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The Mt. Hope Estate.

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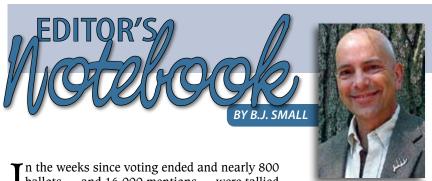








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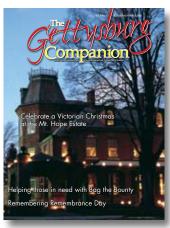
ballots — and 16,000 mentions — were tallied,

the staff at the Gettysburg Times has been taking a deep breath, refocusing eyeballs gone cross-eyed with so many handwritten names, and counting its blessings, and lessons.

The newspaper's first-ever *Pick of the County*, where readers selected their favorites, is history.

The process was enlightening and will positively influence many *Times* programs and all newspaper departments contributed to its success in some way. They produce stories, photos and ads for this magazine and quite a few of the businesses and professionals that were picked, appear within the pages of the *Companion*.

The more time taken to review the mountain of tearsheets (more than two days, but who was counting?), the more clear this area's diversity of services and specialties rang true.



This didn't come down to deciding between one or two people or establishments in a given area. Those 120 categories attracted multiple nominees each, some collected dozens of suggestions for winners. It was a pleasant reminder of the wide selection this area offers - in areas from pub grub to pediatrician, nonprofit to plumber.

The survey left varied impressions — all good — on *Companion* staffers.

We discovered businesses and experts we didn't know were in the area. Being in the information business, that's hard to admit. But in this turnstile world, it's nearly impossible to keep up with all the changes. Again, the depth

of choice in many areas such as medical professionals and food, is astounding.

Loyal customers and friends are passionate in their support of those trying to make a buck. Some places probably campaigned for votes. Whether it originated with the customers or business, we see generating excitement and motivating a client base for a product, as a positive.

Those who "won" and can claim to be a Pick of the County, have that as another reason to puff their chests. The value of recognition varies, but awards matter.

Consolation for others should be satisfaction that they were acknowledged by customers and that too can pay off.

Pick of the County organizers were also reminded, that this area likes a good contest. The response was pleasingly more than anticipated.

Like the votes scribbled for *Pick of the County*, we think the area's spice of variety shows in the array of talented and hardworking citizenry the staff of the *Companion* gets to write about for every edition of the magazine.





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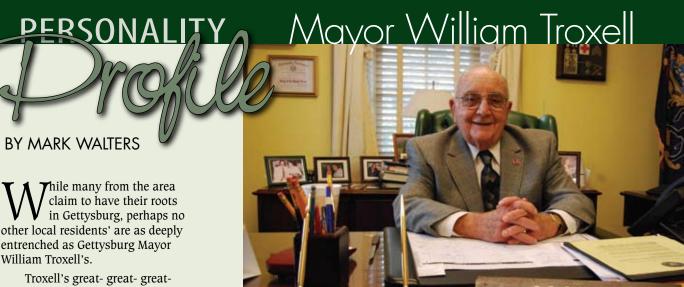
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Troxell's great- great-great-grandfather, John Troxell, was one of the first settlers of Gettysburg in 1786. He comes from a long line of those who have served Gettysburg on borough council. Every generation of his descendants have been on the town's borough council.

"I'm proud of the fact that my family has participated in this town since its inception," Troxell said. "There aren't many people who can serve in the town where their ancestor was the first settler. I'm proud of my association with that."

Troxell, who is in his 15th year serving as mayor, got onto the borough council in 1990. He was appointed mayor in December of 1997, succeeding Gettysburg Mayor Frank Linn. Since then, Troxell was elected in 2000, 2002, 2006 and 2010, never receiving less than 85 percent of the vote.

And make no mistake, he loves his hometown.

"Gettysburg is a wonderful community," said Troxell, a World War II veteran who turns 86 on Oct. 4. "I've lived in Gettysburg almost all my life. In comparison to any other place I've lived, there is none. It has a lot of wonderful people and it's a wonderful place to raise a family."

After graduating from Gettysburg High School and Lycoming College, Troxell joined the military, eventually retiring from his service in 1965 as an S-2 Intelligence Officer with the rank of Captain, in the Reserves.

From there, Troxell worked in inventory control for John L. Roeblings Sons, a Trenton, N.J., steel manufacturing company before working as a sales representative for The Sun Life Assurance Company. From 1957-1961, he was involved in inventory control, purchasing and office management for the Pennsylvania State Public Building Authority in Harrisburg. In 1962, he was employed by the Adams County Superintendent of Schools and the Lincoln Intermediate Unit #12, where he served in various capacities for the next 29 years.

He has been married to his wife, Honey, for 61 years. They have two children, three grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

"My responsibility as mayor is to oversee the operation of the Gettysburg Police Department and serve the public in any way I may be able," said Troxell, who is also a Licensed Battlefield Guide for the Gettysburg National Military Park. "I try to provide any service council or Gettysburg's citizens may require."

While Troxell admits that meeting the expectations of people — both residents and tourists alike — can be a challenge, he enjoys working with both to help establish a better Gettysburg. He takes service very seriously.

"Service, to me, is to do something for the benefit and pleasure of others," Troxell said. "I wanted to be able to contribute to my community. I had no way of knowing that when I ran for council that I'd ever become the mayor. It's just been a continuing process."

And just how long will that process continue? Troxell's term expires after 2013.

"I'm not planning on re-election," Troxell said. "But I haven't ruled out the possibility."

With the upcoming sesquicentennial of the Battle of Gettysburg in 2013, Troxell anxiously looks forward to the influx of tourists as the eyes of the world will once again be looking at what he refers to as the most famous small town in the world.

"I can remember the 75th anniversary, I was 11-years-old," Troxell recalled. "I remember the masses of visitors. I'm anticipating another event we'll remember for many years to come."

Serving as mayor of that well-known small town, Troxell has been able to see and do a lot during his tenure in office. As an LBG, he has given tours to people from all over the world.

"I've had the opportunity to work with many interesting people," Troxell said. "I've worked with three different Pennsylvania governors, other states' governors; met military servicemen and women. I've met (former NBC Nightly News anchor) Tom Brokaw, spent a day with Neil Armstrong (first person to step on the moon). My wife and I have had so many opportunities we never would have had if I wasn't associated with the Borough of Gettysburg. We're very fortunate that people want to visit Gettysburg."

Celebrate A Victorian Christmas

This holiday season, the whole family can create new traditions around the yuletide fire of yesteryear at Mount Hope Estate & Winery's A Dickens of a Christmas, in northern Lancaster County.

BY HOLLY FLETCHER Photos courtesy of Mt. Hope Estate & Winery

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And it just wouldn't be a *Dickens of a Christmas* without the traditional performance of *A Christmas Carol*, told by Charles Dickens himself and perhaps a few audience members.

Visitors to *A Dickens of a Christmas* in the Mansion will also be able to participate in sampling the vintages from the Mount Hope wine cellars.

Special tickets are also available for lunch and a show on weekends, and dinner and a show on weekdays. Patrons can enjoy a buffet lunch/dinner in the Swashbuckler BrewPub & Eaterie before the performance.

Seating for *A Dickens of a Christmas* performances and Dinner and a Show performances is limited.

