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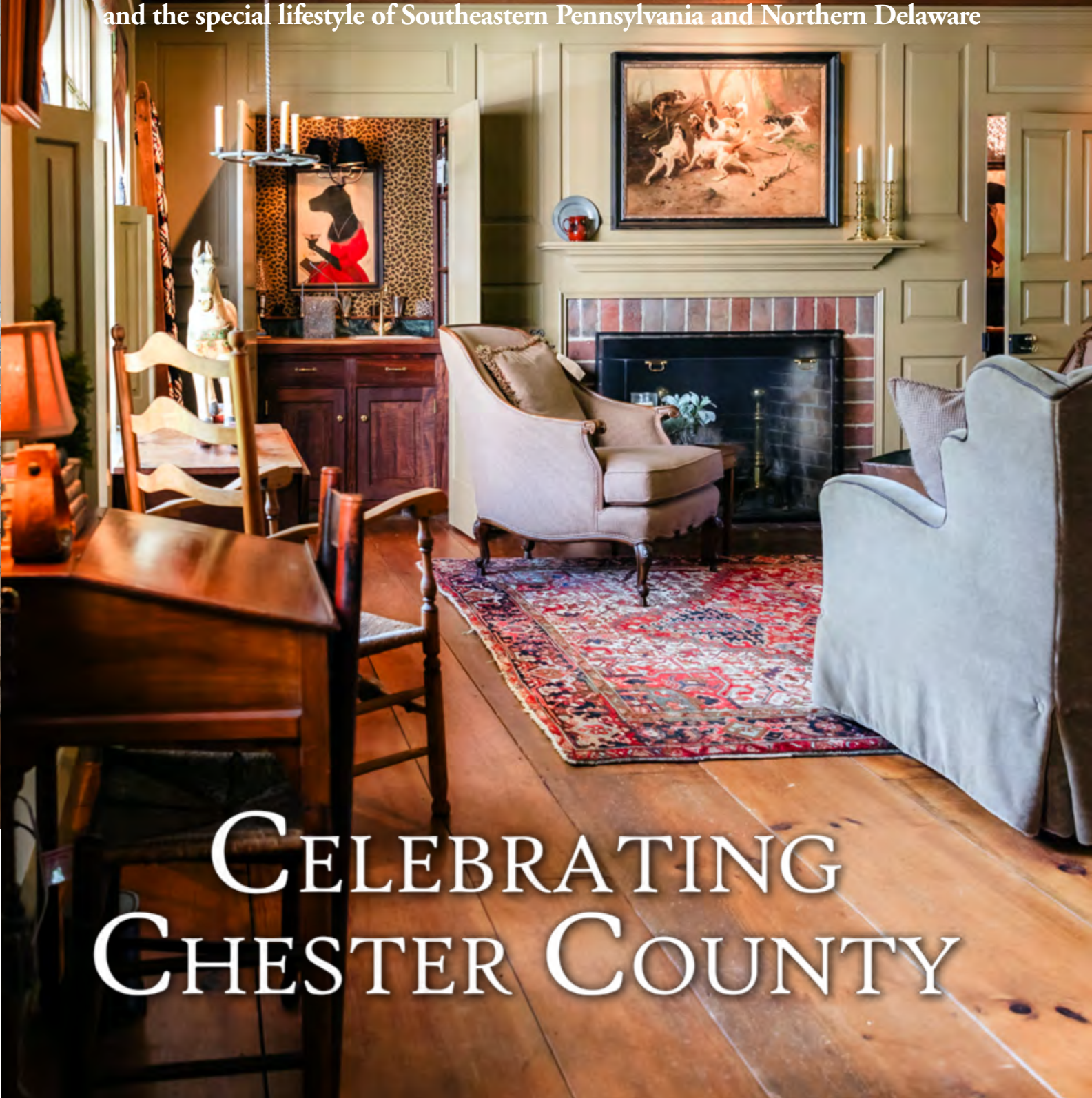
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\$3,595,000



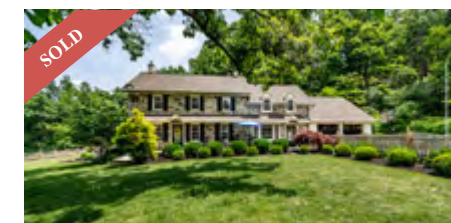
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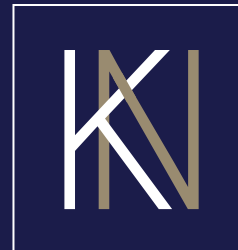
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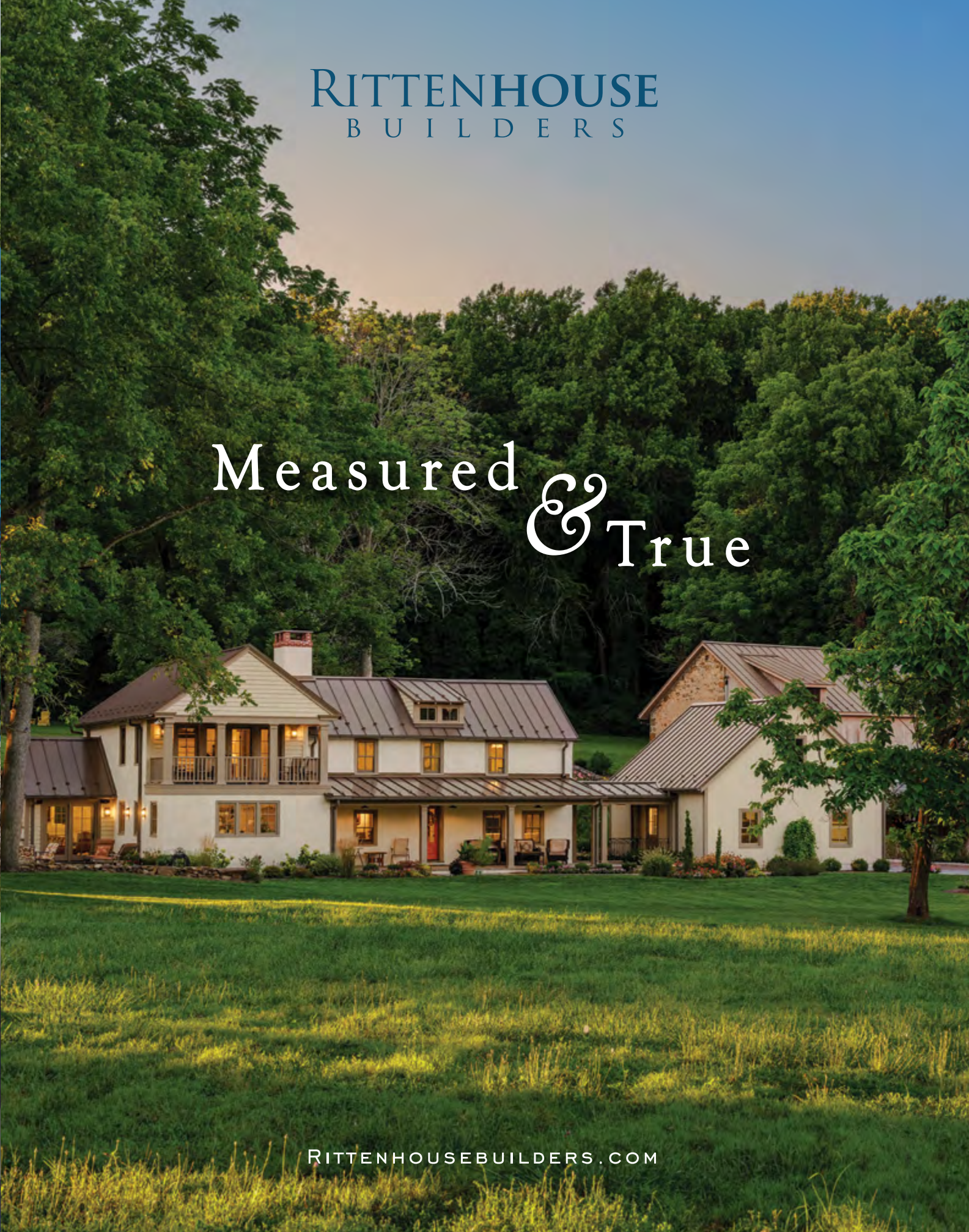


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Homes, horses, Horace Pippin . . . and more! We're celebrating Chester County.

Join Carol Metzker for a preview of four fabulous homes on the Chester County Day Tour. This longest-running historic home tour (on October 7) has raised \$5 million for Chester County Hospital. Read "The 82nd Tour of Tours."

At our Home of the Month, there's privacy, peacefulness and nature at a European-inspired manor home in South Coventry Township set on 36+ bucolic acres. Plus we have Home Décor ideas.

Calling all horse show lovers and country fair fans! The fall equestrian season is back, running from Labor Day to early November, at action packed events from Ludwig's Corner Horse Show to Pennsylvania Hunt Cup. Austin Littrell and Mackenzie Taylor have the deets in "Gear Up for the Fall Equestrian Season." And Shannon Montgomery shares highlights of "Dressage at Devon," where world-class competition comes to the Brandywine Valley.

In "Homage to Horace Pippin," Malcolm Johnstone recounts the life and work of this renowned early-20th-century Black artist with roots in West Chester.

For more West Chester pride, Shannon Montgomery writes about the Incomparable Golden Rams Marching Band's fundraiser to take the national stage at the Rose Parade on New Year's Day 2024. In "The Road to the Roses," this former band member shares the story.

This issue also includes recommendations from Main Point Books' Cathy Fiebach in "Books for Fall Reading" (several authors plan local readings), Monica McQuail's insight into the saw-wet owl's stop in our area in "A Big Journey for a Little Owl," and local vineyard wedding venues in "Vows in the Vines."

Foodies will enjoy a review by Liz Tarditi, our new wine writer, in "Beyond Cabernet and Chardonnay," highlighting the new revolution in California winemaking, as well as Brandywine Table's Courtney Diener-Stokes' takeaways from her visit to Kennett Square Farmer's Market.

Check out Chester County Stories' celebration of local businesses and our Best Local Events.

Thank you for reading.

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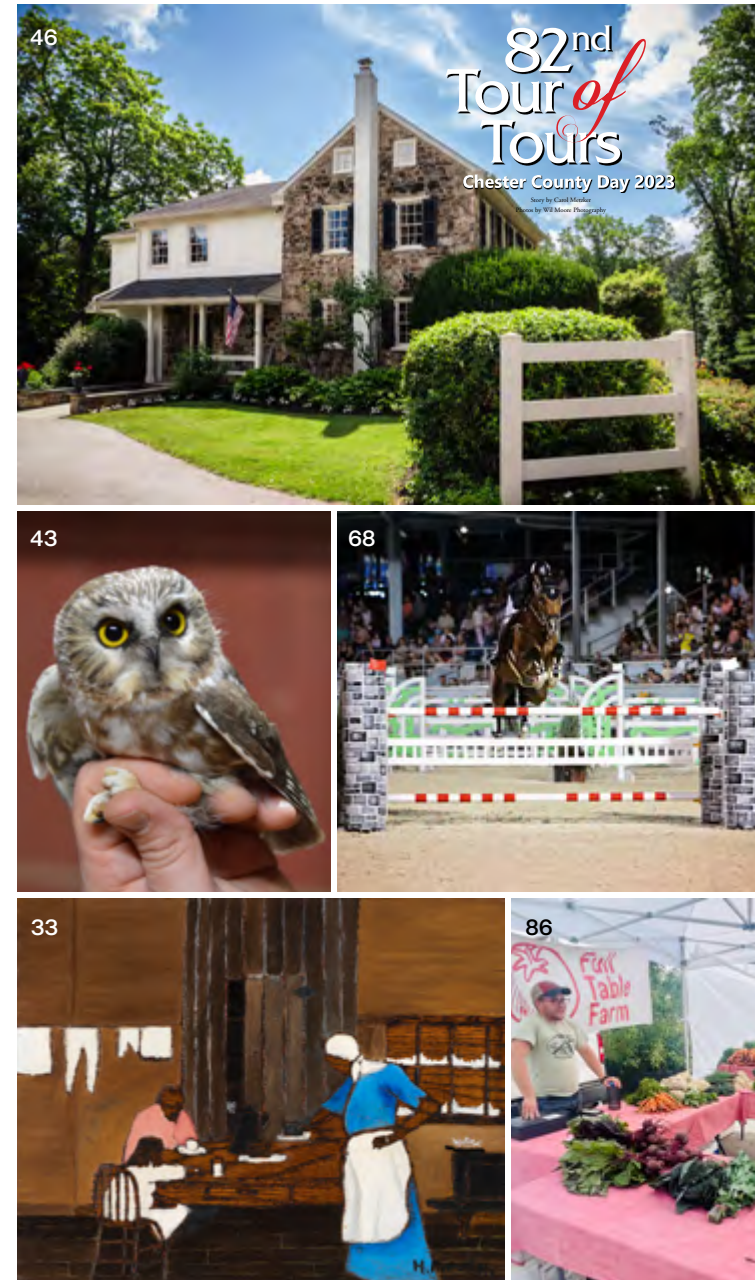
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[Good to Know]

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

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Comedic Relief. Looking for a laugh? Lighten your mood with a comedy show! Visit **Wilmington Brew Works** on September 8 to catch the Kricket Comedy trio. SNL fans will recognize Jay Pharoah performing at **West Chester University** on September 30, and *America's Got Talent* finalist Preacher Lawson will have you LOLing on October 5 at the **Baby Grand** in Wilmington. Better yet, show off your own standup at the **Yorklyn Live: Open Mic Night** in Hockessin on October 19.

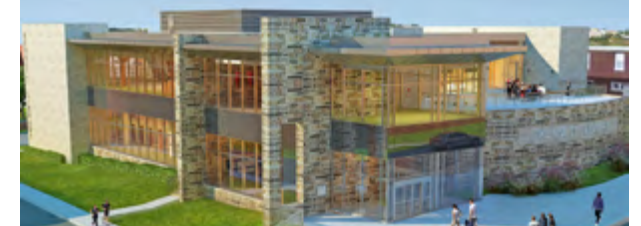


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National Birthday Bash. Calling all history buffs! 2026 marks the semiquincennial (that's the **250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence signing**, and there's a group right here in Chester County already planning a celebration. From festivals to park cleanups to town tours, the local commission held its first meeting in July to kick off the celebration of Chester County's many historical connections. Want to get involved? Volunteer or follow the group on Facebook @Chesco250 for opportunities. America250Chesco.org.



Reading Resources. Kudos to the new **Kennett Library & Resource Center** for their June opening, one of 18 in the Chester County Library System. Remember, your library card gives you access to a treasure trove of books, eBooks and audiobooks, along with access to thousands of shows and movies through the Kanopy app. Plus you can get museum passes, access to ancestry research databases, plant swaps and so much more. Stop by and sign up. 320 E. State St., Kennett Square. KennettLibrary.org.



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September Picks Our Picks for top events this month

Radnor Hunt Concours d'Elegance

September 8-10



See one hundred of the most significant automobiles, based on a featured automobile marque (make), vehicle type or coachbuilder and a motorcycle marque or class. **Sept. 8,** Welcome Barbecue, 6:30 p.m.; **Sept. 9,** Bill O'Connell Memorial Road Rally, 8:30 a.m. to noon, cocktails followed by the Art Show

Preview & Silent Auction, 6 p.m., dinner and dancing with live music, 7:30 p.m.; **Sept. 10,** Radnor Hunt Concours d'Elegance, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Benefits Thorncroft Equestrian Center. *Radnor Hunt Club, 826 Providence Rd., Malvern. \$40-\$80. RadnorConcours.org.*

Up On The Roof

September 16

Join one of West Chester's premier fundraising events, held on a downtown rooftop under the stars, hosted by West Chester Downtown Foundation and West Chester BID. Enjoy music, cocktails, appetizers, desserts, plus beer, wine and the always-popular Rooftop Martini. Benefits the beautification of West Chester. *14 E. Chestnut St. Garage. 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. \$90. DowntownWestChester.com; WCDF.org.*



Longwood Wine & Jazz Festival

September 23

Enjoy the sights and sounds of live music while savoring a selection of wines throughout the Gardens. Sip along to exceptional jazz and, after the sun goes down, catch the jazz-inspired Illuminated Fountain Performance to round out your visit. *1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. 2 to 9 p.m. \$43-\$65. LongwoodGardens.org.*



2nd Annual Philadelphia Polo Classic

September 23

Over 5,000 guests are expected at Philadelphia's Fairmount Park for a sensational event centered around two matches featuring polo's greatest champions. Enjoy a carriage parade, Dog Divot Stomp, plus hat and ensemble contests for men and women. Benefits the local nonprofit Work to Ride. *Fairmount Park, Reservoir Dr., Philadelphia. Gates open at 10 a.m.; first match at 11 a.m., gates close at 4:30 p.m. \$35. PhiladelphiaPoloClassic.org.*



5th Annual Delco Arts Week

September 30-October 8

The Delaware County Arts Consortium hosts more than 60 events, including many free to the public. The week includes concerts, festivals, films, gallery exhibitions, kids activities and workshops. You'll find something for all ages as Delco artists and performers share their talent, love of the arts and community spirit with residents and visitors. *Visit DelcoArts.org for details.*



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THROUGH OCTOBER 31
Brandywine Treasure Trail Passport. Gather family and friends and let the Brandywine Treasure Trail Passport guide you to a memorable summer weekend escape, providing access to 12 of Wilmington's and the Brandywine Valley's top attractions. \$49–\$99. Visit WilmingtonDE.com.

THROUGH NOVEMBER
First Sundays
Steamin' Day at Marshall Steam Museum. Climb into an antique automobile or board one of the trains and experience what it was like to travel at the turn of the 20th century. Enjoy kids activities and crafts, then tour the 1897 mansion that was home to three generations of the Marshall family. *Auburn Heights, 3000 Creek Rd., Yorklyn, DE. 12:30 to 4:30 pm. \$4–\$12. AuburnHeights.org.*

SEPTEMBER 2
SALT Performing Arts Princess Party. Join in for a party with all the royalty, complete with your favorite princess songs and photo ops. *Ludwig's Corner Show Grounds, 1325 Pottstown Pk., Glenmoore. 10 am and 1:30 pm. \$15. SALTPA.com.*

SEPTEMBER 9
Archaeology Festival at Newlin Grist Mill. Discover the rich archaeological heritage that lies beneath our feet. This annual event's activities include assisting archaeologists with excavations, cleaning artifacts in the lab, a kids dig and pottery assembly, displays and exhibits and food vendors. *219 S. Cheyney Rd., Glen Mills. 10 to 3. Free. NewlinGrist-Mill.org.*



SEPTEMBER 13
Family Fun Night at Brandywine Zoo. Enjoy \$1 hot dogs from The Stand, ice cream from Hy-Point, and \$1 soft drinks. Plus get photos with fun characters from "All That Shimmers!" Join Language U's Ms. Lia and amigos for Spanish through games, crafts, puppets, stories and imagination. *1001 N. Park Dr., Wilmington. 5 to 7 pm. \$2. BrandywineZoo.org.*

SEPTEMBER 16–NOVEMBER 5
Pumpkinland at Linvilla Orchards. A family tradition featuring lots of activities including hayrides, pick-your-own apples and mazes. *137 W. Knowlton Rd., Media. Daily 8 to 6. Visit website for tickets. Linvilla.com.*

SEPTEMBER 17
31st Annual Radnor Fall Festival. Plan to enjoy fun for the whole family with local vendors, live entertainment, kids fun, Top Dog contest and much more. *N. Wayne Ave. & West Ave. between Lancaster Ave. and the Wayne train station, Wayne. Rain or shine. Noon to 4. Free. RadnorFallFestival.com.*



SEPTEMBER 23
Paoli Battlefield Heritage Day. Enjoy the American Military Timeline and see how the soldiers dressed and what they carried into battle. Stop by and visit with Benjamin Franklin as he shows you the experiments he did in the 1700s. Stop by the food trunks and beer tent and enjoy facepainting for the kids and many other crafters and vendors. *1st and Wayne Aves., Malvern. 11 to 4. \$10. PBPFInc.org.*

SEPTEMBER 24
Downingtown Fall Fest. Street festival featuring food and craft vendors, Victory Brewing Beer Garden and live entertainment.

Green St. and E. Pennsylvania Ave. 11 to 4. Rain or shine. DTRCC.com.

SEPTEMBER 30
Warwick Fall Fest. This family-friendly event will feature live entertainment, Bubbletopia, kids' inflatables, face painting, wagon rides, pumpkin patch, Fairy Hair by Nerd-Fairy, food trucks and craft vendors. *Warwick County Park, 191 County Park Rd., Pottstown. 11 to 4. Free. Chesco.org.*

SEPTEMBER 30
Charlestown Day. Food trucks, bounce house, face painting, balloon animals, vendors, live music and kids activities throughout the day. *Charlestown Township Park, 100 Academic Way, Phoenixville. 11 to 3. Free. Charlestown.PA.US/parks.aspx.*

OCTOBER 1
Fall Harvest & Great Pumpkin Patch at The Willows. Tractor and pony rides, pumpkin patches and painting, hayrides, music and refreshments. *490 Darby-Paoli Rd., Radnor. 1 to 4. Free. Rain date, Oct. 8. Radnor.com.*

OCTOBER 7
Truck & Tractor Day at Winterthur Museum of Art. Get up close to trucks and tractors, check out other vehicles and equipment, suit up in firefighter gear, take a hayride and even milk a mechanical cow. *5105 Kennett Pk., Winterthur, DE. 10 to 4. \$6–\$20. Winterthur.org.*



OCTOBER 8
Westtown Day 2023. This family event features something for everyone. Carnival games, petting zoo, Bubbletopia, kid's architectural dig box, historical reenactors, face painter, local vendors, live music and much more. *Oakbourne Park, 1014 S. Concord Rd., West Chester. 11 to 3. Free. WesttownPA.org.*

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45th Annual Long's Park Art Festival. Long's Park transforms into a beautiful outdoor gallery filled with more than 200 juried artisans offering their unique wares. Enjoy local culinary meals and appetizers as well as wine and craft beer. Benefits the park's Amphitheater Foundation. *1441 Harrisburg Pk., Lancaster. Fri–Sat, 10 to 6; Sun, 10 to 5. \$10–\$15. LongsPark.org.*



SEPTEMBER 9–10
Brandywine Festival of the Arts. Over 200 artisans from around the country display and sell their work. *1001 N. Park Dr., Wilmington. Sat, 10 to 6; Sun, 10 to 4. \$5. BrandywineArts.com.*

SEPTEMBER 15
Craft and Mercantile. A curated evening market celebrating local makers and artisans alongside live music, food, drink, and arts and crafts activities. *Burke Park, Malvern. 4:30 to 8:30 pm. GrowingRootsPartners.com.*

SEPTEMBER 23
Chester County Art Walk. East Goshen Township and Chester County Art Assoc. host this event featuring artwork from 100 Chester County high school students. You'll enjoy live music, food trucks and demonstrations. *East Goshen Twp. Park, 1661 Paoli Pk., West Chester. 10 to 4. EastGoshen.org.*

OCTOBER 6
Fall Gallery Walk in West Chester. Explore the vibrant art scene in downtown West Chester. Six galleries combine with additional "one-night-only" venues throughout the downtown area to showcase Chester County artists. Presented by Sunset Hill Jewelers and Fine Arts Gallery and hosted by the West Chester Business Improvement District. *5 to 9 pm. Free parking. DowntownWestChester.com.*

OCTOBER 8 & 22
Clover Market. Shop from a curated lineup offering handmade, antique and vintage wares plus enjoy food trucks, music and more at two locations in October. *Oct. 8, 7 N. Bryn Mawr Ave., Bryn Mawr. Oct. 22, 600 S. Broad St. parking lot, Kennett Square. 10 to 4. Free. TheCloverMarket.com.*

BOOKS
SEPTEMBER 2–21
Wellington Square Bookshop. *Sept. 2, Classics Book Club: Animal Farm* by George Orwell, 2 pm. *Sept. 20 & 21, Fiction Book Group: The Marriage Portrait* by Maggie O'Farrell, Wed & Thurs, 2 pm, Thurs, 7 pm. *549 Wellington Sq., Exton. WellingtonSquareBooks.com.*

SEPTEMBER 18 & 28
Main Point Book Club. *Sept. 18*, an evening of

story-spinning with Craig Johnson, *The Longmire Defense. Sept. 28, NonFiction Book Group: Africa is Not a Country: Notes on a Bright Continent* by Dipo Faloyin. *116 N. Wayne Ave., Wayne. MainPointBooks.com.*

SEPTEMBER 20
Reads & Company. Craig Johnson returns to Phoenixville to celebrate the release of *The Longmire Defense*, the 19th book in his Walt Longmire series. Location TBD. *Reads, 234 Bridge St., Phoenixville. 7 pm. ReadsAndCompany.com.*



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OCTOBER 1
Book Signing & Lecture at Winterthur Museum & Library. *Du Pont Gardens of the Brandywine Valley* is a new book that celebrates the du Pont family heritage of land stewardship and horticultural creativity, as seen in five du Pont estates—Hagley, Longwood Gardens, Nemours Estate, Mt. Cuba Center and Winterthur. 5105 Kennett Pk., Winterthur. 1 pm. \$75 includes sparkling wine toast, lecture and a signed copy of the book. Winterthur.org.

CAR SHOWS
SEPTEMBER 1
9th Annual Car Show in Oxford. One of downtown Oxford's biggest events, with the capacity for just over 200 cars, trucks and bikes on the streets. 13 S. 3rd St., Oxford. 3 to 8 pm. OxfordMainstreet.com.

SEPTEMBER 14-16
7th Annual Coatesville Invitational Vintage Grand Prix. *Sept. 14*, Grand PRiXview Party. *Sept. 15*, Friday Evening Cruise-In, between 1st and 5th Sts. on Lincoln Hwy., 6 to 9 pm. *Sept. 16*, the vintage auto and motorcycle Grand Prix. Spectators enjoy music, vendors, food and beer garden. Benefits the City of Coatesville. Start/finish: 3rd Ave. and Lincoln Hwy., 9 am to 4 pm. CoatesvilleGrandPrix.com.



SEPTEMBER 17
25th Annual Hagley Car Show. Browse through more than 500 antique and restored cars that date from the early 1990s back to the early 20th century. This year's theme is "A Drive Down Memory Lane—Celebrating Bygone Brands." The show features vehicle parades, motoring music and a food court. 200



Hagley Creek Rd., Wilmington. 10 to 4. Check website for tickets. Hagley.org.

SEPTEMBER 24
Auburn Heights Invitational Classic Car Show & Garden Party. Featuring a broad representation of exceptional motor cars from the dawn of the automotive age through 1969. Benefits Auburn Heights Marshall Steam Museum. 3000 Creek Rd., Yorklyn DE. 12:30 to 4:30. \$14-\$25. AuburnHeights.org.

DESIGN / HOME SHOWS
SEPTEMBER 9 & 10
Greater Philadelphia Fall Home Show. Find experts, inspiration and more at this show. Valley Forge Casino Resort, 1160 First Ave., King of Prussia. Sat, 10 to 8; Sun, 10 to 5. Free with online registration or \$10 at the door. GreaterPhillyHomeShows.com.



EQUESTRIAN
See Fall Equestrian Events & Dressage articles in this issue.
THROUGH SEPTEMBER
Fridays & Sundays
Brandywine Polo. Spectators picnic and tailgate at the grounds. 232 Polo Rd., Toughkenamon. Friday Twilight Polo—gates open at 5; match at 5:30. Sun, gates open at 1:30; match at 3, \$15-\$20. Cancelled for rain or extreme heat. 610-268-8692; BrandywinePolo.com.

SEPTEMBER 9
Over The Hill Horse Show. A fun show for riders ages 19-99. Benefits Northern Chester County Horse & Pony Club. Rain date, Sept. 12. Romano 4-H Center, 1841 Horseshoe Pk., Honey Brook. 9 am. OverTheHillHorseShow.com.

SEPTEMBER 23 & 24
Fall Derby at the Vineyard. Experience a two-round horse jumping competition over nat-



Local Farm Markets

Artisan Exchange, 208 Carter Dr. Unit 13 B, West Chester. Sat, 10 to 1. ArtisanExchange.net.
***Berwyn Farmers Market**, 573 E. Lancaster Ave. in Handel's parking lot. Sun, 10 to 1. CulinaryHarvest.com.
Bryn Mawr Farmers Market, Lancaster Ave. Bryn Mawr train station lot. Sat, 9 to 1. FarmToCityMarkets.com.
Market at Coverdale Farm Preserve, 543 Way Rd., Greenville, DE. Fri, 2 to 7; Sat, 10 to 5; Sun, 11 to 3. DeINature.org.
Downingtown Farmers Market, Kerr Park, Log House Field, 28 E. Pennsylvania Ave. Sat, 9 to 1. GrowingRootsPartners.com.
Eagleview Farmers Mkt., Eagleview Town Ctr., 570 Wellington Sq., Exton. Thurs, 3 to 6:30. GrowingRootsPartners.com.
Kennett Square Farmers Mkt., 401 Birch St. Fri, 3 to 6. KSQFarmersMarket.com.
Lancaster County Farmers Mkt., 389 W. Lancaster Ave., Wayne. Wed, Fri & Sat, 6 to 4. LancasterCountyFarmersMarket.com.
Malvern Farmers Market, Burke Park, 26 S. Warren Ave. Sat, 9 to 1. 484-753-6363; GrowingRootsPartners.com.
Media Farmers Market, Edgemont St. between Front & State Sts. Sun, 10 to 1. FarmToCityMarkets.com.
New Garden Growers Market, 8934 Gap Newport Pk., Landenberg. Sat, 9 to noon. Facebook.com/NewGardenGrowersMarket.
Newtown Square Farmers Mkt., 3625 Chapel Rd. Fri, 3 to 6. Facebook.com/NewtownSquareFarmersMarket.
Phoenixville Farmers Market, 200 Mill St. Sat, 9 to noon; seniors, 9-9:30. PhoenixvilleFarmersMarket.org.
Pottstown Farmers Mkt., 100 E. High St. Every other Sat starting May 14, 9-1. PottstownFarm.org.
Rodney Square Farmers Market, 10th & N. Market St., Wilmington. Wed, 10 to 2. 302-425-0196.
***Royersford Farmers Market**, 2nd Ave. across from Victory Park. Sat, 9 to noon. RoyersfordRecreation.com.
Swarthmore Farmers Market, 121 Park Ave., next to Swarthmore Borough Hall Sat, 9 to noon. SwarthmoreFarmersMarket.org.
Thornbury Farmers Mkt. & CSA, 1256 Thornbury Rd., West Chester. Sat, 9 to 6; Sun, 11 to 5. ThornburyFarmCSA.com.
Thornton Farmers Mkt., 330 Glen Mills Rd. Sat, 10 to 1. Facebook.com/ThorntonFarmersMarket.
West Chester Growers Mkt., Chestnut & Church Sts. Sat, 9 to 1. WestChesterGrowersMarket.com.
West Reading Farmers Mkt., 598 Penn Ave. Sun, 9 to 1. GrowingRootsPartners.com.
Westtown Amish Market, 1165 Wilmington Pk., West Chester. Thur, 9 to 6; Fri, 9 to 7; Sat, 8 to 4. WestChesterAmishMarket.com.
** New Markets*

ural fences. Enjoy the wine bar, local beer, hard cider, music, food trucks, vendors. Penns Woods Winery, 124 Beaver Valley Rd., Chadds Ford. 9 am. \$15. PennsWoodsWinery.com.

FESTIVALS
THROUGH OCTOBER 29
Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire. A cast of hundreds fill the shire. Visit the website for themed weekends such as Fairies and Fantasy and Pyrate Invasion Weekends. Mt. Hope Estate, 2775 Lebanon Rd., Manheim. Sat-Sun, 11 to 8. \$17-\$37. PARenFaire.com.



SEPTEMBER 16
VetFest 2023. Family-friendly food and brew festival featuring veteran-owned and operated businesses from the area. Kids' activities,

yard games, vendors and live music by veteran musicians. Free admission. Rain or shine. 400 Chesterfield Pkwy., Malvern. 11 to 4. www.VetFestPA.com.



