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Dear Residents

Happy July, Gettysburg!

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 feature a resident in order to help you get to know your community a little better. This month, you'll get to meet Nicole and Jason Suski. 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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A Legacy of Hospitality: Three Generations at Hickory Bridge Farm

BY JILL RICKLE



At Hickory Bridge Farm, guests don't just dine and stay—they become part of a story that began over three centuries ago. Since 1982, Mary Lynn Martin has managed the family business that she took over from her parents who purchased it in 1977. Today, she operates one of the region's most beloved destinations, where historic charm meets exceptional hospitality.

The property's extraordinary history begins in the late 1600s when the King of England granted this land to Charles Carroll, father of the signer of the Declaration of Independence. The first settler, John Carrick, built the clay brick farmhouse around 1750—the same building where bed and breakfast guests stay. Carrick's son Samuel later founded what became the University of Tennessee, while John himself lived to nearly 100, making his 1812 death newsworthy for the era.

Through the Civil War years under the Herring family's ownership, soldiers found refuge here, with some reportedly escaping up the hollow into the mountains. The most dramatic chapter came in 1887 when lightning struck the owners at the time, the Heintzelman family's barn, destroying their entire harvest and livestock. The replacement barn they built with oak and chestnut beams now serves as the farm's stunning restaurant, where several Heintzelman descendants still gather for dinner, connecting past to present.

After the Deardorff and Scott families' stewardship—including the Scotts' establishment of the restaurant in the early 1960s—Mary Lynn's parents, the Hammetts, purchased the struggling property in 1977. Having just sold the Fairfield Inn, they envisioned serving family-style dinners in this historic setting.

Today, Hickory Bridge Farm Restaurant, Wedding Venue and Bed & Breakfast serves the community with diverse offerings that honor both its heritage and modern needs. During weekdays and Saturday afternoons, the restaurant opens exclusively to groups and private parties, providing an intimate setting for business meetings, family gatherings, and special celebrations. On Friday and Saturday evenings, plus Sunday afternoons, the public can experience the farm's signature old-fashioned cuisine crafted with local ingredients.

"All meals feature an old fashioned cuisine with local ingredients," Mary Lynn explains, describing how each dish showcases the region's agricultural bounty. The menu celebrates traditional cooking methods and seasonal produce, creating memorable dining experiences that transport guests to simpler times while satisfying contemporary tastes.

The bed and breakfast accommodations offer guests a choice between charming cottages and rooms within the historic 1750 farmhouse. Each option provides a unique window into the property's rich past while delivering modern comfort and convenience. Guests wake up surrounded by the same beauty that has graced this land for centuries, yet enjoy all the amenities expected in today's hospitality industry.

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From John Carrick's colonial farmhouse to Mary Lynn's modern hospitality, Hickory Bridge Farm demonstrates how honoring the past can enhance the present. This remarkable destination offers something precious: a place where time slows down, history comes alive, and every guest becomes part of an ongoing story that spans centuries.

Under Mary Lynn's thoughtful stewardship and with Bert poised to continue the legacy, Hickory Bridge Farm remains a testament to the enduring power of treating others with dignity, respect, and genuine care.

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delicious meal." This golden rule approach has shaped every interaction and service, creating an environment where guests feel genuinely welcomed and valued.

"My biggest inspiration would be the expectations that my parents showed," Mary Lynn reflects. "They showed me the importance of treating people with dignity." This foundational principle, instilled by her parents and echoing the hospitality traditions of all the families who've stewarded this property, guides every aspect of the operation.

The future looks bright with the promise of continued family involvement. Mary Lynn takes particular pride in knowing that her son Bert will represent the third generation of Hammett family leadership, ensuring the values and traditions that have made Hickory Bridge Farm special will endure.

Whether hosting intimate private dinners, welcoming the public for weekend meals, providing romantic getaways for bed and breakfast guests, or creating dream weddings, Mary Lynn and her team understand they're not just providing services—they're creating memories within living history.



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22nd Annual Cornfest: A Sweet Summer Tradition at the Round Barn

SUBMITTED BY KEVIN KNOUSE



Mark your calendars for a delicious afternoon at one of Adams County's most beloved summer celebrations!

When the July heat arrives, locals know it's time for one thing – the annual Cornfest at the historic Round Barn. On Sunday, July 27th, from 11:30 AM to 4:00 PM, this 22 year tradition promises a day filled with mouthwatering farm-fresh food, bluegrass music, and good old-fashioned country fun.

A Feast for the Senses

The highlight of the event is the sweet corn grown right on the farm, steam roasted to perfection over applewood fires that delivers tender, juicy kernels in every bite that you simply can't replicate at home. "Once you bite into our roasted sweet corn, you'll be back year after year," promises Kevin Knouse, Business Manager, Historic Round Barn & Farm Market.

Cornfest is far more than just its namesake treat. Sink your teeth into pulled pork prepared with a closely-guarded family recipe, savor chicken cooked to perfection, and sample the cornbread and corn fritters that have become festival favorites since their introduction last year.

Save room for dessert, though – the grilled peach sundaes and refreshing peach milkshakes offer the perfect sweet finish to your picnic-style feast. Food service runs from 11:30 AM to 3:30 PM, giving you plenty of time to sample everything on the menu.

As you dine, enjoy the sounds of live bluegrass music from 12 noon until 4:00 PM. Local musicians will keep the atmosphere lively with authentic tunes that celebrate the region's rich musical heritage.

Parents, take note – Cornfest has plenty to keep little ones entertained! Kids'

games and activities run throughout the day, including a bounce house that's sure to be a hit with energetic youngsters. The relaxed, come-as-you-are atmosphere makes this an ideal family outing.

