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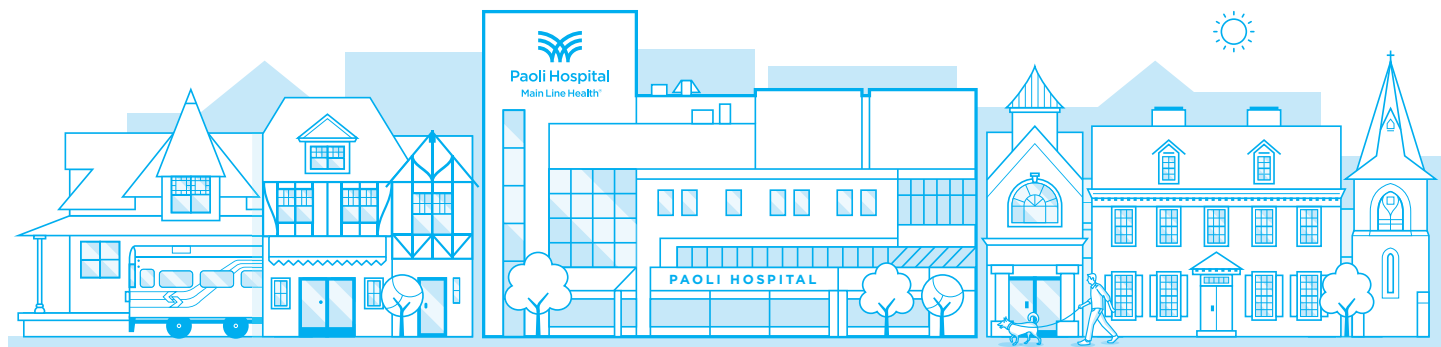


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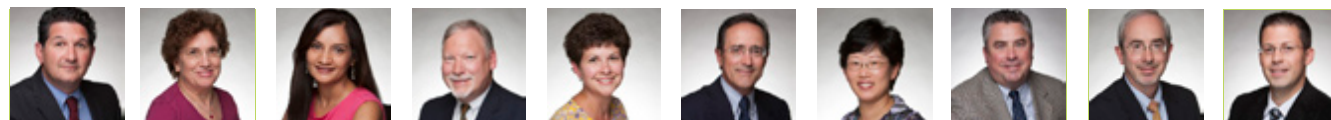
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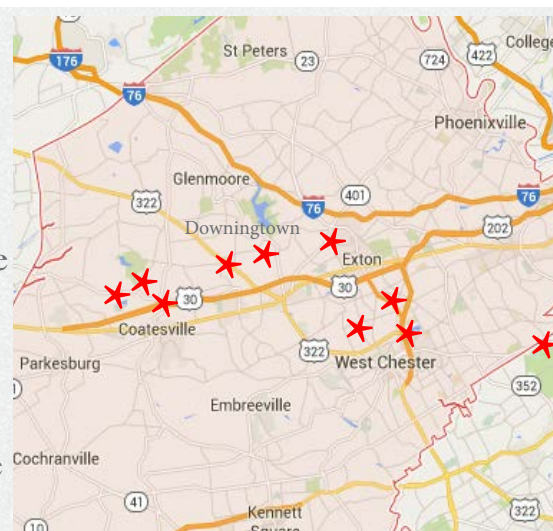
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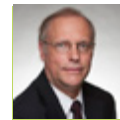
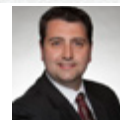
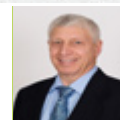
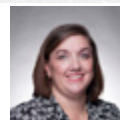
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April: a favorite month. Green shoots and flowers. Weddings, proms and parties. Look back at winter, yet catch a glimpse of summer. Your guide to these new beginnings? This issue, of course.

For our wedding coverage—with gorgeous photos by Maggie J Photography—Carol Metzker considers ways to plan a wedding and finds options from apps to hired planners, in “Before You Say ‘I Do’”. Our “Guide to Wedding Venues and Services” helps you pick the spot. What to wear? Try “Wedding Style.”

To prep for your perfect day, Mary Dolan provides a “Bridal Beauty Checklist.” And our beer expert, Bryan Kolesar, offers wedding tips for exceptional brews in “Congratulations! This Calls for a Beer.”

We also celebrate anniversaries marked by local businesses hitting milestones, including one at 270 years. And *County Lines* at 40!

Get inspired to visit local towns in “A Kaleidoscope of Local Color,” as Emily Hart explores what was once Great Providence Road—now Route 252—and discovers what’s new in Paoli and Newtown Square. In “Talking With,” we learn about plans for the intersection of Routes 3 and 252 from Ellis Preserve’s developer Stephen Spaeder.

There’s more local color as Chanticleer Garden’s Emma Seniuk pitches summer flowering bulbs in “Fashionably Late.” For local sports, find Independent Schools highlighted in “Winter Sports Round-Up,” featuring standouts headed to college—and maybe beyond! Younger kids (and parents) are our focus for “Summer Camps,” for fun and inspiration.

“Gone Fishin’” helps re-envision fish for dinner. Laura Brennan cooks fish tacos, chowder and more in Brandywine Table. Less appetizing but important, our Being Well writer Dr. Sam Kratchman dispels the myth that root canals hurt. You’ll learn that this modern treatment actually cures pain, not causes it.

As always, check our Best Local Events section for things to do, including two great shows coming this month—42nd Street and 1776.

Thank you for reading *County Lines*.

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Root Canal Treatment

Dr. Sam Kratchman

"I'D RATHER GIVE BIRTH THAN HAVE A ROOT CANAL."

AFTER 25 YEARS OF DOING ROOT CANALS, I'VE HEARD everything from my patients, including that. Misconceptions about root canals make them among the most feared procedures. This sad reputation comes from years of antiquated therapy, old-fashioned instruments and ineffective local anesthetics.

But today, during the over 16 million root canals performed each year, dentists hear their patients say things like: "Wow! Are you done already?" "That didn't hurt a bit." "I can't believe I was so nervous about this!" and "That's as easy as the filling I just had."

Root canals don't cause pain—they relieve it! So, what's changed to make root canals so much better for patients?

What's a Root Canal?

In short, root canal treatment repairs and saves a badly damaged or infected tooth instead of removing it. (The name comes from

cleaning the canals inside a tooth's root.) When a tooth is cracked or has a deep cavity, bacteria can enter the pulp, causing a serious infection or abscess, leading to pulp death, bone loss and potential loss of the tooth. Symptoms may include swelling—inside your mouth and around your face or neck—a hole in your tooth, and a toothache. Patients may also experience extreme sensitivity to hot and cold temperatures.

During the procedure, your dentist drills down into your tooth, removes the diseased tissue (pulp), cleans the area, fills and seals the tooth's root canals and pulp chamber, sometimes ending with a temporary filling. The final step is for the tooth to have a crown or another type of permanent restoration.

The treatment, generally done in one or two visits, takes an hour or two, so bring some tunes or a podcast. You'll generally return for a six-month, follow-up appointment. Costs for simple root canals range around \$1,000-\$1,500—less for front teeth, more for molars

and complicated cases. Cared for properly, your repaired tooth can last a lifetime.

Modern Improvements

Be grateful for modern dentistry. Today's local anesthetics work more quickly and better than older types. Patients leave dental offices saying they felt nothing—a great sign.

Root canals are performed under a rubber dam—a latex barrier that protects the patient and allows the dentist to work in a clean, sterile environment, without chemicals or debris going into a patient's throat. Also, most endodontists (specialists in root canals) work under a microscope, allowing better and more accurate access to affected areas of the tooth, and thus preserving tooth structure to support a filling or crown on a tooth.

Plus, modern drills spin faster than ever, cutting through the tooth or crown without excess vibration so patients are comfortable. Other advancements have revolutionized treatment, such as instruments made of nickel titanium—a flexible metal that maintains the natural shape and curvature of the root canal, without damaging tooth structure.

Better anesthetics and instruments allow for better outcomes.

About 85 percent of root canals are done by general practice dentists. Endodontists typically do the more difficult cases—working on molars, retreating an old root canal that became re-infected, doing a surgical approach to remove an infection from the bone. The rate of success for root canal treatment is around 95%.

Why Save My Tooth?

If a root canal can't save a tooth, the main reason a tooth is lost is if it's cracked or fractured. Extracted teeth can be replaced by a dental implant, bridge or removable denture with great success. But that's another article.

Adults have 32 permanent teeth (including four wisdom teeth that are often removed). About 20 years ago, dental implants became very popular, and teeth were being extracted that could have been saved. Now, the pendulum is swinging back in favor of saving

natural teeth, especially with the high success rate of root canals.

Also consider if a root canal fails and the tooth cracks, an implant is an excellent alternative. But what if an implant fails? That's more difficult to fix.

When patients ask if they should get a root canal and save their teeth or get implants, my advice is that your teeth are God's implants, so save them. And retire the cliché about the pain of root canals. ♦

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Giving Back is the New Black.

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Unplug and Enjoy. Brides and grooms are opting for **unplugged weddings**, asking guests to refrain from taking photos with phones and tablets during the ceremony. Cell phones have become a major disturbance for guests as well as for photographers who miss the great shots they're hired to capture. So, brides, consider having your wedding unplug. Instead, have a photo booth at the reception so guests still have pictures to take home. And guests, embrace the opportunity to disconnect from tech and connect with the ones you're with.

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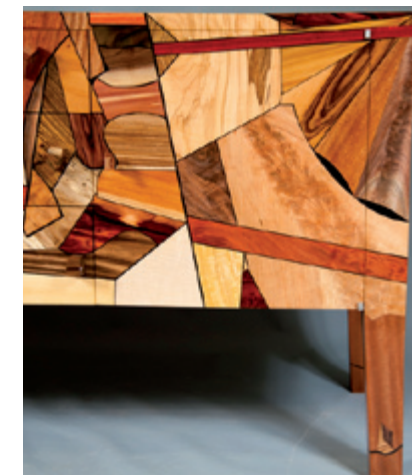
April 22–May 8

Over 185 juried artists from
the Delaware Valley and
beyond present their work. The Opening Gala, on Apr. 22, features a silent auction of this
year's poster competition winner, *Autumn Glory* by Jim McFarlane. 6 to 9 p.m., \$75. Wine
& Cheese Happy Hours on Apr. 29 and May 6, 5:30 to 8 p.m., \$5. 1685 *Art School Rd.,
Chester Springs. Daily, 10 to 4; Fri., until 8. Free. 610-827-7414; YellowSprings.org.*

The Philadelphia Furniture Show

April 8–10

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kind tables, chairs and
rockers, as well as lamps,
clocks, pottery, glass and
floor coverings. 23rd
Street Armory, 22 S. 23rd
St., Philadelphia. Preview
Fri., 6 to 9, hosted by the
*Nakashima Foundation for Peace, \$45. Show hours:
Sat., 10 to 6; Sun., 10 to 5. \$15. 207-781-2982;
PhiladelphiaFurnitureShow.com.*



3rd Annual Wyebrook Music Festival

April 30

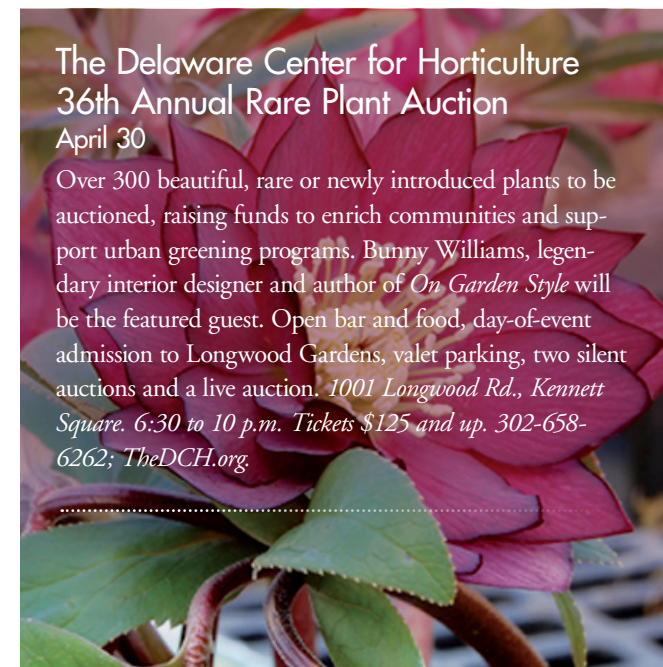
Welcome spring with great music and fun at the farm. Food stands will
be set up for the festival—bring a blanket for seating on the lawn below
the market and farmhouse. BYOB. 150 *Wyebrook Rd., Honey Brook.*
*Gates open at 10 a.m., music at 11. Tickets \$30 in advance, \$40 at the
gate; under 12, free. 610-942-7481; WyebrookFarm.com.*



The Delaware Center for Horticulture 36th Annual Rare Plant Auction

April 30

Over 300 beautiful, rare or newly introduced plants to be
auctioned, raising funds to enrich communities and sup-
port urban greening programs. Bunny Williams, legen-
dary interior designer and author of *On Garden Style* will
be the featured guest. Open bar and food, day-of-event
admission to Longwood Gardens, valet parking, two silent
auctions and a live auction. 1001 *Longwood Rd., Kennett
Square. 6:30 to 10 p.m. Tickets \$125 and up. 302-658-
6262; TheDCH.org.*



best Local Events

FAMILY FUN

APRIL 3

The 74th Running of the Brandywine Hills Point-to-Point. Bring along a tailgate lunch and spend the day with the family watching riders and enjoying children's activities. Benefits the Brandywine Red Clay Alliance. *Myrick Conservation Center, 1760 Unionville-Wawaset Rd., West Chester. Race, 1:30. \$20/car. 610-793-1090; BrandywineWatershed.org.*

APRIL 9

WCU—Live! Missoula Children's Theatre Presents "Peter & Wendy." The children's theater company recruits more than fifty local students to take part in this original musical adaptation. *Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall, University Ave. & S. High St., West Chester. 3 and 5:30 pm. \$5–\$8. 610-436-2266; WCUPa.edu/Live.*

APRIL 11–17

Cherry Blossom Festival of Greater Philadelphia. A week-long festival featuring martial arts demonstrations, live performances and family-friendly arts and crafts. Plus local food and beverages, a silent auction and Cherry Blossom 10K Run. *Multiple locations in Phila. SubaruCherryBlossom.org.*

APRIL 16

Boyertown is "Coming Out of Hibernation." Leave winter behind and take a short drive for a day of family fun that includes carnival games, entertainment, moon bounce and more. *E. Philadelphia Ave., Boyertown. 11 to 2. 610-369-3054; BoyertownPA.org.*

APRIL 16

All Parks Clean Up in West Chester. Sign up for a particular park and help keep the borough beautiful. *9 to 10:30 am. 610-436-9010; West-Chester.com.*

APRIL 21

Arbor Day Celebration in Wayne. Radnor Township, designated a Tree City USA, hold the annual tree planting ceremony at *Friends of Radnor Trail Park, 304 Liberty La., Wayne. 6 pm. Rain date, Apr. 27. 610-688-5600; RadnorRecreation.com.*

APRIL 22–30

Philadelphia Science Festival. A celebration of science, featuring lectures, debates, hands-

on activities, exhibitions and other informal science education experiences for all ages. *Apr. 30, the Science Carnival is a treat for everyone. Most events take place on the Parkway, near the Franklin Institute. 215-448-1346; PhilaScienceFestival.org.*



APRIL 23

Celebrate Arbor Day at Scott Arboretum. Bring the family to receive a free sapling tree (one per family). Enjoy refreshments and a scavenger hunt and bring your questions as the staff will be on hand to help out. *500 College Ave., Swarthmore. 9 to noon. Free. 610-328-8023; ScottArboretum.org.*

APRIL 23, 27

Brandywine Red Clay Alliance Spring Nature Program. Programs are designed for ages 6 and up and include a themed monthly hiking series at the Myrick Conservation Center. *Apr. 23, Orienteering Adventure; Apr. 27, Plant Exploration Day. 1760 Unionville-Wawaset Rd., West Chester. Pre-reg. is required. \$6. 610-793-1090; BrandywineWatershed.org.*

APRIL 24

4th Annual Wheels of Wayne. Antique, classic and custom cars and motorcycles line N. Wayne & West Aves. Entertainment, food, prizes—the whole family will enjoy. *1 to 4 pm. Rain date, May 1. 610-688-5600; Radnor.org.*

APRIL 30

Sheep and Wool Day at Springton Manor Farm. The sheep are losing their winter wool and you're invited to the shearing. Enjoy live music, demonstrations and animals. *860 Springton Rd., Glenmoore. 11 to 3. Parking, \$5. 610-942-2450; ChesCo.org/CCParks.*

MAY 1

Train Day at Auburn Heights. Lots of things planned for this day—rides on the railroad, demonstrations and displays, garden railroad layout, a photo exhibit and creative play. *Mar-*

shall Steam Museum at Auburn Heights Preserve, 3000 Creek Rd., Yorklyn. 12:30 to 4:30. \$8. 800-349-2134; AuburnHeights.org.

MAY 1

Malvern Blooms Festival. Celebrate Malvern at the festival that includes activities for the whole family—live music, kids activities, artists and crafters, a food court with food trucks and restaurants and more. *King St. & Warren Ave., Malvern. 11 to 4. Malvern-Festivals.com.*

MAY 1

May Day Festival of the Arts in West Chester. A celebration of the arts with live music and entertainment, art, crafts and kids' activities at *Everhart Park, 100 S. Brandywine St., West Chester. 11 to 4. Free. 610-436-9010; West-Chester.com.*

MAY 1

Haverford Spring Fest. All day music, food and fun. Benefits music education and local nonprofits. *Brookline Blvd. at Darby Rd., Havertown. Noon to 7. Donation requested. HaverfordSpringFest.com.*

MAY 1

Kimberton Hunt Club Horse Show. This is where area riders "warm up" before the Devon Horse Show. The food tent offers homemade food served by club members; vendors on hand as well. *Radnor Hunt Pony Club Grounds, 826 Providence Rd., Malvern. 8 am start. Free. KimbertonHunt.org.*



MAY 4–7

Wilmington Flower Market. *May 4, WFM Rocks the Park Battle of the Bands, food and beverages, 5 to 8. May 5–7, carnival rides and games, a large selection of plants and flowers, crafts and merchant wares for sale, great food and local celebrities. Benefits nonprofit Delaware children's agencies. Rockford Park, 2629 W. 19th St., Wilmington. WilmingtonFlowerMarket.org.*

ANTIQUES.....

APRIL 1–3

Chester County Antiques Show. 18th- and 19th-century American and Continental furniture and decorative arts. The Phelps School, 583 Sugartown Rd., Malvern. Preview Fri, 6 to 9 pm, early adm. 5 pm, \$200; \$130 at 6, with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, buffet. Sat, 10 to 6; Sun, 11 to 5. \$15. 610-692-4800; ChesterCoHistorical.org.

APRIL 14–17

The Philadelphia Antiques & Art Show. Fine and decorative arts. Loan exhibit: "Secret Treasures: The Passion of Collecting." The Navy Yard, S. Broad St. & Intrepid Ave., Philadelphia. Preview, Thurs, \$150–\$600. Fri, 11 to 8; Sat, 10 to 8; Sun, 11 to 5. \$20. 610-902-2109; Philadelphia-AntiquesAndArtShow.com.

APRIL 16

2nd Annual Massive Barn Market. Over 50 vendors offer antiques, vintage, art, garden items and more. Food trucks and wineries on site. Chadds Ford Hist. Society Barn Visitor Center, 1736 Creek Rd., Chadds Ford. 9 to 4. \$5. 610-388-7376; ChaddsFordHistory.org.



MAY 6

West Chester's Vintage Market. Vintage-inspired booths selling home goods, antiques, architectural salvage, vintage jewelry, clothing and art made with vintage components. Food trucks, live music. Chestnut Street Parking Garage, 14 E. Chestnut St., West Chester. 4 to 8. 610-436-9010; West-Chester.com.



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ART & CRAFT SHOWS.....

THROUGH APRIL 30

Art Quilt Elements at Wayne Art Center.

Internationally acclaimed show of contemporary art quilts. Wayne Art Center, 413 Maplewood Ave., Wayne. Mon–Fri, 9 to 5; Sat, 9 to 4. Free. 610-688-3553; WayneArt.org.

APRIL 2–3

Reading–Berks Guild of Craftsmen Spring Arts & Crafts Festival. Handcrafted work by juried artisans. Kutztown University, O’Pake Fieldhouse, 312 Trexler Ave., Kutztown. Sat,

9 to 5; Sun, 10 to 4. Admission donation, \$6; under 12 free. RBCrafts.org.

APRIL 8–10

The Artists Circle Annual Art Show & Sale. Member artists showcase original works and take part in demonstrations. St. Luke Lutheran Church, Schlack Hall, 203 N. Valley Forge Rd., Devon. Fri, 1 to 9; Sat, 10 to 5; Sun, noon to 4. Free. 610-942-3234; TheArtists-Circle.net.

APRIL 23

Demuth Museum Exhibit. “Sunnyside: Off the Wall,” a mural created in 1930 by artists,

including Charles Demuth, is now permanently installed at the museum. 120 E. King St., Lancaster. Tues–Sat, 10 to 4; Sun, 1 to 4. 717-299-9940; Demuth.org.

APRIL 28–MAY 1

Community Arts Center–Potters Guild Spring Sale. Professional clay artists display and sell their work. Preview party, 6:30 to 9; sale hours: Fri, 10 to 8; Sat–Sun, 10 to 5. 414 Plush Mill Rd., Wallingford. 7 to 10 pm. \$15. 610-566-1713; CommunityArtsCenter.org.

APRIL 29, MAY 1

Plein Air Days at Kuerner Farm. Artists explore the property to sketch, paint or photograph. Meet at Brandywine River Museum of Art, 1 Hoffman’s Hill Rd., Chadds Ford, 9:15 am before driving to the farm. \$20. Spaces limited, reg. online or by calling 610-388-8326; Brandywine.org.

APRIL 29–MAY 1

Squirrel Gallery Art Show. Over 30 artists exhibit at the William Garrett House in Historic Sugartown, 690 Sugartown Rd., Malvern and Cheever Barn, 260 Spring Rd., Malvern. Opening night, Fri, 4 to 8; Sat, 11 to 8; Sun, 11 to 6. 610-316-1578; Squirrel-Gallery.net.

MAY 6

Gallery Walk in Downtown West Chester. Stroll through the borough for an evening of art, dining and shopping. Five galleries combine with more than 20 additional “one night-only” show hosts. 5 to 9. Rain or shine. 610-696-4046; GreaterWestChester.com.

BOOKS.....

APRIL 7, 28

Chester County Book Company Signing. *Apr. 7*, Erik Larson signs *Dead Wake*, tickets req., Stetson Middle School, 7 pm. *Apr. 28*, Diane McKinney-Whetstone will be signing *Lazaretto* at Chester Co. Book Co., 967 Paoli Pk., West Chester: 610-696-1661; Chester-CountyBooks.com.

APRIL 10

Delaware Art Museum Council Book Sale. Over 1,000 books on dozens of subjects, art periodicals, collectible books and a “What’s It Worth?” booth for jewelry and books, \$20 for two items. Benefits the museum’s acquisition fund. 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. 10 to 4. Free. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.

APRIL 24

Brandywine Artisan Wine Trail’s The Art of Writing—a Wine & Words Event. Local authors talk with customers and sign copies

Local Farm Markets

* **Downingtown Farmers Mkt.**, Dane Decor Warehouse Parking Lot, 216 Washington Ave. 1st, 3rd, Sat, 10 to noon. 610-836-1391; GrowingRootsPartners.com.

* **Eagleview Farmers Mkt.**, Town Ctr., Wellington Sq. Thurs, 3 to 7. 610-836-1391; GrowingRootsPartners.com.

* **Kennett Square Farmers Mkt.**, E. State St., between Broad and Union Sts. 1st, 3rd Fri, noon to 4. 610-444-8188; Historic KennettSquare.com.

* **Lancaster County Farmers Mkt.**, 389 W Lancaster Ave., Wayne. Wed & Fri, 8 to 6; Sat, 8 to 4. 610-688-9856; LancasterCountyFarmersMarket.com.

* **Malvern Farmers Mkt.**, Burke Park, Roberts Rd. & S. Warren Ave. 1st, 3rd, Sat, 10 to noon. 610-836-1391; GrowingRootsPartners.com.

* **Phoenixville Farmers Mkt.**, 200 Mill St., under Gay St. Bridge. Sat, 9 to 1. PhoenixvilleFarmersMarket.org.

* **Rosemont Farmers Mkt.**, 1149 Lancaster Ave. Wed–Sat, 9 to 7. 610-527-4800; RosemontFarmersMarket.com.

* **West Chester Growers Mkt.**, Chestnut & Church Sts. 1st, 3rd, Sat, 9 to 1. 610-436-9010; WestChesterGrowersMarket.com.

* **Westtown Amish Mkt.**, 1177 Wilmington Pk., West Chester. Thurs, 9 to 6; Fri, 9 to 8; Sat, 8 to 4. 610-492-5299.

* *These are winter markets and are open at least once a month during the off-season or are indoors. Check their websites for details.*

of their books. Galer Estate Winery, 700 Folly Hill Rd., Kennett Square. 3 to 5. 484-899-8013; GalerEstate.com.

DESIGN HOME SHOWS.....

APRIL 1–3

DelVal Home Show. Exhibitors display and demonstrate what you need for your next home improvement project. Iceworks, 3100 W. Duttons Mill Rd., Aston. Fri–Sat, 10 to 8; Sun, 10 to 5. Free. 610-832-1515; PhillyExpos.com.

MAY 1–29

Bucks County Designer Showhouse. Designers show their creativity in interior and landscape design at Foxwood Manor, 1596 Turkey Trot Rd., Jamison, PA. Benefits Doylestown Hosp. and Village Improvement Assoc. *Apr. 29*, Preview Gala, 7 to 10, tickets start at \$150. Show: Mon–Wed, 10 to 4; Thurs, 10 to 7; Fri, 10 to 4; Sat, 10 to 6; Sun, noon to 4. \$25–\$30. 215-345-2191; BucksCountyDesignerHouse.org.

FILM.....

APRIL 22–24

12th Annual West Chester Film Festival.

The mission of the festival is to “Entertain, Enlighten and Educate” the public through the presentation of global independent and innovative short film. For venues and tickets visit WestChesterFilmFestival.com.

FOOD & BEVERAGE.....

APRIL 1–14

Media Restaurant Week. Enjoy 3–5 courses at some of your favorite restaurants for \$30.

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APRIL 10

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APRIL 16
Rails & Ales at the Railroad Museum of PA. All aboard for a craft beer tasting event that includes food trucks, live music and historic trains. 300 Gap Rd. (Rt. 741), Strasburg. 6 to 10 pm. \$40–\$50; designated driver, \$15. 717-687-8628; RRMuseumPA.org.

APRIL 17
19th Annual Celebrity Chefs' Brunch. Chefs from across the country display their talents. Benefits Meals on Wheels in Delaware. Hercules Plaza, 1313 N. Market St., Wilmington. 11 to 2. \$125. 302-656-3257; MealsOnWheelsDE.org.

MAY 7
Phoenixville Food Truck Festival. Food trucks will line Bridge St. offering a wide variety of delicious fare and vendors will be selling their wares, noon to 6 pm. PhoenixvilleFood Festival.com.

FUNDRAISERS.....
APRIL 2
Surrey Services Gala & Auction. Celebrating 35 years, the theme is "Sailing into the Future." Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dinner, live and silent auctions and a raffle. Benefits Surrey Services. Aronomink Golf Club, 3600 St. Davids Rd., Newtown Square. 6 to 11. Tickets \$150 and up. 610-647-6404; SurreyServices.org.



APRIL 2
Dress for a Good Cause. Sale of gently worn dresses (all styles, sizes and vintages) and jewelry benefits local female survivors of human trafficking by finding them a local, new home. Westtown School's "Cabin," 960 Shady Grove Way, West Chester. 1 to 3. 610-793-4387; DressForAGoodCause.com.

APRIL 2
31st Annual Thorncroft Victory Gallop. "Let Love Take the Reins," celebrates the healing bonds between horse and rider at Thorncroft. Black-tie dinner, dancing, silent auction. Benefits therapeutic riding programs. Hyatt at The Bellevue, 200 S. Broad St., Phila. 6 pm. Tickets \$225 and up. 610-644-1963; Thorncroft.org.

APRIL 2
The Red Ball. "Party with a purpose." Dancing, live entertainment, raffles and silent auction. Benefits Red Cross House Center for Disaster Recovery. Lincoln Financial Field, One Lincoln Financial Field Way, Phila. 8 to midnight. \$125–\$350. TheRedBall.org.

APRIL 8
Andy Talley Bone Marrow Foundation 6th Annual Disco Bash. A night of dining, dancing, auctions, VIP guests and local celebrities. Benefits bone marrow transplant patients and their families. Springfield Country Club, 400 W. Sproul Rd., Springfield. 6:30 to 11 pm. 610-688-2238; TalleyBoneMarrow.org.

APRIL 9
DE Humane Assoc. 10th Annual Muttini Mixer. A dog-friendly cocktail party with hors d'oeuvres, food stations, open bar, silent

auction items, music. Dressy attire is encouraged for dogs and their people. World Café Live at the Queen, 500 N. Market St., Wilmington. \$85. 302-571-0111; DeHumane.org.

APRIL 16
Chester County Hospital Gala. "An Evening in Casablanca." Start at Rick's Café pre-party at Galer Estate Vineyard & Winery, 700 Folly Hill Rd., Kennett Square. 5:45 to 7, parking and trolley from Longwood Gardens. The Gala begins at 7 at Longwood with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dinner and dancing. 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. \$200. 610-431-5328; ChesterCountyHospital.org.



APRIL 21
Paoli Hospital's "Swing into Spring" Luncheon & Fashion Show. The newest styles for men and women, shop selections, buy a raffle ticket or bet on a silent auction item. Benefits the hospital. Waynesborough Country Club, 440 Darby-Paoli Rd., Paoli. 12:30. \$55. 484-565-1380; PaoliAuxiliary.org.

APRIL 23
Baker Industries' 35th Anniversary Spring Gala. Dinner and silent auction to celebrate the accomplishments of Baker Industries. Merion Cricket Club, Haverford. 6 pm. Tickets \$150 and up. 610-296-9795; Baker-Industries.org.

APRIL 23
Rotary Club of Media Hosts Springtime in Sonoma. Savor a four-course gourmet meal with wine pairings by Flowers Vineyards & Winery of Sonoma, CA. Benefits the Rotary's efforts to rebuild Media-Upper Providence Free Library. Springhaven Country Club, 600 S. Providence Rd., Wallingford. 6 pm. \$125. MediaRotary.org.

