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Borough of New Oxford 150th Birthday Celebration

August 1 - October 26, 2024

The New Oxford Mayor and Borough Council, in collaboration with the New Oxford Area Chamber of Commerce, the New Oxford Area Historical Society, and the Adams County Historical Society, are pleased to announce **New Oxford 150th**, the 150th birthday of the incorporation of the Borough of New Oxford, featuring a host of activities and events, including a community-wide birthday celebration on **Saturday, October 26th, 2024** as part of the New Oxford **17th Annual Harvest Day Festival & Parade**. All events associated with the New Oxford 150th birthday will be free and open to the public.

The milestone marking the incorporation of New Oxford Borough 150 years ago in 1874 will consist of a host of summer and fall programs, activities and public events, beginning in August and concluding with a birthday celebration scheduled for Saturday, October 26th as part of New Oxford's **17th Annual Harvest Day Festival & Parade**. The **New Oxford 150th** organizers invite all parade participants to be creative and incorporate this year's "150th" parade theme into their entry, in whatever way they choose - be it music, costumes, decorations, etc. Information about **New Oxford 150th** can be found online at NewOxfordAreaHistory.org/150th-events.

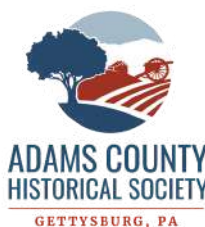
Though the community of New Oxford - then named Oxford-town - was first platted in 1794 for Henry Kuhn, it wasn't until the summer of 1874 - some eighty years later - that the citizens of the town of New Oxford petitioned to incorporate and became the Borough of New Oxford. As a consequence of that incorporation, growth and expansion of the town soon took place, giving many of the community's historic and architectural features that remain today.

In honor of that event 150 years ago, Mayor James R. