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from the
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Summer is *finally* coming. And whether you're planning to spend time outside eating, drinking, reading, day-tripping or just relaxing, let us be your guide to June fun. In fact, we've included a "Summer Dining Guide" perfect for the season.

This month we suggest you find out about a small city where arts lovers, outdoorsy types and history buffs are busy from dawn 'til past dusk, in Laura Brennan's "Summer in Wilmington." Then preview new developments that blend progress with history in Malcolm Johnstone's "Eye on the Future of West Chester." We add news on shopping, dining and events in this special West Chester Supplement, sponsored by Benchmark Federal Credit Union.


Closer to home, consider making your yard that outdoor oasis you yearn for, as local landscape designers advise on creating an inviting extension of your home. "Make Room for Outside" writes Mary Irene Dolan. For ideas, see photos in "Outdoor Design."

It's the season for avid grillers to display their craft. And our Brandywine Table column provides tips from the pros at Honey Brook's Wyebrook Farm, along with a look at the butchering classes offered there. By the pool or on the patio, sip an icy, colorful libation. "Dreaming of Summer Drinks" includes recipes for chilling at the end of a long day. Add a book to this scene—preferably an award-winner, so you know it's good. Andrea Thatcher's got suggestions in "Not Your Average Beach Read."

A few more things to entertain you: our Home of the Month tours a dream home in Malvern, Jack Smith meets SUV drivers who stay *on* the beaten track, and Ed Malet describes competitions off the sports fields but in tech, science and art.

As always, we bring you plenty of ideas for Family Fun and the Best Local Events.

Thank you for reading.


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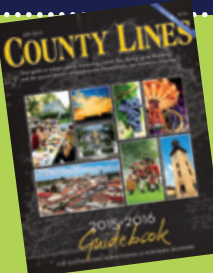
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Organ Donation Saves Lives

Dr. Renee M. Giometti

IN 30 SECONDS YOU COULD SAVE 8 LIVES.

REGISTERING AS AN ORGAN AND TISSUE DONOR IS a heroic and selfless decision. It changes and saves lives, affecting not only the individual who needs a transplant, but their families and the entire community. There's no better gift than giving the gift of life. It takes a generous spirit to make the decision to be a donor.

THE NUMBERS

Organ and tissue donors can save and benefit the lives of up to 50 people. One organ donor can give a second chance at life to up to 8 people. One person can donate kidneys, pancreas, liver, lungs, heart and intestines.

Through tissue donation, a donor can enhance the lives of countless others. Tissue donation includes bone donations to

repair fractures and prevent amputations, skin donations to heal burn patients, and heart valve donations to repair life-threatening defects. Donors can also donate their corneas, providing the gift of sight to two recipients—about 40,000 corneal transplants happened last year.

Today in the U.S., more than 121,000 men, women and children are waiting for a life-saving organ transplant. In our region alone, more than 5,700 individuals are waiting.

Nationally, an average of 21 people die every day while waiting for a transplant. The organ transplant waitlist is long—about 6 people are added every hour. Even if patients are at the top of the waitlist and extremely ill, there's no guarantee they'll receive a transplant. It's a tragic and heartbreaking situation when people die while waiting.

YOUR OPPORTUNITY

You should always consider yourself a potential organ and tissue donor. You can find out more through Chester County Hospital, which works with Gift of Life Donor Program—the organ procurement organization that serves eastern PA, southern NJ and DE—to coordinate organ donation.

Donation occurs only after an individual has been declared dead. Typically, organ donors are patients who've been declared dead after having suffered complete and irreversible loss of all brain function. Mechanical ventilation and medications are used to continue blood flow to the organs, so the organs can be transplanted. In the U.S., only about 1% of all deaths occur in a way that allows organ donation to be possible.

Although most organ donations take place after a donor has died, some organs can be donated by living donors. With the transplant waiting list growing, living organ donation is another way to save lives. Living donors may be able to donate a kidney, a part of their liver, or a lobe of a lung.

MYTHS DISPELLED

Misinformation may discourage people from registering as a donor, so it's important to know the facts. A common myth is that if you're a designated organ donor, doctors and healthcare providers may not do everything possible to save your life. Doctors take an oath to save lives, and we do everything that we can to support our patients. We follow "do no harm and save life," and at no point do we think about organ donation until after a patient has been declared dead.

Another myth is that donors may be unable to have an open casket viewing. The decision to donate will not interfere with burial arrangements. And, costs related to organ and tissue donation are paid by Gift of Life, so the donor's family incurs no expense.

ACT TODAY

Organ and tissue donation is a life-affirming action. Families frequently share the comfort that they feel, knowing their

loved one lives on through donation and their legacy is one of caring. This belief is one that's consistent with the philosophy shared by many faiths—that organ donation is the ultimate act of charity.

There's no need to wait to renew your driver's license or state ID card to register as a donor. Register today at Donor1.org. It only takes 30 seconds to save many lives! ♦

Dr. Renee M. Giometti, a graduate of the Univ. of Tennessee College of Medicine, is board certified

in critical care medicine, internal medicine and pulmonary disease. Since 1974, Gift of Life Donor Program has coordinated more than 40,000 organ transplants and 600,000 tissue transplants in its service area of 11 million people. It coordinated over 44 organ donors per-million-population in 2015, ranking it among the highest in the world.



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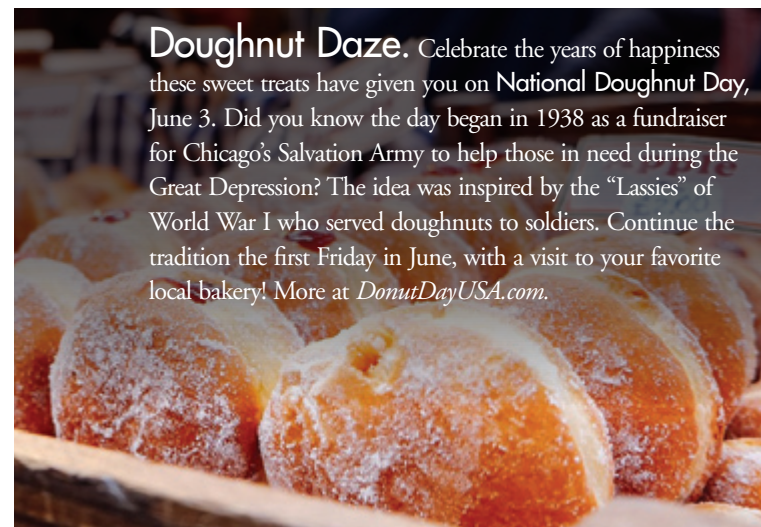
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Good to Know

Just a few things we'd thought you'd like to know this month

Doughnut Daze. Celebrate the years of happiness these sweet treats have given you on **National Doughnut Day**, June 3. Did you know the day began in 1938 as a fundraiser for Chicago's Salvation Army to help those in need during the Great Depression? The idea was inspired by the "Lassies" of World War I who served doughnuts to soldiers. Continue the tradition the first Friday in June, with a visit to your favorite local bakery! More at DonutDayUSA.com.



Canine Colleagues. Ever wish you could be sitting at work accompanied by your best friend? This month on June 24—**National Take Your Dog To Work Day**—you can! First make sure your boss and co-workers are on board, and don't forget to pack a doggie bag of food, toys, treats and other essentials. Later, treat your dog to dinner at **Appetites on Main**, home of the best doggie dining. PetSit.com/TakeYourDog and AppetitesOnMain.com.



Honoring the Borough. West Chester Downtown Foundation's **2016 Preservation Awards Program** is now well underway. Take part by nominating a project, program or individual you think deserves recognition—and in a town like West Chester, there are *many* worthy choices! Nominations are due June 10, and save the date, October 20, for the awards ceremony. Guidelines and nomination forms at DowntownWestChester.com.

School's Out for Summer.

Have plans to celebrate the start of summer? Boogie on down to Buzz & Jrray's 25th annual **Summer Solstice Music Festival**, June 11. This family-friendly music festival runs from 3 to 10 p.m. and calls ChesLen Preserve its home this year. The lineup includes local bands, raffles, plenty of Frisbee and other games. Pack a cooler with food and drinks to keep the party going all night. Benefits the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. \$15, adults; \$10, students. Tickets at WayKool.com/Solstice.



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June 18

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Stroud Center—Blues, Brews & BBQ

June 11

Join Stroud Water Research Center for a fun evening of great BBQ, local brews and live music by The Rolling Thunder Blues Revue. Benefits the Center's groundbreaking fresh water research and watershed education programs. *Scarlett Thicket Farm, 284 W. Street Rd., Kennett Square. 6:30 to 11 p.m. \$125. 610-268-2153 StroudCenter.org/Events.*

best Local Events

FAMILY FUN

THROUGH JUNE 12
Chinese Lantern Festival. Franklin Square is glowing with 25 illuminated lanterns, handcrafted giant flowers, a 3-story pagoda and a 200-foot-long Chinese dragon, all constructed by lantern artisans from China. 200 N. 6th St., Phila. \$12-\$17. Sun-Thurs, 6 to 10; Fri-Sat, 6 to 11 pm. HistoricPhiladelphia.org/ChineseLanternFestival.



THROUGH SEPTEMBER
Morris Arboretum's Summer Garden Railway. Track features loops and tunnels with 15 different rail lines and two cable cars, nine bridges and model trains. 100 E. North-western Ave., Phila. Mon-Fri, 10 to 4; Sat, Sun, 10 to 5; Wed until 8, June-Sept. \$8-\$16. 215-247-5777; MorrisArboretum.org.

JUNE 2-5
Brandywine Health Foundation Strawberry Festival. Rides, entertainment, children's activities, craft fair and fireworks on Friday night. Benefits the Coatesville Youth Initiative. Brandywine Hospital, at Rt. 30 Bypass, Coatesville. Thurs, 5 to 10; Fri, 5 to 11; Sat, noon to 11; Sun, noon to 6. 610-380-9080; BrandywineStrawberryFestival.com.

JUNE 3-AUGUST 21
Media Theatre-Jungle Book. Heart-warming musical adventure based on Rudyard Kipling's story. Media Theatre Co., 104 E. State St., Media. Sat, 11 am; Sun, noon. \$12-\$15. 610-891-0100; MediaTheatre.org.

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 4-5
Malvern's Family Fun Days. June 4, the Run for Freedom, a 5K, 1 mi. run/walk, 9 am; Kids Run, 9:45, benefitting a local Marine. Followed by family games and activities. At 5 pm, spaghetti dinner, \$10-\$12, then a concert with the Chester County Concert Band. June 5, Memorial Day Parade, 1:30 pm, King Street from the Malvern Fire Station to Memorial Park. MalvernMemorialParade.com or GrowingRootsPartners.com for details.

JUNE 10-11
Good Sam Fair Days. Music, shopping, entertainment, games and family fun. 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; GoodSamaritan.org.

JUNE 15-JULY 13
Eagleview Movie Nights. Bring your blankets, chairs and a picnic dinner. June 15, Cinderella (2015 version); June 29, Remember the Titans; July 13, Minions. Movies continue through Sept. 8. Wellington Square, Eagleview. 7 pm. Free; canned food donations for Chester Co. Food Bank encouraged. 610-458-1900; InEagleview.com.

JUNE 17, JULY 15, AUGUST 19
Westtown Township Movie Nights at Oakbourne Park. Kick back and relax in the park to watch a movie. June 17, Star Wars. More details to follow. 1014 S. Concord Rd., Westtown. 8 pm. Free. WesttownPA.org.

JUNE 18
An Enchanted Summer Day at Winterthur. Storytellers, musicians, face painting, games, crafts and more provide the perfect kick off to summer. Included with admission. 5105 Kennett Pk. (Rt. 52), Winterthur. 11 to 3. \$5-\$20. 800-448-3883; Winterthur.org.



JUNE 24-26
10th Annual Chester County Balloon Festival. Spectacular hot air balloons and activities including balloon ascensions, helicopter and monster truck rides, music and evening balloon glows. Fireworks on Sat. New Garden Flying Field, 1235 Newark Rd., Toughkenamon. Fri, open at 4, Sat, at 12:30, Sun, noon. \$10. 855-451-9002; CCBalloonFest.com.



JUNE 25
Radnor's Great American Backyard Campout. Take a night hike through The Willows, bring your supplies and learn how to pitch a tent and set up your campsite. Willows Park, 490 Darby-Paoli Rd., Villanova. Activities begin at 1. Free, pre-registration req. 610-688-5600; RadnorRecreation.com.

JUNE 26
Arts in Nature Festival featuring Spiral Q at Tyler Arboretum. March, skip and dance with the puppets from Spiral Q as they lead a parade through the arboretum. 515 Painter Rd., Media. 10 to 4. \$7-\$11. 610-566-9134; TylerArboretum.org.

JULY 2
Nottingham Park 2016 Freedom Fest. Concert, children's entertainment, food vendors and fireworks. Nottingham County Park, 150 Park Rd., Nottingham. 6 to 11 pm. Rain date, July 5. \$10 parking fee. 610-344-6415; ChesCo.org/CCCParks.

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. Facebook.

JULY 4
Good Neighbor Day in Downingtown. The day begins with the Run for Life and 5K Freedom Walk at 8 am. Then food, vendors and other activities. Fireworks Grand Finale at dusk. Benefits area emergency providers. 610-285-1119; GoodNeighborDay.com.

ANTIQUES.....

JUNE 17-18
Antiques in the Valley. Dealers showcase 18th-, 19th- and early 20th-century furniture, folk art, textiles, china, glass and decorative arts. Benefits scholarships to worthy students at Oley Valley High. Oley Valley Middle School, 3247 Friedensburg Rd., Oley. Fri, 11 to 6; Sat, 10 to 4. \$10. 707-310-4488; OleyValley-AntiquesShow.com.

ART & CRAFT SHOWS.....

THROUGH JUNE 5
Main Line Art Center's Spring Gala Exhibition. Make it your own—an inspiration from musician and art collector, David Bowie. The exhibition features professional works of art to fall in love with in a variety of styles and price points. 746 Panmure Rd., Haverford. Mon-Thurs, 9 to 9; Fri-Sat, 9 to 5. Free. 610-525-0272; MainLineArt.org.

THROUGH JUNE 25
Wayne Art Center's 10th Annual Plein Air Art Festival. Thirty artists capture the character and beauty of the scenic landscapes within 20 miles of Wayne. 413 Maplewood Ave., Wayne. Gallery hours, Mon-Fri, 9 to 5; Sat, 9 to 4. 610-688-3553; WaynePleinAir.org.

THROUGH NOVEMBER
Inside Out—2016. The Phila. Museum of Art sends high-quality reproductions of the works of the world's most renowned artists to area sites for viewing. Through July, Coatesville exhibit at Chester Valley Bank, E. Lincoln Hwy. & First Ave. Aug-Nov., Phoenixville's exhibit, location TBD. PhilaMuseum.org/Exhibitions/841.html.

JUNE 1-5
Plein Air Art Show & Sale at Historic Sugartown. In partnership with the Phila. Watercolor Society. June 1-4, meet the artists and watch the painting process; June 3, reception from 6 to 9; gallery open June 4, 11 to 4; June 5, 1 to 4. 1805 William Garrett House, 260 Spring Rd., Malvern. 610-640-2667; Historic-Sugartown.org.

JUNE 4
54th Annual Strawberry Festival & Craft Fair. Parkhouse Nursing & Rehab Auxiliary sponsors this event featuring lunch, strawberry shortcake, moon bounce, crafts and games. 1600 Black Rock Rd., Royersford. 10 to 3. 610-792-2233.

JUNE 12
Crafted—Eagleview Juried Craft Festival. Browse the crafts and make a day of it. In addition to 35 juried crafters, the show fea-

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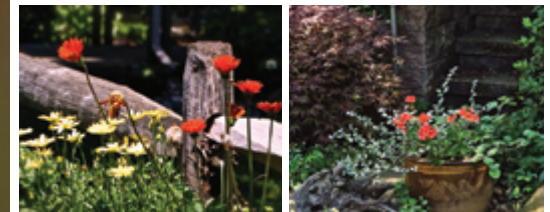
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CAR SHOW.....

JUNE 4

Downtown Phoenixville Antique & Classic Car Show. Join the fun and help support a local non-profit—fun for the whole family. See everything from heavy-duty hot rods to restored jalopes. Benefits Alianzas de Phoenixville Latino Outreach. 200 Block of Bridge St., Phoenixville. 9 to 5. Rain date, June 5. Free. 610-933-9200; AlianzasDePhoenixville.org.