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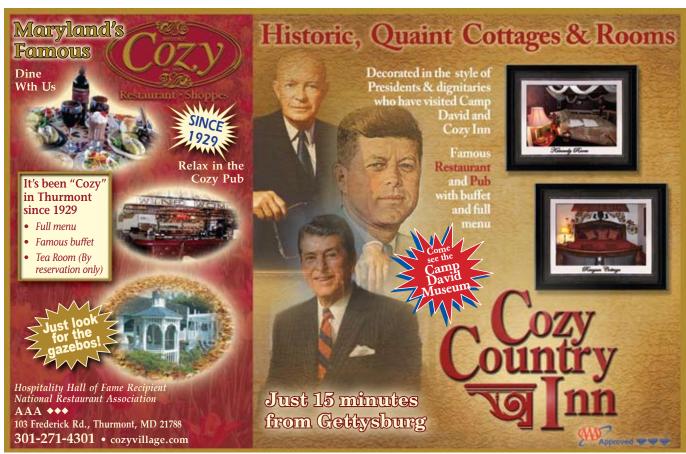


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The (re-enactment) road to Gettysburg begins with a bang

Known by historians to be the single bloodiest day in American history, the Battle of Antietam took place September 17, 1862 just outside of the small town of Sharpsburg, Maryland.

A narrow Union victory, the battle claimed approximately 23,000 casualties in fighting that pitted Gen. Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia against Gen. George McClellan's Army of the Potomac.

The battle spurred President Abraham Lincoln to release a preliminary Emancipation Proclamation on Sept. 22, 1862, freeing those enslaved in states that were in rebellion, and halted progress north by Lee's army until 1863.

To commemorate the 150th anniversary of the battle, a number of events took place in and around Sharpsburg in September.

The National Park Service at Antietam National Battlefield offered a variety of programs September 14-17,

including interpretive programs by park rangers at key points of the battlefield – Dunker Church, the Bloody Lane, and Burnside Bridge.

Additionally, the NPS welcomed a variety of speakers for lectures and programs at the visitor center throughout the weekend. On Sept. 17, the battle anniversary, visitors were invited to take a variety of full day tours, and the names of the men who died during the battle were read aloud at the National Cemetery in the afternoon.

Also held in commemoration of the battle were two re-enactments. The first, *Maryland*, *My Maryland*, was held Sept. 8-9 and was a historically accurate portrayal of the September 17 fighting featuring approximately 4,000 re-enactors.

On September 14-16, the 150th Antietam-Sharpsburg Re-enactment was held at the Legacy Manor Farm, just north of Sharpsburg. The events included several battle



scenarios and speakers and welcomed 3,000 re-enactors.

In a first for Antietam remembrance activities, the Antietam Remembrance Walk was held September 16, stepping off from the Antietam Station, just south of Sharpsburg.

Drawing hundreds of walkers, the event took participants from Sharpsburg to neighboring Shepherdstown, West Virginia to honor the soldiers who fought in the battle and the civilians that assisted them as they departed the battlefield. The walk of approximately three miles included a dramatic presentation by Shepherd University students and organizers say it could become an annual event.

The events offered a taste of what is to come in Gettysburg in 2013.

Beginning June 27, 10 days of activities are planned to coincide with the battle anniversary, including two re-enactments, annual lecture series *A Sacred Trust* sponsored by the Gettysburg Foundation, a commemorative ceremony on June 30 – the eve of the three-day battle – held by the National Park Service, the grand opening of the Seminary Ridge Museum, the annual Battle of Hunterstown commemoration, and anticipated tours and other interpretive programs offered at Gettysburg National Military Park.

The Gettysburg Convention and Visitors Bureau has compiled a complete list of 2013 activities at gettysburgcivilwar150.com.





BY TOMMY RIGGS

A LITTLE LAUGH, A LITTLE

Most people love a good meal, especially a threeor four-course meal on Thanksgiving.

This holiday is a time to get together with family and friends, indulge on pounds of food, and loosen the belt buckle. However. for the less fortunate, this experience can be less fulfilling. That is why there are organizations that welcome the task of feeding those people and giving them their own gathering of family and friends. Four of these organizations, in Gettysburg, are the **Gettysburg Community**



The soup kitchen started in 1991 and served approximately 300 meals that year. Its 20th anniversary was last October. In all, it has served more than 190,000 meals, and it currently reaches out to more than 60 churches and community groups. The soup kitchen is now located on the first block of West High Street.

"Thanksgiving is a huge time of year for us because (it) is a time that people really think about the needy," said Denise Weldon-Siviy, Community Outreach Liaison for the Gettysburg soup kitchen. "There are quite a number of volunteers for Thanksgiving.

"We have an astounding spread for Thanksgiving. It's really what you would expect if you were going to your grandmother's for Thanksgiving dinner, except it's at lunchtime. The people that we do see really appreciate both the meal and the companionship. One of the reasons that people come to the soup kitchen, in addition to financial needs, is for the feeling of family."

A Thanksgiving meal at the soup kitchen includes





roast turkey with all of the trimmings, mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce, and fresh pumpkin pie.

"People are very appreciative," said Weldon-Siviy. "It's a very welcoming environment. Our cooks are incredible. They really do an astounding job on the food."

SCCAP offers much of the same to families that have been clients at the food pantry.

"We typically have turkey giveaways for families," said Megan Shreve, SCCAP executive director. "They get a certain number of tickets based on the number of turkeys we have. Some local businesses give us turkeys and money.

As part of the SCCAP program, the homeless shelter has a 48-bed capacity.

"We're always full," said Sharon Bechtel, shelter director. "We have donors that donate our Thanksgiving meal. Normally, one of our families prepares the meal. The shelter provides meals to the homeless who actually live here in the shelter."

SCCAP helps around 470 families per month with

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Denise Weldon-Siviy Community Outreach Liaison

HOPE, A LITTLE PROMISE









food. It had a lot of help through donations starting at least 10 years ago, enough to feed the Gettysburg food pantry and help out others. Hanover Toyota donated 700 turkeys to SCCAP a few years ago, but because of the state of the economy, the company could not donate as much last year. Gettysburg College also donates around 100 turkeys per year.

"Last year, we started calling around, and the gleaners (from Countryside Gardens) helped us serve most of our families," said Lisa Beaver, Emergency Services Director at SCCAP. "This year, we're trying to take care of just the Gettysburg food pantry. "

With a little help from a lot of people and organizations, including Hanover Toyota, Gettysburg College, and Countryside Gardens, SCCAP was able to provide its clients at the Gettysburg food pantry with Thanksgiving last year.

"Last year, the College gave us a hundred baskets," said Beaver. "It's usually a bag of potatoes, corn, peas, fruit cocktail, pumpkin pie. (Countryside Gardens) takes care of all of the volunteers. They get (the produce) picked, they get it unloaded and deliver it here. We'll call the shelter, Survivors, the soup kitchen, the Mission, so that we can share with everybody (if there is too much).

"Every family that signed up last year ended up with a turkey," she continued. "It was very heartwarming to know that the community would step in to help at that point."

Jerry and Jan Althoff operate Countryside Gardens.

"All year round, we gather produce that growers cannot sell," said Jan. "That's given to SCCAP, which then gives it out to the soup kitchen, homeless shelters, Survivors."

