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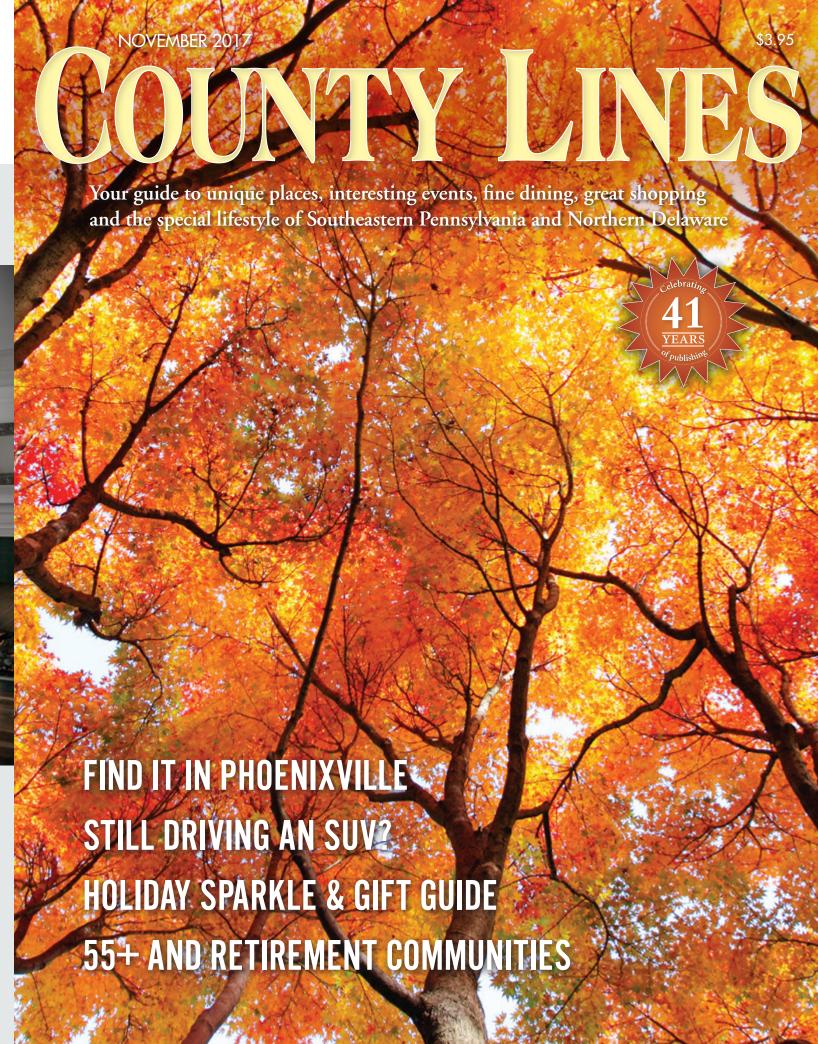
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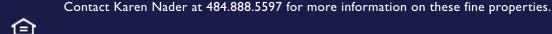
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November's here! And the holidays are not far behind. Time to shift gears and give thanks.

This month we honor local heroes, like the dedicated staff at the Clery Center for their work on campus safety reporting—the 1990 Clery Act spurred a movement that resonates today. The Stroud Water Research Center also honors heroes, specifically those working on fresh water causes. Find out who in Jessica Provinski's "Glittering Names Come to the Water's Edge."

We also give thanks for art—in Jessica Jenkins' preview of the Delaware Art Museum's virtual reality exhibit and by local photographers "Capturing Chester County" for our photo contest.

Local history, distinctive towns and unique properties are more causes for celebration. Find out what the Friends of Strode's Mill are doing to create a public park and save a landmark. Rediscover Phoenixville as Emily Hart helps us "Find It in Phoenixville" (hint: lots of beer), and read what Laurel Anderson learned about a 92-acre equestrian estate in Malvern.

Families will gather around the Thanksgiving table, where Laura Brennan suggests "Variation on a Theme of Turkey"—think tofurkey, turkducken, trash can turkey, designer turkey, turkey jerky.

These family gatherings may spark conversations about aging parents. Ed Malet explores 55+ communities and finds some resort-style amenities. Our Guide covers a full range of living and care options for seniors and those who don't feel (yet? or ever?) like seniors.

Jack Smith's article, "Still Driving an SUV?", finds it may be time for a crossover SUV, particularly for seniors. And in "Hearing Aids 101," Sarah Nowling, answers questions of those with hearing loss.

To prep for the season, we share "Holiday Sparkle" for inspiration for your holiday wardrobe and our "Holiday Gift Guide" to help you shop locally and early.

Finally, we're grateful to be in an area with such a rich variety of things to do. Check out our top monthly Picks and Best Local Events—including a full page of Family Fun.

Thank you for reading. And Happy Thanksgiving!

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HOW ARE YOU? I'M 65. I'M GOING TO GET A COFFEE. A COPY OF WHAT?

VER FIND YOURSELF LAGGING BEHIND IN CONversations, saying, "Excuse me" or mishearing or missing the joke entirely? Consider getting your hearing tested. A visit to an Ear, Nose and Throat doctor (ENT) is a great place to start.

At the ENT office, the doctor will make sure your ears are healthy and free of wax. The audiologist will test your hearing and help you understand your hearing loss and what options you have.

You might have some questions about this visit, like these.

Is it going to hurt? Not at all! A hearing test is painless. After the test, the audiologist will tell you about hearing aids and accessories to help improve your hearing if you need them.

It's a good idea to bring a family member to this appointment. Being able to hear those closest to you is important! Family members understand the frustrations of hearing loss and will benefit from being part of the process.

And a family member should also accompany you to your first hearing aid appointment.

Will anyone notice it? Forget the clunky, beige hearing aids of the past! Now they're smaller and are meant to blend in—styles may be completely in the ear canal, in the ear, behind the ear and other inconspicuous options. And, if you have hearing loss in both ears, you'll likely need to wear two.



Will it do any good? Hearing aids amplify speech to maximize your hearing. While not always perfect, hearing aids are programed for your hearing loss. And, the computer in the hearing aid is designed to decrease background noise so you can focus on conversations. The hearing aid is constantly evaluating your environment to set an appropriate volume and manage the differences of multiple speakers to make it easier for you to hear, without you noticing.

Your audiologist will fine-tune your hearing aid to help you hear even better.

How do they work? Hearing aids are designed to provide information your brain receives about the world around you. As information is transmitted to the brain, the brain actively processes what you hear. At first, ordinary sounds may sound very different. Over time, your brain relearns those sounds through the hearing aids, and you'll get used to that.

A recent study in the *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society* reports wearing the right hearing aids can also slow the onset of dementia.

What's new with hearing aids? A lot! Some hearing aids now have Bluetooth. Using Bluetooth and apps allows more control over your devices. With Bluetooth, your cell phone conversations and other media are streamed directly into your hearing aids. Hearing aids are also rechargeable, charging overnight and lasting all day. This eliminates anxiety about changing batteries. (Before rechargeable devices, batteries were changed every 7–10 days.)

How can I be sure? Typically, trying out hearing aids for 30–45 days is long enough to decide if they're helpful.

During the trial, try the devices in different settings. Report to the audiologist how you heard in different surroundings, so the devices can be fine-tuned. Follow up with your audiologist a week or two after getting your hearing aids and after the trial period. Continuing to talk with your audiologist over time and further fine-tuning your hearing aids will achieve the best hearing results.

Why didn't I do this sooner? Until you've tried hearing aids for yourself, you'll never know what you're missing.

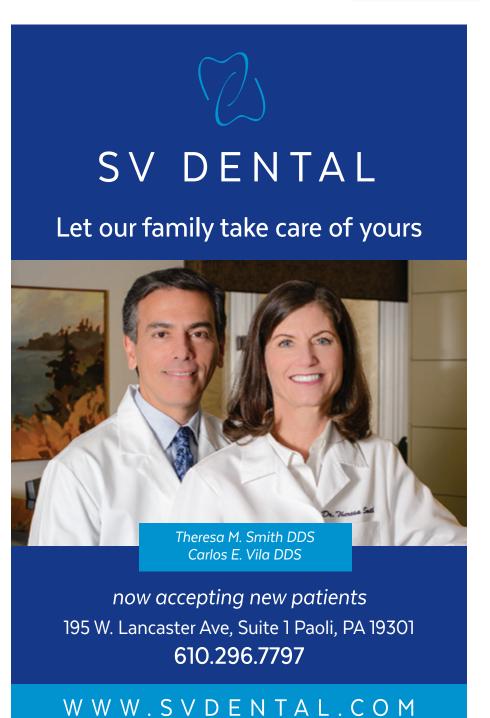
Live a life well heard! See an ENT doctor and audiologist, and tell them about your hearing needs. Then enjoy hearing the world around you! •

Editor's Note: Some private health care plans cover the costs of hearing tests, evaluation, and partial or full coverage of hearing aids. At this time, Medicare does not cover hearing aids.

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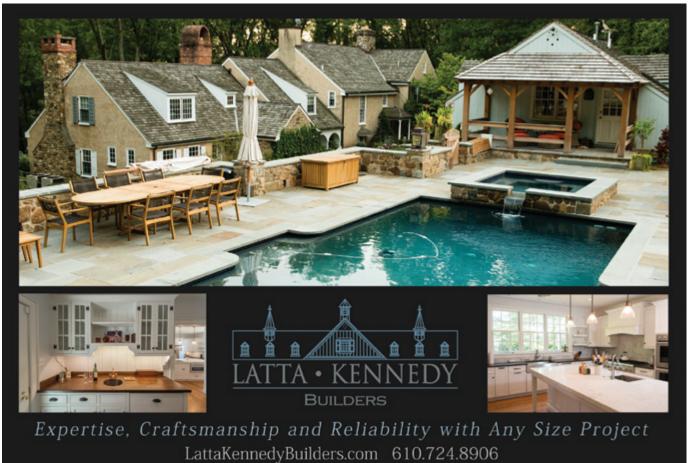
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Easy Riders. A 360mile bike ride may not be what most 70-somethings decide to do, but it's good to know that Kendal at Longwood residents Charlie Hill and David Leonard did just that. They completed a seven-day ride from Pittsburgh to Washington, D.C. along the Great

Allegheny Passage Trail (GAP Trail) on to the C&O Trail (the Towpath Trail or Mule Trail). Endurance training, careful planning, supportive wives and one steep ridge climb on an 80-mile biking day added up to a trip of a lifetime. Read more online at CountyLinesMagazine.com.

Very Hairy. Attention men! Put that razor down because No-Shave November is here. This quirky tradition started in 2009 as a way to raise money and awareness for cancer research. Participants give up shaving and hair maintenance in November and donate the money they'd spend to the cause. Celebrate that wild and free hair and help cancer patients who can't grow it themselves. Don't want to give up shaving and haircuts for a whole month? Check out the website for other ways to get involved. No-Shave.org.



Clean Energy, Happy Earth.

Ever wonder what it would be like to live in a world that ran on clean, renewable energy? Phoenixville is taking a big step toward finding out by passing

the clean energy initiative—a

commitment to use only renewable sources of energy by 2035. The first in Pennsylvania to go completely green, Phoenixville will rely on wind, solar and hydro sources to reduce air pollution. Find out more about what the Borough Council plans for this environmentally friendly initiative at *Phoenixville.org*.

Centennial Celebrations. It's time to party, because the Benjamin Franklin Parkway is celebrating its 100th birthday! Make the most of your next trip to Center City by traveling down the Parkway and stopping at its many attractions. Take a selfie on the Rocky Steps at the art museum, find your favorite Renoir at the Barnes Foundation or walk through the giant heart at the Franklin Institute. But most important, wish this beloved boulevard a "Happy Birthday." VisitPhilly.com.

Wondrous Wildlife. Want to go to the zoo, but don't feel like dealing with Philly traffic? Let the zoo come to you instead! Peter Gros, a wildlife expert from Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom on Animal Planet, is coming to West Chester. Gros teaches about the importance of conservation



and preservation of our planet's wildlife while he brings live ani-

mals on stage. Gros and his surprise lineup of wild animals are

coming to West Chester University's Asplundh Hall November

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November Picks Our Picks for top events this month-

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Longwood Gardens Chrysanthemum Festival

Through November 19

The Conservatory is brimming with thousands of mums in orbs, spirals, pagodas and more. The Thousand Bloom Mum takes center stage with more than 1,500 flowers arranged on a single stem. Relish the colorful foliage of the outdoor gardens, wander the Meadow Garden and enjoy the Pumpkin Playground and

Garden Railway. 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. \$12-\$23. 610-388-1000; LongwoodGardens.org.





Chester County Color 5K Run/Walk

November 4

A family-friendly fun run to raise awareness and funds to educate, treat and prevent the opioid and heroin epidemic. Everhart Park, 100 S. Brandywine St., West Chester. Reg. 8 a.m., race at 9 a.m. \$25-\$30. 610-344-6279; Chesco.org/Color5k.

Philadelphia Free to Breathe 5K Run/Walk

November 5

Thousands of local residents join forces at the largest lung cancer run/walk in the country with all proceeds benefitting Free to Breathe, a lung cancer research and advocacy organization dedicated to increasing lung cancer survival. Memorial Hall at Fairmount Park, 4231 Avenue of the Republic, Philadelphia. 7 a.m. \$30-\$35; walkers, free. 619-955-5285; FreeToBreathe.org.



The Colonial Playhouse and Greystone Hall Present The Manor

November 2–12

Inspired by real events, *The Manor* has been performed for 15 years at the Greystone Manor in Beverly Hills, where the actual events occurred. In this production, the stage is Greystone Hall in West Chester and the audience and cast move

in and out of the grand rooms of the mansion for a unique theatrical experience. 1034 Phoenixville Pk. West Chester Thurs.-Fri., 7 p.m.; Sat.— Sun., 2 p.m. \$60. ColonialPlayhouse.net/ TheManor.



best Local Events

FAMILY FUN

THROUGH DECEMBER,

Wellington Square Bookshop. Children's Story Time. Ages 2–5 listen to songs and stories. 549 Wellington Square, Exton. 610-458-1144; visit Wellington-SquareBooks.com.