EQUESTRIAN.....

FRIDAYS & SUNDAYS, JUNE–SEPTEMBER

Brandywine Polo. Spectators picnic and tailgate at the grounds. Toughkenamon Exit, Rt. 1 S. Fri, gates open at 5; polo, 5:30; music, 7:30. \$10–\$15; Sun, gates open at 1:30; match at 3, \$10. Cancelled for rain or extreme heat. 610-268-8692; BrandywinePolo.com.

JUNE 28–JULY 3, JULY 5–10, 11–12

Brandywine Valley Summer Series. *June 23–July 10*, a premier hunter/jumper/equitation horse show bene-fitting Chester County Food Bank and the Making a Dream Grant within the USHJA Foundation. *July 11–12*, The East Coast US Junior Hunter Championships and the Hunterdon Cup. Devon Horse Show Grounds, 23 Dorset Rd., Devon. Free. 484-401-6278; BrandywineValleySummerSeries.com.

FESTIVALS.....

JUNE 10–11

Separation Day in Historic New Castle. This day, the Colonial Assembly proclaimed the Counties of New Castle, Kent and Sussex independent from Great Britain. Entertainment for all ages. 201 Delaware St., New Castle. Fri, 5 to 10; Sat, 11 to 10. NewCastleCity.Delaware.gov.

JUNE 24–26

Celtic Fling and Highland Games. Musicians, dancers, craftsmen and athletes gather at Mount Hope Estate & Winery, 2775 Lebanon Rd., Manheim. Friday night concert, 4 pm, \$29.95. Sat–Sun, 11 am to 10 pm. \$10.95–\$26.95. 717-665-7021; PARenFaire.com.

JULY 2–10

Kutztown Folk Festival. Celebrating the PA Dutch culture. Kutztown Fairgrounds, 225 N. White Oak St., Kutztown. Sat–Sun, 10 to 8; Mon–Fri, 10 to 6. \$5–\$14; under 12, free. 888-674-6136; KutztownFestival.com.

FILM.....

JUNE 6–10

Pottstown (In Focus) Short Film Festival. Each 30-minute or shorter film must have as its character, theme, setting or inspiration the revitalization of the Borough of Pottstown—a town with renewed focus. For more information, 610-970-6515; PottstownInFocus.com.

FOOD & BEVERAGE.....

THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30

Stroll, Shop, Dine—Dining Under the Stars in Media. Wednesday is the night to dine out in Media. Restaurants offer outdoor dining along State Street, from Jackson to Orange Sts. You'll find entertainment and children's activities on each block. 5 to 11. 610-566-5039; VisitMediaPA.com.

JUNE 3–12

Philly Beer Week. More than 500 events at over 100 venues throughout the city and suburbs, highlighting the region's diverse beer scene, its world-class breweries, neighborhood taverns, restaurants and rich beer culture. For venue information, PhillyBeeWeek.org.

JUNE 5

Chester County Mac & Cheese Cook-Off. Local restaurants, businesses and hometown cooks compete against each other for the title "Best Mac-n-Cheese in Chester County." Event organizer: The Rotary Club of Thorndale-Downingtown. 1 Park Ln., Downingtown. Noon to 4. \$5–\$10. MacNCheeseCookOff.com.



FUNDRAISERS.....

JUNE 5

Morris Arboretum's Annual Moonlight & Roses Gala. Cocktails in the Rose Garden followed by dinner and dancing. Benefits the Arboretum's gardens and historic features. 100 E. Northwestern Ave., Philadelphia. 6 to 11 pm. Tickets start at \$150. 215-247-5777; MorrisArboretumGala.org.

JUNE 10

Stardust! Natural Lands Trust's Annual Summer Celebration. The ever-amazing Saturn and a brightly shining Jupiter dazzle



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overhead as you enjoy cocktails, dinner, and merriment at Stoneleigh in Villanova. This evening is a tribute to the family of John and Chara Haas, conservationists and founders of the Stonleigh Foundation. 6:30. Tickets start at \$200. 610-353-5587; NatLands.org.

JUNE 14
Chester County Futures 16th Annual Golf Classic. Chester County Futures is a poverty prevention program providing academic, mentoring and scholarship support for motivated, disadvantaged Chester County youth. Applebrook Golf Club, 100 Line Rd., Malvern. 11:30 am to 8 pm. Registration starts at \$500. 610-458-9926; CCFutures.org.

JUNE 16
Tyler at Twilight Auction. It's a garden party atmosphere celebrating 335 years since Thomas Minshall took ownership of the land that became Tyler Arboretum. Music, cocktails and silent and live auctions. Guests sample delectable menu selections while bidding on auction items. 515 Painter Rd., Media. 6 to 10 pm. \$100. 610-566-9134; TylerArboretum.org.

JUNE 24
Oxford Arts Alliance Garden Party in the Vineyard. Come out to enjoy the Galer Estate wines and hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction. Benefits the Oxford Arts Alliance. Galer Estate Vineyard & Winery, 700 Folly Hill Rd., Kennett Square. 5 to 8. \$50. 610-467-0301; for tickets visit OxfordArt.org/Garden-Party.

GARDENS & PLANTS.....

FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS
THROUGH OCTOBER 31
Individual House Tours at Chanticleer Garden. Special, 45-minute tours introduce the garden take visitors through the first floor of the Chanticleer house. In a small group, learn more about the Rosengarten family, Chanticleer's history and life on the Main Line. 786 Church Rd., Wayne. Fri, Sat, 11 am. \$15 includes general admission. 610-687-4163; ChanticleerGarden.org.

JUNE 4
25th Anniversary of the Bayard Taylor Home & Garden Day Tour. This year's tour, "Chadds Ford and Beyond," explores a variety of homes and gardens offering something for every interest. Sample food and beverages from local restaurants and merchants. Benefits Kennett Public Library's Children's Programs and Adult Literacy. 10 to 4. Tour, \$40. 610-444-2702; BayardTaylor.org.

JUNE 4
New Hope Historical Society's 23rd Annual

Garden Tour. Six private Bucks County gardens are on this self-guided tour, which begins at Parry Mansion. Benefits the Parry Mansion Museum. 10 to 4. \$35. 215-862-5652; NewHopeHS.org.

JUNE 10-12
33rd Annual Demuth Garden Tour & Party. Exclusive Lancaster residences offer creative urban gardens, distinctive architecture and interior design. Starts with the Demuth Garden Party, **June 10**, 6 pm, music, hors d'oeuvres and silent art auction at Conestoga House & Gardens, 1608 Marietta Ave., Lancaster. Res. req. Tour, Sat, 10 to 5; Sun, 11 to 5. \$18-\$20. 717-299-9940; Demuth.org.



JUNE 11
Garden Day at White Horse Village Retirement Community. Recognized as an arboretum by Swarthmore College, the Village's 96 acres of gardens, meadows and woodlands are open to visitors on this self-guided tour. Start at the Club House, 535 Gradyville Rd., Newtown Square. 11 to 3. Free. 610-558-5000; WhiteHorseVillage.org.

MUSEUMS.....

THROUGH SEPTEMBER 5
Brandywine Treasure Trail Passport. Valid for one general admission visit at each of the 11 area sites. Individual Passports start at \$45, Family Passports (2 adults and up to 3 children), \$95. For a list of attractions, visit BrandywineTreasures.org.

THROUGH NOVEMBER 6
Brandywine River Museum of Art. Through June 5, in memory of the late artist paintings by George A. "Frolic" Weymouth are on view. **Through June 12,** "Inside Out. "The Poetry of Nature: A Golden Age of American Landscape Painting." **Through Nov. 6,** New Terrains: American Landscape Paintings from the Bequest of Richard M. Scaife. 1 Hoffman's

Hill Rd., Chadds Ford. Daily, 9:30 to 4:30. \$6-\$15. First Sun of month, free. 610-388-2700; BrandywineMuseum.org.

THROUGH NOVEMBER
The Christian C. Sanderson Museum. "Simply Sanderson" is never-before-seen photos and artifacts from the collection. 1755 Creek Rd., Chadds Ford. Thurs-Sun, noon to 4. \$5-\$8; under 5, free. 610-388-6545; SandersonMuseum.org.

MUSIC, DANCE, ENTERTAINMENT...

JUNE 3
Resident Theatre Co. Brings Classic Broadway to The Gables at Chadds Ford. Casey Erin Clark will perform along with a full cast of professional singers from New York at The Gables at Chadds Ford, 423 Baltimore Pk., Chadds Ford. 7:30 pm. \$75-\$100. 214-264-8788; RTCWC.org/June-3rd-gala.html.

JUNE 3-JULY 2
Bryn Mawr Twilight Concert Series. June 3, Dukes of Destiny with Roadshow Relics; **June 4,** XPN Welcomes Steve Forbert with Becca Fox; **June 11,** Jon McLaughlin with Grace Bernicker; **June 17,** Merion Concert Band; **June 18,** Cabin Dogs; **June 25,** David Wilcox with First String; **July 1,** Broken Arrow: Neil Young Tribute Band; **July 2,** Dar Williams, Jonathan Doh and Richard Douglass. Concerts through Aug. 6. Bryn Mawr Gazebo, 9 S. Bryn Mawr Ave., Bryn Mawr. 7 pm. \$12 donation. 610-864-4303; BrynMawrTwilight-Concerts.com.

JUNE 7-JULY 12
Eagleview Town Center Concerts on the Square. June 7, Daniel Champagne, Hannah Gill & The Hours; **June 14,** Shel, Cliff Hillis; **June 21,** The Downtown Shimmy; **June 28,** The Mallet Brothers Band, Paul Keen; **July 12,** Nik Greeley & The Operators. Concerts through Aug. 30. Canned food items requested for Chester County Food Bank. Wellington Square, Eagleview. 7 pm. Free. In case of rain, visit Facebook.com/eagleviewtc.

JUNE 10, JULY 3
Longwood Gardens Summer Concert Series. Get your tickets early as the summer lineup is heating up! **June 10-11,** The Savoy Company, see Theater; **June 17,** Yosi and the Superdads; **June 26,** Angela Sheik; **July 3,** Chick Corea Trio, \$40-\$70. Concerts through Sept. 26. 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. Most free with garden admission. 610-388-1000; LongwoodGardens.org.

JUNE 11
16th Annual State Street Blues Stroll in

Local Farm Markets

Bryn Mawr Farmers Mkt., Lancaster Ave. at Bryn Mawr train station. Sat, 9 to 1. FarmToCity.org.

Downingtown Farmers Mkt., Kerr Park, 1 Park La. Sat, 9 to 1. 610-836-1391; GrowingRootsPartners.com.

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

East Goshen Farmers Mkt., E. Goshen Park, 1580 Paoli Pk. Thurs, 3 to 7. EastGoshenFarmersMarket.org.

Jennersville Mkt., 352 N. Jennersville Rd. Wed, 3 to 7. 610-345-1763; Facebook.com/JennersvilleFarmersmarket.

Kennett Square Farmers Mkt., E. State St., between Broad and Union Sts. Fri, 2 to 6. 610-444-8188; HistoricKennettSquare.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. Sat, 9 to 1. 610-836-1391; GrowingRootsPartners.com.

Media Farmers Mkt., State St. b/w Monroe & Gayley. Thurs, 3 to 7. 610-566-5039; MediaFarmersMarket.com.

Newtown Square Farmers Mkt., Mostardi Nursery, 4033 West Chester Pk. Wed, 2 to 6. 610-353-1555; NewtownSquareFarmersMarket.com.

Oxford Village Mkt., 3rd & Locust Sts. Tues, noon to 6. 610-998-9494; DowntownOxfordPA.org.

Pete's Produce Farm, 1225 E. Street Rd., West Chester. Mon-Sat, 9 to 6:30; Sun, holidays, 9 to 6. 610-399-3711; PetesProduceFarm.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.

Swarthmore Farmers Mkt., 341 Dartmouth Ave., at Swarthmore Co-Op. Beg. May 23, Sat, 10 to 2. FarmToCity.org.

Thornton Farmers Mkt., 330 Glen Mills Rd. Beg. May 14, Sat, 11 to 2. Facebook.com/ThorntonFarmersMarket.

West Chester Growers Mkt., Chestnut & Church Sts. 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.

Downtown Media. Come and experience a full round of blues as performed by talented artists at 23 indoor venues and two outdoor stages. Shemekia Copeland is the headline performer at the Media Theatre. State St. 6 pm to 1 am. \$20-\$30. StateStreetBlues.com.

JUNE 12-JULY 10
Miller Park Summer Concert Series. June 12, Lights Out: A Frankie Valli Tribute Band; **June 26,** Chico's Vibe; **July 10,** Greaseband, fireworks at 9:30. Concerts through August 21. Albert C. Miller Memorial Park, 220 Miller Way, Exton. 6:30. Free. Rain dates

the following Sunday. 610-363-9525; West-Whiteland.org.

JUNE 15-JULY 7
Delaware County Summer Festival. Grab your blankets and enjoy these summer performances. **June 15,** Rose Tree Pops; **June 16,** Latin Love Songs; **June 17,** Barefoot Bobby & The Breakers; **June 18,** 22 Park Avenue: Big Band Gold; **June 19,** Chico's Vibe; **June 22,** Super Summer Sing-Along with Peter Moses, 10 am; **June 23,** Blackbird Society Orchestra; **June 24,** Matt Santry Band; **June 25,** Eaglemania: Tribute to the Eagles; **June**

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JUNE 19–JULY 4
Upper Merion Concerts Under the Stars. **June 19**, June Rich with Christine Havrilla; **June 26**, Phila. Folksong Society welcomes Caribefunk, Ryan Tennis & The Clubhouse Band; **July 4**, Mango Men at Heuser Park, 694 W. Beidler Rd., King of Prussia with a carnival and fireworks, concert at 4 pm, fireworks follow. Concerts through July 31. Township Bldg. Park, 175 W. Valley Forge Rd., King of Prussia. 6 pm. 484-636-3899; UMTownship.org.

JUNE 22–JULY 6
Summer Concert Series at Anson B. Nixon Park. **June 22**, Progressive Appalachian Music; **June 29**, The Bullets, rockabilly; **July 6**, Crossroads. Light supper available for purchase. Concerts through Aug. 10. Walnut Rd., Kennett Square. 7 to 9 pm. Free. 610-444-1416; AnsonBNixonPark.org.

JUNE 23–JULY 4
Summer in the Park Concert Series at Wilson Farm Park. **June 23**, Chico's Vibe; **June 30**, Where's Pete; **July 4**, Chester County Concert Band (fireworks follow at sunset). Concerts through July 28. Wilson Farm Park, 500 Lee Rd., Chesterbrook. 7 pm. Free. 610-408-3626; Tredyffrin.org/Departments/Parks.

JUNE 24, 26
At The Colonial Theatre ... **June 24**, Kim Russo, also known as Kim The Happy Medium. 8 pm. \$22–\$39.50. **June 26**, Wings of Hope Benefit Concert, benefits For Pete's Sake Cancer Respite Foundation and Children's Hospital of Phila. Cancer Center. 3 pm. \$18.50–\$33.50. 227 Bridge St., Phoenixville. 610-917-1228; TheColonialTheatre.com.

JULY 8
Friday Night Lights at ChesLen Preserve. A 21-and-older event with live music, adult beverages, delicious treats, stargazing with professional astronomers at the 1,300-acre ChesLen Preserve in Unionville. Bring a blanket or chair and wear sturdy shoes. 1199 Cannery Rd., Coatesville. Adv. reg. req. 8 to 11. \$25–\$45. 610-353-5587; NatLands.org.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.....
JUNE 4–10
18th Annual Schuylkill River Sojourn. A 112-mile guided canoe or kayak trip, beginning in Schuylkill Haven and ending in Philadelphia. Enjoy rapids, songs at the campsites and celebrations in the river towns. Register: 484-945-0200; SchuylkillRiver.org/Sojourn.aspx.

JUNE 5
Radnor Conservancy Race For Open Space. This family-friendly event includes a 5K off-road trail race and 1-mile walk option on the trails of the Willows and Skunk Hollow Parks. Begin at The Willows Park, 490 Darby-Paoli Rd., Villanova. Reg. at 8 am, race at 9. \$15–\$30. 610-329-7399; Radnor Conservancy.org.

JUNE 16
TrailBlazer Run. A 5-mi. trail run and 1.5-mi. family fun hike starts at Paradise Farm Camps, 1300 Valley Creek Rd., Downingtown. Food and beverages provided by Victory Brewing Co. Benefits East Bradford Township Trail Program. RunTheDay.com.