Added Jerry: "We've decided to work with the growers and anything that is edible, but unsellable, we pick up the produce and give it to the food pantries. We generally have pumpkins, and potatoes are usually starting to pick up, and generally there are apples (around Thanksgiving). We are totally dependent on the grower."

The Adams Rescue Mission also helps the needy. It has been operating for 40 years, and it provides food to the men who stay there.

"We have (recently) been running anywhere between 28 and 30 (men per night)," said Jill Herbert, Director of Food Services. "Around Thanksgiving time, it should be a full house, around 32."



"We don't ever turn anybody away for discriminatory reasons. They can stay as long as they need to stay."

Jill Herbert Director of Food Services Adams Resource Mission

The Mission receives turkeys through donations during the year, but it has to buy the ham.

"We usually cook about four turkeys and two hams," said Herbert. "We use leftovers to make other meals. Our stuffing is usually donated. We receive food from our food drive once a year."

Providing there is room in the house, any man in need is welcome to stay and work at the Mission. "We don't ever turn anybody away for discriminatory reasons," said Herbert. "They can stay as long as they need to stay."

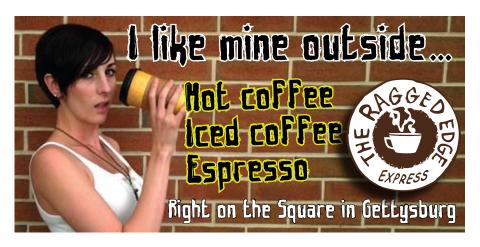
The Mission also has a shelter downtown on Chambersburg Street, and the Mission staff provides those residents with Thanksgiving boxes so they can prepare their own meals.

The community organizations work together informally to meet the needs of the less fortunate.

"We all help in different ways," said Weldon-Siviy.
"There's a lot of cooperation between groups that work with the needy in our community."

For additional information on these organizations, visit gettysburgsoupkitchen.org, sccap.org, countrysidegardens-nursery.com, or adamsrescuemission.org.







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Just under two hours from Adams County, the American Revolution and great shopping combine to make for a worthwhile day trip for the whole family.

King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, an outer suburb of Philadelphia, is host to Valley Forge National Historical Park, site of the Continental Army's winter encampment during the American Revolution. The army's time in winter encampment proved a pivotal time that would act as a turning point in a nation's struggle for freedom.

Just down the road, King of Prussia Mall offers a respite after a day hiking the fields, offering the latest in high end shopping.

In December of 1777, American forces had been driven out of Philadelphia by the British Army. While the King's forces bedded down in the city for the winter, the Continental Army, under the command of Gen. George Washington, camped just over 20 miles west.

According to a museum exhibit at the Valley Forge visitor center, the army planned to rest and train while defending land to the west from British incursion, while keeping an eye on the troops occupying Philadelphia.

So they chose a system of ridges to the west which were seemingly defensible. Soldiers began constructing log cabins and set about acquiring provisions, including food and clothing, which for a large portion of the time were in

short supply.

Meanwhile, camp doctors fought rampant disease, while commanders tried to grow the Continental Army into a professional force. Staying in camp until June 1778, the Continental Army that spring was able to celebrate an alliance with France, and eventually moved on to history-making battles that would create a nation.

The national park at Valley Forge consists mainly of a 10-mile tour road through Pennsylvania fields, around which visitors can experience the various aspects of the winter encampment.

SHOP & TAKE IN SOME HISTORY







Additionally, bike and walking paths are available throughout the park which roughly follow the lines which formed when soldiers constructed their log cabins. Park Rangers offer a variety of tours on a daily basis, and a trolley also

> offers a tour for those willing to pay a fee. Drivers can also take a selfguided tour using their cell phones with cell phone tour information available at the visitor center

Through October, bike rentals are available from Valley Forge Bikes on weekends for hourly and daily fees. The business has a trailer set up in the main parking lot for easy access. Many local residents appear to make the park a recreational destination, with many people seen running and biking the trails during our visit.

Key sites at the park include the Muhlenberg Brigade, where cabins are reconstructed in roughly the same place as their historic predecessors. Occasionally, costumed interpreters are available to connect

visitors with 18th century life.

Also on the tour route is Washington's Headquarters. Owned by Isaac Potts, the stone house which today is set near railroad tracks, housed the general's bedroom and daily activities throughout the sixmonth encampment. Inside the house, the park has taken care

THINGS TO CONSIDER

Both King of Prussia Mall and Valley Forge National Historical Park are open year round, although the park's offerings change seasonally. Paths are level and well kept at Valley Forge and are appropriate for all mobility needs, although visitors are warned that ranger-led walking tours may cover a lot of ground. Additionally steps are used to access Washington's Headquarters and the National Memorial Arch, although handicapped drop-off options are available at these parts of the park.

The mall is also handicap accessible, with elevators and escalators available throughout

Although food is not immediately available at Valley Forge, the park offers picnic space for visitors who wish to dine outside. Additionally, a variety of dining options at all price points are available inside the mall.

IF YOU GO

Valley Forge National Historical Park

1400 North Outer Line Drive King of Prussia, PA 19406

Hours: Park is open year round, 7 a.m. - dark Visitor Center is open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., daily. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas Day and New Year's Day

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Admission to the park is free, although some additional services require a fee.

King of Prussia Mall

160 N Gulph Rd King of Prussia, PA 19406

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to present many material items of everyday 18th century life to give visitors a taste of what army officers experienced during the war.

Additionally, the park offers re-creations of military defense lines, picnic areas, and a museum and short introductory film inside the visitor center. An entire day can be spent at the park, unless of course, shopping is also on your agenda.

A few miles down the road, King of Prussia Mall offers two buildings full of every imaginable shopping opportunity on multiple floors to suit all spending levels.

Brands you have only ever heard of in magazines are at this mall, and range from department stores, shoe stores, and designer retailers to specialty stores offering organic makeup, Lego, tea, cookies, or high end items to decorate the home.

Many have called this mall "overwhelming" which is

an accurate description of the atmosphere upon stepping inside the complex. Some in Adams County make a weekend of their trip to King of Prussia so they can be sure to make a stop at every store on their list.

During our trip, we only had a few hours to spend in the mall, and were impressed with the variety of specialty stores and the wide selection of dining options available in the multiple food courts.

However, we definitely did not see the entire mall and missed many shops. Planning an entire day around a shopping trip is seriously recommended for the power shopper.

Whether she wants to shop, or he wants to explore more than two centuries of American history (or vice versa) King of Prussia is just close enough to home to make a great day trip for the entire family – on just one tank of gas.









Bag the Bounty

Bag the Bounty is a community-wide food drive sponsored by the United Way of Adams County, the *Gettysburg Times* and FoxSports1320. Food is collected throughout the month of October and distributed to Adams/Hanover programs. More than a dozen organizations (local food pantries, soup kitchens, SCCAP, etc.) receive food from this drive and it is greatly appreciated.

Classrooms in the *Gettysburg Times* Newspaper in Education program are invited and encouraged to participate in this meaningful community service opportunity.

Last year, all six public school districts and one charter school were involved – 23 classrooms in all. More than 600 students collected over 2,700 items for the food drive!

"This project creates a unique opportunity for area classrooms to incorporate the principles featured on our *All About Character* page and put those concepts to work right here in our community," said Holly Fletcher, NIE Coordinator for the Times. "The Character trait highlighted in October is 'Citizenship' and in November it will be 'Caring,' both extremely appropriate to this project."

