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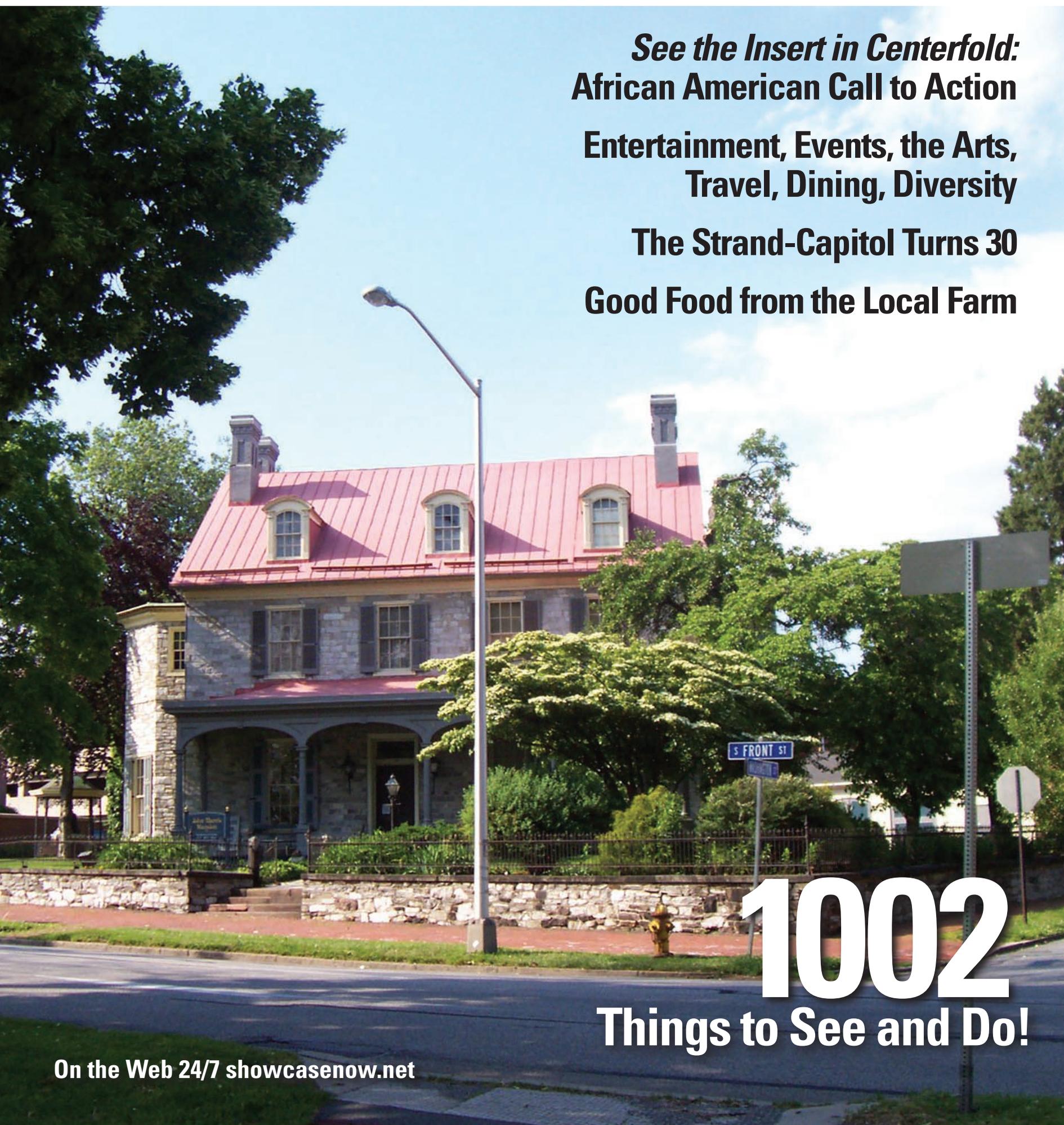
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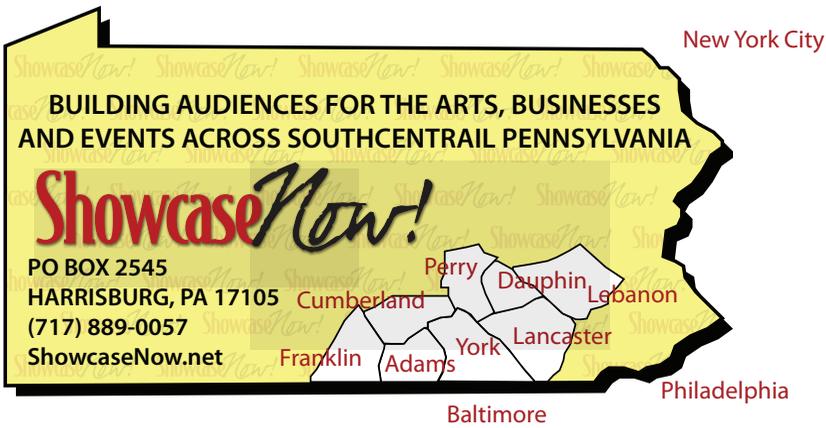
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**Editorial: National Library Week:
April 11-17**

This week, schools, campuses and communities across the country celebrate National Library Week, a time to remind the public about the contribution libraries, librarians and library workers make to their communities every day.

There are more than a hundred public libraries in southcentral Pennsylvania and each one is unique and each one deserves your support.

In today's tough economy, libraries offer free resources to help people find jobs and learn new skills. People of all ages and backgrounds find entertainment, develop skills and come to find their place in the community. People gather for book discussions, for story time with their children or to volunteer or look for volunteer work. Our libraries help our communities thrive.

What makes the library unique is access to trained professionals – librarians – to help people find and interpret the information they need to make a difference in their lives. Our libraries also help keep us connected, providing a space for people of all ages, classes and races to come together, while keeping us connected to events and people around the world.

How can the library help you thrive? National Library Week is the perfect time to find out. How can you help your public library? Send a donation to purchase a book in the name of someone you love, name the library in your will or make it a beneficiary of some financial resource you have. Ask the folks at your library if they need help, if you can help spread the word about the good they do and the needs they have to keep on operating. What events do they have planned and which ones do you want to attend?

Your library card is free and it's a passport to so many possibilities.

The Staff at *ShowcaseNow!* salutes our public libraries and urges you to visit your library soon!

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Gen. Simon Cameron lived in this old stone home a hundred years after the founder of Harrisburg chose a bluff overlooking the Susquehanna to build his permanent home. It was in front of this home that the United States Colored Troops listened to a speech by Cameron during the Grand Review of the Colored Troops in November, 1865. See the 8-page insert inside this issue to read more about a year-long project that will culminate in a reenactment of that march in November, 2010.

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IN THE CENTER OF THIS ISSUE FOR
1002 THINGS TO SEE AND DO!**

Dauphin County Hosts Free Egg Hunt at Fort Hunter



Harrisburg – The hunt is on at the free Egg Hunt at Fort Hunter Park on Sunday, March 28 from 2 to 5 p.m. Thousands of plastic eggs filled with candy will be scattered on the east lawn of Fort Hunter Park and separate hunts are scheduled for ages 2 and 3 at 2:30 p.m.; ages 4 and 5 p.m. at 2:45; ages 6 and 7 at 3 p.m. and ages 8 and 9 at 3:15 p.m. Bring your own basket. Also enjoy pony rides and face painting. For more information, visit www.dauphincounty.org or call the Parks and Recreation Office at 599-5188

Hershey Automobile Museum Drives You Back in Time



Hershey – This diorama at the Antique Automobile Museum in Hershey is one of the delights that greet visitors 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. The Museum is one mile from Hersheypark and features temporary shows as well as permanent displays like this one that present historical vehicles in attractive and creative displays that educate and entertain. See the ad in this issue for a discount ticket deal and plan a morning or afternoon ride down Memory Lane with a group of your family or friends. For more information call 566-7100 or visit aacamuseum.org.

Our Datebook Has Moved!

Due to the 8-page insert in this edition of *ShowcaseNow* our Datebook containing information on “1002 Things to See and Do” has been moved to pages 14 and 15. Check it out in hard copy at one of the 400 places you can pick up your issue, or go to our web site 24/7 at ShowcaseNow.net.

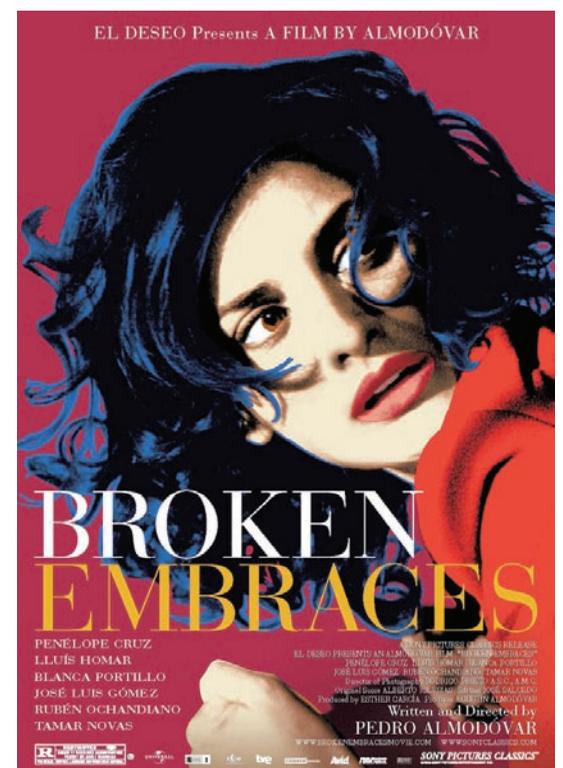
The Strand-Capitol Turns 30



Songstress Freda Payne, seen here, is the headliner for the Tribute to Ella Fitzgerald being held Sunday, April 11 as the Strand-Capitol Performing Arts Center celebrates its 30th Anniversary. Ms. Fitzgerald opened the center 30 years ago at a gala performance with the York Symphony Orchestra and after the concert everyone walked to the Yorktowne Hotel under the flowering pear trees for a Champagne Reception. Ms. Payne was brought up on the music of Ms. Fitzgerald and calls the legendary vocalist one of the most important influences on her musical life. All tickets for this performance are \$30. See the back page of this issue for more information.

Modern Classic to be Screened at the Capitol

York -- Film critic Roger Ebert wrote this about the film showing on the big screen at the Capitol on Sunday, March 28: “Broken Embraces” is a voluptuary of a film, drunk on primary colors, caressing Penelope Cruz, using the devices of a Hitchcock to distract us with surfaces while the sinister uncoils beneath. As it ravished me, I longed for a freeze frame to allow me to savor a shot. For more information call the Capitol at 846-1111, or visit strandcapitol.org.