JUNE 16
Kennett Symphony's 4th Annual Beat Beethoven 5K Run/1KWalk. Bring friends, family and fellow music lovers to support the Symphony. The objective of the race is to finish before Beethoven's 5th Symphony finishes—approximately 32 minutes. Anson B. Nixon Park, N. Walnut Rd., Kennett Square. Reg. 5:30 pm, race at 6:30. \$20–\$35. 610-444-6363; KennettSymphony.org.

JUNE 24–26
25th Annual Pottstown Rumble. Premiere grass doubles volleyball tournament, attracting nationally ranked pros, amateurs and kids. Vendors and music throughout the weekend. Manatawny Park, 61 W. King St., Pottstown. PottstownRumble.com.

THEATERS.....
JUNE 10–11
The Savoy Company Presents The Pirates of Penzance. Gilbert and Sullivan's classic follows the young orphan, Frederic, and the

hijinks involved when he falls in love with Major-General Stanley's daughter, Mabel. Longwood Gardens, 1001 E. Baltimore Pk., Kennett Square, 8:30 p.m. \$30. 215-735-7161; Savoy.org.

JUNE 15–JULY 10
The Harassment of Iris Malloy. An adaptation of Linda Sue Park's Newbery Award-winning novel. A powerful and uplifting coming-of-age story follows an orphan who strives to find a better life. People's Light, 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. \$27–\$47. 610-644-3500; PeoplesLight.org.

TOWNS, TALKS & TOURS.....
JUNE 3, 11, 16
First Fridays, Second Saturdays, Third Thursdays. Stroll through area towns to find exhibits, galleries, restaurant specials, entertainment and extended hours. **June 3, 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. **June 11, Second Saturday: Media**, 484-445-4161; MediaArtsCouncil.com. **June 16, Malvern Stroll**, MalvernBusiness.com; **Third Thursday on State Street, Kennett Square**, HistoricKennettSquare.com.

JUNE 9
Chadds Ford Historical Society Presents Tavern Talks. A new series for adults, 21 and older, focusing on early American history and culture with activities, food and drink tastings. This month, "Herbs and Potions." Barns Brinton House, 6030 Baltimore Pk., Chadds Ford. 7 to 9. \$10. 610-388-7376; ChaddsFord-History.org.

AT THE WINERY.....
THROUGH JUNE
Brandywine Artisan Wine Trail. This month's theme is The Art of Music. For details about what's happening at each winery, visit BrandywineArtisanWineTrail.com. ♦

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COMPETITIONS OFF THE PLAYING FIELDS, INSIDE THE LABS

THE SCHOOL YEAR IS COMING TO A CLOSE. BASEBALL, lacrosse, tennis: we'll cover those in July. For now, we'll focus on what's happening in the labs.

At several schools, robots stole the show. At another, a solar car gets ready to head west. And elsewhere, talented students have racked up wins in science, math and the arts.

ROBOTS: In robotics, one of the broadest competitions is at VEX Robotics World Championship. Held in April in Louisville, Kentucky, VEX drew more than 1000 teams from 30 countries. The "Innovate Award," one of its top awards for original design, went to The Delaware County Christian School Knights—sophomore Kate Carrington, freshmen Rebecca Harris and Hannah Master.

Also at VEX Worlds, The Haverford School's Cavalry teams claimed several prizes. The Science Division's championship went to senior Arnav Jagasia and juniors Mohid Kahn and Cal Williams. Three freshmen, Intel Chen, Will Clark and Jared Hoffman, won the Math Division's Think Award. And a Middle School team—Alexander Greer and Owen Gormley—took the Build Award in the Spirit Division.

Westtown School entered the FIRST Robotics Mid-Atlantic District Competition, pitting its Metal Moose team against 36 area schools. Finishing fifth, they snagged the Judges Award and qualified, but ultimately lost, the World Championship in St. Louis. The theme was "Stronghold"—robots had to shoot balls through castle windows, defend, breach, capture and scale a wall.

SOLAR CAR: Devon Prep's Justin Hennessy, leading a team of eight, will compete in this summer's Solar Car Challenge. Aiming to maximize distance, their car—the "Mary Ann"—can go 44 mph, though they'll cruise at 20–30 mph to conserve battery life. Last year, on the Texas Speedway, Mary Ann finished second. This year, the race starts July 17 and goes for six days, traveling from Fort Worth to Minneapolis.

MATH AND SCIENCE: At Bishop Shanahan, four seniors and two juniors took honors at the 25th Annual Chester County Science Research Competition. The seniors: Emily Fanning, Engineering, 1st Place; Maria Dulin, Environmental Science, 1st Place; Emily Ecklund, Biochemistry, 2nd Place; Maryrose McLaughlin, Behavioral & Social Science, 2nd Place. The juniors: Megan Gallagher, Biochemistry, 1st place and Michele Farina, Engineering, 1st place and Best of Show.

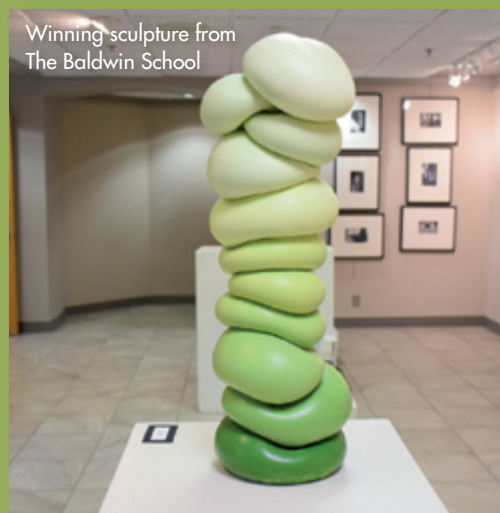
Devon Prep's Mathletes team—seniors Shyamal Patel, Brian Damereau, Alex Damian, Kyle Mooney and sophomore Liam Stevenson—took 2nd place in the Philadelphia Catholic League and beat the Philadelphia Public League's champion by a wide margin.

ARTS: At The Baldwin School, senior Samantha Dewey won the American Visions Medal for Sculpture at the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. Junior Margaret Frantz and sophomore Hilary Liu won a Silver Medal for Sculpture and a Gold Medal for Drawing & Illustration, respectively.

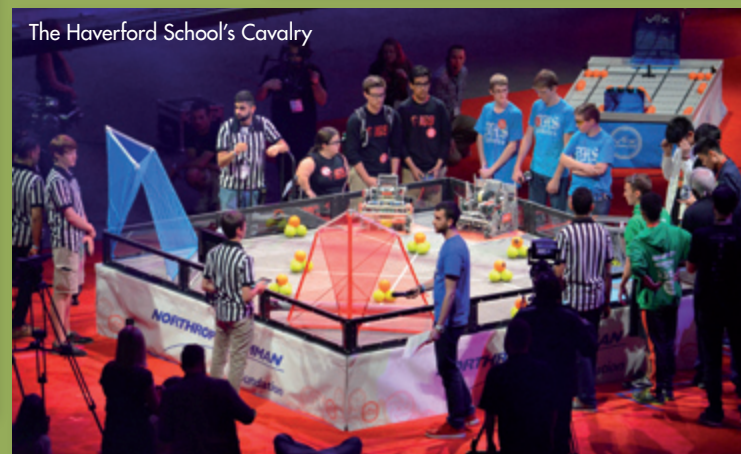
Finally, at the Sanford School, senior Alina Caulfield and sophomore Chloe DiCamillo were named National Medalists. Caulfield earned Silver for Personal Essays/Memoirs and DiCamillo, Gold for Ceramics and Sculpture. ♦



Devon Prep's Solar Car



Winning sculpture from The Baldwin School



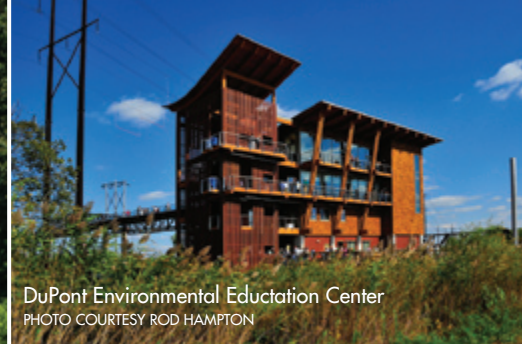
The Haverford School's Cavalry



Clifford Brown Jazz Festival
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Nemours Mansion and Gardens



DuPont Environmental Education Center
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Hagley Museum



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SUMMER IN WILMINGTON



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Pond at the Mt. Cuba Center



Delaware Art Museum Mosaic Blocks

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IF YOU ANSWERED “WILMINGTON, this summer,” good for you. If not, it’s time to discover this small city where arts lovers, outdoorsy types and history buffs find things to do from dawn to well past dusk.

“We’ve got an embarrassment of riches here,” says Lyn Lewis, Director of Communications at Greater Wilmington Convention and Visitors’ Bureau. “What’s more, Wilmington is accessible and much less expensive than many other cities.”

One of the best deals going this summer is the Brandywine Treasure Trail Passport (\$45 per person; \$95 per family). From May 28th through September 5th, Passport holders gain one-time admission to 11 popular attractions in Wilmington and surrounding suburbs including the Delaware Art Museum, Hagley Museum and Library, Nemours Mansion and Gardens, and Delaware Museum of Natural History.

SEE THE VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

On the first Friday of the month, The Art Loop offers a crash course in the city’s colorful visual art scene. Reserve a spot on the free Art on the Town shuttle or hop at your own pace among the Loop’s 20-some galleries, studios and museums including The Delaware Center for Contemporary Art and The Creative Vision Factory, 2nd & Loma, The Grand Opera House, The Howard Pyle Studio and more. Art on the Town runs from 5 to 9 pm. Visit ArtLoopWilmington.org.

From late June through September, The Delaware Art Museum celebrates the career of New Yorker cartoonist Edward Koren. On tour for the first time, “Edward Koren: The Capricious Line” boasts 50 original pen-and-ink, watercolor and pencil cartoons that will have you laughing out loud. Koren himself will give a talk and sign books on July 21st. Also worth a visit, the “Dark Humor” exhibit focuses on work by contemporary

African American artists who use humor to explore thorny racial issues.

The Delaware Art Museum also gets in on the performing arts scene this summer. Check out performances by the Bearded Ladies, Philadelphia’s famous cabaret company, as well as by hip-hop artists, comedians and storytellers who are part of the new (and free!) “Connected” program series.

If you’ve always dreamed of seeing The Beach Boys in concert or the biggest selling comedy recording artist in history—that would be Weird Al Yankovic (who knew?)—this is your lucky summer. The Beach Boys go on stage at the Grand Opera House’s Copeland Hall and Weird Al at The Playhouse on Rodney Square.

And it wouldn’t be a musical summer in Wilmington without the Clifford Brown Jazz Festival in June and shows at World Café Live at The Queen, including performances by up-and-coming-talent on Wilmo Wednesdays.



Arden Fair
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New Castle County Ice Cream Festival



Greek Festival
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Delaware Park



Frawley Stadium
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St. Anthony's Italian Festival
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Zoo Keeper Talk at Brandywine Zoo
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Specifically for kids, there's The Grand's Summer Children's Theater, a series of pay-as-you-can shows including "Bubble Trouble" and "Charlotte's Web." Summer in the Parks, a free Grand program, brings interactive art experiences to kids right in their neighborhoods.

One last hidden gem: Candlelight Theater is nestled in North Wilmington's Ardentown, a quaint artistic community established over a century ago. Enjoy the shows—*Arsenic and Old Lace* and *The Music Man*—while savoring a buffet dinner and chatting with your tablemates.

JOIN THE SPORTS AND OUTDOOR FUN

For fun outside, the Riverfront provides the ideal starting point. Take in views of the Christina River while strolling the 1.3 mile Riverwalk or embark on a pirate sail, 1.5 hour river cruise or an all-day sail on the Kalmar Nyckle, a replica of a 17th-century Dutch merchant ship that brought Swedes to settle in North America. You can also jump on a river taxi tour—or better yet, a Wednesday wine cruise—through Christina Riverboat Company.

To commune with local flora and fauna, sign up for a nature walk or dip net with a naturalist from the DuPont Environmental Education Center, which is located in the Peterson Wildlife Refuge of 212 acres of freshwater tidal marsh. "Wear your messy clothes," says DEEC's Catherine Coin, and get ready to see tadpoles, beavers, blue heron and an osprey nest.

Also on the Riverfront, scout future baseball greats at Frawley Stadium, home

of the Wilmington Blue Rocks, a Kansas City Royals farm team. Besides homeruns and bobble-head giveaways, enjoy some offbeat "guests" like the *Seinfeld* Soup Nazi and Cowboy Monkey Rodeo (YouTube it!). Definitely stay for Friday night fireworks.

Know how to really get your heart pounding? Flip your way down the tumble track and compete on dodgeball courts at Stratosphere Trampoline Park. Score a hole-in-one at the 18 hole mini-golf course behind The Delaware Children's Museum. Stop by the snack shack for ice cream, water ice and soft pretzels. And then dip into the Museum's oobleck pool (check your Dr. Seuss) and play with bubbles at Summer Kick Off or watch live animal demos during July's Dog Days of Summer event.

Even more outdoor activities await just a few miles from the Riverfront. At The Delaware Museum of Natural History, visit the butterfly garden, observe wildlife from the wildlife blind, and join Night at the Museum, with a star party, trail walk, marshmallows and camping.

And for a totally different kind of park, more for adults, there's Delaware Park—home to live horse racing, casino with table games and slots, plus dining and the White Clay Creek Country Club.

GET OUTDOORS WITH A TASTE OF HISTORY

At Hagley Museum and Library, Bike and Hike Wednesdays are back with a twist. From June through August, pedal or stroll through the 235-acre estate, where the du Pont family established its gun-

powder business and lived for five generations. Explore areas of the property not usually open to visitors. On select Wednesdays, sip brews from Dogfish Head and nosh on sliders and other menu items from Belin House Organic Café. Dogs are welcome on the last Wednesday of the month.

Two other former du Pont estates are also wonderful summertime destinations: At Nemours Mansion and Gardens, take the Long Walk from the 102-room mansion to the one-acre reflecting pool, enjoying the formal French gardens, sculptures, and 157 water jets that make the pool dance with light.

At Winterthur Museum, Garden and Library, wee ones cavort in the Enchanted Woods, a three-acre magical landscape complete with the Faerie Cottage. On

select June evenings, the Music Along the Bank concert series hosts performances by local bands. In early August, Gerald Dickens performs his one-man shows about the life and stories of his inimitable great-great grandfather, Charles Dickens.

To celebrate your own history, check out these heritage festivals: Holy Trinity Greek Festival and St. Anthony's Italian Festival, both in June. Late August brings the oldest African-American festival in the country, the August Quarterly, to Tubman-Garrett Riverfront Park.

Whether you spend an afternoon or a week in Wilmington, you'll quickly discover why this small city is a gem in the Diamond state. ♦

For more on what's happening in Wilmington this summer, check VisitWilmingtonDE.com.



Wilmington Riverfront
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DINING IN WILMINGTON

Options for eating and drinking in downtown Wilmington and along the Riverfront continue to grow. Here are a few of our favorites—some old favorites and some new.

Old Favorites

Chelsea Tavern

821 N. Market St.
302-482-3333; ChelseaTavern.com

*Domaine Hudson

1314 N. Washington St.
302-655-9463; DomaineHudson.com

The Green Room at Hotel duPont

11th & Market Sts.
302-594-3100; HotelduPont.com

*Harry's Fish Market & Grill

101 S. Market St.
302-777-1500; HarrySeafoodGrill.com

Iron Hill

620 Justison St.
302-472-2739; IronHillBrewery.com

*La Fia

421 N. Market St.
302-543-5574; LaFiaWilmington.com

Pochi Restaurant

220 W. 9th St.
203-384-6654; PochiWineBarDe.com

Tonic (formerly Deep Blue)

111 W. 11th St.
302-777-2040; TonicBarGrille.com

Soffritto Italian Grill (a bit farther)

1130 Capitol Trail, Newark, DE
302-455-1101; Soffritto.com

New Favorites

Cocina Lolo

405 N. King St.
302-384-6186; cocinalolo.com

8th & Union Kitchen

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Delaware Children's Museum. Inspiring children to explore and celebrate the power of their potential through interactive experiences in an environment that integrates and stimulates science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics. 550 Justison St. Tues–Thurs, 10 to 3; Fri, 10 to 8; Sat–Sun, 10 to 5. \$8.75. 302-654-2340; DelawareChildrensMuseum.org.

