers, tricky maintenance calls, and the ups and downs of the rental market. He knew the numbers, managed his cash flow, and could charge fair market rents without a struggle. But one thing he hadn't truly grasped was how important the first five minutes are to prospective applicants — until one experience forced him to rethink everything.

When Mark and Jenna arrived to tour his 2-story townhome, they were hopeful. The online photos showed a cozy, updated kitchen, a fenced backyard, and spacious living areas - exactly what they'd been searching for. But as they pulled into the driveway, their excitement started to fade.

The lawn was not mowed, weeds were overgrown, and the porch light was missing a lightbulb. Inside, the undesirable scent of pet odor lingered in the air. The floors were clean-ish, but the dusty baseboards told a different story. Jenna found a forgotten jar of peanut butter in the pantry closet and was quickly put off by the sticky kitchen floor.

The second floor was exactly what Mark and Jenna had hoped for. Three bedrooms, a master bath, lots of closet space, and — best of all — a washer and dryer conveniently located at the top of the stairs. Jenna was anticipating how easy laundry day would be without hauling baskets up and down.

But as she reached for the bifold doors to check out the appliances, one bifold popped off track, falling against the other. She tried to close it again and jammed it. Mark chuckled at first, but the charm was quickly wearing off.

As they continued to move from room to room, Jenna began noticing the smaller details, layers of dust clinging to the ceiling fans, hand prints along the edges of the bedroom doors and a dusty exhaust fan in the hall bathroom. It was those little details that told a bigger story: if no one had bothered to clean what was obvious, what else had been overlooked?

The showing went on — but Jake could tell Jenna was quickly losing interest and was no longer picturing herself living there. She was mentally adding up the problems as they made their way back to the front door.

With anticipation, Jake ask the question, "Are you interested?" Sure enough, the questions followed.

"Can something be done about the smell?"

"Is someone coming to fix that closet door?"

"Was it cleaned?"

Worried of losing this lead, Jake assured Jenna everything would be taken care of before moving in. However, the damage was done

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and Jenna already made up her mind - this wasn't the home for her.

Mark and Jenna declined a few days later, forcing Jake back to chasing new prospects. Weeks went by before he finally filled the vacancy, settling for a less-qualified tenant and spending the next year dealing with minor complaints, ongoing maintenance calls, and a bad turnover that cost him nearly three months' rent.

Lesson Learned: The Details Matter

In real estate, small decisions often lead to big outcomes. Nowhere is this more evident than in the critical first five minutes a prospective tenant spends viewing a rental property. In those few moments, opinions are formed, expectations are set, and a decision is quietly made — long before lease agreements are signed. What follows merely reinforces that initial impression, for better or worse.

Savvy property managers and landlords understand that presentation is paramount in the rental business. In fact, it's no different from any other retail or service experience: people buy with their eyes first. A presentable property doesn't just attract better tenants; it lays the groundwork for a more stable, long-term tenancy.

First Impressions Are Built on Rent Readiness

So, how do you create a strong, lasting first impression? The answer is simple: Rent Readiness.

When a prospective tenant walks into a rental home, it should be move-in ready, professionally cleaned, and maintenance-free. That means:

- **Exterior clean and tidy**
Lawn mowed, weeds removed, windows smudge-free.
- **Interior clean and fresh**
Floors, carpets, walls, trim, and high-touch surfaces cleaned or painted.
- **Kitchens & baths functional**
No leaky plumbing, cabinets and countertops wiped clean, crumb and sticky-free.
- **Systems operational**
HVAC, plumbing, electrical, and appliances working properly.
- **Repairs complete**
All repairs addressed and completed.
- **Storage areas clear and accessible**
Attics, basements, and garages debris-free, and accessible.
- **Odors mitigated**
Pet odors and stains eliminated
- **Trash removed**
No leftover belongings from previous tenants



A rental property should reflect the same care and pride as a homeowner's personal residence. Anything less sends a clear message: "This property is managed with indifference."

A Costly First Impression

The quickest way to jeopardize a tenancy is to leave issues unresolved before move-in day. Tenants shouldn't be picking up the phone in their first week to report a running toilet, a leaky faucet, or a refrigerator that doesn't cool. Signs of a hurried or careless turnover are just as concerning — dusty blinds, dirty baseboards, or crumbs in kitchen drawers.

These oversights immediately erode trust and satisfaction. The frustration of dealing with maintenance vendors and lingering repairs while trying to settle in breeds resentment. And once a tenant starts out unhappy, no amount of goodwill can fully erase that initial disappointment.

When expectations aren't met from the outset, tenants often become more demanding, quicker to escalate issues, and less tolerant of inconveniences. The result? Increased maintenance costs, high vacancy rates, and ongoing operational headaches — expenses no private landlord or investor wants to absorb.

Invest Now to Save Later

Investing time, attention, and money into Rent Readiness isn't an optional expense; it's a business-smart strategy. A presentable home attracts better tenants, fosters goodwill, and reduces early complaints that can sour the relationship.

Remember: tenants are people too. They deserve the same respect and consideration you would expect if you were renting. Setting the right tone in those first five minutes doesn't just lease a house — it sets the stage for a mutually beneficial, satisfying and profitable tenancy.

Jake's experience reminds us that what gets overlooked before move-in often turns into what gets complained about later. In property management, the easiest problems to fix are the ones you never let happen. ●



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Building a Family Legacy **The Wolf Family**

BY ALYCIA EDWARDS & JILL RICKLE

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When you meet Justin and Amber Wolf, it's immediately clear that entrepreneurship runs as deep as their roots in our community. Their story begins generations back, with both families carving their own paths in family-run business. "Justin's grandparents built their legacy in the automotive industry, just like mine did," Amber explains with pride. "It's amazing how those entrepreneurial values get passed down—both our parents struck out on their own at different points too."

That independent spirit certainly found its way to Amber early on. For 15 years, she successfully ran her own cleaning business, learning firsthand what it takes to build something from the ground up. Now, she and Justin are channeling that experience into their newest venture: Kitchen Tune-Up in Hanover.

Their motivation couldn't be more personal or powerful. "Everything we do is about creating stability for Axel and Kenzie's futures," Justin reflects, speaking of their 7-year-old son and 2-year-old daughter. After 17 years of marriage, the couple sees their business as more than just a livelihood—it's creating a life where their children can witness the rewards of dedication and hard work.