Past, Present and Future

Bob and Barb Buchanan Exhibit in April



The exhibition, "Paintings by Bob and Barb Buchanan" opens on Friday, Sunday 2 at City Arts Gallery, 118 West Philadelphia Street, call 699-2278. The pastels and realistic drawings by Barbara along with the detailed watercolors and oils by Bob combine for an interesting show and it's no coincidence that the Show opens on First Friday, the night Yorkers come out in droves to catch the latest art show or hear the musician of the night. Bob and Barb have worked on illustration projects in the past and now work together in their large skylight studio along the Susquehanna River. Both past and current work is included in this show that awaits your visit.

Jump Street Welcomes You to a Poetry Reading April 7

Harrisburg – Griselda García and Esteban Charpentier, Argentine poets, will share their poetry at Midtown Scholar Bookstore, 1302 North Third Street, Harrisburg, on Wednesday, April 7, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The poets will be selling and autographing their books. Jump Street is hosting the event and accepting donations on behalf of the visiting poets.

Griselda García has published six collections of poetry and is highly active in the Buenos Aires literary world. She is the co-editor of a small press and a key figure in Internet publication, a major component in the diffusion of contemporary Argentine writing. Garcia has also worked with the literary review *La Guacha*, produced radio programs on culture and literature, worked in theatre and dance, and translated poetry by Anne Sexton and Sylvia Plath into Spanish.

Esteban Charpentier has been a lawyer since 1985, currently serving as president of a foundation in Argentina to eradicate homeless children from the streets in Buenos Aires, teaching them arts and work. Charpentier's works includes several anthologies of poetry and many of his poems have been translated into English, French, Italian, German, Chinese and Braille. For more information call Jump Street at 238.1887.



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Contact Melissa Snyder at 717.238.1887 or msnyder@jumpstreet.org for more information

So Much to See and Do...

Alexandra Snell Emerging



Alexandra Snell; photo by Rich Stilwell

Greater York Youth Ballet has chosen Alexandra Snell as its Emerging Choreographer. The 16-year-old will present her piece, "Such Innocent Worlds," at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 25, in the Strand Capitol Performing Arts Center in York. "Such Innocent Worlds" depicts the horrors experienced by Holocaust victims during World War II. Snell, an eleventh grade student at Dallastown Area Senior High School, chose the music, created the costumes and taught the choreography to the dancers and understudies who will perform the piece onstage April 25.

Reserved seat tickets may be purchased online at www.strandcapitol.org by telephone at 846-1111, or at the box office of the Strand. For more information about Greater York Dance call 755-MOVE (6683) or visit www.gycde.org.

Mud Sales Raising Funds and Connecting People



Photo by Bill Schintz

Mud Sales operated mostly by local volunteer fire companies are beginning to catch everyone's attention and more and more southcentral Pennsylvania residents are enjoying the tradition of looking for bargains among good and friendly people and also enjoying a good barbecue chicken dinner or a dish of homemade chow chow. Proceeds from these sales usually go to the local fire company or another worthy organization and no one complains about the mud left over from the rainy spring weather. Photo by Bill Schintz. Want more information: go to www.padutch.com/mudsales.shtml.

Ken Lagace Shows His Work at Mason-Dixon Library

Stewartstown -- An exhibition featuring the photography of Ken Lagace will open on Friday, April 2, with a reception from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Mason-Dixon Public Library, 250 Bailey Drive, Stewartstown.

During a varied career as a symphony and jazz clarinetist and saxophonist, computer programmer and website creator, Ken Lagace still had time to build a 200 mph airplane and take professional photographs for a theatre company and a modern dance company.

In addition to doing fine art prints and photo restoration at his Stewartstown home, he has begun to use Photoshop to digitally enhance his work, often inverting color schemes with striking results. Ken is originally from Connecticut.

The April solo exhibition will be in place in the Library's Quiet Reading Room until April 23.

Call 993-2404 for more information, including hours of operation.

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Meet Me in Hanover! By Dee Garber

By now everyone is ready for warmer weather and what it brings. To prepare for the increased outdoor activity in the region around us, I have gathered just some of the possibilities we have around us here in the Hanover area.

For a delightful evening in a delightful and unique theater, you and a friend or your spouse can plan an evening with The Hanover Community Players. The Players are hosting a community event "The Mack and Mabel Musical" at the Hanover Little Theatre, 360 Blooming Grove Road. Call 637-5297 for tickets or additional information. This show opens Thursday, March 25 and runs until Saturday, 27. Curtain time is 8 p.m.

And here's one for Friday, April 9. At 7 p.m. the 11th Annual Evening of Comedy & Magic unfolds at the Eichelberger Performing Arts Center and you can call 637-7086 to reserve your tickets.

Located at Cross Keys Village on the Lincoln Highway, The Brethren Home Community is host to a variety of activities from musical events to Fine Art Exhibitions in two separate galleries and they're always fun to visit.

April's guest artist for the Second Floor Gallery in the Main Building: Dee Garber. Yes that's me. I work in Graphic Design, Photography, and Fine Art (Pastel and Acrylic) and this show will feature some of my photography.

I've titled this show, "It's A Dogs Life" in honor of my Greater Swiss Mountain



Look and you will see all the beauty of Life. *Tree In Bloom (Dee Garber)*

Dogs, and animals in general. This show will surely put a smile on your face as you get a glimpse into the bond I have developed with my two special dog friends. It is like no other. I thank God that I have them in my life.

For more information about this exhibition, call 646-1003 or go to www.deegarberstudio.com.

In the Harmony Ridge Gallery at the Brethren home Chris Rider, the renowned sculptor and strongman is showcasing his work, both two and three dimensional.

Chris Rider was featured in my last column, and you can read about Chris, or any other story that has appeared in the last year or so by going to the web site: www.showcasenow.net. At the home page on the left click on the Past Issue button and choose the issue you would like to read.

Any local artist interested in



This wonderful sight was found by just walking in my backyard. *Spring's Near Bird (Dee Garber)*



Give me that ear. (Dee Garber)

exhibiting at Cross Keys Galleries can call Alison Peterson at 359-5666.

All concerts are held in the Nicarry Meetinghouse. For information on the musical front, call 624-5203.

One concert you will want to find



out about is the Friday, April 9 guest, Southern Gospel singer Terry Hall. He's known as the "one-man quartet" and this concert is free and open to the public. A free-will offering will be collected to benefit the Good Samaritan Fund at Cross Keys.

In case classical music is more to your liking, you can find more information about the concert with Jill Marchione, principal oboist with the York Symphony who will join organist Shirley King for a free, public concert in the afternoon of Friday, April 9. The event is part of an annual series highlighting Cross Keys' 1869 Jardine Organ.

Philadelphia's Dean Bennett brings his portrayal of Benjamin Franklin on Saturday, April 17 as part of the 2010 Fine Arts Series. Bennett has portrayed Franklin for nearly 20 years, including appearances in Discovery Channel and HBO programs.

Whatever you do this spring – if you just want to take a nice car or bike ride, or a nice walk somewhere – take a camera with you. My camera helps me see all the beauty around me and you might find it helps you see things you would miss otherwise, too.

Lancaster County's Village of Strasburg Offers Memorable Experiences for the Whole Family By Kevin Leitzel

The essence of Pennsylvania Dutch Country is calling your name. Just a few miles from Route 30 in Lancaster, Historic Strasburg is a hodgepodge of things to do for the entire family. You can start at the end and work your way forward, or start in town and end your day traveling the railway. Whichever way you choose, there's an adventure waiting for you.

Located just a few miles off Route 896, along Route 741 East is the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania. This state historical museum showcases the Atlantic No. 460 locomotive (a.k.a. The Lindberg Engine known for its famous race against an airplane in 1927), the Pacific Class No. 3750 K4 (deemed the Official Steam Engine of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by the state legislature and former Governor Robert Casey,) and four other engines. Also check out the new additions to the museum including a redesigned lobby with clock tower featuring the Pennsylvania Railroad Broad Street Station clock, and the Herman Haupt railroad bridge of 1851, one of the oldest preserved metallic railroad bridges in the U.S. General adult admission is \$10, youth (ages 3 to 11) are admitted for \$8 each and children 2 and under are free. Check out the website at <http://www.rrmuseumpa.org> to plan



Railway scenes such as this one are part of the experience in Strasburg. Photo by Kevin Leitzel

your day and get dates for guided railway tours and events.

Next, get a ticket for lunch aboard the Strasburg Railroad, located across the street from the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania. Options include a lunch fare for adults (\$16) and children (\$8); a wine and cheese train (\$35 – must be 21 to enter); a Pennsylvania Dutch Dinner train (\$41.95); Traditional Dinner

and Live Entertainment (\$49.95) or a Traditional Dinner and Murder Mystery tour (\$59.95). All tours travel through the fabled and beautiful countryside of Lancaster. Check out the website at <http://www.strasburgrailroad.com> to get train times, regulations and additional tour events.

Just a few yards away from the Train Station is The Shops of Taintown. This

mini-plaza will delight your children and the child in you. The Choo Choo Barn houses an enormous model train layout. The Railroad Books and Videos shop has model trains for sale along with DVDs and other educational items. Thomas Trackside Station is a dream come true for every Thomas the Tank Engine enthusiast. Clothing, toys, pillows, bedding and babywear adorn this shop. Before leaving the area you may want to check out the Strasburg Antiques Market located in a restored tobacco warehouse. With over 1,000 antiques from 70 dealers and no reproductions or crafts, you'll find something for your home or a gift for that special someone.

Don't go home on an empty stomach. End your day at the Strasburg Country Store and Creamery. Located at One West Main Street on the corner of the Center Square and Route 896 in downtown Strasburg, is this bustling ice cream and candy shop. For more information, call 687-0766. Be sure to take a camera, because this trip offers many opportunities to add to your scrapbooks. With your new pictures and your new purchases, if you decide to buy anything, you can bring a part of Pennsylvania Dutch Country home with you.

The Freedom Train of Entertainers

Take Dauphin County Students on a Musical Tour of Education and Fun

By Kelly D. Summerford



At left, dancers Zephaniah Edmonds, Tory Summerford and Elijah Brown, in a Michael Jackson tribute and at right singer Diane Wilson greets her fans as Aretha Franklin.



From left, Jaret Pinckney sang the songs of Michael Jackson, Jarred McDonald was Ray Charles and Ruth Simmons was Mahalia Jackson.

Get Aboard the Freedom Train," was the theme for this year's Black History Program sponsored by the Dauphin County Commissioners. This program is provided through the Parks and Recreations Department and its mission is to bring a Black History Show to the schools in Dauphin County that don't have Black History presentations scheduled during Black History Month.

In this presentation, designed specially for this program, there is plenty of music and dance, all rooted in Black History. And the response from spectators has warmed the hearts of all concerned. As the lights went down and the audiences became silent, the show was presented with dramatic flair. If you could imagine just a little, you saw the train come in and then people getting on. The people in this case were entertainers including Mahalia Jackson, Aretha Franklin, Ray Charles, and for one show only, James Brown... The essence of Michael Jackson was

captured through song and dance by four area youth performers.

The ensemble traveled to seven schools. Over 3,000 students and teachers had a chance to experience the arrival and the departure of "the Freedom Train of Entertainers," and the Dauphin County Commissioner's hosted their own edition of the show in the Commissioners Chambers at the request of Commissioner George Hartwick. Many county workers were invited to see this presentation which officially ended the run.

The program opened with a song sung by a 12-year old boy, Jaret Pinckney, who said after his song that he wanted to ride the train. Because of the audience response the conductor agreed to bring him along. That was just the beginning of the interactive journey.

Whether it was Gospel legend, Mahalia Jackson (Ruth Simmons) who boarded the train singing "Trouble of the World" or Aretha Franklin (Diane Wilson) raising the temperature with

the spelling of her hit: R-E-S-P-E-C-T, or Ray Charles (Jarred McDonald) swaying from side to side singing a medley of his greatest hits, the audiences were taken into another world. The show included the Ray Charles hit, "Georgia," a song that was later chosen as the state song of Georgia. Members of the audience applauded and sometimes called out encouragement.

But the show stoppers this year were the youth performers. Fast forwarding to the final act of the show Jaret Pinckney sang his favorite Michael Jackson songs and the audiences everywhere went wild.

To bring the show to a close, the Conductor placed three hats on the floor and told the audience if they believed really hard three dancers would appear and give a tribute to MJ. Ofcourse the audience participated and the lights went down, the spotlights hit the back curtains and all you could see were three pairs of hands with white gloves coming out from underneath the curtains, each grabbing a hat as

the music from "Thriller," played. The Break Dance, Hip Hop, Pop Lockin' Dance trio comprised of Zephaniah Edmonds, Tory Summerford, and Elijah Brown brought the crowd to their feet, some of them screaming at decibels too loud for one's ear to have to endure.

Many of the students stood in line to get autographs and speak to the performers at the end of the program.

Although the Black History Program was entertaining it also had educational value, the spectators learned. A lesson plan was designed and each student's task was to learn at least 3 things about each Freedom Train rider and his or her contribution to African American history. Some students said they wished learning could be this much fun all the time and to the entertainers that was the best applause ever.



Tory Summerford signing autographs.

The Governor's Awards for the Arts

The Governor's Awards for the Arts Ceremony Brings the Commonwealth Spotlight to York County

There was a feeling of expectation in the air as a group of artists and art supporters entered York's Valencia Ballroom. Pennsylvania's First Lady, Judge Marjorie Rendell, was there to announce the winners of the 2009 Governor's Arts Awards, five individuals, four of them from York and one from Lancaster, and a group of 200 carvers/craftsmen from Elk County in the northeast of the Commonwealth.

The press conference took place just a block from the site where the Arts Awards will be presented on Thursday, April 8. The venue for this year's event is the Strand Capitol Performing Arts Center which will have observed its 30th anniversary just a couple weeks before the Awards production on Thursday, April 25, 2010.

Tickets for the Awards Ceremony are free but open seat reservations must be made through the Strand-Capitol's box office at 848-1111.

WINNERS OF THIS YEAR'S AWARDS ARE:

Artist of the Year: Del McCoury

Creative Community Award: Ridgway Chainsaw Carver's Rendezvous

Outstanding Arts Leadership & Service to Youth: Caroline S. Nunan

Patron Award: Louis J. Appell, Jr.

Patron Award: Arthur J. Glatfelter

Distinguished Arts Award: Jeff Koons

Fred Callahan, Cultural Alliance board chair, announced that the Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts, Rocco Landesman will give the Keynote Address at an event preceding the Awards Ceremony at 4 p.m. in the Capitol Theatre. Landesman is a legendary Broadway



Artist Jeff Koons

Producer with *Angels in America* and *The Producers* to his credit.

Judge Rendell said this year's awards are "unprecedented" because four of the awardees have deep roots in York County. She told the gathering that York County is "rich in creative history" and that she is thrilled to showcase York County to Pennsylvanians in general as well as spotlighting them for

an audience reaching to the far corners of the globe.

Artist of the Year: Del McCoury

For fifty years, Del's music has defined authenticity for hard core bluegrass fans as well as a growing number of fans only vaguely familiar with the genre. Born in York County, Del McCoury was bitten by the bluegrass bug when he heard Earl Scruggs' banjo in the early 50s and became a banjo picker himself. He got his first taste of the limelight when he joined Bill Monroe's Blue Grass Boys in early 1963; the Father of Bluegrass moved McCoury from the banjo to guitar, made him his lead singer, and gave him a lifetime's worth of bluegrass tutelage in little more than a year. But rather than parlay his gig with the master into a full-time career of his own, he returned to Pennsylvania in the mid-60s to provide steady support for his new and growing family.

The Del McCoury Band was the guest performer at the York County Chamber's Annual Inaugural Dinner in 2009 and his fans literally circle the globe.

A half-century of music making has been filled with ongoing triumphs. McCoury earned membership in the cast of the legendary Grand Ole Opry in 2003 and the Band earned their first Best Bluegrass Album Grammy award two years later. Del launched a popular annual New Year's Eve show at the Ryman Auditorium, where Del first appeared with Bill Monroe some 46 years ago.

The retrospective box set *Celebrating 50 Years of Del McCoury*, released in 2009, is a lasting tribute to the McCoury legend and when it is pointed out that he is 70 years old, he tells the interviewer, he may be 70, but as he sings in one of the songs he co-wrote: "Don't ever let it be said darling, that what I do don't bring me joy / I'm a guitar-picking, bluegrass-singing, never grow up boy."

Creative Community Award: Ridgway Chainsaw Carver's Rendezvous

Since 1999, in late February, over 200 chainsaw carvers and at least 25,000 people gather to participate in the Ridgway Chainsaw Carvers Rendezvous, the world's largest non-competitive chainsaw carving event. Located in the town of Ridgway, the county seat with a population of 4,591, in Elk County, Pennsylvania, this weeklong social event attracts 200 carvers from over 40 states and dozens of foreign countries and showcases carvers working primarily in wood but also in a dramatic finale, in ice.

Outstanding Arts Leadership & Service to Youth: Caroline S. Nunan

Caroline Steinman Nunan, a member of the board of directors of Lancaster Newspapers, Inc. and Steinman Enterprises, and chairman of the James Hale Steinman Foundation, has



The Del McCoury Band

made it a significant part of her life's work to champion the performing and visual arts in Lancaster County and to make them accessible to everyone, especially the young.

Patron Award: Louis J. Appell, Jr.

Louis J. Appell, Jr.'s contributions to the arts and cultural organizations of York County include dedicated leadership, committed participation and critical financial support that have reinvigorated, stabilized and promoted arts and heritage in York. He led the three capital campaigns to restore and update the Strand and Capitol Theatres to its current status as the Strand-Capitol Performing Arts Center and has been a financial supporter of the Cultural Alliance of York County from its inception.

Appell, a Harvard graduate, was the principal owner and CEO of Susquehanna Pfaltzgraff Company, Susquehanna Radio, Penn Outdoor Advertising, Susquehanna Communications (including Suscom.net and Blazenet), and Susquehanna Real Estate. He has been a member of the Pennsylvania Business Roundtable, 10,000 Friends of Pennsylvania, the Governor's Residence Preservation Committee, and the Pennsylvania Capitol Preservation Committee.

He has worked tirelessly for nonprofits in the region and one community leader summarized "He has been a constant thread through every significant community project...He has helped to preserve our historic treasures...to build and nurture our cultural, educational and civic institutions and to rebuild our urban landscape."

Patron Award: Arthur J. Glatfelter

Arthur J. Glatfelter, entrepreneur and business leader, has contributed directly to arts organizations, championed community action to stabilize and grow the arts and culture and worked tirelessly to strengthen the arts infrastructure in York County.

Glatfelter began Glatfelter Insurance Company in the late 1960's to serve the needs of volunteer fire companies.

This company is now one of the twenty largest in the country.

In 1999, he and other members of the York business community established a unified agency to develop and promote the arts in the community. This agency, the Cultural Alliance of York, is today a strong, viable and thriving cultural fund, raising more than one million dollars of operating and promotional support for arts organizations in York

Distinguished Arts Award: Jeff Koons

Jeff Koons was born in York, Pennsylvania in 1955. He studied at the Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore and the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. He received a BFA from the Maryland Institute College of Art in 1976. Mr. Koons lives and works in New York City and York, Pennsylvania where he maintains a farm with connections to his ancestors. Koons was greeted by a packed house when he returned to York on September, 25, 2002 for an artist's lecture and exhibition. Entitled, "Jeff Koons: Embrace Your Past" the exhibition drew crowds of fans and curiosity seekers to the Music, Arts and Communication Center on the campus at York College of Pennsylvania. The Show ran until November 6, 2002. Koons greeted high school art teachers, former classmates and family friends and recalled how visits to his father's ever-changing furniture store as a small child impressed upon him how mirrors, paintings and accessories affect the human spirit.

Mr. Koons' work has been exhibited internationally and is in numerous public collections, including the Museum of Modern Art (New York, NY), Whitney Museum of American Art (New York, NY), Guggenheim Museum (New York, NY), The National Gallery (Washington, DC), Hirshhorn Museum (Washington, DC), San Francisco Museum of Modern Art (San Francisco, CA), The Eli Broad Family Foundation (Santa Monica, CA), the Tate Gallery (London, UK,) and the Palace of Versailles, France.

Good Food from the Local Farm

Sonnewald Foods: One of York County's Best-Kept Secrets Submitted by the Sonnewald Team

Stoverstown, York County – “Good Health comes from the Farm, not the Pharmacy!” This claim is seen on the store’s brochure and business card, its web site, facebook, and all print ads. It’s heard on every radio and Weatherline ad Willa Lefever records, as well as the store’s weekly radio show “Sundays With Sonnewald.”

Why? Because we really do believe it, and have for more than half a century.