THROUGH JANUARY 7

Delaware Museum of Natural History—Here Be Dragons. The exhibit explores human/dragon cultural connections through hands-on activities and encounters with live reptiles. 4840 Kennett Pk., Wilmington. Mon–Sat, 9:30 to 4:30; Sun, noon to 4:30. \$3–\$9. 302-658-9111; DelMNH.org.

NOVEMBER 2, 9, 16, 30

Children's Read-Aloud Tours at Brandywine River Museum of Art. Nov. 2, Art and Max by David Wiesner; Nov. 9, Over and Under the Pond by Kate Messner; Nov. 16, Counting with the Barefoot Critters by Teagan White. Nov. 30, Pajama Night, The Polar Express, enjoy hot chocolate and cookies, from 7 to 8, \$6-\$15. 1 Hoffman's Mill Rd., Chadds Ford. 10:30 am. Reg. req. \$5 per child. 610-388-8382; Brandywine-Museum.org.



NOVEMBER 5

First Sundays for Families at Brandywine River Museum of Art. Pirate Adventure Day, create pirate-themed crafts, hunt for art treasures in the museum, meet the Pirates of Fortune's Folly, and experience "Storytime Peter Pan" presented by Hedgerow Theatre. 1 Hoffman's Mill Rd., Chadds Ford. 11 to 2. 610-388-8382; BrandywineMuseum.org.

NOVEMBER 12

Veterans Day Parade in West Chester. Parade begins at Henderson High School, 400 Montgomery Ave., and ends with a ceremony in front of the Courthouse on High St. 2 pm. *DowntownWestChester.com*.

NOVEMBER 18-20

The National Dog Show. Top breed dogs from around the country contend for Best In Show. Benefits a variety of causes. Fri., Gala Preview at Valley Forge Casino, 1160 First Ave., King of Prussia, 6:30, tickets \$200 and up. The dog show will be broadcast on Thanksgiving Day. Greater Phila. Expo Center, 100 Station Ave., Oaks. Sat, 8 to 6; Sun, 8:30 to 5. \$7–\$14. 610-397-0100; NDS. NationalDogShow.com.



NOVEMBER 18-DECEMBER 17

Delaware Children's Theatre Presents

Shrek The Musical. Everyone's favorite ogre is back in this hilarious stage adaptation. 1014 Delaware Ave., Wilmington. 2 pm. \$14-\$15. 302-655-1014; DEChildrensTheatre.org.

NOVEMBER 18-DECEMBER 23 West Chester Railroad Santa's Express.

Join Santa for a 90-minute journey through the Chester Creek Valley, from Market Street Station to Glen Mills. Passengers receive treats from Santa and enjoy live music. *Market Street Station*, 230 E. Market St., West Chester. \$7–\$24. 610-430-2233; West Chester RR.com.

NOVEMBER 24-DECEMBER 30

Celebrating the Holidays in Kennett Square. *Nov. 24*, Holiday Light Parade, 6 pm; *Nov. 25*, *Dec*, *9*, *23*, Brandywine Singers caroling, 2 to 5; *Nov. 25–Dec. 30*, Kennett shuttle to and from Longwood Gardens, timed tickets 1:30 to 6:30; *Dec. 2*, *3*, *9*, *10*, Kennett Holiday Village Market, 11 to 6 at The Creamery. *610-444-8188*; *HistoricKennettSquare.com*.



NOVEMBER 25

Steamin' Thanksgiving at Auburn Heights Preserve. Climb into an antique automobile or board one of the trains. 3000 Creek Rd., Yorklyn, DE. 12:30 to 4:30. \$8–\$11. 302-239-2385; Auburn Heights. org.

NOVEMBER 25-DECEMBER 31

Media Theatre Presents Jack Frosts Saves Christmas. The heartfelt musical all about a boy who is unique because everything he touches turns to ice. 104 E. State St., Media. Sat, 11 am; Sun, noon. \$11-\$16. 610-891-0100; MediaTheatre.org.

DECEMBER 1-2

Old-Fashioned Christmas in West Chester. *Dec. 1*, Soup & Sandwich Parlor, Knights of Columbus, 5:45; Jingle Elf Run, 6:30; Christmas Parade, 7:15 pm. *Dec. 2*, Breakfast with Santa at The Chester County Historical Society, 8:30 & 10 am, \$16. For a schedule of weekend events, GreaterWestChester.com.

DECEMBER 1-2

Malvern's Victorian Christmas. Begin in Burke Park for the lighting of the tree. Then stroll King Street, and visit shops, enjoy music, children's shows, carriage rides, Santa and more through Sat. Fri, 5:45 to 9; Sat, 11 to 3. 610-296-9096; MalvernsVictorian-Christmas.org.

DECEMBER 1–2

Christmas in Wayne. *Dec. 1*, carriage rides, ornament making and tree lighting at 7:30 at Wayne Train Station. *Dec. 2*, Santa Parade at 10 am, meet Santa at The Wayne Hotel until 11:30 am, marching band and Elves For Shelves Run for Radnor Memorial Library at 8 am. *WayneChristmas.com*.



DECEMBER 2

Coctesville Christmas Parade. Lively event with bands, floats, antique cars, cartoon characters and entertainment. Strode Ave. to 11th St. Starts at 10 am. CoatesvilleChristmas-Parade com

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS.....

See also: Family Fun

NOVEMBER 14-DECEMBER 31

Historic Odessa Holidays. *Nov. 14–Dec. 31*, "A Visit from Saint Nicholas" at The Wilson-Warner House; *Dec. 10*, Children's Tea Party at the Collins-Sharp House; *Dec. 21*, Holiday Candlelight Tour, 7 to 8:30, \$15. Tues–Sat, 10 to 4:30; Sun, 1 to 4:30. 201 Main St., Odessa, DE. 302-378-4119; HistoricOdessa.com.



NOVEMBER 17-19

Delaware Hospice Festival of Trees. Beautifully decorated trees and wreaths and a variety of events and activities help make the weekend truly special. Cokesbury Village, 726 Loveville Rd., Hockessin, DE. Daily 10 to 4. 302-235-6000; DelawareHospice.org.

NOVEMBER 18, 24-26

Visit Media for the Holidays. *Nov.* 24–25, Holiday Stroll & Festival of Lights, two days and evenings of holiday shopping and fun, Fri, Festival of Lights at 5 pm. *Nov.* 26, 4th Annual Santa Parade and Fun Run, 3 pm. For more info. VisitMediaPA.com.

NOVEMBER 18-JANUARY 7

Yuleticle at Winterthur. Tour Henry Francis du Pont's former home decorated with sparkling holiday displays, including a tree in celebration of the exhibit "Royal Splendor: The Coronation Gown from *The Crown.*" 5105 Kennett Pk., (Rt. 52), Winterthur, DE. Tues—Sun, 10 to 5. \$5-\$20. 800-448-3883; Winterthur.org.



NOVEMBER 21–JANUARY 8
Holidays at Pennypacker Mills. *Nov. 21–Jan. 8*, see how the holidays were celebrated in the early 1900s. Tours of the mansion, Tues–Sat, 10 to 4; Sun, 1 to 4. *Dec. 9*, Victorian Christmas Open House, 2 to 8 pm. 5 Haldeman Rd., Schwenksville. \$2 donation. 610-287-9349; MontcoPa.org.

NOVEMBER 23-JANUARY 7

A Longwood Christmas. "C'est magnifique!" From topiary to trees, this is a French-inspired holiday display reminiscent of Versailles. Outdoor firepits, colorful fountains, holiday music, a half-million lights, strolling carolers and daily sing-alongs fill the gardens with a festive air. 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. Timed admission tickets req. LongwoodGardens.org.

NOVEMBER 24-JANUARY 7

A Brandywine Christmas. Enjoy a gallery filled with an expansive model train display,

holiday trees decorated for the season with critter ornaments, and a wide selection of holiday events and programs. Rt. 1, Chadds Ford. 9:30 to 4:30 (closed Christmas Day). \$6–\$18. 610-388-2700; BrandywineMuseum.org.

DECEMBER 2

32nd Annual Candlelight Christmas in Chadds Ford. A self-paced tour of historic sites and homes in and around Chadds Ford. 1 to 6 pm. Meet at Barns Visitors Center, 1736 Creek Rd., Chadds Ford. \$20–\$25. 610-388-7376; CandlelightChristmasInChaddsFord.com.

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DECEMBER 2

West Chester Public Library's Holiday Home Tour. This year's tour-goers will be invited into ten homes in the borough's southwest quadrant. 10 to 3. Tickets at the Library, 415 N. Church St. or online, \$30-\$40, 610-696-1721; WCPublicLibrary.org.

DECEMBER 2

Scott Arboretum Selections: Holiday Sale. Greens, holiday accents, wreaths, living gifts and fun for the whole family: roast marshmallows and create kids nature crafts. 500 College Ave., Swarthmore. 1 to 3 pm. 610-328-8023; ScottArboretum.org.

DECEMBER 8

National Iron & Steel Heritage Museum Holiday Open House. Stroll through candle-lit grounds, listen to carolers, enjoy refreshments and see a train display. Canned goods donations are welcome. 50 S. 1st Ave., Coatesville. 5 to 8. Free. 610-384-9282; SteelMuseum.org.

DECEMBER 8

Historic Yellow Springs Holiday Stroll. Lots of activities including an art exhibition and sale, story time in the library, tree lighting and crafts at the Township building, refreshments and Santa. Art School Rd., Chester Springs. 5:30 to 8 pm. Free. 610-827-7414; YellowSprings.org.

DECEMBER 8-9

Chester County Historical Society Holiday & Greens Sale. One of the area's finest traditions offering a stunning array of handcrafted wreaths, floral arrangements, ornaments, garland and more. Fri, 9:30 am to 8 pm; Sat, 9:30 to 3. 225 N. High St., West Chester. Free. 610-692-4800; ChesterCoHistorical.org.

The Mill at Anselma. Dec. 8, Christmas Lantern Tours, 4:30 to 6:30 pm; Dec. 9, Santa visits the Mill and Mill Demonstration Day, 10 to 4. 1730 Conestoga Rd., Chester Springs. \$3-\$5. 610-827-1906; AnselmaMill.org.

DECEMBER 9

A Sugartown Christmas. Explore the historic village decorated for the holidays and learn about Victorian Christmas traditions. Visit with Santa, decorate cookies in the Carriage Museum and make Victorian-style ornaments. Parking at 260 Spring Road, Malvern. 11 to 3. \$6. 610-640-2667; HistoricSugartown.org.



DECEMBER 9

American Helicopter Museum Santa Fest. Santa arrives via helicopter to greet and hear the wish lists of good girls and boys. Bring your own camera for a photo with him in Santa's Workshop. Features music, snacks, crafts and more! 1220 American Blvd., West Chester, Starts at 10 am. Santa arrives at 11 am. AmericanHelicopter.museum.



DECEMBER 9

The Spirit of Christmas in New Castle, DE. A full day of concerts, house tours, shopping and refreshments, ending with a tree lighting. New Castle Presbyterian Church, 25 E. Second St., New Castle, DE. 9:30 to 5:30. Free. 302-328-3279; NewCastlePresChurch.org/Spirit.

ART, CRAFTS & ANTIQUES...

THROUGH NOVEMBER 5

Main Line Unitarian Church-Artist of the Month Exhibit. Enzhao Liu from Beijing, recent graduate of PAFA. 816 S. Valley Forge Rd., Devon. Mon-Fri, 9 to 4:30; Sun, 9 to 1. 484-341-8014; MLUC.org.

NOVEMBER 3-5

Sugarloaf Crafts Festival. High-quality arts, crafts and design elements together under one roof. Greater Phila. Expo Center, 100 Station Ave., Oaks. Fri-Sat, 10 to 6; Sun, 10 to 5. \$8-\$10. SugarloafCrafts.com.

NOVEMBER 3-DECEMBER 24 19th Annual Miniature Show at Sunset Hill Fine Arts Gallery. Over 20 of Chester County's best artists display. Opening reception Nov. 3, 4 to 9 pm. 23 N. High St., West Chester. 610-692-0374; SunsetHillJewelers.com.

NOVEMBER 5-JANUARY 28 Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital Art Ability Exhibit & Sale. Artists from around the world with physical, cognitive, visual and hearing disabilities submit their work to this juried exhibition and sale. 414 Paoli Pk., Malvern. 484-596-

NOVEMBER 8-12

Phila. Museum of Art Contemporary Craft Show. A premier show and sale of contemporary crafts. PA Convention Center, 1101 Arch St., Phila. Preview Wed, 4 to 9 pm, tickets \$350 and up. Thurs, 11 to 9; Fri, 11 to 7; Sat,

5710; MainLineHealth.org/ArtAbility.

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NOVEMBER 9-12

54th Annual Delaware Antiques Show. The finest offerings from more than 60 distinguished dealers in art, antiques and design. Chase Center on the Riverfront, 800 S. Madison St., Wilmington. Opening Night Party, Thurs, 5 to 9, \$125-\$225. Fri-Sat, 11 to 6; Sun, 11 to 5. \$15. 800-448-3883; Winterthur.org.

NOVEMBER 11-12

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Elverson Antique Show. This is the 48th year for this outstanding show, featuring country items with equestrian and eclectic offerings as well. Benefits Twin Valley High School. Food will be provided. Twin Valley High School, 4897 Twin Valley Rd., Elverson. Sat, 10 to 5; Sun, 11 to 4, \$6, 610-987-3312; on Facebook,

NOVEMBER 11-12

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Dealers Association Show. High quality show with 30 exhibitors. Eagle Fire Hall, Rt. 202 & Sugan Rd., New Hope. Show hours: Sat, 10 to 5; Sun, 11 to 4. \$6. 215-290-3140; BCADAPA.org.