But don't think the Wolf household is all business all the time! The family often packs up their travel trailer and takes off on family adventures. Both Axel and Kenzie are true "water kids" who delight at the sight of any body of water—whether it's a backyard pool, peaceful pond, or sandy beach which greatly influences their camping trip destinations. "Axel's gotten really into biking too," Justin adds with a grin. "We're always finding new parks and playgrounds to explore."

The family is complete with Smokey, their wise 4-year-old cat, and Chase, an energetic 1-year-old Yellow Lab who keeps



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everyone on their toes. Amber's passion for animal welfare shines through as she advocates for responsible pet ownership in our community: "Spaying and neutering might seem small, but it makes a huge difference in preventing overpopulation and reducing shelter animals."

Their Kitchen Tune-Up journey began in March 2023, with the business officially launching just three months later. Justin's 20-year journey in woodworking, including 18 dedicated years with the same custom cabinet company, made Kitchen Tune-Up a logical choice. "I was ready for a change and stumbled across this franchise opportunity in 2022," Justin shares. "After months of research and countless conversations, we knew Kitchen Tune-Up was our perfect match. The support system feels like joining one big family."

Balancing business ownership with parenting young children is no small feat, but the family has created a system that works for their family. While Justin focuses on customer interactions and ensuring every project exceeds expectations, Amber works the behind-the-scenes operations alongside her mom duties. Seven-year-old Axel has become quite the little spokesperson too, enthusiastically telling anyone who'll listen about Kitchen Tune-Up!

Beyond business, Amber champions an often-overlooked cause: children's mental health awareness. "Too many adults dismiss kids' emotional struggles because of their age," she notes with conviction. "But depression and anxiety in children are real issues that deserve serious attention and support."

Through networking events and collaborative partnerships with other vendors, Justin and Amber have built genuine relationships that strengthen Hanover and the surrounding area's business culture. "Being part of this community means everything to us," Amber emphasizes, her appreciation evident.

At the heart of their business philosophy lies a simple goal: transforming how homeowners experience kitchen projects. "We want to completely change people's expectations about home improvement," Justin explains. "From minor updates to complete kitchen overhauls, we promise no more headaches, no more stress—just a seamless experience that actually makes the process enjoyable."

Their commitment to exceptional customer service isn't just talk—it's built into every aspect of how they operate, from initial consultation to final reveal. In a world where kitchen remodels often become homeowners' worst nightmares, the Wolfs are determined to make them dreams come true instead.

Our community is incredibly fortunate to have entrepreneurs and families like Justin and Amber Wolf who understand that success isn't just measured in profit margins, but in the relationships built, the standards raised, and the positive impact created right here at home, both professionally and personally. ●



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If You Bought a Used Car, Get a Battery Test ASAP

BY YOUSSEF SLEIMAN
SUBMITTED BY HANOVER LUBE AND BRAKE

Americans are forecasted to buy millions of used cars in 2025, despite rising used car prices and market uncertainty. Americans bought 2.88 million used cars in the first three months of 2025, according to reports from industry analysts at Cox Automotive. That retail sales volume beats their 2025 forecasts, which were revised to between 37.6 million and 38 million used cars sold in the year ahead.

If you're buying a used car in 2025, there's one car part you should probably replace on your new vehicle as soon as you get the key: The car battery.

That said, the used car might be in great shape even if the battery isn't. Most mechanics inspecting a used car before purchase may skip the car battery because it's not a deal breaker. They're looking for critical reasons not to buy the car, such as knocking noises in the engine or burnt-smelling transmission fluid. Now, a technician may recommend replacing the battery if they see it's older than four years. (Most car batteries last 3-5 years.) The truth is, you may need to replace it much sooner.

If you just bought a used car, get a battery test at a reliable repair shop or favorite battery store.

Weak batteries may even be expected when you buy a used car. Here's why.

Used cars may sit idle for several days, which can hurt the car battery.

As we've explained elsewhere, car batteries need the occasional drive. Used cars, on the other hand, are more valuable with low

mileage. Of course, most dealerships won't drive their fleet around to keep the battery from getting weak by sitting unused.

Instead, that's what reconditioning repairs are for. Recon fixes improve a vehicle's condition, including fixing dents, windshield cracks, oil changes and more. (They may replace the battery if the car won't start. We'll talk about that next.)

After the restoring, a used car may sit for days or weeks waiting for its next owner. Occasional, 15-minute test drives might be the only time the alternator gets to work — and those short drives aren't enough to give the battery a healthy charge.

Used cars may have refurbished batteries, which may not last in the long run.

During reconditioning, the tech may have found the battery was mostly dead already — and replaced it with a refurbished battery.

Refurbished batteries are car batteries on an extra life. They may have failed or have significant wear and tear — and still be able to conduct electricity. High-quality refurbished batteries can pass conductance tests, not just voltmeter tests. That said, they're not ideal in the long run because they may not withstand much more wear and tear.

They're ideal for car dealerships to keep your car's purchase price lower. However, the used car may have sat idle for weeks. That's hard on any battery. Add that idle time to an already-worn battery and you've got a risky battery situation.

To make matters worse, that worn battery may have sat idle for weeks in the heat.



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Used cars may sit parked in the heat all day, which also hurts the car battery.

Temperatures hotter than 90 degrees F can wear down car batteries, even if they're just sitting in a used car lot.

Heat is a slow problem. It's different from how a battery can suddenly die in winter. Heat steadily weakens batteries by causing water to evaporate from the electrolyte inside. That leaves a more-acidic mixture right beside the sensitive components. Corrosion that might have taken years can happen in several extremely hot days.

Runaway corrosion on the battery reduces how much charge a car battery can hold. It's like a worn out phone battery that only lasts five minutes after hours of recharging. Pretty soon, the car battery can't hold enough power to start the engine, even if it's been recharged well.

Heat leaves lasting damage hidden on car batteries.

Even if your used car starts now, there's no guarantee it can handle a slight temperature drop in a few months.

That's why it's so important to get a battery test as soon as you get the title and registration for your used car.

Does a bad battery mean I got a bad deal on my used car?