This unique grocery store had its beginnings over 50 years ago when Harold “Tim” Lefever bought his new bride, Grace, a flour mill as a wedding present. As friends and neighbors heard about this very unusual gift, some asked if she would grind flour for them, too. Always ready to help others, she was glad to do so. This opportunity to visit allowed her to share what she was learning about raising a healthy family. She encouraged them to eat whole foods, and even offered some of the items out of the family’s pantry and garden. So, it is said, that this beautiful 8,000 square foot market began in Grace’s laundry room.

For decades, this hidden treasure in the village of Stoverstown, just south-east of Spring Grove, has attracted health enthusiasts from miles and sometimes even hours away. It is a

lovely drive through the country side and the reasonable prices, especially in the bulk foods room which has over 250 self-serve products, can more than off-set the costs incurred.

Sonnewald pioneered organic farming and sustainable living in this region. On the farm, at 87, Grace Lefever is still living in Pennsylvania’s first solar heated residence. In “downtown Stoverstown,” two buildings are being disassembled with most of the material being salvaged for reuse. The site is being prepared for a natural food café, a discount natural foods outlet, and a multiuse community room.

No one can really remember when Grace began taking small groups for a casual stroll around the farm sharing her enthusiasm for God’s healing plants. Her “Weed Walks” are thoroughly enjoyed by all ages. If you have never experienced this Sonnewald tradition, make plans to go this spring.

Another event designed to inspire, educate, and motivate the community is their Earth Day Celebration. This is just their second year but all signs indicate that this fledgling venture will quickly take wing and fly. It is scheduled for Sunday, April 18 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the Sonnewald farm right behind the store. The team

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members are asking for help with the planning and organization of this event. They are looking for highly motivated individuals who want to see positive change and are willing to help to create it. Please visit the website www.sonnewald.org or call the store to volunteer.

So, now we have let the cat out of the bag. If you haven’t already discovered

Sonnewald, take time to visit and learn for yourself that “Good Health really does come from the Farm, not the Pharmacy.”

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People Making a Difference

A Visit to the African American Civil War Memorial Opens Up a Door for Research *By Calobe Jackson*

In September of 1996, I attended the site dedication ceremony for the African American Civil War Memorial in Washington D.C. Located at 10th and U Streets in the Shaw neighborhood of Washington, stainless steel plaques would be erected to display the names of all United States Colored Troops (USCT) and Sailors who fought in the Civil War. The site is located in the Shaw neighborhood, named for Col. Robert Gould Shaw, commander of the famous 54th Massachusetts regiment.

During the dedication ceremony, we heard several outstanding speeches made about the deeds of these great men and their achievements. Retired General Colin Powell spoke about the

history of the USCT and their major battles during the Civil War. However, one of the most inspiring speeches was delivered by a representative of the Mormon Church (LDS) Genealogy Researchers. Recognized as a world leader for their contribution to genealogical research, they had identified 209,145 Black men who had served in the USCT or US Navy. Based on statistical projection, they projected that by 1996, one of every five living African Americans was a descendent of these 209,145 men.

It was suggested that the students at nearby Robert G. Shaw, Jr. High School would organize teams to search for the descendants of the USCT who served

so honorably in the Civil War. But this was 1996 and tools such as Google and Ancestry .com were in their infancy. Genealogical research was still being performed by the old fashioned method of first finding a soundex code number for the sought after surname. After that, the process was slow, often requiring that one visited a National Archive office and searching through hundreds of old census microfilm. The Shaw students never really found many descendants and the project was soon abandoned.

Today our Grand Review Committee is planning to locate USCT descendants. They will also train people how to search for their Civil War ancestors. Using state of the art technology, combined with family

Grand Review



oral histories, families will learn where USCT are buried. Through regimental histories, mustering out records, pension records, headstone records, burial records and newspaper obituaries they will learn facts and be able to learn.

The Grand Review Week in Harrisburg, the first week of November 2010, will provide attendees the opportunity to connect with their Civil War ancestors and share the memories of loved ones who served our country in securing freedom for all its population.

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Revisiting Alice's Wonderland By Jan Thoman

In anticipation of the opening of Tim Burton's version of *Alice in Wonderland*, I re-read Lewis Carroll's classic recently. In addition to the childhood memories the reading evoked, I was pleasantly surprised

to find that the copy I borrowed was the exact edition I had read as a child. Part of the *Illustrated Junior Library*, its brilliantly colored, character-filled end pages were as entertaining now as when I was a

child. As I read along I realized that most of my memories of Alice have been based on this edition and its illustrations, which were beautifully done by John Tenniel.

Having grown up when children

Simple Pleasures



In this large painting by Bill Koons of York Alice and her friends celebrate her "Unbirthday Party." It is better to have an Unbirthday, Alice reminds her guests, since people have 364 Unbirthdays a year. And they have only one Birthday, she reasons, and the cat begins to disappear. Koons is a distant relative of Jeff Koons, the world-renowned artist being honored in April at the Governor's Awards for the Arts in his hometown's Strand-Capitol Performing Arts Center. The acrylic painting measures 45 inches by 45 inches. Image courtesy of private collector.

were free to roam, I read outdoors quite a bit. There were fields and small woods to wander through and I had my favorite places in each. I would camp out with books and a snack and read and dream away the summer days. I mention this because I distinctly remember spending long hours looking for rabbits wearing hats. I think I was old enough to know better, but the idea of meeting up with the March Hare was irresistible. To this day I have a soft spot for rabbits. I also have a very clear memory of spending a rainy afternoon trying to memorize the Jabberwocky poem, probably driving my poor mother out of her mind.

I found it curious that I didn't remember *Through the Looking-Glass* nearly as well, although both are included in this edition and I surely read each often. I had no recollection of the looking glass insects or Alice's train ride, but at the same time I was very familiar with the Walrus and the Carpenter and the poor ill-fated oysters. I also clearly remember Tweedle-Dee and Tweedle-Dum, but beyond that, I found it was like reading the book for the first time. Finally, I have discovered some joy in my failing memory.

While I know from what I've read and seen about the Burton/Depp collaboration that it will not be an exact telling of Alice's tale, I still feel it will be an exciting experience. As a long time fan of both I know that there will be surprises in store for our viewing pleasure. I also hope that this film version will encourage a new generation of young readers and also encourage once young readers to return to Carroll's book. For those who read it long ago, may it generate for you as many pleasant childhood memories as it has brought back for me.

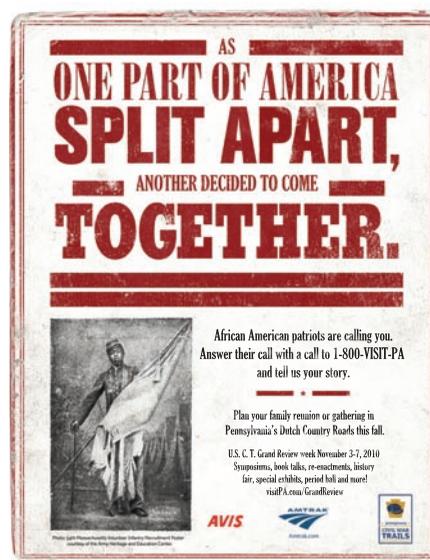
A Visit to Fairyland, by Way of Hanover



The Seated Light Opera Theater of Hanover (SLOTH) will present Act II of Gilbert and Sullivan's *Iolanthe* on Saturday, April 24 at the Guthrie Memorial Library in Hanover. Come take a trip to fairyland, the players suggest, and enjoy this whimsical tale performed under the direction of David Berndt and accompanied by Amanda Dusman.

The performance will be held at 3 p.m. in the Hormel Reading Room on the main floor of the library. The show is free and open to the public. For more information, call 632-5183 or visit our web site at www.guthrielibrary.org.

Commonwealth Launches Project Ending With Weeklong Celebration



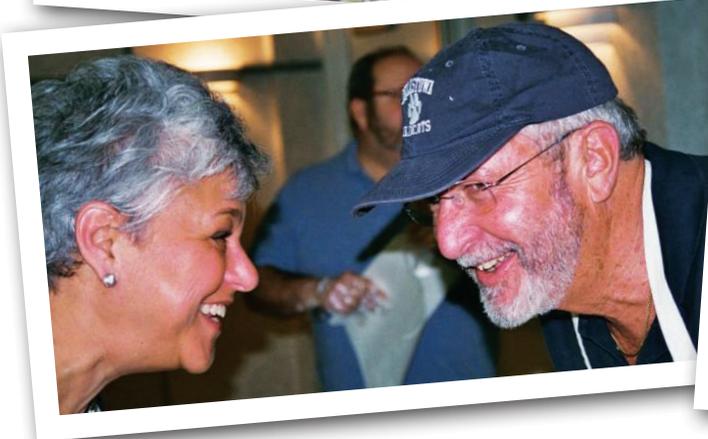
The Cultural and Heritage Tourism Program of the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development has launched a year-long program that culminates in November with the reenactment of the Grand Review of the U.S. Colored Troops in Harrisburg. Volunteers are preparing for the visit of thousands of people and everyone is invited to participate in this multi-phase project that coincides with the "Susquecentennial" of Harrisburg City. For more information, see the 8-page insert in this edition. Call 1-800-VisitPA or check out all the ways to get involved at www.visitPA.com.

Festivals, Food and Fun

By Linda Weiner Seligson

Jewish Food Festival Highlights York JCC's

100th Anniversary



The York JCC, 2000 Hollywood Drive, is celebrating its 100th anniversary from Noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday, April 18, with a Jewish Food Festival like none in the past century. In addition to the best corned beef sandwich north of Baltimore and west of Philadelphia, the event will feature a wide variety of vendors and a Silent Auction with items ranging from beauty treatments and restaurant gift certificates to Ravens' tickets and a box for the Revolution.

And Mummers.

Mummers?

Yes. Mummers.

It's a safe bet this is the first time in the York JCC's 100 years that Philadelphia's famous Mummers will headline an event. Picture Tevye in

bright blue lame with lots of feathers and sequins and saxophones

The Avalon String Band will open the Festival at noon with their award-winning, spirited show called "Tradition!" They'll be strutting throughout the day (ask them to show you how) and will offer another show at 3:30 p.m. to welcome the fact that the JCC is doing dinner this year.

"I don't want to mislead you," said Avalon String Band business manager Kevin Crouch, when approached about bringing the costumed entertainers to York to perform their award winning tribute to Jewish music and *Fiddler on the Roof*. "Our members aren't Jewish."

"Neither are 90 percent of the members of the York JCC," he was informed. Like the famous "You Don't

Have To Be Jewish To Love Levy's Jewish Rye" ad, you don't have to be Jewish to love the JCC and traditional Jewish food.

And there will be plenty of that – all Kosher – at the York JCC on April 18. The menu will include: Matzah Ball Soup (Jewish penicillin), brisket of beef in secret sauce, corned beef, pastrami, turkey, hot dogs, New York rye bread, kosher pickles, knishes (potato stuffed pastries), babka (of Seinfeld fame), black and white cookies, mandel bread (Jewish biscotti), Hamantaschen and "The Best Noodle Kugel in York." That title was won at the JCC's recent Purim Carnival by Nir Sinay, 18, a senior at Dallastown Area High School, whose sweet and tasty "Fruit Noodle

Kugel" beat out 15 other entries for the honor.

We anticipate that the JCC will be overflowing with people savoring the 'Jewish soul food' not normally available here in the York area," said Festival co-chair JoAnn Graham. "And the place will be lively with music, free massages and the opportunity to both buy and bid on lots of wonderful merchandise."

"It should be a fun event," she said. "Something befitting 100 years by celebrating old traditions and building new ones. Holding this event on the 18th is significant because, in Hebrew, 18 stands for life."

Linda Weiner Seligson is Cultural and Contemporary Adult Director at the York JCC.

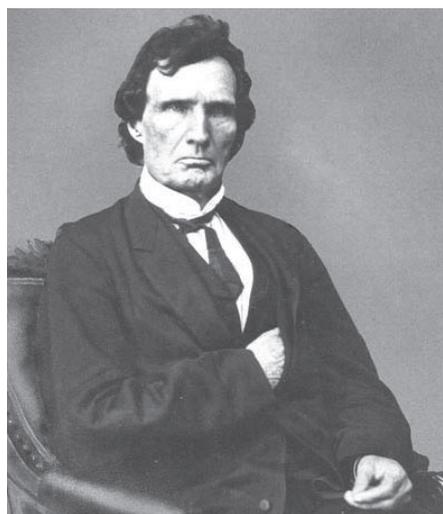
You're Invited to Thaddeus Stevens' Birthday Party April 3 at Caledonia State Park By Ruthe Fortenbaugh Craley

If you would like a slice of birthday cake, along with a slice of local history, you're invited to join the members of the Thaddeus Stevens Society as they celebrate the 218th birthday of this remarkable figure. The party will be held on Saturday, April 3 at Caledonia State Park and celebrants will meet in the park office beginning at 1 p.m.

Ross Hetrick, president of the Society, will speak briefly and show a short video about Stevens' role in both local and national history. Wesley Foltz, park naturalist, will conduct a walking tour of the remains of the Caledonia Iron Works.

Stevens was born in 1792 in rural Vermont. His father abandoned the family but his mother was determined that her son receive a good education. He attended local schools and graduated from Dartmouth College in 1814. He moved to York and taught at the York County Academy, a legal descendant of York College of Pennsylvania, in 1815 and 1816. While in York Stevens studied with James Kelly, Esq., a local lawyer who was a member of the Academy's Board of Trustees.

Stevens passed the Maryland Bar at Bel Air in August, 1816 and began his law practice in Gettysburg. Elected to



Thaddeus Stevens



The Stevens Blacksmith Shop east of Gettysburg on the Lincoln Highway or Route 30. Headline above the bar on this page should read, History, Culture and Travel

the Pennsylvania House of Delegates in the early 1830s he was a strong advocate for public schools. In 1834 he was instrumental in securing \$18,000

in legislative funds for the purchase of buildings and the advancement of Pennsylvania College (the present Gettysburg College).

Meet Me in Gettysburg



Stevens had many business interests and at one time he was the largest property owner in the town. He set up several iron works and mills, often employing many of the area's free black men. Later, during his time as a U.S. Congressman, he earned a reputation as a strong and effective abolitionist. During the Civil War when Confederate General Jubal Early moved into Pennsylvania, Stevens' property at Caledonia was a target and it was burned, destroyed, no doubt, in retribution for Stevens' activities.

Stevens had moved to Lancaster in 1842 and was elected as a Whig for two sessions of Congress. He expanded his great interests in education and equality and became a national leader for both. By 1858 he returned to Congress, as a representative of the newly-formed Republican Party and continued to serve there until his death in 1868. It was during these later years that one of his greatest contributions took form, spearheading passage of the 14th and 15th Amendments. Known as "the Great Commoner," Stevens was an unrelenting foe of slavery. He is even credited by some with persuading President Lincoln to allow black men to serve as soldiers during the final years of the Civil War.

If you find yourself interested in this outstanding historical figure or if you just wish to join others who enjoy thinking and talking about local history -- or if you just want a piece of birthday cake -- you're invited to join the Thaddeus Stevens Birthday Anniversary Party at 1 o'clock in the afternoon on Saturday, April 3. For additional information call 334-5227 or send an e-mail to contact@thaddeusstevenssociety.com.

Making Your Will: Easy as ABC!

A lot of people find it easy to delay making a will. By some estimates, as many as 85 percent of us do not have one. We procrastinate because we think estate planning is hard. But really, it is not all that difficult. In fact, creating a will can be as simple as ABC! Here's how:

Assets. Begin by making an inventory of all your assets: Insurance, retirement, bank, and brokerage accounts, real estate, vehicles, artwork, jewelry—everything you own. Once you have the list, estimate the value of your assets and then deduct any debts or mortgages you may have. This will give you a rough idea of the total value of your estate.

Having this information well organized can save both time and money when the will is actually written.

Beneficiaries. Whom do you want to receive your assets, and in what amounts? First, consider family needs and obligations. Then think about the charitable organizations that are important to you, and how a bequest could benefit them while creating a lasting legacy for you.

Confidants. Choose trustworthy individuals to provide legal and other professional assistance, as well as a personal representative to help settle your estate. You may also need to select

one or more trustees and guardians for any minor children.

Once you have listed and valued your assets, selected the beneficiaries for your estate (don't forget charitable organizations!) and have chosen the key persons to assist you now and after your death, *it is time to act!*

Don't delay. Contact an estate-planning attorney right away and move forward!

If you need help finding a good attorney, ask your friends for suggestions or contact the trust department of your bank for a referral. Ask around until you find someone



with whom you feel comfortable. If you wish, we can assist you with this process.

While creating a will is not nearly as difficult as you might have thought, it does take some time. But the result—a deep sense of satisfaction and peace of mind—is well worth it!

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On The Fence, Majestic Theater, LeVan PAC, Gettysburg, 337-8200, gettysburgmajestic.org

March 22-25

4 Artist Invitational, Art Association of Harrisburg, 236-1432, artassocofhbg.com

March 22-28

Noises Off, Fulton Theatre, Lancaster, 397-7425, atthefulton.com

March 22-31

"Here Comes Peter Cottontail," Hole in the Wall Puppet Theater, Lancaster, 394-8398, holeinthewallpuppets.com

"Fast from the Past: Competition Motorcycles of Yesteryear," Antique Automobile Club of America Museum, Hershey, 566-7100, aacamuseum.org

Cole Porter's "Anything Goes," Allenberry Playhouse, Boiling Springs, 258-3211, allenberry.com

Beauty and The Beast, Popcorn Hat Players, Gamut Plays, Harrisburg, 232-4111, gamutplays.org

Sitting Pretty: Plank Bottom Chairs of Cumberland County, Cumberland County Historical Society, Carlisle, 249-7610, historicalsociety.com

Camaros and Firebirds, Antique Automobile Club of America Museum, Hershey, 566-7100, aacamuseum.org

March 24, 25

Young Persons Concert – Mozart's Magnificent Voyage, Pullo Family PAC, York, 505-8900, pullocenter.yk.psu.edu

Fantastic Mr. Fox, Film, Carlisle Theatre, 258-0666, carlisletheatre.org

March 25

20th Anniversary Celebration, Farm and Natural Lands Trust, featuring Hoots and Hellmouth, Strand-Capitol PAC, York, 846-1111, strandcapitol.org

Chef's Back Door, Accomac Inn, Benefits Strand-Capitol PAC, 846-1111, strandcapitol.org

March 25-28

A Chorus Line, York Little Theatre, 854-5715, ylt.org

March 26

Young Person's Concert, Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra, 545-5527, harrisburgsymphony.org

March 26-28

A View from the Bridge, A Drama by Arthur Miller, Little Theatre of Mechanicsburg, 766-0535, ltmonline.net

March 26-31

Seussical Jr. Ephrata PAC, Ephrata, 733-7966, ephrataplayhouseinthepark.org

The Last Station, Film, Carlisle Theatre, 258-0666, carlisletheatre.org

March 27

"Palm Sunday through Resurrection Art Exhibition" Opening Reception, Art & Soul Gallery, Lemoyne, email artandsoul@pa.net or call 761-1270

The MET Live in HD: Hamlet, Majestic Theatre, LeVan PAC, Gettysburg, 337-8200, gettysburgmajestic.org

March 27,28

Music of Myth and Magic, Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra, 545-5527, harrisburgsymphony.org

March 28

Children's Egg Hunt at Fort Hunter Park, for ages 2 and 3, ages 4 and 5 and ages 6 and 7, www.dauphincounty.org or 599-5188

Broadway Bash, Hanover Symphony Orchestra Concert, Eichelberger PAC, Hanover, 637-7086, theeich.org

Broken Embraces, film, Capitol Cinema, York, 846-1111, strandcapitol.org

March 29

Passion Pit with special guest Mayer Hawthorne and The County, Pullo Family PAC, Penn State York, 505-8900, pullocenter.yk.psu.edu

March 30

Auditions - The Unexpected Guest by Agatha Christie, DreamWrights Yourh and Family Theatre, York, 848-8623, dreamwrights.org

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April 1

The Last Station, Film, Carlisle Theatre, 258-0666, carlisletheatre.org

April 1-3

Seussical Jr. Ephrata PAC, Ephrata, 733-7966, ephrataplayhouseinthepark.org

Beauty and The Beast, Popcorn Hat Players, Gamut Plays, Harrisburg, 238-4111, gamutplays.org

Here Comes Peter Cottontail, Hole in the Wall Puppet Theater, Lancaster, 394-8398, holeinthewallpuppets.com

April 1-5

Camaros and Firebirds, Antique Automobile Club of America Museum, Hershey, 566-7100, aacamuseum.org

April 1-18

Cole Porter's "Anything Goes," Allenberry Playhouse, Boiling Springs, 258-3211, allenberry.com

April 1-30

Sitting Pretty: Plank Bottom Chairs of Cumberland County, Cumberland County Historical Society, Carlisle, 249-7610, historicalsociety.com

April 2

First Friday, Gettysburg Style! Film, Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Adams County School of Musical Theatre, Gettysburg, 334-2692, acsmt.org

First Friday Arts Walk, Lancaster, lancasterarts.org

First Friday Arts Walk, York, downtownyork.org

First Friday Lebanon Art Walk, lebanonartscouncil.org

Rhonda Vincent and The Rage, Eichelberger PAC, Hanover, 637-7086, theeich.org

April 2-30

4 Artist Invitational, Art Association of Harrisburg, 236-1432, artassocofhbg.com

April 3

Thaddeus Stevens Birthday Party, Caledonia State Park, call 334-5227 or contact@thaddeusstevenssociety.com.

