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Celebrate Lititz Weekend is June 12 - 14!

In 2026, It's America's 250th, Lititz's 270th, Lititz Historical Foundation's 65th, and our Mary Oehme Gardens turn 30. So let's celebrate! Join us for Celebrate Lititz weekend June 12th – 14th!

THREE BIG DAYS! Unless otherwise noted, all events are free and will take place at the Lititz Historical Foundation located at 145 East Main Street, Lititz, PA.

On Friday, June 12th, join us at 5:30pm for Founder's Day! It was on June 12th, 1756, that the official naming of Lititz took place. Come help us mark the anniversary of this event with a flag ceremony, guest speakers, refreshments, live music, a special 270th birthday cake, and more! Please bring chairs or blankets and plan for a wonderful evening! BIG thanks to LOA Orthodontics of Lititz for sponsoring this event.

The next day on June 13th, join us for our History Festival from 11am to 5pm for a great day of history, fun, and lasting memories for the entire family. We'll have reenactors, guided tours, demonstrators, artisans, a food truck, and a



dozen local historical societies will be on hand. Admission is free. Guided tours, which are available for a fee, can be booked on our website at www.lititzhistoricalfoundation.com.

Then, on Sunday June 14th, join us at the Lititz Moravian Church's sanctuary from 3pm to 5pm (8 Church Square, Lititz) for a historic Moravian Singstunde (singing hour). After that, enjoy a tour and demonstration of two colonial pipe organs in Fellowship Hall. Later that evening, join us in our Mary Oehme Gardens at the historical foundation beginning at 6:30pm as we welcome the Lititz Community Band!

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Our 63rd Annual Antiques Show is June 26 and 27

Our 63rd year! This year is extra special as we celebrate America's 250th, Lititz's 270th, and the Lititz Historical Foundation turns 65!

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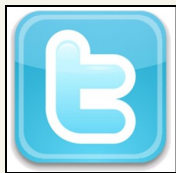
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Lancaster County's oldest show of its kind and always a perennial favorite, our biggest fundraiser of the year will be staged at the Warwick Middle School (401 Maple Street) in Lititz June 26th and 27th 2026.

Admission is \$10 per person. \$9 in advance by visiting the ticket link below. Hours are Friday 10am-5pm; and Saturday 9am-2pm.

This two-day event is an "old time country show" a cast of 50 dealers will present a wide range of interesting, reasonably priced country wares and dry goods. Shoppers can expect to find farm items, stoneware, kitchen goods, textiles, early lighting, transfer ware, doll items, coin silver, holiday items, Pennsylvania folk art, and more! Hungry shoppers will have an opportunity onsite to purchase hot food for lunch or a snack.



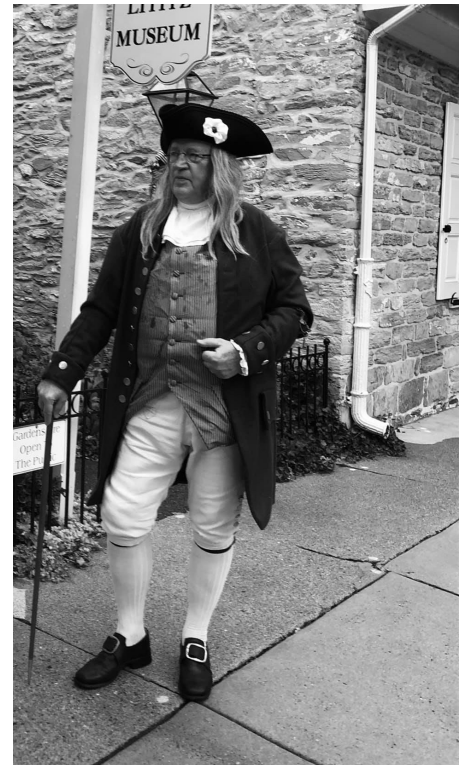
This is our biggest fundraiser of the year – See you there! Reserve your ticket today and save a dollar in admission at the door:
<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/63rd-annual-antiques-show?>

Celebrate Lititz Weekend Con't:

June 14th is Flag Day and the Lititz Community Band will be presenting "A Star-Spangled Salute to America" which will feature patriotic music. Come dressed in red, white, and blue! Bring your chairs and blankets and invite your friends, family, and neighbors. We thank Nadine and Gaylord Poling for making this concert possible. Thank You! Refreshments available by donation. The concert is a pay what you can event. We will be collecting donations that evening to help preserve our gardens and 18th century structures.



Be sure to attend all four events and help us celebrate four fantastic milestones! See you there! Questions? Email us at info@lititzhistoricalfoundation.com



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Scan the box on the left to book a guided tour!

The Parkview Hotel and Tomato Pie Cafe

Charlene Van Brookhoven

In June of 1897 a gentleman by the name of Hiram Holtzhouse came from Pequea to Lititz to seek a new business opportunity and marry Lititz native Mary Jane Stormfeltz. He operated a livery and boarding stable until 1900 when he decided to start his own business.