Unionville Art Gala. Over 70 professional artists, including this year's featured artist, MaryAnn Weselyk. Benefits projects and programs at the high school. Unionville High School, 750 Unionville Rd., Kennett Square. Fri, opening night with music and food, 6 to 9; Sat. 11 to 4. Free. UnionvilleArtGala.com.



NOVEMBER 17-19

Historic Yellow Springs Fine Arts & Craft Show. Regional artists offer a beautiful selection of works. Lincoln Building Galleries & The Washington, Historic Yellow Springs, 1685 Art School Rd., Chester Springs. Fri, reception, 5:30 to 8:30. Sat-Sun, 10 to 5. \$5. 610-827-7414; YellowSprings.org.

NOVEMBER 18-19

Art & Croft Show. Showcasing the work of elry, leather, ceramics, glass, fiber, photography, painting, metal sculpture, wood, illustration and mixed media. Agnes Irwin School, S. Ithan

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Kennett Square Farmers Mkt., 112 S. Broad St., Kennett Square. *Fri, 3 to 7.* 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, Warren Ave. and Roberts Rd. Sat, 9 to 1 pm. 610-836-1391; GrowingRootsPartners.com.

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

Pottstown Farmers Mkt., 200 block of High St. Thurs, 5 to 7:30. 610-323-5400: PottstownFarm.org.

Swarthmore Farmers Mkt., 432 Dartmouth Ave. Sat. 9:30 to 1:30. SwarthmoreFarmersMarket.org.

Thornbury Farmers Mkt., 1256 Thornbury Rd. Tues-Fri, 11 to 6, Sat, 9 to 5, Sun, 11 to 5. ThornburyFarmCSA.com.

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; WestChesterAmishMarket.com.

Ave. & Conestoga Rd., Rosemont. Sat, 10 to 7; Sun, 10 to 4. \$5. HaverfordGuild.org.



Wayne Art Center Craft Holiday Shopping Weekend. Shop and dine at this event with over 25 high-end, one-of-a-kind craft and cui-

sine vendors. 413 Maplewood Ave., Wayne. Mon-Fri, 9 to 5; Sat, 9 to 4. 610-688-3553; WayneArt.org.

NOVEMBER 18-19

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Antiques at Kimberton. Long-running quality show featuring over 65 dealers from several

states. Food available. Kimberton Fire Company, 2276 Kimberton Rd., Kimberton. Sat, 9 to 5; Sun, 11 to 4. \$7. 717-431-7322; Antiques-AtKimberton.com.

NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 9

Community Arts Center's Holiday Sale. Featuring handmade work by members of the Potters Guild with over 20 vendors. Refreshments served. Preview party Nov. 30, 6:30 to 9 pm, \$5; free for CAC benefactors. 414 Plush Mill Rd., Wallingford. Mon-Fri, 10 to 8; Sat-Sun, 10 to 5. 610-566-1713; Community-ArtsCenter.org.

DECEMBER 8-9

Winter Arts Festival at Delaware Art Museum. Browse handmade items by diverse local artisans, tour festive works in the collection, enjoy holiday music and more. 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. Fri, noon to 8; Sat, 9 to 3. Free. 302-571-9590. DelArt.org.

DECEMBER 8-10

Main Line Art Center Holiday Craft Market. Special events, gourmet food trucks, artisanal goods and unique handmade fine crafts made locally. 746 Panmure Rd., Haver-



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BOOKS.....

NOVEMBER 2-DECEMBER 7

Wellington Square Bookshop. Adult Non-Fiction: Nov. 2, Book of Ages: the Life and Opinions of Jane Franklin by Jill Lepore; Dec. 7, Holiday BYOB party and book exchange. Adult Fiction: *Nov.* 15–16, *The Life We Bury*, by Allen Eskens. 549 Wellington Square, Exton. 610-458-1144; WellingtonSquareBooks.com.

NOVEMBER 4

Hockessin Art & Book Fair. Showcasing the work of local, independent authors and artists featuring performances, author readings and more. Hockessin Community Recreation Center, 7259 Lancaster Pk., Hockessin, DE. 11 to 3. Free. NCCDE.org/SpecialEvents.

DANCE.....

NOVEMBER 17

Moving Reflections, A Dance Concert. West Chester University Dance Company's annual performance. Madeleine Wing Adler Theatre, Performing Arts Center, 817 S. High St. \$13– \$16. Visit website for times. 610-436-2266; WCUPaTix.com.

NOVEMBER 17-18

Up Front with First State Ballet Theatre, Classical and contemporary highlights and private reception with FSBT's dancers. Grand Studio One, 818 N. Market St., Wilmington. 7. \$25-\$45. 800-37-GRAND; FirstStateBallet.com.

EQUESTRIAN EVENTS.....

NOVEMBER 5

83rd Running of the Pennsylvania Hunt Cup.

Timber racing, food and shopping. North of Rt. 926 and Newark Rd., Unionville. Gates open, 10:30. \$50/car. Benefits the Chester Co. Food Bank, Work to Ride and Upland Country Day School. 484-888-6619; PaHuntCup.org.



NOVEMBER 11

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Warwick, MD. 11 am, \$40-\$50, 610-406-7093; MidAtlanticHorseRescue.org.

FOOD & BREW FESTS.....

NOVEMBER 4

Valley Forge Beer & Cider Festival. Sample over 150 beers and ciders at the Greater Phila. Expo Center, 100 Station Ave., Oaks. Two sessions, 12:30 to 4; 5:30 to 9. \$40-\$50. Valley-ForgeBeerFest.com.

NOVEMBER 10

American Helicopter Museum Hops 'N' Helicopters Craft Beer/Homebrew Fest. Local breweries, including Sly Fox, Stable 12 Brewing and Locust Lane Craft Brewery, will have beer on tap for tasting, live music, food trucks and more add up to a great time. 1220 American Blvd., West Chester. 5 to 9 p.m. \$35. 610-436-9600; American Helicopter. Museum.

NOVEMBER 18–19

TASTE! Lancaster Festival of Food, Wine & Spirits. Celebrity chef demonstrations, tastings from wineries, breweries and distilleries, food from the best chefs and restaurants in the region. Lancaster Co. Convention Center, 25 S. Queen St., Lancaster. \$5-\$70. For more info, GourmetShows.com.

FUNDRAISERS.

NOVEMBER 2

Notable Kitchens Tour and Chef Showcase.

Self-guided tour of six homes on the western Main Line, each showcasing a "notable" local chef offering a sampling of their cuisine. Florists display arrangements and there's a raffle at each site. Benefits The Philadelphia Orchestra. 10 to 3. For tickets, NotableKitchens.com.



NOVEMBER 4

"50 Years of Forever"—French & Pickering's 35th Annual Auction Party. Enjoy a live and silent auction and delicious food. Benefits the mission of French & Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust. Stonewall Golf Club, Bulltown Rd., Elverson. 6 pm. Tickets \$125 and up. 610-933-7577; FrenchAndPickering.org.

NOVEMBER 4

2017 Philadelphia Heart Walk and Festival.

A 5K walk that begins at Citizens Bank Park. then a festival with entertainment, food, music, games and more. 1 Citizens Bank Way, Philadelphia. 8 to noon. For info, www2.Heart.org.

NOVEMBER 9

Malvern Prep 8th Annual "Shop & Sip." Kick off your holiday shopping here. Vendors sell their specialty items, including clothes, jewelry, accessories and more. Shop and enjoy a glass of wine or beer, delectable appetizers and desserts. Stewart Hall, 418 S. Warren Ave., Malvern. 7 to 10. \$10. 484-595-1100; MalvernPrep.org.

NOVEMBER 11

Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health's Hope Gala-"A Spellbinding Evening." An upscale evening celebrating the legacy of Robert Q. Kreider, honoring his 20 years of service. Featuring amazing music, food, auctions and raffle items. Benefits both children and adults' behavioral healthcare. The Fillmore Philadelphia, 29 E. Allen St., Philadelphia. 7 pm. Tickets \$400 and up. Devereux.org.

NOVEMBER 11

Living Beyond Breast Cancer's Annual Black-tie Gala—The Butterfly Ball. One of LBBC's most important events. Loews Philadelphia Hotel, 1200 Market St., Philadelphia. 6:30 to midnight. Tickets \$350 and up. 484-708-1804; LBBC.org.

NOVEMBER 18

Linda Creed Breast Cancer's Jazz Brunch. Fabulous music, raffles, silent and live auction and shopping. Hilton Philadelphia, 4200 City Line Ave., Philadelphia. 11 am to 2 pm. \$65. 215-564-3700; LindaCreed.org.

NOVEMBER 18

Paoli Hospital Auxiliary's "Mistletoe & Magic"—A Night in Monte Carlo. Enjoy open bar, dinner buffet, prizes, a silent auction, games of chance and dueling piano entertainment. Benefits Paoli Hospital. Aronimink Golf Club, 3600 St. Davids Rd., Newtown Square. 6 to 11 pm. Tickets \$200 and up. 484-565-1335; PaoliAuxiliary.org.

NOVEMBER 29-30

Women's Committee of Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Holiday Boutique. The finest boutiques participate to benefit CHOP. Merion Cricket Club, 325 Montgomery Ave., Haverford. Preview Wed, shopping and hors d'oeuvres, 5 to 9, \$150; Thurs, 9 to 5, lunch available, \$10 (\$35 for shopping and lunch). 267-426-5339; CHOPHolidayBoutique.org.



and auction. Benefits The Friends Association

for Care and Protection of Children, Outreach, Emergency Family Shelter and the Homeless Prevention Program. West Chester Golf and Country Club, 111 W. Ashbridge St., West Chester. 6 to 11:30. \$175. 610-431-3598;

FriendsAssoc.org. DECEMBER 2

The 41st Annual Grand Gala. The evening begins in Copeland Hall with a concert by Blood, Sweat & Tears and concludes with the Ultimate After Party at the Hotel du Pont, featuring live music, dancing, open bars and eclectic fare. Benefits Arts Education at The Grand. 8 pm. Tickets \$195 and up. 302-658-7897, ext. 3202; TheGrandWilmington.org.



MUSEUMS...

THROUGH JANUARY 7

Brandywine River Museum of Art. "Dylan Gauthier: highwatermarks." 1 Hoffman's Mill Rd., Chadds Ford. Daily 9:30 to 5. \$6-\$18. 610-388-2700; Brandywine.org.

THROUGH JANUARY 14

Delaware Art Museum. Through Jan. 7, "Tableau: The Art of Richard Cleaver." Through Jan. 14, "The seeing glass," see article in this issue. 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. Wed, 10 to 4: Thurs, 10 to 8, free after 4: Fri-Sun, 10 to 4. \$6-\$12, free, Sun. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.

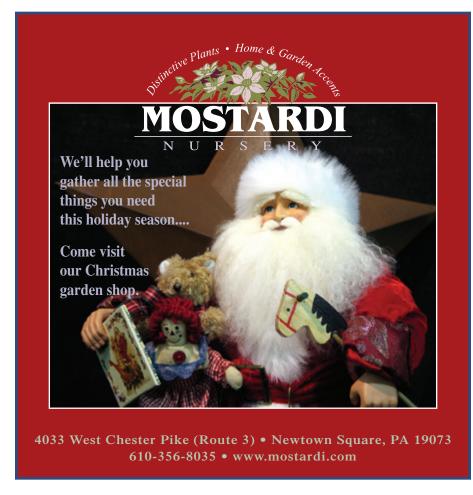
THROUGH JANUARY 7

Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library. Through Jan. 7, "Treasures on Trial: The Art and Science of Detecting Fakes." Through Jan. 7, "Royal Splendor: The Coronation Gown from the Netflix series, The Crown." 5105 Kennett Pk., Winterthur, Tues-Sun, 10 to 5. \$15-\$30. 302-888-4600; Winterthur.org.



MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT.

NOVEMBER 2-DECEMBER 3 Uptown! Events at Knauer Performing Arts Center. Nov. 2, Dueling Pianos, 7:30, \$15-\$20; Nov. 3, Liberty Wind Symphony, 8 pm, \$10-\$25; Nov. 4, Classic Doo Wop, 7 pm,





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NOVEMBER 4, DECEMBER 9

WCU-Live! Nov. 4, Peter Gros of Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom, Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall, University Ave. & S. High St., West Chester, 3 pm, \$15-\$27. Dec. 9, The Story Pirates improvisational theater, Madeleine Wing Adler Theater, 817 S. High St., West Chester. 2 pm, \$7-\$10. 610-436-2266; WCUPa.edu/Live.

NOVEMBER 4

16th Annual Swing Dance at Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania. Dress to impress in your best '40s vintage attire and dance the night away at the museum. 300 Gap Rd., Strasburg. 7 to 10. \$20-\$35, 717-687-8628; RRMuseumPa.org.

NOVEMBER 4. DECEMBER 3

Immaculata Symphony Orchestra Concerts. Nov. 4, the Fall Concert opens the season with Musical Masterpieces, 7:30 pm. Dec. 3, the Christmas Concert features the Immaculata Univ. Chorale and a variety of holiday favorites, 3 pm. 1145 King Rd., Immaculata. \$8-\$15. 610-316-1731; ImmaculataSymphony.org.

NOVEMBER 5

Chester County Concert Band, "All Aboard!" features selections from Glenn Miller, Duke Ellington, The Polar Express, marches and a trumpet solo. J. R. Fugett Middle School, Paoli Pk. & Ellis la., West Chester. 2:30. \$7-\$10. 484-639-9118; CCCBand.org.