APRIL 24
The Barn at Spring Brook Farm Fundraiser. Live music, a silent auction, wine, beer and light fare. Benefits Camp Geronimo, providing children with disabilities a camp experience, interacting with animals and par-

ticipating in activities designed to improve socialization and sensory skills. 315 N. Creek Rd., West Chester. 4:30 to 6:30 pm. \$50. 610-793-1037; Springbrook-Farm.org.

APRIL 28–30
The Saturday Club's Women & Children's Consignment Sale. New, gently used brand names for women and children. Benefits the club and their support of women and children's charities. 117 W. Wayne Ave., Wayne. Preview night, Thurs, 5 to 9; Fri, 9:30 to 2 and 5 to 8; Sat, 8 to 1:30, ½ price day. 610-688-9746; SaturdayClub.org.

APRIL 30
Safe Harbor's Spring Celebration. The evening includes cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dinner and live and silent auctions. Benefits Safe Harbor, providing shelter and recovery to homeless men and women. Mendenhall Inn, 323 Kennett Pk., Chadds Ford. 6 to 10. \$120. 610-692-6550; SafeHarborOfGWC.org.

GARDENS & PLANTS.....
APRIL 24
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MAY 1
Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens Annual Plant Sale. One of the largest plant sales in the area, sponsored by the Valley Forge Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society. 631 Berwyn Baptist Rd., Devon. Sat, 9 to 3; Sun, 11 to 3. Free. 610-647-8870; JenkinsArboretum.org.



MAY 2
Annual Plant Sale at Tyler Arboretum. Hard-to-find trees, shrubs, perennials, annuals and herbs. 515 Painter Rd., Media. 9 to 3. 610-566-9134; TylerArboretum.org.

MAY 6-7
Arasapha Garden Club's Annual May Market in Historic New Castle. Unique, flowering plants and herbs, shrubs and artisan crafts. Market Square, Second & Delaware Sts., New Castle. Fri, 9 to 5; Sat, 9 to 3. 302-322-7895; Arasapha.org.

MAY 7
Wilmington Garden Day. Twelve gardens to tour in Greenville, Wilmington and Chadds Ford areas. Benefits children in need, specifically Friendship House, Inc. and St. Michael's School & Nursery. 10 to 4. \$30-\$35. WilmingtonGardenDay.org.

MUSEUMS.....
THROUGH MAY 29
The Delaware Art Museum. Through Apr. 24, Outlooks Exhibition Series: "Inside Out." **Through May 29,** "Our America: The Latino Presence in American Art." 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. Wed, 10 to 4; Thurs, 10 to 8, free after 4; Fri-Sun, 10 to 4; \$6-\$12. Free Sun. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.

THROUGH JUNE 12
Brandywine River Museum of Art. "The Poetry of Nature: A Golden Age of American Landscape Painting." Mastersworks from the Hudson River School. 1 Hoffman's Hill Rd., Chadds Ford. \$6-\$15. Daily 9:30 to 4:30. 610-388-2700; BrandywineMuseum.org.

MUSIC, DANCE, ENTERTAINMENT.....
APRIL 1-10
Berks Jazz Fest. Concerts at various venues in Reading. Tickets at the VF Ticket Outlet or TicketMaster.com. 610-898-1930; BerksJazzFest.com.

APRIL 1-29
Performances at The Grand. Here are just a handful of the many performances this month. Check their website for a complete list. **Apr. 1,** Art Garfunkel; **Apr. 9,** Aoife O'Donovan featuring special guest Cassandra Jenkins; **Apr. 9,** Ry Cooder, Sharon White and Ricky Skaggs; **Apr. 14,** Fabulously Funny Females Comedy; **Apr. 22,** Sinbad; **Apr. 29,** Jewel, featuring Special Guest Will Hoge; **Apr. 29,** Summer of Love. 818 N. Market St., Wilmington. 800-37-GRAND; TheGrand-Wilmington.org.

APRIL 2
WCU Live! Tamagawa Univ. Taiko Drumming and Dance Troupe. Emilie K. Asplundh Hall, S. High St. & University Ave., West Chester. 7:30 pm. \$10. 610-436-2266; WCUPA.TicketLeap.com.

APRIL 3
Kennett Symphony Orchestra—Immortal Beethoven. Longwood Gardens, Rt. 1, Ken-

nett Square. 7:30 pm. \$10-\$40. 610-444-6363; KennettSymphony.org.

APRIL 7, 13, 21, 28
Uptown! Entertainment. Apr. 7, Ben Smith; **Apr. 13,** Singer/Songwriter Contest; **Apr. 21,** The Kendrah Butler Quartet, 6 pm; **Apr. 28,** "Broadway in the Borough," 6 pm. Sprout Music Collective, 130 E. Prescott Alley, West Chester. 484-639-9004; Uptown-WestChester.org.

APRIL 8
Point Entertainment Presents. The Capitol Steps, \$27.50-\$42.50. Shows at 8. The Colonial Theatre, 227 Bridge St., Phoenixville. 610-688-2800; TheColonialTheatre.com.

APRIL 9
Americana Roots Ramble in Media. A wide variety of music: from early rock n' roll, rockabilly, classic rhythm and blues to alternative, country, folk and zydeco. State St., Media. 6 pm to 1 am. \$15-\$20. 610-566-5039; State-StreetBlues.com.

APRIL 15
Concerts at Community Arts Center Friday Night Live Concert. Blackbird Society Orchestra—1920s-style jazz. 414 Plush Mill Rd., Wallingford. 7 to 10 pm. \$15. 610-566-1713; Community-ArtsCenter.org.

APRIL 21
Delaware Art Museum Presents Concerts on Kentmere. Celebrating contemporary Latino art. 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. 8 pm; complimentary desserts and coffee served at intermission. \$40. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.

APRIL 24
Camerata Ama Deus "Brilliant Baroque." Baroque Chamber Orchestra. Daylesford Abbey, 220 S. Valley Rd., Paoli. 6:30. \$10-\$25. 610-688-2800; VoxAmaDeus.org.

APRIL 30
Ballet 180 Presents "Tales from Brothers Grimm." Short story ballets to some favorite fairy tales. Rosemont College, McShain Performing Arts Center, 1400 Montgomery Ave., Rosemont. 3 pm. \$15-\$30. 484-639-9571; Ballet180.org.



MAY 1
Chester County Concert Band. A wide range of music including show tunes, popular music and marches. J.R. Fugett Middle School, Paoli

Pk. & Ellis La., West Chester. 2:30. \$7-\$10. 484-639-9118; CCCBand.org.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.....

APRIL 2
22nd Annual Dash 4 Diabetes. The 5K Run, 2.5-Mile Walk, Fun Run take place in downtown West Chester. Chester County Justice Center, 201 W. Market St. Benefits Diabetes Education at Chester Co. Hosp. Reg. 2:30. Kids run, 3:15, race at 4. \$25. CCHosp.com.

APRIL 9
Readers on the Run. A 5K run / 1 mi. walk and 100-yard kid's dash with prizes. Benefits Downingtown Library. Run, 8 am, walk, 8:15, kids dash, 9. \$10-\$30. 610-269-2741; RaceMenu.com/Readers.

APRIL 17
Valley Forge Revolutionary 5 Mile Run. Trek through scenic Valley Forge Nat'l Hist. Park. Event also includes a 3-Mile walk and a Young Patriots Run for ages 6-14. Benefits Valley Forge Park. 1400 N. Outer Line Dr., King of Prussia. 8:30 am. \$15-\$40. ValleyForge.org.

APRIL 23
The Schuylkill River 50K Relay. Race solo or in teams of 3 or 6 runners. Starts and

ends at St. Michael's Park in Mont Clare across the river from Phoenixville. Benefits the Schuylkill River Heritage Area. 10 am. \$89-\$199. 484-945-0200; SchuylkillRiver-Relay.com.

MAY 1
Cinco de Mayo Benefit Bike Ride. Cyclists, with and without disabilities, come together for a celebration ride along the scenic Chester Valley Trail. Benefits the PA Center for Adapted Sports. Chester Valley Trail, park at Valley Creek Corp. Ctr., 220 Valley Creek Trail, Exton. Registration, 7:30 am. \$30-\$40. Post ride fiesta at 11. CincoDe-MayoRide.org.



MAY 1
Blue Cross Broad Street Run. A 10-mile, point-to-point course starting at Central

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APRIL 13-MAY 22

1776. The Media Theatre, 104 E. State St., Media. *See article in this issue.*

APRIL 19-24

42nd Street. Playhouse on Rodney Square, 1007 N. Market St., Wilmington. *See article in this issue.*

TOWNS, TALKS & TOURS.....

APRIL 1, 9, 21

First Fridays, Second Saturdays, Third Thursdays. Stroll through area towns to find exhibits, galleries, restaurant specials, entertainment and extended hours. **Apr. 1, First Fridays:** *Kennett Square*, 610-444-8188; HistoricKennettSquare.com. *Lancaster City*, 717-509-ARTS; LancasterArts.com. *Oxford*, 610-998-9494; DowntownOxfordPA.org. *Wayne*, 610-687-7698; FirstFridayWayne.com. *West Chester*, 610-738-3350; DowntownWestChester.com; *Wilmington*, 302-576-2489; WilmingtonDE.gov. **Apr. 9, Second Saturday:** *Media*, 484-445-4161; Media-ArtsCouncil.com. **Apr. 21, Malvern Stroll**, MalvernBusiness.com.

APRIL 21

Stroud Water Research Center Science Seminar. "Our Rivers on Drugs." The effects of pharmaceuticals and personal care products to stream ecosystems. 970 Spencer Rd., Avondale. 6:30 pm. Free. 610-268-2153 StroudCenter.org/Events.

APRIL 21

Chadds Ford Historical Society Presents Tavern Talks. *See Food News in this issue.* ♦

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COME AND MEET THOSE DANCING FEET



DANCES ITS WAY INTO THE PLAYHOUSE ON RODNEY SQUARE

April 19-24



IF YOU GO:

Where: The Playhouse on Rodney Square
11th & Market Sts., Wilmington

When: April 19-24

Box Office: 302-888-0200; ThePlayhouseDE.org

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THEATRE
SPOTLIGHT

EXPERIENCE THE QUINTESSENTIAL BACKSTAGE musical comedy that is *42nd Street* and follow a starry-eyed young dancer chase after the American dream in a dazzle of sequins and tapping feet. This sparkling new production of the classic song and dance fable is "so chock full of entertainment," *The Salt Lake Tribune* says, "it barely fits on the stage."

Watch as fresh-faced, Pennsylvania native Peggy Sawyer leaves her Allentown home and arrives in the bustle of 1930s New York with nothing but a suitcase and a dream. In a musical about musicals, take a peek at the passionate and competitive world behind the theater curtains of divas and directors, as Peggy goes "out there a youngster, but ... [comes] back a star!"

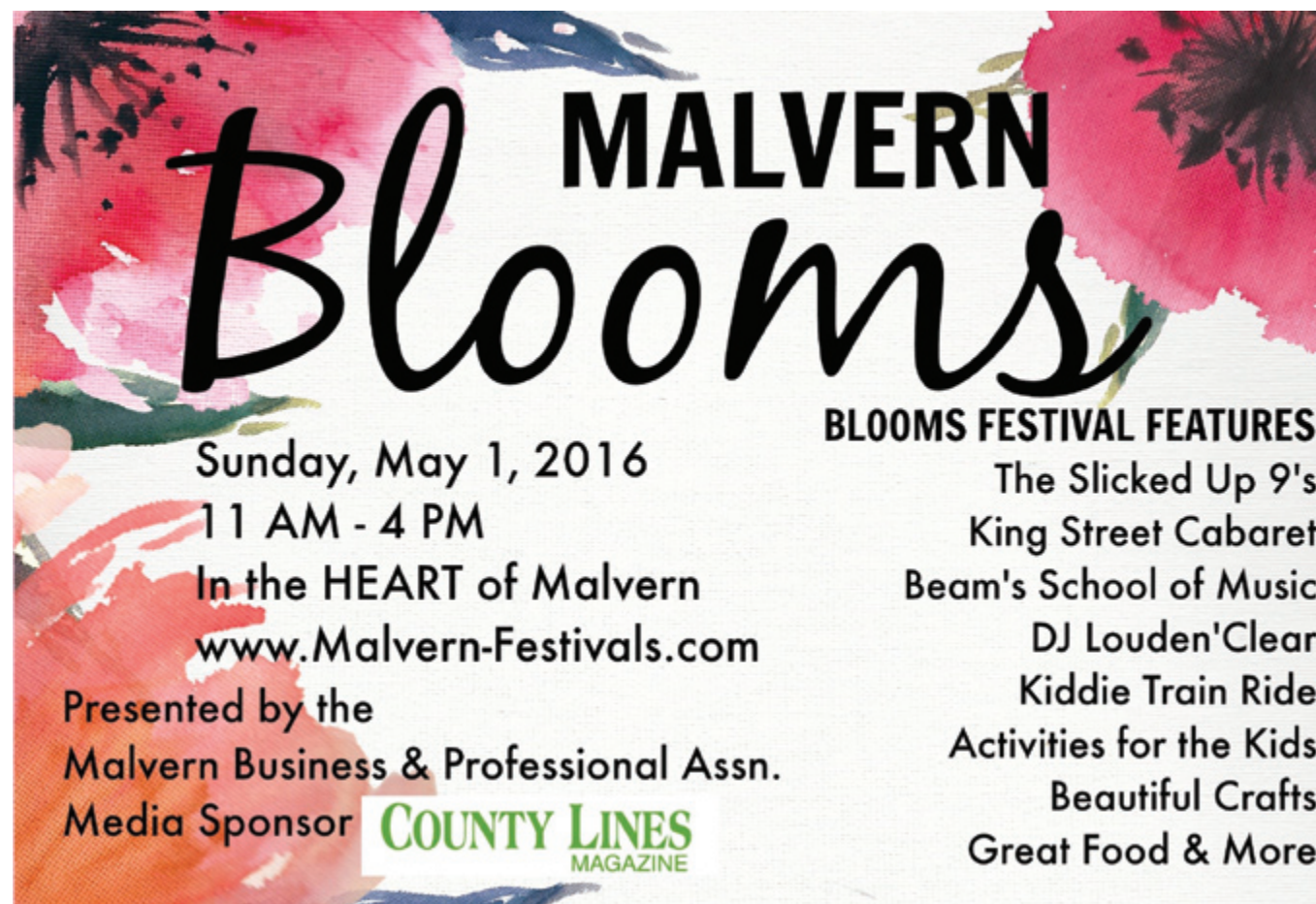
Featuring favorite numbers such as, "Lullaby Of Broadway," "Shuffle Off To Buffalo," and "I Only Have Eyes For You," *42nd Street* will transport you to a captivating and colorful world of music and movement. So get your tickets early for this week-long performance at The Playhouse.

Based on a novel by Bradford Ropes, the story was adapted to film in 1933, starring Ruby Keeler and choreographed by the renowned Busby Berkeley, famous for the mesmerizing, kaleidoscopic patterns of his dance routines. First brought to Broadway in 1980 by director David Merrick and choreographer Gower Champion, the show ran a whopping 3,486 performances and won Tony Awards for Best Musical and Best Choreography.