What began as a small gathering more than two decades ago has become one of the area's most anticipated summer events, with most attendees returning year after year. "We love bringing people together with great food and music for a fun time to relax and enjoy each other's company," explains Kevin, "and Cornfest is exactly that."

What You Need to Know

Date: Sunday, July 27, 2025

Time: 11:30 AM – 4:00 PM (Food served until 3:30 PM)

Location: The Round Barn, 298 Cashtown Rd, Biglerville, PA 17307

Cost: No tickets or registration necessary – just show up hungry!

Whether you're a longtime Cornfest devotee or a curious first-timer, this celebration of summer's bounty offers a delightful taste of Adams County's agricultural heritage and community spirit. Don't miss your chance to create sweet summer memories at this year's Cornfest! ●





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The Suskis: Where Family Traditions and Fresh Flavors Flourish

BY JILL RICKLE
PHOTOS BY CARLA B. LONG

Close to Arendtsville sits a home with stories and family etched into every corner. For Nicole and Jason Suski, this charming Sears kit house—lovingly assembled by Nicole's grandfather and great-grandfather decades ago—represents more than just a place to live. It's a living connection to family heritage that has shaped their values, influenced their career paths, and ultimately led them to their newest adventure in downtown Gettysburg with crEAtE @ 48 on York Street.

"Most of my childhood memories and holidays took place in this home," Nicole shares with a nostalgic smile. "Keeping the property in the family was incredibly important to me." The couple has now called this special place home for 15 years, surrounded by fruit orchards that change with the seasons.

Some love stories unfold slowly over time, but Jason and Nicole's relationship moved with the swiftness of a well-orchestrated five-course meal. They first met as roommates in Charleston, South Carolina, where their friendship quickly blossomed into something more. After just eight months of dating, they were engaged!

Their favorite memory together takes them across the Atlantic to their first European adventure. While Jason, ever the chef, relished sampling culinary delights and visiting his sister in England, Nicole still erupts in laughter recalling their misadventure on a double-decker bus in the pouring rain. "The bus driver completely forgot we were up top," she recounts with amusement dancing in her eyes. "Thank goodness Jason's sister noticed we were heading in the wrong direction, though we still had to hoof it back MILES from where we were supposed to be dropped off!" The funniest part? "We scared the dickens out of the bus driver when we came 'downstairs.' He thought his bus was empty!"

A Culinary Legacy

For Jason, cooking isn't just a profession—it's a family tradition. Growing up in the kitchen alongside his father, Chef Tom Suski, he discovered his passion for food at an early age. This natural affinity led him to Johnson and Wales, where he earned his AOS in Culinary Arts before embarking on an impressive career journey.

"After school, I spent eight years in Charleston working at various high-end restaurants and as Executive Chef at Middleton Inn," Jason explains. His path eventually led him to become Director of Culinary Development for 62 contract food service locations on the East Coast—valuable experience that later molded his approach to their own establishment.

Nicole's path weaves through different industries but always circles back to one consistent theme: creating experiences that bring



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joy to others. With a BS in Psychology from The College of Charleston(CofC), she initially fell in love with hospitality and tourism during her college visit.

"The moment I stepped out of my parents' car while visiting CofC as a high school student, I knew I had found something special," she recalls. Though hospitality didn't become an official major until her senior year, Nicole gained what she calls her "most impressive knowledge" working the front desk of the top-rated Holiday Inn in customer satisfaction.

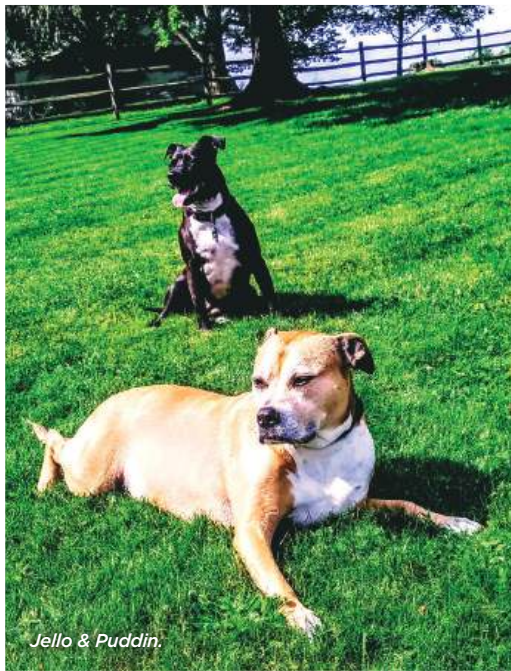
After a five-year detour into accounting, Nicole realized her true passion was "people pleasing," which guided her back to hospitality—specifically sales and catering at the family-owned Altland House, where she worked for 11 years before joining forces with Jason in their current venture.

Despite their busy schedules, the Suskis find time to embrace life's simple pleasures. Nicole maintains her youthful spirit by assembling Legos, working on puzzles, and crafting. Jason, who spends countless hours in professional kitchens, seeks balance through outdoor activities.

"He really enjoys just being outside when not at the restaurant," Nicole shares. "Long walks with our puppy and hikes through the woods help him recharge."

Speaking of puppies, their household wouldn't be complete without Puddin', their 10-year-old terrier mix adopted from a foster family in Spring Grove via Rocky's Rescue. This sweet rescue follows in the pawprints of her "sisters" Kool-Aid and Jell-O, continuing the couple's commitment to giving shelter pets loving homes.

While they don't have children of their own, family remains central to their lives. "We love spending as much time as possible with our nieces and nephew," they share—passing down the joy of gathering around good food and creating memories.



