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NEW INTERACTIVE CALENDAR

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3...2...1! Lancaster features fireworks, family friendly fun and a festive time

Happy New Year! 3...2...1! It's time to celebrate! With New Year's Eve almost upon us, Downtown Lancaster is the place to be this year. The city will ring in 2011 with a brand-new event. Called 3...2...1! Lancaster, the celebration includes something for everyone.

If you're looking to celebrate early and be home before midnight, the festivities include more than 20 different entertainment and activity options at Clipper Magazine Stadium and the City YMCA. From comedians to magicians, fortune tellers to ice sculptures, the evening is full of fun. A movie will be offered at the Y's pool for anyone who wants to enjoy a floating flick. The stadium's Ice Park will be open for ice skating and a fireworks display will cap the early entertainment.

If you're more of a night owl, check out the festivities in Binns Park. Local band Mama Tried will perform, followed by the descending of a red rose and fireworks at midnight.

And why not make a night of it? There are plenty of overnight accommodation options in Lancaster, including the

TOP STORY



El Gleno gallops into Clipper Stadium



Pete Geist performs at the City Y



Mama Tried plays at Binns Park

Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square, which offers a package including dinner for two, champagne and a breakfast buffet. The Lancaster Arts Hotel offers a package including overnight accommodations, hats and noisemakers, admission to 3...2...1! Lancaster, a bottle of champagne, dinner for two at John J. Jeffries Restaurant and a continental breakfast.

Tickets for 3...2...1! Lancaster are on sale at Turkey Hill Minit Markets or online at

www.lancasterbarnstormers.com.

Advance tickets are \$8 per person; tickets are \$10 per person the day of the event, which runs 5 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 31.

A complete listing of entertainment for 3...2...1! Lancaster can be found by clicking [here](#).

Later on New Year's Eve, the city will feature a free concert and fireworks at midnight in Binns Park. Local band Mama Tried will entertain, followed by the dropping of a red rose and fireworks. Binns Park entertainment runs 10 p.m. to midnight.

Don't forget to make dinner reservations for New Year's Eve. Numerous Downtown restaurants offer special dinner packages for the evening, including the Lancaster Arts Hotel, which offers dining and overnight accommodations. For a complete list of Downtown restaurants, click [here](#).

For a list of hotel accommodations, click [here](#).

For a complete listing of events, visit www.lancastercityevents.com or call MOOSE at 291-4758.

The Pita Pit hits the spot with healthy and fresh fare

When you're in the mood for fresh food — and a healthy meal — check out The Pita Pit, 398 Harrisburg Pike.

"We have a wide variety of menu items. It's a really big selection," says owner Brad Alexander. "You can customize everything exactly how you want it."

Most customers start with the basics and add vegetables, sauces, cheeses, even unusual items like hummus, avocado and babaganoush.

Breakfast pitas (served all day) include eggs, hash browns, grilled green peppers, onions and cheese, with a variety of additional fillings including grilled mushrooms, chicken or Italian sausage. Other pita varieties include The Dagwood (turkey, ham and roast beef), the BLT and veggie options such as falafel. Toppings and fillings range from basic lettuce, tomato and onion, to pineapple, jalapenos, tzatziki sauce and ancho chipotle sauce.

"We call the order out to the grill and everything is prepared fresh," Alexander says.

LOCAL APPETITE



That was one of the things that drew him and business partner Nathan Groff to the restaurant, a national chain which opened Sept. 22.

"We would be comfortable eating this food every day," Alexander says. "That's what sold me on the concept. It's quick food, but it's not fast food. It's a lot healthier."

Along with pitas, the restaurant serves a huge variety of salads.

"Everything on our menu is also offered 'fork style,' meaning any sandwich we make can go into a salad container," he says. "We just remove the pita and add more lettuce."

The Pita Pit also offers soups, smoothies, chips and cookies.

Call-ahead ordering is available, along with an "easy order" fax menu, complete with multiple columns for each individual and a checklist to be filled out with each ingredient a customer wants. The business also offers catering.

The Pita Pit is located at 398 Harrisburg Pike. 717-517-7111. www.pitapitusa.com. Hours are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 10 a.m. to 3 a.m. Friday and Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday.