THROUGH AUGUST

The Grand Opera House. Talent, variety, artistry. Here's a sample: *June 3*, Hotel California, "A Salute To The Eagles;" *July 13*, The Beach Boys; *July 21*, DE Children's Theatre presents "Charlotte's Web." 818 N. Market St. 302-652-5577; TheGrandWilmington.org.

THROUGH AUGUST

World Cafe Live at the Queen. Check their website for all shows and times. *June 10*, James McCartney; *June 14*, Dave Mason's Traffic Jam; *July 7*, The Yardbirds; *Aug. 21*, Johnny Winter All Star Band. 500 N. Market St. 302-994-1400; Queen.WorldCafeLive.com.

THROUGH AUGUST, WEDNESDAYS

Bike and Hike at Hagley Museum & Library. Stroll, jog or cycle the three-mile loop then, on selected evenings, enjoy Dogfish Head craft beers and sliders available for purchase. Rt. 141. 5 to 8 pm. \$2. 302-658-2400; Hagley.org.

JUNE 4

Market By Moonlight. An exclusive, elegant dining experience, presented on Market Street in the glow of The Grand's illuminated facade. The evening features a tasting menu with dishes from several restaurants and benefits programming at The Grand. 818 N. Market St. 6:30 pm. \$75. 302-658-7897, ext. 3202; TheGrand-Wilmington.com.

JUNE 5

Steamin' Day Birthday Bash at Auburn Heights. Two historic cars are celebrating their 100th birthday. Activities planned include rides in the autos and the Auburn Valley Railroad. Marshall Steam Museum at Auburn Heights Preserve, 3000 Creek Rd., Yorklyn. 12:30 to 4:30. 302-239-2385; AuburnHeights.org.

JUNE 7-11

Annual Greek Festival at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church. It's a bit of Greece as you enjoy the wonderful food, dancing, musical entertainment and culture at this popular festival. 808 N. Broom St. Daily 11 to 11. 302-654-4446; GreekFestDE.com.

JUNE 12-19

St. Anthony's Italian Festival. Rides, fabulous food and entertainment. 9th & Du-

Pont St. Check website for times. \$5. Benefits the Elementary School. 302-421-2790; StAnthonysFestival.com.

JUNE 18-SEPT. 5

DE Museum of Natural History. June 18–Sept. 5, Extreme Deep–Mission to the Abyss—discover the mysteries of the ocean's greatest depths and the unusual creatures that thrive near them, deep-sea research submersibles and shipwrecks, including Titanic, Mon–Sat, 9:30 to 4:30. *June 18, Family Fun Day*—an outdoor party in the garden and on the patio with activities, games, and food, 9:30 to 2. 4840 Kennett Pk. (Rt. 52). \$7–\$9. 302-658-9111; DelMNH.org.



JUNE 21-25

Clifford Brown Jazz Festival. A multi-day, outdoor music festival. Rodney Square, 10th & Market Sts. Free. 302-576-3095; CliffordBrown-JazzFest.com.

JUNE 25-26

New Castle County Ice Cream Festival. Family fun with vendors, music, great food, crafts and local creameries serving delicious ice creams. Rockwood Museum & Park, 4651 Washington St. Extension. Sat, 10 to 7; Sun, 10 to 5. \$5; children, free. 302-690-5555; RockwoodIceCream.com.

JUNE 25-SEPTEMBER 25

The Delaware Art Museum. June 25–Sept. 18, Edward Koren: The Capricious Line; *July 16–Sept. 25*, Dark Humor: African American Art from the University Museums, Univ. of DE. 2301 Kentmere Pkwy. Wed, Fri–Sun, 10 to 4; Thurs, 10 to 8. \$6–\$12. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.

JULY 4

Independence Day Celebration. Festivities held throughout downtown Wilmington, ending with fireworks. 3 to 9:30 pm. 302-576-2100; VisitWilmingtonDE.com.

JULY 15-31, FRIDAY-SUNDAY

Rodney Square Summer Stage. Great music from local talent and favorites in the music industry. Held throughout Wilmington. Free. CityFestWilm.com/Rodney-Square-Summer-Stage.

JULY 15-31

Delaware Shakespeare Festival at Rockwood Museum & Park. Bring a blanket, pack a picnic, come for the pre-show then enjoy *The*

Comedy of Errors. 4651 Washington St. Extension. Wed–Sat, gates open 6:30; Sun, gates open 4:45. \$13–\$17. 302-415-3373; DelShakes.org.

JULY 21

Ladybug Music Festival. The line-up is coming soon for this all-day block party with lots of entertainment and great fun at 2nd & Loma. 5 to 10 pm. Free. TheLadyBugFestival.com.

JULY 30

The Annual Peoples' Festival Tribute to Bob Marley. An annual celebration of music and arts, held to preserve and honor the legacy of Bob Marley featuring top artists, food, dancing and more. Tubman-Garrett Riverfront Park, Rosa Parks Dr. Noon to 10 pm. PeoplesFestival.com.



JULY 30-31

PA Guild of Craftsmen Fine Craft Fair. Almost 200 craftspeople participate in this crafts fair, now in its 9th year. Chase Center on the Riverfront, 815 Justison St. Sat, 10 to 6; Sun, 10 to 5. \$8. 717-431-8706; PACrafts.org.

AUGUST 5-7

Riverfront Blues Festival in Wilmington. The blues are back! This outdoor music festival is held at Tubman-Garrett Riverfront Park, Rosa Parks Dr. Check website for line-up and tickets. 302-576-3095; RiverfrontBluesFest.com.

AUGUST 13

America On Tap Beer Festival. Sample beers, listen to live music, delicious food and great vendors. Tubman-Garrett Riverfront Park, Rosa Parks Dr. 2:30 to 6. \$45. AmericaOnTap.com.

AUGUST 27-28

The August Quarterly Festival Celebration 2016. The nation's oldest African-American festival celebrating religious freedom, freedom of speech and the right of assembly. Tubman-Garrett Riverfront Park, Rosa Parks Dr. 302-655-5231; AugustQuarterly.org.

AUGUST 30

Weird Al Yankovic: The Mandatory World Tour at The Playhouse on Rodney Square. 1007 N. Market St. 8 pm. For tickets, 302-888-0200; ThePlayhouseDE.org. ♦



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WHILE HONORING ITS HISTORY

EVERY HISTORIC COMMUNITY IN AMERICA WRESTLES WITH THE SAME ISSUE: HOW DO WE PRESERVE THE CHARACTER DEVELOPED OVER THE LAST 200 YEARS BY OUR HISTORIC STRUCTURES WHILE KEEPING OUR TOWN A PLACE THAT FEELS ALIVE AND DYNAMIC?

Part of the challenge for historic towns is that structures built for specific uses—such as banks or mansions—can become obsolete. Even adaptive re-use of historic buildings can be significantly more expensive than new construction as changing building codes dictate features unheard of decades ago. And the needs of today's businesses may demand more than the quaint historic features a period storefront or office building can provide.

But those choosing to invest in historic downtown West Chester—with its 429 historic buildings in the central business district—are nothing if not clever. Where some may see obsolescence, others see opportunity—for theaters, hotels, offices and apartments.

A structure with brick walls and wood ceilings, for example, may provide the right acoustics for a live musical venue. Repurposing that space into a theater is not a huge leap.

FROM HORTICULTURE TO HISTORY

And sometimes, the vision for re-use is merely a small step. When the Chester County Historical Society needed a new home in 1938, they chose Horticultural Hall, designed by Thomas U. Walter, renowned architect of the U.S. Capitol.

For 90 years, that hall had been a theater and exhibit space with details like an elegant Romanesque façade of serpentine

stone and recessed Norman arches. Now for the past almost 80 years, the Historical Society repurposed that hall into a vital and contemporary museum. To continue this mission, it will begin an innovative expansion project called “Chester County: A Place in History.”

Says interim director David Reinfeld, “It will feature rich stories about local people, places and events that make this vibrant county unique.” There will be increased public access—physically and electronically—to more objects, photographs and manuscripts through visible storage (a major trend in museums) focusing on showing visitors a dense array of artifacts in a defined space, suitable for up-close examination.

“We intend to promote the cultural diversity of Chester County,” continued Reinfeld, with an eye to keeping the Historical Society a key part of our future.

AN ARMORY BECOMES A THEATER

Some may remember that in the 1980s, West Chester lost a classic downtown theater that was a showcase for Chester County for 50 years. Although the Art Deco façade still exists, the 1,500-seat Warner Theater auditorium was demolished. Luckily for West Chester, it was replaced with 80 guest rooms for the new Hotel Warner.

Yet the theater's loss left a hole in the heart of the borough. And in the interven-

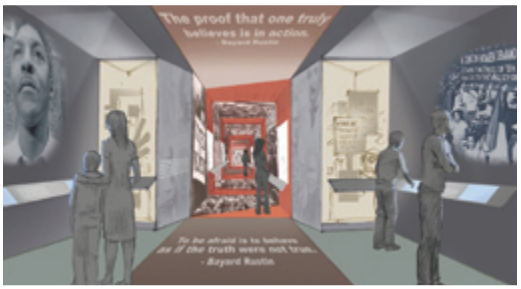


The historic West Chester National Guard Armory will be home to a resident theater company as Uptown! Entertainment spearheads the conversion.

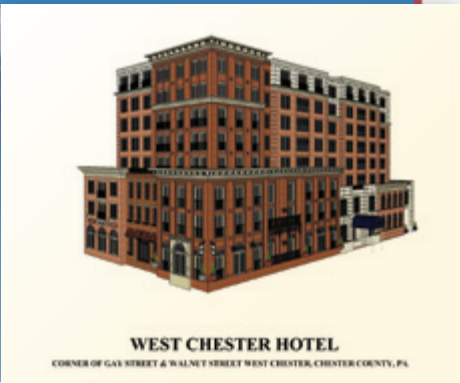
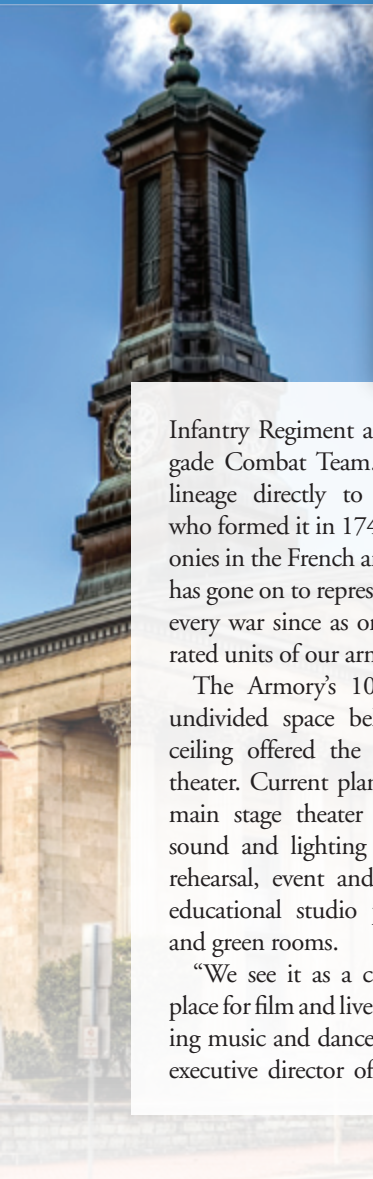
ing decades, hopes for a local theater were mere pipe dreams.

As luck would have it, though, the historic West Chester National Guard Armory on North High Street became available. And a local group called Uptown! Entertainment Alliance was formed to transform this grand old building into a multi-use theater.

Built in 1916, the Armory building housed Pennsylvania's National Guard's Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 111th



Below left, a rendering of a new Courtyard by Marriott, to be built at the corner of Gay and Walnut. Below, the Warner Theater building became the site of the Hotel Warner in 2012. Bottom, elements of the art deco facade remain. Hotel Warner was designated one of the Historic Hotels of America.



Infantry Regiment and 56th Stryker Brigade Combat Team. This unit traces its lineage directly to Benjamin Franklin, who formed it in 1747 to protect the Colonies in the French and Indian War, and it has gone on to represent the U.S. in nearly every war since as one of the most decorated units of our armed forces.

The Armory's 10,900 square feet of undivided space below a barrel-vaulted ceiling offered the perfect venue for a theater. Current plans include a 316-seat main stage theater with state-of-the-art sound and lighting systems, along with rehearsal, event and performance space, educational studio plus dressing rooms and green rooms.

“We see it as a community gathering place for film and live performance, including music and dance,” says Angela Scully, executive director of Uptown! Entertain-

ment. Scully is leading the group of local volunteers and the capital campaign to raise funds for the theater's completion. “We expected to open in December of 2016,” she says.

Find out more on the progress and performances at UptownWestChester.org.

HISTORIC BUILDINGS BECOME HOTELS

It's well known that downtown West Chester is a dining destination, complemented by interesting boutiques for browsing, plus local sights to visit during a weekend getaway. So it's no surprise that quality lodging has arrived to meet the needs of visitors, with more lodging on the way.

Opened in 2012 in the former Warner Theater space, the Hotel Warner was the first 21st-century hotel in town and is now





The tallest commercial building in West Chester, the F&M building, above, will become a boutique hotel with many amenities, including rooftop dining.



a proud member of Historic Hotels of America, a program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation to recognize the finest Historic Hotels in the U.S. It's a distinction recognizing only those outstanding properties that offer the best accommodations while faithfully maintaining the hotel's authenticity, sense of place and architectural integrity.

The Hotel Warner capitalizes on a community recognized for its historic features, so much so that the National Trust for Historic Preservation named West Chester one of America's Dozen Distinctive Destinations in 2006. At the time, West Chester was the only Pennsylvania community other than Doylestown to receive that national honor. The annual list of destinations promotes heritage tourism, while offering visitors an excellent small town experience.

So it's no surprise that two more hotels are planned for downtown West Chester.

One of the best-known downtown landmarks, the Farmers & Mechanics Building, at 2 West Market Street, is the site of major changes. The Tom Myles Development Company has approved plans for a 40-room boutique hotel there with valet, room service, fitness room and more amenities.

The six-story F&M Building, designed by William C. Prichett and built in 1908 using new engineering methods, was West Chester's first skyscraper. At 90 feet high,

the Neoclassical building remains the tallest commercial structure in the borough. Its unique architecture—with an exterior faced with Indiana limestone and yellow hard face brick—includes elegant and decorative terra cotta details.

"An upscale restaurant will adorn the first floor, which formerly housed the original F&M Bank with its 25-foot ceilings, detailed woodwork, cornices and existing vault all being preserved," says marketing director Kim Seaman. "A rooftop with covered views will provide signature cocktails and tapas."

A second new hotel, this one built new from the ground up, is planned for the northwest corner of Gay and Walnut Streets. Stan Zukin, of Zukin Realty, says, "It will be a Courtyard Marriott, West Chester Hotel. ... We're planning 121-rooms within the up-scale environment that Marriott has to offer, and amenities such as an in-house bistro offering room service, flexible workspaces, and valet parking." Plus upper-level patios overlooking downtown.

Although new construction, the Marriott hotel is designed to blend into the historic fabric of West Chester. Even the Spence Building, a historic structure next to the hotel that's currently home to a restaurant and apartments, will be completely renovated as part of the project.

A COURTHOUSE GETS ANOTHER LIFE

Even with the extensive collection of historic buildings, West Chester needed further development to match growth in the borough during the later 20th century. An upswing in development during this time can be linked back to 1966, when Chester County opened the new North Wing to expand the courthouse operations in our county seat.

Its postmodernistic architecture—International style with elements of Brutalism—is marked by a façade of limestone veneer and a vertical column of windows obscured by stone bas reliefs. This was the downtown's largest public art project at the time.

Architects Walter Schultze and Andrew Schoerke described their design as having a "colossal impact" relating to the "mass" of the structure. These characteristics were new at that time but have become part of the dynamic streetscape for which the downtown is known.



Chestnut Square plans convenient, maintenance-free living within a boutique hotel environment with resort-style amenities.



124 Marketplace mixes luxury apartments—many with a view—with street-level commercial space.

Fifty years later, the then-new courthouse building—not to be confused with the now-new Justice Center complex on Market Street—is owned by E. Kahn Development Corp. Renamed 10 North High, the modern office suites adjacent to the courtyard fountain, are almost fully occupied. The Old Courthouse, a landmark at Gay and Market Streets, is still used, with Courtroom Number 1 in service for ceremonial occasions.

MIXING THE OLD WITH THE NEW

With West Chester's journey into the future, new structures pay homage to the past, yet with a modern viewpoint.