This recent revival, now on tour, was written and directed by Mark Bramble, with co-writer Michael Stewart and Tony Award-winning choreographer Randy Skinner. This is Bramble's second adaptation of the play with Skinner; their first winning two Tony awards in 2001, including Best Revival. Starring Caitlin Ehlinger as the talented, young Peggy Stewart on her journey from show-girl to star, this latest production is a must-see.

So make plans to "come and meet those dancing feet ... on 42nd Street!" ♦

- Etta Griffin



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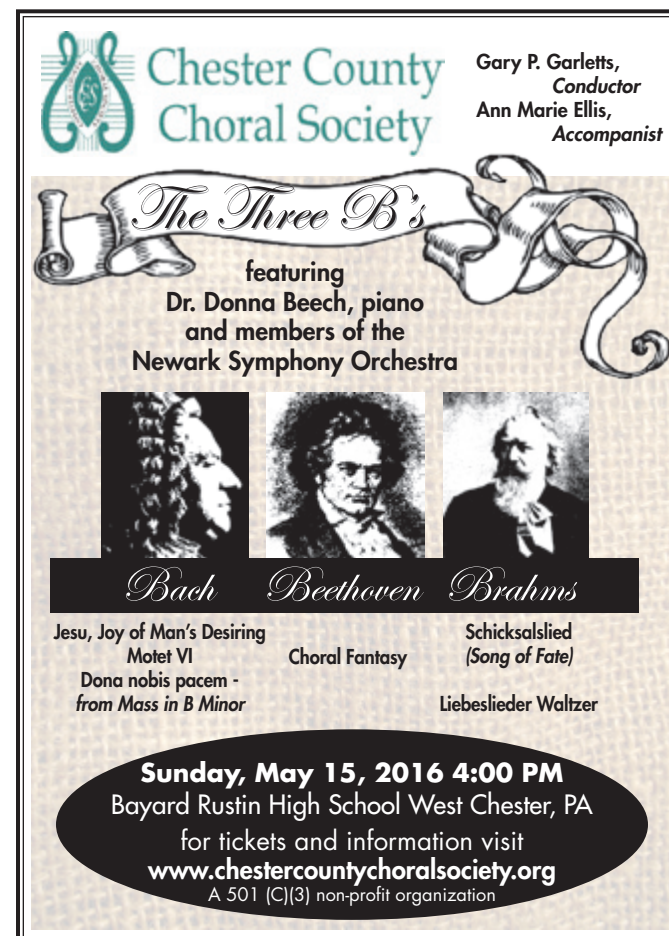
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April 13–May 22

POLITICS ARE IN THE AIR, AND BROADWAY KNOWS IT. Chances are you're not going to see Grammy Award-winning *Hamilton* anytime soon—tickets to Lin-Manuel Miranda's hip hop megahit inspired by Ron Chernow's biography are sold out until late fall! But, you're not straight outta luck.

In this election year, The Media Theatre revisits the birth of our nation with a production of the musical *1776*. Get in the spirit with this three-time Tony Award-winning Broadway show, April 13 through May 22.

Join our Founding Fathers as they fight for our right to freedom in this compelling and humorous musical. It's the summer of 1776



Ben Dibble

in Philadelphia and tensions run high among Congress as the opportunity arises to declare independence from the British monarchy. Get to know John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson and Richard Henry Lee as they struggle to convince members of the Second Continental Congress to vote for independence.

Written by Peter Stone with lyrics by Sherman Edwards, *1776* introduces us to the real men behind the icons—frightened, uncertain, proud, charming and often irritable. See for yourself why after

its debut in 1969, *1776* ran for more than 1200 performances and won a Tony Award for Best Musical.

Directed by Jennie Eisenhower—granddaughter of two presidents (daughter of Julie Nixon Eisenhower)—the production stars Ben Dibble as the deeply passionate patriot John Adams.

The musical score is full of variety—from a fife-and-drum overture to the delicate waltz, “He Plays the Violin,” to the thrilling finale that chants a list of Declaration signers over tolling bells that reach a crescendo. Moving, funny and at times heart-wrenching—as in “Momma, Look Sharp,” a ballad about the horrors of combat—the songs are brought to life by Media Theatre's live orchestra.

A fitting precursor to the Democratic Convention coming to Philadelphia, July 26, the show reminds us of the moving story of our national history.

Experience the magic of live theater in this timely, classic musical production of *1776*. ♦
~ Megan Monachino

IF YOU GO:
Where: The Media Theatre
104 E. State St., Media
When: April 13–May 22
Box Office: 610-891-0100; MediaTheatre.org

Fashionably Late

Extending the Season with Summer Flowering Bulbs

Emma Seniuk, Chanticleer Garden

IF YOU LIKE SPRING FLOWERING BULBS, YOU'LL LOVE LEARNING ABOUT BULBS THAT BLOOM IN SUMMER.

FAR TOO OFTEN, HOME GARDENERS GROW ONLY spring flowering bulbs. Planted in autumn with a dizzying array of cultivars, spring flowering bulbs are a parade of color and bloom. Most gardeners have a bit of nostalgia for daffodils or an affinity for tulips, or other varieties—from alliums to snowdrops and beyond.

At Chanticleer we know spring bulbs deserve all the accolades they receive, but we also value summer flowering bulbs to extend the season. Here are some favorites for our area that can be seen on the grounds.

SUCCESSIONS OF GLADIOLI

Gladioli come in a wash of colors, often with petals reminiscent of watercolor paintings. Plant them in early spring, around the last expected frost, and successions of plantings will yield successions of blooms throughout the summer.

Plant these bulbs up to six inches deep for sturdy growth. A stake

is often needed to protect the stalks of big blousy flowers from wind and rain. Glads also need room in the garden, as they don't take kindly to competition. A fabulous cut flower, gladioli also add a vertical element to the garden—best at the edge of a bed or among lower perennials and always in full sun.

RANGE OF LILIES

A classic summer flowering bulb, lilies are easily injected into garden beds. By picking a range of lilies, you can have a fantastic floral display from June into August. Typically planted in spring, lily bulbs should be planted deep—eight to ten inches—to keep roots cool and strong. The later, taller varieties will require staking to support the voluptuous flowers.

Lilies are a favorite cut flower at Chanticleer in the summer months. Each supple bud gives way to a miniature explosion of color, petals unfurling to reveal showy anthers, speckling on the throat or unearthly fragrance.

ELEPHANT EARS FOR FOLIAGE

Another summer champion is a group called elephant ears. What these plants lack in flowers, they make up for in foliage. Two popular types are colocasia and caladium. Colocasia are larger and prefer full sun, while caladiums are smaller and can tolerate deep shade. Both need heat of the summer months, consistent moisture, fertilizer and a bit of grooming to keep old leaves from spoiling the display.

Great as cut foliage, these two different groups are available in a range of colors and are incorporated in both bed and container plantings at Chanticleer. Both can be overwintered by cutting back the leaves at the end of the season and stored dry in mulch or peat moss in a cool dark basement kept above freezing. If properly stored, these bulbs can be brought back to life in late spring.

DAHLIAS FOR CUT FLOWERS

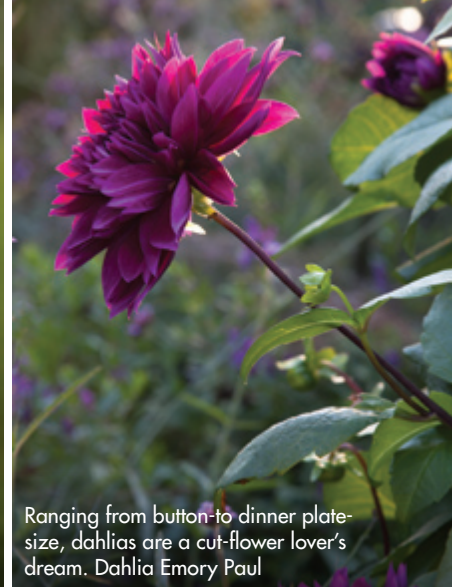
A cut-flower lover's dream, dahlias are a big component of the cut-flower garden at Chanticleer in summer. The flower sizes range from tiny as a button to as big as a serving plate, while heights range from one and half feet to sixteen feet tall! There are different flower types, too, including—waterlily, collar-ette, cactus types, orchid and peony-style flowers.

Tubers are typically dug up in our area. Once the season is winding down, foliage is cut back, tubers are cleaned of soil, and stored in mulch or peat moss. Tubers should be allowed to go dry and stored in a cool dry space, above freezing.

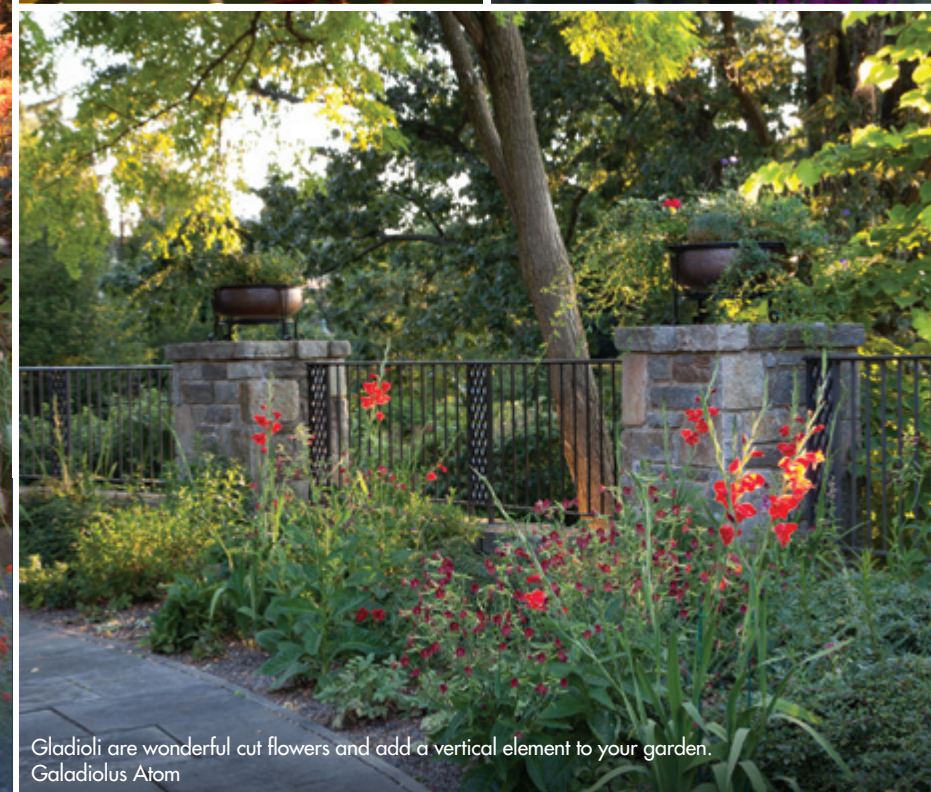
When the soil begins to warm, plant the tubers directly in the garden if excessive rain is not forecast. (Too much water will cause the unrooted tubers to rot.) Or, start the tubers in pots, to control initial watering. Be sure to fertilize—chemical or composts—once the plants are established and dahlias will thank you with robust growth and



Lilies are an elegant addition to any garden and cut bouquet. *Lilium leichtlinii*



Ranging from button-to dinner plate-size, dahlias are a cut-flower lover's dream. *Dahlia Emory Paul*



Gladioli are wonderful cut flowers and add a vertical element to your garden. *Galadiolus Atom*



Lilium "Dani Arafin"



Dahlia "Purple Gem"



Summer bulbs without flowers, like elephant ears, can add dramatic foliage to the garden.
Colocasia Black Coal



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lots of flowers. Dahlias may seem like a lot of work, but most gardeners find them well worth the trouble!

A SPECIAL LILY

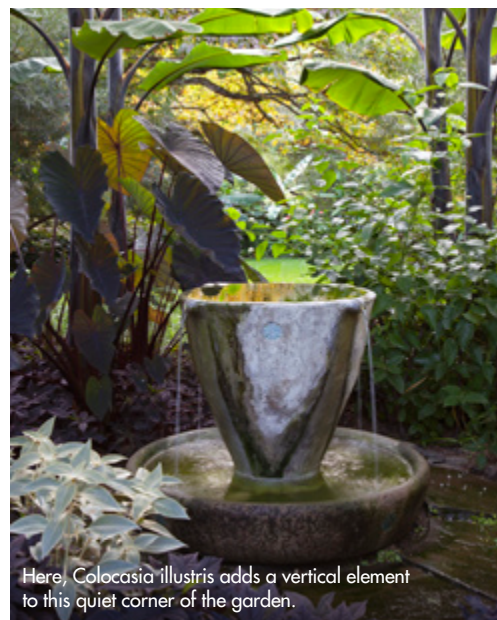
An unexpected and underused late summer flower is the Resurrection Lily or Surprise Lily. The most reliable and recommended species for our climate is *Lycoris squamigera*, which pushes out broad green foliage in spring, then large clear blushing pink flowers in August on dark, stand-alone, two-foot stems.

This lily can be incorporated into garden beds or planted in grass as long as the foliage is not cut back until it finishes photosynthesizing. At Chanticleer it's one of the last great sweeps of flowers to bloom in the bulb meadow. This gorgeous plant is an elegant addition to any home garden and a delightful surprise.

With such options, it's easy for gardeners and gardens to thrive through the summer with a multitude of beautiful flowers and foliage. Autumn is certainly not the only time to plant bulbs! ♦

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Chanticleer has been called the most romantic, imaginative, and exciting public garden in America, a study of textures and forms, where foliage trumps flowers. It's a garden of pleasure and learning, relaxing yet filled with ideas to take home. Even the drinking fountains there are sculptural. 786 Church Rd., Wayne. ChanticleerGarden.org.



Here, Colocasia illustris adds a vertical element to this quiet corner of the garden.

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YEARS

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Mocassin Run Golf Club • A pristine, public golf course providing a peaceful escape in the countryside of Atglen

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YEARS

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Finely Catering • Helping celebrate life's milestones with exceptional food, service and hospitality in Newtown Square and Philadelphia

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Mostardi Nursery • A local resource and garden center in Newtown Square for all kinds of outdoor and indoor plants

ValleyDel Publications/County Lines Magazine • Celebrating the people, places, businesses and events in Chester County and beyond in our monthly, regional lifestyle magazine and theater playbills.

60

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Devon Prep • Preparing young men to be responsible, compassionate leaders and face life's challenges with confidence

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Walter J. Cook Jeweler • Serving Paoli and the surrounding Main Line with fine jewelry, gifts and custom-designed pieces

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YEARS

R-P Nurseries • Landscaping and gardening experts in Kennett Square helping local outdoor enthusiasts since 1866

270

YEARS

Black Powder Tavern • Raising spirits with small plates, craft beers and legendary hospitality in their c. 1746 building in Wayne

A KALEIDOSCOPE of LOCAL COLOR

Story by Emily Hart ★ Photos by Wil Moore

EXPLORE WHAT WAS ONCE GREAT PROVIDENCE ROAD AND DISCOVER WHAT'S NEW IN PAOLI AND NEWTOWN SQUARE.

LOOKING FOR SOME LOCAL COLOR? There's a kaleidoscope of fun and activity to explore right down the road. Find Paoli Blues, Orange Theory Fitness and restaurants thinking green. Explore Polka Dots and changing patterns in Newtown Square.

A host of establishments in Paoli and Newtown Square are connected by a road that was begun in 1683—the “Great Providence Road” chartered by the

Flip through the stacks of rugs at Paoli Rug Company to find your magic carpet.

Adding local color to Newtown Square, The Crazy Sofa hosts a restaurant, bar and lounge.

Update your spring and summer wardrobe with something unique from Scout & Molly, in the Paoli Shopping Center.

Fellini Café, a BYOB with soul-satisfying Italian food.

GRAB A SEAT

One of the newest splashes of color is The Crazy Sofa in Newtown Square. Grab a table, a bar stool or a seat at the one-of-a-kind patchwork sofa of many colors that lends the restaurant, bar and lounge its name. There's eye-catching art on the walls, modern sculpture on a ledge, a sax on the table and a guitar on stage.

Listen to nightly live jazz, rock or folk music, raise a toast with a glass of Blue Moon, a Morado specialty cocktail—a twist on a margarita—or a glass of pinot grigio, and share sushi rolls, stuffed potato chips and crispy Portobello fries. Drop by for Happy Hour or party until the last guests leave.

Court of Chester County—and that became Route 252, centuries later in 1928. Significant enough to have its own entry on Wikipedia, the road now runs from Delaware County to King of Prussia.

The section from West Chester Pike to Lancaster Avenue is home to open fields, tidy houses and historical landmarks. And at each end of the section, you'll also find bustling shopping centers, eateries and businesses that brighten local life.

Get a total body workout at newly opened Orange Theory Fitness.

Or make plans to take a seat or get up on your feet on October 1 at the Paoli Blues Fest. Dane Tilghman's artwork on posters and T-shirts and the music throughout town are so cool you get goosebumps even on a warm day.

MORE COLOR & STYLE

Scout over to Scout & Molly's, in the Paoli Shopping Center, to find that special little something that'll fit just right. Featuring trendy designers—no preppy Lily Pulitzer here, more vintage and Boho Me—they'll help you find what's new, yet in keeping with your individuality. Try a lace duster—a perfect spring/summer wardrobe addition!

You can pull up to Polka Dots in Paoli and be greeted by Gracie, the owner's friendly Yorkie, and spring floral fashions. Known as the place to get outfitted for the season's events, the boutique's coordinating dresses, accessories and hats make their grand appearance at the Devon Horse Show and Radnor Hunt Races.

In Newtown Square check out Frey Boutique for your casual weekend wardrobe—jeans, seasonal sweaters and simple jewelry.

If you're outfitting your garden for spring, stop by Mostardi Nursery, an independent garden center serving the community for 40 years. When spring and summer flowers are in vivid color, cars line up for a mile along West Chester Pike. It's worth the walk for gerbera daisies, black-eyed Susans, pansies and other blooms. Plus plenty of expert advice to help your garden grow.

Or if you're outfitting the interior of your home, visit the gallery of the family-run Paoli Rug Company. Its portfolio includes showpieces that look like Persian magic carpets and designs from India worthy of gracing the Taj Mahal.

Other gems in Paoli include the

Paoli Design Center—home to Sugarbridge Kitchens & Baths' gorgeous showroom and Couture Rug Gallery's collection of area rugs—including direct-imported hand-knotted traditional, contemporary and antique rugs. Paoli is also home to contemporary ballet company Ballet 180, the only professional ballet company on the Main Line. Be sure to catch "Tales from Brothers Grimm" at the end of this month.

Celebrating 70 years, Walter J. Cook prides itself on selling jewelry to mark life's milestones and more. Offering modern and artisanal jewelry designers, the store's selection goes far beyond heirloom pearls and engagement diamonds. You'll find contemporary pieces for every budget, including designs owned by celebrities from Gisele Bündchen to Beyoncé.

Paoli is also home to the lingerie boutique Gie Gie, stocked with beautiful undergarments, sleepwear and slippers. A favorite with bridal parties, it's also a treasure for women who are battling or surviving breast cancer. Soft tank tops sporting a pink ribbon, specialty bras and caring staff help women feel good again after surgery.

HISTORICAL SCENES

From Paoli, travel south on the former Great Providence Road to take a trip back in time.

Survey the grounds, photograph the outbuildings or tour historic Waynesborough, the Georgian-style stone home of American Revolutionary War General Anthony Wayne.

A few miles farther, at the corner of Goshen Road



Historic Waynesborough, home to military hero, Mad Anthony Wayne, is open to the public as a house museum.



Christopher Chocolates is where you get your chocolate fix fixed.



Gie Gie Lingerie is a favorite of many—from bridal parties to breast cancer survivors.

stands a charming 18th-century brick building known as the Square Tavern. The Square was once a pub and home of John West, father of Benjamin West—an artist well known for his paintings of scenes from the American Revolutionary War.

FOR ADDITIONAL FLAVOR

Exit Route 252 at West Chester Pike to entertain your tastebuds. Newtown Square boasts eateries that offer local color, plus cuisine from far and wide.

Whoever quipped, "Life is short; eat dessert first," had probably visited Christopher's Chocolates. Whether you're 5 or 95, in this candy shop you'll easily discover something to love: chocolate-covered cherries, toffee, butter creams or pretzels; or a rainbow of spearmint leaves, gummy raspberries or hard candy.

Just steps away is a deli that bears repeat visits. A Cut Above's hoagies are, as their name suggests, definitely superior and the olive salad is the best this side of the Mississippi. For more Italian dishes, sample the fare at BYOB Fellini Café, La Loconda Ristorante or Teca, an offshoot of the West Chester location. Teikoku offers Japanese and Thai cuisine in a tranquil atmosphere with lantern lighting and a tatami room.

CHANGING SCENERY

Just as there's always a new view with a turn of the kaleidoscope, there's always something new happening in the area.

Welcome to Orange Theory Fitness, the most recent arrival to Paoli with its grand opening in March. The gym offers total body workouts for clients who are wearing heart-rate monitors—displays show feedback about calories burned during exercise and afterward.

Watch the progress of Ellis Preserve, a planned development on 218 acres in Newtown Square near Route 252 and West Chester Pike. A highlight is the adaptive use of the 1932 Greek Revival building, with its columns and grand ballroom, the perfect place for weddings overseen by Finley Catering. In addition, Whole Foods Market will serve as an anchor for the retail portion of the community of businesses, residences, a ballroom for events, health center, school and walking trails.

Whether you're looking for more dazzle or flying your colors, grab a friend and head out. ♦



A Cut Above, where the hoagies live up to the deli's name.



You'll find that special piece with a contemporary design at Walter J. Cook Jewelers, celebrating 70 years.

A new development is planned for Ellis Preserve in Newtown Square.

NEWTOWN SQUARE & PAOLI EVENTS

Here are a few events happening along the Route 252 corridor, from Paoli to Newtown Square. Things do get busy in the fall!

JUNE 4

Historic Newtown Square Day. A community celebration with vendors, games, an outdoor market, tours of historic sites and private properties. Square Tavern, Rt. 252 & Goshen Rd., Newtown Square. 10 to 4. \$6. 610-975-0290; HistoricNewtownSquare.org.

JUNE 10-11

Good Sam Fair Days. Music, shopping, games—fun for the whole family. Benefits Food Closet and Water Missions. The Church of the Good Samaritan, 212 W. Lancaster Ave., Paoli. Fri, noon to 8; Sat, 10 to 5. 610-644-4040; Good-Samaritan.org.

JULY 4

Marple-Newtown Fourth of July Parade. The parade steps off from St. Alban's Circle & West Chester Pk., Newtown Square at 10 am.

JULY 30

Willistown Conservation Trust Tomato Tasting. Enjoy an evening with tomatoes, beer and wine. Rushton Farm, 911 Delchester Rd., Newtown Square. 5 to 7. \$35. 610-353-2562; WCTrust.org.

JULY 2-3, 9

Colonial PA Plantation. July 2-3, 4th of July Celebration and Picnic, 11 to 4. July 9, Kids Pirate Splash Day, bring your swimsuit, noon to 3. Ridley Creek State Park, 3900 N. Sandy Flash Dr., Newtown Square. \$8-\$10. 610-566-1725; ColonialPlantation.org.

SEPTEMBER 17

Newtown Square Neighbors Craft Beer Festival and 5K. This is a new event and benefits Newtown Square Fire Dept. Ellis Preserve, 3815 West Chester Pk. More details coming.

OCTOBER

Newtown Square Community Festival. Family fun. Railroad Museum, Drexel Lodge Park, West Chester Pk., Newtown Square. 10 to 4. Free. 610-459-4183; NewtownSquare-RailroadMuseum.org.

OCTOBER 1

Paoli Blues Fest. Continuous live band performances from premier blues musicians. Food vendors, street fair, beer and wine garden, and kid's activities. Paoli Village Shoppes, across from Paoli Train Station; other venues in Paoli. Noon to 6. 610-206-7743 or 610-644-6759; PaoliBluesFest.com.

OCTOBER 8

Upper Main Line Rotary's Oktoberfest. Under a tent at the Church of the Good Samaritan, with live music all day, plus beers, brats and kids activities. Benefits local charities. 212 W. Lancaster Pk., Paoli. 2 to 8. \$10. UMLRotary.org.

OCTOBER 8

White Horse Village Annual Octofair. Silent auction featuring furniture, accessories, jewelry and collectibles, shop the Gift Corral for clothing and gifts. 535 Gradyville Rd., Newtown Square. 9 to 2:30. 610-558-5000; WhiteHorse-Village.org.

OCTOBER 8-16

Annual Daylesford Abbey Art Show. Fine art, jewelry, sculptures and more. 220 S. Valley Rd., Paoli. Free reception, Oct. 2, 5 to 8. Show open daily, 1 to 4; Wed until 8. Free. 610-647-2530; Daylesford.org.

OCTOBER 22

Willistown Conservation Trust Run-a-Muck & Countryside Bash Fundraiser. Run or muck and end at the countryside bash with live music, a country supper, pet parade, climbing wall and fun for the family. Leashed dogs are welcome. Kirkwood Preserve, Newtown Square. 610-353-2562; WCTrust.org.



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A ROSE PETAL AISLE ON SPARKLING SANDS. An intimate exchange of vows. On Valentine's Day, arguably the most romantic day of the year, Lori Zaiss and her new husband Mike—her longtime sweetheart—stepped onto a ferry to head to a sunset dinner at Sunset Key.

Zaiss said she originally envisioned a huge celebration. But she opted for a day as comfortable and without stress as her relationship with Mike.

With a desire for ease and a destination ceremony 1,100 miles from her home in Wilmington, she enlisted the help of a wed-

ding planning company offering an internet checklist of services: arranging for tiki torches, strewn flower petals, transportation, restaurant reservations and more. She checked off the boxes with her preferences, waved her credit card like a wand, and trusted the company to work its magic.

Lori shopped for a dress and had alterations completed in the Brandywine Valley. Then two days before tying the knot, she put a steam iron in her checked luggage, carried her gown onto a plane, and stepped into sunshine, blue skies and a picture-perfect day—for pictures far different from the wedding on this page.



Some couples' plans include more traditional or formal settings.



Choosing the venue sets the stage for other wedding plans—whether its a casual setting in the countryside, at the water's edge or at the beach.

SAYING YES TO A PLANNER

Delegating preparations can allow more time for merriment—attending parties stocked with wedding-dress cupcakes; luxuriating at a spa day at Toppers or Calista Grand; trying on wedding bands at Big Diamond Jewelers or Benari Jewelers; or selecting “Mrs.” panties at Lace Silhouettes Lingerie.

“There are many tools online—The Knot [an internet site providing wedding information, resources and inspiration] and WeddingWire [an internet marketplace with anything related to weddings],” said Renee Patrone. “And DIY is fun and trendy for hands-on brides.”

At the same time, continued the founder of Events by Renee, many brides work full time, pay for weddings themselves, and need someone to reduce stress. “They ask me to look over what they’re doing or to refer a local vendor based on needs and budget.”

And, many brides want their moms, often the planners in the past, to have fewer headaches and more fun at festivities.

Events by Renee offers three main packages: full service wedding planning, “week of” coordination and “day of” support. According to Patrone,





the most popular choice is event-week coordination. Depending on the couple's needs, services might include organizing the rehearsal, ceremony or wrap-up. Consultation time can involve ensuring that the timeline goes like clockwork, sorting out transportation issues or providing expert advice on tipping limo drivers and cake deliverers.

One of their greatest services is catching things before they fall between the cracks—remembering to grab bagels for bridesmaids to eat before heading to the church, or grabbing the phone while the bride's hair and makeup are in progress.

Other godsend is the consultant's cool head and diplomatic intervention when emotions run high or when guests' ideas conflict with a couple's wishes.

WEDDING GIFTS AND PACKAGES

Sometimes coordinators' services come as part of the package with the venue.

For couples looking for an event without drama but with theatrical flair, The Farmhouse at People's Light sets the perfect stage for nuptials, receptions or both. As part of the cost of the space—terrace, dining room or gardens at the restored 230-year-old farmhouse or even on stage—coordinator Spencer Brennan can help plan the ceremony timing, suggest who should give the first toast, and facilitate a creative, artistic ambiance while keeping the process "joyful from start to finish," he said. He can refer the house florist or a preferred photographer who knows the venue's layout, or work with the family's choice of musicians.

Partners wanting their historic moment in a place with centuries of history look no further than the Chester County Historical Society. There, Lauren Hoyer, venue sales and marketing manager, steps in to make or carry out plans, depending on a bride's preferences.

"Some brides have their wedding day mapped out to a T—lighting, decorations, gift table and more," said Hoyer. Others want casual flexibility. Hoyer handles behind-the-scenes activities and ensures that guests visiting the museum have a good time.

DIY+

Some brides elect to manage details without a professional planner. Delegating tasks to family and friends—asking the groom to handle the honeymoon or parents to search for a hotel—helps everyone feel like part of the party and distributes tasks.



Sound advice can also come from local vendors and specialists you already know. Family florists such as Matlack Florist can provide information about bouquets or decorations. With decades of experience, Finley Catering—adding the upcoming Ballroom at Ellis Preserve later in 2016—can answer questions about reception menus from soup to nuts to wedding cake.

GieGie's bridal center is a source for expert help and fabulous gifts—garters, "under-items," classy boxers for the groom and luxurious slippers. Bridesmaids often bring their gowns to the lingerie shop's pretty, spacious dressing rooms for fittings with strapless bras or shapewear.

LIGHTEN THE LOAD

Yet another option is to download a free or inexpensive smart-phone or internet application to offload stress and detail overload. Apps can help couples stick to their budget, register for gifts, design invitations, share photos and track RSVPs.

In addition to the popular WeddingWire and The Knot, websites and apps include Appy Couple, Wedding Party, WeddingHappy, OurWeddingUsher and Wedding Budget Calculator.

Often the best solution is marrying the personal touch with technology. As helpful as applications can be, they can't calm a bride's nerves when a florist is stuck in traffic.

BLOOPERS THAT NEVER WERE

While a blooper rarely spoils a joyous couple's day, a good planner can avert problems and accompanying jitters. Renee Patrone worked behind the scenes on Plan B as changing weather patterns before an outdoor wedding had her quietly calling tent companies, looking into a pavilion and asking a caterer about a last-minute location change. Ultimately, the sun came out before the ceremony so it was back to Plan A.

In another case, family members misplaced a Polaroid camera that was central to a DIY photo booth. The Historical Society's Hoyer dashed out and purchased the same camera model. Festivities continued without a hitch and photos of smiling guests showed they never knew what happened.

Thanks to careful planning before saying "I do," disappointments can be avoided and happily-ever-after can start early. ♦



Plan little touches that personalize the day—from DIY food, special spaces, to quiet moments, heirloom gowns and inside jokes.