Not at all. Sitting unused for days, in the heat, with a used battery — that's hard on any car or truck. Used cars are just more vulnerable to battery issues because they're between owners.



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Protecting and Preserving the Mighty Susquehanna River for Future Generations

BY SHARON A. DORN

Ever spend a lazy afternoon exploring the magnificent Susquehanna River in a canoe or motorboat? Or fishing for smallmouth bass? Or picnicking on the river's banks? Or perhaps you cross the river every day while traveling to and from work? The River's magnificent and inspiring beauty is not to be taken for granted and today requires our steadfast oversight and monitoring.

Fortunately, for those of us who respect, enjoy, and love the River, we owe a huge debt of gratitude to many people who have contributed to its quality, including those who voted for the Clean Water Act of 1972. This Act made water pollution crimes a national focus as laws were enacted which fined polluters and enforced penalties.

The term "Riverkeeper" came into existence, and in 1983 the first such organization, "The Hudson Riverkeeper" became a branded trademark. In the late 1990s Waterkeeper Alliance was formed to carry forward that brand which now represents a global movement of community-based advocates united for clean, healthy, and abundant water for all people and the planet. In the early 2000s, there were 100 such organizations in the United States while today there over 300 organizations across the globe protecting over 5.9 million square miles of waterways.

Close to home, Lower Susquehanna Riverkeeper Association is licensed to carry the trademark of Waterkeeper Alliance and is dedicated to improving the ecological health of the Lower



Susquehanna River Watershed and the Chesapeake Bay. The Lower Susquehanna Riverkeeper works to improve the health of our River through education, research, advocacy, and legal action.

Lower Susquehanna Riverkeeper Association was licensed in 2006 as a nonprofit organization. The territory in which they monitor pollution covers the entire Lower Susquehanna Watershed from Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania to the Chesapeake Bay at Havre de Grace, Maryland. The organization also covers the



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- Investigations, data collection and water monitoring programs occur regularly
- Bacteria Monitoring Program
- Smallmouth Bass Monitoring Program
- Microplastics Monitoring Program
- Advocacy and Legal Action
- All members of the community are encouraged to participate in one or more clean-ups during the year and to serve as a "River Watchdog" to report pollution concerns to the organization

Ways you can help:

- Volunteer
- Donate
- Become a member
- Report pollution
- Reduce waste, for example, use an aluminum can instead of plastic
- Nurture young people's (and other adults') interest in the River
- Stay informed

Remember, "the River is not an infinite resource," and do your part to ensure that future generations have access to and may enjoy the Mighty Susquehanna River!

For further information, please visit the website at www.Lowersusquehannariverkeeper.org or call 717-478-1780. ●

Ted Evgeniadis taking water sample."



Juniata Watershed, encompassing over 8,500 square miles of land and water. Their work stays vital to our health—human, animal, bird, and aquatic life are all affected by the Susquehanna River. "Protecting the River today for future generations is critical to our work," according to Ted Evgeniadis, who serves as the Lower Susquehanna

Riverkeeper and the organization's Executive Director. "People support the River for varied reasons, but it is imperative that everyone understands **that the River is not an infinite resource and needs protected.**"

Today, railroads and vehicular traffic cross and parallel the River's 444 miles from Cooperstown, New York to the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay in Havre de Grace, Maryland—including 200 bridges. Extraordinarily important to commerce as well as the quality of life of millions of people who live, work and/or play on the River, the Susquehanna is the longest river on the East Coast, a one-of-a-kind natural beauty and deserves our manifold preservation efforts.

In York County alone, there are daily threats to the River and the tributaries that flow into it. Fun, educational, and hands-on initiatives such as these help to promote engagement with the organization's mission:

- Annually, more than 1,500 students participate in river based educational programming
- Organized trash clean-ups along the tributaries and the river itself
- Individual and group meetings are held with local and federal public officials
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Mason-Dixon Clay Busters: Building Champions On and Off the Field

BY JILL RICKLE

From humble beginnings to national competition, this local youth shooting program hits the mark with character development and community spirit.

It began with just 11 young athletes and a passion for clay target shooting. Now, the Mason-Dixon Clay Busters program has evolved into a powerhouse team that serves youth from multiple counties and states, developing not just skilled marksmen but confident young leaders.

More Than Just Hitting Targets

For the uninitiated, clay target shooting might seem mysterious. Athletes aim at clay targets—often called “clay pigeons”—launched into the air at varying angles and speeds. It’s a sport that demands precision, focus, and remarkable self-control.

“It’s fast, fun, and requires incredible concentration,” explains a team coach. “Every target presents a unique challenge, testing both physical skill and mental focus.” But what makes this program truly special goes far beyond marksmanship. Young

participants develop discipline, responsibility, and a deep respect for safety protocols. The team environment fosters camaraderie where athletes support each other through victories and disappointments alike.

Safety First, Always

For parents who might hesitate at the mention of youth shooting sports, the program’s emphasis on safety provides reassurance. Before handling any equipment, every athlete undergoes comprehensive safety training. The program maintains strict protocols during all practices and competitions.

“Clay target shooting is actually one of the safest youth sports available due to these rigorous standards,” notes a veteran coach. “We reinforce safe habits constantly—it’s the foundation of everything we do.”

This commitment to safety has helped dispel common misconceptions about the sport. Many families join with no prior firearms experience and find themselves embraced by a supportive community dedicated to positive youth development.

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Transformative Impact

The changes observed in participants tell the real story of the program's value. Athletes consistently demonstrate growth in confidence, focus, and responsibility—qualities that extend into their academic and personal lives.

Success stories abound within the team's history. Nervous beginners have developed into national champions. Others have earned collegiate scholarships. Perhaps most meaningful are the quiet victories: shy teens finding their voice or experienced athletes mentoring newcomers.

"We've seen real maturity and personal growth," shares a longtime volunteer. "Many of our athletes become more confident, focused, and responsible—both on and off the field."

Community Connections

The program thrives through strong community partnerships, with Glen Rock Shooting Club serving as the team's home base and strongest supporter. This relationship has been instrumental in making it possible for hundreds of young athletes to discover their passion for shooting sports.

Families and volunteers remain deeply involved in every aspect of the program. Local businesses and sponsors contribute to events that bring the wider community together while raising awareness about youth development and firearm safety.

Looking Ahead

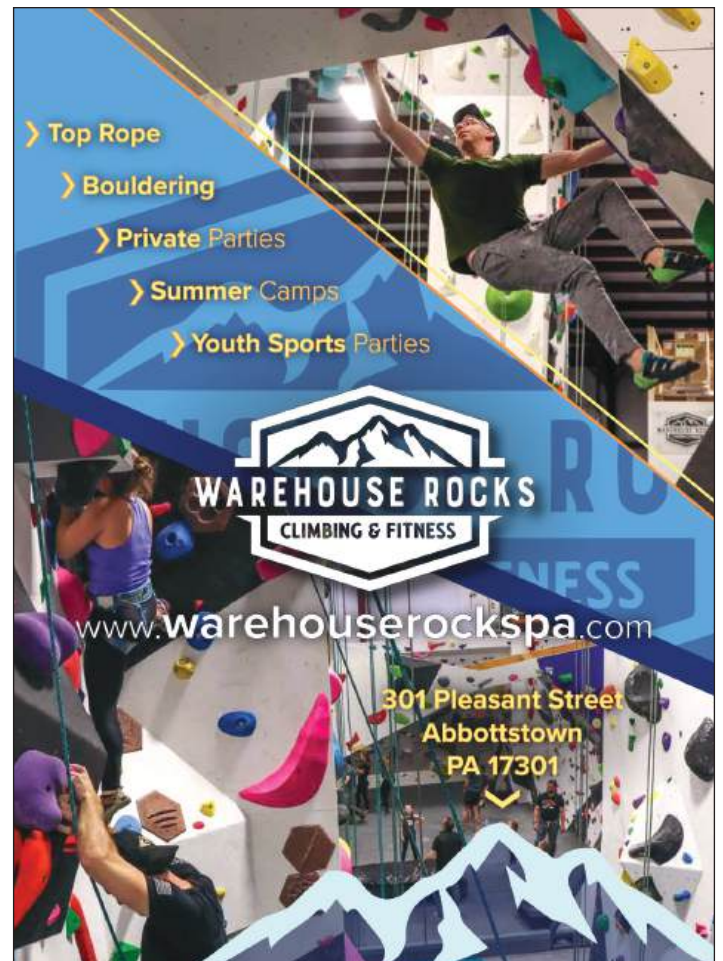
Now in its 19th year, Mason-Dixon Clay Busters continues to evolve through the dedication of its volunteer coaching staff. The program faces the positive challenge of growth—maintaining its strong foundation of mentorship and sportsmanship while expanding opportunities for more young athletes.

The team will compete at the SCTP National Team Championships in Columbus, Ohio, on July 19-20, 2025, representing our community on the national stage.

Families interested in learning more can visit masondixonclaybusters.com or contact masondixonclaybusters@gmail.com. No experience is necessary—just a willingness to learn and become part of an exceptional team that's building champions in sport and in life. ●

Editor's Note:

As this inspiring story goes to print, I would like to acknowledge Roger Beardsley, who along with his wife founded the Mason-Dixon Clay Busters in 2006. After 13 dedicated years directly leading the program, Roger and his wife have transitioned to administrative and support roles, handing the future of this exceptional youth program to the talented team of volunteers highlighted in this article. Roger's vision and commitment as an ATA and NRA Certified Shotgun Coach, NRA Certified Rifle Instructor, and NRA Range Safety Officer have created a lasting legacy that continues to impact young athletes throughout our community.





Hit the Trails This Summer:

Your Guide to Adams County's Best Hiking Adventures

BY JILL RICKLE

Summer is calling, and there's no better way to answer than by lacing up your hiking boots and exploring the stunning trails right here in Adams County! The Physical Fitness Task Force has an incredible lineup of guided summer fitness hikes that promise to get your heart pumping while treating you to some of Pennsylvania's most beautiful scenery.

Whether you're a weekend warrior or just starting your hiking journey, these expertly-led adventures offer something for everyone.

Each hike comes with experienced guides who know every twist, turn, and hidden gem along the way. The Physical Fitness Task Force ensures no one gets left behind with their sweep system, and they'll take breaks whenever needed. It's hiking with a safety net and a friendly face – perfect for building confidence on new trails.

Your Summer Trail Calendar

July 12 – Beaver Trail Bliss

Kick off your summer hiking season with a gorgeous 3-mile journey along Long Pine Run Reservoir. This relatively flat trail offers constant scenic views as it hugs the reservoir coastline, making it perfect for photographers and nature lovers alike. The gentle ups and downs keep things interesting without overwhelming beginners. Marty Qually will guide you through this peaceful escape starting at 10 AM.

July 19 – Choose Your Caledonia Adventure

At Caledonia State Park, you get to pick your own adventure! Opt for the easy 2.3-mile Ramble trail that follows an old mill's waterway through one of Pennsylvania's oldest white pine plantations – a birdwatcher's paradise. Feeling more ambitious? Take on the moderate-to-strenuous 2.5-mile challenge combining the Appalachian Trail's elevation gains with the 3 Valley trail's thrilling descents. Betsy and Eric Meyer will lead both options starting at 9 AM.

July 26 – Creek Crossing Fun

Head to Strawberry Hill Nature Preserve for a 3.2-mile adventure along Swamp Creek Trail. This moderately challenging hike features exciting stream crossings and rocky terrain that keeps you engaged every step of the way. Tom Kiniry leads this expedition at 9 AM – just remember those sturdy hiking shoes for the creek hops!

August 9 – Geological Wonders

Discover Adams County's hidden geological treasures on the easy 1.5-mile Quarry and Nature Trails. This family-friendly hike showcases fascinating rock formations and mineral outcrops that tell the story of our region's ancient past. It's education and exercise rolled into one delightful package, with Marty Qually as your guide at 10 AM.

August 13 – The Ultimate Challenge

Ready to push your limits? The 6-mile Traverse Extended Loop and Moss Trails offer the summer's most demanding adventure. This epic journey includes creek crossings, steep climbs, diverse woodlands, and even a meadow surprise. It's closer to strenuous than moderate, but the sense of accomplishment is unmatched. Betsy and Eric Meyer will shepherd you through this wilderness odyssey starting at 9 AM.

August 21 – Wildlife and Views

Cap off the summer series with the challenging 5.5-mile Green Trail at Strawberry Hill. This moderate-to-strenuous hike rewards your effort with westward views and excellent wildlife spotting opportunities. Keep your eyes peeled for local creatures and their signs as Tom Kiniry guides you through varied forest terrain at 9 AM.

Each hike happens rain or shine, so dress for adventure and bring your sense of exploration! Sturdy hiking shoes are essential (those creek crossings won't navigate themselves), and a water bottle is your best trail companion. For severe weather updates, check the Healthy Adams County Facebook page.

These guided hikes offer more than just exercise – they're your ticket to discovering the natural beauty that surrounds our community while building lasting friendships with fellow trail enthusiasts. Adams County's summer hiking series promises unforgettable outdoor experiences that will leave you planning your next adventure before you've even finished your first.

So grab your hiking boots, fill that water bottle, and join your neighbors for a summer of trail discoveries. Your body, mind, and spirit will thank you for it!

Summer 2025 Hiking program sponsored by Healthy Adams County and The Physical Fitness Task Force. For additional information, visit healthyadamscounty.org. •

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717-632-3954, www.cbchanover.org

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200 Frederick Street, Hanover PA 17331
717-637-1574, www.firstumchanover.org

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585 McAllister Street, Hanover PA 17331
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www.destinychurchhanover.com

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717-637-5941, www.stpaulsyorkst.org

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717-637-2233, www.trinityucchanover.org

Hanover Believers in Christ Church

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717-632-7472, www.hanoverbic.org

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717-478-1077, www.newlifeccm.org

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133 Carlisle Street, Hanover PA 17331
717-630-9510, www.hanovervalley.org

Annunciation Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church

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717-637-1191, www.abvmchurch.org

Emmanuel United Church of Christ

124 Broadway, Hanover PA 17331
717-632-8281, www.emmanuelucc.org

First Baptist Church

217 Fulton Street, Hanover PA 17331
717-632-6962, www.firstbaptisthanover.org

Life Discovery Church

414 Main Street, McSherrystown PA 17344
717-398-9033, www.lifediscovery.org

All Saints Episcopal Church

890 McCosh Street, Hanover PA 17331
717-637-5772
www.allsaintshanover.org

Grace Church of Hanover A Global Methodist Church

55 Albright Drive, Hanover PA 17331
717-637-3100, www.mygracechurch.org

Cross Keys Fellowship Church

785 Berlin Road, New Oxford PA 17350
717-624-8660, www.ckfchurch.org

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600 Fairview Dr., Hanover PA 17331
717-637-1100, www.hanoverbeacon.org

St. Joseph Catholic Church

5125 Grandview Road, Hanover, PA 17331
717-637-5236
www.stjosephparishhanover.org

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142 Hobart Road, Hanover, PA 17331
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1170 Kohler Mill Road
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717-688-4297, www.churchofjesuschrist.org

West Side Baptist Church

4960 Lincoln Hwy, Thomasville, PA 17364
717-792-9903, www.wsbcyork.com

Wellspring Wesleyan Church

127 Hickory Lane, Hanover, PA 17331
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Sat., July 12 & Sat., Aug. 9

Fire Museum Open

@The Greater Hanover Area Fire Museum,
134 E. Hanover St., Hanover, PA 17331

The museum preserves the heritage of over 200 years of firefighting from the greater Hanover area. Visitors can pull an actual fire alarm box and see and hear an original Gamewell Fire Alarm System from 1911 that served the Hanover Borough community. See photos and read the names of the old fire horses that served the Hanover Fire Department. Exhibits showcase fire vehicles of all types, including an 1882 Silsby Steamer, hand pulled pumps and a coffee grinder type fire pump. Awards, ribbons, badges, helmets and many types of fire fighting tools are showcased beautifully throughout the museum for your viewing pleasure.

Time: 9:00 AM

More Info: hanoverfiremuseum.com

Sat., July 12 & Aug. 9

Hanover Land History Walking Tour

@Fat Bat Brewing, 10 N. Railroad St.,
Hanover, PA 17331

Join Hanover Parks and Recreation for Ghosts, history and folklore walking tour. Check the website for additional information.

Time: 2:00 PM

Cost: \$25.00

More Info: hanoverboroughpa.gov

Mon., July 14

Post Civil War with Kenneth Serfass

@Guthrie Memorial Library, 2 Library
Place, Hanover, PA 17331

Join Kenneth Serfass on the topic, Post Civil War: Reconstruction as a General in

Chief (1865-1868), The Life of Ulysses S.

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Time: 6:00 PM

More Info: yorklibraries.org

Wed., July 16

Alpaca Fiber Processing

@Quarry Critters Alpacas, 580 Basehoar
Rd., Littlestown, PA 17340

A beginners overview guide to alpaca fiber processing. This overview is appropriate for school aged students as well as adults of any age. Demonstrations with some hands-on experiences, you will walk through the process of collecting the alpaca fleece, meet the alpacas, and follow the fleece journey to the finished product.

Time: 11:00 AM

Cost: \$55.00

More Info: quarrycritteralpacos.com

Wed., July 16

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Time: 7:30 PM

More Info: local.aarp.org

Thurs., July 17

Homeschool Day - Birds & Raptors

@Codus State Park, Landis Woods
Education Area, 3900 Landis Rd., Hanover,
PA 17331

Through hands-on, interactive activities, participants will gain a greater understanding of the natural world around them. These programs are designed for homeschool children ages 7-12. Pre-registration is required. Please only register the children that will be participating - do not include parents.

Time: 10:00 AM

More Info: events.dcnr.pa.gov

Fri., July 18 & 25

Wildlife Watchers on the Water

@Codus State Park, 2600 Smith Station
Rd., Hanover, PA 17331

Enjoy the popular 1 1/2 hour guided pontoon boat program. Leisurely explore the coves of Lake Marburg to quietly observe wildlife along the water's edges. Turtles, eagles, osprey, waterfowl and wading birds abound. The 26 mile shoreline and 1275 acre lake are part of Audubon's Important Birding Areas. Reservations are required.

Time: 6:00 PM

Cost: \$10 per person

More Info: events.dcnr.pa.gov or call 717.637.2816 option 7 for reservations

Sat., July 19

29th Annual Summerfest 5K Run/Walk & Kids Fun Run

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More Info: ebacv.org



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Sat., July 19 & Aug. 16

Night Climb

@Warehouse Rocks, 301 Pleasant St.,
Abbottstown, PA 17301

Take your Saturday night to new heights with Night Climbing. Bring your own headlamp or rent one. Either way, it's going to be a party. Event is held the 3rd Saturday of every month.

Time: 7:00 PM

More Info: warehouserockspa.com

Sun., July 20

Pick a Project

@Board & Brush, 100 Buford Ave., Suite E,
Gettysburg, PA 17325

Looking for a fun way to connect with family and friends? This popular DIY workshop helps you create your own unique wood sign. All materials and instructions provided to create a beautiful piece for your home or for a gift. Pre-registration is required. Other dates & times available.

Time: 12:30 PM

Cost: \$73.00

More Info: boardandbrush.com

Wed., July 23

DIY Marbled Paper Project

@Guthrie Memorial Library, 2 Library
Place, Hanover, PA 17331

Time to have some messy fun! Explore colors in an attempt to make marbled paper! Each participant will have a finished piece to take home. This program is geared for ages 6-11.

Time: 2:00 PM

More Info: yorklibraries.org

Sat., July 26

Taneytown Artisan Fest

@Taneytown Memorial Park, 1 Park Dr.,
Taneytown, MD 21787

The Carroll County Arts Council has partnered with the City of Taneytown to present this outdoor arts festival at Taneytown Memorial Park. This event features fine art and craft displays by local and regional artists, giving visitors the opportunity to buy directly from the source. Food vendors, a beer garden, live music, and a free kids craft round out this family friendly festival.

Time: 10:00 AM

Cost: Free

More Info: carrollcountytourism.org

Sat., July 26

Home Gardening Essentials

@Private Property, Hanover & Littlestown,
PA 17331 & 17340

Join Penn State extension to explore real-life gardens showcasing meadows, permaculture, and sustainable practices you can apply at home in this engaging conservation and gardening tour. Registration required.

Time: 9:30 AM

Cost: \$10.00

More Info: extension.psu.edu

Sun., July 27

22nd Annual Corn Roast

@Historic Round Barn, 298 Cashtown Rd.,
Biglerville, PA 17307

Once you bite into the roasted sweet corn that is cooked over an apple wood fire,



you'll be back year after year. You'll also be able to enjoy pulled pork, made with a secret family recipe, and chicken cooked to perfection. Chuck Darwin & The Knuckle Draggers will be playing music this year with a range of "roots music": country, folks, blues, bluegrass, old-timey, string band, jug band boot-stomping music. Plus grilled peach sundaes, games and activities for all to enjoy.

Time: 11:30 AM food begins with entertainment starting at 12:00 PM

More Info: roundbarn.farm

Wed., July 30

London Town & Annapolis Tour

@bus trip

Join the Spring Grove Area Historical Preservation Society for a bus trip to London Town & Gardens, lunch at Federal House Bar & Grille plus a 90-minute Chesapeake Bay cruise.

Cost: Member \$135.00 & non-member \$150.00

More Info: sgahps.org

Sat., Aug. 2

54th Annual Old-Fashioned Corn Roast Festival

@Union Mills Homestead, 3311 Littlestown
Pike, Westminster, MD 21158

Each meal ticket includes a serving of fried chicken, applesauce, sliced tomatoes, roll and butter, iced tea or lemonade and all the roasted corn that you can eat! Corn is roasted in the husk served at your table. Music by the Martin Brothers; Gift Shop and Blacksmith Shop open; 12 PM - 4 PM tour of the historic House and Mill available for a fee.

Time: 11:00 AM

Cost: \$20.00 adult; \$10.00 children 12 & younger

More Info: carrollcountytourism.org

Sat., Aug. 2

Ladies Climbing Night

@Warehouse Rocks, 301 Pleasant St.,
Abbottstown, PA 17301

Join other ladies for a fun filled night of community and climbing. Work through boulders and/or top climbs together. share tricks, tips, and insights in a fun and positive environment.

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More Info: warehouserockspa.com



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Time: Refreshments at 6:00 PM with concert starting at 6:30 PM

Cost: Free

More Info: hanoverpahistory.org

Fri., Aug. 8

AARP Smart Driver Course

@Northeastern Senior Center, 131 Center St., Mount Wolf, PA 17347 (about 50 minutes from Hanover)

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Sat., Aug. 9

2nd Saturday

@downtown Hanover businesses, Hanover, PA 17331

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Time: All day event with chalk art available 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM.

Cost: \$7.00 per participant for chalk art; event is free

More Info: mainstreethanover.org

Mon., Aug. 11 - Thurs., Aug 14

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Time: 10:00 AM

Cost: \$300.00

More Info: cob51.com

Tues., Aug. 12 (8 session course)

Healthy Steps in Motion

@VNA of Hanover and Spring Grove, 440 Madison St., Hanover, PA 17331

Healthy Steps in Motion (HSIM) is an exercise-focused fall prevention program for people with different fitness levels which includes 8 sessions meeting Tuesdays and Thursdays starting August 12th.

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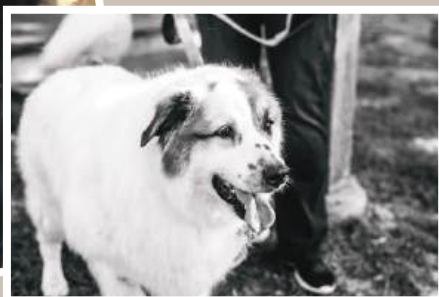
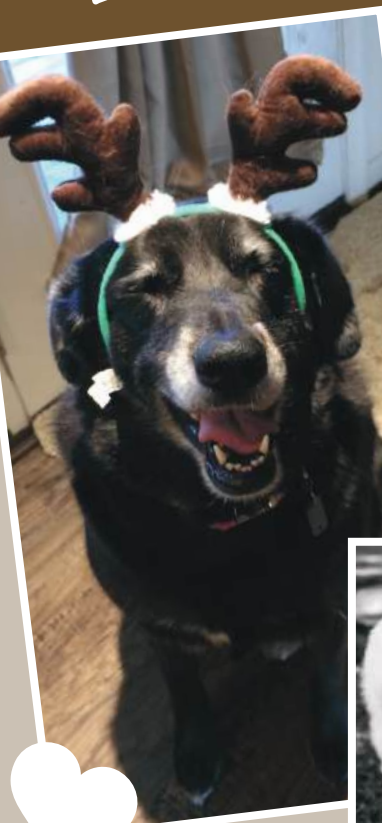
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Where's Hershey?