For example, Darlington Commons, on the corner of Gay and Darlington Streets, is an Energy Star Building that respects the scale and design of its historic neighbors. With office suites on three levels in this centrally located site, Brian McFadden's building demonstrates that modern structures can offer efficiency and contemporary amenities, while complementing the historic fabric of the streetscape.

A mixed-use development by the McCool family, 124 Marketplace, located not surprisingly at 124 East Market Street, has apartments in the upper levels (for a great view!) and a modern, commercial space below. T'Ever Café and Jimmy Johns Gourmet Sandwiches currently occupy street-level retail space, with more businesses to come.

And you'll find a new style of living with the opening of Chestnut Square, the first luxury rental property in downtown West Chester that combines a pedestrian-friendly location with exceptional amenities and services.

"We had a vision of creating a lifestyle not seen in our region—a maintenance-free home within a boutique hotel environment with resort-style services and amenities," said David Della Porta, one of the partners of the development along with Eli Kahn and Adam Loew. "Full-time staff serve everyday needs, a concierge provides special assistance, continental breakfast, wine tastings and special events. From the elegant

lobby, to the fitness and yoga center, to the wi-fi café, billiard room, indoor and outdoor bar areas, swimming pool, Zen courtyard and top floor deck, Chestnut Square presents the fulfillment of our vision."

The end result of this development for West Chester is a new energy as more people are seen walking to their favorite restaurants and browsing in the boutiques. It's a shared feeling that this place is vital and welcoming. The downtown district's growth is dynamic, true, but tempered with a sense of responsibility that keeps a careful eye on the places that make West Chester historic, charming and distinctive. ♦



The former north wing of the Old Courthouse, now named 10 North High, is a central location for office suites.



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* Lorenzo & Sons Pizza

27 N. High St.; LorenzoAndSonsPizza.com

* Más Mexicali Cantina

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See their ad on page WC6

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Pietro's Prime Steakhouse

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Pietro's Prime is an upscale, casual steak house and martini bar located in the heart of downtown West Chester, serving prime cuts of beef and a variety of seafood selections. Dine in their rustic dining room setting or enjoy their outside patio seating. Stop by for live entertainment, Wed-Sat, in the bar area along with their signature martinis and cocktails.

Restaurant 51 Tap & Spirit

30 N. Church St.; 51WestChester.com

* Roots Cafe

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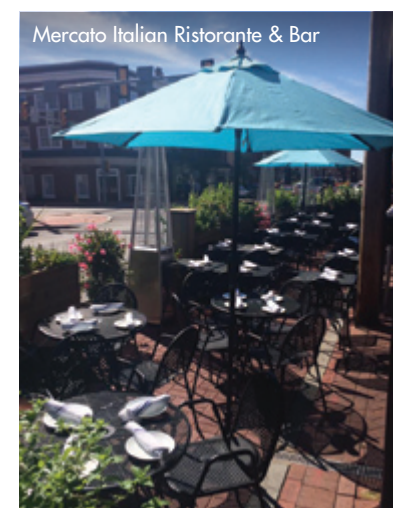
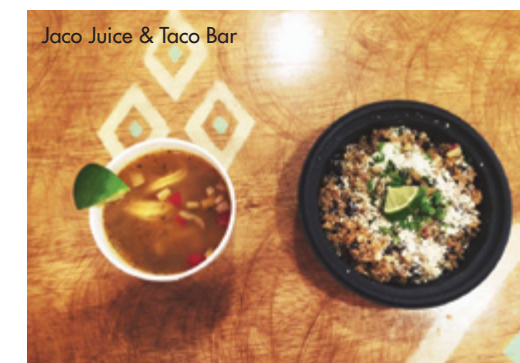
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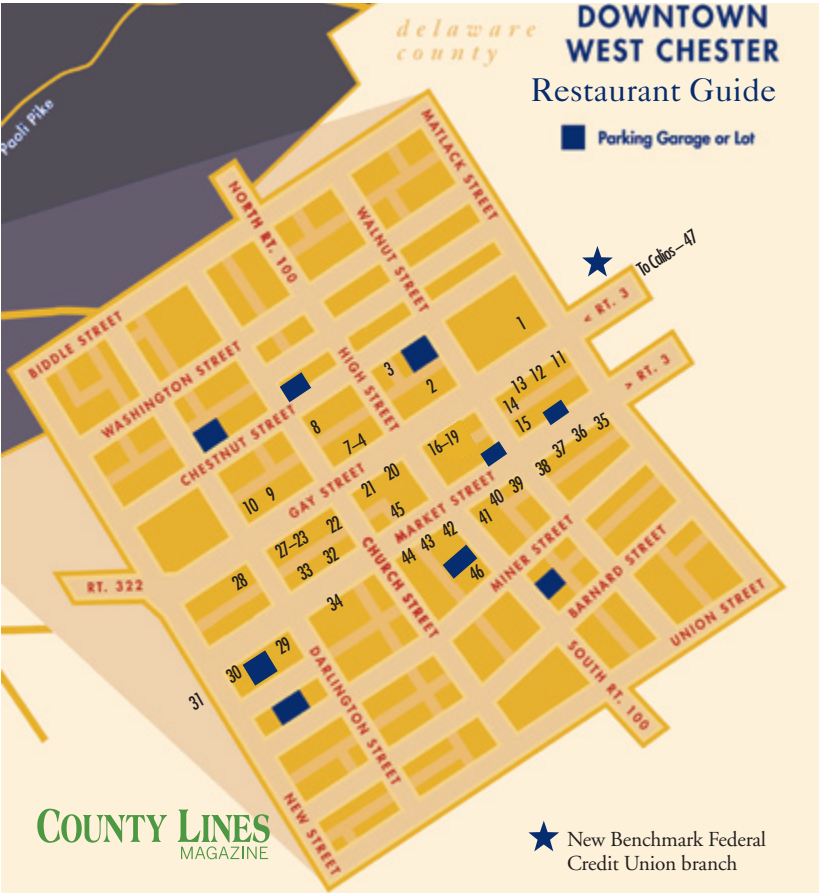
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You can plan your route using the restaurant map, above.

First stop, **H Rose Boutique**, 141 W. Gay St., a children's clothing store that calls itself the home of Chester County's Mom-Mom, Mommy, & Me Boutique with dresses, rompers, outerwear and more. Then there's **Sabrina Ann Couture**, 134 N. High St., which added a well-curated collection of samples and never-worn fashions for special occasions—wedding gowns, formal gowns, plus jewelry and accessories.

Though selling primarily online, **Tesoro Design** has a studio at 21 S. High St. and specializes in handcrafted, ready-to-wear leather goods in timeless styles handmade in America. Some pieces are available at Old Soul Decor.

Some may head for **The Prana House**, 109 N. Church St., an organic, New Age apothecary, providing holistic wellness services, from herbs to magic carpets. Others will choose **Steele House Nutrition**, 237 E. Gay St., which helps with your physical fitness though nutrition and supplement education made easy.

Though opened just last year, **Old Soul Décor**, 119 W. Market St., feels like an old friend. Owners Krystal Reinhard and Josh Unruh filled the sunny, gallery-like space with antiques, mid-century modern finds, alongside early-1980s furnishings and accessories. Specialties include throw pillows made on-site, and old chairs and settees reupholstered in vintage grain sacks, linen or cowhide.

Arriving in 2013, **Artistic Eyewear**, 127 N. High St., features the largest selection of unique and designer frames and sunglasses from around the world at prices for every budget, plus friendly, efficient and professional service to ensure you look and see your best. This family-owned business will welcome you and custom fit you with a pair of their one-of-a-kind glasses.

Right next door is **Jane Chalfant/Kiki Boutique**, 123 N. High St., a fashion center for over 80 years. Kiki travels each season to Europe, California and New York bringing back the newest fashions, creating a unique collection including everything from denim to dresses and casual sportswear and accessories to complete your outfit.

For more fashion choices, try **Kaly**, 37 W. Gay St., now a second-generation, family-run business. You'll find an eclectic women's boutique focusing on clothing made in the U.S., with sustainable and environmentally friendly gifts (lots of adorable baby gifts), and unique jewelry created by artisans.

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THURSDAYS, JUNE 2-SEPTEMBER 1

Swingin' Summer Thursdays

Great food, live music, clowns, artists, magicians, jugglers & more. *June 2*, Jimmy Jorge and the Latin Express; *July 7*, TBD; *Aug. 4*, Kevin McCove, second band TBD; *Sept. 1*, Groove Merchants and Lion's Paw. Gay St. between High & Darlington or High & Matlack. 6:30 to 9:30. 610-436-9010; DowntownWestChester.com.

JUNE 3, JULY 1

First Fridays

Extended hours at galleries and boutiques, restaurant specials, entertainment and more. 610-738-3350; DowntownWestChester.com.

JUNE 4

14th Annual "Up On the Roof"

Join the WC Downtown Foundation and the WC BID and help beautify West Chester. Enjoy great food, music and drinks on the rooftop, Chestnut Street Garage, 14 E. Chestnut St. 7 to 11 p.m. Tickets \$100 in adv.; \$120 at door. 610-738-3350; DowntownWestChester.com.



JUNE 4

West Chester Spring Flea Market & Bike Sale

Municipal Bldg., 401 E. Gay St., 9 to 1. 610-436-9010; West-Chester.com.

JUNE 5

Super Sunday

A huge street festival with kid's crafts, games, rides, food vendors, live bands and artisans. Gay St., from Matlack to Darlington Sts.; High St. from Chestnut to Market Sts. 11 to 5. 610-692-7574; West-Chester.com.

JUNE 11-AUGUST 20

Town Tours & Village Walks

See *June Picks*.

JUNE 12

Chester County Hospital Polo Cup

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JUNE 16, JULY 21, AUGUST 18

Music at Marshall Square Park

Come to the gazebo in Marshall Square Park for these picnic concerts. Visit the website for performers. 248 E. Marshall St. 6:30 pm. Free. 610-436-9010; MarshallSquarePark.org.

JUNE 19

Fatherfest—American Helicopter Museum

See *June Picks*.

JUNE 26

BVHAC Challenge For Cancer Ride

Premiere bike ride in Chester County. 30-, 50- and 65-mile rides, 10- and 5-mile family rides benefit The Cancer Program at the Hospital and Neighborhood Health. Begins at Fern Hill Med. Campus, 915 Old Fern Hill Rd. Reg. 7 am. \$55-\$70. 610-431-5329; CCCRide.com.

JUNE 14-AUGUST 23

West Goshen Summer Concerts

West Goshen Comm. Park, N. Five Points & Fern Hill Rds. 6:30 pm. 610-696-5266; WGoshen.org.

JULY 7

East Goshen Summer Amphitheater Concert

Chester County Concert Band performs standards, movie scores, and modern songs. East Goshen Park, 1661 Paoli Pk., 6 pm. Free. 610-692-7171; EastGoshen.org.

JULY 21

Free Theatre in the Parks

Pack a picnic, bring a blanket, sit back and enjoy Commonwealth Classic Theatre Company's *Tartuffe*. Everhart Park, 100 S. Brandywine St. 7 pm. CommonwealthClassicTheatre.org.

JULY 17

34th Annual Turk's Head Music Festival

Great bands, lots of crafters, children's activities and food vendors. Everhart Park, 100 S. Brandywine St. Noon to 8 pm. Rain date, July 24. 610-436-9010; TurksHeadFestival.com.

AUGUST 1-6

67th Annual Goshen Country Fair

An old-fashioned fair with agricultural exhibits, rides and entertainment. Benefits the volunteer

Goshen Fire Company. Gates open 6 pm. Fair Grounds, Park Ave., off West Chester Pk. 610-430-1554; GoshenCountryFair.org.

AUGUST 3

4th Annual National Night Out Against Crime

The Borough Police Dept. invites families to enjoy live entertainment, refreshments, kid's activities, police displays, fire and EMS vehicles and a meet-and-greet with local responders. Municipal Bldg., 401 E. Gay St., 6 to 9.

AUGUST 18-22

Bravo Theatre Co.—Company

Music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim; book by George Furth. Main Stage Theatre, E.O. Bull Center, West Chester Univ. Tickets available later this summer. Thurs-Sat, 8 pm; Sun-Mon, 2 pm. BravoTheatreCompany.org.

AUGUST 20

Iron Hill Twilight Criterium

Pro bike racing and family fun in the downtown area. Plus a Kid's Zone, Mile Dash, bungee jumping, community festival, great food. Begins at 4 pm. IronHillTwilightCriterium.com.



AUGUST 14

Touch A Truck Day

Kids love to see and touch different models of cars and trucks. Chester County Gov. Services Complex, 601 Westtown Rd. Noon to 4 pm. Pkg. \$2. 610-436-9010; West-Chester.com.

SEPTEMBER 2

Vintage Garage Sale

Live music, food, wine tastings and vintage home goods, clothing, jewelry, art and more for sale. Parking Garage, 14 E. Chestnut St. 610-436-9010; AVintageGarageSale.com.

SEPTEMBER 10

Secret Gardens of West Chester

Garden tour featuring 12 private gardens. Tour, 10 to 3; plant sale, noon to 4. Benefits the Horticultural Therapy Program. Barclay Friends, 700 N. Franklin St. 610-696-5211; BF.Kendal.org/Events.

SEPTEMBER 18

Chester County Restaurant Festival

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What's New with West Chester Food Co-op?

Suzanne Adams, Food Co-op Chair



WHAT A BUSY TIME FOR THE West Chester Food Co-op! Since we began in July 2014, we've completed a survey of community food needs, released a Pre-feasibility Assessment, formed a board and incorporated as a cooperative, and began building community equity through memberships. We've also reached out to our community to inform and bring them into the Co-op through events, including two "Pop-up" markets last year in town.

LOCATION, LOCATION

Now we're focused on finding a home. This May, our location consultant reviewed four potential sites—including the former Post Office on Gay Street—to help us find the best location for the Food Co-op.

Earlier this year, we were excited when the Post Office became a real possibility. The U.S. Postal Service decided to transfer the property out of federal ownership and, at the State Historic Preservation Office's urging, agreed to keep a branch office on site. Having a small Post Office there is great news because it complements our mission as a community gathering spot.

The results of the location review will help us understand the revenue potential at each option and find a home that will allow us to be a full-service store—with produce, meat, deli, dry goods and a café.

Then we'll be ready for the next steps, preparing our business plan and getting closer to opening the Food Co-op.

WHILE WE'RE WAITING

As we work on our brick-and-mortar home, we continue building community. Our Community Survey found that people

wanted more local certified organic produce. A priority for us, too.

We're pleased to have arranged a partnership with two local USDA certified organic CSAs—Two Gander Farm and Crawford Organics. In return for a downtown West Chester pick-up site, these CSAs will donate fresh organic produce to local programs to feed the needy. A win-win for our town!

For more information on the CSAs, visit our website and check the links to each farm. Even if you miss the CSA start date, contact the farms directly for details on prorated shares.

We've also worked with the Borough to expand space for the Grower's Market, the 20-some-year-old farmers market at Church and Chestnut Streets. Now there's room for two additional stalls—with one designated for us. We'll be there every Saturday, recruiting members and spreading the Co-op love, so please stop by!

This year we're building an even stronger outreach program. In the summer we'll begin offering educational programs designed to raise awareness and start conversations about our food system.

Check our newsletter and website for thought-provoking educational events and fun, like our Board Bake Off from last February. We will be making it an annual event with more award categories and new celebrity judges. Stay tuned—planning is underway!

Community ownership is at the heart of the Food Co-op—our development is only as fast as our community's investment. Help us bring a community-owned, full-service grocery store to West Chester and the first grocery store in town since the '80s. Become a member-owner today!

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AWARD-WINNING BOOKS

Andrea Kiliany Thatcher
Chester County Book Company

IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A REAL WINNER of a book to relish this summer, try a recommendation from one of the many groups that generate lists of bests and make awards each year. Spend your precious reading time actually indulging in the pleasure of reading rather than searching for a great book. You can find award-winning reads right when you walk into Chester County Book Company, which displays top picks near the entrance. Stop in and support our independent bookstore before it closes in July.

Here are seven recommendations representing a wide range of voices, and each has earned a prize—from the National Book Award to more recently developed prizes like the Goodreads Choice Award.

Night at the Fiestas,
by Kirstin Valdez Quade

Probably the most freshly minted award-winner on this list, Kirstin Valdez Quade's *Night at the Fiestas* was awarded the National Book Critics Circle's John Leonard Prize at a ceremony on March 17. It was also on *The New York Times Book Review's* list of 100 Notable Books of 2015. The debut collection includes short stories set in rural New Mexico and often features characters grappling with their own preconceived notions.