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717-665-7284; HarvestViewBarn.com

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2475 St. Peter's Rd., Malvern
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1201 Pawlings Rd., Audubon
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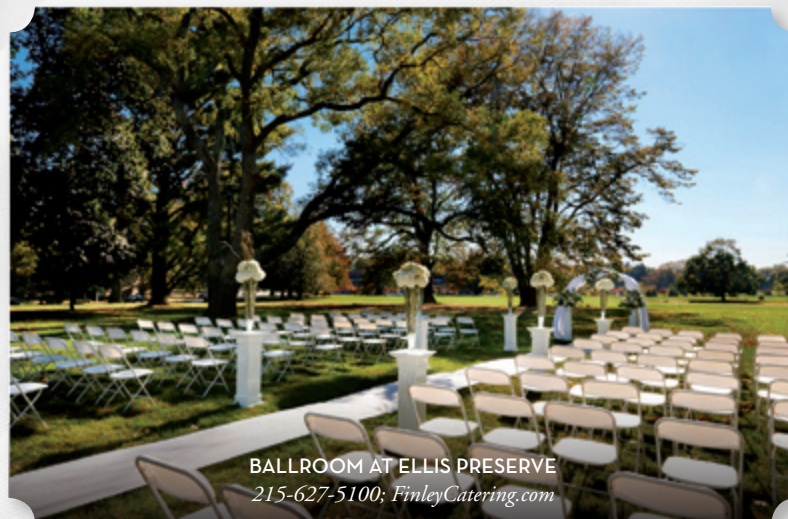
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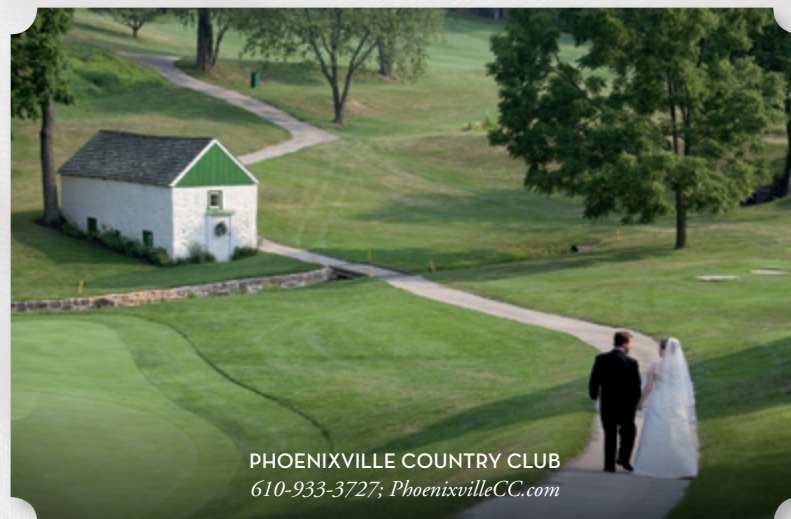
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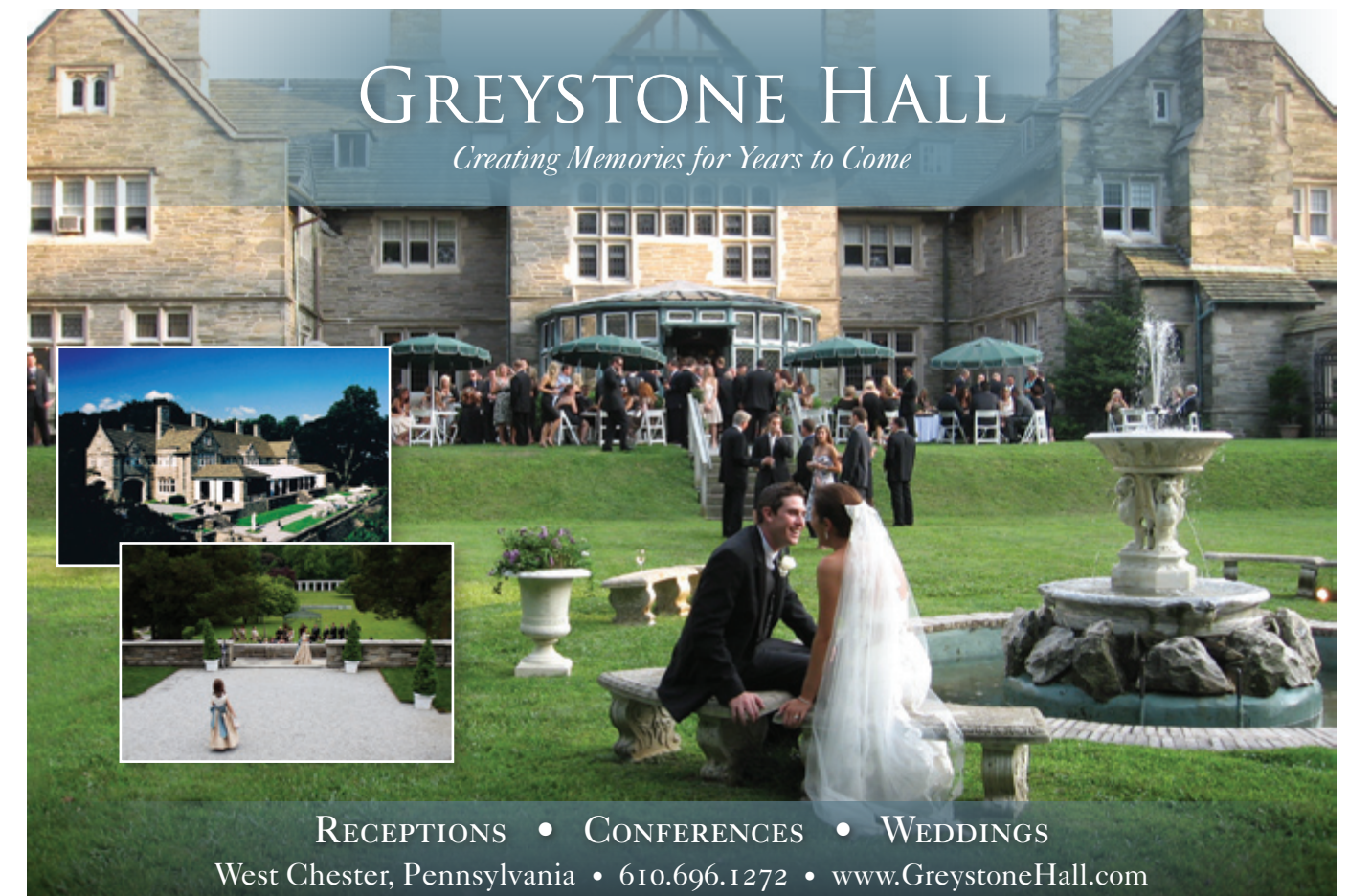


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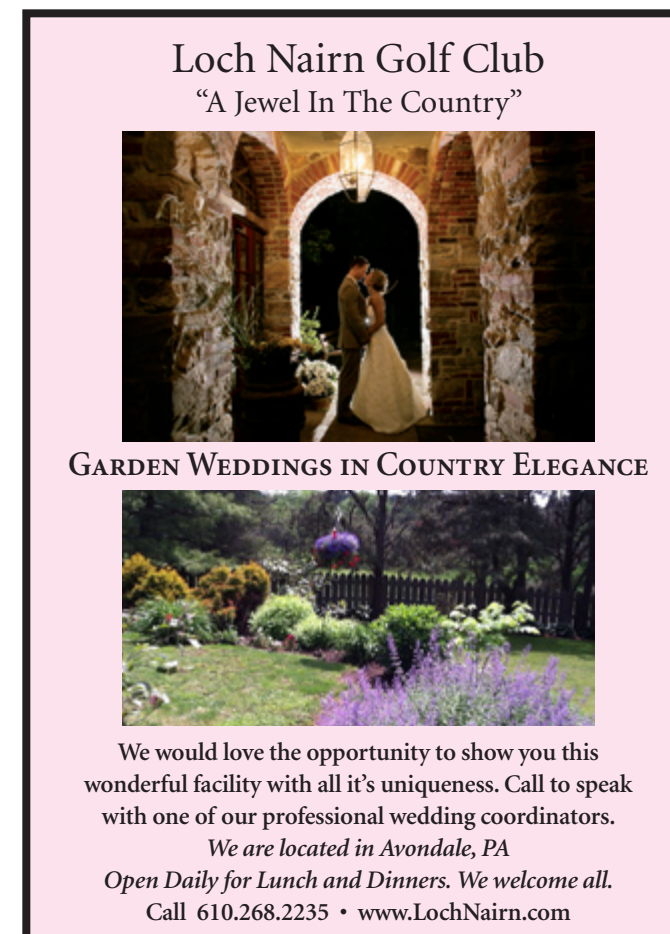
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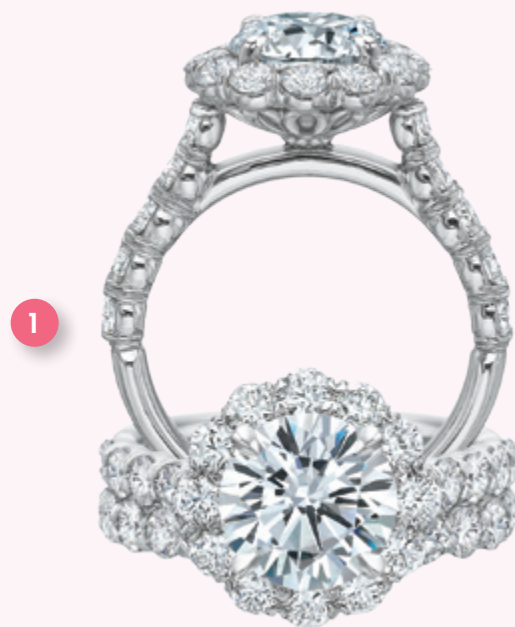
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Bridal Beauty Checklist

Mary Irene Dolan

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YOU'VE GOT THE GROOM, BRIDESMAIDS, DRESS, venue, menu, flowers and guest list... But what about you? Is your beauty routine wedding-ready?

We've pulled together advice from the professionals on top spa and salon services for you—and your bridal party—before you say “I do.” And for others who want to radiate like a blushing bride.

BASICS

Your skin is the foundation, so make treating it right a priority. You'll feel all the more beautiful IRL and online and in photos with glowing skin. Eating healthy and drinking plenty of water go a long way. Visiting your local esthetician takes care of the rest.

Facial: Refresh your face by treating yourself to a luxurious, nutrient-packed facial. The pros recommend choosing gentle options right before your wedding but booking more intensive treatments in the weeks leading up to the big day.

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NECESSARY EVILS

Not every bit of your bridal beautifying process will be fun—because who really loves getting their eyebrows waxed? No one. But, the ends more than justify the discomfort.

Hair Removal: First things first: it's time to get smooth. Waxing is your best bet since it lasts longer than shaving and leaves your skin exfoliated and fresh—after the redness subsides. Because of potential irritation, book your appointment a week before the big day.

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Don't Try: DIY home remedies might save money, but for your wedding day, go to a pro and save experimenting for later.

RELAX

Planning a wedding can raise your stress levels like nothing else, so take a day off and treat yourself to some much-needed pampering. Bring your groom, maid of honor or the whole bridal party if you want some company—and your spa allows—and feel your nerves unclench.

Massage: Whether you go solo or duo, a massage before your big day is an absolute must. It gives you precious downtime, eliminating worry and letting you focus on the now. Most spas offer a variety of styles to choose from depending on your needs—something soothing or more intense to work out the knots.

Try: Eden Day Spa and Salon has a range of options—from a standard Relaxation or



Get even closer with your groom by releasing tension together.

Deep Tissue Massage to a heated lava Warm Stone Massage and eastern-inspired Reflexology. Spice it up with aromatherapy or body brushing, and ask in advance about their Couples Massage Suite to schedule a session for two—before or after the big day!

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FINISHING TOUCHES

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Hair & Makeup: Don't wait until the last minute to plan your hair and makeup. Many salons include "trial run" sessions with their bridal package. You'll be able to try different looks to find the perfect one for you, your skin and hair type and personal style.

Try: Eden Day Spa and Salon will do your bridal hair and makeup, complete with a trial application, plus your whole wedding party's hair, too. They just recommend staying away from any drastic cut or color changes.

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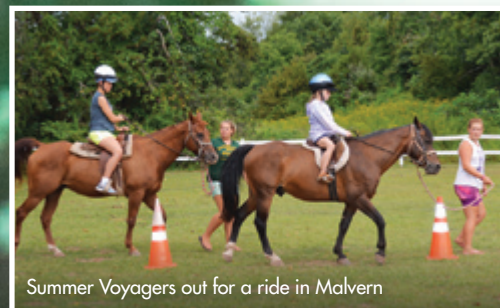
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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE WINTER SPORTS SEASON

THE SUBURBS HAVE BEEN ABUZZ WITH ANXIOUS parents, hustling kids to their practices, cheering them on in games and meets during the past winter sports season. Many local athletes had stellar performances and now have college plans confirmed. Here's our recap of some notable highlights.

BASKETBALL

Westtown School's boys had a championship season, winning the state championship after capturing 1st in the Friends League. Jair Bolden, a 6'4" senior, led the team at point guard and has been recruited by George Washington University. Westtown's girls' team finished 11-11 in 4th place and was led by Naomi Jimenez, averaging 13.4 points and 7.2 rebounds per game—3rd and 4th in the league.

Shipley School's girls won the Friends League pennant. Courtney Redcross, committed to Northeastern University, averaged 10.3 points and 8.7 rebounds, while Maya Overton averaged 5.4 points and is headed to Yale. For Shipley's boys' team, Sam Sessoms, a sophomore, averaged 20 points. Arvelle Jones, who's considering Elmira or Adelphi, recorded 12 points and 7 rebounds.

Second place in both boys' and girls' leagues belongs to **Friends' Central School**. DeAndre Hunter, a 6'7" senior bound for the University of Virginia, and Chuck Champion, 6'2", committed to Loyola University of Maryland, did most of the scoring. The girls' squad was led by Mikayla Vaughan, a 6'4" center who averaged 15 points and 8.5 rebounds. Right behind her was Iyanna McCurdy, 5'9" shooting guard, with 14.7 points.

Two senior boys at **Episcopal Academy**—Conner Delaney, a 6'0" guard committed to Villanova, and Matt Woods, 6'0" shooting guard—contributed to a 19-7 season, and made it to the final four of the PAISAA tournament. Next year, Nick Alikakos, 6'7" and twice the Inter-Ac MVP, will be coming up.

Will Powers of **Malvern Prep**, a 6'0" guard, averaged 19.4 points per game this year. With a 3.8 GPA, he's considering several colleges.

In the Independent Schools league, **Sanford School's** basketball

teams, both boys and girls, seemed unstoppable, both finishing 1st. Mikey Dixon, a 6'2" guard, averaged 26.4 points, while for the girls, Chrisyanah Alston, a 5'8" playing guard, averaged 13.3 points.

At **The Hill School** in the Mid-Atlantic Prep League, 5'10" senior point guard Bryce Allen scored almost 900 career points, was 2nd all-time in assists and 3rd all-time in steals. Notably, with 66 wins, he set the school record and never missed a game.