NOVEMBER 5-DECEMBER 21

Longwood Gardens Concerts. Nov. 5, Eric Plutz; Nov. 10, Kenny Barron Trio; Nov. 12, Cristina Pato Quartet; Nov. 18, Songs & Stories with Kathy Mattea; Nov. 27-Dec. 21, Christmas performances. 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. Check website for times and adm. 610-388-1000; LongwoodGardens.org.

NOVEMBER 18

15th Anniversary Jazz By Night Celebration. A diverse variety of acts perform genuine jazz-from Traditional and Classic to BeBop and Hard Swing and Avant-Garde to NuJazz. State St. 6 pm to 1 am. \$15. 610-566-5039; StateStreetBlues.com.



NOVEMBER 18-19

OperaDelaware—Werther In Concert. Jules Massenet's tragic opera about unrequited love comes to life in this intimate concert setting. OperaDelaware Studios, 4 S. Poplar St., Wilmington. Sat, 7:30; Sun, 2. Tickets \$29 and up. 302-442-7807; OperaDE.org.

NOVEMBER 18, DECEMBER 3

Valley Forge Chorale Concerts. Nov. 18, Italian music, appetizers and desserts at this fundraiser, 2 pm, \$30; Dec. 3, Christmas Joy Concert, 3 pm, \$15-\$25. Lower Providence Presbyterian Church, 3050 Ridge Pk., Norristown. ValleyForgeChorale.org.

NOVEMBER 19

Delaware County Symphony Chamber Series. Brass Celebration and Brahms. Neumann University, Meagher Theatre, One Neumann Dr., Aston. 3 pm. \$15. 610-879-7059; DCS-Music.org.

NOVEMBER 20, JANUARY 22

Makin' Music Rockin' Rhythms at Villa Maria Academy. Children up to age 4 are invited with a parent or guardian for a morning of fun and music. Villa Maria Academy Gymnasium, 1140 King Rd., Immaculata. 10 am. Free. 610-361-0730; MakinMusic.com.

DECEMBER 2

Kennett Symphony Orchestra—"Pops Goes the Holiday." Special guests Philadanco and the Kennett Symphony Children's Chorus. Unionville High School, 750 Unionville Rd., Kennett Square. 7:30 pm. \$10-\$58. 610-444-6363; KennettSymphony.org.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.....

NOVEMBER 1-12

Green Valleys Watershed Programs. Nov. 1, 8, Little Wonders Nature Class; Nov. 3, 4,

10, Owl Prowl; Nov. 4, Young Birders Walk; Nov. 12, Bird Walk. Welkinweir, 1368 Prizer Rd., Pottstown. Visit website for information. 610-469-7543; GreenValleys.org.



NOVEMBER 2

Día de los Muertos Luminaria Labyrinth Walk at Delaware Art Museum. Celebrate the traditional Mexican holiday honoring ancestors and friends who have passed. 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. 6 pm. Free, donations accepted. 302-571-9590; DelArt.org.

NOVEMBER 4

Trinity Berwyn 5K Run/Walk and Pancake Breakfast. Family-friendly run/walk begins at 9 am at the church parking lot, 640 Berwyn Ave., Berwyn, then a pancake breakfast. \$25-\$30; children, \$15-\$20. Benefits outreach efforts. 610-644-0932; BerwynTrinity5k.org.

NOVEMBER 17-19

Philadelphia Marathon & Half Marathon. Nov. 17-18, Health and Fitness Expo, PA Convention Center, 12th & Arch Streets, Philadelphia. Nov. 18, Half Marathon, 7:30, \$135; *Nov. 19*, marathon begins at 7 am, \$155. 22nd St. & Ben Franklin Pkwy., Phila. PhiladelphiaMarathon.com.

THEATER.....

THROUGH NOVEMBER 12 Dare To Be Black: The Jack Johnson Story.

Best suited for older teens and adults. Delaware Theatre Company, 200 Water St., Wilmington. Check website for show times. \$40-\$60. 302-594-1100; DelawareTheatre.org.

THROUGH DECEMBER 3

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like "Nature Boy," "Unforgettable," and "Joy To The World." People's Light, 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. Check the Peoples Light website for show times and tickets. 610-644-3500; PeoplesLight.org.

NOVEMBER 3-DECEMBER 30

Mirccle of Christmas. Majestic flying angels, live and animatronic animals, spectacular sets, stunning special effects and a musical score that will touch your heart. Sight & Sound Theatres, 300 Hartman Bridge Rd., Ronks. \$21–\$74; Sight-Sound.com.

NOVEMBER 7-DECEMBER 30

Our Christmas Dinner. A hilarious look at family tradition, holiday expectations and the real meaning of Christmas. Bird-In-Hand Stage, 2760 Old Philadelphia Pk., Bird-in-Hand. Check their website for more information. 800-790-4069; Bird-in-Hand.com/Stage.

NOVEMBER 9-18

Exit the King. By Eugene Ionesco. J. Peter Adler Studio Theatre, E.O. Bull Center for the Arts, 2 E. Rosedale Ave., West Chester. \$13–\$16. 610-436-2266; WCUPaTix.com.

NOVEMBER 15-JANUARY 7

Aladdin: A Musical Panto. The holiday tradition continues with young Aladdin and his animal pals finding a mysterious lamp. People's

Light, 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. Check website for show times and tickets. 610-644-3500; PeoplesLight.org.

NOVEMBER 15-JANUARY 14

Disney's Beauty and the Beast. The Academy Award-winning film comes to life at Media Theatre, 104 E. State St., Media. Check website for show times and tickets. 610-891-0100; MediaTheatre.org.

NOVEMBER 24-DECEMBER 24

Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol. Hedgerow Theatre's annual production of the timeless classic. 64 Rose Valley Rd., Rose Valley. Check website for show times and tickets. 610-565-4211; HedgerowTheatre.org.

TOWNS, TALKS & TOURS.....

NOVEMBER 3, 11, 16

First Fridays, Second Saturdays, Third Thursdays. Nov. 3, First Fridays: Kennett Square Art Stroll, 610-444-8188; HistoricKennettSquare.com. Lancaster City, 717-509-ARTS; VisitLancasterCity.com. Oxford, 610-998-9494; DowntownOxfordPA.org. Phoenixville, 610-933-3070; PhxFirstFriday.com. West Chester, 610-738-3350; West-Chester.com. Wilmington Art Loop, 302-576-2135; CityFestWilm.com. Nov. 11, Second Saturday Arts Stroll: Media, 484-445-4161;

MediaArtsCouncil.org. *Nov.* 16, Malvern Stroll, MalvernBusiness.com.

NOVEMBER 10

TEDx West Chester. "It Makes All the Difference; Small Shifts Can Lead to Significant Changes." Four speakers, each have 17 minutes. Cocktails at 5:45, doors open 6:30, speakers begin at 7. Uptown! Knauer Performing Arts Center, 226 N. High St., West Chester. \$50. TEDxWestChester.com.

NOVEMBER 25-DECEMBER 9

Chester County's Best Kept Secrets Tour. Visit over 40 off-the-beaten-path businesses. Ticket includes a map, guide and coupons. \$9; \$1 of each ticket sold benefits the Good Samaritan Homeless Shelter. 717-721-9409; BestKept-SecretsTour.com. ◆

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VIRTUAL REALITY EXPERIENCE AT THE DELAWARE ART MUSEUM November 18 – January 14, 2018

NSPIRED BY THE DELAWARE ART MUSEUM'S RENOWNED collection of Pre-Raphaelite art, artist collaborators Troy Richards and Knut Hybinette developed the Museum's first virtual reality (VR) experience and re-imagined the world inside a richly layered Victorian painting. Painted in 1875 by Dante Gabriel Rossetti, *La Bella Mano* features three female figures in a Victorian-era home with a circular mirror reflecting an adjacent room.

The seeing glass will be on view in the Museum's Pre-Raphaelite galleries and transforms the painting into a 3-dimensional waking dream with lavish decor and decaying displays of flowers, fruit, insects and skulls. This VR experience—using Unreal Engine, a gaming program by Epic Games—allows viewers to become absorbed in a virtual reality of historical painting and witness the artificial passage of time.

Viewers will be guided to put on the VR Oculus Rift headset and will initially find themselves in a Victorian-era room, filled with ornate furniture, potted plants and elaborate wallpaper. Soft music and a breeze stir the air in the background, as they hear sounds as though someone else is in the room.

Like the painting *La Bella Mano*, there's no linear narrative to *the seeing glass*. Instead, viewers are absorbed in the virtual world

to find meaning in the symbolism of its objects. The symbols don't add up to a specific message but make connections to historical still-life painting and the concept of *momento mori*—a warning or reminder of death. As visitors move through the space, objects become blurred and time speeds up, transforming fruit from green to rotten in seconds.

"The Museum has such an incredible collection, and *La Bella Mano* offered unique opportunities for using the elements in the painting as inspiration," says Richards. "This is a physical experience that feels real but is out of reach, much like an intangible dream world."

The seeing glass is a unique and engaging approach for visitors to be digitally immersed in Pre-Raphaelite art and Victorian history and to see this world through the eyes of contemporary artists. The pairing of *La Bella Mano* and *the seeing glass* is an opportunity to view the creations of artists working almost 150 years apart employing a similar approach toward their art.

- Jessica Jenkins

Delaware Art Museum is home to the largest and most significant British Pre-Raphaelite collection outside the U.K. The seeing glass is a timed-entry viewing experience. Timed appointments are scheduled onsite at the front desk the day of a visit, one person at a time. 2301 Kentmere Pkwy., Wilmington. DelArt.org.









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O YOU HAVE KIDS IN COLLEGE? THEN IMAGINE during this exciting time of their lives—time for learning, socializing, making friends—something goes horribly wrong. Physical violence, sexual assault, harassment, discrimination, hazing ... maybe even murder. Now picture a world where victims and their families have nowhere to turn for support. Or become ostracized for talking about what happened.

OUT OF TRAGEDY

This was the nightmare Connie and Howard Clery experienced when their daughter Jeanne was raped and murdered in her Lehigh University dorm by a classmate in 1986. Back then campus safety was rarely talked about, much less reported. There was no data about campus crime for parents and prospective students to consider when choosing a college. And there was no discussion of how to deal with and prevent campus violence.

After the tragedy, the Clerys knew they had to do something. That something took many forms—from the Jeanne Clery Act, passed in 1990, that revolutionized federal policy on campus safety reporting across the country, to the Clery Center founded in 1987 in Strafford, PA.

Their reason for founding the Clery Center was two-fold: "We wanted the death of our dear daughter to not be in vain," says Connie Clery. "And, we wanted to make sure no parent or student would ever endure the pain we experienced after losing her."

Now celebrating 30 years of dedicated work, the Clery Center continues to be a safe space for education, discussion, support and resources to help make campus safety a universal reality.

WORKING ON EDUCATION

Though the Center stays involved in major changes to federal law—including those currently in the news relating to Title IX—its main focus is on building relationships with colleges and universities to prevent campus crime at its source. That means creating an environment where safety is a priority and not something that gets swept under the rug, and where perpetrators are held responsible and victims are taken seriously.

"Many people think of campus security in terms of officers and police," notes Connie, "but it's so much more than that." It's really about changing the mindset from one of passive acceptance of bad behavior to one where everyone's right to an education free of violence and harassment is respected and protected.

But people's minds don't change overnight. That's where the Clery Center comes in. Executive Director Alison Kiss works on outreach and integrating the Center's comprehensive training program in schools. Through presentations and training seminars, she works closely with educators to teach them what a safe campus looks like, how to build that environment and where to find more resources. "We're really interested in starting the conversation earlier," says Alison, hopefully before there are problems.

And the resources the Center offers—many free—are plentiful. Films, seminars, YouTube clips, a membership program and a publication in the making, there's something that will work for everyone. The topics covered by the Center range from sexual violence, hazing—also in the news after the Penn State tragedy—and fire safety, to hate crimes, abusive relationships, stalking and everything in between.

Though the topics Alison tackles are tough, the rewards of her job are worth it. "It feels so good when you see schools taking leadership, being more proactive and really thinking about the issues," she says.

THE TEAM

Those rewards wouldn't be possible without the Clery Center's amazing team. Each member plays a vital role, from those on the front lines speaking and instructing at campuses around the country, to those who work behind the scenes on tech assistance, data collection and web administration, including County Lines' own web manager Amy Guthrie.

And as Alison notes, although they're not a crisis center, "There's always someone here to lend an empathetic ear if you need help."

"They've allowed me to finally retire!" says Connie Clery, who still keeps in touch and remains on the board of directors. She believes that as long as higher education exists, there will be a need for the Clery Center.





And she says the impact of the Center combined with federal legislation has only grown over time. "Victims are getting braver about coming forward," Connie notes, "and campus safety has become a national issue that no longer gets pushed aside." Plus other parts of the world-South Africa and Canada, for example have been inspired to pass laws similar to the Clery Act.

Still, there's so much to do. When asked how our readers can get involved, both Connie and Alison agreed: "Call us!" The Center's team is happy to assist curious callers by directing them to resources they can use at their schools and in their own lives.

Another way to show support is to attend their 30th Anniversary Gala at the Merion Cricket Club on April 7, 2018 check their website for details closer to

And remember the words Connie lives by: "When bad things happen to you and those you love, go and help someone else." We can't think of a better way to put it.

That's why we're proud to honor Connie, Alison and the Clery Team as our 2017 Local Heroes. ♦

- Mary Irene Dolan Learn more at CleryCenter.org.

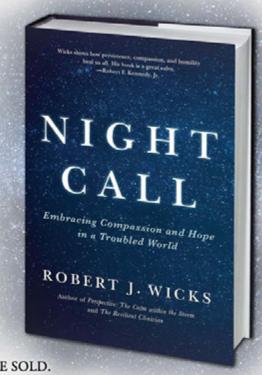
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AVE YOU NOTICED SOMETHING IS missing along the scenic Route 52 drive, south of West Chester?