Jello & Puddin'.



Jason outside of Timberyard in Edinburgh, Scotland

Beyond their home life, the Suskis believe in giving back. Nicole sits on the Arendtsville Board of Elections and works the polls during almost every election, embodying their commitment to community involvement. The couple's appreciation for their surroundings runs deep. "We love the small-town feel and abundance of fresh, local produce and meats right in our backyard!" This connection to local agriculture naturally influences their approach to cooking, with menus that reflect what's currently thriving in nearby fields and farms.

As they settle into their newest chapter in Gettysburg, the Suskis bring with them these values of family tradition, quality ingredients, and community spirit. "We're loving being part of the community in downtown Gettysburg," they share warmly. "We felt and continue to feel such a welcome from everyone!"

For the Suskis, life—like their seasonal menu—is about embracing fresh possibilities while honoring the roots that nourish everything they do. ●

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BY TONY GONNELLA

Opening a jewelry box that once belonged to a beloved family member can stir up a whirlwind of emotions. Among the memories and sentiments, there's often a practical question that arises: "Is this good jewelry?"

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Gettysburg Foundation Partner Donates to Eisenhower National Historic Site Garden

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Hollabaugh Bros., Inc., supports history education and community health through spring planting gift.

The Gettysburg Foundation is pleased to announce a spring donation from long-time business partner Hollabaugh Bros., Inc., supporting the 2025 vegetable garden at Eisenhower National Historic Site. The donation, consisting of plants and garden supplies, will help with this year's replanting of the historic garden, while continuing a tradition of donating fresh produce to local food pantries, from the same garden that was tended by President Dwight D. and First Lady Mamie Eisenhower.

The Gettysburg Foundation received the donation on behalf of its National Park Service partner. This year's contribution from Hollabaugh Bros., Inc., includes 30 tomato plants, 24 green pepper plants, six jalapeño pepper plants, a flat of marigold flowers and four bales of straw. The supplies will be used in the replanting of the interpretive vegetable garden located just south of the Eisenhower' Gettysburg home.

Hollabaugh Bros., Inc., is proud to be a steward of the land here in Adams County, and we seize every opportunity to

connect people with farming and food in a way that allows them to experience it firsthand," said Ellie Hollabaugh-Vranich, co-owner of Hollabaugh Bros., Inc. "In supporting the National Park Service and the Gettysburg Foundation through the Eisenhower Garden, we aim to maintain the connection between food, farm and community in Gettysburg."

Established in 1955 by twin brothers Donald and Harold Hollabaugh, Hollabaugh Bros., Inc., has evolved into a fourth-generation farm operation dedicated to land stewardship, high-quality produce and community engagement. Their support helps sustain one of the most tangible elements of the Eisenhowers' post-presidential life in Gettysburg.

"Each year, the vegetable garden is cared for by dedicated volunteers and used by our interpretive staff to tell the story of the Eisenhower family's life here in Gettysburg," said Phillip Brown, Supervisory Park Ranger at Eisenhower National Historic Site. "In the spirit of the Eisenhower family's mission of community improvement, the produce harvested from the garden is donated to the South Central Community Action Programs (SCCAP) food pantry."

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Ninety Years Strong: The Moose Family Reunion Celebrates Nearly a Century of Love, Laughter, and Legacy

SUBMITTED BY ALAN MOOSE;
WRITTEN BY JILL RICKLE

What began as a simple gathering of 52 family members on a Maryland lawn in 1934 has blossomed into one of our area's most enduring family traditions. The Moose-Kittinger family reunion, now celebrating its 90th year, stands as a testament to the power of family bonds and the importance of preserving heritage across generations.

Their story begins with two determined sisters, Cora Alberta Myers-Moose and Mary Virginia Myers-Kittinger, who had a vision that would unite their extended family for decades to come. In 1934, these 2 women organized the very first reunion at the home of John and Cora Moose near Westminster, Maryland, where lunch was served. Little did they know they were launching a tradition that would endure world wars, economic hardships, and even a global pandemic.

A Tapestry of Treasured Traditions

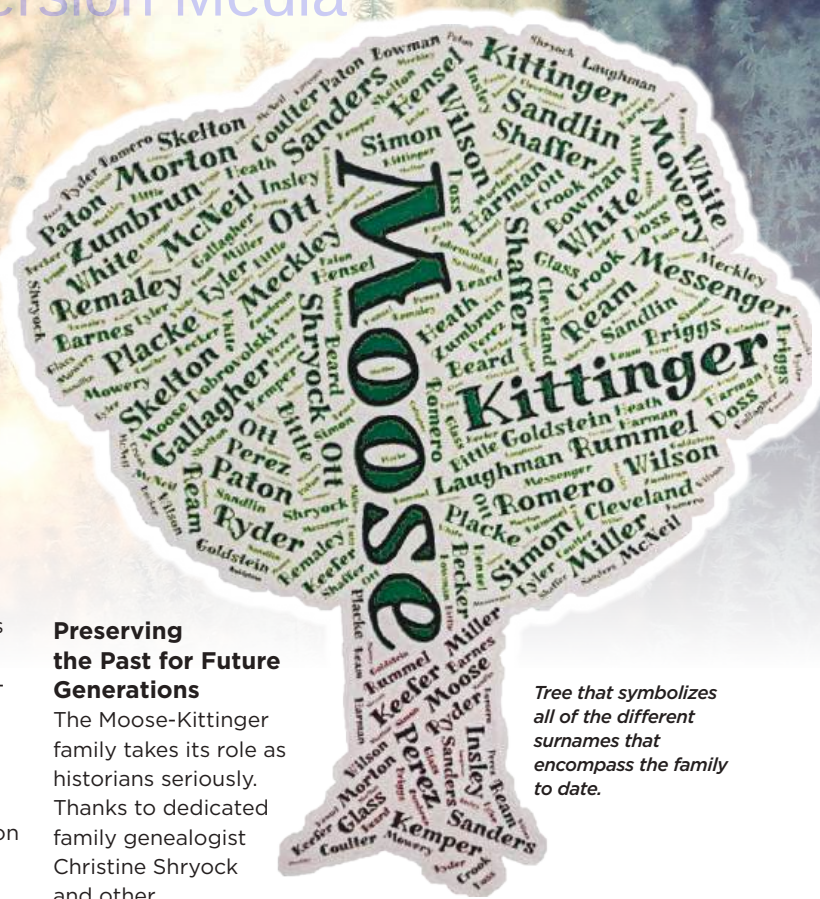
Over nine decades, the Moose-Kittinger reunion has continued beloved customs that family members eagerly anticipate each year. The gathering wouldn't be complete without the rounds of bingo, the popular cake walks, and the always-entertaining auctions that help fund future reunions. Children's laughter fills the air during specially planned games, while group sing-alongs create memories that echo long after the last note fades.