Villa Maria High School's 5'2" captain Laura Davis was a defensive stalwart all season. Her stats belie her importance: she made the offense go. Meanwhile, Abby Walheim, a 5'9" freshman, averaged 10.6 points and 6.5 rebounds per game, including a buzzer-beater that sent Villa to the PIAA state tournament.

Finally, at the **Kimberton Waldorf School**, not usually known for athletics, Lily Clee should be watched. She's the team's high scorer, and her coach says she's "an amazing asset."

SWIMMING

Villa Maria finished 1st in the PIAA district 1 for 14 straight year's and is in this year's state finals. Emily Cornell led the team to state championships all four of her years and will be swimming for University of South Carolina next year. Indications are that Maura McManus will take up where Cornell left off. McManus has been on the state champion teams for the 200- and 400-yard freestyle relays the last two years, and was a state finalist in the 100-yard freestyle.

At the **Haverford School**, Matt Haigh holds six school records and numerous all-county and all-American awards. He's extremely close to qualifying for the 2016 Olympic trials in multiple events. With a 3.85 GPA, he's destined for the University of Pennsylvania.

The Hill School had two outstanding swimmers. Payton Miles finished 1st in the 100-yard and 2nd in the 50-yard freestyle at the Eastern Interscholastic Swimming Championships and is headed to Lehigh University. Alberto Muestre, a junior, currently holds the school record in the 50-yard freestyle. The old record had been set by his father 33 years ago.

INDOOR TRACK

Normally, we can't find space for all the outstanding seniors and a few juniors. This year, however, Gabrielle Wilkinson, a **Friends' Central** sophomore, took 1st in the mile and 2nd in the 800-meters in the state championship at State College. Not done yet, she ran anchor—FCS finished 2nd—in the distance medley relay.

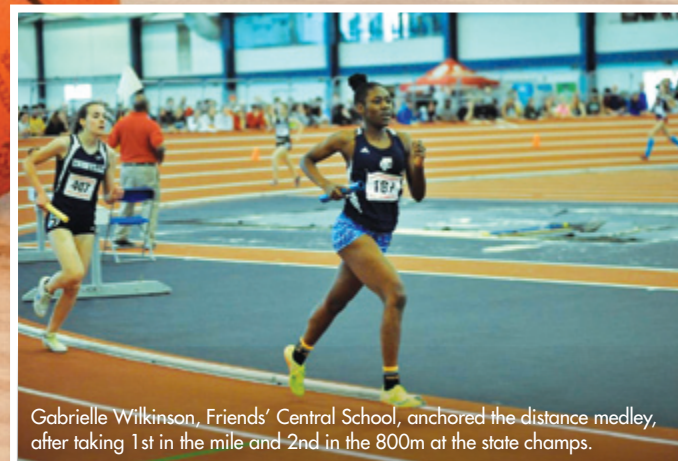
Also noteworthy at the state champs, the **Baldwin School's** 4x400 team finished 6th, as did **Bishop Shanahan High School** in the 4x800. Other great performances included **Academy of Notre Dame's** Mikayla Schneider, who finished 8th in the 800-meters.

We end with a classic sports story. **Delaware County Christian School's** Ben Chung, after an auspicious start as a sprinter, was told he'd never run again after a serious leg fracture his freshman year. But after extensive therapy, he came back spring 2015 as a junior, and as a senior was within .10 seconds of qualifying for the State Indoor meet. He planned next fall to attend Eastern Nazarene College even though they didn't have a track team. But in February, Ben learned the college was adding track to the athletics program next year. A day later the coach called and congratulated him on being the "first member" of the new team!

And that's the winter round-up. ♦



Emily Cornell, Villa Maria, helped this year's team win the PIAA district championship for the 14th straight year.



Gabrielle Wilkinson, Friends' Central School, anchored the distance medley, after taking 1st in the mile and 2nd in the 800m at the state champs.



Matt Haigh, Haverford School, holds all-county and all-American awards.



Jair Bolden led Westtown School to the state championship and Friends League title.

CONGRATULATIONS! THIS CALLS FOR A BEER.

Bryan Kolesar

CONSIDER MARKING LIFE'S MILESTONES WITH A DIFFERENT DRINK.

BEER IS OFTEN REFERRED TO AS AN AFFORDABLE luxury. And this is mostly true, given the majority of the world's agreed-upon finest beers could be found for under \$20 per bottle for years. That price point may have crept up recently to more like \$40 to \$50, putting aside any questionable retail pricing practices.

Compare this with the price of a bottle of highly touted wine. While life-list wines can set you back thousands of dollars per bottle, the world's best beer is still attainable for under \$50. Simply put: you can claim to be toasting with the finest, at a reasonable price, if you choose beer. So, boost the cachet of your celebration with great beer—without breaking the budget.

Have you ever celebrated a major accomplishment with a fine beer? I'm not talking about when you won the championship, then chugged the cheap stuff in the locker room celebration. I'm thinking along the lines of life's major milestones, marked with a few big bottles of memorable, satisfying, not-so-cheap beer.

With this month's issue focused on weddings, let's take a look at how nuptials and other momentous occasions can bring beer front and center at significant times of your life.

WITH THIS BEER, I THEE WED

Weddings are such multi-faceted occasions, you'll likely need a case or two of celebratory special beers along the way.

Use the initial announcement dinners to impress future in-laws with your ability to navigate the beer menu—an increasingly important adult skill. With a few basic questions, you'll be able to select the right beer for each future family member—whether they like sweet, sour, bitter, spicy, chocolatey or fruity. Though it didn't happen overnight, now even mid-tier restaurants offer draft and bottle lists complete with descriptions that include flavor and aroma notes, along with price and alcohol level.

For the bachelor party or golf outing, some six-packs of canned local beer should come along for the excursion. Large breweries are installing massive canning lines and even smaller craft breweries use mobile canning units to keep up with consumer demand for this attractive, portable beverage package. (There are places where glass bottles are not welcome.)

And it's not just the run-of-the-mill, year-round beers that brewers put in cans. You'll also find seasonals and higher-end beers showing up in metallic containers. Look for the sought-after



annual releases of Tröegs Nugget Nectar from Hershey and Monk's Blood from 21st Amendment Brewery in San Francisco. You may want to consult the experts at specialty retail beer stores or at online beer rating sites (BeerAdvocate and RateBeer) for more suggestions.

For the ladies, modern bachelorette parties are now being held in the brewhouse and breweries. I recently visited a new production brewery and arrived to a bevy of bridesmaids enjoying attentive service from the brewery staff and beer as fresh as what could be found just steps away. A food truck/catering business supplied the food to balance the alcohol.

On the wedding day itself, though, the occasion calls for the best you can find. Recall my original comment about some of the best bottles of beer in the world priced at under \$50 each?

A personal favorite, Mariage Parfait from Belgium's famed Boon Brewery fits the bill perfectly. Why fill the toasting glasses at the reception with cheap sparkling wine when you can raise a glass with one of the world's finest beers? And the bonus: the name translates as "perfect wedding," ideal on the big day. Choose the Geuze version of this beer with a noticeable sour fruit profile or the Kriek version bursting with an eye-popping cherry red color in the glass, befitting the day of love.

If you don't want to share your unique beer selection with all your guests, be sure the bride and groom get a full glass and each member of the wedding party a bottle to take home.

BORN-ON DATE

After weddings, children often follow, and not too far behind. When the time comes, how can beer play a part in celebrating the birth and maturing of your children? I'm glad you asked.

It might not be as obvious, but look at breweries that create special occasion beers, such as beers marking the brewery's anniversary or significant seasonal events—like Oktoberfest or Christmas. Buy two bottles at the release each year—one to drink fresh and one to add to your child's collection. Save and share those special bottles when your progeny reaches legal drinking age.

Beer lover's tip: Choose beers high in alcohol, as these tend to fare better with time, as do bottles that are corked and capped to reduce the speed of the beer's deterioration from oxidation.

COOL BEER FOR A HOUSE WARMING

Throwing a housewarming party or being invited to one provides yet another milestone for popping the cork on great beer. Whether giving or receiving, you won't disappoint when the gift basket is filled with items from an area brewery—a freshly filled growler of beer, special-release bottles, appropriate glassware and a prepaid brewery tour pass.

Here in Chester County, we're blessed with well-established breweries that have everything you need for a memorable gift basket: Iron Hill Brewery (multiple locations), McKenzie Brew House (multiple locations), Sly Fox Brewing (Phoenixville & Pottstown), and Victory Brewing (multiple locations), as well as newer arrivals making their mark—Bog Turtle Brewery (Oxford), Boxcar Brewing (West Chester), Kennett Brewing Co. (Kennett Square), Levante Brewing (West Chester) and Stable 12 Brewing (Phoenixville). By the time you read this, Tuned Up Brewing in Spring City, La Cabra Brewing in Berwyn and Chatty Monks Brewing in Phoenixville should all be much closer to their opening dates.

Imagine the surprise—and eternal gratitude—when you present a gift basket of beer and swag from a new brewery. And not yet another toaster.

WORKING OVERTIME FOR YOUR JUST BEER-WARDS

You likely don't make a practice of drinking on the job, but your career probably provides a few occasions to celebrate with beer outside the typical office happy hour.

Got a big promotion? Completed a major project? Signed a big client? To take the celebration to another level, check out a special bottle of something like Deus [sic] from Brouwerij Bosteels in Belgium. It's a beer brewed the traditional way but fermented



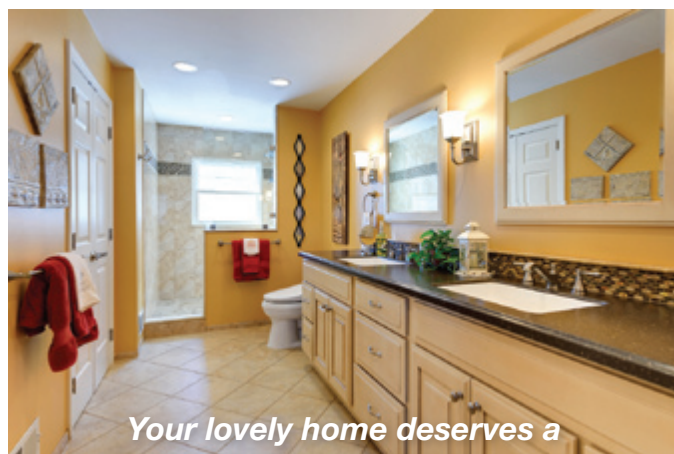
and finished (complete with yeast dégorge-ment—removal of the yeast sediment) much like a fine Champagne. Yet another reason this is perfect for a celebration.

At the end of the day, sigh a contented sigh that the day's work is done, though more is to be done tomorrow. Take a sip. Beer still is an affordable luxury to mark the high points of your life.

And sometimes it's the small things that make big memories. Cheers! ♦

Bryan J. Kolesar, local to Chester County, has been writing about beer for over ten years and maintains a blog, BrewLounge.com. The summer of 2015 brought his first published book—Beer Lover's Mid-Atlantic: Best Breweries, Brewpubs & Beer Bars—to both online and physical bookstores. It's a complete 416-page guide to breweries, brewpubs, beer bars and homebrews of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland and Delaware.





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Food News

A few of our favorite things to share this month about local food and drink



Let Your Scout Catch a Trout!

Kick off trout season with your little ones at Newlin Grist Mill's Trout Rodeo, April 9, where kids can wrangle supper from the newly stocked creek. Bring home their

catch to feed the family or donate it to rescued ospreys and eagles with Newlin's partners at Tri-State Bird Rescue. This might be your first rodeo, but it doesn't have to be your last—do it again on May 7 at Kennett Square's **Anson B. Nixon Park**. *NewlinGrist-Mill.org; AnsonBNixonPark.org.*

See Through Your Menu.

Menu transparency is sweeping the country as one of this year's most important food trends, and 70 percent of diners think local food is worth the additional cost. By the end of 2016, the Food and Drug Administration will require franchises with at least 20 restaurants to give nutritional information for menu items and list where main ingredients come from. What does this mean for you? Chains like Panera Bread and Papa John's have already vowed to remove artificial ingredients from food. See how an honest menu is a healthy menu.

Bring on the Bacon!

Join the delicious festivities as Chaddsford Winery celebrates its second **Baconfest**, April 30–May 1. This tasty event offers food trucks and vendors—the Plum Pit and Pizzaria Pronto—live music and the surprisingly palatable pairing of pork and wine. Taste for yourself how everything's better with bacon. *632 Baltimore Pike, Chadds Ford. Sat., 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sun., 11 to 6. \$10–\$15. Chaddsford.com/Events.*



Boozy, Bowz'd, Fuzl'd, Flushed.

Sounds like an odd poem. But these are just a few of Ben Franklin's 228 adjectives for “drunk” and a taste of what you'll learn at this month's **Tavern Talk: Beer for Breakfast! Drinking Habits of the Colonists**. With dem-

onstrations, activities and samples of Colonial staples—like rum punch and switchel—the event is a neat chance to learn and maybe get a tad “bungeo.” *Chadds Ford Historical Society's Barns-Briton House, 7 p.m. April 21, \$10–\$15. ChaddsfordHistory.org/Events.*

Tier It Up!

Not everyone wants cake on their wedding day, so dessert alternatives are a trend that's toppling tradition. Tiered crepes—stacked together with sticky cream filling—are one scrumptious substitution. Small dessert shots on tiered trays are also a sweet option. And spreading to our shores is a popular French wedding dessert, croquembouche, stacked pastries bound in caramel threads. More on Pinterest.com.



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Gone Fishin'

Laura Muzzi Brennan

IT'S HEALTHY, IT'S EASY, IT'S FAST ...
ADD FISH TO YOUR WEEKLY MENU.

People who commit to adopting a healthier lifestyle (myself included) often exhibit strange behaviors. We strap on a Fitbit and log 10K steps with a fervor bordering on the religious—even if it means jogging in place while brushing our teeth. We corner strangers in the grocery store to brag about how long it's been since our last sip of soda.

But when it comes to eating more fish at home, our resolve flounders, our bravado nosedives, and our excuses—"my family won't eat fish," "I always overcook it"—could stock an ocean.

Cue Ryan Seaver, an avid fisherman with a degree in ecology and manager of **Hill's Quality Seafood Markets** in Glen Mills. Hill's also has locations in Media, Newtown Square and Exton. Ninety-percent of Hill's fish is fresh, never frozen, and the market's inventory comes from suppliers with good environmental and sustainability records.

Seaver's first piece of advice: when choosing a fish store, find one that doesn't smell like fish. Select whole fish with clear eyes and red gills and fillets with shiny flesh. If you have questions about environmental or health impacts of say, mercury levels, farm raised

vs. wild caught or over-fishing, ask your fishmonger. Or check out Monterey Bay Aquarium's Seafood Watch website, which rates fish green (best choice), yellow (good alternative) or red (avoid).

All year round, salmon and flounder top Hill's list of big sellers while

snapper, grouper and mahi mahi are gaining in popularity. Seaver is also noticing an increased demand for fish at the height of their season: striped bass in fall and spring; wild salmon from late spring to early fall; tuna, swordfish and wahoo in summer.

In the "Fish Everyone Should Try" category, Seaver recommends steelhead trout, which resembles salmon in flavor, and Nile perch, a relatively inexpensive African fish similar to tilapia. Lately, he's become a fan of cod loins, a thick cut from the fish's head section. Brushed with olive oil and dusted with blackening spices, it makes a quick, healthy meal. For other creative seasoning options, Hill's carries House brand all-natural marinades including bourbon teriyaki and citrus herb.