OCTOBER 7
172nd Annual St. David's Country Fair. A fun-filled day for the whole family with



flea market, food booths, antiques and more. Midway games and prizes, mini-train ride and pumpkin-painting. Benefits the church's 30+ outreach partners. 763 S. Valley Forge Rd., Wayne. 10 to 4. \$2-\$10. 610-688-7947; StDavidsChurch.org/Fair.

FILM.....
THROUGH SEPTEMBER
Movie Mondays at Uptown! Knauer Performing Arts Center. Check out the great line-up of movies at Uptown, at 7 pm. Uptown-WestChester.org.
SEPTEMBER 21-24
Phoenixville Film Festival. The festival is a celebration of independent film that includes film



screenings, filmmakers panels and workshops, after-parties and an awards ceremony. 227 Bridge St., Phoenixville. See website for times. \$65. TheColonialTheatre.com.

FOOD & BREWS
THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1
Wednesdays
West Chester TAPS. Enjoy a borough-wide happy hour where you can unwind and relax with friends every Wednesday from 4 to 7 pm. Participating locations have select \$4 beers, \$5 wines and \$6 cocktails in addition to half-price appetizers. Visit DowntownWestChester.com for locations.

THROUGH SEPTEMBER 21
Thursdays
Sculpture Garden Happy Hour at Delaware Art Museum. Summer series features live music, local brews, lawn games, wine, cocktails and food vendors. 2301 Kentmere Pkwy. N. Terrace Copeland, Sculpture Garden. 5 to 7:30 pm. Free. DelArt.org.

THROUGH OCTOBER
Sundays
Brothers on the Brandywine Seasonal Beer Garden. Bring your own chair or inner tube to cool off in the river at Brandywine Outfitters. Enjoy live music and food trucks as you sip craft beers. 2100 Strasburg Rd., Coatesville. 1 pm to dusk. BrothersKershner.com/Beer-Garden.

SEPTEMBER 1, OCTOBER 6
First Fridays at the Farm—Coverdale Farm Preserve. Enjoy live music plus food, beer, wine, soft drinks, lawn games and visiting the animals. Picnic blankets or chairs encouraged. 543 Way Rd., Greenville, DE. 5 to 7:30. DelawareNatureSociety.org.



SEPTEMBER 9
10th Annual Historic Odessa Brewfest. Featuring more than 50 local, regional and



national craft brewers, live music, artisan vendors, lawn games and locally sourced food. Benefits Historic Odessa Fdn. 202 Main St., Odessa, DE. Platinum ticket, noon to 5:30, \$125; VIP ticket, 12:30 to 5:30, \$75; gen. adm., 1:30 to 5:30, \$60. OdessaBrewfest.com.

SEPTEMBER 14
Newlin Grist Mill Happy Hour. Chat with Newlin staff to learn more about the Mill, history, archaeology, conservation and more, then sample Penns Woods wines by the glass or bottle. 219 S. Cheyney Rd., Glen Mills. 6 to 7:30. Free. NewlinGristMill.org; PennsWoodsWinery.com.

SEPTEMBER 15
Wilmington & Western Railroad — Brews on Board. Local craft brews are served aboard the train for your tasting pleasure on a leisurely 2-hour round-trip through the Red Clay Valley. (Must be 21.) Board at Greenbank Station, 2201 Newport Gap Pk., Wilmington. 7 pm. \$80–\$160. WWRR.com.



SEPTEMBER 17
42nd Annual Chester County Restaurant Festival. Over 40 restaurants and food vendors and 60+ crafters and artisans participate in this long-standing festival. Benefits West Chester Parks & Recreation. Festival on Gay St. from Matlack to Darlington Sts. with bands performing on Gay St. at Darlington, Matlack Sts. and the Church St. Beer Garden. Noon to 5:30. West-Chester.com.



SEPTEMBER 21
Sip & Stroll at Brandywine Zoo. Go a little wild at the family-friendly event. You'll sip, stroll and learn while enjoying beer and touring the zoo after hours. Fun animal encounters and activities for all ages. Limited

number of tickets. Beer sold separately. Brandywine Park, 1001 N. Park Dr., Wilmington. 5 to 7. BrandywineZoo.org.



OCTOBER 7
Historic Kennett Brewfest. The Connoisseur Session ticket includes food pairings from Talula's Table and live music, unlimited tastings, brewfest tasting mug, noon to 5, \$85. The regular Brewfest session features unlimited tastings from over 70 local and regional craft breweries and cideries as well as live music, food trucks and vendors, 1:30 to 5, \$60. Benefits Kennett Collaborative. 600 S. Broad St., Kennett Square. KennettBrewfest.com.



OCTOBER 8
West Chester's 21st Annual Chili Cook-Off. Downtown West Chester gets spicy! Over 70 chili-cooking teams—businesses, nonprofits, hometown cooks—line the streets for this cookoff and compete for prizes in several categories. Sample as many as you can, and vote for your favorite. Gates open at 10:30 am; awards ceremony at 3:30 pm. Benefits local nonprofits. Gay St., West Chester. WestChesterChiliCookOff.com.

FUNDRAISERS
SEPTEMBER 16
The Community Coalition's Signature Scavenger Hunt. Join in for a Hollywood Red Carpet-themed evening featuring a team scavenger hunt, auctions, cocktails, dinner and more. Benefits the Community Coalition's mission to support and sustain a vibrant multicultural community in our area. Radnor Valley Country Club, 555 Sproul Rd., Villanova. 5 pm. \$125–\$175. TheCommunityCoalition.org.

SEPTEMBER 16
Canine Partners for Life's Fall Festival Featuring Cow Bingo. Family fun at CPL's festival with a puppy kissing booth, kennel tour, service dog demo, vendors, food trucks and a chance to win \$5,000 in Cow Bingo. No personal pets permitted. 334 Faggs Manor Rd., Cochranville. Noon to 4. Free. 610-869-4902; K94Life.org.

SEPTEMBER 22–24
2023 Whitford Classic. Whitford club members, friends and community come together for one weekend of socializing, golfing, tennis, pickleball and a gala auction. Whitford Country Club, 600 Whitford Hills Rd., Exton. Tickets at ChescoCF.org/Fund/Whitford-Charitable-Fund.

OCTOBER 2
People's Light Golf Classic 2023. Your tee time is reserved at the beautiful and historic Waynesborough Country Club, Darby Paoli Rd., Paoli. Check-in/lunch, 10 am; noon start; 4:30 cocktails/dinner. Benefits People's Light Arts Education programs. Register at PeoplesLight.org.

OCTOBER 6
Paoli Hospital Auxiliary Luncheon and

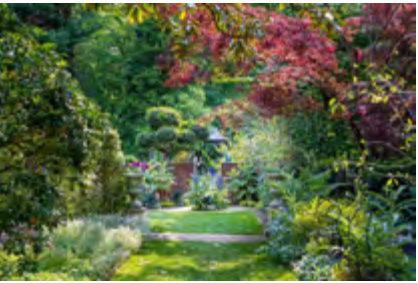
Fashion Show. Local merchants outfit models with the latest trends and styles to inspire fall and holiday wardrobes. Local vendors on hand to exhibit and sell their merchandise to attendees who may shop before and after the main event. Benefits the hospital's Bed Expansion program. Desmond Hotel in Malvern, One Liberty Blvd., Malvern. 11 am. \$75. PaoliAuxiliary.org.



GARDENS
THROUGH SEPTEMBER 24
Festival of Fountains at Longwood. Stroll through the gardens with brilliantly blooming annuals and perennials and discover a starlit getaway with the Illuminated Fountain Performances and live music in the beer garden. 1001

Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. Thurs–Sat, 9:15 pm. \$18–\$25. LongwoodGardens.org.

SEPTEMBER 14
PA Horticultural Society Garden Walking Tour—Meadowbrook Farm. Tour of Meadowbrook Farm highlights the extensive varieties of species planted throughout that promote pollinators of all kinds. This free walking tour includes a pollinator plant for each guest to take home. 1633 Washington Ln., Meadowbrook. 2 to 3 pm. PHSOnline.org.



OCTOBER 7
Delaware Nature Society Fall Native Plant Sale. Shop a variety of native plants for a yard that supports clean water, birds, butterflies and more. Proceeds support conservation and protection of waterways. Coverdale Farm Pre-

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MUSEUMS.....

THROUGH FEBRUARY 18
Brandywine Museum Of Art. *Through Sept. 24*, "Joseph Stella: Visionary Nature." *Through Feb. 28*, "Abstract Flash: Unseen Andrew Wyeth" opening in the newly renovated Andrew Wyeth Gallery and featuring 38 never-before-seen abstract watercolors. Rt. 1, Chadds Ford. Wed-Mon, 9:30 to 4:30. \$8-\$20. Brandywine.org.

SEPTEMBER 30
Discover Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library. Stroll the autumn garden, take a hayride, visit the Enchanted Woods and the galleries, enjoy live music and activities such as beekeeping, crafting, hiking and story time. Free admission all day. 5105 Kennett Pk., Winterthur, DE. 10 to 2. Winterthur.org.

MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT

SEPTEMBER 1, 8
Bryn Mawr Twilight Concerts. *Sept. 1*, Carsie Blanton & Marielle Kraft; *Sept. 8*, Jon McLaughlin. Bryn Mawr Gazebo, 9 S. Bryn Mawr Ave., Bryn Mawr. 7 pm. \$15. 610-864-4303; BrynMawrTwilightConcerts.com.

SEPTEMBER 1-OCTOBER 6
American Music Theatre. *Sept. 1-3*, Pennsylvania Gospel Music Festival; *Sept. 10*, The Man in Black: A Tribute to Johnny Cash; *Sept. 16*, The Beach Boys; *Sept. 24*, Craig Morgan: God, Family, Country Tour 2023 with Special Guest The Reeves Brothers; *Sept. 28*, The Price is Right Live!; *Sept. 30*, Martina McBride; *Oct. 5*, Blippi: The Wonderful World Tour; *Oct. 6*, The Texas Tenors. 2425 Lincoln Hwy. E., Lancaster. Times and tickets, AMTShows.com.

SEPTEMBER 2, 16
Upper Merion Concerts Under the Stars. *Sept. 2*, Splintered Sunlight (Grateful Dead Tribute); *Sept. 16*, Easy Star All Stars. Concerts, 6 pm, beer garden opens, 5, food trucks onsite. Township Bldg. Park, 175 W. Valley Forge Rd., King of Prussia. UMTownship.org.

SEPTEMBER 2-OCTOBER 7
Uptown! at Knauer Performing Arts Center. *Sept. 2*, Meet Loaf; *Sept. 21*, Maci Miller; *Sept. 22*, Rock This Town Orchestra; *Oct. 6*, Morgan Miles; *Oct. 7*, Beatles, Zeppelin, Doors by Magical Mystery Doors. 226 N. High St., West Chester. Times and tickets, UptownWestChester.org.

SEPTEMBER 6-OCTOBER 5
At The Grand in Wilmington. *Sept. 6*, Roger McGuinn; *Sept. 17*, comedian Tig Notaro; *Sept. 20*, The Music of ABBA; *Sept. 21*, Ryan Adams; *Sept. 22*, Masters of the Mic: HipHop 50 Tour

at Frawley Stadium; *Sept. 29*, Pedrito Martínez Group; *Sept. 30*, Tablao Flamenco; *Oct. 5*, Lyle Lovett and John Hiatt together on stage. 818 N. Market St., Wilmington. Times and tickets, TheGrandWilmington.org.

SEPTEMBER 7-OCTOBER 5
Live Music at King of Prussia Town Center. *Sept. 7*, Katelyn Christine; *Sept. 14*, Jimi Kenrick; *Sept. 21*, Tony Alosi; *Sept. 28*, Ryan Shubert; *Oct. 5*, Carmen Tomassetti. Concerts through Oct. 26. 155 Village Dr. (in front of Davio's), King of Prussia. 6 to 8 pm. Free. KingOfPrussia-TownCenter.com.

SEPTEMBER 8-OCTOBER 5
Kennett Flash. *Sept. 8*, Metered: A Tribute to the Meters (rooftop); *Sept. 14*, Ordinary Elephant; *Sept. 22*, On The Lash (rooftop); *Oct. 5*, Nathan Graham w/ special guest Sug Daniels. 102 Sycamore Alley, Kennett Square. Times and tickets, 484-732-8295; KennettFlash.org.

SEPTEMBER 8, 22
Sounds of Summer Music Series in Coatesville. Enjoy the good vibrations at Gateway Park, First & Lincoln Hwy., Coatesville. 7 to 10 pm. Free. Coatesville.org.

SEPTEMBER 13
Summer Concert at Oakbourne Park. Wrap up the summer with a rousing concert by the West Chester Community Band. Rain date September 14. 1014 S. Concord Rd., West Chester. 6 to 7:30 pm. WesttownPA.org.

SEPTEMBER 16
Rhythm & Brews in Phoenixville. Come on down for some brews, tunes and take part in a cornhole tournament. Main & Bridge St. parking lot, Phoenixville. 5 to 10 pm. PhoenixvilleChamber.org.

SEPTEMBER 20, 27
Longwood Gardens Summer Performance Series. *Sept. 20*, Lila Downs; *Sept. 27*, The Philadelphia Orchestra. 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. Times and tickets, LongwoodGardens.org.

SEPTEMBER 23
Chris Ruggiero at Media Theatre: Teenage Dreams & Magic Moments. Chris tells his incredible story by breathing new life into the timeless music of the 50s, 60s and 70s with a live 6-piece band. 104 E. State St., Media. 7 pm. \$39-\$54. 610-891-0100; MediaTheatre.org.

SEPTEMBER 23
South Wayne Porch Fest. A community celebration with live music on the porches of private homes in South Wayne. 11:30 to 6. Free. SouthWaynePorchFest.com.

OCTOBER 4
Rising Sun Presents Henry Rollins: Good

To See You Tour. Rollins recounts the events of his life in the brief pre-Covid period since the last tour and when things got even stranger over the last several months. The Colonial Theatre, 227 Bridge St., Phoenixville. 7:30 pm. \$29.50-\$39.50. TheColonialTheater.com.

OCTOBER 7
Music Without Walls—Beats & Brews at Binky Lee Preserve. Jam out, drink up and give back some love to Binky Lee. Don't miss Natural Lands' annual bash, which includes live music, craft brews, food options and sunset socializing. 1445 Pikeland Rd., Chester Springs. Gates open at 5. \$35-\$45. NatLands.org.



OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES
THROUGH AUGUST 30
Wednesdays
Summer Nights at Hagley Museum & Library. Bring a picnic to enjoy at the pavilion on Workers' Hill. Dogfish Head craft beer and Woodside Farm Creamery ice cream are available for purchase. 200 Hagley Creek Rd., Wilmington. 5 to 8 pm. \$5. Hagley.org.

THROUGH SEPTEMBER
Third Thursdays
Auburn Heights After Hours. Come out to the Marshall Steam Museum for scenic views, craft brews and games, food trucks, featured groups and fun activities. Friendly, leashed dogs welcome. 3000 Creek Rd., Yorklyn, DE. 5 to 8 pm. \$3-\$6. AuburnHeights.org.

SEPTEMBER 23
Brandywine Conservancy's Bike the Brandywine. The ride features three scenic loops, 25, 45 and 62 miles, that take in the beautiful Brandywine Creek Greenway and countryside. Benefits the Brandywine Conservancy, helping preserve water quality and quantity in the region for over 50 years. Start at Chadds Ford Hist. Society, 1736 N. Creek Rd., Chadds Ford. 6:30 am. \$55. Brandywine.org/Conservancy/Bike-Brandywine.



SEPTEMBER 23 & 24
2023 Unite For HER Run/Walk. Participate virtually with events Sept. 23-24 or come out on Sept. 23 for a 2K Walk, 5K Run and Family Tailgate to raise funds to support those with breast and ovarian cancers. Family Tailgate starts at 7 am, 26 E. Gay St., West Chester. Race begins at 9. \$30-\$55. UniteForHER.org/5k.

THEATER.....
THROUGH OCTOBER 28
Bird-in-Hand Stage. *Through Oct. 19*, *The Home Game*, baseball, farming and family. *Through Oct. 28*, *Ryan & Friends: Never Speechless*, a variety show with comedy routine and song parodies. 2760 #A Old Philadelphia Pk., Bird-in-Hand. Times and tickets, 717-768-1568; Bird-In-Hand.com/Stage.