Religious tradition holds a special place in the family's heart, with many reunions closing on the poignant notes of "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," a hymn that never fails to bring tears to eyes. The late Howard Moose's sermons became legendary fixtures, while talented family members continue to share their musical gifts, creating soundtrack memories for each gathering.

The reunion's competitive spirit prevails with various contests recognizing the oldest and youngest attendees, those who traveled the furthest distances, and the creators of the most mouth-watering desserts. These friendly competitions are the topic of countless stories and good-natured rivalries that span generations.

From Lawn to Hall: A Journey Through Venues

While the reunion began on that Westminster lawn, the growing family has called many places home over the years. The celebration has found welcoming spaces at South Mountain Fair Grounds, Littlestown Fish & Game, St. John's Lutheran Church Social Hall in Littlestown, Harney Fire Hall in Taneytown, Maryland, and Taneytown Memorial Park. Each venue has added its own character to the family's collective memory book.



Preserving the Past for Future Generations

The Moose-Kittinger family takes its role as historians seriously. Thanks to dedicated family genealogist Christine Shryock and other

passionate record-keepers, the family's story lives on through meticulously maintained minutes, treasurer's reports, newspaper clippings, and a comprehensive family history book filled with precious memories. The digital age has brought new tools, with family genealogy now preserved on Ancestry.com, ensuring that future generations can easily trace their roots.

These written records complement the oral history tradition, where stories pass from grandparents to grandchildren like precious heirlooms, each telling adding new layers to the family narrative.

Weathering History's Storms

Throughout 90 years, the reunion has reflected the broader sweep of American history. World War II brought both separation and celebration as family members served their country and later returned to joyful homecomings. The COVID-19 pandemic tested the family's resolve, but their commitment to staying connected proved stronger than any challenge.

Each gathering honors life's milestones—celebrating births and marriages while lovingly memorializing those who have passed. Veterans receive special recognition for their service, and the family takes particular pride in honoring Enola Briggs, the remarkable woman who attended the very first reunion as an infant in 1934 and remains the sole surviving member of that inaugural gathering. Enola's father, Raymond, was the son of William Moose, brother to John Moose, one of the reunion's original founders.

Eight Generations and Counting

Today's reunions typically welcome 45 to 60 family members representing eight to nine generations, with attendance varying based on significant family events. The tradition of introductions allows newer generations to share their connection to the original family members, creating bridges between past and present that strengthen with each telling.

*Tree that symbolizes
all of the different
surnames that
encompass the family
to date.*

The Moose children gathered at the home of the parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Moose, Westminster R.D. #1 on Sept. 2, 1934 and organized a Moose reunion naming the following officers.

President Mr. Albert Moose
Vice Pres. Mr. Chester Moose
Secretary Mr. Howard Moose
Treasurer Mrs. Flora Miller
Historian Miss Christine Moose
Program Comm. Mr. Clarence Moose

They decided to meet again next year the Sunday before Labor Day the place to be named later.

At this time we were favored with the following restorations by Miss Merna Wengert, Mr. Merl Moose, Mr. Ray Moose, Mrs. Flora Miller, Miss Evelyn Moose, Miss Geraldine Moose, Mr. Samuel Harmon. Aguitar solo by Mr. Marlin Moose. Song by the Fairfield boys.

A short talk by Mr. Albert Moose, Mrs. James Donaldson, Mr. Chester Moose and Howard Moose.

The offering was then taken which amounted to \$2.15.

Next we joined in the reunion song. The oldest person present was Mr. Charles Hoffman. The youngest person present was Miss Joy Wickley.

The meeting came to a close by all rising and singing "God be with You Till We Meet Again."

Signed
Howard Moose
Secretary



John Daniel Moose - About 1890

A Milestone Celebration

This year's 90th reunion promises to be extra special, with commemorative giveaways including custom Moose Family labeled wine, keychains, and refrigerator magnets. The traditional auction continues to raise funds for future generations, while cash prizes and door prizes—including a beautiful mantel clock—add to the excitement. A Moose piñata brings fun, while enlarged family banners create perfect backdrops for the countless photos that will become tomorrow's treasured memories.