Walking Tour of the Carlisle Indian School, Cumberland County Historical Society, 249-7610, historicalsociety.com

April 6

Chef's Back Door, Bistro 19, Benefits Strand-Capitol PAC, York, 846-1111, strandcapitol.org

April 8

Governor's Awards for the Arts Ceremony, Strand-Capitol PAC, York, 846-1111, strandcapitol.org

The Temptations, Majestic Theater, LeVan PAC, Gettysburg, 337-8200, gettysburgmajestic.org

April 9

The 11th Annual Evening of Comedy and Magic, Eichelberger PAC, Hanover, 637-7086, theeich.org

Turtle Island Quartet, Carlisle Theatre, 258-0666, carlisletheatre.org

Up and Jumped Spring, Gettysburg College Jazz Ensemble, Majestic Theater, LeVan PAC, Gettysburg, 337.8200, gettysburgmajestic.org

2010 Season Kick Off Gala Benefit, featuring Chad-Alan Carr, Adams County School of Musical Theatre, 334-2692, acsmt.org

April 9, 10

Macbeth, Harrisburg Shakespeare Festival, Strawberry Square, 233-4111, gamutplays.org

April 9-11

Masterworks of Shostakovich and Lalo, with Maestro Stephen Gunzenhauser, Lancaster Symphony Orchestra, Fulton Opera House, Lancaster, 397-7425, lancastersymphony.org

100 Years of Broadway, Adams County School of Musical Theatre, Gettysburg, 334-2692, acsmt.org

April 10

The Beatles! HELP! Strand-Capitol PAC, York, 846-1111, strandcapitol.org

Romance on the Edge, York Symphony Orchestra Concert, Strand-Capitol PAC, York, 846-1111, strandcapitol.org

In The Mood – A 1940's Musical

Revue, Pullo Family PAC, Penn State, York, 505-8900, pullocener.yk.psu.edu

Camp Michaux Walking Tour

Cumberland County Historical Society, 249-7610, historicalsociety.com

April 10–30

Peter Pan, Hole in the Wall Puppets, Lancaster, 394-8398, holeinthewallpuppets.com

April 11

Ella Fitzgerald Tribute with Freda Payne, 30th Anniversary of the Strand-Capitol PAC, York, 846-1111, strandcapitol.org

Dickinson College Choir and Orchestra Concert, Carlisle Theatre, 258-0666, carlisletheatre.org

"These Are The Times," Hanover Poets Laureate with Hanover Strings, Eichelberger PAC, Hanover, 637-7086, theeich.org

April 11-17

National Library Week, Something for Everyone. Check your local library for programs.

April 13

Author Luncheon with Erik Larson, bestselling author, in celebration of National Library Week, Willow Valley Resort. Hosted by The Council of Friends of Public Libraries and the Library System of Lancaster County, 354-8016

Common Rocks of the Cumberland Valley, Speaker Dr. G. Kip Bollinger, Cumberland County Historical Society, 249-7610, historicalsociety.com

April 15

An Evening of Harmony, Carlisle Theatre, 258-0666, carlisletheatre.org

Great Jazz Divas, Pullo Family PAC, Penn State, York, 505-8900, pullocenter.yk.psu.edu

April 16

Soiree at Six, Joshua Tree, performing the U2 Experience, Strand-Capitol PAC, York, 846-1111, strandcapitol.org

Ambrosia, Pullo Family PAC, Penn State, York, 505-8900, pullocenter.yk.psu.edu

April 16, 17

Die Fledermaus, Majestic Theater, LeVan PAC, Gettysburg, 337-8200, gettysburgmajestic.org

April 16-18, 22-25

Once on This Island, York Little Theatre, 854-5715, ylt.org

April 16-25

Arsenic and Old Lace, Theatre Harrisburg, 214-ARTS, theatreharrisburg.com

April 16-30

Jitney by August Wilson, Open Stage Harrisburg, 214-ARTS, openstagehbg.com

The Wizard of Oz, DreamWrights Youth and Family Theatre, York, 848-8623, dreamwrights.org

April 17

Snow White, Popcorn Hat Players, Gamut Plays, Harrisburg, 238-4111, gamutplays.org

Celtic Music Session, Patsy Fagan's Irish Pub, Lebanon County Arts Council, 273-0033, lebanonartscouncil.org

April 17, 18

Life's Ever-Changing Tapestry, Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra, 545-5527, harrisburgsymphony.org

Annie, Jr., Eichelberger PAC, Hanover, 637-7086, theeich.org

April 18

Earth Day, Sonnewald Natural Foods, 4796 Lehman Road, Stoverstown, 225-3825, sonnewald.org

The Beatles' HELP! Film, Capitol Cinema, York, 846-1111, strandcapitol.org

Carl Kassell, Strand-Capitol PAC, York, 846-1111, strandcapitol.org

York's Junior Symphony Spring Concert, Pullo Family PAC, Penn State, York, 505-8900, pullocenter.yk.psu.edu

April 19

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Chef's Back Door, Victor's Italian Restaurant, benefits Strand-Capitol PAC, York 846-1111, strandcapitol.org

April 20

Harold and the Purple Crayon, Strand-Capitol PAC, York, 846-1111, strandcapitol.org

Soiree at Six, Straight No Chaser, Strand-Capitol PAC, York, 846-1111, strandcapitol.org

April 21-30

Agatha Christie's – Murder on the Nile, Allenberry Playhouse, Boiling Springs, 258-3211, allenberry.com

April 22

1964...The Tribute - #1 Beatles Show in the World, Pullo Family PAC, Penn State, York, 505-8900, pullocenter.yk.psu.edu

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Literacy Festival, Lebanon County Arts Council, 273-0033, lebanonartscouncil.org

April 22-30

Cat On a Hot Tin Roof, Fulton Theatre, Lancaster, 397-7425, atthefulton.org

April 23-30

Muscle Car Mania! Antique Automobile Club of America Museum, Hershey, 566-7100, aacamuseum.org

April 23, 24, 30

Cabaret, Little Theatre of Mechanicsburg, 755-0535, ltmonline.net

April 23-30

The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas, Oyster Mill Playhouse, Camp Hill, 737-6768, oystermill.com

April 23

Youth Empowerment Summit, Martin Library, York, call 846-5300, ext. 246 or visit yorklibraries.org.

April 24

The Four Bitchin' Babes, Strand-Capitol PAC, York, 846-1111, strandcapitol.org

Earl David Reed – Funny, Fit and Fighting Breast Cancer, Pullo Family PAC, Penn State, York, 505-8900, pullocenter.yk.psu.edu

April 25

Elvis Gospel Concert with Brad Crum, Rose Lehrman Arts Center, Harrisburg, 362-9856

Greater York Dance Company Spring Concert Performance, The Strand-Capitol Performing Arts Center, 846-1111, www.greateryorkdance.org

Aurora's Magical Luncheon, York Symphony Orchestra Association and Greater York Youth Ballet, Children's Musicale, Strand-Capitol PAC, York, 755-6683

Chef's Back Door, Tapenade Bistro, benefits Strand-Capitol PAC, York, 846-1111, strandcapitol.org

Pearl Django, Eichelberger PAC, Hanover, 637-7086, theeich.org

Dickinson College Jazz and Symphonic Band, Carlisle Theatre, 258-0666, carlisletheatre.org

Phantom of the Opera, York Symphony Orchestra Association Musicale, Victor's Italian Restaurant, 854-1652

April 27

If You Give A Pig a Pancake, School Days Series, Majestic Theater, LeVan PAC, Gettysburg, 337-8200, gettysburgmajestic.org

April 29

Glenn Miller Orchestra, Eichelberger PAC, Hanover, 637-7086, theeich.org

April 29, 30

25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, Ephrata PAC, Ephrata, 733-7966, ephrataplaysouthintheatre.org

April 30

Into the Wild with Jack Hanna, (Rescheduled) Strand-Capitol PAC, York, 846-1111, strandcapitol.org

The Bill and Leslie Powell Cabaret Series, Special Guest Appearance, York Little Theatre, 854-5715, ylt.org

Rites of Spring Festival, Majestic Theater, LeVan PAC, Gettysburg, 337-8200, gettysburgmajestic.org

MAY

May 1

The 45th Annual York County Junior Miss Program, Strand-Capitol Performing Arts Center, call 779-0517, yorkjuniormiss.org

Tartan Terrors, Strand-Capitol PAC, York, 846-1111, strandcapitol.org

The Bill and Leslie Powell Cabaret Series, Special Guest Appearance, York Little Theatre, 854-5715, ylt.org

Summer 2010 Semester Auditions, Adams County School of Musical Theatre, Gettysburg, 334-2692, acsmt.org

May 1, 2

The Wizard of Oz, DreamWrights Youth and Family Theatre, York, 848-8623, dreamwrights.org

The Great American Songbook, Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra, 545-5527, harrisburgsymphony.org

Rites of Spring Festival, Majestic Theater, LeVan PAC, Gettysburg, 337-8200, gettysburgmajestic.org

May 1,2, 6-9

Cabaret, Little Theatre of Mechanicsburg, 788-0535, ltmonline.net

May 1-6

4 Artist Invitational, Art Association of Harrisburg, 236-1432, artassocofhbg.com

May 1-8

25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, Ephrata PAC, Ephrata, 733-7966, ephrataplaysouthintheatre.org

Jitney by August Wilson, Open Stage Harrisburg, 214-ARTS, openstagehbg.com

May 1-9

Agatha Christie's – Murder on the Nile, Allenberry Playhouse, Boiling Springs, 258-3211, allenberry.com

Cat On a Hot Tin Roof, Fulton Theatre, Lancaster, 397-7425, atthefulton.org

The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas, Oyster Mill Playhouse, Camp Hill, 737-6768, oystermill.com

May 1-31

Muscle Car Mania! Antique Automobile Club of America Museum, Hershey, 566-7100, aacamuseum.org

Sitting Pretty: Plank Bottom Chairs of Cumberland County, Cumberland County Historical Society, Carlisle, 249-7610, historicalsociety.com

"Peter Pan", Hole in the Wall Puppet Theatre, Lancaster, 394-8398, holeinthewallpuppets.com