THROUGH NOVEMBER 11
Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre. *Through Sept. 16*, *Guys and Dolls*. *Sept. 22-Nov. 11*, Jimmy Buffett's *Escape to Margaritaville*. 510 Centerville Rd., Lancaster. Times and tickets, 717-898-1900; DutchApple.com.

SEPTEMBER 8-24
A Chorus Line at SALT Performing Arts. It's one singular sensation! 1645 Art School Rd., Chester Springs. Times and tickets, 610-488-2585; SALTPA.com.

SEPTEMBER 15-OCTOBER 8
Something Rotten at Fulton Theatre. Set in the 1590s, brothers Nick and Nigel Bottom set out to write the world's very first musical. 12 N. Prince St., Lancaster. Times and tickets, 717-397-7425; TheFulton.org.

SEPTEMBER 16-OCTOBER 29
Into The Woods at The Candlelight Theatre. Tony Award-winner with music by Stephen Sondheim and book/ lyrics by James Lapine. 2208 Millers Rd., Wilmington. Times and tickets, 302-475-2313; CandlelightTheatre-Delaware.org.

SEPTEMBER 7-17
Tommy and Me at Uptown! Knauer Performing Arts Center. Sports writer, commentator and radio personality Ray Diderger's remembrances of Phila. Eagles' Hall of Famer Tommy McDonald. 226 N. High St., West Chester. Times and tickets, 610-356-2787; UptownWestChester.org.

SEPTEMBER 20-OCTOBER 8
Noises Off at Delaware Theatre Company. This Tony Award-winning play is an ingenious backstage farce full of shocking surprises and humor. 200 Water St., Wilmington. Times and tickets, 302-594-1100; DelawareTheatre.org.

SEPTEMBER 22-OCTOBER 15
Bones at People's Light. Acclaimed writer/

director Steve H. Broadnax III brings the social horror genre to the stage in this chilling investigation of masculinity, intimacy and childhood demons. 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. Times and tickets, 610-644-3500; PeoplesLight.org.

SEPTEMBER 27-OCTOBER 15

The Philly Fan at Hedgerow Theatre. Philadelphia's Bruce Graham offers an unapologetic perspective of a hardcore sports fan through a lifetime of experience with the highs, lows and baggage that comes with Philly fandom. 64 Rose Valley Rd., Media. Times and tickets, 610-565-4211; HedgerowTheatre.org.

OCTOBER 3-29

The Prom at Media Theatre. This exuberant musical extravaganza will have you tapping your toes and laughing out loud as it takes you on a rollercoaster ride of emotions. 104 E. State St., Media. Times and tickets, 610-891-0100; MediaTheatre.org.

TOWNS, TALKS & TOURS.....

THROUGH SEPTEMBER
Wednesdays

Dining Under the Stars in Media. Stroll. Shop. Dine. Restaurants set up tables on State Street, which is closed from Jackson to Orange

for this summer-long outdoor dining event. Check VisitMediaPA.com for restaurants.

THROUGH OCTOBER 9

Phoenixville Inside Out. Dine outside or enjoy a drink with friends, explore the boutiques and retail stores or take in a show. Businesses set up in the closed sidewalk and roadway between Starr and Main Sts., and from Main to Gay Sts. beginning at 2 pm on Fri, ending 7 am Mon. The Main and Bridge Street parking lot is closed during the road closure. PhoenixvilleFirst.org.

THROUGH OCTOBER 19

Third Thursdays on State Street in Kennett Square. Enjoy outdoor dining, extended shopping hours, live music, children's activities, pop-up vendors and more. The 100 blocks of E. and W. State St., in addition the 100 blocks of N. and S. Union St., will be closed to traffic from 5 to 10 pm. KennettCollaborative.org.

THROUGH OCTOBER 29

Open-Air Market in West Chester. West Chester has plenty of outdoor dining and shopping options. Gay Street (between Matlack St. and New St.) is closed to vehicles Friday morning through Monday morning. Restaurants and retail alike line the street, so residents and visitors have more space to shop, eat and explore the town. DowntownWestChester.com.

SEPTEMBER 1, 9, 21

1st Fridays, 2nd Saturdays, 3rd Thursdays. First Fridays: *Sept. 1, Lancaster City*, 717-509-ARTS; VisitLancasterCity.com. *Phoenixville*, 610-933-3253; PhoenixvilleFirst.org. *West Chester*, 610-738-3350; DowntownWestChester.com. *Wilmington Art Loop*, 302-576-2135; CityFestWilm.com.

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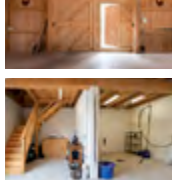
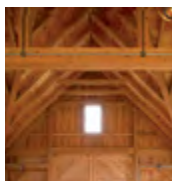
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The Road to the Roses

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Shannon Montgomery



IF YOU'VE BEEN TO A FOOTBALL GAME AT WEST Chester University's Farrell Stadium, you know the Incomparable Golden Rams Marching Band. At halftime, 350 students from over 60 majors take the field to perform — combining music, marching, choreography and even props to create innovative and artistic shows. As a WCU and "RamBand" alum, I can say with certainty their shows are a must-see. Don't believe me? Check them out on YouTube.

For the Golden Rams, "incomparable" is more than a moniker. The band has earned a reputation as a leader in the marching arts, performing at the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, Philadelphia Thanksgiving Parade and at Eagles' and other NFL games. In 2019, they became the first NCAA Division II band to receive the prestigious Sudler Trophy, considered the Heisman Trophy for college marching bands.

On New Year's Day 2024, the RamBand will take the national stage, marching in the 135th Rose Parade in Pasadena, California. They were chosen to perform from a pool of international applicants, based on musicianship, marching ability and entertainment or special interest value. The parade has a live attendance of 700,000 and over 28 million television viewers.

The band has big plans for their performance. "Since receiving the invitation to the Rose Parade, we've been inspired to create a showcase for our entire region before a global audience of millions," says Dr. Adam Gumble, director of athletic bands. "We've created a mural highlighting our community, including iconic imagery from West Chester University, the city of Philadelphia and the scenic

Brandywine Valley." The mural will be printed on flags and incorporated into their performance, a medley of Philadelphia favorites.

The path to Pasadena takes hard work, dedication and community support. Wells School of Music Dean Christopher Hanning says, "The Incomparable Golden Rams Marching Band is the university's largest ensemble. We kindly request the support of the university community, as well as the surrounding community, so the band's 350 members can perform at the Rose Parade."

To fund expenses, the WCU Foundation launched the RamBand's Road to the Roses '24 campaign with a goal of \$1 million (\$648,000 so far). To contribute, find them on GiveCampus.com.

"Marching in the Rose Parade has been a longtime goal of the band," says Gumble. Tune in on January 1, 2024 for an unforgettable — or *incomparable* — performance. ♦





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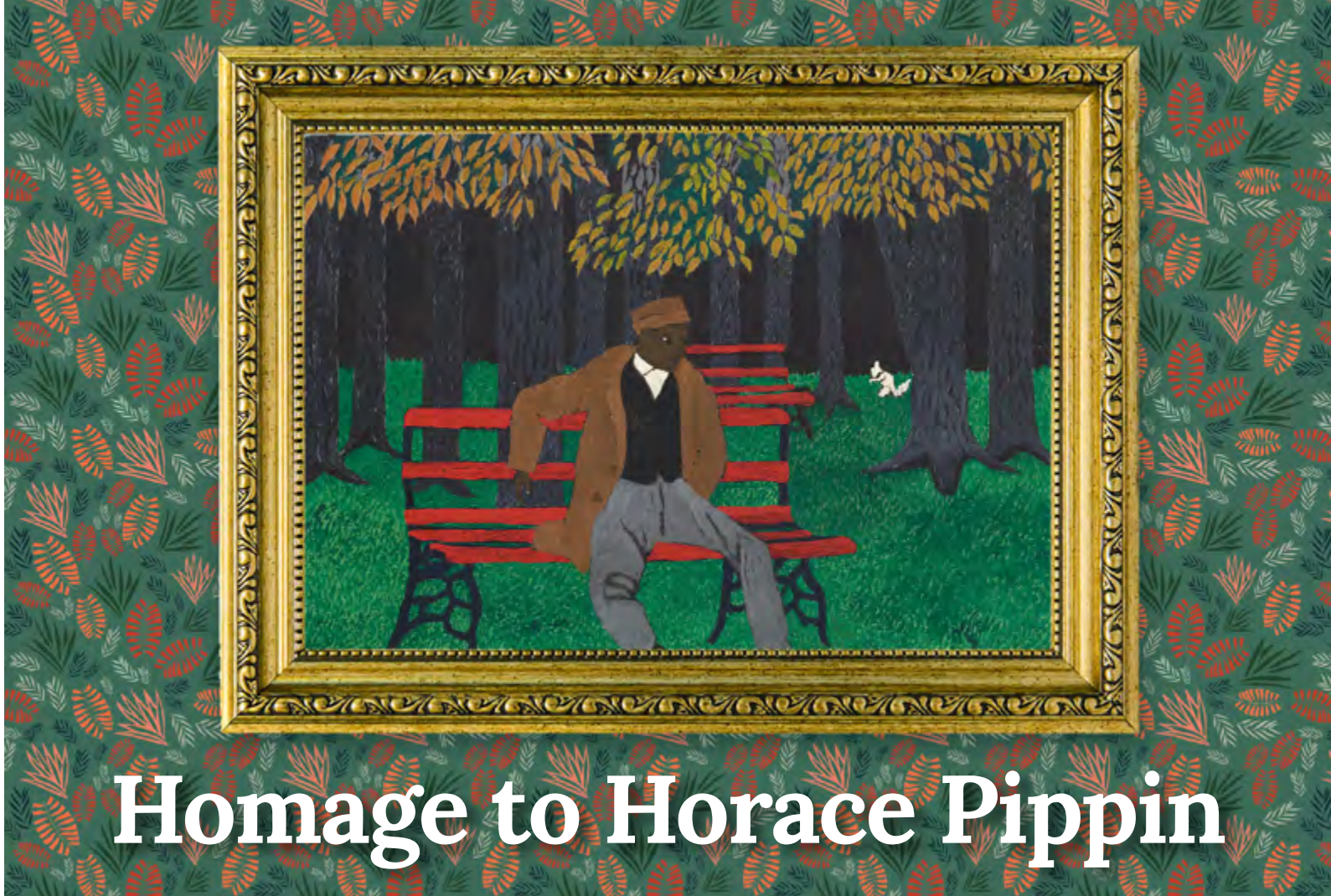
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Homage to Horace Pippin

Horace Pippin, *The Park Bench (Man on a Bench)*, 1946

RENOWNED ARTIST WITH A WEST CHESTER CONNECTION

Malcolm Johnstone

IF YOU’VE LIVED IN CHESTER COUNTY FOR ANY length of time, and in West Chester in particular, you’ve likely heard the name Horace Pippin. An early 20th-century artist, Horace Pippin (1888–1946) was a self-taught Black painter who became a favorite son of the American modern art community. Although his work has been described as simple, naive and unaffected, it highlights important social issues surrounding his generation.

A plaque at the historic Charles A. Melton Arts and Education Center in West Chester, where Pippin had his first exhibition, states that the “injustice of slavery and American segregation figure prominently in many of his works.” Pippin’s paintings are part of many important collections, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Barnes Foundation and the Brandywine River Museum of Art.

LOCAL CONNECTIONS

Born late in the 19th century in West Chester, Pippin was later raised in Goshen, New York. In 1917, Pippin saw his duty to serve his country during World War I and enlisted in the U.S. Army. He

was sent to France as part of the 369th Infantry, a unit made up of African Americans known as the Harlem Hellfighters. On the battlefield he was wounded by sniper fire that shattered his right shoulder blade, all but paralyzing his right arm.

When Pippin returned to the U.S., he was able through physical therapy to restore some use of his hand. But his most important therapy came from his art, he said, observing that war “brought out all the art in me.” He’d never forget suffering, but would also never forget sunsets. “I came home with all of it in my mind, and I paint from it today,” he wrote.

In 1920, Pippin married Ora Jennie Featherstone Wade, a widow with a son. They moved to a row home located at 327 West Gay Street, West Chester, where Ora Jennie earned a meager income taking in wash for residents while Horace collected disability payments as a wounded veteran.

Today you can see a historical marker at the row home recognizing Pippin as a great artist. It was placed and dedicated on June 9, 1979. A few blocks away at Market and Everhart Streets, Horace Pippin Park was dedicated in the 1990s.

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PIPPIN'S ART

Art was part of Pippin's life beginning in early childhood. He'd regularly doodle images on school papers, to the annoyance of many of his teachers. What he didn't know was how important artistic expression would be later in his life, both for income and emotional therapy.

By 1925, Pippin had developed a pyrographic technique, where he'd burn designs into wood with hot pokers. Surprisingly, the effect is multi-dimensional, as paint is layered within burnt lines in such a fashion that a snow scene is created against a background of a forest and mountain. There are two of these early wood plates — one called *The Bear Hunt* — on display at the Chester County History Center.

Pippin's career took off in 1937 when he submitted two paintings for a local art exhibition at the Chester County Art Association.

The Art Association's cofounder and art critic Christian Brinton took note of the originality of the work and showed it to artist N.C. Wyeth. They quickly arranged a one-man exhibit at the West Chester Community Center, an interracial organization which is now the Melton Center. Through their support, Pippin's art became popular with collectors, galleries and museums throughout the world.

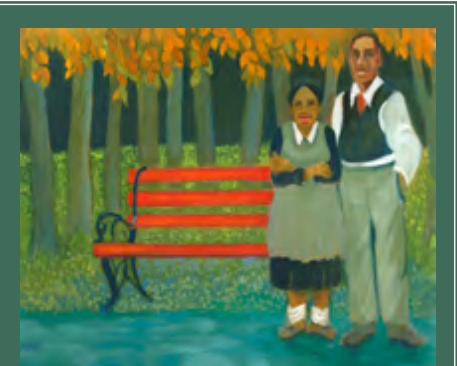
In all, Horace Pippin created some 140 works. Within this relatively small collection, he expressed the horrors of war from his own experiences, made honest depictions of poverty among African Americans, and celebrated everyday life. At the same time, he gave a voice to a new style of expression.



Horace Pippin, *Abraham Lincoln and His Father Building Their Cabin on Pigeon Creek*, c. 1934



Horace Pippin, *Giving Thanks*, 1942



In 2008, Wilmington artist Kathleen Keane paid homage to both the great artist and his wife, Ora Jennie, who supported Horace Pippin's career in the early days. Keane painted the couple at the red bench in the style of Pippin to capture the essence of this remarkable American painter. This is one of two paintings Keane did of the subject.

Today, the Friends of Everhart Park maintain what's now called the "Horace Pippin Bench" on the north side of the West Chester park. A plaque was dedicated for the bench on May 24, 1997.

Kathleen Keane painting of Horace and Ora Jennie Pippin at the red bench in Everhart Park, 2008.

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Today, his popularity in the art world continues to gain well-deserved acclaim and attention. He's buried at Chestnut Grove Cemetery Annex in West Goshen Township. ♦

Malcolm Johnstone is the Community Engagement Officer for Arts, Culture and Historic Preservation for the Cultural Alliance of Chester County, an initiative of the Chester County Community Foundation.



Horace Pippin, *The Bear Hunt*. Courtesy of the Chester County History Center

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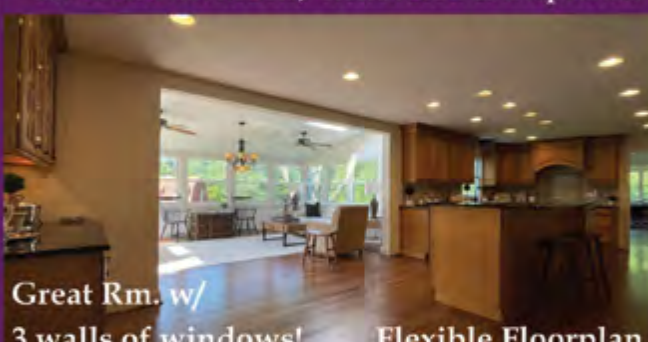
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TO ME, FALL ALWAYS FEELS like the start of a new year. It's probably a vestige of many beginnings of school years, both mine and my children's. But it's more than that. It has to do with the leaves changing colors and their crunch underfoot, cooler weather and, of course, big new fall books.