As the Moose-Kittinger family gathers once again, they carry forward the dreams of two devoted sisters who believed that family connections were worth celebrating. Their legacy lives on in every shared meal, every sung hymn, and every story passed down through the generations. In a world that often seems to move too fast, this remarkable family reunion reminds us all of the enduring power of love, tradition, and the simple joy of coming home. ●



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Light Up Your Neighborhood: National Night Out 2025 Brings Gettysburg & Adams County Together

COMPILED BY JILL RICKLE

Get ready to step outside, meet your neighbors, and celebrate one of America's newest community traditions! National Night Out (NNO) is a community-building campaign that culminates annually on the first Tuesday in August. This year it is scheduled for Tuesday, August 5, 2025.

This special evening transforms ordinary neighborhoods into vibrant community celebrations, strengthening the bonds between residents and local law enforcement while fostering the kind of neighborly spirit that makes small towns like Gettysburg truly shine.

What Makes National Night Out Special?

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. Think of it as the ultimate block party with a purpose! From Gettysburg's historic streets to the surrounding Adams County communities, families will gather for an evening filled with food, fun, and friendship.

Neighbors throughout our local area and across the nation are asked to lock their doors, turn on their front porch lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and law enforcement on Tuesday, August 5, 2025. The simple act of turning on porch lights creates a powerful symbol of unity that stretches from coast to coast.

Gettysburg's Downtown Celebration

Gettysburg's 2025 National Night Out celebration will take place right in the heart of the historic town on East High Street from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM. This central location brings the community together in one of Gettysburg's most iconic areas, creating an atmosphere that perfectly blends the town's history with its vibrant present.

The event will feature food trucks offering delicious dining

options, business vendors showcasing local enterprises, and police officers. This unique combination creates an experience that's distinctly Gettysburg while embracing the nationwide spirit of National Night Out.

Adams County's Growing Community Network

Throughout Adams County, National Night Out 2025 is creating opportunities for neighbors to connect and communities to strengthen their bonds. The Liberty Township Police Department, serving Highland Township, Freedom Township, and Liberty Township, will host their celebration from 5-8 PM at the Mid-Atlantic Soaring Association, 154 Pecher Road, Fairfield, PA 17320, partnering with Greenmount Community Volunteer Fire Department.

Their event promises food trucks, child safety education, face painting, bounce houses, emergency vehicles, law enforcement personnel, and community outreach programs - demonstrating how National Night Out brings together multiple aspects of community safety and engagement under one celebration.

What to Expect

National Night Out celebrations share common elements that make them memorable for families. Typical festivities include food vendors and community cookouts, interactive demonstrations with police motorcycles and K-9 units, family activities like bounce houses and face painting, and partnerships with local fire departments and EMS services.

Get Involved

Planning to attend your local National Night Out event? Spread the word to neighbors, especially newcomers to the area. Many events rely on community volunteers, so contact your local police department to see how you can help. These events are designed to be multi-generational, so bring the whole family for a truly memorable community experience.

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As Gettysburg and the broader Adams County communities prepare for National Night Out 2025, there's never been a

better time to step outside, meet your neighbors, and be part of something bigger than yourself. Mark your calendar for Tuesday, August 5th, turn on those porch lights, and discover the joy of true community connection.

For specific event details in your area, contact your local police department or visit community social media pages closer to the date. Let's make National Night Out 2025 the best celebration yet! ●

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BY JILL RICKLE

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Your Summer Trail Calendar

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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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Calendar of Events

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Please note: Event details may change after publication. We recommend confirming times, locations and details directly with event organizers.

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

Ask Me Anything - Fraud Edition

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Join AARP to get answers to your scam questions and learn how to stay safe. These days there is a scam for everyone, Grandparents, shoppers, people on Social Security and Medicare. How are people supposed to keep up with it all? This month on AARP Live - Ask Me Anything - Fraud Edition, the guest will answer your questions. Join the conversation!

Time: 7:30 PM

More Info: local.aarp.org

Fri., July 18 - Sun., July 27

The 39 Steps

@Totem Pole Playhouse, 9555 Golf Course Rd., Fayetteville, PA 17222

Mix a Hitchcock masterpiece with a juicy spy novel, add a dash of Monty Python and you have The 39 Steps, a fast-paced whodunit for anyone who loves the magic of theatre! This two-time Tony and Drama Desk Award winning treat is packed with nonstop laughs, over 150 zany characters (played by a ridiculously talented cast of four), an onstage plane crash, handcuffs,

missing fingers, and some good old-fashioned romance.

Time & Cost: varies by date & time

More Info: totempoleplayhouse.org

Sat., July 19

Thurmont Main Street Farmers Market

@Thurmont Community Park, 21 Frederick Rd., Thurmont, MD 21788

The largest farmers market in Frederick County. A large variety of fresh produce, fruit, baked goods, locally made sauces, rubs, locally raised beef, chicken, & eggs, homemade breads, bagels, & hand sewn items. It's not just a Farmers Market, it's an event. See website for additional Saturdays through August.

Time: 9:00 AM

More Info: thurmontmainstreet.com

Sat., July 19 & Aug. 9

An Evening with the Painting

@Gettysburg National Military Park Museum & Visitor Center, 1195 Baltimore Pike, Gettysburg, PA 17325

Explore the history of the genre of cycloramas and the iconic Battle of Gettysburg Cyclorama. The fascinating creation of this historic piece of art, the rich symbolism found in the painting and the extensive conservation effort to restore the canvas visitors experience today is covered in the program. Program ticket holders enjoy extended time on the viewing platform to observe in full light the remarkable, close-up details and distant battle scenes depicted in the painting. Guests can journey under the diorama to view just how the three-dimensional "illusion" comes alive. Time is provided for Q&A.