May 2

Martin Library's Honors Committee Salutes Donald B. Dellinger Jr., Free Reception at 3 p.m., brief program at 3:30 p.m. For information call Barb Sloat 846-5300, ext. 252, yorklibraries.org

The Eaken Trio, Eichelberger PAC, Hanover, 637-7086, theeich.org

May 4

Volunteer Covered Dish Dinner, Cumberland County Historical Society, 249-7610, historicalsociety.com

May 5

Chef's Back Door, Mitsuru-Ya, benefits Strand-Capitol PAC, York, 846-1111, strandcapitol.org

York County Chamber Business and Technology Expo, Toyota Arena, York Expo Center, yorkchamber.org

May 5 – 27

Jack and the Beanstalk, Popcorn Hat Players, Harrisburg, 233-4111, gamutlays.org

May 6

Cellist Zuill Bailey CD Release Party, Midtown Scholar Bookstore, Market Square Concerts, 221-9599

Jim Brickman's Beautiful World, Majestic Theater, LeVan PAC, Gettysburg, 337-8200, gettysburgmajestic.org

May 7

First Friday, Gettysburg Style! Disney's Aristocats, Film, Adams County School of Musical Theatre, Gettysburg, 334-2692, acsmt.org

First Friday Arts Walk, Lancaster, lancasterarts.org

First Friday Arts Walk, York, downtownyork.org

First Friday Lebanon Art Walk, lebanonartscouncil.org

May 7-9

Disney's Jungle Book Kids, Carlisle Theatre, 258-0666, carlisletheatre.org

May 8

Tempting Tangos, York Symphony Orchestra Concert, Strand-Capitol PAC, York, 846-1111, strandcapitol.org

The MET Live in HD: Armida, Majestic Theater, LeVan PAC, Gettysburg, 337-8200, gettysburgmajestic.org

Rootenanny, Mark DeRose Band, Pullo Family PAC, Penn State, York, 505-8900, pullocenter.yk.psu.edu

Walking Tour – Historic High Street Highlights, Cumberland County Historical Society, 249-7610, historicalsociety.com

Sweet Potato Pie and Such, Storyteller Queen Nur, Majestic Theater, LeVan PAC, Gettysburg, 337-8200, gettysburgmajestic.org

May 12-31

No Sex Please, We're British, Allenberry Playhouse, Boiling Springs, 258-3211, allenberry.com

May 13

Hortulus Farm and Garden, Bucks County Tour, Cumberland County Historical Society, 249-7610, historicalsociety.com

May 14

Flying Karamazov Brothers, Carlisle Theatre, 258-0666, carlisletheatre.org

May 14-16

Spoken Word Festival: Word Play #8, Theater of the Seventh Sister, Lancaster, 396-7764, seventhsister.com

May 14-16, 21-23

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, York Little Theatre, 854-5715, ylt.org

May 15

The Great "Chair"ity Event, Cumberland County Historical Society, 249-7610, historicalsociety.com

Celtic Music Session, Patsy Fagan's Irish Pub, Lebanon County Arts Council, 273-0033, lebanonartscouncil.org

May 16

The Rosies, High School Theatre Awards, Strand-Capitol PAC, York, 846-1111, strandcapitol.org

May 16-18

Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Carlisle Theatre, 258-0666, carlisletheatre.org

May 20-22

The Unexpected Guest by Agatha Christie, DreamWrights Youth and Family Theatre, York, 848-8623, dreamwrights.org

May 21

Golden Dragon Acrobats, Strand-Capitol PAC, York, 846-1111, strandcapitol.org

May 21-23

Disney's Kids, Adams County School of Musical Theatre, Gettysburg, 334-2692, acsmt.org

May 22, 23

West Shore Symphony Orchestra Concert, Carlisle Theatre, 258-0666, carlisletheatre.org

Tales of Two Cities, Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra, 545-5527, harrisburgsymphony.org

May 24

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May 26

One of a Kind, Speaker Beth Coolidge, Cumberland County Historical Society, 249-7610, historicalsociety.com

May 29

Sinatra Tribute by Tony Sands, Strand-Capitol PAC, York, 846-1111, strandcapitol.org

May 29, 30

Sisters of Swing, Totem Pole Playhouse, Fayetteville, 888-805-7056, totempoleplayhouse.org

May 30

Raiders of the Lost Ark, Film, Capitol Cinema, York, 846-1111, strandcapitol.org

Save the Dates

October 2, 3

The Peak 98.5 13th Annual Women's Show, at the York Expo Center, call Barbara Carbaugh, 637-3831.

October 22

Martin Library's Diamond Anniversary Party, "Diamonds and Denim" www.yorklibraries.org, 846-5300, ext. 269

November 3 to 7

Grand Review Weekend, Harrisburg, www.VisitPA.com, GrandReview, 1-800-Visit-PA. For more information about donating, telling the story of your ancestor who marched in the Harrisburg Grand Review, planning your family reunion in Harrisburg or about gravesite conservation visit www.visitPA.com/grandreview.

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Book Review: The Vast Fields of Ordinary

Book by Nick Burd, Young Gay Adult Fiction, Reviewer's Rating: A- By Kevin Leitzel

The life of Dade Hamilton is anything but ordinary. From the perspective of this senior high school graduate, who's counting down the months until college, life as a middle class gay teen in the midwestern United States is sometimes bleak. But that's his perspective, not ours...

With parents as troubled as Dade's, it calls to mind Augusten Burrough's memoir and motion picture feature *Running with Scissors* in which Augusten's parents teeter on the brink of insanity. Augusten's mother—a pill, cigarette and alcohol addict who can't figure out her own sexuality is divorced from Augusten's father, who wants nothing to do with him. In *The Vast Fields of Ordinary*, Dade's father is having an affair while married, and his mother turns to cigarettes and alcohol to suppress the notion of divorce—biding her time until the affair ends. Though Dade's parents aren't quite as messed up, there are a few quirky details about Dade's father—a car salesman

who met his current girlfriend in a poetry class and who takes his son out to dinner at the country club once a week without his mother. Dade's father confesses to his son about the affair before he tells his own wife—almost in a bosom buddy sort of way.

For Dade, young love is just as painful. The object of his affections is Pablo, the high school jock who happens to be dating the pretty girl in school. Pablo and Dade meet regularly to strip off their clothes and go at it! Meanwhile Pablo's girlfriend hears the talk from her friends about his secret boyfriend, Dade, and threatens to have him beaten within inches of his life by Pablo's jock friends. Dade remains always cool under the constant barrage of threats and homophobia of his classmates. Then, he meets a kick-ass cool lesbian chick, named Lucy, from California, sent to stay with her aunt and uncle in an attempt to cure her of her homosexuality. Lucy is the yin to Dade's yang—making sure Pablo's

girlfriend keeps her claws tucked in.

As Dade manages to survive his school year to “get to the other side of summer,” his hometown is gripped by the recent disappearance of a nine-year-old autistic girl. Covered by the news daily, the town's less-sophisticated individuals testify to having seen the girl running across town, but doing nothing to stop her or call the police. Maybe there is truth in these visions, or maybe it's a result of the heavy alcohol and drug use that ensues throughout the novel. Though the book and main character come across as Midwest America's nonchalant response to the ordinariness of suburban life, it's really a party monster in disguise—not quite up to Paris Hilton and Lindsay Lohan standards however.

Early in the novel, Dade trades up his boyfriend Pablo, who won't even acknowledge his existence for a drug-selling, deep thinking semi-soulmate, whom he finds in Alex Kincaid—the



most popular man at teen parties. Alex is the marijuana supplier in town who works at the grease fest Taco Taco. It's this romance, between Dade and Alex, that drives the novel right through to the end, especially as Alex continues to plant subtle suggestions inside Dade's head. “If we did get married, your name would be Dade Kincaid,” he mentions.

Do Dade's parents eventually divorce? Will Jenny Moore, the nine-year-old runaway be found? Will Dade and Alex have their happy ending? And what about heart-broken Pablo who has since turned into Dade's own personal stalker? These questions and more are answered by the end in a shocking conclusion that reminds gay readers the importance of getting rid of their baggage, and dealing with their own internal struggles before college.

Lebanon Synagogue hosts Author Geraldine Brooks

Lebanon – Award-winning author Geraldine Brooks will appear on April 27 at the annual lecture series presented by Beth Israel Synagogue in Lebanon.

Brooks is the Pulitzer Prize Winning Author of *March* and of the New York Times bestseller, *People of the Book*, the 2009 One Book, One Community Reading Selection.

The 7:30 pm lecture will follow a special dinner and cocktail reception with the author. For ticket information, call 273-2669. For more information about what's going on in Lebanon libraries visit lclibs.org



Author Geraldine Brooks Coming to Lebanon

Peter Rabbit to Visit Lancaster Public Libraries in April



Peter Rabbit, the much-loved storybook character from author Beatrix Potter will be leaving Mr. Macgregor's garden to make visits to local public libraries in Lancaster County during the month of April.

Following are dates, times and places of his appearances. Please contact library listed to register for program. Carrots not required for admission!

- Fri, Apr 9, 10:30 am,** Manheim Community Library
- Sat, Apr 10, 10 am,** Columbia Public Library
- Mon, Apr 12, 10:15 am,** Leola Branch Library
- Mon, Apr 12, 4 pm,** Ephrata Public Library
- Mon, Apr 12, 6:30 pm,** Milanof-Schock Library
- Tues, Apr 13, 10:30 am,** Strasburg-Heisler Library

- Tues, Apr 13, 1 pm,** Manheim Township Public Library
- Tues, Apr 13, 6:30 pm,** Lititz Public Library
- Wed, Apr 14, 9:30 am,** Salisbury Township Branch Library
- Wed, Apr 14, 11 am,** Pequea Valley Public Library
- Wed, Apr 14, 6:30 pm,** Elizabethtown Public Library
- Thurs Apr 15, 10:30 am,** Lancaster Public Library
- Thurs, Apr 15, 4 pm,** Mountville Area Branch Library
- Thurs, Apr 15, 6:30 pm,** Eastern Lancaster County Library
- Fri, Apr 16, 10 am,** Adamstown Area Library
- Sat, Apr 17, 9 am to 12 pm,** Quarryville Library
- Sat, Apr 17, 9 am to 1:00 pm,** Quarryville Library
- Sat, Apr 17 at 1:30 pm,** Moores Memorial Library (Christiana)

Brad Rutter, All-time Jeopardy! Champion, Funds an Online Library Resource for Young Children

Brad Rutter, the all-time Jeopardy! Champion and Lancaster native has funded the Library System's early literacy online resource titled TumbleBooks™, a *countywide* public library service that benefits preschoolers, beginning readers and independent older readers. Through the innovative *TumblePad*, users of all ages can easily access and read books at all levels with or without assistance. For children with special needs, or English Language Learners or students who would like to improve their reading skills—TumbleBooks offers the accessibility to books in this virtual library.