BY JENNIFER SCHULTZ



Congratulations to Rene Takken
Hershey was on page 29 of May's issue.

Each month Hershey will be hidden somewhere in *Neighbors of Hanover* magazine. You need to find him!

Who is Hershey? Hershey is the four-legged member of the Alexander family. Renee Alexander is the owner of The Village Pet Shoppe and a sponsor of our community magazine. We are very grateful for her sponsorship.

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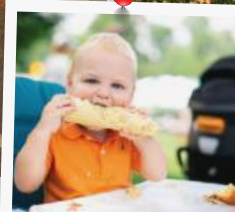
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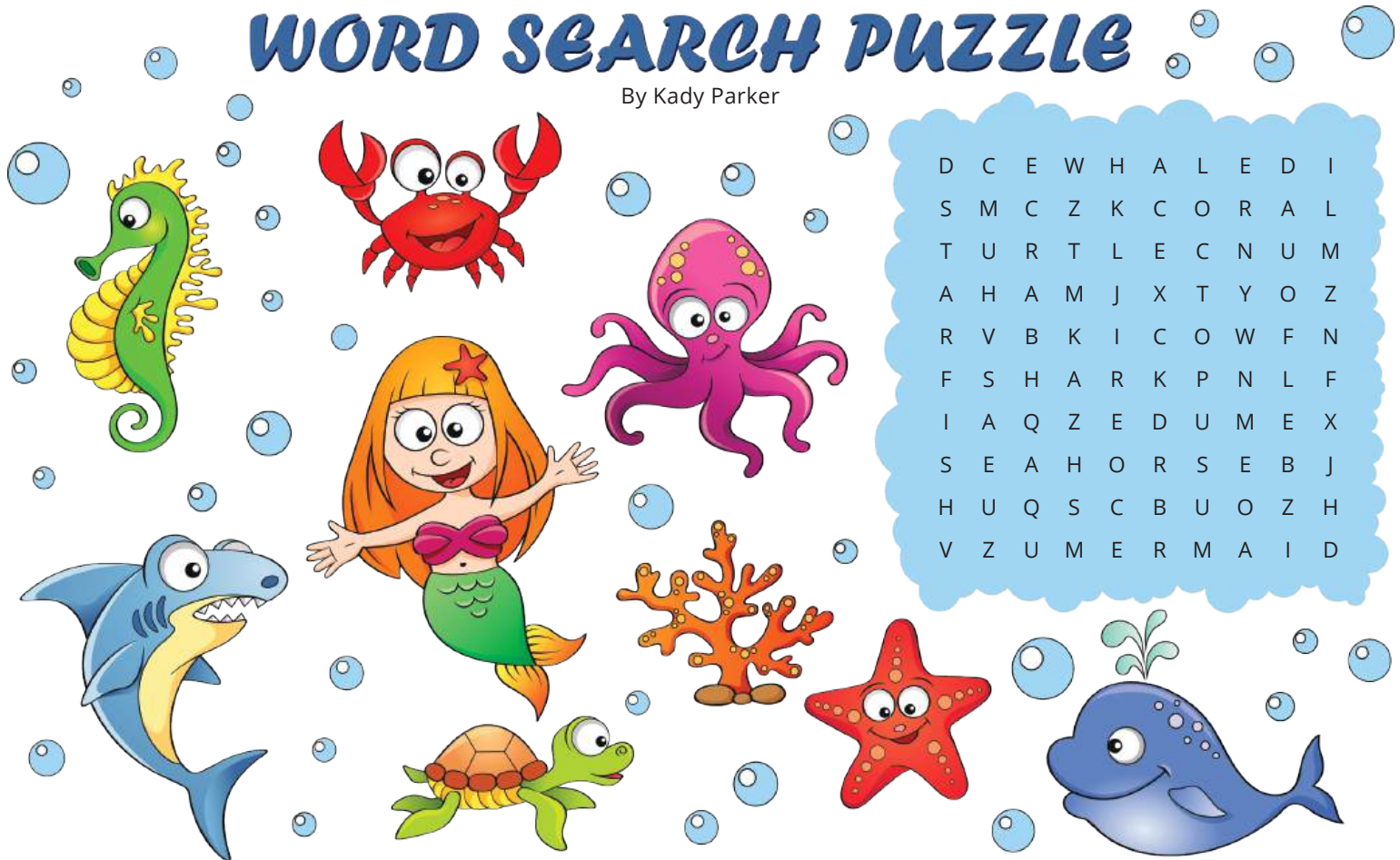
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Horseradish Asparagus

By Donna Mountfort
The Hollabaugh Family Cookbook

- 32 fresh asparagus spears
- 1 1/2 c. sour cream
- 1 tsp. garlic salt
- 1 1/2 T. horseradish
- 1 1/2 T. butter
- 3/4 c. bread crumbs



Steam asparagus until crisp and tender. Place in 9x13 baking dish. Mix sour cream, garlic salt, and horseradish; spread over asparagus. Melt butter and add bread crumbs; sprinkle over asparagus. Broil until bread crumbs are browned. Makes 8 servings.



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Theater Review:

The Marvelous Wonderettes

Delivers '50s and '60s Gold

Now in its 75th Anniversary Year of operation, the Totem Pole Playhouse kicked off the 2025 Season with an exciting and nostalgic off-Broadway production of *The Marvelous Wonderettes* that ran through June 8.

In May, the Totem Pole Playhouse was named 2025 Non-Profit of the Year by Gettysburg-Adams Chamber of Commerce. The award was accepted by Producing Artistic Director, Ryan B. Gibbs; Managing Director, Fern-Marie Aames, and several others who represented the organization's staff, artists, and supporters.