With regard to cooking fish, Seaver uses one adjective—easy. It's also fast. "You can bake basically any kind of fish at 375° for 14 to 18 minutes depending on thickness," says Seaver. On the grill, set heat to medium-high and cook for 10 to 15 minutes, again depending on thickness. While grill baskets and racks might be useful, the real key is to touch the fillet or steak as little as possible. Flip it only once—a fish spatula comes in handy here—and call it a day. For other fish tips, see the sidebar.

Adding fish to your repertoire takes less time than walking for miles, less will-power than eschewing sugar and only a tad more effort than ordering takeout—and that's no fish tale.



Hill's fresh Sockeye Salmon and homemade Crab Imperial



Ryan Seaver, Hill's Seafood

Blackened Fish Tacos

Recipe courtesy of Ryan Seaver, Hill's Quality Seafood Markets.



2 lbs. mahi mahi or red snapper fillets (½–1" thick)
5 Tb. melted butter
4 Tb. Paul Prudhomme's Blackened Redfish Magic seasoning
2 Tb. butter
16, 8" flour or corn tortillas
5 C. shredded lettuce
7-oz. jar Kelchner's Spicy Sriracha sauce

Brush fish fillets with 5 Tb. melted butter and sprinkle seasoning on both sides.

Heat 2 Tb. butter in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add fish and cook for 4–5 minutes per side, until fish is white all the way through and has a blackened crust on outside. Remove from pan and flake apart with fork.

Warm the tortillas in oven or microwave. Add some fish and then top with shredded lettuce and Sriracha sauce to desired taste. Makes 8 servings.

Grilled Tuna with Pineapple Teriyaki Sauce and Fresh Grilled Pineapple

Recipe courtesy of Ryan Seaver, Hill's Quality Seafood Markets.



3–4 lbs. tuna steaks (8 oz. each, 1" thick)
1 C. House brand Seafood Pineapple Teriyaki Marinade & Sauce

READY, SET, GO FISH!

These 5 simple guidelines and tips turn fish cookery into child's play.

- Pair the type of fish with the cooking method. Almost every fish can be baked. Lean fish (with fat content under 5%) such as flounder, haddock and halibut hold up well in stews, soups and chowders. Fat fish (fat content above 5%) like salmon and tuna do great on the grill.

- Retain moisture in grilled fish by coating fillets or steaks with a layer of fat. Canola and olive oil work well. And for something new, try brushing the fish with mayonnaise, a favorite technique of cooks at The Kitchn website.

- Reduce fish smells in your kitchen by poaching, baking in foil packets or parch-

ment paper (en papillote) or slow-baking (cooking at a low temperature such as 275° for a longer period of time). Using acidic marinades also minimizes fishy aromas.

- Prevent overcooking by removing fish from the heat source right when its flesh goes from translucent to opaque or white. Other ways to know when fish is ready: the thickest part registers a temperature of 145° and flakes easily.

- Choose fresh fish whenever possible but if buying frozen, avoid packages at the top of the freezer case or ones with lots of ice crystals, indicating they've thawed and refrozen. Lean fish lasts in the freezer for roughly 6 months. Fat fish does not freeze as well. Use it within 3 months.

Nonstick cooking spray

1 pineapple
2 tsp. cinnamon
½ C. brown sugar
½ C. butter



Place tuna steaks and marinade in large Ziplock bag and marinate for 2 hours or longer in the refrigerator. Discard marinade.

Meanwhile, peel the pineapple and cut into rings. (Do not core it because the rings hold up better on the grill with the core inside them.)

Set grill to medium-high. Spray grates with nonstick cooking spray. Grill tuna 3–6 minutes per side, depending on desired doneness.

For the pineapple: in a microwave, melt butter and stir in brown sugar and cinnamon. If mixture is too thick, put it back in microwave and heat for a few seconds. Drizzle melted butter and sugar over pineapple and grill for 8–10 minutes until rings start to brown. Remove from grill and drizzle any remaining butter/sugar sauce on top before serving alongside tuna. Makes 8 servings.

Pescado Rodrigo Tacos

I first heard about this dish on public radio's "The Splendid Table," and I've made it many times, changing the type of fish and tweaking the sauce. Here's my latest version.

½ C. thinly sliced scallions, white and light green parts only
½ C. chopped cilantro leaves
1–2 Tb. minced fresh ginger
1 Tb. soy sauce
¼ C. freshly squeezed lime juice
¼ C. olive oil
6 red snapper filets (4–6 oz. each, ½–¾" thick)
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
½ C. all-purpose flour
Canola oil for frying
12–24 small (6") corn tortillas, warmed
Sour cream and guacamole, optional

In a mixing bowl, combine the scallions, cilantro, ginger, soy sauce, lime juice, olive oil and salt to taste. Set aside for at least 15 minutes.

Pat the fish with paper towels to remove any excess moisture. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Dredge in flour.

In a large skillet, pour in the vegetable oil to a depth of ¼ inch and heat over medium-high heat until oil shimmers but does not smoke, about 2 minutes. Cook the fish in batches to avoid overcrowding the pan. Cook for 3–4 minutes per side, flipping only once, until both sides are browned and the thickest part flakes easily with a fork.

Remove to a plate and flake fish. Place fish inside tortillas (I often use two tortillas per taco so the sauce does not soak through. Spoon sauce, guacamole and sour cream over top.

Makes 6 servings.

Salmon with Spinach En Papillote

This recipe is a cross between recipes from some of my favorite cookbook authors: Kathy Brennan and Caroline Campion (Keepers) and Ina Garten (Back to Basics and others). "En papillote" means "in parchment" in French and refers to the technique of putting food in a sealed pouch and baking it. You can also use sheets of aluminum foil. Just leave an air pocket so the ingredients can steam.



- 8 oz. crème fraiche
- 2 Tb. Dijon mustard
- 2 Tb. country Dijon mustard (made with coarsely ground mustard seeds)
- 2 Tb. minced shallots
- 2 Tb. lemon juice
- ½–1 tsp. kosher salt and more for sprinkling
- Freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 4, 6-oz. skinless salmon filets, ¾–1" thick
- 4 C. baby spinach leaves
- 4 pieces parchment paper, approximately 12 x 22"
- 4 paper clips

Preheat oven to 425°. Mix crème fraiche, mustards, shallots, lemon juice, salt and pepper in a small bowl. Sprinkle salmon with salt and pepper. Dry spinach leaves very well, as you don't want any extra moisture in the packet or it might become soggy.

Starting on a short side, fold parchment paper in half and then open again. It should look like an open book. Place 1 C. spinach leaves about 1" from the crease

on the right side of the "page." Top with a salmon filet and spread with crème fraiche mixture. (Use as much or as little as you like.) Fold parchment over top to close the book.

Beginning with the top left hand corner, make ½–1" overlapping folds, and crease each time so that the packet lies flat. It will look like a half moon when you are finished. At the bottom, twist the paper under and seal with a paper clip. Repeat with remaining packets.

Place on a baking sheet and bake for 15–18 minutes, depending on how thick the fillets are and whether you like your salmon on the rare or well-done side. The parchment paper will turn golden brown.

To serve: place each packet on a plate and cut the top with a sharp knife. Be careful as the steam escapes.

Makes 4 servings.

Halibut and Green Beans in Thai Coconut Curry Broth

Serve over rice or in bowls like a stew. Thai basil is not always easy to find, but if you can get it, definitely do! It adds another layer of flavor to the dish.

- 1 Tb. canola oil
- 2 shallots, diced (about ⅓ C.)
- 1 Tb. minced ginger
- 2 Tb. Thai green curry paste
- 1½ C. vegetable broth
- 1, 14-oz. can lite coconut milk
- 1 tsp. brown sugar or more to taste
- ½ lb. thin green beans (haricots vert)
- 1 lb. halibut (4 fillets), about ¾" thick, skin removed
- ¼–½ C. cilantro, plus more for serving
- Juice of ½ lime plus lime wedges for serving
- Rice, optional
- Thai basil, cut into thin ribbons, optional



Heat canola oil in a deep skillet over medium heat. Cook the shallots for 2 minutes until they soften. Add the ginger and cook for another minute. Add the curry paste, vegetable broth, coconut milk and brown sugar. Bring to a simmer and add green beans. Cook for 8–10 minutes, until sauce has reduced by about half and green beans are crisp tender. Taste and add salt if desired.

Season the halibut with salt. You can either cut the halibut into 1" pieces or leave as 4 fillets. Place the halibut into the simmering broth. Cover and poach for 5 minutes until just barely cooked. (Halibut dries out fast.)

Stir cilantro and lime into broth and ladle over rice, if using. Garnish with additional cilantro and Thai basil. Serve with lime wedges.

Makes 4 servings.

Fish Chowder

Clam chowders are more widely known, but fish chowders are just as easy—maybe easier—to make. I adapted this version from Sarah Leah Chase's New England Open House Cookbook. While not as thick and creamy as many New England chowders, this mild-flavored soup will fill you up. It's even better the next day after the flavors have had time to meld.



- 4 oz. bacon, cut into small dice
- 2 small onions, minced
- 3 medium potatoes (approx. 1 lb. total), peeled and cut into ½" dice
- 2 C. water
- 1 C. clam juice
- ½ C. dry white wine
- 2 lbs. haddock or other white fish fillets, skin removed
- 1 can, 12-oz., evaporated milk
- 2 C. whole milk
- 1–2 C. frozen corn, thawed and drained

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Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper
 ½ C. chopped fresh Italian parsley
 or snipped chives
 Sweet or hot paprika, to taste
 Oyster crackers

Cook bacon in a Dutch oven until it renders its fat and gets crispy. Remove with a slotted spoon and set aside. Add onions to bacon fat and cook on medium heat until they soften, about 3–5 minutes. Add potatoes, water, clam juice and wine. Bring to a boil. Then reduce to a simmer and cook, uncovered, until potatoes are almost tender, about 15 minutes.

Place the fish fillets on top of the potatoes. Increase heat to medium. Cover and poach the fish until just cooked through, 8–10 minutes. Add evaporated and whole milk and corn. Flake the fish with a fork.

Season with salt and pepper and cook on low for 10 minutes. Taste and adjust seasonings.

Ladle soup into bowls. Top with bacon, parsley and paprika. Serve with oyster crackers.

Makes 8–10 servings.

Easy Baked Salmon

I often make a triple or quadruple batch of the spice rub, which I adapted slightly from a Penzey's recipe, and keep the extra in my pantry so I can just throw the dish together when I need a quick meal.

4, 6-oz. salmon fillets, ¾–1" thick,
 (skin on bottom is fine)
 2 Tb. brown sugar
 1 Tb. chili powder
 ½ tsp. ground cumin
 ½ tsp. sweet paprika
 ½ tsp. salt
 A few grinds of black pepper
 ¼ tsp. mustard powder
 ¼ tsp. cinnamon
 Juice from ½ lemon or more to taste

Preheat the oven to 375°. Pat the salmon fillets dry with a paper towel.

In a small bowl, combine all ingredients except salmon and lemon juice. Rub mixture into salmon fillets and let sit at room temperature for 10 minutes.

Place in a baking dish and cook for 10–15 minutes until desired degree of doneness.

Squeeze lemon over the top and serve.

Makes 4 servings. ♦

Laura traces her love of all things culinary to the first time she leafed through her mother's Betty Crocker's Cooky Book—which still occupies a place of honor among her 600+ cookbooks. A passionate supporter of local food, she co-founded a farmers market, judges area food contests, and anticipates restaurant openings with the excitement most people reserve for winning a Mega Millions jackpot.



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talking with

Stephen Spaeder, Ellis Preserve in Newtown Square

If you've driven by the intersection of Routes 3 and 252 in Newtown Square, you've seen signs of activity foreshadowing big changes to come. We were intrigued. So, to supplement this month's article on that area, we talked with Stephen Spaeder, Senior VP of Equus Capital Partners (formerly BPG Properties, developer with projects in Conshohocken and King of Prussia). Equus is developing the property into a live-work-play community.



First, can you tell us about the name, Ellis Preserve?

Sure. This site is the former campus of the Ellis College for Girls, founded by Charles E. Ellis, a Philadelphian who made his fortune from horse-drawn streetcars. From 1922 to 1977, it was a school for fatherless girls. Failing finances forced the school to close. The land was bought by Arco Chemical for its headquarters and then later sold to SAP. In 2004 SAP sold 218 acres to Equus. The land includes historic buildings—such as the Square Tavern and those of the Ellis School—plus trees and green space, which we've preserved.



Why did you decide to make a mixed-use development?

The intersection of Routes 3 and 252 is literally in the middle of Newtown Square and probably the

best corner in all of Delaware County. Couple that with the unique history, architectural details and campus layout, and it's an ideal place for a live-work-play community. Fortunately the community shared our vision, and following years of planning, we're now moving forward on the mixed-use community center.

Where are things in the process now?

We began by restoring the historic school buildings, and we've also worked on adaptive reuse of other buildings and redeveloped more than a million square feet of corporate space. With 35 new companies, the space is 99 percent occupied and has more than 5,000 employees. In 2016, look for the opening of the new Chesterbrook Academy, the Ballroom at Ellis by Finely Catering, Zoe's Kitchen, Mod Pizza, Corner Bakery and GP American Grill. Next year you'll see a Whole Foods and a 138-room Hilton Garden Hotel open.

What are the other phases of the development?

Later this year, construction of the residential portions begins, including 76 luxury townhomes by Toll Brothers and a mix of 322 luxury apartments and townhomes developed by an Equus affiliate, Madison Apartments. Future plans include a second phase of retail and more office space for a corporate headquarters.

The live-work-play model depends on amenities.

What have you planned?

Ellis Preserve has a remarkable amenity package, including daycare with Chesterbrook Academy, banking with Sun Federal Credit Union, food service with Founder's Hall by Luigi and Giovanni, and health care with Main Line Health. A focal point for the development is the Ellis Athletic Center, a full service fitness club built in the Ellis School gym and auditorium. With 2,000 members, including 400 Silver Sneakers members, this athletic center is a hub for the community. The campus itself offers plenty of outdoor recreational opportunities with a 15-acre community green and miles of walking trails dotted with exercise stations used for cross training throughout the campus. We think Ellis Preserve has the energy of a Google campus.



Are there events held on site?

Yes, and after nearly 80 years of restricted access—the guard gates are gone—the campus is now open to the public to enjoy. As for specific

events, the past five years we've hosted the Muckfest in June to raise money for MS, though because of construction it's moved to Glen Mills School this year. June 4 is the 21st annual Historic Newtown Square Day with festivities centered around the Square Tavern—aka the John West House. And in September we'll host Community Day for Newtown Square, featuring a 5k race and beer fest. There's really always something in the works.

Finally, this project sounds personal to you. Why?

It's been the most fun, creative and rewarding challenge of my career—between the preservation and adaptive re-use of buildings and creating a new mixed-use community. But maybe the biggest reason is that I grew up in Delaware County and still live here. ♦



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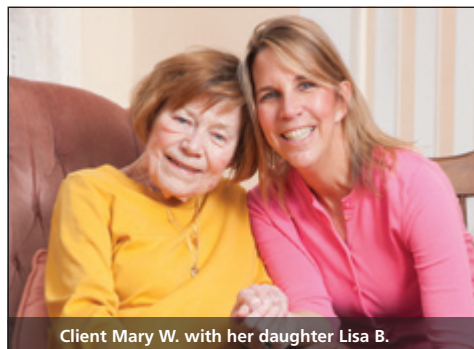
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