All the Light We Cannot See,
by Anthony Doerr

Perhaps the most-hyped book on this list also received the most prestigious award. *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr received the Pulitzer Prize for fiction. Starting with a young blind Parisienne's special relationship with her father, the secreting away of valuable jewels, and an orphan boy in the Nazi Youth, this book doesn't lack for drama, intrigue and emotional depth. The novel was also a National Book Award finalist.



The Third Plate: Field Notes on the Future of Food,
by Dan Barber

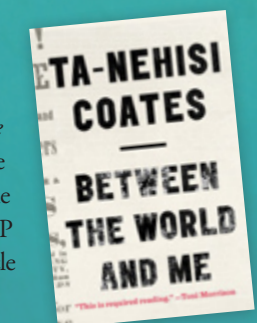
The James Beard Foundation is best known for recognizing the most prestigious chefs and restaurants in America, but the group also endorses books—mostly cookbooks. However, Dan Barber, renowned chef of Manhattan's Blue Hill and Westchester County's Blue Hill at Stone Barns, won the 2015 James Beard Foundation Book Award for Writing and Literature for his book, *The Third Plate: Field Notes on the Future of Food*. Barber argues that America's obsession with “farm

to table” eating—what he calls the second plate, replacing the first plate of traditional eating—will not save our palates or our planet. We need to cultivate the titular “third plate” as a new approach to ethical and sustainable eating.



Between The World and Me,
by Ta-Nehisi Coates

If you haven't read Ta-Nehisi Coates' *Between the World and Me* yet, let this be your last reminder before we revoke your library card and your lit cred while we're at it. National Book Award Winner, NAACP Image Award Winner, National Book Critics Circle



Award Finalist, one of the 10 Best Books of the Year according to *The New York Times Book Review* ... need we go on? This is a quick read that nonetheless takes a powerful and nuanced look at the race crisis facing our nation. [Editor's Note: Or listen to the audiobook version as the author reads his series of letters to his teenage son, and we'll let you keep your library card.]

***Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania*, by Erik Larson**

A Goodreads Choice Award winner, *Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania* by Erik Larson was also a popular local favorite. The author did a book signing at Chester County Book Company in April, so although you missed meeting him, you can check the store for a signed copy from the event to read. Lauded for his narrative nonfiction, Larson tells the story of the famed luxury ocean liner's

unprecedented role in World War I with gripping, lesser known detail.

***P.S. I Still Love You*, by Jenny Han**

The Amelia Bloomer Book List is determined by The Feminist Task Force of the American Library Association's Social Responsibilities Round Table, which may be the coolest name for a committee ever. Their Young Adult winner this year was another former guest at Chester County Book Company. Jenny Han won for *P.S. I Still Love You*, the sequel to *To All the Boys I've Loved Before*. This Korean-American teenage romance weaves threads of family, self-discovery and empowerment in with its boy drama.

***I Loved You More*, by Tom Spanbauer**

The winner for Gay General Fiction from the Lambda Literary Awards in 2015 was

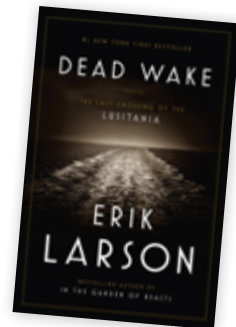
Tom Spanbauer for *I Loved You More*. This book spans a wide swath of the gay experience from sexy New York City to rural Idaho, while weaving the story of a complicated love triangle.

The Lambda Literary Awards identify and celebrate the best lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender books of the year and affirm that LGBTQ stories are part of the literature of the world.

Pick your favorites for the summer!

Meet more authors: In June welcome Elin Hilderbrand, author of *Here's To Us*, with summer drinks and a beach towel raffle on the 16th at 7 p.m. And on July 6th at 7 p.m., you'll find Brad Taylor reading and signing his 10th Pike Logan thriller, *Ghosts of War*.

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* **Nectar**

1091 Lancaster Ave.

610.725.9000; TasteNectar.com

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Biga Pizza & Beer

810 Glenbrook Ave.

610.525.4800; RestaurantBiga.com

Restaurant Cerise

1011 Lancaster Ave.

610.527.4400; RestaurantCerise.com

* **Yangming**

1051 Conestoga Rd.

610.527.3200; YangmingRestaurant.com

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423 Baltimore Pk.; 610.388.7700

TheGablesAtChaddsFord.com

See their ad on page 54

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Chester Springs

* **Limoncello**

499 E. Uwchlan Ave.

610.524.3112; LimoncelloCS.com

Downingtown

* **Amani's BYOB**

105 E. Lancaster Ave.

484.237.8179; AmanisBYOB.com

Milito's Restaurant

20 E. Lancaster Ave.

610.269.6000; MilitosDowningtown.com

Exton

* **Appetites on Main**

286 Main St.

610.594.2030; AppetitesOnMain.com

See their ad on page 54

Enjoy Exton's premier open-air, pet-friendly,

award-winning outdoor patio, seating over 100 in a relaxing atmosphere. Daily Happy Hours. On Fridays the DJ sets the mood, 5 to 9 pm (weather permitting). Bring your furry friends and enjoy their Doggie Menu. Live music/DJs on weekends and karaoke every Wednesday.

Brickside Grille

Eagleview Town Ctr, 540 Wellington Sq.

610-321-1600; BricksideGrille.com

See their ad on page 4

Food is prepared from scratch for freshness and flavor. Their raw bar is stocked with the freshest oysters, shrimp and clams, caught and delivered daily from a local Philly fish market. Daily specials take full advantage of seasonal ingredients. Open Mon-Sat, from 11 am; Sun, from 10 am. Eagleview Town Center is adding new world class restaurants: Suburban, Bella Vista and Al Pastor. Learn more: InEagleview.com.

Nudy's Café

Eagleview Town Ctr., 541 Wellington Sq.

610-458-7667; NudysCafes.com

See their ad on page 4

Nudy's has been comforting diners in a casual setting for breakfast and lunch since 1979. With over 110 items on the menu, there's a meal for everyone's taste from young children to college students home for the summer and their families.

* **Ron's Original Bar & Grille**

74 E. Uwchlan Ave.

610-594-9900; RonsOriginal.com

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* JuntobyOB

100 Ridge Rd.
484-574-8041; JuntobyOB.com

Honey Brook

* Wyebrook Farm Café

150 Wyebrook Rd.
610-942-7481; WyebrookFarm.com

Kennett Square

* La Verona

114 E. State St.
610-444-2244; LaVeronaPA.com
See their ad on page 54

Enjoy a relaxing evening of fine Italian cuisine on the side patio decorated with fresh herbs and flowers, or watch the activity on State Street seated in front of the restaurant while you indulge in their exquisite fare. Summertime specials include Happy Hour at the bar or outside, 4 to 6. Stop by on 3rd Thursday evenings, 6 to 10 pm, through September.

* Lily Asian Restaurant

104 W. State St.
610-925-3700; LilySushiAndGrill.com

* Sovana Bistro

696 Unionville Rd.
610-444-5600; SovanaBistro.com

Lancaster

Fenz

398 Harrisburg Pk.
717-735-6999; FenzRestaurant.com

* Stockyard Inn

1147 Lilitz Pk.
717-394-7975; StockyardInn.com

Malvern

* The Farmhouse at People's Light

39 Conestoga Rd., 610-647-8060
TheFarmhouseBistro.com

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* General Warren

9 Old Lancaster Rd.
610-296-3637; GeneralWarren.com
See their ad on page 57

Enjoy award-winning cuisine and your favorite libations on The Springhouse Terrace. Happy Hour menu and drink prices, Mon-Fri, 4:30 to 6:30. Lower terrace is weather-protected and the new Terrace Bar is open for service Tues-Sat. Intimate dining table in The 18th-Century Springhouse for up to 6 guests. Call ahead for availability or just walk in.

* Toninos Pizza & Pasta Co.

235 Lancaster Ave.; 610-240-9566
ToninosPizzaAndPasta.com
See their ad on page 57

This family-run business serves authentic Italian cuisine and prides itself on using only the freshest ingredients to make authentic homemade Neapolitan pizza and pasta dishes. Eat in (it's BYOB) or take out—and if you're planning a summer gathering, check out their catering menu.

Media

See the Events Section in this issue for information about "Dining Under the Stars," on Wednesdays, May–September, on State Street.

Azie Restaurant

217-219 W. State St.
610-566-4750; AzieRestaurant.com

* DiFabio's Market & Tap

1243 N. Providence Rd.
484-444-0850; DiFabiosEvents.com

* Jaco Juice & Taco Bar

21 W. State St. (Opening early summer)

484-444-2839; JacoJuiceAndTaco.com
See their ad on page ?? and listing in the West Chester supplement.

* Pinocchio's Restaurant

131 E. Baltimore Ave.
610-566-7767; PinPizza.com

Riddle Ale House

1073 W. Baltimore Pk.
610-566-9984; RiddleAleHouse.com
See their ad on page 60

Seasonal outdoor dining on the patio under an awning, Riddle Ale House serves casual American cuisine with an Italian influence. Enjoy a seasonal summer salad menu, rotating draught and bottle beers and their special hand-carved roast beef sandwiches. Live music on Tues, Fri and Sat and weekday Happy Hour with half-priced appetizers.

* Shere-E-Punjab

208 W. State St.
610-891-0400; ShereEPunjab.com

* Spasso Italian Grill

1 W. State St.; 610-565-7803
SpassoItalianGrill.com/Media

Newtown Square

Trattoria Giuseppe

4799 West Chester Pk.
610-353-4871; Mussotra.com

Teca

191 S. Newtown Street Rd.
484-420-4010; TecaRestaurants.com

Phoenixville

* Bistro on Bridge

212 Bridge St.
610-935-7141; BistroOnBridge.com

Iron Hill Brewery & Restaurant

130 E. Bridge St.
610-983-9333; IronHillBrewery.com

* Sips Bistro & Bar

400 Bridge St.
484-924-9721; SipsPhoenixville.com

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484-944-1008; LilysGrill.com

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333 Belrose La.
610-293-1000; 333Belrose.com

Harvest Seasonal Grill
555 E. Lancaster Ave. (Opening soon)
HarvestSeasonalGrill.com

Springfield

✱ **Tavola Restaurant & Bar**
400 W. Sproul Rd.
610-543-2100; Tavalas.com
See their ad on page 20
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Wayne

Autograph Brasserie
503 W. Lancaster Ave.
610-964-2588; AutographBrasserie.com

✱ **Black Powder Tavern**
1164 Valley Forge Rd.
610-293-9333; BlackPowderTavern.com
See their ad on page 57
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✱ **Margaret Kuo's**
175 E. Lancaster Ave.
610-688-7200; MargaretKuo.com

✱ **White Dog Café**
200 W. Lancaster Ave.
610-225-3700; WhiteDog.com



The Desmond Hotel Sunset Grille

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See West Chester Supplement.

West Grove

✱ **Twelves Grill & Café**
10 Exchange Pl.
610-869-4020; TwelvesGrill.com

West Marlborough

✱ **The Whip Tavern**
1383 N. Chatham Rd.
610-383-0600; TheWhipTavern.com

No. Delaware

See the Wilmington article in this issue for more dining options there.

Buckley's Tavern
5812 Kennett Pk., Centreville
302-656-9776; BuckleysTavern.com

Krazy Kat's
Rt. 100 & Rockland Rd., Montchanin
302-888-4200; KrazyKatsRestaurant.com

Pizza by Elizabeths
4019 Kennett Pk., Greenville
302-654-4478; PizzaByElizabeths.com

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302-455-1101; Soffritto.com
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207 W. Lancaster Ave.
484-593-0560; StationTaproom.com

EXTON
The Drafting Room Taproom & Grille
635 N. Pottstown Pk.
610-353-0521; DraftingRoom.com

World of Beer
102 Main St., Ste. 100
610-991-2865; WorldOfBeer.com

KENNETT SQUARE
Kennett Brewing Co.
109 S. Broad St.; 610-444-0440
KennettBrewingCompany.com

Victory at Magnolia
650 W. Cypress St.
484-730-1870; VictoryBeer.com

MEDIA
DiFabio's Market & Tap
1243 N. Providence Rd.
484-444-0850; DiFabiosEvents.com

Sterling Pig Brewery
609 W. State St.
484-444-2526; SterlingPigBrewery.com

PHOENIXVILLE
The Barrel Wine Bar
222 Bridge St.; 610-933-3399; FB

Bluebird Distilling
100 Bridge St.
610-933-7827; BluebirdDistilling.com

Stable 12 Brewing Co.
368 Bridge St.
610-715-2665; Stable12.com

POTTSTOWN
Manatawny Still Works
320 Cr. of Progress Dr.; 484-624-8271
ManatawnyStillWorks.com

WEST CHESTER
Boxcar Brewing Co.
142 E. Market St.; 484-947-2503
BoxcarBrewingCompany.com

Levante Brewing
208 Carter Dr., Ste. 2
484-999-8761; LevanteBrewing.com

Restaurant 51 Tap & Spirit
30 N. Church St.
484-887-8004; 51WestChester.com

Saloon 151 Whiskey Bar & Grill
151 W. Gay St.
610-701-8489; Saloon151.com

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Merchant Bar
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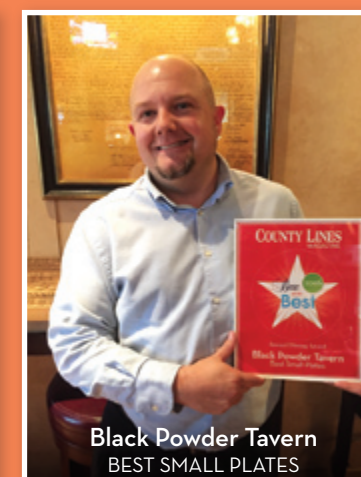
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Mary Irene Dolan

BUILD A ROOM OUTDOORS FOR THE PERFECT GETAWAY

THINK ABOUT THE CURRENT STATE OF YOUR BACKYARD. Does it make you want to take the day off and relax in your own personal getaway? Or does it leave you feeling like something is missing? Kind of meh?

An outdoor space that functions as an inviting extension of your home rather than a separate, unused part of your property is what many local landscape designers seek to create. Imagine a space tailored to your needs—small and private or big and open, you decide—one that you'll want to use year round. Interested? Keep reading ...

WHAT'S THE PURPOSE?

Like designing any room in your home, for an outdoor room, you'll need to think about its intended purpose. This is the first question Randall Spackman at Thornbury Services asks his clients. "Many people think about what looks good versus what will be most useful to them, but it really should be the other way around," says Spackman,

Start with the key questions—the size of your space and budget, whether you have kids or pets, if you're more interested in enter-

taining than relaxing, and if you'll be using the space year-round.

"We can customize everything based on our clients' lifestyle and needs," says Spackman. "From small touches like using stone for kids to draw on with chalk, to creating a grown-up dining area complete with a kitchen and your very own pizza oven, if that's what you want—and will use!"

When in doubt, he recommends leaving room to expand in the future. "Your needs and tastes may change," he says, "And it's much easier to add on than take away."

COMFORTS OF INSIDE

Once you decide your room's purpose, it's time to start designing! Making the outdoors feel roomier can be accomplished several ways. At Gordon Eadie Landscape and Design, some of the most popular features include outdoor fireplaces and kitchens that can be enjoyed any time.

Fireplaces and pits are great because they provide heat in the colder months and a gathering place in the warmer ones—plus the perfect place for roasting marshmallows safely year-round. With an outdoor kitchen, you not only take the heat out of the house,



An outdoor fireplace is the perfect gathering space. Add cozy furniture for best results. PHOTO COURTESY P. S. DAVIS STONE MASONRY



Fresh water ponds transform your backyard into a tranquil escape.



Day lilies are the way to go for low-maintenance gardeners.

but also the cook! If you know you love cooking, this is one feature you won't want to skimp on.

The only limit is your budget—with options for your outdoor kitchen including a stove, grill, mini fridge, wood-burning oven, sink, bar, storage and more.

BUILD A WALL

You wouldn't have a room without some type of walls. Having a boundary defining the space between your outdoor room and your lawn creates a comfortable feeling. And walls can be a great help for keeping track of kids and pets outdoors.

Stone walls, like the ones P.S. Davis Stone Masonry specialize in, are a very practical option for enclosing the patio area, plus they double as built-in seating. P.S. Davis also

combines stairs, pillars and paved walkways to function as entries and hallways from space to outdoor space.