When you stopped at the traffic light at Lenape and Birmingham Roads, did you realize the red and yellow Strode's Scrapple mural is gone? After decades of demolition by neglect, the barn and iconic mural at this historic intersection were dealt a fatal blow last winter by Mother Nature's demolition team.

History buffs likely know the remarkable collection of well-preserved structures at Strode's Mill Historic District crossroads, along with its connection to the Battle of Brandywine as a staging ground for General Cornwallis. Owned for 250 years by the same Quaker family, the oncethriving village was anchored by a 1723 mill (now an art gallery) that was a hub of commercial activity and joined later by Strode's renowned sausage and scrapple-making business in the neighboring building—home to the mural.

This past winter's intervention moved things a bit ahead of schedule for East Bradford Township, which bought the land in 2015, says Assistant Township Manager Mandie Cantlin. The township had a multi-year plan developing a vision for the property, including using eight acres of watershed as a greenway and public park along Plum Run and Brandywine Creek.





Plans for rebuilding the barn developed by Richard Buchanan, of Archer & Buchanan Architecture, provide space for a replica of the iconic sign. Tim Vaughan, another volunteer and local photographer, says he's meticulously documented the mural so it can be accurately recreated on site.

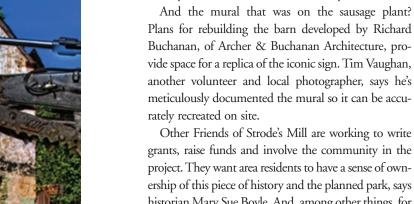
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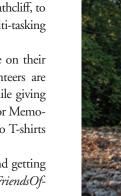
grants, raise funds and involve the community in the project. They want area residents to have a sense of ownership of this piece of history and the planned park, says historian Mary Sue Boyle. And, among other things, for the barn's resident vultures, Gertrude and Heathcliff, to have a safer home, adds Kean Spencer, multi-tasking marketing and fundraising volunteer.

Soliciting cash, elbow grease and expertise on their website and through fundraisers, the volunteers are finding creative ways to attract attention while giving credit where it's due—from names on a Donor Memorial Plaque, to souvenir pieces of the barn, to T-shirts for scrapple lovers.

Interested in bringing back a landmark and getting a public park, to boot? Find out more at FriendsOf-StrodesMill.com. ♦



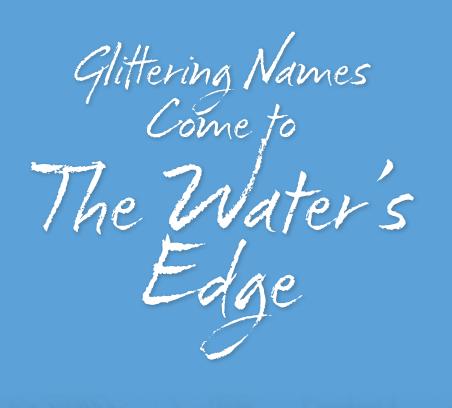












Jessica Provinski, Stroud Water Research Center

STROUD WATER RESEARCH CENTER ATTRACTS INTERNATIONAL STARS TO CELEBRATE FRESHWATER CAUSES.

AKEN LITERALLY, THE WATER'S EDGE IS the place where the water meets the land. But, at Stroud Water Research Center, The Water's Edge is the annual gala that recognizes leading names in the fields of environmental science and conservation.

Since 2003, The Water's Edge has honored some of the world's most renowned environmentalists and water experts at an inspirational evening of cocktails, dinner and a lecture in an elegant setting celebrating the importance of freshwater research, education, conservation and watershed restoration. The honorees are poised at the water's edge to make a difference in the world of fresh water.

STELLAR START

The bar was set high in 2003 with the inaugural honoree, Dr. Jane Goodall. Guests who attended that lecture will never forget when Goodall entered the Longwood Gardens' stage imitating the call of the chimpanzees she's devoted her life to.

A few years later, Nobel laureate Wangari Maathai visited the Stroud Center for the second time, after her 2002 Joan M. Stroud Memorial Lecture. Awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2004 for founding the Green Belt Movement, Maathai was the 2006 Water's Edge honoree, when she challenged the audience to focus on little things they could do—the "do-ables"—to help causes of civil, democratic, human and environmental rights.

"Once you know what you know, there's no way you can turn your back on the destruction of wild nature and wild creatures," said Kristine Tompkins, former CEO of Patagonia and the 2007 Water's Edge honoree. Along with her husband, Tompkins fought to protect, create and expand national parks throughout Chile and Argentina.

STROUD AWARD FOR FRESHWATER EXCELLENCE

After eight years of incredible speakers, the Stroud Center created the Stroud Award for Freshwater Excellence in 2011. Presented at The Water's Edge gala, this award honors individuals, institutions or organizations whose work contributes to the conservation and protection of freshwater resources and ecosystems, improving the quantity and quality of fresh water on the planet, or developing policies and practices that perpetuate clean fresh water for future generations and wildlife.

The first recipients were Olivia Newton-John and her husband, "Amazon" John Easterling for their work in conserving the Amazon River Watershed.

Robert F. Kennedy Jr., the 2014 award recipient, told a sold-out crowd at Longwood Gardens about his inspiration for the environment. Kennedy recalled bringing an ailing salamander to his uncle, President John F. Kennedy, to see what could be done for the creature. It was released to die peacefully in the White House Rose Garden. President Kennedy later introduced his 8-year-old nephew to Rachel Carson, author of the 1962 book, *Silent Spring*, which exposed the dangers of the pesticide DDT. RFK Jr. was so inspired that he developed a lifelong passion for environmental advocacy.

Other notable Freshwater Excellence award recipients include Alexandra Cousteau, founder of Blue Legacy and Young Global Leader, and Jonathan Jarvis, Director of the National Park Service.

HIS SERENE HIGHNESS PRINCE ALBERT II OF MONACO, 2017 AWARD RECIPIENT

The 15th Annual The Water's Edge took place this September at Winterthur, where His Serene Highness Prince Albert II of Monaco was awarded the 2017 Stroud Award for Freshwater Excellence. The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation encourages the implementation of innovative and ethical solutions by fighting climate change, safeguarding biodiversity, and promoting access to clean water for all. Though geographically small, Monaco is globally significant, and the prince has used his worldly influence to promote bold environmental and ecological ideals.

BEYOND THE WATER'S EDGE

Not only do those attending The Water's Edge learn about the important work of each honoree, the honorees also find inspiration from the ground-breaking research at Stroud Water Research Center.

Goodall received the Leaf Pack Experiment Stream Ecology Kit to take back to Roots & Shoots, the international youth service program she founded in 1991. The kit uses tree leaves and aquatic insects to monitor the health of streams. The Leaf Pack Kit also traveled to Kenya with Maathai, where she started the program in several schools.

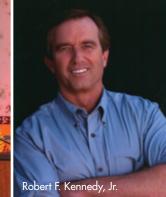
Stroud Center scientists have collaborated on projects with Kennedy and Waterkeeper Alliance, recently on a trip to Bhutan to set up water-monitoring protocols and sensor stations. Prince Albert's visit led to talks about a collaboration between the Stroud Center and the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation in Monaco.

The Water's Edge is more than an annual fundraising gala. It also serves to connect the Brandywine Valley to the important work of individuals on a global scale to better protect our fresh water. Mark your calendar for next year's event. •

The 50th anniversary of the Stroud Center continues through 2017. Please visit StroudCenter.org to learn how to become more involved in local efforts for the future of fresh water.











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Mark Williams Famous White Oak on Bryn Coed Farms, Flint Road, West Vincent Township



Lisa French
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Diana Rowland

Brooklawn in Unionville



Lee Schlingmann

Doe Run Valley from East Fallowfield to

West Marlborough



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Binky Lee Preserve Before A Storm



Tricia Townsend

Autumn Bench at

Longwood Gardens



Kathleen Brady

East Nantmeal



Ellen Peters
Stroud Preserve



Mara Tyler Dahlia Fields at Lincoln University



Stacey Green Casto

Horse at the Pond on Dewees Road, Chester Springs



Carol Moore

Oak Tree on Newark

Road, Unionville



Michael Bush
October in Phoenixville



Amy Jarrett Burke Webb Farmhouse in Longwood Gardens Meadows











A Culture Factory on Morgan Street promises distinctive tasting experiences. The tasting room that Chef Olga Sorzano—founder of Baba's Brew—opened four months ago offers Saturday tastings, pairings and classes about fermented foods we love: cheese, chocolate, yogurt and her

's Castle for First Friday Yappy Ho

signature kombucha. For Baba's Brew kombucha newbies, tastings are the time to try the handcrafted brewed and fermented sweet tea that begins with an Old World recipe from Sorzano's Siberian great-grandmother.

Say yes to fresh pita for sampling olive oils at TASTE. The space that reopened as a vegan restaurant invites customers to try blood orange and Tuscan herb olive oils; vinaigrettes and Sandcastle wine. The menu looks anything but vegan—ice cream sundaes, filet, Portuguese chicken and sausage—but all food is plant-based.

LIFESTYLE

Throughout town, there's easy access to places to live, work and play.

Find Phoenix Village by its brilliant firebird mural on the end of the building. Dubbed a community within a community, the apartments attract young professionals and empty nesters partly because of common areas and events that foster social life—outdoor parties by the heated salt water pool and hot tub, grills and fire pit.

At the juncture of the French Creek and Schuylkill River, aptly named Riverworks lets you live at the center of the town's action on the site of the old iron and steel mill. Styled as a base camp for exploration

and fun, six apartment buildings near the Schuylkill River Trail (running all the way to Philly) also share a 24-hour fitness center.

A new spot combining the best of professionalism and creativity is WorkSpace. Owner David Johns "gets" what businesspeople need to get to work: a conference room, wifi, videoconferencing, monitors, printers, lockers, coffee, consulting services and more. Different packages give solo techies, consultants, artists, globetrotting professionals—and large businesses with temporary needs—space for work or collaboration for a day, a month or longer.

Recently a parent who needed to bring a youngster to work discovered a special use for WorkSpace's British-style red phone booth. The small superhero played in the booth—used for phone call privacy—and later emerged with superpowers, while the parent achieved heroic amounts of work.

For some area residents, work is play. Kolbie and Remy are recipe tasters for "doggie ice cream" at Maddie's Castle, a shop offering pet treats, toys and more. So far, the four-footed tasters have approved six flavors including popular Rocco's Bacon Blast and Koda's Peanut Butter Banana Blitz. The frozen dog-safe treats are available by the cup and free during First Friday Yappy Hours.

ART AT THE HEART

Pennsylvania native Anna Spackman and her guitar moved to the heart of Phoenixville a year ago after six years in Portland. A community scene nurturing emerging musicians and a cornucopia of art and culture drew her. Eclectic markets and festivals—Lulu's Vintage Flea Market, monthly Punk Rock Flea Market at "The Pick" (Pickering Creek Inn) and summer's Colonial Theatre "Monterey Pop" celebration of the legendary festival—and more keep her here.

Spackman recently founded the Wild Minds Writers' Circle for poets, songwriters and storytellers. Lyric by Spackman, musician Street Greek and others—inspired at meetings held at the Artisan's Gallery and Café and Steel City—are found in concerts along Bridge Street and elsewhere.

Visit Community Arts Phoenixville for year-round gallery exhibitions, concerts and workshops.

FOOD

The town has a few new eateries, too. Below Phoenix Village, Chikara Sushi & Asian Fusion welcomes hungry patrons looking for Bento boxes, dinners or sushi—under outdoor umbrellas, at tables or at the alluring bar.

A second Liberty Union Bar and Grill offers flavors from around the nation. The week I was there, menu items included the special, Nevada clam casino bites, and mainstay dishes of California wraps, New York wings and classic American burgers and beer at the bar under the American flag.

With all the great finds in Phoenixville, all you need is an appetite for food and fun! ◆

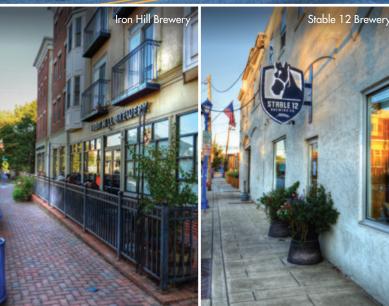














PHOENIXVILLE IS THE RIGHT PLACE TO HAVE A BREW!

The beer selection in this town really shines. Did you know Phoenixville ranks 10th nationally in beer places per capita? That's just after Seattle and some towns in Oregon and Colorado! And well ahead of West Chester at number 30.

Six breweries—yes, six—call Phoenixville their home, from old timers like Iron Hill, Sly Fox Brewing and Stable 12 to newcomers Crowded Castle Brewing Company, Root Down Brewing Company and Rebel Hill Brewing Company opening soon, along with even more places in nearby towns.

Here's a quick cheat sheet to guide your visit.

Appalachian Brewing Company Fine hand-crafted ales and lagers in a warm and friendly brewpub in Collegeville. Now on tap, Give 'Er Helles, Helles-style lager developed for Oktoberfest in Munich in the late 19th century. 50 West 3rd Ave. & Chestnut St., Collegeville 484-973-6064: ABCBrew.com/team/Collegeville.

Crowded Castle Brewing Company Crafting unique beers, their specialities include IPAs, ales, porters and stouts. While they do offer a tasty small-bites menu, you can bring food into the taproom with you or have it delivered from a local restaurant. 240-242 Bridge St. 484-252-0077; CrowdedCastle.com.

The Foodery Great beers from around the world with 17 beer tap lines, 2 draft wine lines and 1 nitro beer line, along with a solid menu of Boars Head meats and cheeses and featuring Saint Peters Bakery breads. 325 Bridge St. 610-933-1150; FooderyBeer.com.