Time: 5:00 PM

Cost: \$35.00

More Info: gettysburgfoundation.org

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

Sat., July 19

Butch Cassidy & The Sundance Kid movie

@Valentine Hall, Seminary Ridge Schmucker House lawn, 61 Seminary Ridge, Gettysburg, PA 17325

Enjoy Cinemas Under Stars with Gettysburg Film Commission on a 30 foot wide screen.

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Time: 7:00PM Music and Food

More Info: gettysburgfilmcommission.org

Sat., July 19 & Sun., July 20

Gettysburg National 19th Century Baseball Festival

@965 Pumping Station Rd., Gettysburg, PA 17325

Come see what baseball was like in the 19th century as 28 clubs from all over the US compete on 5 fields all weekend. Clubs will be playing by the same rules and customs of 1864 while using the same style uniforms and equipment. Family fun for everyone so bring your blankets, chairs, shade tents and picnic baskets.

Time: 8:00 AM

More Info: gettysburgbaseballfestival.com

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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! Select a wood project from their gallery. All the 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

Mon., July 21**Potluck Dinner - Camping & State Fair Food****@Carroll Valley Library, 5685 Fairfield Rd., Fairfield PA 17320**

What better way to celebrate summer than with food! Bring your favorite camping or state fair food and your appetite to the library for an evening of food sampling!

Time: 6:30 PM

More Info: adamslibrary.org

Thurs., July 24**Summer Umbrella Wreath Craft****@Gettysburg Library, 140 Baltimore St., Gettysburg, PA 17325**

Create a summer wreath with miniature umbrellas and other doodads. All experience levels are welcomed. Seating is limited. Registration required.

Time: 6:00 PM

More Info: adamslibrary.org

Fri., July 25 & additional dates in August**Kids Storytime****@Ashcombe Farm & Greenhouses, 906 W. Grantham Rd., Mechanicsburg, PA 17055**

Children will hear several stories, featuring a new theme each week and will enjoy a special cookie from our bakery. Storytime does require registration so there is enough space. Adults accompanying children DO NOT need to register. Storytime is held in the Meeting Room or Back of Cafe depending on group size.

Time: 10:30 AM

Cost: Free

More Info: ashcombe.com

Fri., July 25**Fridays on the Ridge****@Seminary Ridge Museum & Education Center, 61 Seminary Ridge, Gettysburg, PA 17325**

Meet at the Luther Statue for a sunset walking tour. Other dates listed on the website. Outdoors Weather Permitting.

Time: 6:30 PM

Cost: Free (contributions appreciated)

More Info: seminaryridgemuseum.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

Sat., July 26**Cookie Decorating Class****@Hollabaugh Bros., 545 Carlisle Rd., Biglerville PA 17307**

Always wanted to decorate sugar cookies? This fun class hosted by Beehive Cookie Co., covers the basic tools used to decorate sugar cookies, tips for cookie making and icing consistency. In class, make 5 large themed cookies that taste amazing and look even better. Everything needed will be provided: cookies, icing and a box to take some delicious hand-decorated cookies home.

Time: 10:00 AM

Cost: \$47.00

More Info: hollabaughbros.com

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

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.

Time: 5:00pm

Cost: \$12.00 Day pass

More Info: warehouserockspa.com

Sun., Aug. 3**Summer Dinner****@Hickory Bridge Farm, 96 Hickory Bridge Rd., Orrtanna, PA 17353**

Enjoy Blue Grass Music, B&B tour, a wedding open house plus a delicious dinner. More Info: hickorybridgefarm.com or 717-642-5261

Tues., Aug. 5 & Wed., Aug. 6**Summer Tea Luncheon****@Hickory Bridge Farm, 96 Hickory Bridge Rd., Orrtanna, PA 17353**

Enjoy lunch at the farm with music provided by Anita Smith (harpist) & Kristian Byers (violinist).

More Info: hickorybridgefarm.com or 717-642-5261

Thurs., Aug. 7**SummerQuest Ice Cream Sundaes****@Harbaugh-Thomas Library, 59 W. York St., Biglerville, PA 17307**

Drop in for the end of SummerQuest sundae party for all ages. Pre-registration required.

Time: 3:00 PM

Cost: Free

More Info: adamslibrary.org

Fri., Aug. 8**AARP Smart Driver Course****@Northeastern Senior Center, 131 Center St., Mount Wolf, PA 17347 (about an hour from Gettysburg)**

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Fri., Aug. 8 - Sun., Aug. 24

Beautiful- The Carole King Musical

@Totem Pole Playhouse, 9555 Golf Course Rd., Fayetteville, PA 17222

Before she was hit-maker Carole King — she was Carole Klein, a spunky, young songwriter from Brooklyn with a unique voice. From the chart-topping hits she wrote for the biggest acts in music to her own life-changing, trailblazing success with Tapestry, *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical* takes you back to where it all began — and takes you on the ride of a lifetime.

Time: varies by date

Cost: \$55.00

More Info: totempoleplayhouse.org

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Time: 9:00 AM

Cost: \$20.00 member / \$25.00 non-member

More Info: Call to register for this course.

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Fri., Aug 8 & 15; Sat., Aug. 9 & 16; Sun., Aug. 10 & 17

Silent Sky

@Gettysburg Community Theatre, 49 York St., Gettysburg, PA 17325

The true story of 19th-century astronomer Henrietta Leavitt explores a woman's place in society during a time of immense scientific discoveries, when women's ideas were dismissed until men claimed credit for them. Social progress, like scientific progress, can be hard to see when one is trapped among earthly complications; Henrietta Leavitt and her female peers believe in both, and their dedication changed the way we understand both the heavens and Earth.

Time: 7:00 PM on Friday & Saturday; 2:00 PM on Sunday

Cost: \$20.00

More Info: destinationgettysburg.com

Sat., Aug. 9 & Sun., Aug. 10

35th Annual Peach Festival

@Hollabaugh Bros., 545 Carlisle Rd., Biglerville PA 17307

The famous ice cream tent will be back featuring peach sundaes and pie a-la-mode plus peach ice cream and milkshakes and lots of peach products to sample. The bakery will be featuring delicious peach bread, muffins, scones, sugar cakes, and of course peach pies. On Saturday, Across the Pond performs their Celtic music the way you like it. On Sunday, all the way from West Virginia, enjoy Billy and the Curly Brothers, playing a variety of Celtic, bluegrass, and classic rock. Enjoy wagon rides, yard games, and face painting by professional artist, Yu Li. The United Way will have their food tent so plan on coming hungry.

Time: 12:00 PM

Cost: Festival is free. There is a \$5 parking fee with a portion of the proceeds benefiting local charities.

More Info: hollabaughbros.com



Fri., Aug 15 - Sun., Aug. 17

Bobby Horton - live performance

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

For his three-day residency in the Majestic Theater's Flex Theater, Bobby Horton, recognized as one of the country's leading authorities on Civil War music, offers two distinct programs daily, *Songs & Stories of the Civil War*, and *The Long Steel Rail in America*. Come enjoy one, or make an evening of it and see both programs.

Time: check website for times

Cost: \$25.00

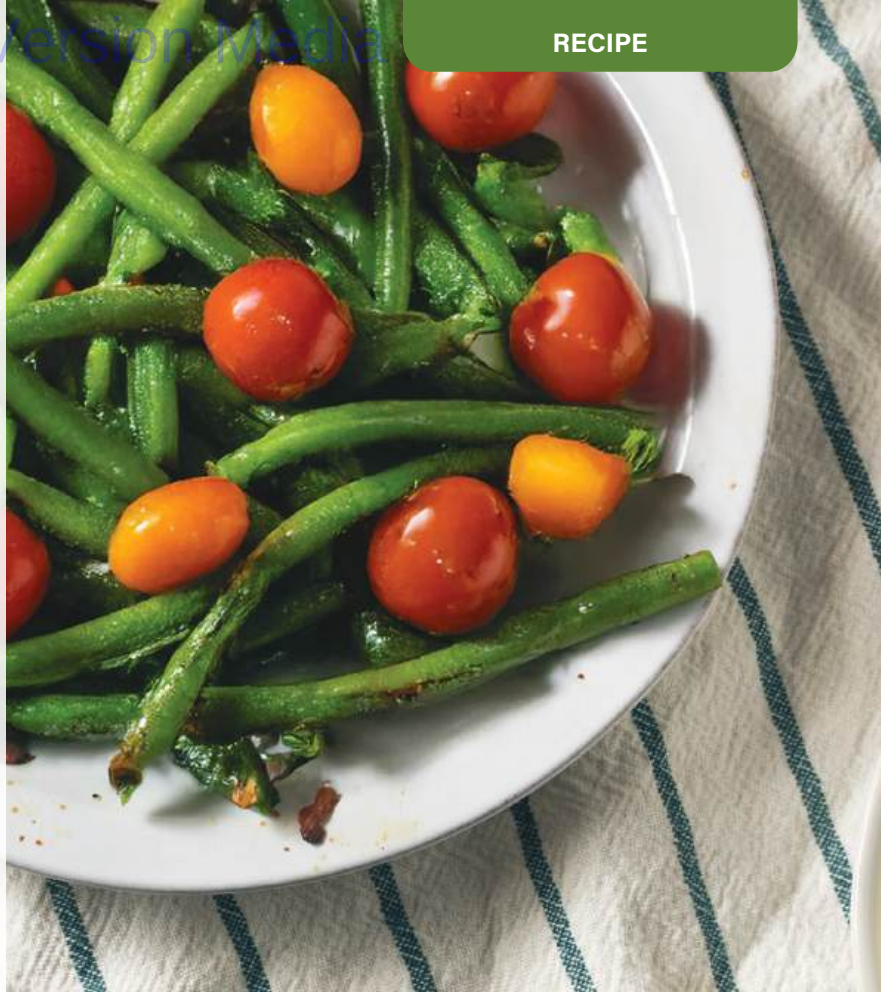
More Info: gettysburgmajestic.org

Lemony Green Beans & Tomatoes

BY KAREN MENGES,
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- 1 1/2 lbs. fresh green beans
- 1 c. cherry tomatoes
- 1 T. lemon juice
- 2 tsp. olive oil
- 1/2 tsp. grated lemon rind
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/8 tsp. freshly ground pepper

Wash green beans. Trim ends and remove strings. Drop beans into large saucepan of boiling water; cook 7 minutes or until crisp-tender. Drain well. Combine beans and tomatoes in large bowl. Set aside. Combine lemon juice and next 4 ingredients; stir well. Pour over vegetables, tossing gently to coat.