As an incentive, the classroom that collects the most food during the month of October will be featured in the FACES section of the *Gettysburg Times*. Mrs. Feeser's 2nd grade class at Bermudian Springs Elementary School has won that honor for the past two years. Last year, her students brought in 510 items!

"I am excited to see how many classrooms participate in our sixth year of Bag the Bounty and how many items we can collect for those in our community," Fletcher said. 5











REMEMBERING REMEMBRANCE DAY

BY MARK WALTERS • PHOTOGRAPHY BY JOHN ARMSTRONG

enerated from the largely popular Gettysburg
Address delivered by President Abraham
Lincoln, Remembrance Day is a time when
thousands of Civil War re-enactors and living
historians converge on Gettysburg to honor the brave
men who gave their lives fighting in the nation's most
famous battle.

While Dedication Day, the anniversary of Lincoln's 1863 Address is always on November 19, Remembrance Day is held the Saturday closest to November 19. In 2011, both fell on November 19.

This year, Remembrance Day will be Novovember 17, with an array of events to

accompany the event 149 years after Lincoln's visit to Gettysburg.

Events include an illumination at the Soldiers' National Cemetery, where the burial ground is lit up by hundreds of candles; Underground Railroad tours; ghost tours and other educational programs.

The events are put on by a slew of organizations, with the Lincoln Fellowship of Pennsylvania playing a major role.

"The Fellowship feels that the Gettysburg Address and its significance in this country is a memorable and important event," said Lincoln Fellowship Vice President Stephen Herr.

"It continually needs to be shared and reflected upon for each generation of Americans." Herr said the Fellowship's program helps people to think about the Address in new ways and for new times.

The Lincoln Fellowship, which has been spearheading the event since 1938, partners closely with the Gettysburg National Military Park, the Gettysburg Foundation, Gettysburg College and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, to promote and coordinate programs on Remembrance Day.

Herr said that, to his knowledge, there is no record of anything being done for Remembrance Day prior to 1938.

"I don't think there was any gathering, but there may have been some events," Herr said.

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thousands for the event that features a parade and a speaker of national prominence.

NBC News anchor Tom Brokaw spoke in 2006. ABC News White House correspondent Sam Donaldson spoke in 2010, with actors Richard Dreyfuss and Stephen Lang speaking in 2009 and 2011, respectively. This year's speaker is film director, screenwriter, producer Steven Spielberg.

According to Herr, Nov. 19 was officially declared Dedication Day by a joint resolution from the U.S. House and Senate on November 19, 1946, suggesting "that the address be read on that day in public assemblages throughout the United States and its possessions, on our ships at sea and wherever the American flag flies."

A popular event on Dedication Day is when local Lincoln enthusiast Jim Getty, dresses just like the nation's 16th president, re-enacts the Gettysburg Address from the Soldiers' National Cemetery rostrum.

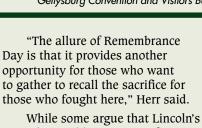
"Remembrance Day is a special

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day for visitors to Adams County," said Gettysburg Convention and Visitors Bureau Media Relations Manager Carl Whitehill. "It has a completely different feel than the anniversary events that take place in July. Between the parade, the luminary and the activities throughout the day, it has become one of the most popular times to visit the Gettysburg area. As well, Remembrance Day helps bring more attention to Dedication Day. It also gets the re-enactors involved in the activities throughout town and that's something our visitors enjoy greatly."

Herr said Remembrance Day is another chance for people to commemorate a special part of American history.

Carl Whitehill Media Relations Manager Gettysburg Convention and Visitors Bureau "The allure of Remembrance



Gettysburg Address is more famous than the battle itself, Herr pointed out that without the battle, Lincoln would never have come to America's most famous small town.



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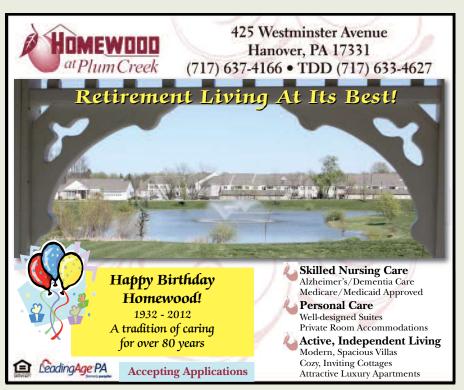
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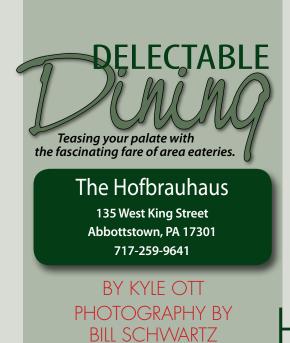
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HOFBRAUHAUS

he United States has long benefited from the numerous backgrounds, histories, and cultural practices that have helped to settle the nation. Nowhere is this more apparent than in food. Whether munching on a taco, enjoying some pizza, or feasting on a Gyro, American tastebuds have reaped the rewards of multi-cultural heritage.

On PA Route 30 in Abbottstown, the Hofbrauhaus is an excellent example of authentic German cuisine.

The restaurant contains dining facilities open daily from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Mondays, 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 5 to 9 p.m on Tuesdays through Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and on Sunday from noon to 7:30 p.m.

The Hofbrauhaus features several classic German favorites. Ethnic dishes include Wiener Schnitzel (veal cutlet), Kasseler Rippchen (smoked pork chops), and Sauerbraten (Beef marinated in vinegar and spice brine). For those with a less adventurous palette, the menu also includes more familiar

options such as fried chicken breast, steak, and chicken fingers.

In addition to its dining areas, the Hofbrauhaus also features a fully stocked bar open Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m, Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 12 a.m, and Sunday noon to 11 p.m. The bar serves many traditional Bavarian drinks such as Zeller Schwarz Katz and Kreusch Riesling (both wines) in addition







to more familiar drinks such as domestic and imported beers.

It is this eclectic mix of German cuisine and American fare that allows the Hofbrauhaus to draw a diverse group of customers.

When asked whether her clientele consisted of old regulars or newer patrons co-owner Chris Duncan said, "We have a variety of customers. We get people from everywhere."

When asked what her favorite part of managing the restaurant is, Duncan responded, "The customers. (It's always great) when a customer says 'good job'."

Even with the economic downturn, Duncan mentioned that Hofbrauhaus has still managed to please its customers. "It's been rough with the economy" Duncan said. "But people are always saying '(we're) glad you're here'."

The Hofbrauhaus has been in Abbottstown for more than 50 years. The restaurant was originally opened in 1958 by Ted and Mary Unger. The couple ran the restaurant for 20 years before the Hofbrauhaus was purchased and managed by Duncan's uncle Willy Gaussmann in 1978.



"He made it look like a breeze," Duncan added with a smile.

Gaussmann passed away in August of 1996, leaving the restaurant in the hands of his wife Anni Gaussmann. Duncan and her husband, Butch Duncan, purchased the restaurant in 1999.

Today, the couple still manages the restaurant with the same emphasis on providing traditional German fare.

For more information call the Abbottstown Hofbrauhaus at (717)259-9641.