He named the new business which was located at 25 North Broad Street The Park View Hotel because of its location being directly across from the Lititz Springs Park. The original venture was a restaurant but as the clientele grew, Holtzhouse decided to add a boarding house and bar area.

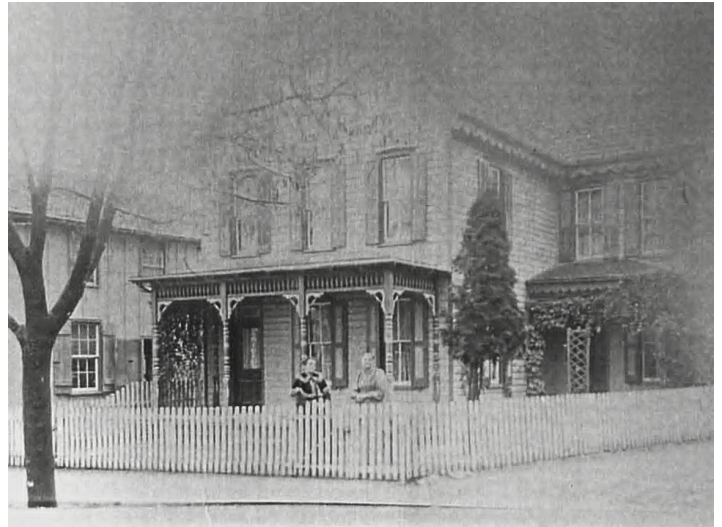
The local trolley had its Lancaster to Lititz turnaround at the railroad station beside the park so Holtzhouse added a waiting room to his hotel. This added more business to his new restaurant and boarding rooms.

His wife Mary Jane was not happy to have their three girls living above a bar so in 1909 he sold the hotel to Frank Pfautz. Holtzhouse bought the adjoining property from Wilson Grube, who was the owner of Grube's Shoe Store located at 35 East Main Street. The Grube home, a six-room dwelling at 23 North Broad Street, was moved back from the street and the original structure was incorporated into Holtzhouse's Confectionery. The extension to the front was added allowing for the store and house on the first floor and new rooms on the second floor. The balcony on the side was added for the enjoyment of the Holtzhouse girls.



the name remained until 2010 when the Fisher family bought the building and opened a popular breakfast and lunch restaurant in Lititz - Tomato Pie Café.

Above: Holtzhouses's Confectionery



Above: The Grube Home along North Broad Street

Hiram Holtzhouse switched from serving beer to ice cream sodas. The trolley waiting area was moved from the hotel to the new confectionery. Also an ice house/cooling room was added to the rear of the building. When he was 70 years old, he added cut-rate drugs to his inventory.

Holtzhouse died in 1934 so his wife with hired help continued the operation of the confectionery for two more years.

In 1936 the Glassmyer family purchased Holtzhouse Confectionery and

Pick up a Passport Today!



Stop into our museum to pick up your free Discover Lancaster America 250th Passport! Inside is a coupon which is good for a dollar off per person tour of the 1792 Johannes Mueller House. We'll also start you off with your first exclusive stamp! This souvenir is a yearlong experience celebrating America's 250th anniversary. After your visit with us, collect unique stamps as you explore 23 historic sites across Lancaster County featuring discounts to local businesses.

Dance All Summer Long!

We are thrilled to bring the below live concerts to our Mary Oehme Gardens this Summer. BIGF thanks to Nadine and Gaylord Poline for sponsoring the entire series! All concerts are "pay what you can," and begin at 6:30pm.

July 12th: The Bridge-Tones is a dance/party band comprised of seasoned musicians including

one of the greatest female voices you've ever heard! Playing your favorite hits across several decades from the 60s to the present, the band's sole mission is to get you out on the dance floor and make you want to stay there all night



August 9th: The Keri Edwards Band is a soulful country-rock trio led by powerhouse vocalist and songwriter Keri Edwards. After stepping away from a successful early Nashville run to raise a family, Keri has returned to the stage. Delivering stories and songs with a voice that is both compelling and unmistakable, she draws audiences in with a heart-on-her-sleeve style that feels both personal and universal.



September 6th (Ice Cream Social): The Eighties Club (TEC for short) was founded in summer 2024 by five highly skilled and versatile musicians (including some "80s OGs"). The band was born out of a deep desire for a fresh and exciting musical direction that reflected their passion for the vibrant, energetic sounds of the 1980s. Ice cream will be provided by The Udder Choice. The theme of this event is "Honor the past, and look to the future" and will also feature a BIG surprise! If you enjoy the 80's you do not want to miss it! See you there, and invite your friends, family, and neighbors!



Top: The BridgeTones. Middle: The Keri Edwards Band Above: The Eighties Club

DID YOU KNOW...?



Paul E. Beck (center, back row) organized and led this concert band for many years and played concerts throughout Pennsylvania. In 1915, he was also appointed the Pennsylvania State Supervisor of Music and Art.

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