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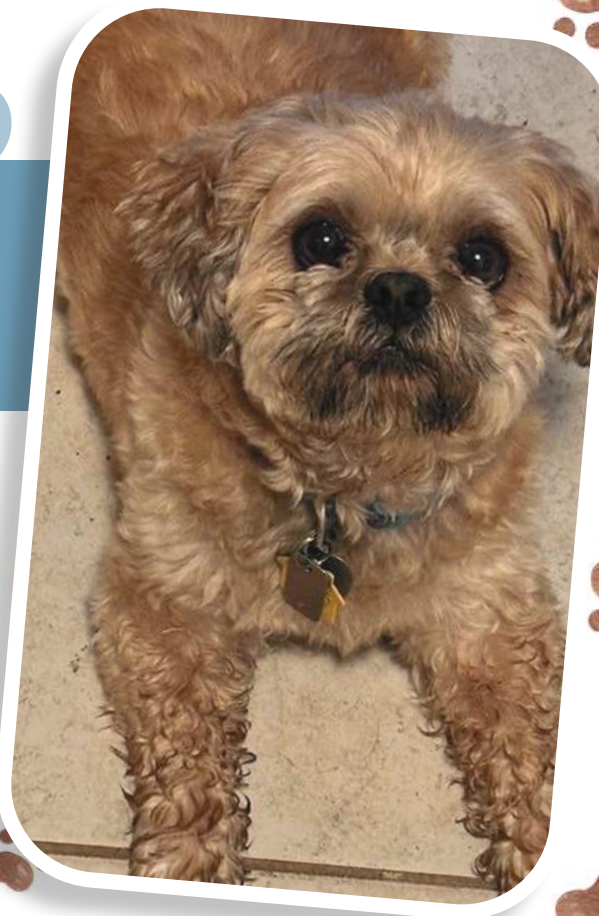


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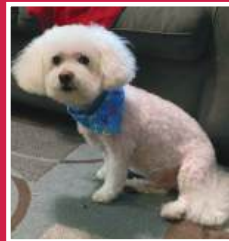
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Where's Casper

BY JAKE SCHULTZ



Casper

Each month Casper will be hidden somewhere here in **Gettysburg Neighbors** magazine. You need to find him! Who is Casper? Casper is the friendly Bichon of the Schultz family. Casper loves people, loves cuddling, loves pizza crust, duck jerky and playing fetch. The randomly chosen winner can choose a \$25 Gift Card to one of our local participating business sponsors.

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Casper could be found on page 16!

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Theater Review:

BY SHARON A. DORN

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, 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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COMPILED BY JILL RICKLE

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MID-JULY ADVENTURES (JULY 14-18)

Sewing is Fun

Grades 4-6 / 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Young creators will discover the joy of bringing fabric to life! This hands-on camp teaches fundamental sewing skills while creating personalized projects they'll treasure. From simple stitches to finished pieces, campers will gain confidence with every thread.

Dirty Hands Pottery

Ages 8-10 / 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

There's nothing quite like the satisfaction of shaping clay with your own hands! This camp invites young artists to get wonderfully messy while learning pottery basics. From pinch pots to painted masterpieces, each creation tells a unique story.

Mosaic Wonders: Art in Pieces

Ages 6-9 / 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Transform broken pieces into beautiful art! Campers will explore the ancient art of mosaics, learning how individual tiles come together to create stunning patterns and pictures. It's a perfect metaphor for how creativity brings everything together.



Finding Zen in Nature

Ages 5-9 / 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Combine mindfulness with outdoor exploration in this unique camp experience. Young participants will practice gentle yoga, nature meditation, and creative expression while connecting with the natural world around them.

LATE JULY CLASSES (JULY 28 - AUGUST 1)

Sweet Treat Baking

Ages 6-9 / 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Every young baker's dream comes true in this deliciously fun camp! Children will learn kitchen basics while creating scrumptious treats from scratch. From measuring ingredients to decorating finished goodies, it's a recipe for pure joy.

Mythical Madness: Dragons, Wizards, and Castles

Ages 6-9 / 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Step into a world of fantasy and adventure! This imaginative camp combines storytelling, art, and crafts to bring mythical creatures and medieval scenes to life. Perfect for young dreamers who love tales of magic and wonder.

Become a Knight Bootcamp for Kids

Ages 7-11 / 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Honor, courage, and creativity come together in this action-packed camp! Young knights-in-training will learn about medieval history while engaging in fun activities that build confidence and teamwork skills.



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Draw the Human - Figure Drawing

Ages 7-10 / 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Budding artists will develop their observation skills and artistic techniques in this focused drawing camp. Learning to capture the human form helps young artists understand proportion, movement, and expression.

Blacklight Glow Theater Camp

Ages 9-14 / 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Lights, camera, glow! This innovative theater camp combines performance art with spectacular visual effects. Campers will create an otherworldly theatrical experience using blacklight technology and their own creativity.

AUGUST CAMPS (AUGUST 4-8)

Fun with Flour

Ages 7-9 / 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Discover the art of bread-making and pastry creation! This hands-on culinary camp teaches young chefs the science and art behind baking, from kneading dough to creating beautiful finished products.

Peaceful Paintings: Mandala Seascapes

Ages 8-11 / 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Find tranquility through art in this meditative painting experience. Campers will create beautiful mandala-inspired seascapes while learning about color theory and mindful artistic expression.

Storytelling through the Arts

Ages 8-11 / 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Every child has a story to tell! This multimedia camp combines visual arts,



drama, and creative writing to help young storytellers bring their narratives to life through multiple artistic mediums.

TEEN AND ADVANCED CAMPS

Painting and Drawing Outdoors

Ages 12+ / July 21-25 / 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Take art outside! This plein air painting camp teaches advanced techniques while exploring the beauty of outdoor subjects. Perfect for teens ready to expand their artistic horizons.

Fiber Art Explored

Ages 11+ / July 21-25 / 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Dive deep into textile arts with this comprehensive fiber camp. From weaving to felting, participants will explore various techniques while creating sophisticated fiber art pieces.

Throw a Pot

Ages 12+ / August 4-8 / 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Master the potter's wheel in this advanced ceramics camp! Teens will learn the meditative art of throwing clay while creating functional and artistic pottery pieces.

Registration Information

Ready to secure your spot in these amazing creative adventures? Visit adamsarts.org to register today and give your child a summer of creative discovery.

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