Life began with Amish roots

BY DICK WATSON

"It's not simple to live life today as it was two centuries ago.
It's complex, difficult, and stressful"

- Gerry Stolzfoos



Talk about the Amish and most people immediately conjure up a mental picture of a farmer out in the field behind a horse and plow. Or an Amish home with no electricity and, perhaps, a telephone booth outside beside the road. A simple life.

"Except that it's not simple," explains Gerry Stoltzfoos, 50, who grew up on an Amish dairy farm in Gap the first 18 years of his life.

"It seems to me that's the public's biggest misconception about the Amish," said Stoltzfoos, now the Lead Pastor of the Freedom Valley Worship Center at 3185 York Road, Gettysburg.

"But it's not simple to live life today as it was two centuries ago. It is complex, difficult, and stressful. The life engenders a lot of critique of each other and a tendency to hide, instead of deal with, personal problems.

"Still, I love the hard work ethic and strong family values instilled in me by my Amish background. They believe deeply in the value of faith, hard work and productivity; I endorse those wholeheartedly."

At the age of 18, during a ceremony in the Beachy Amish

Church (one of many offshoots of the Old Order Amish) attended by his 10 siblings, parents, and numerous extended family members, Stoltzfoos publicly expressed feelings and opinions about evangelism and pacifism not included among the many regulations dictated in the Amish Ordnung rule book.

Shortly after he left the Amish life and decided to become a minister, he met his wife, Julie, who was not Amish, while roller skating. After dating two years and earning his GED (Amish are exempt on religious grounds from formal education after the eighth grade) they married. They now have four children.

Twelve years later, first as a volunteer for five years and then for seven years as Youth Leader at Victory Chapel while attending Valley Forge Christian College, Stoltzfoos graduated in 1990 and began looking to start a church—ten of them in fact, in Philadelphia.

"I had a passion for church planting, but Julie and I couldn't even find a home where we could get started," he remembers. A call asking him to start a church in Adams County for the Assembly of God did not appeal to him.

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Photo by Bill Schwartz

"I had never heard of Adams County, didn't know where it was, and didn't like the Assembly of God denomination," he said.

After a few more calls, he agreed to a meeting. Afterward, while driving through New Oxford, Julie stopped the car along side of the road and announced that she could see their children playing in the back yard in the house across the street. It wasn't for sale, but it soon was and continues to be their home. The rest is history.

In May of 1992, the first service of the Freedom Vallev Worship Center opened in the ballroom of the Holiday Inn on Baltimore Street in Gettysburg. A few small newspaper advertisements and free car wash offers in a few areas helped announce their presence.

"There were 42 people in attendance that first week," he remembers. "The second week there were only 19. My friends told they were there to support me in my failure."

But fail he didn't. Attendance at Freedom Valley Sunday services now number around 1,100; working with Stoltzfoos are three full-time and three part-time associate pastors plus a multitude of volunteers.

Even before he and his congregation moved into their new York Road facility in 2000, Stoltzfoos was focused on planting churches. Initially helping others plant, sometimes with money, sometimes with people, sometimes with prayer and support.

Over the years, Freedom Valley has helped establish 10 churches abroad as well as in South Hanover, Fairfield, Shippensburg, Gap, Bendersville and about two dozen others.

Photo courtesy Gerry Stolzfoos



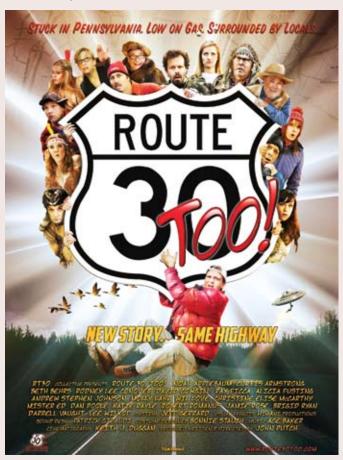


OCTOBER

Oct. 2, 7:30 p.m. The BoDeans will perform at the Whitaker Center, Harrisburg. For more information and tickets, call 717-214-ARTS.

Oct. 3, 10 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. The Capitol Theatre, 159 S. Main St., Chambersburg, presents *Angelina Ballerina*. Tickets are available at 717-263-0202.

Oct. 3, 6-9 p.m. Ladies Night will be held at Hauser Estate Winery, 410 Cashtown Road, Biglerville. For more information, call 717-334-4888 or visit hauserestate.com.



Oct. 4, 6-9 p.m. Greg Pfeiffer will perform at Thirsty Thursday at Hauser Estate Winery, 410 Cashtown Road, Biglerville. For more information, call 717-334-4888 or visit hauserestate.com.

Oct. 4, 7:30 p.m. The Becca Stevens Band will perform at the Weinberg Center, Frederick, Md. For more information and tickets, visitweinbergcenter.org.

Oct. 5, 6-9 p.m. Voxology will perform at Hauser After Hours at Hauser Estate Winery, 410 Cashtown Road, Biglerville. For more information, call 717-334-4888 or visit hauserestate. com.

Oct. 6. The Platters will perform at the Eichelberger Performing Arts Center, Hanover. For more information and tickets, call 717-637-7086

Oct. 6, 5-10 p.m. Historic Gettysburg Adams County will hold a Civil War barn dance at Beech Springs Farm, 784 Mount Carmel Road, Orrtanna, featuring music by the 2nd South Carolina String Band. For more information and tickets, visit hgaconline.org or call 717-334-5185.

Oct. 6, 6-9 p.m. The Willys will perform at Hauser After Hours at Hauser Estate Winery, 410 Cashtown Road, Biglerville. For more information, call 717-334-4888 or visit hauserestate. com.

Oct. 6, 6-7:30 p.m. *What in the World is a Cyclorama?* will be presented at the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center. For more information and tickets, call 877-874-2478.

Oct. 6, 7:30 p.m. *Route 30, Too* will premiere at the Majestic Theater, 25 Carlisle St., Gettysburg. For more information and tickets, call 717-337-8200.

Oct. 6, 7:30 p.m. Brad Paisley will perform at the Giant Center, Hershey. For more information and tickets, visit hersheyentertainment.com or call 717-534-3911.

Oct. 6, 8 p.m. Maceo Parker will perform at the Weinberg Center, Frederick, MD. For more information and tickets, visitweinbergcenter.org.

Oct. 6, 8 p.m. Christopher Cross and Little River Band will perform at the H. Ric Luhrs Performing Arts Center, Shippensburg. Tickets are available at 717-477-SHOW.

Oct. 7, 7:30 p.m. Los Lonely Boys will perform at the Strand Capitol Performing Arts Center, York. For more information and tickets, call 717-846-1111.

Oct. 9, 8 p.m. Craig Ferguson will perform at Hershey Theatre, Hershey. For more information and tickets, visit www.hersheytheatre.com or call 717-534-3405.

Oct. 9, 7:30 p.m. The Gettysburg Community Concert Association presents the Danish String Quartet at the Gettysburg Area Middle School, Lefever St., Gettysburg. For more information and tickets, email gettysburgcca@embarqmail.com

Oct. 10, 6-9 p.m. Dancing with the Vines will be held at Hauser Estate Winery, 410 Cashtown Road, Biglerville. For more information, call 717-334-4888 or visit hauserestate. com.

Oct. 11, 6-9 p.m. Rhyne McCormick will perform at Thirsty Thursday at Hauser Estate Winery, 410 Cashtown Road, Biglerville. For more information, call 717-334-4888 or visit hauserestate.com.