Iron Hill Brewery For over 20 years, their craft beers and handcrafted food inspire one another in unexpected ways. Try one of their signature beers, beers on tap or bottled reserves. 130 Bridge St. 610-983-9333; IronHillBrewery.com.

Rebel Hill Brewing Company Coming soon, this planned 7-barrel brewhouse will specialize in craft beer styles such as IPA, pale ale, saison and stout. 420 Schuylkill Rd. RebelHill-Brewing.com.

Root Down Brewing Company Vaulted ceilings with wood beams from side to side of the huge space that was formerly used for brewing ... root beer. Great beer menu (and awesome food menu) including some wine and ciders. 1 N. Main St. 484-393-2337; RootDownBrewing.com.

Sly Fox Brewhouse & Eatery Founded in 1995, it's one of the oldest brewpubs operating in the Delaware Valley. They have a national reputation in the world of craft brewing. 520 Kimberton Rd. 610-935-4540; SlyFoxBeer.com.

Stable 12 Brewery This is what happens when three beerloving high school best friends decide to adopt a new hobby after college, focusing on something they all love ... beer. Try a Rodeo Clown (Russian Imperial Stout), Wild West Coast IPA or a Cherry Pie Hard Cider. 368 Bridge St. 610-715-2665;

Stickman Brews Located in nearby Royersford and focusing on American twists on Belgian-inspired beers with something new offered all the time. Food trucks include Capt'n Chucky's and Haute Wheels and special events include yoga and live music. 326 N. Lewis Rd. #240, Royersford. 484-938-5900; StickmanBrews.com.

Tuned Up Brewing Company You'll find them in Spring City, serving up treats such as Tuned Up Rye Bourbon Barrel Porter, Tuned Up Scorned Woman and Tuned Up Little Booty Stout. Music and food trucks are an added bonus. 135 N. Main St., Spring City. On Facebook.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PHOENIXVILLE

PHOENIXVILLE FARMER'S MARKET

Through November

Under the Gay St. Bridge. Sat, 9 to 1. PhoenixvilleFarmersMarket.org.

PHOENIXVILLE'S WINE, WIT & WISDOM

The annual benefit for Phoenixville Public Library. Wine tasting, dinner, silent auction and presentation. Rivercrest Golf Club & Preserve, 100 Golf Club Dr. Tickets \$85-\$125. 610-933-3013; PhoenixvilleLibrary.org.

PHOENIXVILLE HARVEST FESTIVAL

November 2-5

Four days of music, vendors, food trucks, crafts, a movie in the park and much more. For details visit PhoenixvilleChamber.org.

PHOENIXVILLE ZOMBIE RUN & FUN DAY

Zombies try to capture flags. Benefits local charities. Corner of Bridge St. & Main St. PhoenixvilleZombieRun.com.

11TH ANNUAL "EMPTY BOWLS" EVENT November 3

Purchase a simple meal of soup and bread served in a bowl handcrafted by an area artist or student. Benefits PACS. The Covered Bridge Room at Kimberton Fire Co., 2276 Kimberton Rd. 5 to 8. \$25, 610-933-1105; PACSPhx.org. Pierre Fracalanza. Dec. 10, Holiday Concert. 610-933-9305; TasteOfPhoenixville.com.

EVENTS AT THE COLONIAL THEATRE

November 10-December 30

Nov. 10, Béla Fleck and Abigail Washburn; Nov. 30, Richard Thompson; Dec. 3, City Rhythm Orchestra; *Dec.* 8, The Weight Band: Dec. 14, Aimee Mann; Dec. 21, Charlie Brown Jazz; Dec. 29, Ben Bailey from Cash Cab; Dec. 30, Delbert McClinton, 227 Bridge St. 610-917-1228; TheColonialTheatre.com.

PHOENIXVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2017 CHARITY GALA, "A SEASON OF GIVING"

November 18

Dinner, music, dancing and a silent auction with great items. Benefits Phoenixville Area Senior Center. Phoenixville Country Club, 355 Country Club Rd. 5:30. \$90. 610-933-3070; PhoenixvilleChamber.org.

RENAISSANCE ACADEMY "KNIGHTS BAZAAR"

November 18

Artisans and vendors display hand-crafted treasures at this holiday shopping benefit for the school. 413 Fairview St. 9 to 3. 610-983-4080; www.RAK12.org.

THEATRE ORGAN SOCIETY OF THE DELAWARE VALLEY'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY CONCERTS

November 19, December 10 Nov. 19, Wurlitzer Show of Shows with The Colonial Theatre, 227 Bridge St. 2 pm. \$5-\$10. 610-917-1228; TOSDV.org.

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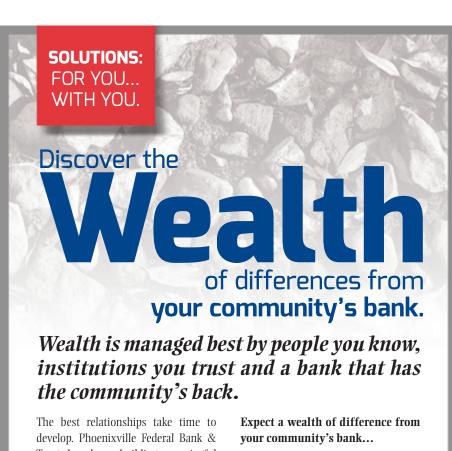
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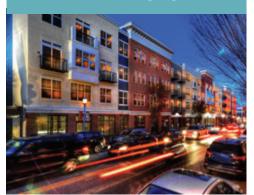
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or inspiration on adding sparkle to your holiday wardrobe, we checked in with Chadds Ford resident Beth Buccini, owner of the newish boutique, KIRNA ZABETE in Bryn Mawr Village. Her collection of must-haves and buzz-worthy labels—Celine, Gucci, Stella McCarthy—is one reason Vogue dubbed the shop among the "Coolest Stores of 2016."

With a mission to bring new, fun and unique fashion to our area, the shop is filled with pieces women will love and wear for years—including signature red Birkenstocks. Here's the scoop from Beth on how to sparkle this season.

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The obvious choice for the holiday season would be a sequined cocktail dress, but this year go bold and step outside the box with an equally sparkly sequined top from MSGM that you can pair with a mini skirt and repurpose with jeans for a more casual occasion



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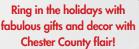
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MMM. I GUESS I QUALIFY. I AM 55+. AND 55+ communities are no longer "just for old people." But why would I move there? I still like having kids around ... even millenials.

Besides, I'm not ill, though I may be in the future. My memory chores, though—lawn mowing, leaf raking, home repairs But I'm still handy.

WHAT IS A 55+ COMMUNITY ANYWAY?

It's an "age-restricted" community, meaning no less than 80% of the occupied units include at least one person 55 or older. There are about 40 in County Lines country, with more every year. Most were built after 2000, but some go back

You'll find that most have traditionally styled, single-story homes, mainly with two-bedrooms. Typically, they're compact but comfortable for two. Watson Run in Gordonville is a good example. Dawn Linke says, it's "the perfect place to relax in the laid-back heart of Amish Country." Lawn care and snow removal make it maintenance-free, while its community center with pool and workout room support physical activity. And it's a short walk to the nearby town of Intercourse.

Larger homes, such as those in Knob Hill Farms in Honey Brook, are over 4,000 square feet, while smaller options, such as Cokesbury Village in Hockessin, are less than 400 square feet. Most of us would have to downsize.

The communities themselves also vary widely in size. Most Hershey's Mill in West Chester has over 1,700 homes on over 800 acres, including an 18-hole golf course and tennis courts. In contrast, Longwood Reserve in Avondale consists of only eight homes built on 1 to 2-acre lots.

Home styles run the gamut, from separate, detached homes, condos, as at Westtown Reserve in West Chester. In between, there are cottages, carriage homes, town homes and others that are simply attached.

BUY OR RENT?

In general, prices of 55+ homes range from about \$300,000 to \$500,000, with options at both ends of the budget. Athertyn at Haverford, for instance, has condos at well over \$1 million. Plus a condo fee—or homeowners association or HOA fee—may also be required.

Although fewer, rentals are another choice—usually for apartment-like settings. For instance, Canvas at Valley

Forge, Arbour Square at West Chester and Meridian at Eagleview are examples.

OFFERINGS AND AMENITIES FOR ACTIVE ADULTS

Frequently, these communities include a wide variety of amenities, making them feel like you're living at a resort. A clubhouse, for instance, is practically mandatory, though the sizes can vary substantially. The one at Fox Hill Farms, for example, is over 14,000 square feet, while others are 2,000 square feet or less.

The clubhouse, in turn, inspires activities like cycling, photography, dancing, billiards, gardening In other words, practically anything, assuming someone else is interested.

Typically, the 55+ communities are for what's called active adults. Expect to find an exercise room or fitness center, complete with treadmills, mats and weight-lifting equipment. More lavish set-ups might include a swimming pool, walking and cycling trails, plus tennis, bocce and pickleball courts. And more.

So, you can stay fit, save gym fees, and save the ten feet of space dedicated to your own exercise machines. And you'll find buddies who are running, walking or swimming at, more or less, your speed.

In fact, some communities go well beyond these basics. Canvas, for example, has 18,000 feet of common space and offers a makers space, media lounge, multi-media room, genius bar, pet spa and more. Michele Kearney and Sarah McMeeking call it "amenity-rich." Just opened, they're "listening to the community" regarding its future.

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Meals and transportation, however, are generally not included, since 55+ is not "assisted living." Occasionally, though, these amenities may be offered on a pay-as-you go basis. Again, each community offers its own mix of amenities and services.

IF YOU DON'T NEED HELP NOW, BUT ...

Perhaps you don't want to move again. You may not need assistance now, but are planning for later—or for a spouse. Consider a Life Plan Community (LPC), a rebrand of the Continuing Care Retirement Community. In *County Lines* country, there are about a dozen.

Tel Hai in Honey Brook is an LPC, offering residential living in cottages, apartments and town homes, plus a full campus of pools, gyms and the like. But, in addition, Tel Hai offers a "full continuum" of care. According to Jolene Weaver, you can enter at 62+ but "stay for the rest of your life." More attuned to their residents' medical needs than a 55+ community, LPCs generally have 24-hour medical assistance. And Tel Hai will move you to an on-site personal, memory, rehabilitation or skilled nursing facility, if and when you need it.

Another example of an LPC is Dunwoody Village in Newtown Square, offering dining and housekeeping, plus amenities like a fitness center, library, walking paths and wellness programs. If needed, however, Dunwoody will provide emergency assistance and access to onsite physicians, dentists and other medical providers. When required, it will also move you to a care facility.

MORE OPTIONS

Watching planes take off and land at Brandywine Airport from Arbour Square's roof-top deck—with fireplace and out-door TV—is certain to capture residents' imagination. They'll also enjoy their own Main Street with a restaurant, '50s diner, movie theater, pub, salon and spa and more. The community will "take care of life's chores" so you don't have to, according to Jason Childers. All with the option of independent living, personal care or memory care services.

At the Kendal developments of Longwood and Crosslands LPCs, the lifestyle includes two aquatic centers, gyms, tennis courts and more. But, if you need assistance, personal care and skilled nursing are provided. Meanwhile, at Kendal's Coniston and Cartmel's over-50 communities, you get priority admission at Kendal's local health or nursing centers, but are otherwise on your own.

No-maintenance lifestyle, including meals, housekeeping and transportation, is also available at The Summit in Hockessin, with a choice between independent, assisted living or memory care. In addition, it has a full-time Activities Director who "ensures there's always something happening!"

WHEN YOU'RE READY

In short, the 55+ and LPC communities are offering residents of *County Lines* country a bridge between life as an independent community-loving citizen and life as a cared-for, assisted-by-others senior. You can choose from a community of youthful Baby Boomers to a more mature, settled and peaceful environment.