And I am guessing most people in the book industry also feel the fourth quarter of the year is more a beginning than an end. Which brings me to a few books I'm looking forward to reading.

Two wonderful fantasy authors, who also happen to be local — Josiah Bancroft and Chuck Wendig — both have new books scheduled for this fall. Bancroft, of *The Tower of Babel* series, has the first book in a new series coming out, titled *The Hexologists*. Another wonderful local author, Madeline

Miller, describes it as the first book in a wildly inventive and mesmerizing new fantasy series where magical mysteries abound and only one team can solve them. She says, "Bancroft is a magician," and we agree. His world-building and storytelling are unsurpassed. He'll launch *The Hexologists* at Main Point Books on **September 27th**, so come and hear him speak about his exciting new series.

If like your fantasy with a dose of horror, then Chuck Wendig should be one of your go-to authors. In his newest book, *Black River Orchard*, he introduces an apple just as evil as the original apple in the Garden of Eden. According to Jason Rekulak, author of *Hidden Pictures*, "*Black River Orchard* should come with a warning label: You'll never bite into another apple without remembering this dark, demented and genuinely frightening novel." Keep an eye on

Wendig's calendar because he'll definitely be speaking locally.

Longmire may be gone from our TV screens, but its creator, Craig Johnson, continues to write new books in the series. I love a mystery where you care about the characters and start to feel like they're members of your family. Sheriff Walter Longmire along with his deputy Vic, a true Philly girl, and Native American Henry Standing Bear are just those types of well-written characters.

I'm excited to see what they're up to in the newest book in the series, *The Longmire Defense*. Since Johnson has family in the area, he continues to make local bookstores part of his tour, and he'll be at Main Point Books on Monday, **September 18th**. He's an old-fashioned storyteller, and there aren't many better ways to spend an evening than listening to him tell tales.

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We're also very lucky to have so many great colleges and universities in the area, with many great writers teaching at these institutions. Emily Wilson, a professor of classical studies at the University of Pennsylvania, came out with a phenomenal translation of *The Odyssey* in 2017 that *Vox* said "offers not just a new version of the poem, but a new way of thinking about it in the context of gender and power relationships." She'll be providing *The Iliad* with the same type of thoughtful translation this fall.

Another Penn professor, Adam Grant is coming out with a new book, *Hidden Potential: The Science of Achieving Greater Things*, due out in October. His books transcend the self-help genre, providing clear, fact-based findings with actionable items and entertaining stories. *Hidden Potential* makes the case that progress

depends less on how hard you work than how well you learn. This is a book people are going to read and immediately buy for a friend.

Books help us be better people, and this can be true for even the youngest readers. Some exciting new picture books do just that. *Something, Someday* by presidential inaugural poet Amanda Gorman and Caldecott Medal-winning illustrator Christian Robinson shows that even large problems can be dealt with when you have a friend.

And sometimes you need to know what the problem is first. Raj Halder (aka the Philadelphia rapper Lushlife) knows how to spin a rhyme and tell a story. In *This Book is Banned*, Halder helps young readers understand why banning books is a problem.

Completing the trifecta of picks, master storyteller Neil Gaiman has written a mov-

ing poem, inspired by the ongoing refugee crisis and the memories of his thousands of fans who responded to his question, "What do you need to be warm?" With illustrations from 13 beloved artists, *What You Need to Be Warm* evokes specific ways that we feel safe, welcome and warm in a sometimes-scary world.

That's all the space we have this month to highlight some of the great books coming out this fall. Visit your local independent bookstore and check out what's new, and share what great new fall book you're reading. ♦

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Monica McQuail, Willistown Conservation Trust



A saw-whet owl receives a band around its leg to track its migration

WCT bird experts use a UV light to determine the age of the bird by seeing how its feathers glow

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WARNING: THE FIRST TIME YOU SEE A northern saw-whet owl, you'll be overwhelmed by its cuteness. The size of a soda can, the northern saw-whet is the smallest owl east of the Rockies, and with its miniscule stature and large eyes, it looks more like a living Beanie Baby or a Pixar-animated character than a wild creature. In tune with the latest neutral fashion trends, the saw-whet is covered in light brown feathers with white speckles on its wings and head, a white V-shaped eyebrow and matching white belly.

These little owls were thought by scientists to be so rare in the 1990s that they were nearly listed on the endangered species list and even graced "Conserve Wild Resources" license plates to draw attention to their perilous status. But, it turns out these birds are much more prolific than initially thought. Their small size, impeccable camouflage, secretive behaviors and nocturnal routine make them almost impossible to spot in the wild.

AUTUMN VISITORS

Luckily for those of us living in Chester County, we can view these adorable creatures every fall as they make their long journey from the boreal forest of Canada to Pennsylvania, through the Mid-Atlantic, with some flying as far south as North Carolina for the winter.

One of the saw-whet owl's favorite rest stops is Willistown Conservation Trust's Rushton Farm and Rushton Woods Preserve. During the owls' journey, which can span hundreds of miles, they'll rest and feast on vermin. These autumn visitors like taking cover in the forest edges at Rushton Woods Preserve — a preferred type of hunting grounds where they can quickly and easily move from woodlands to clearings to catch mice and voles. Some of the owls may remain on the Preserve for weeks to months.

PROJECT OWLNET

Since 2010, Willistown Conservation Trust's (WCT) Bird Conservation Team has been tracking these owls when they visit in October and November. WCT's bird scientists have set up an owl banding station as part of Project OwlNet, where they capture the owls in lengthy upright nets called "mist nets" and study them before releasing them back into the wild. The team tracks data including weight, wing measurements, sex and age.

To determine the age of a saw-whet owl, the trick is to observe its feathers. An older owl will have a mix of older and newer feathers, while an owl that's hatched within the year will have new feathers that are uniform in color. The Bird Conservation Team uses a black-light to observe the pigment of an owl's feathers — older feathers appear white under the UV light, while newer feathers are a raspberry color because of a pigment called porphyrin.

If an owl caught in the mist nets doesn't yet have a small metal band around its leg, the team will "band" it by placing on its leg a lightweight aluminum band inscribed with a unique nine-digit identification number. WCT's banding station is one of over 100

throughout North America, where scientists can identify each unique bird that stops by and recreate a map of its migratory route. Through this cooperative tracking effort, scientists have learned these owls exist in many more places than originally thought.

Based on observations, the WCT teams have found most owls that visit our neck of the woods are females and young birds. Males often stay back in the boreal forest during winter months, so they can set up territories and prepare to woo potential female mates upon their return home.

Like any proper courtship, a male owl will win over a female with his beautiful serenades and thoughtful gifts. Males will sing the customary song that sounds like sharpening the teeth of a saw (giving the owl its name), and then leave dead mice or voles for their intended. When a female agrees to mate, she'll sing in a soft voice, and then the two will perform a romantic duet to announce their union.

CHANGING HABITAT

Sadly, the primary habitat of these stunning owls is at risk. The boreal forest comprises 25% of the world's remaining intact forest — an area even larger than the Amazon rainforest — and it's also considered to be the songbird nursery of North America. Yet this important forest area is under threat from climate change, oil and gas extraction, and logging operations, all of which put these owls' lives in danger.

To help protect these special owls, consider doing the following:

- Choose post-recycled consumer paper products for your home.
- Decrease your junk mail by canceling and opting out of mailings.
- Reduce your grassy lawn by planting native plant species to attract birds.
- Conserve shrubland and woodland habitats.
- Keep your cats indoors.
- Avoid rodent poisons.
- Help migrating birds avoid hitting your windows by joining "Lights Out Philly." Turn off outdoor lights at night during migration in fall (August 15 – November 15) and spring (April 1 – May 31).

This fall, especially around Halloween, keep an eye out for the visiting northern saw-whet owl. During the day, they like to roost high up in a tree or sometimes lower to the ground in shrubs. The owls also like to use nest boxes and trees with holes created by woodpeckers.

To search for these owls at night, find a location with a tree edge and clearing where they're more likely to hunt. If you're interested in learning more about WCT's bird conservation efforts, check the website. ♦

Willistown Conservation Trust focuses on 28,000 acres within the watersheds of Ridley, Crum and Darby Creeks of Chester and Delaware Counties. Since 1996, WCT has helped permanently conserve over 7,500 acres, including three nature preserves open to the public: Ashbridge, Kirkwood and Rushton Woods Preserve (home to Rushton Conservation Center and Rushton Farm). WCT offers activities for public engagement and research, including bird conservation, community farm, land protection, stewardship and watershed protection programs. More at WCTrust.org.

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TREES DRESSED IN THEIR FALL FINERY, MEADOWS AND ROLLING HILLS STRETCH as far as the eye can see. Birds dart across small lanes, and an occasional groundhog watches passing cars. Tucked into the idyllic landscape, beautiful homes await your arrival for the 2023 Chester County Day on Saturday, October 7. (See details at the end of this article.)

Beyond visiting or revisiting exquisite dwellings and friendly neighbors, the premiere Saturday in October is the annual day to support the superlative work of Chester County Hospital. Now an 82-year-old tradition, the tour takes guests to the northeast quadrant of our beautiful county.

Beaver Hill Road

BY THE OLD-FASHIONED LAMPPOST, KNOCK AT THE RED door where family and guests — including Revolutionary War soldiers, according to stories passed down for generations — have entered the lovely stone farmhouse since the early 1700s.

Inviting tables are set indoors and out by the warm, hospitable homeowner-hosts Jim and Libby Seybert. In the dining room, the table is laid with candles and an antique family heirloom set of Wedgwood embossed Queensware cream on celadone china. The china collection includes pieces from the 1700s.

Behind the house, another table is set in a gracious outdoor living space with fireplace and stone walls created by well-known Chester Springs mason P.S. Davis. Dinners are accompanied by the sound of birds chirping in the surrounding conserved meadow that can be seen from the gorgeous patio, pool and pergola.

The Seyberts' love of the home, history and people who came before them is evident in each room and antique. In the original living room with floors of old barn wood, a 1796 Westtown School embroidery sampler by Hannah Jones hangs above the fireplace. A Martha Washington flag greets visitors at the home's side door. In the family room, find an American citizenship flag that commemorated Libby's father, Edward Lis's naturalization ceremony after surviving World War II prisoner-of-war camps as a Polish soldier.

Art throughout the home includes works by Lis, who became famous for his portraits, and other artists' paintings that capture Libby's love of horses and former work in the saddlery business.





Three Kings Farm

HISTORY ABOUNDS AT THREE KINGS FARM. FROM A HILL'S CREST, VIEW GROUNDS that were part of William Penn's 1861 land grant, a pre-Civil War house, Lincoln lilacs and the red roof of a fieldstone German bank barn. In the distance, a springhouse rests in shade. An orchard resides across a road that cuts through Three Kings' 18 acres.

The farm has a long line of owners and exceptional stewards. Just a few: Michael King, soldier in the War of 1812; his sons Philip and Henry; and the Cooke and Helms families, who undertook its modernization and renovations in the 2000s — repointing stone and adding garage, kitchen, porch and Christmas tree farm. The property made its way into the good hands and heart of Stefanie Lindquist in 2021.

The 1833 stone farmhouse's living room holds the working original fireplace and hardwood floors. Alongside pieces that came with the farm — 1863 deed and 1822 German prayer book — Stefanie honors the home's heritage with her own special touches. An 1838 baby grand piano plays 1800s composer Robert Schumann's music. Carvings on her antique German hunt cabinet depict scenes from *Romeo and Juliet*.

Visit the past in the property's additional structures. Next to the more recent bank barn, note the original barn with ladders used when fetching hay 200 years ago. Examine "marriage markings" — numbers, chiseled into the wooden columns and hand-hewn beams, used for assembling the barn. Behind the house, a summer kitchen sits in the shadows of three majestic pines Stefanie calls "the three queens."





Willowstone

WELCOME TO WILLOWSTONE — JOAN AND TIM RIDDLE’S country refuge with a two-centuries-old farmhouse, renovated barn and charming cottage where the details are delightful. Throughout the property, buildings with exposed stone and beams and collections of historic deeds, white ironstone, antique clothespins and rustic watering cans link past and present.

Walk the stone path to the house. From the sunroom — overlooking a willow that gave the farm its name — peek through the window in the original exterior wall. Then step into the stone home that grew as families who owned it did.

The kitchen, an addition in 2006, reflects Joan’s love of nooks and crannies. Something fascinating can be discovered around every corner: a new butler’s pantry, laundry room whose curtains deserve close inspection, and an eating area with blue armoire and cabinetry with hardware (including butterfly hinges) forged by six blacksmiths. Highlighted in *This Old House* magazine, soapstone counters hold honey from the property’s bees and vintage leather postcards sent from Joan’s grandfather to her grandmother decades ago.

Wend your way to the intimate gathering room to spy a cage bar and fireplace with indigo mantle. Wind your way downstairs to arrive at an enchanted London pub — the Leaky Cauldron, with a nod to Harry Potter and lighthearted reference to the name of Riddle.

Outdoors, pass gardens and sprawling lawns to arrive at a cottage. A cozy sitting area, kitchen with skylight and bedrooms with white trim, linens and quilts create a simple, elegant haven for family and guests today and for years to come.





Three Thrones Manor



SOUNDS OF LAUGHTER AND LIFE NOW AND LONG AGO ECHO throughout the walls of Three Thrones Manor. Chickens clucking in the coop — 21 that supply eggs today and who knows how many before — and children running on the surrounding land in years past or recently roller skating on the white oak floors of the gracious kitchen have made the farm a lively home since Quakers built it and placed a capstone in 1798. If 1800s lace-up leather shoes and pottery shards found during excavation could speak, they'd have plenty to say to the new sneakers and dishes of owner Sarah Smith's household.

The house continues its legacy of entrepreneurial creativity. It was once an inn, and the dining room was formerly a general store. Today the small side porch holds Sarah's children's business of selling eggs.

The heart of the home is its kitchen, expanded in 2015 by Period Architecture with reclaimed barn wood floors, exposed beams and soapstone counters. The stunning 13-foot quartzite island stands ready for entertaining.

In every direction, feel the charm — a carriage house bordered by flowers, a stone outhouse believed to be the oldest in Chester County, a swing on the huge front porch. Explore the home's original section, now a cozy family room with low doors, wide windowsills and a tiny spiral staircase. In the hallway, find Sarah's grandmother's chandelier acquired in Belgium before World War II.

Before ending Chester County Day, see if you can unravel the mystery of the property's name.



IF YOU GO

The 2023 tour features Chester County's most beautiful homes and restored barns in the northeast quadrant, including a walking tour in the Borough of Phoenixville. A project of the Women's Auxiliary to Chester County Hospital, this is the longest-running historic home tour in the country, raising more than \$5 million for the Hospital. This year's tour benefits a state-of-the-art Women's Breast Center.

Event Details

- **When:** Saturday, October 7, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Foxhunt at 8:30 a.m.
- **Where:** Northeast quadrant of Chester County and a walking tour of Phoenixville
- **Tickets:** \$55. On sale online and at designated satellite locations. Check website for lunch info.
- **Info:** ChesterCountyDay.com or call 610-431-5328



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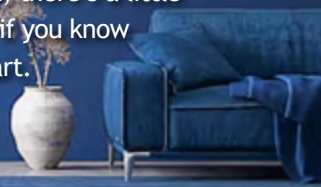
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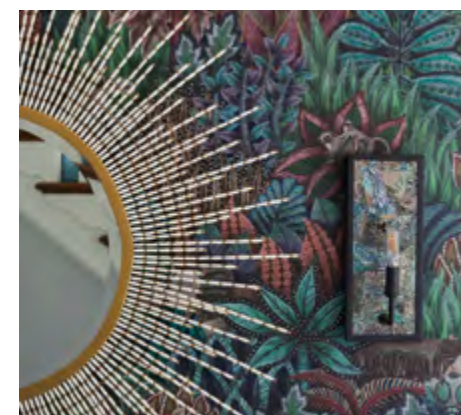
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A dressage rider performing under the lights

Dressage at Devon

Six days of world-class
equestrian competition
and fun – September 26
to October 1

Shannon Montgomery

AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER, SEASONED equestrians and enthusiastic spectators make their way to the historic Devon Horse Show Grounds. As fans fill the iconic blue grandstands, dressage riders anticipate their moment in the Dixon Oval for a chance at glory.