Oct. 11, 8 p.m. Charley Pride will perform at the H. Ric Luhrs Performing Arts Center, Shippensburg. Tickets are available at 717-477-SHOW.

Oct. 12, 6-9 p.m. Tuckahoe Ridge will perform at Hauser After Hours at Hauser Estate Winery, 410 Cashtown Road, Biglerville. For more information, call 717-334-4888 or visit hauserestate.com.

Oct. 12, 8 p.m. The Baltimore Symphony Orchestra will perform at the Weinberg Center, Frederick, MD. For more information and tickets, visit weinbergcenter.org.

Oct. 13, 1 p.m. *L'Elisir D'Amore* will be performed by the Metropolitan Opera and shown Live in HD at the Majestic Theater, 25 Carlisle St., Gettysburg. For more information and tickets, call 717-337-8200.

Oct. 13, 2-3 p.m. Eli Pousson will present a program on the archaeology of Baltimore's LaFayette Square at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine, Frederick, MD. For more information, visit civilwarmed.org or call 301-695-1864.

Oct. 13, 6-9 p.m. Linda Coe will perform at Hauser After Hours at Hauser Estate Winery, 410 Cashtown Road, Biglerville. For more information, call 717-334-4888 or visit hauserestate.com.

Oct. 13, 8 p.m. The Del McCoury Band will perform at the Strand Capitol Performing Arts Center, York. For more information and tickets, call 717-846-1111.

Oct. 13, 6-7:30 p.m. *What in the World is a Cyclorama?* will be presented at the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center. For more information and tickets, call 877-874-2478.

Oct. 16, 7:30 p.m. Ken Zaveckas will be the educational speaker at the monthly meeting of Historic Gettysburg Adams County at the G.A.R Hall, 53 E. Middle St., Gettysburg. For more information, visit hgaconline.org or call 717-334-5185.

Oct. 17,7 p.m. Music, Gettysburg! presents the U.S. Air Force Heritage Brass Quintet at the Lutheran Theological Seminary Chapel, Gettysburg.

Oct. 17, 7:30 p.m. An Evening with the Doobie Brothers will be held at Strand Capitol Performing Arts Center, York. For more information and tickets, call 717-846-1111.

Oct. 17, 7:30 p.m. Keb Mo will perform at the Whitaker Center, Harrisburg. For more information and tickets, call 717-214-ARTS.



Oct. 18, 6-9 p.m. The Soup Band

will perform at
Thirsty Thursday
at Hauser Estate
Winery, 410
Cashtown Road,
Biglerville. For
more information,
call 717-3344888 or visit
hauserestate.com.

Oct. 18, 8 p.m. Rick Springfield

will perform at the Hershey Theatre, Hershey. For more information and tickets, visit hersheyentertainment.com or call 717-534-3405.

Oct. 19, 6-9 p.m. Lucia & Levi will perform at Hauser After Hours at Hauser Estate Winery, 410 Cashtown Road, Biglerville. For more information, call 717-334-4888 or visit hauserestate.com.

Oct. 19, 8 p.m. Liza Minnelli will perform at the H. Ric Luhrs Performing Arts Center, Shippensburg. Tickets are available at 717-477-SHOW.

Oct. 19, 8 p.m. The Fabulous Hubcaps will perform at The Capitol Theatre, 159 S. Main St., Chambersburg. Tickets are available at 717-263-0202.

Oct. 20, 6-9 p.m. Die Immergrun Trio will perform at Octoberfest at Hauser After Hours at Hauser Estate Winery, 410 Cashtown Road, Biglerville. For more information, call 717-334-4888 or visit hauserestate.com.

Oct. 20, 6-7:30 p.m. *An Evening with the Painting* will be presented at the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center. For more information and tickets, call 877-874-2478.

Oct. 20, 8 p.m. The Sunderman Conservatory Symphony Orchestra and Wind Symphony will perform at the Majestic Theater, 25 Carlisle St., Gettysburg. Tickets are available at 717-337-8200.

Oct. 21, 2 p.m. The Artie Shaw Orchestra will perform at the Strand Capitol Performing Arts Center, York. For more information and tickets, call 717-846-1111.

Oct. 22, 7:30 p.m. The Royal Drummers and Dancers of Burundi will perform at the Strand Capitol Performing Arts Center, York. For more information and tickets, call 717-846-1111.

Oct. 25, 6-9 p.m. Mickley-Paul will perform at Thirsty Thursday at Hauser Estate Winery, 410 Cashtown Road, Biglerville. For more information, call 717-334-4888 or visit hauserestate.com.

Oct. 25, 8 p.m. Huey Lewis & The News will perform at the H. Ric Luhrs Performing Arts Center, Shippensburg. Tickets are available at 717-477-SHOW.

Oct. 26, 6-9 p.m. Grant Point Station will perform at Hauser After Hours at Hauser Estate Winery, 410 Cashtown Road, Biglerville. For more information, call 717-334-4888 or visit hauserestate.com.

Oct. 26, 8 p.m. Squirm Burpee will perform at the Weinberg Center, Frederick, MD. For more information and tickets, visit weinbergcenter.org.

Oct. 26, 8 p.m. The Sunderman Jazz Ensemble presents *Autumn Leaves* at the Majestic Theater, 25 Carlisle St., Gettysburg. Tickets are available at 717-337-8200.

Oct. 26, 11:59 p.m. The Hershey Theatre, Hershey, presents *The Rocky Horror Picture Show.* For more information and tickets, visit www.hersheytheatre.com or call 717-534-3405.

Oct. 26-27. The York Little Theatre, 27 S. Belmont St., York, presents *The Rocky Horror Show.* For more information, call 717-854-5715.

Oct. 27. Renae MacLachlan will present *Into My Pen is heavy; the press reports the Battle of Gettysburg* as part of the John Scott Adams Seminar Series. For more information and to register, call 717-339-2161.

Oct. 27, 7 p.m. Ron White will perform at the Hershey Theatre, Hershey. For more information and tickets, visit hersheytheatre.com or call 717-534-3405.



Oct. 27, 1 p.m. *Otello* will be performed by the Metropolitan Opera and shown Live in HD at the Majestic Theater, 25 Carlisle St., Gettysburg. For more information and tickets, call 717-337-8200.

Oct. 27, 6-9 p.m. The Al Parsons Band will perform at Hauser After Hours at Hauser Estate Winery, 410 Cashtown Road, Biglerville. For more information, call 717-334-4888 or visit hauserestate.com.

Oct. 27, 6-7:30 p.m. *What in the World is a Cyclorama?* will be presented at the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center. For more information and tickets, call 877-874-2478.

Oct. 27, 8 p.m. Second City will perform at the Weinberg Center, Frederick, MD. For more information and tickets, visit weinbergcenter.org.

Oct. 27, 8 p.m. Glen Campbell will perform at the H. Ric Luhrs Performing Arts Center, Shippensburg. Tickets are available at 717-477-SHOW.

Oct. 27, 8 p.m. Squirm Burpee will perform at the Majestic Theater, 25 Carlisle St., Gettysburg. For more information and tickets, call 717-337-8200.

Oct. 28, 12-5 p.m. Yappy Hour will be held at Hauser Estate Winery, 410 Cashtown Road, Biglerville. For more information, call 717-334-4888 or visit hauserestate.com.