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Springton Lake Village

610-356-7297; SpringtonLakeVillage.com

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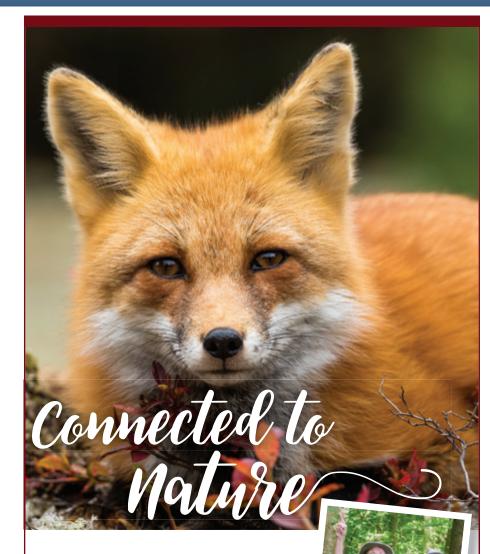
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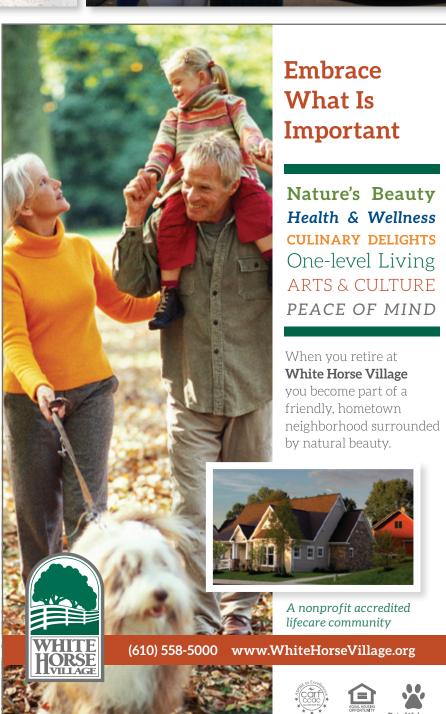
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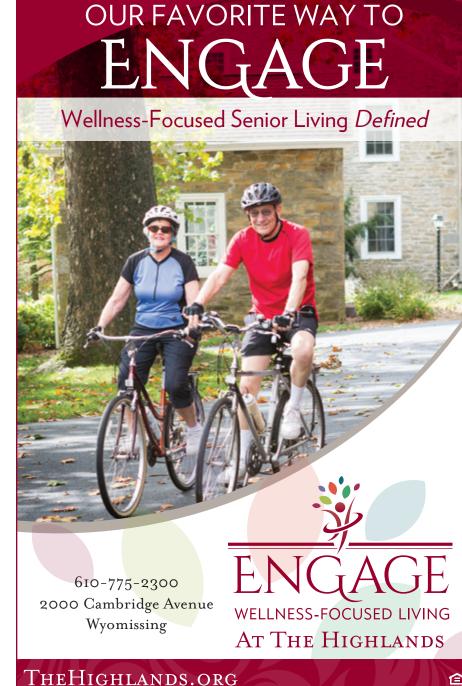
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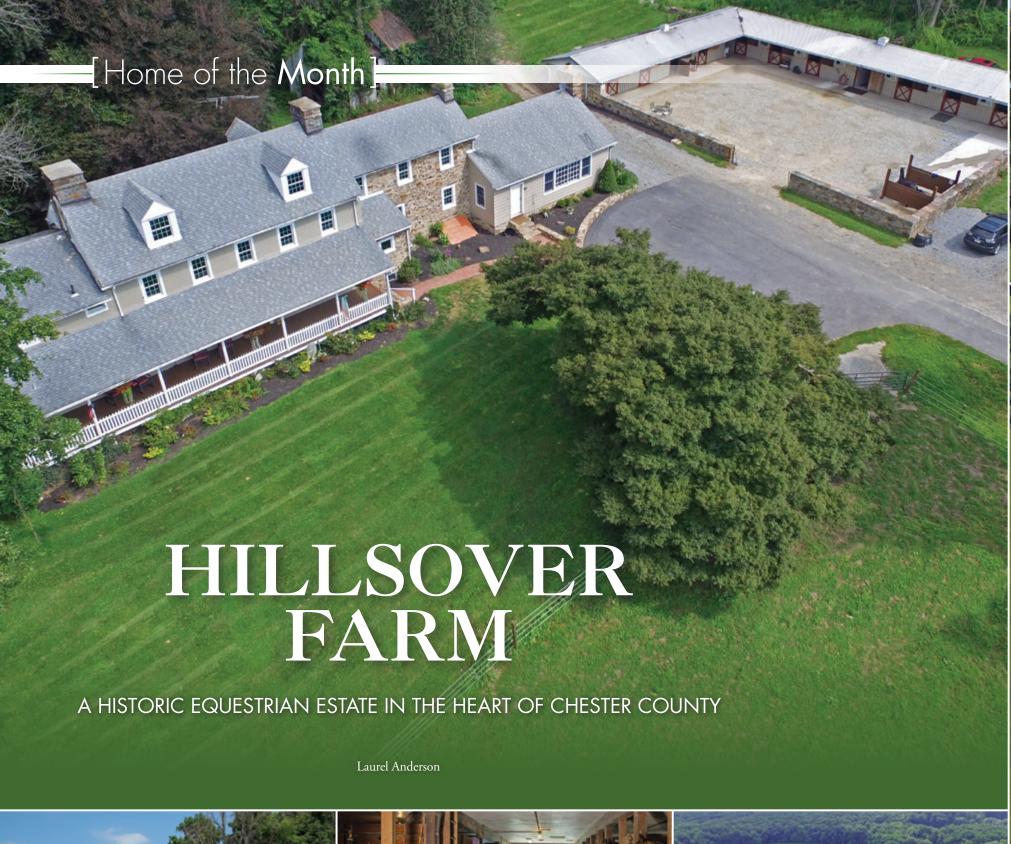
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VER 90 ACRES OF UNDEVELOPED land in Malvern ... This prime location is but one of many surprises you'll find at Hillsover Farm, former home of legendary equestrian Richard McDevitt, past president of the Devon Horse Show. With his handlebar mustache and engaging stories, McDevitt was a prominent figure at Devon and other equestrian circles and is just part of the history of the farm.

That the property was in disrepair when Vicki and Lance McCue bought it from the McDevitt family less than two years ago was actually a plus. "We could see it for what it once was. The history, location, number of acres—the great potential of the property drew us to it," says Vicki.

Owners of Restoration Solutions, the McCues had completely restored another home, Clocktower Farm, a seven-acre property in West Chester with a 123-year-old Georgina manor house and five-story stone campanile. Vicki explains, "We were ready for more land for an equestrian business and a new passion project."

THE PROPERTY

Under conservation easement with French and Pickering Conservation Trust, this equestrian estate boasts acres and acres of woodlands, open fields, streams and reseeded pastures with fenced paddocks, yet is within minutes of the heart of the Main Line and offers easy access to Routes 202, 100 and the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

A centuries old farmhouse, completely updated in 2016, sits alongside an 11-stall courtyard barn—a unique yet practical design enclosed by a rustic stone wall and evoking a scene from the British Isles. The expansive property includes a variety of structures—17-stall working barn with a two-bedroom apartment and office, six-stall

foaling barn, two shed-rows, two-bedroom caretaker's cottage, storage buildings, spring house, ice house, smoke house and quarry.

Other surprises include the dressage ring with new footing and a cross country course, complete with jumps and a water hazard, all off a sunny 10-plus acre grassy pasture. For trail riders, there are miles of paths to explore, while still staying on the property.

THE MAIN HOUSE

A 50-foot-wide, south-facing porch on the main residence is the perfect vantage point to view lush pastures and grazing horses—preferably from a rocking chair and accompanied by a glass of wine or something stronger.

This historic stone farmhouse, dating back to 1720, was completely renovated by the McCues, whose construction firm is known for grander but less personal projects, such as the Kimmel Center and Chester County Hospital. Vicki says she and husband Lance have just about completed phase one of the project that began by clearing brush, mending fences (literally) and paving the almostmile-long driveway.

Balancing the need to modernize the main house while preserving historic details and ambiance was a key goal of the McCues. And so the center-hall layout feels familiar, with deep-sill windows, wide-plank original wood floors, walkin fireplaces and built-in cabinets and shelves throughout. Formal living and dining rooms are period appropriate. A den/cigar room with beamed ceiling and wood paneling, though newer, feels warm and inviting even before you spot the walk-in fireplace.

But it's the big projects at the opposite end of the home that shine. A stunning new gourmet





kitchen with distressed cabinets, wood-look porcelain floors and state of the art appliances will delight any cook. Pass through a charming butler's pantry to the new great room, where large windows offer more prime views. Stone walls here preserve the feel of the original structure, while modern proportions provide ample space for a large family and entertaining.

Upstairs are four bedrooms and two baths, including a large private master suite above the great room.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

Years ago Hillsover Farm was where McDevitt—who was also president of the PA Horse Breeders Association—kept several stallions and a dozen brood mares in a separate foaling barn. The farm was a center of activity for hunt weekends with Pickering Hunt and where local trainers worked and boarded their horses-from Leigh Berman now of nearby Two Bit Farm to Olympic gold-medalist, Mark Todd.

More recently the farm has an attractive equestrian business—a professional riding facility supporting 20 horses, which leases the 17-stall working barn with its riding ring and fenced pastures. With a total of 40 stalls on the property, more commercial opportunities exist.

The property can support 20 to 30 more horses, plus an indoor riding ring (on the current owners' wish list), as well as horse shows. And on 92-acres, there's room for activities such as an animal rescue center, dog or animal boarding center, wedding venue or many other dreams and schemes.

Although under conservation easement, the property allows additional construction and development—including building a 20,000-square-foot indoor equestrian arena and subdividing two large parcels for building two single-family homes.

Though they'll miss the peacefulness and charm of Hillsover Farm, the McCues hope another family will see the same great potential of this unique property. •

This classic 92-acre equestrian estate, with two barns (one with apartment and office), main residence, caretaker's cottage, outbuildings, pastures and paddocks, located in Charlestown Township (Great Valley Schools), is offered for \$2.75 million. For further information, contact Sue McElroy, Berkshire Hathaway, Fox & Roach, 484-678-7306; SueMcElroy.com.







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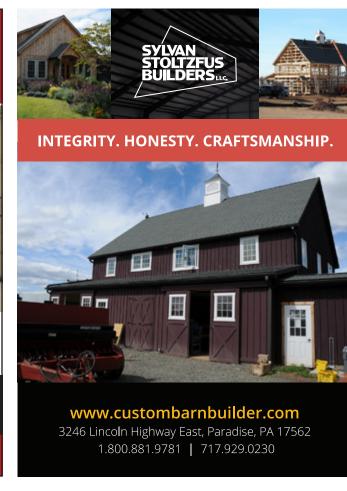


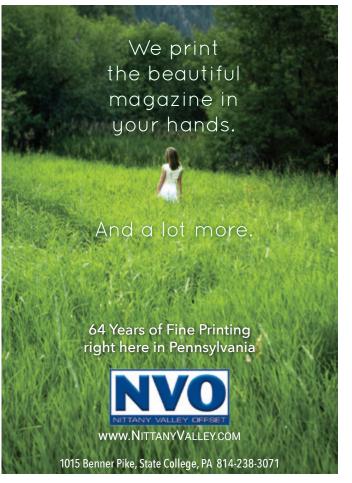
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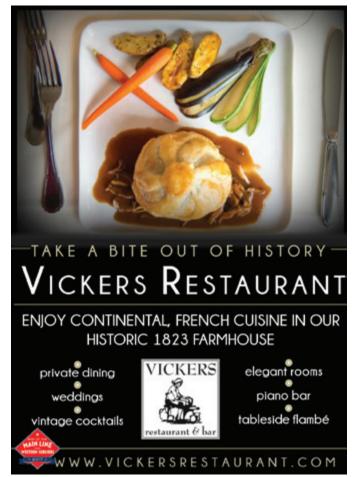


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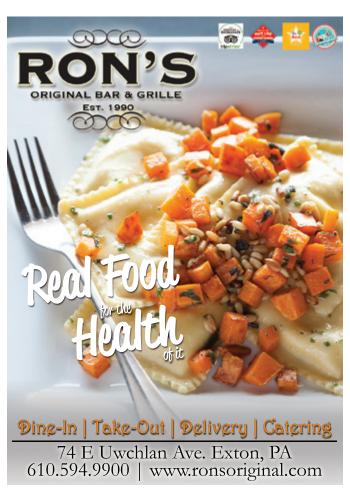


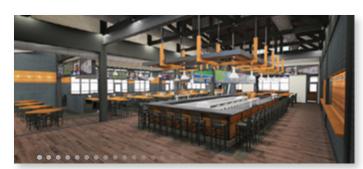


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Buon Appetito. Brush up on your Italian, because the food at Bardolino Italian Steakhouse and Seafood in Glen Mills will make you say "Bravissimo!" With Jack Mavraj of La Verona in Kennett Square running the show, Bardolino aims to please. Give their Bourbon Glazed Shrimp and Scallops a try, but save room for dessert for a taste of Executive Chef David Robinson's famous Cinnamon

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Too Cute to Sip.



Japanese barista Kazuki Yamamoto is taking the Internet by storm and latte making to another

with this aesthetically pleasing craze—3-D latte art. Check out his Twitter account for adorable photos of foamy creations: from 3-D cats, to bunnies, to cartoon characters. Drink with caution, though—you may find these creatures are too cute to sip! Want to give it a swirl? Make your own! Go to MakeZine.com and search "latte art."

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Variations on a Theme of Turkey

GRILL IT, BRAISE IT, FRY IT, STUFF IT ... WE'RE TALKING TURKEY HERE.

Laura Muzzi Brennan

THEN IT COMES TO THANKSGIVING, MOST OF us are creatures of habit. We want turkey, and we want it the way we remember as children: roasted for hours, basted with butter and large enough for leftovers.

But if you find yourself craving a little variety—maybe a different cut, cooking technique or seasoning—the turkey experts at Janssen's Market in Greenville, Delaware stand at the ready to help.

At the time of this writing, general manager Paula Janssen, executive chef Shawn Marshall and meat manager Marcus Dalnogare were in the process of finalizing their Thanksgiving offerings. The extensive menu includes everything you need for the holiday: vegetables, starches, pies and turkey, of course. Their 500+ whole turkeys and turkey breasts come from TA Farms in Wyoming, DE where they are harvested just days before Thanksgiving. Turkeys range in size from 5-10 pounds for a breast to 10-30 pounds for a whole bird. They can be ordered raw or cooked.

Tofurky (tofu "turkey") and turduckens (chicken stuffed inside duck stuffed inside turkey) are also available for order. Janssen's assembles turduckens in house using local poultry. Their signature corn stuffing goes in between each layer to hold the Frankenbird together. (Unless you've got crackerjack deboning and stitching skills—not to mention a free afternoon during busy



holiday times—then its best to leave the assembly to the pros.) Luckily, cooking turducken requires just a roasting pan and good instructions. Look for Janssen's recipe below.

When it comes to tweaking the centerpiece of the Thanksgiving table, Janssen's suggests home cooks try the technique called "spatchcocking," It takes a little elbow grease to remove the turkey's backbone and crack the breastbone, but the result is an evenly cooked turkey with crisp skin that's ready in half the usual time.

Other techniques like grilling, braising and deep-frying are also worth a try. And if you really want to push the boundaries, proceed directly to the "Truly Madly Turkey" sidebar in this article.

Perhaps the easiest way to change up your bird is to play around with the spices. While the folks at Janssen's say most people like simple brines—just salt, pepper and herbs—they've had customers request coffee-rubbed turkeys as well as sundried tomato turkey breasts. One woman asked for Greek-style, the crushed olives adding briny flavor.