For over 40 years, Dressage at Devon has brought world-class competition to the Brandywine Valley. A USEF Heritage Competition, this important show has become a staple of the fall equestrian season, as well as an entertaining event for fans of all ages.

Read on for background and highlights of this year's Dressage at Devon, from the origins of the sport to the exciting plans for the 2023 event.

A LITTLE BACKGROUND

New to dressage? Then let's start with the basics. Dressage is often called "ballet on horseback," where both horse and rider



In dressage, men and women compete against each other



Dressage National Champion Alice Tarjan

perform a series of prescribed movements that often look like dancing — especially when set to music, as in the freestyle competition (more on that later).

An Olympic sport, dressage requires rigorous training for horses and their riders to complete the precise, complex moves, including the piaffe (an elevated trot in place), passage (similar to piaffe, but with motion) and pirouette (like the ballet turn, where the horse makes a circle in place).

As it turns out, dressage has quite ancient origins. As early as the fourth century B.C., ancient Greeks trained horses for the battlefield, teaching them to perform specific movements to evade or attack enemies — swiftly moving side to side with their riders, changing direction or speed on command. Some of these movements are still used in dressage today.

As technological advancements — including guns, cannons and other weapons of war — made horseback combat obsolete, dressage evolved into an art form. During the Renaissance, European aristocrats put on pageants for their highly trained horses, and in 1572, the Spanish Riding School was founded in Vienna. Techniques taught there laid much of the foundation for modern dressage competition.

Dressage became an Olympic sport in 1912, though only military officers were allowed to compete until 1952. Today, it's one of the few Olympic sports where men and women compete together. In the 2020 Tokyo Games, the U.S. Dressage Team — including Bruce Springsteen's daughter, Jessica — won a silver medal.

NEW THIS YEAR

There are exciting new events in store for audiences at 2023's Dressage at Devon. Here are a few of the new offerings you can expect.

On Tuesday evening from 5 to 7, take a first look at this year's Fall Festival at the Vendor Preview Shop, Sip and Stroll event. From equestrian gear to home décor to delicious food and drink, find out firsthand why Dressage at Devon is known as “the best horse show shopping experience” in the country.

For the fashion-forward, there's the Riders Runway Reception on Friday from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Enjoy wine, canapes and the reveal of the exclusive Catherine Haddad Capsule Collection from Unicorn Exceptionnel. You'll have the opportunity to meet FEI World Cup finalist and international Grand Prix rider Catherine Haddad, as well as Unicorn Bespoke spokesperson and dressage rider Christian Garweg.

Stay at the grounds on Friday night for the Dressage Dance-Off Contest, a head-to-head breakdancing competition — with horses! Elite Grand Prix Dressage riders and horses will “battle” to live music under the lights, with a panel of celebrity judges providing commentary and determining the winner. A must-see and unique event!

INSIDE THE RING

Every day of Dressage at Devon has fierce competition and plenty of entertainment. Here are some of the highlights.

The first three days feature the Breed Division, where horses and foals of all breeds compete in one of the largest open breed shows

in the country. Tuesday is dedicated to the individual breed classes, where horses compete within their breeds. The day ends with the Parade of Breeds, with the winners of each class returning to the Dixon Oval to receive special rosettes. Later in the week, the Born in the USA awards recognize and reward sport horse breeders in the United States. The only awards program of its kind, it's open to horses and ponies conceived and foaled in the U.S.

Returning for its second year is the Dressage at Devon Masterclass on Thursday night. This year's exclusive masterclass will be led by Cathrine Laudrup-Dufour, two-time Danish Olympian and currently ranked second in the world for dressage. Special tickets are required for this three-hour masterclass, which will not be livestreamed or available online. Afterwards, join Cathrine and the participating riders for cake and prosecco at the Bundts and Bubbles Masterclass Reception.

On Saturday night, come for the Grand Prix Musical Freestyle competition — a highlight of the show every year. In this fan-favorite event, horses and riders perform choreography to music selected by the rider — ranging from classical and Broadway to hip-hop and pop tunes. The audience is encouraged to clap along and root for their favorite competitors. Haven't seen dressage freestyle before? Check it out on YouTube to see why it's always a crowd pleaser.

For a special performance, stop by on Sunday afternoon for an exhibition by the Thorncroft Mainstreamers. This equestrian drill team is comprised of riders — some with disabilities, some without — working and riding together in collaborative performances.

OUTSIDE THE RING

In addition to world-class dressage competition, Dressage at Devon is home to lots of fun for the whole family — from world-class shopping to kids' activities.

The Fall Festival is open all week, where boutique vendors offer their unique wares — from equestrian apparel and tack to fine art, jewelry, antiques, pottery and, of course, souvenirs.



Family fun at Dressage Explorers Day includes stick-horse racing in the Dixon Oval

Hungry? The selection of food vendors who keep the crowds happy have been voted the best on the show circuit by competitors year after year. Taste for yourself with a light snack or a full meal at an outdoor seating area, or stop by The Pub and watch the action on the big screen.

Looking to strut your stuff? Ladies (and gentlemen) are invited to don their “show day” best for Friday's hat contest. Similar to Ladies' Day at the Devon Horse Show in May, the competition awards prizes for the best and most creative looks. This year's theme is “Dancing in the Dixon Oval.”

And of course, there are special events for the kiddos, including Dressage Explorers Day, Sunday from 10 to 1. Young equestrians can make their own stick horse to ride down the centerline in the Dixon Oval. Or the little ones can win a prize for the selfie scavenger hunt and go on a trick-or-treat adventure through the Vendor Village. There are more special events, including a visit from the University of Pennsylvania's New Bolton Center Vet Truck. New this year, kids will have a chance to Meet the Vet and Vet Tech to learn more about what it's like to be a veterinarian.

Finally, end the day on Sunday at the plant sale and bring home a beautiful arrangement that adorned the grounds during Dressage at Devon. The perfect memento for this sure-to-be-memorable event. ♦

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IF YOU GO

What: Dressage at Devon

When: September 26 – October 1, 2023

Where: Devon Horse Show Grounds, 23 Dorset Rd., Devon

Tickets: Adults, \$15–\$50; children (3–12), \$10; under 3, free. Reserved seating available online only

Livestream: Available for most events, provided by Horse & Country TV

Info: DressageAtDevon.org



Dressage at Devon hosts one of the largest open breed shows in the country



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Gear Up for the Fall Equestrian Season

Ludwig's Corner Horse Show and Country Fair

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE LOCAL HORSE SHOWS AND FAMILY-FUN EVENTS!

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CALLING ALL HORSE SHOW LOVERS AND country fair fans! The long-awaited fall equestrian season is back in Chester County, with events running from Labor Day weekend to early November. The next few months are sure to be action-packed with fun for the whole family, so make sure to head out to a horse show and enjoy the fun and excitement.

Kicking off the season on Labor Day weekend is Ludwig's Corner Horse Show and Country Fair, followed by the Devon Fall Classic, Plantation Field International Horse Trials, Radnor Hunt Horse Trials and, last not but least, the PA Hunt Cup rounding out the season.

In addition to all of the horse happenings, you'll find tons of activities and entertainment for the family, including carnival rides, country fair food, boutique shopping and live music. We've got you covered with what you need to know to make sure your season is a memorable one.

LUDWIG'S CORNER HORSE SHOW AND COUNTRY FAIR

Cheers to 80 years! Celebrate Ludwig's Corner's 80th annual Horse Show this Labor Day weekend, September 2 to 4. This Ches-

ter County tradition dates back to 1943, when five local families joined together to create a community horse show. Five years later, the group purchased what's now about half of the current Ludwig's showgrounds. And the rest is history!

Fun at the show kicks off at 8 a.m. and runs until 6 p.m. each day. Stop by for your favorite event or plan to catch the full three-day run of the Horse Show and Country Fair.

The horse show begins on Saturday with off-track thoroughbreds (retired racehorses) competing in hunter derbies, where the horses are judged on their movement and athleticism. More events featuring local horses, groups and families round out the day.

Sunday offers more hunter derbies, with contestants ranging from kiddos to pros, all vying for ribbons and cash prizes. If you prefer the elegance of yesteryear, catch the classic carriage exhibition and pleasure drive, or get (slightly) more modern on Monday for the antique cars and tractors show.

The jam-packed holiday weekend wraps up on Monday with exciting show-jumping action all day in the Rosato Oval. For those looking for higher stakes, drop by the Jumper Classic Mini-Prix and watch as horses and riders race to clear obstacles for a hefty \$10,000 prize.

For more family fun, head for the Country Fair. Kids can enjoy a variety of rides from slides to bungee jumping at the midway, or get their face painted, ride a pony (real) or a bull (mechanical) and visit the Teddy Bear Hospital to learn basic safety from the Uwchlan Ambulance Corps. Animal lovers can catch the action at dog agility demonstrations or jumping bunnies on the midway. You might even head home with a new furry friend, courtesy of Phoenix Animal Rescue.

Save some time during your visit to try the delicious food, too. Food trucks from local favorites — including Saloon 151, Q Eats and Epicurean Garage — are part of the Locust Lane Craft Brewery Beer Garden on the midway, serving until closing.

A great way to spend Labor Day weekend. Here's to 80 more years of this community tradition!
IF YOU GO: Sept. 2–4, \$10/carload, free entry after 4 p.m. 1326 Pottstown Pk., Glenmoore. LudwigsHorseShow.com.

DEVON FALL CLASSIC

Mark your calendars for September 14–17 for the 10th annual Devon Fall Classic! This exciting four-day, all-jumper show benefits the Devon Horse Show and Country Fair Foundation to help maintain the historic venue, which has been hosting equestrian events since 1896. The event kicks off at 8 a.m. daily with family-friendly events and ringside activities including live music, yummy food, plus amusement rides and games on the midway.

See riders of all ages and skill levels jump into action as they compete for the top spot. Be sure to catch three of the featured events. The Show Jumping Hall of Fame Classic is what most people picture equestrian shows to be — horses and riders racing and jumping through a series of obstacles. Next, the TAKE2 Thoroughbred Jumpers is dedicated to providing second careers for retired thoroughbred racehorses as hunters and jumpers. And the highly anticipated Open Speed Stake has horses racing through a figure-eight course for a \$25,000 grand prize.

Beyond the action in the ring, the show also hosts a carnival, jam-packed with fun for the whole family. Check out a different view of the grounds from the top of the Ferris wheel. Plus, there's a variety of 50-some booths in Vendor Village, home to shops offering equestrian-inspired apparel, art, home goods and jewelry, along with new shops featuring pet portraits, homemade dog treats and a woodworking designer.

Once you've shopped, satisfy that sweet tooth with the great food vendors, including Maryann's Sweet Treats and Cherchies, offering classic funnel cakes and other favorite fair foods plus BBQ, burgers, hot dogs and much more. Stop by the onsite pub, Clydesdale's Corner, for live music.

There's something for everyone to enjoy while watching local riders have the chance to perform in the famed Dixon Oval before their friends and family. Buy tickets online, by phone or at the show.
IF YOU GO: Sept. 14–17, \$5–\$10. 23 Dorset Rd., Devon. DevonHorseShow.net.



Ludwig's Corner Horse Show and Country Fair

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PLANTATION FIELD INTERNATIONAL HORSE TRIALS

Enjoy a long weekend (September 21–24) full of excitement, equestrian excellence and the exhilaration you get from watching world-class talent at an event like Plantation Field International Horse Trials.

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Devon Fall Classic

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rolling hills from Plantation Field's lush 350-acre site will make you want to stay all day. Then come back for more.

Between competitions, head to the Country Fair, where there's something for the whole family. On Saturday and Sunday, visit the tent for kid-friendly performances, both musical and magical. Children can spend time with a mechanical bull, at a "kiss the pony" booth or with other farm animals, while parents make their way to the Wine and Beer Garden. All activities are located on top of the hill, so you can keep an eye on the competition while you grab a bite from the food trucks or listen to live music.

Choose a spot for weekend tailgating, entertaining your friends in the bucolic country setting. It's BYOT (bring your own tailgate, of course), so pack your decorations and creativity to be part of the annual Sunday tailgate competition. This year's theme is "Back to the Garden, Bountiful Chester County," in support of the Chester County Food Bank.

Be sure to include a stop at the vendor tent, full of familiar favorites like country clothing, artwork, linens and more. There's something for everyone at Plantation Field.

IF YOU GO: Sept. 21–24, \$25/car. 347 Green Valley Rd., Coatesville. PlantationField.com

RADNOR HUNT HORSE TRIALS

Jump on the bandwagon at this year's Radnor Hunt Horse Trials, October 13 and 14, at the Radnor Hunt Club grounds in Malvern. Dating back to the 1960s, this triathlon event features horses and riders competing in three different disciplines: dressage, show jumping and cross country. And new this year are Starter and Beginner Novice divisions.

The event kicks off on Friday with cross country courses open for walking to give riders and spectators the lay of the land before the big race. On Saturday, the second competition begins with dressage at the Radnor Hunt Indoor and Pony Club Ring courses. Next up is stadium jumping at the Pony Club Ring followed by the first horse to compete on the cross country course. Riders and horses featured at these horse trials range from starter to advanced, so be aware of the different level of obstacles for each.

With so much to see, why not make a day of it? Tailgating spots are available so you can watch the event from the field with family, friends and four-legged pals. Set up, kick back and enjoy the show! Want to be close to the action? BYO chair or choose a spot on the bleachers right in front of the courses.

Complete the day with a stop at the food and retail vendors and the silent auction. Bidding is open all day on a wide variety of items, including jewelry, gift baskets and experiences. And check out the polo demonstration by Work to Ride, a program for underserved youth in Philadelphia.

While there are currently no plans for a pig roast this year, stay tuned for further event developments on their website. IF YOU GO: Oct. 13 & 14. Free admission. Radnor Hunt Club, 826 Providence Rd., Malvern. RadnorHuntHorseTrials.org.

PENNSYLVANIA HUNT CUP

Back for its 89th year on November 5, the PA Hunt Cup is working with the Chester County Food Bank to provide healthy food to those in need. This year, competitors at the Hunt Cup will be "Racing for Food" in pony, NSA timber and flat racing events.

Visit vendors and boutique shops, mingle in a party tent or simply sit back and tailgate, all while helping the community at this classic steeplechase event.

IF YOU GO: Nov. 5. Ticket sales start Sept. 1. 1759 Newark Rd., Kennett Square. PAHuntCup.org.

Radnor Hunt Horse Trials

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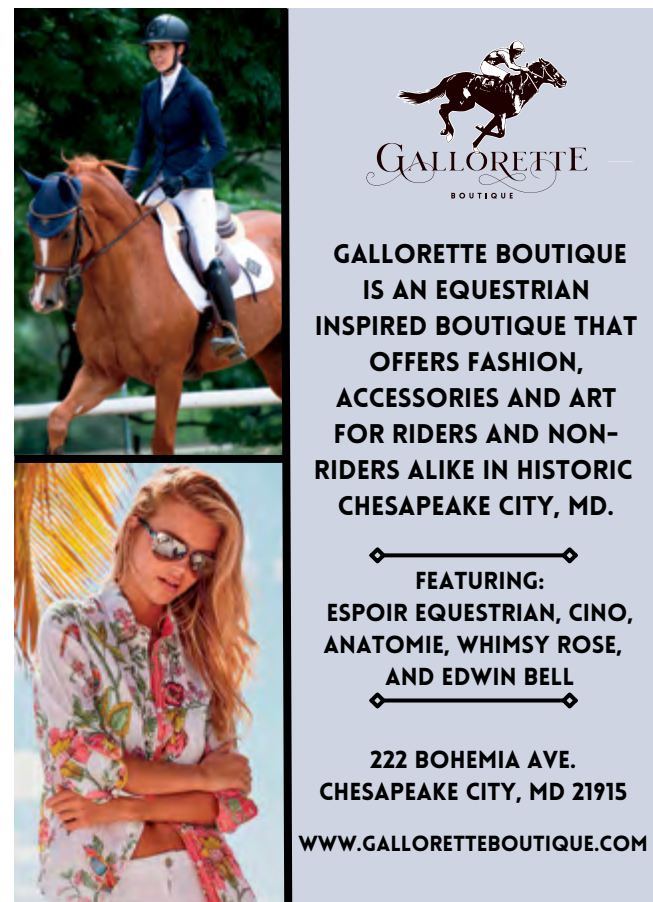
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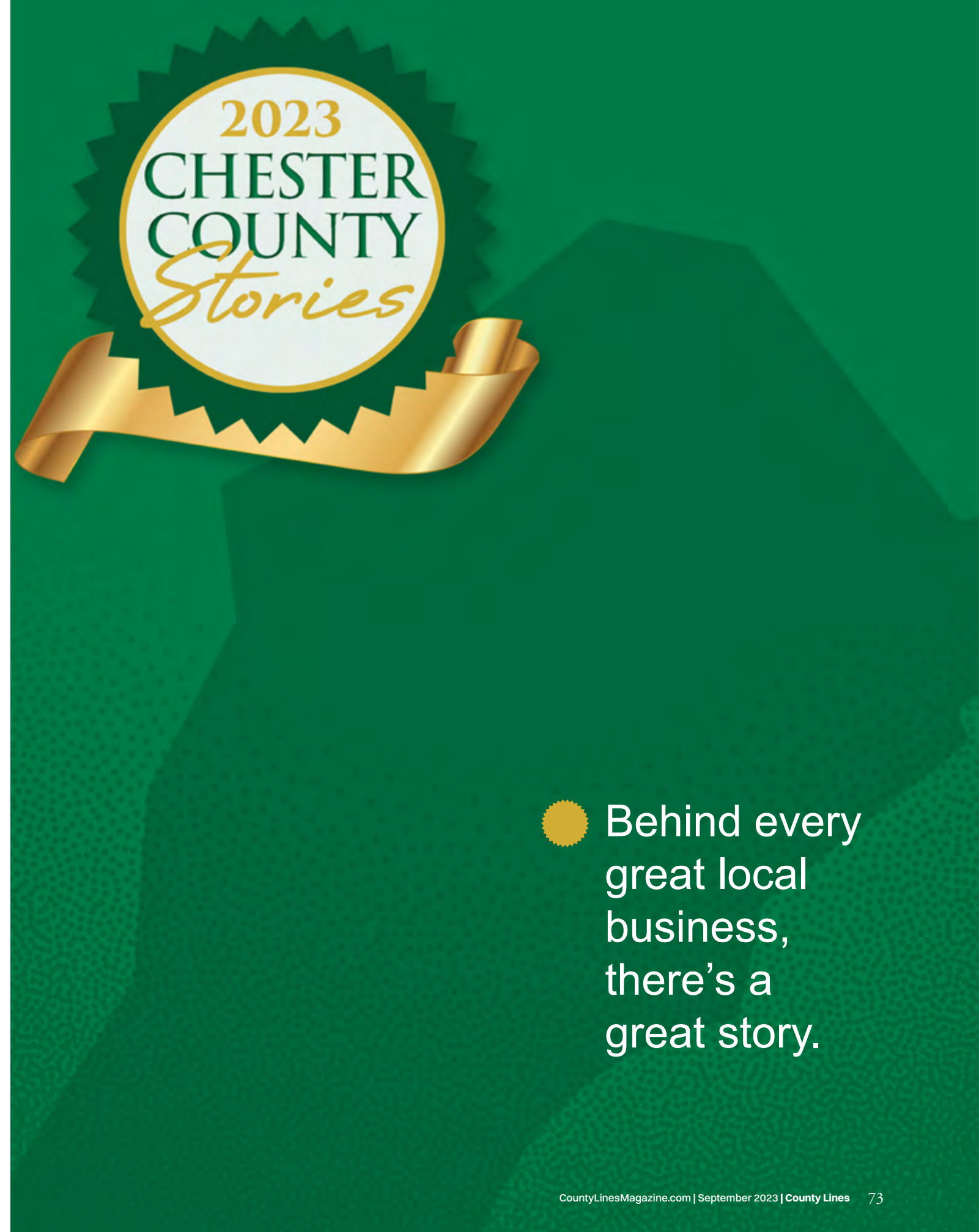
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While she is now recognized as one of the top advisors in America, Patti Brennan’s path was unlike anyone else’s. After graduating from Georgetown University with a degree in Nursing, Patti worked in oncology and as an ICU nurse before channeling her compassion for others to work as a financial planner. Her intellectual capacity is as boundless as her energy, and in 1990 she founded Key Financial, Inc. while also raising four children. Like most startup businesses, it was small. A combination of interpersonal skills and keen attention to detail has helped Key Financial grow into a firm that thirty years later manages almost \$2 Billion dollars with a high retention rate. Patti’s vision has led her to be ranked by Forbes as the #1 Top Women Wealth Advisor in Pennsylvania as well as being recognized as a Barron’s Hall of Fame Advisor.

Through a culture rooted in the tenets of wisdom, perspective and commitment, the Key Financial team provides each client with a personalized financial plan with multiple scenarios, stress tests and what ifs. Patti’s unique ability to communicate complex financial concepts through understandable terms, has garnered additional recognition at both the local and national level. Patti was unanimously chosen for the 2023 Chester County Economic Development Council Hall of Fame Award. According to the CCEDC, “This award recognizes an individual’s pre-eminent leadership, business acumen, and outstanding achievements within and beyond the Chester County business community. The Chester County Hall of Fame Award goes far beyond leadership and business success. It honors community impact. It honors versatility and willingness to go the extra mile. It honors role models, mentors, advocates, and philanthropists. It honors those who have made lasting impacts on Chester County by forging new working relationships to create and maintain our economic health.”

At the national level, Brennan was also awarded the EY Entrepreneur Of The Year 2023 Greater Philadelphia. As the world’s most prestigious business award for entrepreneurs, Ernst and Young created this award 35 years ago to honor entrepreneurs from multiple industries who have driven their companies’ success, transformed their industries, and made a positive impact on their employees and communities.

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FIRST BANK

The Role of Community: First Bank’s Commitment Extends to Malvern and Beyond

In today’s world, the significance of community cannot be understated. First Bank, a leading financial institution known for its commitment to serving local communities, firmly believes in the transformative power of strong community ties. As the bank expands its footprint in the acquisition of Malvern Bank, First Bank’s dedication to fostering community development remains steadfast.

With its expansion further into Chester and Delaware Counties, the bank aims to become an integral part of the community fabric, promoting its values, culture, and progress.

First Bank’s Regional President Joe Calabro has fostered great success in supporting businesses in the Southeastern Pennsylvania market. “With the acquisition of Malvern Bank, we are able to provide expanded services to a larger footprint and combined team of bankers from both banks,” said Calabro, a 25-year resident of West Chester. “First Bank’s community-minded model is emphasized by our focus on providing personalized service and real banking relationships.”

Moreover, First Bank’s commitment to community extends beyond the realm of business. With the addition of the six Malvern Bank branches, First Bank’s brick-and-mortar reach will help individuals have access to a range of personal banking products. The bank



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actively engages in philanthropic initiatives that serve the community; from sponsoring financial educational programs and sponsorships to supporting local initiatives, First Bank’s involvement demonstrates its dedication to the well-being of the community. The bank helped 1,934 small businesses across Pennsylvania and New Jersey during the pandemic by securing nearly \$300 million in PPP loan funds. Since 2020, community giving has topped \$763,000.

First Bank promotes community engagement through various channels. By organizing volunteer events, financial literacy workshops, and encouraging employee participation through community and networking events, the bank encourages dialogue and communication among community members.

As First Bank extends its legacy of community-focused banking, Chester and Delaware County communities can look forward to relationships that not only foster financial growth but also celebrate the unique spirit and values that make their community thrive. Learn more at firstbankpa.com.

First Bank team members serving and known in the Delaware and Chester County areas: (Left to right) Bob Curry, Peter Thomas, Donna Debicka, Mark Cohen, Karen Walter, Lou Ciarlante, Jessica DiRocco, Joe Calabro, David Marx.





MALVERN PREPARATORY SCHOOL

This August, Malvern Preparatory School unveiled Riley Hall — an innovative building that will serve as the center of Middle School life and the primary academic building for the Howley Middle School program, which was established in 2022. The building features an abundance of natural light, a welcoming meeting space to be utilized by faculty and students, and classrooms that are most conducive to student-centered teaching and learning at the Middle School level.

“Having a dedicated building for our Middle School not only fosters a sense of community and belonging for our Middle School students but allows us to showcase the unique programming and creative work that our students are producing,” shared Mr. Patrick Sillup, Head of School.

Malvern Preparatory School is an independent, Augustinian school for young men in grades six through twelve. Since 1842, the School’s tradition has been to prepare young men for college, for leadership, and for life.

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Home of the Month

European-inspired Manor Home in South Coventry Township

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Laurel Anderson

PRIVACY. PEACEFULNESS. NATURE. THAT’S THE overwhelming feeling you get as you head through the entrance gates set between a border of towering Green Giant evergreens separating the property from Prizer Road. You’ve entered a little piece of paradise that awaits its next owners.

Take in the 36.6 bucolic acres that stretch out before you. Six miles of fences outline pastures and paddocks. A gentle hill leads up to the manor house. A circle of forest surrounds home, barn, outbuildings and well-tended fields.

Bordered by vast tracts of conserved land, including the Green Valley Watershed and Welkinweir (an over 200-acre sanctuary with arboretum), this property (which includes 15.1 acres under conservation easement) feels even more expansive than its actual acreage.

SURPRISING OFFICE SPACE

Given this thoroughly country feeling, you’ll be surprised by what’s behind the doors of the former 10-stall barn. The owners converted the large structure into a stunning office space — retaining the wood beams and supports amid new glass dividers that create a conference room, offices and display spaces in this carpeted

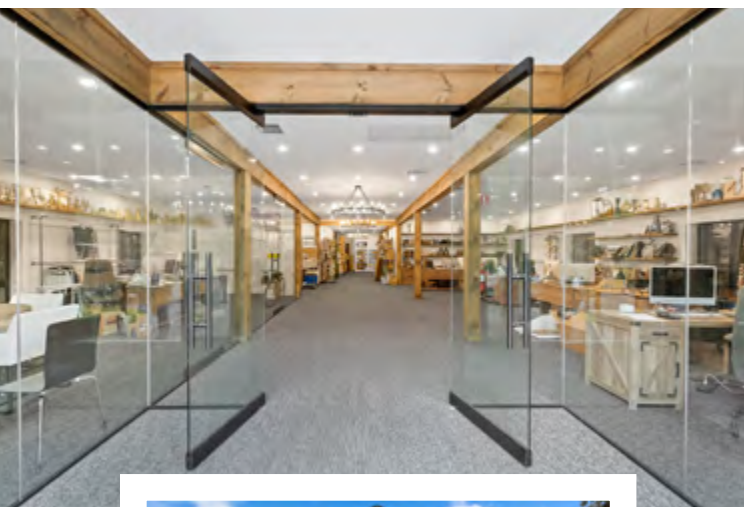
area with radiant heat on the first level (an elevator takes you to additional space above). The converted space is as attractive as it is well designed for employees of a small business, complete with breakout room, half-bath and kitchen.

Yet another surprise is at the back of the barn — a fully renovated luxurious guest suite, with living room, kitchen, bedroom and two baths. A separate entrance with covered porch makes this an ideal guest suite away from the main house.

TURN-KEY MANOR HOME

The magnificent manor home, with extensive stonework inside and out, sits near the top of the hill, just a short drive from the barn — perfect on a golf cart.

While it’s impossible to list all the recent upgrades the owners made, here’s a sample that may be less visible but make living here easier to maintain: new cedar shake roof, copper gutters, heating and on-demand hot water systems, new air conditioners, outdoor LED lighting and a 100 KW Mercedes Diesel Whole House Generator, plus another generator for the lower level. Redone garages make the property attractive to car enthusiasts.



Other improvements and updates add to the enjoyment of the property, including upgraded landscaping with automatic irrigation system, a new rose garden with trellis and gazebo, interior painting and opening up the kitchen to improve flow.

Extensive thought, effort and investment by the current owners created a turn-key property that will not become a full-time project to maintain.

MODERN HOME

Built in 1997, the L-shape design of this 5-bedroom, 7.1-bath home maximizes natural light in every room. Vaulted ceilings, grand interior spaces and oversize windows capture country vistas along with sunsets over the swimming pool and gardens. Wisteria-be-

decked pergolas evoke a villa on the Riviera, while Brazilian cherry floors, custom finishes, built-ins and more cherry details add warmth throughout this sophisticated three-level house.

The spacious home's main level features a great room with vaulted ceiling and cherry trusses, stone fireplace on a fieldstone wall, a full bar plus atrium doors to the secluded screen porch. Pocket doors lead to the dining room, with cathedral ceiling, wooden trusses, fieldstone fireplace and built-ins. French doors lead to a covered terrace and formal rose garden with trellis, surrounded by stone walls. This home was designed for entertaining!

The spacious gourmet kitchen, with coffee bar and breakfast area, includes high-end appliances, cabinets galore, yards of granite counters and access to lush gardens, pool area and pool house.

A sunny informal family room with built-in entertainment center and a cozy library with more cherry built-ins share a two-sided fireplace at the end of the main level.

OTHER LEVELS

The second level is comprised of four en suite bedrooms, a cherry-paneled home office and a hexagonal bonus room with covered patio that overlooks a former helipad. The spectacular master suite, with 14-foot coffered ceilings and an equally tall stone fireplace, includes a sunrise balcony, second laundry room, two walk-in closets, built-in storage and two large primary bathrooms — one with an infinity whirlpool tub. Each additional bedroom is uniquely designed to be a private oasis.

The sunny lower level opens to manicured gardens and features a large guest suite with bath, vast game room, custom 2,500-bottle wine cellar, cigar room and a second family room with fieldstone fireplace, full bath and large sauna. Two utility rooms house top-of-the-line systems for a home with many high-tech upgrades.

EQUESTRIAN OPTIONS

For the equine enthusiast, there remain five paddocks with turnout sheds, automatic waterers and a full-size outdoor ring with lights on the property. The 10-stall barn, reconfigured by the owners into office space, could be converted back to its prior use. Completing the barn area is a new six-car garage with electric and generator as well as an equipment shed.

Luxurious home, business headquarters, equestrian center — you decide. ♦

For more information about this 36.6-acre property (with 15.1 acres under conservation easement), 5-bedroom, 7.1-bath manor home, converted barn and outbuildings, contact Karen Nader, Monument Sotheby's International Realty. Price upon request. 484-888-5597; 302-654-6500. Karen.Nader@SothebyRealty.com.



Beyond Cabernet and Chardonnay: The New Revolution in California Winemaking

Liz Tarditi



FOR DECADES, CALIFORNIA WINE PRODUCTION has been dominated by cabernet sauvignon and chardonnay, producing some of the world's most iconic examples of these varieties.

But a revolution has been quietly happening, marked by a growing trend towards innovation, experimentation with the classics and the resurrection of obscure varietals. A new era is taking shape, and it's putting California back on the map as the Wild West of technological breakthroughs and alternative concepts.

CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT

What's driving this exciting change in the California wine industry? One factor is the influence of climate change. As weather patterns have shifted and wildfires have taken their toll, changes in temperature and precipitation have led to new growing regions suited to different grapes.

When microclimate conditions can affect just a few acres or several miles, the concept of terroir and working in harmony with the land and elements has never been more important. This is why cooler areas like Carneros grow particularly good pinot noir, while syrah and grenache thrive in the Paso Robles heat.

To get a sense of wines from these areas, try [J. Lohr Pure Paso Paso Robles](#) (\$30.19). Described by the winemaker as, "A classic cabernet sauvignon with savory notes wrapped in the dark fruit character of petite sirah."

RHONE STYLES

Another factor in the changing California wine industry is American ingenuity. California has grown to be a hub of innovation, with winemakers seeking to push boundaries of traditional blends and exploring the potential of newer grape varieties. There's a rise of boutique and smaller-scale operations, which are more open to experimentation and risk-taking.

An example of this is the Rhone Rangers, a nonprofit trade organization of American vintners dedicated to promoting Rhone-style wines. These vintners cultivate the 22 accepted varieties of Rhone grapes — many obscure to American palates — and incorporate them in both blends and single-varietal wines. These include whites such as viognier, marsanne, roussanne, and reds like grenache, cinsault, carignan and mourvedre, all of which are available locally.