Oct. 28, 7:30 p.m. Asia will perform at the Strand Capitol Performing Arts Center, York. For more information and tickets, call 717-846-1111.

NOVEMBER

Nov. 1, 7:30 p.m. Ben Williams and Sound Effect will perform at the Weinberg Center, Frederick, Md. For more information and tickets, visit weinbergcenter.org.

Nov. 2, 8 p.m. Three Dog Night will perform at the H. Ric Luhrs Performing Arts Center, Shippensburg. Tickets are available at 717-477-SHOW.

Nov. 2, 8 p.m. Ralphie May will perform at the Weinberg Center, Frederick, MD. For more information and tickets, visit weinbergcenter.org.

Nov. 3. Renae MacLachlan will present *Into My Pen is heavy; the press reports the Battle of Gettysburg* as part of the John Scott Adams Seminar Series. For more information and to register, call 717-339-2161.

Nov. 3, 6-9 p.m. Klinger McFry will perform at Hauser After Hours at Hauser Estate Winery, 410 Cashtown Road, Biglerville. For more information, call 717-334-4888 or visit hauserestate.com.

Nov. 3, 7 p.m. Boulder Canyon will present a tribute to John Denver at the Majestic Theater, 25 Carlisle St., Gettysburg. Tickets are available at 717-337-8200.

Nov. 3, 8 p.m. Acoustic Africa will perform at the Weinberg Center, Frederick, MD. For more information and tickets, visitweinbergcenter.org.

Nov. 4, 2-4 p.m. An artist reception featuring Andrea Theisson will be held at Hauser Estate Winery, 410 Cashtown Road, Biglerville. For more information, call 717-334-4888 or visit hauserestate.com.

Nov. 4, 3 p.m. Red Green will perform at the Weinberg Center, Frederick, MD. For more information and tickets, visit weinbergcenter.org.

Nov. 4-11. Hershey Theatre, Hershey, presents *White Christmas*. For more information and tickets, visit hersheytheatre.com or call 717-534-3405.

Nov. 7, 7:30 p.m. Stomp will perform at the Majestic Theater, 25 Carlisle St., Gettysburg. Tickets are available at 717-337-8200

Nov. 9, 8 p.m. Roger Hodgson will perform at the H. Ric Luhrs Performing Arts Center, Shippensburg. Tickets are available at 717-477-SHOW.

Nov. 9-11, Nov. 15-18. York Little Theater, 27 S. Belmont St., York, presents *Avenue Q.* For more information, call 717-854-5715.

Nov. 9-11, Nov. 16-18. Chambersburg Community Theatre presents *Bad Seed* at The Capitol Theatre, 159 S. Main St., Chambersburg. Tickets are available at 717-263-0202.

Nov. 10, Share the Love Gift Fair and Holiday Bazaar will be held at Saint Francis Xavier Center, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at 465 Table Rock Road, Gettysburg. Call 717-677-7466 or visit sfxpccw.org for details.

Nov. 10, 1 p.m. *Tempest* will be performed by the Metropolitan Opera and shown Live in HD at the Majestic Theater, 25 Carlisle St., Gettysburg. For more information and tickets, call 717-337-8200.

Nov. 10, 6-9 p.m. Maria Rose and Danny Elswick will perform at Hauser After Hours at Hauser Estate Winery, 410 Cashtown Road, Biglerville. For more information, call 717-334-4888 or visit hauserestate.com.

Nov. 11, 7:30 p.m. Music, Gettysburg! presents the Daniel Aune at the Lutheran Theological Seminary chapel, Gettysburg.

Nov. 14, 6-9 p.m. Dancing with the Vines will be held at Hauser Estate Winery, 410 Cashtown Road, Biglerville. For more information, call 717-334-4888 or visit hauserestate. com.

Nov. 15, 7:30 p.m. The Gettysburg Community Concert Association presents pianist Jung-Ja Kim at the Gettysburg Area High School. For more information and tickets, email gettysburgcca@embarqmail.com

Nov. 15, 7:30 p.m. *Deer Camp: The Musical!* will be presented at the Strand Capitol Performing Arts Center, York. For more information and tickets, call 717-846-1111.

Nov. 16, 4:30 p.m. & 6:15 p.m. *An Evening with the Painting* will be presented at the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center. For more information and tickets, call 877-874-2478.

Nov. 16, 8 p.m. Sinbad will perform at the H. Ric Luhrs Performing Arts Center, Shippensburg. Tickets are available at 717-477-SHOW.

Nov. 16-Dec. 29. The Way Off Broadway Dinner Theatre,

Frederick, MD, presents *Season's Greetings*. For more information and tickets, visitwayoffbroadway.com

Nov. 17, 1 p.m. Gettysburg's annual Remembrance Day Parade and Ceremonies will be held in Gettysburg, sponsored by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. For more information, call 717-259-6156 or visit suvcw.org.

Nov. 17, 5:30-9:30 p.m. The 10th annual Remembrance Illumination will be held at the Soldiers' National Cemetery, Gettysburg. For more information, call 717-338-1243 or visit gettysburgfoundation.org.

Nov. 17, 6-9 p.m. HoBoJa will perform at Hauser After Hours at Hauser Estate Winery, 410 Cashtown Road, Biglerville. For more information, call 717-334-4888 or visit hauserestate. com.

Nov. 17, 8 p.m. Tom Rush will perform at the Weinberg Center, Frederick, MD. For more information and tickets, visit weinbergcenter.org.

Nov. 17, 8 p.m. Songs and Stories of a Civil War Hospital, Candlelight at Christ Church, will be held at Christ Lutheran Church, 30 Chambersburg St., Gettysburg. For more information, call 717-334-5212.

Nov. 19. The 149th anniversary of the Gettysburg Address

will be observed with memorial services at Soldiers' National Cemetery. For more information, visit gettysburg.edu/civilwar/institute or call 717-337-6590. A graveside salute to the

United States Colored Troops will be held in the cemetery immediately following the ceremony. For more information, visit gettysburghistories. com.

Nov. 19, 4 p.m. Gettysburg Addresses Lincoln, featuring Dr. Bradley Hoch speaking on Gettysburg Address: Birthright of All Mankind, will be presented at the Gettysburg Presbyterian Church, Gettysburg. For more information, call Charles Teague at 717-338-9919 or email gettysburg@paonline.com.

Nov. 19, 7:30 p.m. *Up Close and Personal with Smokey Robinson* will be held at the Strand Capitol Performing Arts Center, York. For more information and tickets, call 717-846-1111.

Nov. 20, 7:30 p.m. Deb McCauslin

will be the educational speaker at the monthly meeting of Historic Gettysburg Adams County at the G.A.R Hall, 53 E. Middle St., Gettysburg. For more information, visit hgaconline.org or call 717-334-5185.

Nov. 21, 7:30 p.m. The Machine will perform at the Whitaker Center, Harrisburg. For more information and tickets, call 717-214-ARTS.

Nov. 23, 6-9 p.m. The Al Parsons Band will perform at Hauser After Hours at Hauser Estate Winery, 410 Cashtown Road, Biglerville. For more information, call 717-334-4888 or visit hauserestate.com.

Nov. 24, 6-9 p.m. Kerensa Gray will perform at Hauser After Hours at Hauser Estate Winery, 410 Cashtown Road, Biglerville. For more information, call 717-334-4888 or visit hauserestate.com.

Nov. 24, 7:30 p.m. Paula Poundstone will perform at the Strand Capitol Performing Arts Center, York. For more information and tickets, call 717-846-1111.

Nov. 27, 7:30 p.m. The National Circus of the People's Republic of China will perform at the Strand Capitol Performing Arts center, York. For more information and tickets, call 717-846-1111.

Nov. 28, 7:30 p.m. Tap Dogs will perform at Hershey Theatre, Hershey. For more information and tickets, visit hersheytheatre.com or call 717-534-3405.

Nov. 30. Five hundred holiday wreaths will be placed on graves at Soldiers' National Cemetery in Gettysburg by the Sgt. Mac Foundation. For more information, visit sgtmac.org.

Nov. 30, 8 p.m. The Sunderman Conservatory Symphony Orchestra will perform at the Majestic Theater, 25 Carlisle St., Gettysburg. Tickets are available at 717-337-8200.





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(ABOVE) Student Alice Fox, red jacket, listens during professor Terrance Havel's History class at Harrisburg Area Community College. She is 96 years old.

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(BBELOW) The
Gettysburg High
School marching
band entertains a
football crowd on
a Friday night.
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(ABOVE) Bill Albaugh, right, vice president of Independent Ag Equipment, speaks, with Mark Anderson, president and owner of GVM standing by at the company's Field Day activities in Biglerville.

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(ABOVE) Firefighter Sean Cramer and Lexi Tate check a couple of beagles rescued from a house fire in Tyrone Township in late August.

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(LEFT) Participants enjoy a nice Sunday morning, during the Adams County Heart and Stroke Walk.

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(BELOW) South Eastern Adams Volunteer Emergency Services firefighter Kevin Costella, helps a future firefighter, at the Edge of Town Picnic at the Conewago Picnic Woods.

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(BELOW) Most Rev. Kevin Rhoades, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and former Bishop of Harrisburg, blesses the lobby at the St. Francis Center, dedicated in honor of Sister Phyllis Simmons.

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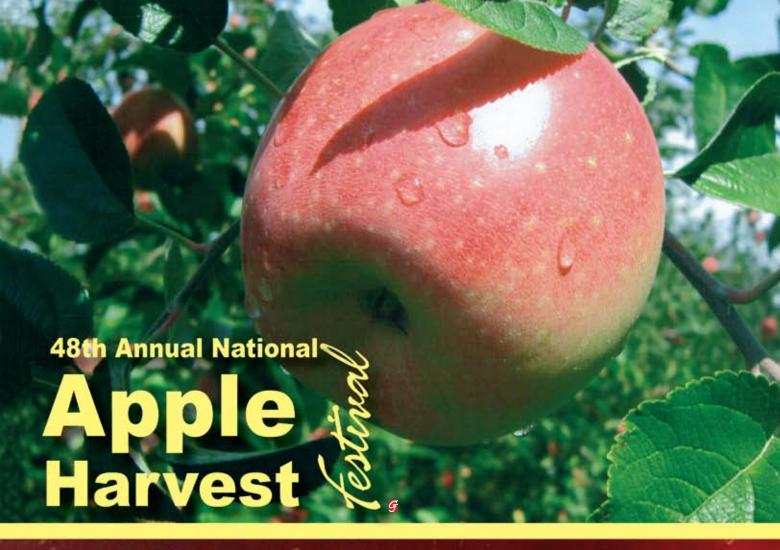
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Moritz Tavern





The left photo is the tavern circa 1940. On the right is a modern view of the Moritz Tavern.

Today on the Emmitsburg Road seven miles south of Gettysburg stands the Moritz Tavern, a tavern fairly familiar to students of the Battle of Gettysburg. However with the new Route 15 behind it and commercial businesses on each side, the tavern's setting is much different than it was in 1863.

In 1802, Mathias Waybright obtained a license to open a tavern along the Emmitsburg Road. The road had only opened in 1801, so Waybright was quick to take advantage of this new business opportunity. Waybright operated his tavern until 1811 when he sold the tavern, barn, and 24 acres to Nicholas Moritz.

Nicholas Moritz (Pronounced MERTS) ran his tavern, which served as a stage coach stop, for 50 years, then handed the operation over to his son Samuel in 1862. Nicholas Moritz passed away on March 3, 1863, but for some reason his son did not renew the tavern license that year, so at the time of the battle it was not an operating tavern. However, this large imposing two story brick building served the Union Army.

On June 30, 1863 the tavern became the Headquarters for General John Reynolds, commander of the Left Wing of the Army of the Potomac.

Here Reynolds received the latest reports from General Buford who was scouting up ahead at Gettysburg, and on the evening of the 30th, Reynolds had dinner here with General Howard, his 11th Corps commander. They reviewed the latest reports and discussed developments, but Howard would later write that Reynolds seemed depressed.

After General Howard's departure, Reynolds decided to get some sleep. The story is that he slept on some chairs but Moritz family tradition has it that he slept on a bench which they kept for many years.

However, when Major William Riddle, Reynolds' aide, returned from army headquarters at 4 AM, the general was sleeping on the floor wrapped in a blanket. Perhaps he tried all three and finally settled on the most comfortable.

Major Riddle returned with the marching orders for July 1st and he woke Reynolds and read the orders to him several times. At 7 AM

General Abner Doubleday, the acting commander of the 1st Corps, met with Reynolds at the tavern and was ordered to move his THE CIRCA 1940 PHOTO, THE PHOTO OF SAMUEL MORITZ, AS WELL AS INFORMATION ON THE MORITZ FAMILY, WERE PROVIDED BY MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM GEISELMAN OF HANOVER, PA. MR. GEISELMAN IS THE GRANDSON OF JOHN GEISELMAN WHO IS MENTIONED IN THE ARTICLE.

command north to a small town that most of his men had probably never heard of, Gettysburg.

At 8 AM, Reynolds and his staff left the tavern and rode up the Emmitsburg Road to Gettysburg, and in less than three hours, General John Reynolds was killed in action.

Samuel Moritz again obtained a tavern license in 1864 but by the 1870s, he apparently wanted to pursue other endeavors.

An ad in the *Star and Sentinel* on August 15, 1872 lists the property for sale. It included the tavern, barn, outbuildings, and 100 acres of farmland. Apparently there were no takers and Samuel continued running his tavern until 1875.

Samuel's younger brother, John, had served in Company C of Cole's Cavalry during the war and

on December 7, 1871, the survivors of Company C had a reunion at the tavern.

In 1876
Samuel partnered with
Joseph Johnson
and ran a store
here for the
next 10 years,
afterwhich
he becomes a
farmer.

When Samuel died in 1915, half



Samuel Moritz, who owned the tavern in 1863.

of the tavern was inherited by John Geiselman. All of Samuel's sons had predeceased him, so the tavern was left to his daughter and Geiselman. John Geiselman had been left with the Moritz family as a young boy and was unofficially adopted by them. The old tavern was sold in 1952 after having been owned by the Moritz family for 141 years.

The tavern still stands today as a private residence, but the area around it has changed dramatically since those historic days of 1863.



This is the tenth in a series of articles, researched and written by John Winkelman, on the taverns, inns, and hotels in Adams County and surrounding vicinity.

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By John Winkelman



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