For home cooks who want to do the brining themselves, Janssen's sells kits that include spice blends and brining bags. They recommend dry-brining one-half hour before cooking and wet-brining overnight in the refrigerator or cooler filled with ice.

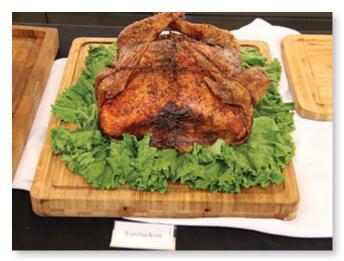
Whether you brine, baste, roast or spatchcock, here's wishing you a very flavorful bird and a very happy Turkey Day!





Turducken Cooking

With stuffing between each layer, turduckens are solid and ideal for feeding a crowd. Sizes range from small, which can serve ten hungry diners, to large, which serves 25! Whether you assemble the turducken yourself or pick up your uncooked bird from Janssen's Market, these cooking instructions guarantee a Thanksgiving centerpiece that's perfect inside and out.



Preheat to 225°. Remember that you're cooking low and slow, so temperature control is very important! If you don't have an oven thermometer, you may want to invest in one to guarantee that your oven is at the correct temperature.

Give your turducken an hour at room temperature before cooking. This will help with cooking evenly.

Place your turducken breast side up on a flat wire rack set in your roasting pan. Tuck the wing tips back under the shoulders of the bird.

Bake the turducken uncovered for 4 hours. Baste the skin with olive oil, then cover the turducken with aluminum foil. Cook for an additional 4 to 5 hours (depending on the size of your bird) until a meat thermometer reads 165° in the center of the thickest part of the turducken.

Remove the turducken from the oven. Tent with aluminum foil and let it rest for one hour. Slice crosswise so you see all the layers.

Sausage Cornbread Stuffing

Janssen's puts this stuffing in between the turducken's layers (see photo) to help bind the layers—and, of course, it tastes great, too! To cook it outside your bird, spoon the stuffing into a greased casserole dish and bake.

1 Tb. olive oil

1 Tb. unsalted butter

1 large onion, chopped

½ tsp. salt

4 large stalks celery, chopped

4 garlic cloves, minced

1/2 lb. spicy sausage, crumbled, cooked and drained

2 Tb. chopped fresh sage

1 Tb. fresh thyme leaves

Truly Madly Turkey

We searched high and low for new takes on turkey for those looking for something a littler different this year. What we found was a world full of turkey-philes who think far outside the roasting pan. Here are our picks for the most whimsical, sometimes dangerous, definitely innovative twists on the Thanksgiving icon.

Trash Can Turkey: This one will get the neighbors talking! Sit the turkey on an aluminum covered stake. Cover with a metal trash can. Distribute coals around the circumference of the can and on top. Gobble up this quick-cooking turkey before the fire department shows up!

Designer Turkey: Who says a turkey can't sport stripes, your monogram or even a bronze bikini? Simply cut out aluminum foil in any shape you like, place it on the bird and roast away. Don't forget to Instagram your work.

Turkey Jerky: Want turkey that lasts well beyond the fourth Thursday in November? Slice turkey breast thinly. Season with salt and pepper. Thread onto skewers and hang skewers from the top rack of your oven. Cook for 6–10 hours at 200°. Leave oven door slightly ajar to let the moisture escape. Settle in for a day of football watching.

Turkey Cake: This dish truly takes the you-know-what! Layer ground turkey, sausage stuffing, sweet potatoes and cranberry sauce. Top with mashed potato icing, place on a silver cake stand and wait for puzzled looks. Then followed by oohs

Beer Can Turkey: It's good enough for chicken so try it with the bigger bird. Add chopped herbs to a 24-32 oz. can of your favorite beer. Insert the can into the turkey's cavity. Using the can as a stand, place turkey upright on grill over indirect heat. Kick back, forget about basting and pop open another beer.



1/2 C. flat leaf parsley, chopped

1/4 tsp. ground pepper

Cornbread (store bought or made from your favorite mix, about a 9x9 pan's worth), crumbled and left to become stale for a couple hours

½ C. milk

Heat oil and butter over medium heat in a large skillet. Add the onion and stir often, for about 3 minutes. Add the salt and celery and cook until the vegetables are soft and translucent. Add the garlic and cook for 1 minute. Transfer to a large mixing bowl.

Add the sausage, sage, thyme, parsley and pepper and mix well. Slowly add the cornbread to the mixture, combining everything well. If it's too dry, add some of the milk, as needed.

Use as the stuffing for your turducken or put it in a greased baking dish and bake at 350° for 30 minutes.

Makes enough to stuff one turducken or 8-10 side servings.

Tandoori Turkey London Broil

Turkey London broil is simply a thick cut of skinless, boneless turkey breast. You can serve with classic mashed potatoes or rice.



1½ lbs. turkey London broil, about 1" thick 1 C. plain low-fat or whole milk Greek yogurt Juice of 1 small lemon, plus lemon wedges for serving 1 Tb. tandoori seasoning (more to taste) Salt and pepper to taste

Whisk together yogurt, lemon juice, tandoori season, salt and pepper. Spoon into a large resealable plastic bag. Add turkey and toss to coat. Refrigerate overnight.

Using either a gas or charcoal grill, grill over indirect medium heat with the cover on, flipping once or twice until the thickest part of the turkey reaches 165°. If you like grill marks bold and brazen, move turkey to direct heat for a minute or so on each side.

Rest for 10–15 minutes and slice against the grain. Serve with lemon wedges.

Makes 4 servings.

Spatchcocked Turkey

You need a pair of poultry shears and a sharp carving knife, but other than that, no fancy equipment is required for spatchcocking (also called butterflying) your bird. One great advantage of this technique is it cuts down on cooking time. Another is that carving is much easier.



10-12 lb. turkey Seasoning: salt, pepper, thyme and sage Wine and chicken stock for roasting

Preheat the oven to 350°.

Place your turkey upside down (breast-side down) on an easily cleanable cutting surface. Using your poultry shears, cut along both sides of the backbone to remove it. (This will take some elbow grease, and you may need to use the knife to get through tougher places.) Save the backbone and giblets for making turkey stock or the base for your gravy.

Turn over your turkey and press firmly on both sides of the breastbone until it cracks. You want it as flat as possible to cook the most evenly. Rub seasonings on turkey and allow to brine for ½ hour.

Place the turkey on a flat wire rack inside your roasting pan and tuck the wings under the breast. Add wine and chicken stock to pan to provide moisture during cooking.

Roast for 1½ hours. Turn up the heat to 400° for 15 minutes more for crispier skin. Check the internal temperature at the thickest part of the thigh with your meat thermometer. It should be 165°.

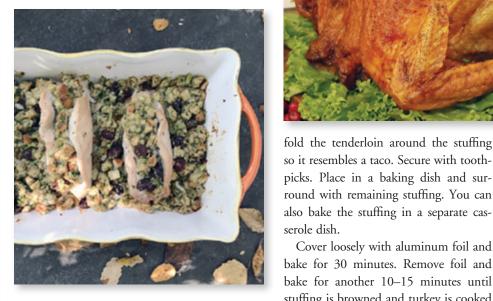
Remove turkey from oven and tent it loosely with aluminum foil. Let it rest for 15-20 minutes before carving.

Stuffed Turkey Tenderloins

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The tenderloin is the tender strip of white meat hidden under the turkey breast. Since the portion size is generous, the recipe

works especially well for a small but hungry group. Serve with your favorite gravy. Recipe inspired by Lynne Webb of MyGourmetConnection.



2-4 turkey tenderloins, about ½ lb. each 2 Tb. butter

1/4 C. finely chopped celery (1 stalk) $^{3}/_{4}$ C. finely chopped onion ($^{1}/_{2}$ medium onion)

1 C. chicken broth

6 oz. (1/2 package) Pepperidge Farm (or cook's choice)

Herb seasoned cubed stuffing

1 egg, beaten

½ C. dried cranberries (If you can find the plump whole

jumbo dried cranberries, use those.)

2 Tb. fresh chopped sage

2 Tb. fresh chopped parsley Salt and pepper to taste Celery salt, optional

Preheat oven to 375°. Slice turkey tenderloins horizontally, but don't cut all the way through. The tenderloin should look like an open book. Set aside.

Melt butter over medium high heat. Stirring frequently, cook celery and onion until softened but not brown. Set aside

In a large bowl, add chicken broth to stuffing and allow bread cubes to absorb the broth. Mix in egg, cranberries, sage, parsley, celery and onion. Season with salt, pepper and celery salt if using.

Place a generous amount of stuffing down the center of each tenderloin and



picks. Place in a baking dish and surround with remaining stuffing. You can also bake the stuffing in a separate cas-

Cover loosely with aluminum foil and bake for 30 minutes. Remove foil and

stuffing is browned and turkey is cooked

to 165°. Rest for 5-10 minutes and

serole dish.

remove toothpicks.

Serves 2–4. ♦

contests, and anticipates restaurant openings with fold the tenderloin around the stuffing the excitement most people reserve for winning a Mega Millions jackpot. so it resembles a taco. Secure with tooth-

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OR YEARS THE MERCURY MONARCH WAS KNOWN as the state car of Florida, a reference to the capacious sedan's standing as a favorite of the senior citizens and retirees who migrated south to the Sunshine State every winter, some of them barely able to peer over the steering wheel as they went.

Though Ford undoubtedly enjoyed the sales of the dowdy sedan, the last thing any car maker wanted was to be known for selling an old person's car. And so, in 1980 the Monarch—like so many of its owners—was retired.

MORE SENIOR DRIVERS ON THE ROADS

In hindsight, however, maybe Ford should have kept the Monarch in production because today the fastest growing segment of the driving population is seniors. According to AARP, in 2003 about 1 in 7 licensed drivers was 65 or older. By 2029, when the last of the Baby Boomers will turn 65, the proportion of senior drivers to their juniors will be close to 1 in 4.

It's hard to say what to make of all this, as most aging Americans aren't even aware that they're getting older. According to a study for the *Journal of Gerentology*, men and women aged 70 or over typically see themselves as 13 years younger than their chronological age. It's bad enough for the aging athlete who can't understand what's happened to his fast ball; it's worse for the motorist who no longer possesses the faculties—vision, hearing, reflexes, coordination—he or she once did.

CAR MANUFACTURERS RESPOND

Fortunately, carmakers have come up with a number of ways to accommodate our physical and cognitive frailties, with every year bringing a new array of devices aimed at making driving safer and more comfortable for seniors. As a result the new favorite in the Senior Sweepstakes is the crossover SUV, a category that didn't even exist in the Monarch's heyday.

But, just what is a crossover SUV? In January 2008, the *Wall Street Journal* said a crossover was a wagon that looked like an SUV but rode like a car. This is true, so far as it goes, but it doesn't tell us much.

First of all, a crossover is not a wagon, which is a full-sized vehicle with an extended, flat-topped roof. Rather it's the amiable cousin to the athletic little hatchbacks that dominated the rally circuits in Europe, where station wagons were virtually unknown.

As for the rugged, four-wheel-drive SUVs so familiar to American motorists, as the *New York Times* reported in November 2000, they were consigned to the nether strata of the European social geology. Germans and Brits saw SUVs as ugly, ungainly trucks—the sort of things only a laborer could love.

However ugly the SUV is to Europeans, in the 1990s their smaller, rally-inspired compacts had begun to migrate across the pond to the States, where they were taking on a new identity—the crossover SUV, a vehicle that was car-based, rather than built on a truck platform.





For Baby Boomers, this was just the ticket. The crossover's greater headroom made it easier to get in and out of than a low-slung sedan or convertible, and it wasn't a struggle to climb up into like a SUV or van. On the road, its smaller size and nimble dynamics made it easier to drive, while its lighter weight made for greater fuel economy. And because crossovers still offered the flexibility of folding rear seats, these vehicles were ideal for seniors' road trips with passengers or cargo.

Paradoxically, American car makers, who had pioneered the rugged, go-anywhere SUV, were slow to grasp the implications of the imported crossover. An SUV was an SUV was an SUV, right? But the import badge, coupled with the more comfortable ride, held out the promise of something else.

Baby Boomers who had popularized the off-road ruggedness of the Ford Bronco and Chevy Blazer in their youth, now wanted something else—luxury, comfort and safety. That's what they got in the crossover.

WHAT DO SENIORS WANT ... OR NEED ?

So it's no wonder that when the folks at *Consumer Reports* decided to publish a list of the 25 Best Cars for Seniors, the top five were all crossovers—the Subaru Forester, Subaru Outback, Kia Soul, Subaru Legacy and Kia Sportage. But the criteria they applied weren't so much high tech gadgets—cameras that display bird's-eye views of objects and people behind and around the car, or cruise control systems that enable drivers to drive with feet off the pedals and hands off the steering wheel.

Instead *Consumer Reports* used such common sense factors as visibility: Did the driver have an unobstructed view of the landscape all the way around? Controls: Are the car's gauges and controls easy to read and understand? Are the knobs and buttons for sound systems and climate control easy to reach and control? How about gear shifts? There have been recalls for vehicles whose gear selectors are so confusing they've

led to accidents. Headlights: Cars can vary dramatically so far as lighting up the road ahead, a concern when you consider vision can rapidly deteriorate after 60.

For all the attention given to senior motorists, none of this is to suggest that older drivers, in no matter what they're driving, are a hazard on the road. There is one group of drivers, however, whose driving record is far worse than the oldest drivers'—and that's the youngest. •

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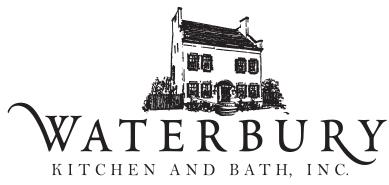




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