You can go the traditional route and build a deck with railings and a canopy (ask about low-maintenance materials that prevent mold), allowing for a nice breeze to keep things cool while still defining the space.

Or opt for something a bit more open, like a popular pergola. Typically made of wood, these crosshatched structures both close the space off while leaving parts open to the sunlight and surrounding landscape views.

THEN THERE WAS LIGHT

Lighting might not be the first thing you think about, but if you'd like to enjoy your outdoor spaces at night, it's essential. Luckily,

landscape designers don't forget about this necessity and many come up with interesting ways to incorporate outdoor lighting into their plans.

Jeremy Martin at Willow Gates Landscaping has plenty of ideas about how to get creative with lighting. "In addition to being a necessity, we use lighting mainly to create atmosphere and ambiance," he says.

Some fun ways to do that? Build lighting into seating walls, highlight unusual architectural details, make a lantern pathway connecting parts of the design, or even create shadow effects with uniquely shaped flowers, bushes and trees.

To save on energy, everything is LED now, and according to Martin, all their bulbs are warm-toned, eliminating that harsh blue light. "If you put the new LED

bulbs next to an incandescent bulb, you can't tell the difference," he promises. You will, though, notice the difference on your electric bill!

BRING NATURE TO YOU

Your backyard oasis wouldn't be complete without what makes the outdoors the outdoors—nature. Trees, shrubs, flowers, gardens, ponds, streams and more ... Use these features to add color, contrast and beauty to your space.

At Shackleford Landscape Group, Kevin Shackleford uses a variety of greenery to enclose his clients' outdoor rooms in a lush

setting. "We like to add flower beds around a patio's edges for extra color and a sense of seclusion," he says. He recommends flowers like day lilies for summer through to fall, and shrubs like holly and other evergreens for interest throughout the year.

If you're looking for a low-maintenance option, perennials and flowering bulbs are your best bet. "Perennials come up every year," Shackleford explains, "and you only have to plant bulbs once a year." He warns to stay away from things like ornamental grass as it needs trimming every year. "But it gives great privacy and really creates that beach effect," he notes. "So if you're willing to put in the work, it's worth it."

Another way to include a bit of nature in your space is through water features. Pezzotti Brothers Landscaping & Tree Service builds all types of tranquility-inspiring designs from waterfalls and fountains, to ponds and water gardens. Typically a pond or water garden with its own mini ecosystem—with fish and water plants rather than chemicals like chlorine—is less mainte-

nance because nature regulates and cares for itself. Plus they're much more eye-catching and interesting!

Now that you're armed with ideas to create your escape, it's time to start making that dream a reality this summer! ♦

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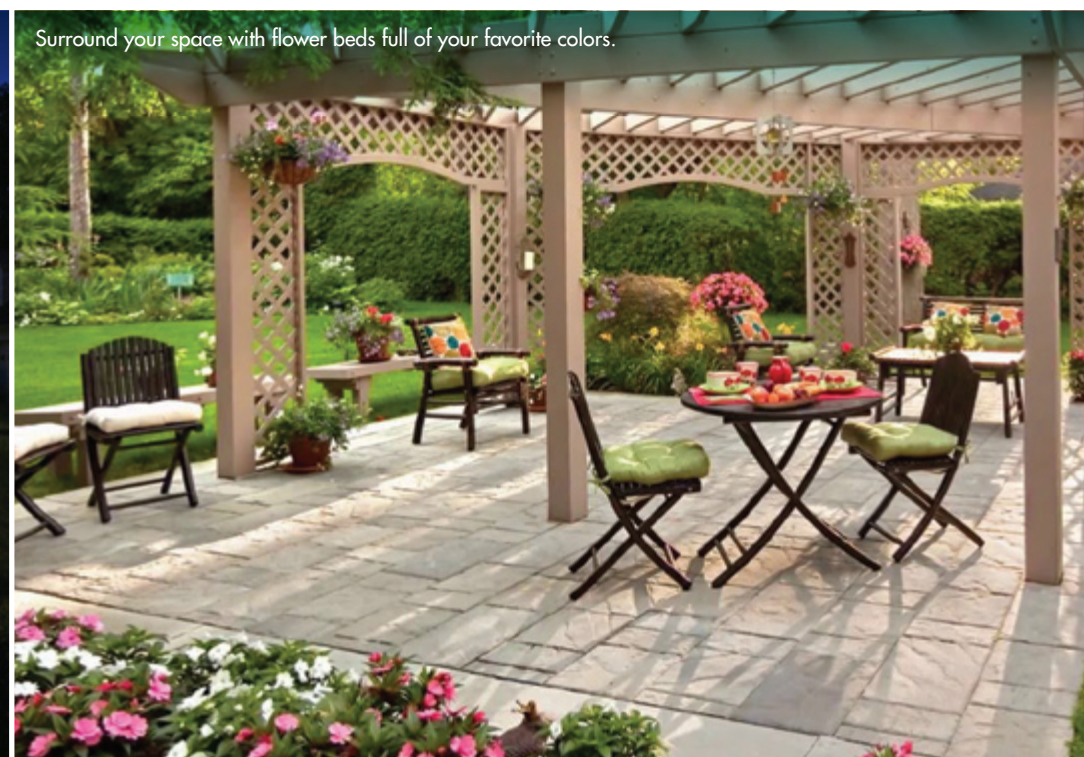
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1845 North Valley Road

Laurel Anderson

IN A LOCATION CHOSEN CENTURIES AGO ON NORTH VALLEY ROAD, near Yellow Springs Road and Valley Forge Mountain, this property combines the best of historic charm and modern amenities. With southern exposure, this charming stone home offers light-filled space flowing seamlessly from room to room, a perfect setting for family memories created in its comfortable rooms. The current owners have nurtured the gardens for a quarter century and are ready to pass their home on to the next family.



Near six nature preserves and Diamond Rock Hill (named for the glittering mica), the natural beauty of this Tredyffrin location complements the three-story classic stone home, dating back to around 1780. Generations expanded the original residence, building a kitchen wing, laying down random-width wood floors, adding period moldings and more details. Major improvements were completed by Pohlig Builders, and the present owners completely updated kitchen and powder room, installed a new metal roof on the stone garage, and updated the pool and pumping system.

With a great sense of style and architectural consistency, the house grew to a comfortable size of six bedrooms and three-plus baths. Picturesque stone acces-

sory buildings include a garden cottage and springhouse with brick floor—perfect for a wine cellar. The secluded pool has a stone-walled patio, with other flagstone terraces surrounding the home shaded by mature specimen trees.

MAIN HOUSE

Drive through stately chestnut trees lining North Valley Road to a curving driveway, past carriage-lamp-topped stone pillars. Walk down a brick path past a majestic sycamore set in perennial gardens, as you approach the bluestone patio and the sight and sounds of an outdoor fountain.

A spacious reception room, with warm random-width hardwood floors, greets you. This transitional space, with convenient

powder room and ample closet, leads to the main ground floor rooms.

An elegant formal living room is enhanced by large windows on three sides, with deep sills found in homes with thick stone walls, and providing sunlight throughout the day. Period details—crown moldings, chair rails, antique hardware, built-in shelves and cabinets—accent the carved wood mantle and fireplace. This lovely room is both intimate enough for fireside entertaining and large enough for the grand piano.

The magnificence of a walk-in stone fireplace makes the dining room a perfect place for formal entertaining as well as family celebrations. Combining authentic details (wrought iron cooking arm, brick paver hearth) with an elegant crystal chandelier



and always-useful built-in shelves, this room allows for a variety of decorating styles.

Steps away is the renovated kitchen, with sunny eat-in dining space and windows on both ends of the room. Newly added tumbled stone backsplash, quiet/close wood cabinets, stainless steel appliances and granite counters make this an efficient work space. Snacks can be passed to the adjacent family room through an opening where an old window was removed.

The family room is graced by the original stone exterior wall, in all its rough-hewn glory and texture. Pella windows on three sides, plus French doors to the patio, provide ample light. (Most other windows have antique glass in divided-light style frames.) It's possible to stand in the entrance of the family room and look through the kitchen and dining room, all the way to the living room!

THE GROUNDS

But the main view from the family room is outside—to the patio, professionally designed gardens, and on to the walkway to the pool. The thoughtful design, using evergreens and boxwoods, provides privacy to the pool and camouflages it in winter.

Specimen plantings, lush perennial borders and raised garden beds abound. You'll find a spectacular Southern Magnolia, huge hellebores, spring bulbs and a protected vegetable garden. Six watering hydrants and numerous electrical outlets simplify upkeep and make clear the value placed on the gardens.

Two major structures on the property offer limitless possibilities for new owners. A gigantic stone garage (53' x 36') fits

seven cars! A full loft space above could be used for more storage, an in-law suite, studio, home office or personal getaway. Similarly, the stone springhouse provides more options. It's a cool space (literally cool, a real springhouse, with two rooms and brick floor). with windows, multi-levels and several rooms.

BACK TO THE HOUSE

The highlight of the second floor is the master suite: bedroom, sitting room (with large windows and stone wall), walk-in closets and master bath. Like several other rooms, the master bath retains an original stone wall, this one by the jetted tub, skylight and windows overlooking the pool. A perfect place to soak away worries.

The remainder of this floor includes a convenient second-floor laundry, plus full bath and two bedrooms. More hardwood floors and deep windowsills mix with California closets for the best of old and new.

Offering privacy perfect for teens, au pairs, in-laws or an office, the third floor has three more bedrooms and another full bath. Space under the dormers, beaded board walls and more hardwood floors add character, while built-in closets, shelves and cubbies add function.

Three stone buildings, three patios, and a three-story home. The three words that come to mind are: "I want it!" ♦

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Peach & Berry Sangria

This yummy sangria is one of The Gables at Chadds Ford's most popular summer concoctions. With its refreshing taste, seasonal fruits and fun colors, it's easy to see why.

2/3 cup peach moscato
1/2 oz. peach schnapps
1/2 oz. Cointreau or Triple Sec
Club soda
Fresh peach slices
Fresh berries of your choice
Ice cubes

1. Start with a wine or tulip glass. Fill with ice.
2. Fill glass about 2/3 of the way with peach moscato.
3. Add the peach schnapps and Cointreau or Triple Sec.
4. Top with club soda.
5. Add a few fresh peach slices and fresh berries—raspberries, blueberries, strawberries—for more flavor and color.

Grapefruit Goodbye Martini

If you're a grapefruit fan, Appetites on Main in Exton has just the martini for you! Blending sweet and tart flavors, this unique combo tastes as good as it looks.

1 1/2 parts Captain Morgan Grapefruit Rum
1/2 part Hendrick's Gin
1/2 part X-Rated Fusion Liqueur
3/4 part fresh lemon juice
3/4 part pineapple juice
Sugar
Ice cubes (optional)

1. Combine the Captain Morgan, Hendrick's and X-Rated Fusion in a traditional martini glass. This should fill up the glass most of the way.
2. Add fresh lemon juice and pineapple juice to top it off.
3. Coat the rim of the glass with sugar.
4. Serve up or on the rocks, depending on your preference.



Polo Punch

From West Chester's Saloon 151, this punch is super simple and fitting for impromptu summer get-togethers. Mix this up in a big bowl for best results, and feel free to adjust the liquor to juice ratio to your liking.

1/4 part bourbon of your choice
1/4 part Pimm's No. 1 Cup
1/4 part pomegranate juice
1/4 part lemonade
Ice cubes
Garnish (optional)

1. Start with a punch bowl. The size of your bowl determines how much of each ingredient you'll need.
2. Add equal parts bourbon and Pimm's, filling bowl halfway.
3. Fill the remainder of the bowl with pomegranate juice and lemonade. Stir thoroughly.
4. Serve over ice, garnish and enjoy!

Smugglers Blues

This refreshing specialty summer cocktail from Tavola Restaurant + Bar in Springfield is named in honor of Eagles guitarist, Glenn Frey. Just one sip and you'll find yourself transported to a tropical paradise—perfect for a relaxing summer day!

1 oz. Captain Morgan Pineapple Rum
1 oz. Captain Morgan Coconut Rum
1/4 oz. blue Curacao
3/4 cup half and half
1/2 cup pineapple juice
1 cherry
1 pineapple slice
1 pineapple spike (green leaf)
Ice cubes

1. Start with a cocktail shaker filled with ice.
2. Mix rums with the pineapple juice and pour into a hurricane glass halfway.
3. Add the cherry and blue Curacao on top of the mix.
4. Strain the rest of the mixture to fill the glass.
5. Garnish with a fresh pineapple slice and spike.



Food in Philly. Sample decadent creations and watch top area chefs in action at **The Great Chefs Event**, June 14. Over 1,200 guests and 50 renowned chefs from the U.S. and Italy will be at the Urban Outfitters headquarters at the Philly Navy Yard. Enter raffles and participate in live auctions while enjoying the best food in town. Proceeds benefit the Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation and the Vetri Community Partnership. Tickets at AlexsLemonade.org/Campaign/Great-Chefs-Event.



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Summer Grilling

Laura Muzzi Brennan

One of Summer's Greatest Pleasures

MY SUMMER GRILLING SEASON BEGINS the moment my family insists that only juicy burgers with grill marks will satisfy their appetites. I imagine that's a familiar late May-early June scenario—simply replace “burger” with portabello mushroom for the vegetarian and vegan households out there. The point is this: food cooked over an outside fire is one of summer's greatest pleasures. And with a handful of stellar recipes and cooking tips from Chef Matt Broeze, the experience just gets better and better.

Broeze is the chef de cuisine at **Wyebrook Farm**, a 360-acre sustainable farm in Honey Brook, in northern Chester County. At the market and in the restaurant, guests savor local cheese and organic vegetables, eggs from Wyebrook chickens, and hormone and antibiotic-free meats from animals raised and butchered right on the farm. There's beef, pork, lamb, chicken and, starting last year, goat. DIYers flock to the butchering and charcuterie classes, which sell out fast. To read about my foray into the craft of butchering, see the sidebar.

Chef Broeze uses cast iron grill pans inside the kitchen, but when cooking vegetables and meat outside at Wyebrook, he uses a wood and charcoal-fired infernillo. Meaning “small inferno,” this Argentinian-style grill is a multi-level steel structure with fire both above and below the food. Broeze likes the clean, natural flavor that hickory and oak impart to the food. He's also a fan of fruitwood chips, especially apple and cherry, from Green Meadow Farm trees. Lucky for us, he's an avid home grillster and shared recipes he makes on a Weber grill fueled by natural lump charcoal.

Besides a functional grill, a few simple tools help tease out flavor and make grilling safe and easy. Broeze finds a long-handled fork or tongs to be helpful as well as a pair of high heat gloves. “I can—



and do—pick up bricks right from the fire,” he laughs. Also, he prefers basting brushes with natural bristles rather than silicone because the sauce adheres to them better. And for mopping vinegar sauce onto a roast, a plain-jane terry cloth kitchen towel does the trick.

I also asked Broeze to explain which cuts of meat do well on the grill. For beef, he suggests ribeye, strip steak and sirloin; for pork, he likes chops, tenderloin, short and spare ribs and says Boston butt makes a killer pulled pork. As for chicken, he prefers legs, bone-in breasts or an entire chicken that's been spatchcocked (backbone removed) and flattened. In general, thicker and tougher cuts of meat should be cooked slowly over indirect heat, while thinner cuts and vegetables do better cooked quickly over direct heat.

Since grilling is as much art as science, Broeze encourages home grillers to experiment with all different vegetables and proteins and more importantly, to just have fun. After all, who doesn't love playing with fire?



From left: Alexi Alejandro displaying technique for the butchering class at Wyebrook Farm; Laura Muzzi Brennan with pig; enjoying dinner at Wyebrook after the class. See sidebar on next page for more on the class.

Butchering Class

I have a soft spot for people who raise our food, so any time my editor dreams up an assignment requiring a farm visit, I'm there in two shakes. When she suggested I cover a heritage breed pig butchering class at Wyebrook Farm, “Yes!” flew off my tongue.

The night before the class, however, trepidation and worry sat on either shoulder, nattering on as I tried to fall asleep. I worried that I didn't have the stomach for this assignment. I had visions of the butcher singling me out—“Laura, why don't you saw through these ribs? Remove that kidney? Prepare the tail for pickling?” Yet, I knew I couldn't and wouldn't wimp out. I've said over and over that we should all know where our food comes from, and it was time to walk the walk.