What an incredible trip down memory lane to open the season with a show filled with nostalgia and high energy! More than thirty of the most iconic songs of the fabulous '50s and snazzy '60s music defined an era. Along with Producing Artistic Director, Ryan B. Gibbs, Totem Pole's Creative Team included Jenn Reed,

BY SHARON A. DORN



Choreographer; Jane Best, Music Director; Lisa Liebetrau, Costume Designer; and James Fourchard, Scenic Designer.

The extremely talented, exuberant and all-star cast of four immensely talented women included Beth DeMichele, Carolyn Anne Miller, Katie Sexton, Jessica Wagner along with "Wonderstudy" Carly Paige Lafferty, who brought timeless music through a teen's life to the stage with vibrance and emotion.

The cast portrayed what every teenage girl was going through in that era – competition for the cutest guy, the cutest hairstyle, the cutest clothes as well as the most difficult break-up. Audience members found themselves singing along to the Marvelous tunes which included such popular hits as "Heatwave", "It's in His Kiss" (The Shoop Shoop Song); and the all-time favorite, "Respect".

The play's creator, Roger Bean, first premiered the show at the Milwaukee Repertory Theatre in 1999 before it became an Off-Broadway hit in 2008. A treat for all ages, *The Marvelous Wonderettes* was a must see!

The excitement continues with *The 39 Steps* from July 18-27, and wrapping up the summer season with *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical* August 8-24. For further information, visit www.totempoleplayhouse.org or call the Box Office at 717-352-2164. ●

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Unite Your Community: National Night Out 2025 Brings Hanover & York County Together

COMPILED BY JILL RICKLE

Mark your calendars! National Night Out returns on Tuesday, August 5, 2025, transforming neighborhoods across Hanover and York County into vibrant celebrations of community spirit. This annual tradition isn't just another summer event – it's a powerful demonstration of unity that brings neighbors together and strengthens the bonds that make the Hanover area truly special.

This nationwide movement has connected millions of neighbors through a beautifully simple concept: turn on your porch lights, step outside, and spend an evening getting to know the people who make your community home. It's democracy in action at the most local level, creating safer, more connected neighborhoods through the power of friendship and cooperation.

Hanover has embraced National Night Out with exceptional enthusiasm! The Penn Township, Hanover Borough, and West Manheim Police will host their joint celebration on August 5th from 6-8 PM at Emory H. Markle Middle School (225 Bowman Road, Hanover). This collaborative event includes multiple law enforcement agencies including Penn Township, Hanover Borough, West Manheim Township, and Conewago Township Police Departments working together for one community celebration.

York County's Regional Fun

York County's celebrations are as diverse as our communities! Here are some exciting events to choose from:

Hanover Area – Emory H. Middle School, 6:00-8:00 PM
West Manchester Township – Sunset Lane Park, 5:00-8:00 PM
York County Regional Police – Dallastown Community Park
Northern York County Regional Police – 5:30-8:00 PM

These celebrations pack in something for every family member! Expect interactive experiences with police officers, K-9 units, firefighters, and EMTs. Kids love getting up close with police motorcycles and fire trucks, while parents appreciate the chance to connect with their hometown heroes who keep our communities safe.

Free food, drinks, and snacks will be provided throughout the county's events – from hot dogs and hamburgers to local favorites. Many locations feature special activities for children, including free bicycle raffles for kids 14 and younger, complete with helmets!

Entertainment includes live music, safety demonstrations, bounce houses, and interactive agency booths that make learning fun for the whole family.

As National Night Out 2025 approaches, check with your local police department or municipal office for specific event details in

your area. Whether you're in Hanover proper or the surrounding townships, there's a celebration waiting for you!

Bring your community spirit, appetite for good food, and most importantly, an open heart ready to connect with neighbors. Invite your friends, family, and neighbors – because National Night Out is about expanding our circles of connection and creating communities where everyone belongs.

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Trail Blazing Forward: Hanover Trolley Trail Extends Its Reach

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The Hanover Trolley Trail has prepared for its most ambitious expansion yet. This community asset is about to grow by nearly two miles—bringing even more outdoor adventure to residents throughout the region.

The projects will seamlessly connect the trail from Gitts Run Road all the way to Jacobs Mill Road, transforming what was once just a dream into a \$1.9 million reality.

What makes this expansion remarkable is the community spirit behind it. The project has garnered support from an impressive coalition of funders, including the PA Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program, PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources' Keystone Fund, York County Marcellus Shale Fund, Explore York, J. William Warehime Foundation, and Powder Mill Foundation. It illustrates how much this trail means to the region that so many organizations stepped up to make it happen.

The momentum doesn't stop there. In a display of local government cooperation, Heidelberg Township recently donated a generous 12-acre parcel along Route 116 to the York County Rail Trail Authority. This strategic gift has already sparked plans for a \$1.4 million enhancement project featuring a new parking lot and

an elegant boardwalk-bridge connection—with a grant application already submitted to help fund this exciting addition.

But perhaps the most inspiring aspect of the Hanover Trolley Trail's success story is the grassroots support from surrounding communities. Hanover and Spring Grove boroughs, along with Penn and Jackson townships, rolled up their sleeves in 2024, contributing an astounding \$17,207 worth of labor and equipment to keep the trail in pristine condition. Volunteers even beautified the entrance garden at the Jackson Township parking lot, proving that when communities come together, beautiful things happen.

The trail isn't just about recreation—it's becoming an outdoor classroom too. This spring, the Oil Creek restoration site attracted curious minds from York College of Pennsylvania and Dickinson College. Engineering students explored the nearly completed phase one restoration in February, while Dickinson's Alliance for Aquatic Resource Monitoring students got their hands dirty sampling aquatic life in March. Their five-year monitoring commitment will provide valuable insights into how restoration efforts impact local ecosystems.

As residents look toward the trail reaching Jacobs Mill Road by year's end, there's genuine excitement in the air. This isn't just another construction project—it's the expansion of a community treasure that brings families together, provides healthy recreation opportunities, and showcases the natural beauty of York County.

The Hanover Trolley Trail represents the best of what happens when vision meets determination, and public support meets private generosity. With each mile of new trail surface, the community isn't just building pathways through the landscape—they're creating connections that will strengthen the area for generations to come. ●

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