Due to the decrease in funding to the Library System, the Library System



Brad Rutter

turned to the Lancaster County Community Foundation, specifically the Bradford G. Rutter Fund, to support the yearlong online subscription. Mr. Rutter was personally responsible for filling in the fund gap. Since January the online resource has had 16,668 young visitors accessing the many fun & interactive e-books. It is evident that quality online library early literacy resources are in high demand from parents, educators and adult caregivers.

Rutter, a Lancaster native who has a passion for libraries. His great grandfather, Ira Honaman, was a Library Board member in 1953. His grandfather's name appears on the

Lancaster Public Library wall and it's been there since the library was first constructed. Brad says of this legacy, “Seeing my grandfather's name each time I entered the public library was a great source of pride...I want that legacy to live on and now I can help make that happen.” Rutter earned the distinction as “all-time Jeopardy! Champion” in 2005. He credits his record-breaking success on Jeopardy! to a passion for reading that started with his early visits to the public library. About his generosity to public libraries, he states, “I want to experience the impact of my giving now, while I'm young and while I can see the results.”

Wherever You Are, Libraries Share the Same Growing Pains *by Karen Hostetter*

Take a break, have a cup of tea, and enjoy reading about some upcoming and newsworthy library events below.

Early in March I had the opportunity to visit Nova Scotia, Canada, for the East Coast Music Association (ECMA) Conference and Awards Gala. Held this year in Sydney, Cape Breton, the event showcased talented, young Celtic and French singers and musicians from across the Eastern half of Canada. Nurtured with professional guidance and supported with grants from the Canadian government, many of these young people will eventually share their distinctive style of music throughout the world. Some of them may come to Central Pennsylvania through the auspices of Susquehanna Folk Music Society. Whether you are of Scot-Irish descent or not, Celtic music, especially Cape Breton fiddlers, is well-appreciated in southcentral Pennsylvania, and hopefully, we will hear some of the new Canadian talent soon.

At the Halifax airport, I picked up a copy of *The Coast*, a local news magazine and was immediately drawn to the front page article titled *What a Library is Now*. Halifax is preparing to build a new 109,000 square foot central library and I was intrigued to know what priorities have been included in the planning. Judith Hare, the public library CEO since 1996, noted that libraries are increasingly becoming the town center. The current downtown library, Spring Garden Memorial, was built in 1951. It is welcoming and quaint but the community is long overdue for a new space. On an earlier visit to Nova Scotia, I was impressed

with the number of people who spent a quiet Summer afternoon reading outside on blankets and chairs even after the library closed for the day.

The Wish List

Surveys and focus groups with professionals and the public proposed that the new library have more places to gather, amenities like a café and more comfortable seating areas. Students asked for more study rooms. They are even considering a performance venue. Self checkout systems (already available at several libraries), RFID barcode technology, which means that books can be automatically sorted and returned to any of the libraries, and a balance of new and traditional media will be explored. Helping to sustain all of this will be 7,000 feet of retail space.

I remember the first time I saw the massive Vancouver Public Library and was impressed with the number of storefronts and floors of office spaces that are incorporated into the building. Several programming venues are also accessible when the library is closed.

Halifax also looked at other library projects for design ideas. Seattle, Washington's central library is a successful mix of bold architecture and advanced technical planning that works so well that the library has become a downtown destination. Another innovative idea, Salt Lake City Central Library added a public radio station, KCPW, to its retail space. Right inside the door, everyone can watch

live radio when they walk into the library. Additionally there is a coffee shop, a florist, a comic book store, and an art gallery. Hopefully, the trend to incorporate retail space with libraries is a win-win for all. I am anxious to see how the project develops.

Fran Keller at Martin Library has held a celebrity auction in March for more than a decade now. Just ask her how long! She works all year long asking for donations from acclaimed authors, sports heroes, movie stars, and even game show hosts. "No one is off limits," Fran told me in 2003 when I first volunteered to help at her fundraiser. After all this time I can tell you that she always has something new and exciting to offer. I remember when Yoko Ono sent a John Lennon iPod to her. It had a serious round of bidders and went for over \$300. And Yoko continues to send Fran a new iPod every year.

You never know what will arrive in Fran's mailbox. This year she opened up an autographed boxing glove from Joe Frazier. Some other highlights gone to auction bidders by the time you read this, included a World War II book from Ken Burns; playbill from *The Producers* signed by Matthew Broderick; a Paula Deen cookbook; book from Vaclav Havel, President of The Czech Republic; and 4 Park Hopper tickets to Disney World.

Fran is not too concerned about the amount of time and effort that she puts into the auction. "Last year we

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made over \$5300," she told me, "and all the proceeds are used to purchase children's books." Not too bad for a Sunday afternoon fundraiser. This year's celebrity auction was scheduled for March 21 and I will let you know the results next issue.

It must be Spring! Here are some upcoming events -

Look for *One Book, Every Young Child* to launch a new title on April 13 with author visits and activities throughout the state. Next issue of *ShowcaseNow!* will feature a column by Michelle McIntyre, PR and Marketing Committee Chair of the Pennsylvania Library Association, (PaLA) and Director of the Roaring Spring Community Library. Her column on behalf of the PA One Book, Every Young Child Committee will bring you up to date on this lively and important program.

We celebrate National Library Week in the week of April 11-17. Check your local library for special programs.

And yes, if Spring is around the corner librarians must be busy planning Summer Reading Club activities. As soon as school lets out, libraries fill up and we are ready to challenge kids and teens with books, programs, and incentives. Check your local library often to see what's happening there, especially around National Library Week when we take a moment to reflect on just what a library is today. Hope you enjoy the warm, sunny days.

Lancaster County Children Will Be Reading with the Barnstormers



Students and their families throughout Lancaster County are being invited to participate in a reading program that offers a chance to win "a night of fun" with the Lancaster Barnstormers.

Public Libraries in Lancaster County are teaming up with Lancaster Barnstormers, Lancaster Newspapers, Inc, and the Lancaster-Lebanon Reading Council to promote youth literacy with the "Read with the Barnstormers" initiative.

To participate young people are invited to go to a local public library and pick up a "Read with the Barnstormers" reading bookmark and read four books. Once your reading bookmark is complete, volunteers explain, it becomes a voucher for one youth lawn seat for a selected game night. To receive the free youth lawn ticket winners present the completed reading bookmark at Clipper Magazine Stadium Box Office.

Emily Reinbold, Marketing and Community Relations Manager for the Lancaster Barnstormers is very excited about this reading initiative, "We are proud

to partner with the public libraries for the Read with the Barnstormers program. By doing so we can promote youth literacy to a broader student audience."

Renee Christiansen, Youth Services Manager for the Library System of Lancaster County, shares the same enthusiasm for the project by saying, "Public libraries play a major role in assisting children to read. For us, this is a natural fit; we're pleased to partner with these organizations in promoting youth literacy."

To find out more about the rules of the Barnstormers program call 509-4487 or go to: www.lancasterbarnstormers.com.

If you live in Lancaster County you can always find information about the events at their local library and the programs coming up by going to www.lancasterlibraries.org and clicking on "Your Local Library" for a menu of diverse and mind expanding activities. Libraries cards are free of charge. They can be keys to a brighter life and a connection to the community unlike any other.



The Last Word

East of Here: Happenings in or Near Philadelphia

"Picasso and the Avant-Garde in Paris" is the Ticket in Philly

"Picasso and the Avant-Garde in Paris" is open now at the Philadelphia Museum of Art and there are only a few weeks left to see it. The show continues until April 25.

Historians at the museum note "One of the most innovative and influential artists of the 20th century, Pablo Picasso (Spanish, 1881-1973) was at his most ferociously inventive between 1905 and 1945. *Picasso and the Avant-Garde in Paris* surveys Picasso's work during these crucial decades, from his early experiments with abstraction to his pioneering role in the development of Cubism, as well as exploring his dialogue with Surrealism and other impor-

tant art movements in the ensuing decades. This stellar exhibition also explores the important role that the city of Paris played in the history of modern art during the first half of the 20th century, when artists from around the world followed Picasso's example and moved to the French capital. It will include works by such expatriate artists as Marc Chagall, Jacques Lipchitz, Patrick Henry Bruce, and Man Ray, who collectively formed a vibrant, international avant-garde group that became known as the School of Paris. For more information visit philamuseum.org.

Chadds Ford

The restored home and art studio of famed American illustrator

N.C. Wyeth re-opens for public tours on April 1. Tours depart from the Brandywine River Museum by shuttle Tuesday through Sunday at timed intervals through November 21, 2010. In 1911, with the proceeds from his illustrations for *Treasure Island*, N.C. Wyeth purchased 18 acres of land on Rocky Hill in the village of Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania. Possessed of "the most glorious sight in the township," Wyeth built his home and studio overlooking the valley. Here he set down roots and lived there until his death in 1945.

For more information, contact the Brandywine River Museum at 610-388-2700 or visit www.brandywinemuseum.org.

Brandywine River Museum

Exhibiting American art in a restored 19th-century grist mill, the Brandywine River Museum is internationally known for its unparalleled collection of works by three generations of Wyeths and its fine collection of American illustration, still life and landscape paintings. Located on U.S. Route 1 in Chadds Ford, the museum is open daily, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except Christmas Day. Admission is \$10 for adults; \$6 for seniors ages 65 and over, students with I.D., and children over six; and free for children under six and Brandywine Conservancy members. Individual audio tours can be rented for \$3. Group rates are available with advance reservations. For more information call 610-388-2700 or visit www.brandywinemuseum.org.

Lebanon Valley Family Literacy Festival Set for Saturday, April 24

Lebanon-Lebanon County service organizations are collaborating to present the first Lebanon Valley Family Literacy Festival on Saturday, April 24, 2010 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Events will take place at the campuses of Harrisburg Area Community College Lebanon,

Lebanon Community Library, the Arts Council and the Lebanon Valley Family YMCA.

The festival will feature special appearances by well-known children's authors and illustrators, workshops for children and parents, music, food, games, and other fun-

filled family activities that celebrate and promote the importance of literacy in the family.

Barbara Tokarz, early education teacher at HACC and festival committee chair said, "Our goal is to create a festive atmosphere that will engage families in activities that raise awareness of the value of lifelong learning!" Featured speakers include authors Kay Winters, Linda Oatman High, and Kerry Royer, and award-winning illustrator E.B. Lewis.

The festival is the result of a collaborative effort of multiple agencies including HACC, Lebanon

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