The class took place in the kitchen of the original farmhouse, where on a simple metal table rested half of a 300+ pound pig, its

head, organs and hair removed. I breathed easier. Noting the animal's ruddy flesh, I wondered why pork is called the other white meat. (I soon learned that because these pigs get plenty of exercise, their meat is darker than a paler industrially raised animal.)

Before head butcher Alexi Alejandro began his demo, Wyebrook's laidback owner, Dean Carlson, put the class in perspective for me and my 14 classmates: “It helps you understand where different cuts come from,” he said. “It gives you an appreciation for why certain cuts need longer, slower cooking and why some are more expensive than others.” He also talked about the humane ways Wyebrook pigs are fed, raised and slaughtered.

As Alejandro separated the pig into cuts—ribs, tenderloin, hock, pork belly, bacon—I was struck by the artistry involved. And as

he talked about his career path—he started out wanting to be a chef—and the way he uses not only sight and touch but hearing to judge exactly where to place the knife, I was struck by something else: his almost reverential feeling toward this animal and his craft.

After the class, those who'd signed up for dinner headed toward the restaurant. (I took a quick detour, feeling compelled to say hello to the pigs.) Seated on benches at rustic wooden tables, my classmates and I enjoyed pork paté, smoked pork belly and sausage, and roasted pork loin along with a local cheese plate and chocolate boudino.

I left Wyebrook that night with an inch-thick pork chop (an apt party favor if ever there was one!), the emails of my classmates (aspiring butchers, hobby farmers and curious cooks) and an even deeper appreciation for the people and animals who nourish us.

Maple-Rosemary Roasted Coppa Roast

The coppa is a tough cut that sits atop the shoulder blade on the front leg of the pig. Ask your butcher to tie it for you, so that it holds its shape during cooking. Recipe courtesy of Chef Matt Broeze, Wyebrook Farm.



1.2 oz. (2-2¼ Tb.) salt
1.2 oz. (2-2¼ Tb.) maple syrup plus 2 oz. (3½ Tb.) extra for glazing
½ Tb. cracked black pepper
2 sprigs rosemary, chopped fine
1, 3-5 lb. coppa roast

Mix equal parts salt and maple syrup with black pepper and rosemary. Rub the coppa roast with the maple-salt mixture and let sit uncovered in the refrigerator to cure for 12-24 hours prior to cooking.

Since you want to cook the pork mostly over indirect heat, place it just off-center on the side of the grill with fewer coals. Rotate the roast every 10 minutes or so to

ensure even cooking on all sides, keeping the lid on the grill between rotations. Maple syrup should be brushed on occasionally throughout the cooking process.

Using an instant-read thermometer, check the internal temperature after two rotations, meaning the roast has been on every side twice. Once the pork has reached 142°-145° in the center, remove it from the grill and cover loosely with foil. Allow to rest for 20-25 minutes. Once rested, remove the ties, slice and serve.

Makes 10-12, 3-oz. servings.

Honey & Hot Sauce Spatchcocked Chicken

Spatchcocking refers to removing the chicken's backbone. It's not hard to do at home with a sturdy pair of kitchen shears or sharp knife. (It's even easier to ask your butcher to do it for you.) In any case, make sure to pop the leg joints out so the chicken will lie flat on the grill, skin side up. Recipe courtesy of Chef Matt Broeze.



1, 3-5 lb. roaster chicken
1.2 oz. (2¼ Tb.) salt plus .25 oz. (½ Tb.)
1 small pinch sweet or smoked paprika
½ C. raw local honey
½ C. hot sauce*

*Chef Broeze usually makes his own fermented cayenne hot sauce or uses Crystal brand, but he says any hot sauce will do.

Rub the chicken thoroughly on all sides with the 2¼ Tb. salt.

Mix the extra salt, paprika, honey and hot sauce together and whisk to incorporate. Brush a generous coating of the mixture onto the chicken and set the rest aside. Refrigerate, covered or uncovered, for at least 6 and up to 24 hours.

Place the chicken skin-side up on the side of the grill with fewer coals. Glaze the skin with the honey-hot sauce mixture 3 to 4 times during cooking.

Leave the lid on the grill as much as possible and allow the chicken to cook until an instant-read thermometer inserted into the thickest part of the breast registers 150°-155°, about 25-30 minutes.

Once the desired internal temperature is reached, very carefully flip the chicken over the coals to crisp/char the skin for 5-7 minutes, being careful not to burn it.

Remove the chicken from the grill and allow to rest for 10 minutes. Cut the chicken into pieces and serve.

Makes 4-6 servings (2 drumsticks, 2 thighs, 2 breasts, 2 wings).





Grilled Zucchini, Blistered Sungold Tomato & Charred Red Onion Salad

Recipe courtesy of Chef Matt Broeze.



1 green zucchini, cut in half lengthwise
1 gold zucchini, cut in half lengthwise
1 red onion, cut in half
Olive oil
Salt
1 pt. Sungold tomatoes
3 sprigs basil, cut into chiffonade (ribbons)
Pecorino cheese, shaved with a vegetable peeler
Aged balsamic vinegar

Place the zucchini and onion, unseasoned and cut side down, on the hot side of the grill. Chef Broeze likes to burn them a bit but says they can be cooked to whatever point you like—golden brown or charred black. The important thing is to cook them on just one side.

Once they've reached desired doneness, remove from the grill and season with olive oil and salt on the cut side. Allow to cool. Then cut on a bias into bite-size pieces.

Place tomatoes on a square of aluminum foil. Curl the edges up a bit to prevent tomatoes from rolling out. Season tomatoes with olive oil and a sprinkle of salt. Put the tomatoes in foil over the coals and cook until they begin to blister and burst.

Grilling Guide to Wyebrook Recipes

Chef Matt Broeze designed his recipes with a Weber charcoal grill in mind. Follow his instructions for the best results.

1. Use all-natural lump charcoal, which requires using a charcoal chimney. Both are available at hardware stores (see photo, at left).

2. Fill the chimney to the top. Stuff newspaper or paper grocery bags in the space at the bottom and light with a stick lighter. Allow 15–20 minutes for all the coals to light. They should be glowing orange.

3. Dump coals on the lower grate of the grill. Cover with about the same amount of

unlit charcoal, place the cooking grate on the grill, and wait 10–15 minutes for the new coals to ignite.

4. Once all the coals are glowing, you're ready to cook. Since you want mostly indirect heat for the meat and direct heat for the vegetables, rake all the coals to one side of the lower grate.

Now you have a hot side and a cool side to cook on. The hot side will be used for charring and grilling the vegetables, while the meat will be roasted on the other side with the lid on.

Some direct heat can be used to caramelize the outside of the pork and chicken.

Once done, add onion, zucchini and tomato to a mixing bowl. Add basil, more olive oil and mix. Add salt as needed.

Plate salad on a platter. Sprinkle the top with pecorino and drizzle a generous amount of balsamic over the top.

Makes 4–6 servings.

Brennan Burger

In my house, we are always in search of the perfect burger. (Fun fact: National Hamburger Day was May 28 this year.) Our latest favorite is simple—few ingredients and little work. In fact, the key to success is minimal handling and flipping. The garlic butter is a trick I adapted from Thomas Keller's ad hoc at home cookbook.



1 Tb. garlic paste
4 Tb. unsalted butter, softened
2 lbs. ground beef (80% lean, 20% fat)
Kosher salt and ground pepper to taste

Prepare a grill with both hot and cool zones. See Chef Broeze's note for charcoal

grills. If using a gas grill, set the outside burners to high and leave the center one off or set to low.

Mash garlic paste and butter together. Form into a 1-inch log and refrigerate until cold. Cut into 6–8 discs.

Divide meat into 6–8 portions handling the meat as little as possible. Overworking the beef produces hamburgers with a dense, meatloafish texture. Insert a butter disc into the center of each portion. Form into patties and make a dimple in the center. Refrigerate until using.

Right before putting burgers on grill, season with salt and pepper. Place burgers over direct heat. When burger releases easily, flip it over and sear on other side. Do not press down with a spatula. Move burger to indirect heat to finish cooking.

People have all different methods for deciding when a burger is finished, but I like to use a thermometer. Pull the burger off the grill when the internal temperature reaches 120° for rare, 140° for medium, 160° for well done. Let rest for 10 minutes.

Makes 6–8 servings.

Prosciutto, Mozzarella & Arugula Flatbread

I adapted the dough recipe from Artisan Bread in 5 Minutes a Day by Jeff Hertzberg and Zoe Francois. To cook the bread, I used a gas grill with front and back burners on high and middle burner off. A charcoal or wood burning grill would be great, too.

For the dough:

2¾ C. water (115°)
1½ Tb. instant yeast
1½ Tb. kosher salt

1 Tb. sugar
¼ C. extra virgin olive oil
6½ C. all-purpose flour
Commeal

For the topping:

Olive oil
½ C. chopped tomatoes
2–3 oz. prosciutto (or more to taste), torn into pieces
2–3 oz. fresh whole milk mozzarella
1 C. arugula, torn into pieces if desired



In a large bowl, mix all of the dough ingredients together well with your hands. Don't knead. Cover with a kitchen towel and place in the microwave or unheated oven until dough rises and collapses, about 2 hours. Refrigerate covered until chilled. The dough might be lumpy, and it is easier to work with when it is cold.

Place a baking stone on grate of gas grill. Close lid and preheat to 550° for 10–15 minutes. It's hard to maintain the temperature exactly, but aim for the 550° range and don't be alarmed if it's higher.

Place a large square of parchment paper on a cutting board and sprinkle with coarse cornmeal. Divide dough into four equal parts. Return three to the refrigerator.

With well-floured hands, shape the remaining dough into a ball or rectangle and place on parchment paper. Oil another large piece of parchment paper and place oil side down on top of dough ball. Using a rolling pin, roll until dough is ¼"–½" thick. Remove oiled parchment paper. Top dough with tomatoes, prosciutto and mozzarella.

Slide flatbread with parchment paper beneath onto baking stone. Close lid and cook for 8–10 minutes. Check and continue cooking until desired level of done-

ness, usually 5–10 minutes. Scatter arugula over top. Repeat with remaining dough.

Makes 4 flatbreads (12 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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SUBARU'S FLOWER POWER

Though a KofP trip doesn't exactly describe a typical spin for the Subaru owned by Jorie and Kerwin Nailor, of Newtown Square.

Kerwin is a former Navy pilot who flew with the famed Hurricane Hunters and served on the Fleet Air Wing's Atlantic staff before retiring from the Navy Reserves with the rank of captain and joining Lockheed Martin. An avid car buff, Kerwin modified a 1965 Corvair to Yenka Stinger vintage racing specs (modifications made famous by Yenka Chevrolet, a dealership in Cannonsburg, PA, that converted Corvairs into very good race cars).

Somehow, Kerwin also found time to build the log cabin that became the family's previous home in Phoenixville.

Jorie is no less active. An architect and landscape designer who advises the Philadelphia Zoo on preservation and sustainability issues, she also serves as an officer of the Garden Club of America, chairing the organization's 14 chapters in Pennsylvania and Delaware while making public appearances up and down the East Coast.

Her busy schedule has made her a regular *County Lines* reader. "I turn to the magazine to find out what's going on. There's always lots of information about antiques fairs, street festivals, and art and flower

shows in the region," she said in an unsolicited plug for the magazine.

Speaking of flowers, that's where Subaru comes in. "The brand has been associated with the Philadelphia Flower Show for years," says Jorie, who drives a Subaru Forester. "Its hatchback and folding rear seats give plenty of room for hauling plants and tools, and its large windows afford excellent visibility. So you get room with a view."

For more heavy-duty projects, they use Kerwin's distinctive Subaru Baja, a four-seater based on the Outback station wagon whose flared wheel wells, pickup truck bed, and chrome grab bars hint at the grueling Baja 500 rally over the most barren stretches of the Mexican desert.

"It's a small car but we can make it act like a big one," says Kerwin. "We've used the Baja to transport a sweet gum—a tree with a three-foot-diameter root ball—from Oaks to Arcola." That's in Upper Providence Township, for those who were going to Google it.

"It's always a treat to drive my Forester through the Chester County countryside," says Jorie. "One of my favorite drives is along Malin and Goshen Roads."

But for some events, she likes taking the Baja. "When I pull up to a Garden Club meeting in the Baja, everybody knows I'm there."

ART CAREY'S CINDERELLA JEEP

Readers who followed Main Liner Art Carey's fitness column in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* over the years know he feels passionately about Jeeps. "Enzo Ferrari said the Jeep is the only true American sports car," says Carey. "It's the greatest example of form following function. It does exactly what it was designed to do and is a reminder of what this nation could accomplish before we outsourced manufacturing to China."

For Carey, the ideal road trip would be one that leads to Butler, PA, 30 miles north of Pittsburgh, birthplace of the four-wheel-drive mechanical mule that revolutionized military transportation and helped win World War II. Today Butler hosts the annual Bantam Jeep Heritage Festival that, since the inaugural fete in 2011, has drawn thousands of Jeep aficionados to this small western Pennsylvania town.

Carey respects all Jeeps, he says, but is especially fond of the flat fender model produced from the late 1940s to the early 1950s. "I have a show Jeep from this era, the classic CJ2A. It has won just about every car show award you can name." The CJ2A was among the first mass-produced civilian Jeeps (thus CJ).

At one Antique Auto Club of America show in 1997 his "little peasant car" was pulled out of a line of other Jeeps and placed in a class with million-dollar Rolls Royces and Ferraris. "That was a thrill," he recalls.

So where, we wonder, does Carey take his prize-winning wheels to put it through its off-road paces? "I would never do that," he says, recoiling from the notion.

Carey might be more tempted to rough it in the successor to his classic CJ2A—the newer Jeep Renegade. The Renegade is a vehicle that says "Come out and play!" Its dimensions are jaunty rather than macho, and the Tonka Toy styling seems to compel a Day-Glo color scheme.

The interior of my test car bordered on chic, with black upholstery accented by red stitching and a pair of removable overhead panels for motoring al fresco. Performance with the standard 160 horsepower, four-cylinder power plant linked to a nine-speed automatic transmission, was downright peppy and the Renegade was great fun to drive—even if it wasn't made in America but instead, in Guangzhou, China.

G-WAGEN FOR TWO

The way Zoltan Kovacs tells it, his quest for a Mercedes Geländewagen was a kind of love story. "I grew up on a farm in Austria, and as a boy, I knew every kind of car, especially Formula One."



Subaru Baja



Mercedes "G-Wagen" Geländewagen



Jeep Renegade



Carey's CJ2A Jeep

He was also a big fan of Belgian race car driver Jackie Ickx, who won the 1983 Paris-Dakar rally—the endurance race from France to Senegal—in a Geländewagen, Mercedes' prehistoric-looking utility vehicle.

From then on, the young Zoltan was hooked. Some day, he told himself, he too would have a Geländewagen.

In 1995 Kovacs left Austria and came to the U.S. and began working as a stone mason specializing in historic restoration from Chester Springs to Chestnut Hill. He took an old school approach to his work, sometimes taking days to find just the right sand for mortar or bricks of the right vintage. And he prospered.

Kovacs' love affair with cars continued. He raced his Porsche at Watkins Glen, became a judge for the Ferrari Club, and acquired a series of Mercedes. But what he wanted most of all was a Geländewagen. "I looked and looked, but Mercedes didn't sell them in the States."

Why would they? To Germans, the Geländewagen wasn't a prestige item, it was a truck with cloth seats, crude suspension, and zero panache. It didn't fit the Mercedes luxury image. The only G-Wagens to be had in this country came from a gray market importer in Santa Fe, who was charging thousands of dollars extra for the brutish utes.

Finally, in 2002, Mercedes gave in to the demand and brought the unlikely trophy truck to American showrooms. Kovacs finally found one in 2003, but there was competition for it, an art historian named Diana, who was herself an aficionado of German G-Wagens. They decided to go out for a ride and talk things over. Along the way, romance bloomed and today, thanks to the clunky utility hauler, they are married.

As Zoltan says, "It was love at first test drive." ♦

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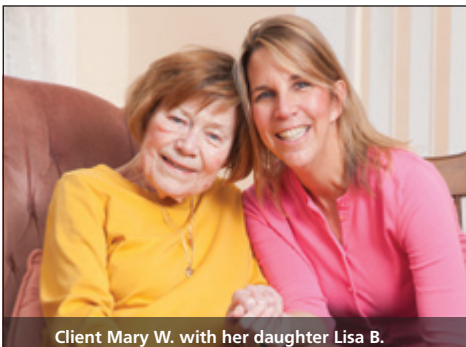
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