Rhone Rangers member wineries include Austin Hope & Treana Tasting Cellar, Bonny Doon Vineyard, Fess Parker & Epiphany, J. Lohr Vineyards & Wines, Morgan Winery, Qupe, Ridge Vineyards and Robert Hall.

To sample this style, try [Fess Parker Frontier Red Lot 211 Central Coast](#) (\$14.99), a Central Coast red wine with hints of red cherry and black plum that was rated 88 points by *Wine Enthusiast*.

Another outstanding example is [Hearst Ranch Winery Three Sisters White Cuvée White Wine Blend Paso Robles 2021](#) (\$21.99). The combination of marsanne and roussanne, a classic in the Rhone, is softened and made lush by the addition of the viognier. Or



sample [Bonny Doon Vineyard White Wine of the Earth Le Cigare Blanc Central Coast 2021](#) (\$14.99), a crisp, unoaked Rhone white blend with notes of white flowers, citrus fruits and a hint of almond, pairing beautifully with butternut squash and fall flavors.

Each of these smaller wineries has been more willing to explore the potential of lesser-known or underappreciated grape varietals, hoping to find their own unique niche.

QUEST FOR THE NEW

So why are today's wine consumers willing to try these new offerings? One factor is a cultural change that embraces experimentation with different styles and flavors. As the wine-drinking population continues to grow and evolve, the demand for unique and diverse wine options is rising. Additionally, there's a growing trend towards food and drink pairings, where the varietal complements the meal.

People are seeking the best fit for their taste experience. Even the classics are getting a fresh upgrade, with cabernet sauvignon being aged in bourbon barrels to give it more vanilla and caramelized brown sugar notes. And chardonnay is now being offered with unoaked options — aged not in oak barrels, but in porcelain, glass or stainless steel with temperature controls to preserve the freshness and the natural fruit and floral notes of this venerated grape.

Taste [Buck Shack Cabernet Sauvignon Bourbon Barrel Aged Lake County 2020](#) (\$13.99) and [Morgan Metallico Chardonnay Santa Lucia Highlands Unoaked 2021](#) (\$21.99) to experience something amazing and unexpected in new California wines

The California wine industry's new revolution has only just begun, blazing the trail forward with no end in sight for what it can achieve, and wine lovers are enthusiastically intrigued. As more vineyards get planted and the vines themselves come of age, along with advances in the art and sciences of winemaking, the quality and variety of California wines is only going to get exponentially better.

This is an exciting time to enjoy these wines and let your own palate run wild in California! ♦

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[Food News] *A few of our favorite things to share this month about local food and drink*

Celebrate Bourbon. Did you know Pennsylvania is the birthplace of American whiskey? That calls for a celebration — September is National Bourbon Heritage Month. Luckily, there are plenty of local distilleries to help mark the occasion. Try Malvern's **Pennsylvania Distilling Company** for small-batch craft spirits and artisan cocktails. **Revivalist Spirits** in Elverson offers resurgent whiskeys, meant to reflect America's rebellious beginnings, and Phoenixville's **Bluebird Distilling** serves a four-grain bourbon, instead of the usual three. PennDistilling.com. TheRevivalistSpirits.com. BluebirdDistilling.com.



Worldwide Wine. Let your tastebuds take you on a trip with the help of **Collier's Wine Travel Series**. A staple for local wine lovers since 1981, Collier's hosts classes about wines, including one showcasing southeastern Europe (Hungary, Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria, Romania) on September 14 and another on the wines of Italy's Amalfi Coast on October 17, both led by returning travelers. Classes 6-7:30 p.m. \$30. 5810 Kennett Pk., Centreville, DE. ColliersWine.com.



Caffeine Coming Up. Thought you sampled every coffee shop in Chester County? Think again! **Twin Valley Coffee** is opening two new cafes to visit. The popular Elverson roasters (they started out roasting coffee beans in a hot air popcorn popper) are now known for their signature, fully customizable nitro cold brew, coming soon to Downingtown's River Station Apartments and West Chester's Church Street Market House. 200 River Station Blvd. 120 N. Church St. TwinValleyCoffee.com.



Post Pete's. For those jonesing for a Pete's Produce fix (Pete retired in 2022), the August 18 opening of **FarmerJawn Produce Market** was cause to celebrate. New lead farmer Christa Barfield has "let the foliage on our farm go through their natural life cycle" on the road to organic farming. Visit through the Thanksgiving season for a bounty of fresh, locally grown tomatoes, corn, sweet potatoes, greens, local products and much more. Check updates on FarmerJawnPhilly.com. 1225 E. Street Rd., West Chester.

Take Action. September is **Hunger Action Month**, so it's a great time to join the Chester County Food Bank and support our community, where too many suffer from food insecurity. Donate food (donations are down 27%), money (every little bit helps), host a food drive (live or virtual) or simply spread the word about the Food Bank's mission. On Hunger Action Day, Friday, September 15, wear orange and share photos to social media to raise awareness. Take action! ChesterCountyFoodBank.org.



Market Series: Kennett Square Farmers Market

LOYAL CUSTOMERS ABOUND AT THE 23-YEAR-OLD MARKET

Courtney H. Diener-Stokes

AROUND 3 P.M. EVERY FRIDAY, ZACK HATHAWAY heads to the **Kennett Square Farmers Market** to stock up on fresh, local ingredients to use in his latest monthly menu. Zack and his wife, Karessa, are co-owners of one of Kennett's newest restaurants, Sweet Amelia's, and he says visiting the market is one of the highlights of his week. "Every Friday it's my little getaway from work," he says.

The Market's manager, Ros Fenton, keeps Hathaway posted on what's going to be available. Today he's expecting to find late-season tomatoes, hearty greens (like kale and collards), along with squash. Some of his regular vendor stops at the market include Lindenhof Farm, Swallow Hill Farm, Fiddle Creek Dairy and Full Table Farm. "The Hathaways have really been committed to supporting local," says Liam Miller, owner of Full Table, a small, organic, low-till vegetable farm located just ten minutes from the market.

Ruth Hogue is another regular customer of Full Table who never misses a Friday at the market with her husband and their two young children. With her baby and a full bag of market goodies in tow, she's excited for the fall season when she roasts root vegetables for her family. "We are really into making bowls, so we'll do rice and beans and throw in another protein, like egg or chicken, and add the roasted vegetables," Ruth says.



Liam Miller of Full Table Farm



Ros Fenton, Market Manager

Sue Miller, owner and operator of Birchrun Hills Farm with her husband and their two sons, is another vendor Hogue frequents at the market. In her 17 years of cheesemaking, Miller has been involved with many markets and shared an aspect of Kennett Square's that makes it stand out. "It's so a part of the culture of the community to shop at the market and support the regional farms," she says.

Miller sees the fall season as a time that's ripe for cheese, with October serving as Pennsylvania Cheese Month. Now that people have wrapped up their vacations and are shifting to spending more time at home, eating food and sharing in the bounty of the harvest, cheese serves as a nice complement to the abundance of fruits and vegetables available.

Here are a few recipes that highlight the best of what the season has to offer, to help inspire some cozy dinners. Read on!



Ruth Hogue, a regular at the market

Cheesiest Happy Hour Grazing Board

Birchrun Hills offers grazing boards at their Cheesiest Happy Hour, which is open to the public and takes place at the farm in Chester Springs every Friday from 3 to 7 p.m. A seasonal board can serve as the perfect lead-up to your dinner menu at home to showcase the season. Sue Miller makes them using a combination of what's tasting good in the caves and what's coming from local farms and her own garden. Apples and pears usually make an appearance on the boards in September, but early in the month she likes to take advantage of the last local melons, peaches and tomatoes of the season. Miller enjoys adding edible flowers for a festive touch. Pairs perfectly with a basket of Firehook Baked Crackers with Sea Salt broken in half.

Serves 2



- 6 toothpicks
- 1 oz. Birchrun Smoked Cheddar
- 2 basil leaves
- 2 cherry tomatoes
- 1/3 C. Castelvetrano olives
- 2 slices Rosette de Lyon cured meat
- 1/2 C. melon balls, variety
- 1/2 ripe peach, sliced
- 1 bunch Concord grapes
- 2 oz. Birchrun Hills Honey & Sea Salt Fromage Blanc
- 2 oz. Birchrun Hills Ola
- 2 oz. Birchrun Hills Equinox
- 1/2 C. Birchrun Hills Cheese Curds, original and Habanero Spiced
- 2 mint leaves, chopped

Cut cheddar into two medium-thick slices. Using a toothpick, add one piece of cheddar, one basil leaf and one cherry tomato. Repeat on the second toothpick.

Stack three olives on a toothpick and repeat on the second toothpick.

Fold each slice of cured meat like an accordion and place a toothpick through. Repeat on the second toothpick.

Market Fridays

I've never seen so many shoppers at a farmers market with wagons in tow that were chock-full with what appeared to be an entire week's worth of the freshest local offerings of meats, cheese and bread, produce, honey and cider. Despite being on shopping missions, the shoppers appeared to take the time to be friendly and talk with vendors.

On any given Friday from 3 to 6 p.m., you can find a diverse array of 19 to 23 local farmers and artisans on an open gravel space just outside the Creamery, located at 401 Birch Street. Overseen by the Kennett Collaborative, the 23-year-old market is one of many ongoing events and programs the nonprofit organization offers around town. Previously located on State Street, the market shifted locations to the historic Creamery of Kennett Square in more recent years. Ease in parking in the Creamery's spacious lot is a nice perk.

ABOUT THE HISTORIC CREAMERY

Formerly a milk plant, the Creamery is now a community gathering space that includes a pop-up beer garden. The site was formerly the Eastern Condensed Milk Company, founded in 1902 by Theodore Pennock, father of baseball Hall of Famer and Kennett Square native, Herb Pennock. Theodore Pennock was also the president and general manager of the company.

Arrange remaining ingredients on a large wooden cutting board or tray, incorporating skewers in like groups.

Sprinkle mint over melon.

Refrigerate any leftover cheese wrapped in wax paper for up to one week for soft cheese and up to three weeks for hard cheese.

Birchrun Hills' Fried Cheese Curds

Sue Miller of Birchrun Hills Farm also serves up these fried cheese curds as an appetizer at her Cheesiest Happy Hour. She makes them using freshly made cheese curds so they're both flavorful and creamy. You can find their curds at the Kennett Square Farmers Market every other Friday. Pair with a spicy dipping sauce made with Birchrun's crème fraîche.

Serves 3

Dipping Sauce Ingredients:

- 1/2 C. Birchrun Hills crème fraîche
- Sriracha, to taste

Fried Curd Ingredients:

- Canola oil
- 1 lb. Birchrun Hills Cheese Curds
- 1/2 C. cornstarch
- 1 C. all-purpose flour

1½ tsp. baking powder
½ tsp. kosher salt
1 (12 oz.) bottle of beer, lager



Prepare the dipping sauce:

Combine crème fraîche and sriracha to taste. Cover and refrigerate while making the fried curds.

Prepare the fried curds:

Pour the oil into a heavy-bottomed pot. Heat on medium until the temperature reaches 350°.

In a medium bowl, toss the cheese curds with the cornstarch.

In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder and salt. Slowly whisk in the beer, mixing until the batter is smooth.

Using a slotted spoon, scoop the cheese curds and dip into the batter to coat. Drip off excess batter. Drop the battered curds into the oil, frying in batches of 10–14 curds.

Turn the curds as they fry until golden brown, about 5 minutes. Drain on paper towels, serve hot and enjoy.

Storage not recommended for leftovers.

Full Table Farm’s Burst Cherry Tomato Pasta

This is one of Liam Miller’s go-to dinners in September, and it only takes 20 minutes from start to finish. It’s a great way to use up red cherry tomatoes that are a little past their prime. Basil adds to the fresh flavor of this hearty main dish that pairs perfectly with freshly grated Parmesan.

Serves 6

½ C. extra virgin olive oil
12 garlic cloves, smashed
4 pints red cherry tomatoes
2 large sprigs basil
1½ tsp. kosher salt, plus more to taste
12 oz. spaghetti, cooked according to instructions on package
1 ladle pasta water
1 C. basil leaves
1 C. grated fresh Parmesan



Prepare the sauce:

Heat oil in a large pot on low heat. Add garlic and cook, stirring, until softened and fragrant but not browned, about 2 minutes.

Increase heat to medium and add tomatoes, basil sprigs and salt.

Cook, stirring occasionally, until tomatoes begin to burst, about 4 minutes. Smash some but not all the tomatoes with the back of a wooden spoon to help create a sauce.

Continue to cook for 10 to 12 minutes, stirring occasionally to achieve a chunky, thickened sauce (about half the tomatoes should be broken down and the other half should remain intact).

Discard basil sprigs and take off heat while you prepare the pasta.

Prepare the pasta:

Cook spaghetti according to package instructions for al dente pasta. Just before draining, add one ladle of pasta water to the pot of tomato sauce.

Drain pasta, and add to pot with sauce. Stir to coat over medium heat for 1 to 2 minutes.

Divide pasta evenly among bowls and top with fresh basil and Parmesan.

Ruth’s Simple Pan Roasted Root Vegetables

Sweet potatoes, carrots and parsnips are some of Ruth Hogue’s favorite root vegetables that often make an appearance at the dinner table. Despite her preference to sprinkle fresh herbs on top before baking, she opts to keep the dish extra simple and to make it kid-friendly. Pairs well as a side dish with a simple protein, such as roasted chicken.

Serves 4 to 6

1½ lbs. sweet potatoes, cut into 1-inch cubes
1 lb. carrots, cut into 1-inch pieces
10–12 oz. parsnips, cut into 1-inch pieces
3 T. olive oil
1 tsp. seasoned salt
½ tsp. freshly ground black pepper



Preheat the oven to 375°.

Line a large baking pan with parchment paper. Set aside.

In a large bowl, combine cubed sweet potatoes, carrot and parsnip pieces. Add olive oil, salt and pepper and toss until everything is well combined and coated.

Transfer vegetables to the prepared pan. Place in the oven and roast for 45 minutes until lightly caramelized and tender, stirring the vegetables halfway through cooking.

Add additional salt and pepper to taste before serving.

Store leftovers in an airtight container for up to three days in the refrigerator.

Sweet Amelia’s Caramel Apple Tart

Sweet Amelia’s restaurant, named after the Hathaways’ one-year-old daughter, is an upscale casual restaurant specializing in American cuisine and located in the heart of historic Kennett Square on State Street. Also involved in the business is co-owner Zack’s sister, Ashley, who serves as their resident pastry chef. Ashley shared this autumn-inspired tart that showcases apples along with warming spices that are the perfect complement. Pairs perfectly with a scoop of vanilla ice cream.

Serves 6



1 puff pastry sheet, thawed slightly
½ C. butter
2 T. dark brown sugar
2 T. cinnamon
1½ tsp. nutmeg
½ tsp. allspice
½ tsp. ginger
1 tsp. sumac
1 tsp. salt
2 large tart apples, Granny Smith or Pink Lady

Caramel Ingredients:

1 C. granulated sugar
¼ C. water
6 T. butter, cut into cubes
½ C. heavy cream
1 tsp. salt
1 T. vanilla

Prepare the pastry:

Preheat the oven to 400°.

Line a baking sheet with ungreased parchment paper. Cut thawed pastry sheet into six equal rectangles and lay out evenly on a baking sheet.

In the bowl of a stand mixer, cream together butter, brown sugar and all the spices until fluffy and lightened in color, scraping down the sides often.

Spread a heaping tablespoon of spiced butter on each piece of puff pastry, leaving a ¼-inch crust all around.

Shingle thinly sliced apple pieces to cover the entire pastry.

Bake for 30 minutes, rotating halfway through, until the pastry is golden brown.

For the caramel:

Add the sugar and water in a heavy-bottom pot. Swirl slightly to get a flat layer of sugar.

Cook over medium heat until bubbling. Do not stir. Allow to bubble and cook, swirling lightly if needed.

Cook until a deep brown/golden color is achieved, about 8 minutes.

Carefully whisk in the butter, as the mixture will bubble up and steam.

Remove from heat and slowly whisk in the heavy cream. Add in the salt and vanilla.

Once cooled, drizzle caramel sauce on top.

Store leftovers in an airtight container for up to three days in the refrigerator. ♦

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