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~ S P O N S O R S ~



Ballroom on the Square dances into Stevens School

Whether you're looking to brush up on your dance moves, or you're starting from scratch as a novice hooper, Ballroom on the Square has you covered.

"We teach primarily private lessons and some group classes," says Barbra Snyder, a professional dancer and instructor at the studio.

Although the studio has been in operation since August 2003, the business relocated to the Stevens School, 355 W. Chestnut St., in September.

The move allowed the studio to utilize a beautiful 4,000-square-foot ballroom to provide a variety of instructional classes as well as lessons for people looking to learn anything from the fox trot to the waltz.

Engaged couples can also use the ballroom's services for dance instruction prior to their wedding reception.

ART ATTACK



Ballroom on the Square operates on an appointment-based non-contract basis. You learn what you want to learn, at your own pace, because the studio firmly believes, "Everyone can and should learn how to dance."

Above all, Ballroom on the Square exists to provide anyone who wants to dance with a fun, inspiring and excellent dance experience.

Ballroom on the Square is located at 355 W. Chestnut St. 717-813-6144. www.ballroomonthesquare.com

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Get fashion plus expert advice at Hinesite Vintage

“Looking to the past for the fashion forward.” That’s the motto of Hinesite Vintage, located at 24 W. Walnut St.

Owner and fashionista Elizabeth Hine chose the name to play off her last name and the notion of looking backward in time. It’s a fitting moniker for a store that specializes in all eras of vintage clothing. The business has made a transition as it changed names from Zap Home Collective to focus more on clothing than home furnishings.

“Today, the store has literally thousands of the highest-quality vintage clothing items,” Hine says. “That said, if customers are looking for specific vintage home furnishing items, I can typically find these through my network, and I will have a selective assortment of home products on the floor.”

Hine, who amasses her inventory from a wide variety of sources, offers vintage clothing for men, women and children.

STORE FRONT



“We also have a wide assortment of accessories such as purses, hats, jewelry, shoes, scarves and much more,” she says.

Many of the store’s items are featured on websites such as Ebay and Etsy, although Hine is working on establishing her own online presence at www.hinesitevintage.com.

She says everything she does — from her store to her online efforts — is focused on helping customers find just what they’re looking for.

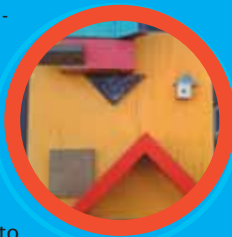
“I am extremely fashion focused and will provide advice to anyone looking to incorporate vintage pieces into a contemporary look,” she says. “I am very knowledgeable when it comes to specific eras of clothing. Whether one is looking for a dress from 1910 or 1956, I can direct them to the appropriate piece.”

Hinesite Vintage is located at 24 W. Walnut St. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. First Fridays.

PHOTO CONTEST

Win five Downtown Dollars by being the first to identify the location of this issue’s Downtown Lancaster Photo Contest. Correctly

identify this Downtown spot and win! **Clue:** An outdoor art display beckons customers to discover what’s inside. Send your guess to ckieffer@teamlanc.org.



DECEMBER WINNER

Alan Wyand won a \$5 Downtown Dollars gift certificate for correctly identifying Steinman Park on West King Street.

DID YOU KNOW?

A blizzard in January 1928 caused the City of Lancaster to make 38 streets one way in an effort to relieve stuck traffic.

NEW BUSINESSES

- **Marsala Grille** at the Hotel Brunswick, 151 N. Queen St. 717-397-4800. Indian cuisine.
- **Caribbean Heat**, 44 N. Queen St. 717-509-4328.

THIS NEW YEAR’S EVE, BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY DOWNTOWN



- **PURCHASE TICKETS** at Turkey Hill Minit Markets or online at www.lancasterbarnstormers.com.
- **ENTERTAINMENT LINEUP** Complete listings for 3...2...1! Lancaster can be found by clicking [here](#).
- **MAKE DINNER RESERVATIONS** For a complete list of Downtown restaurants, click [here](#).
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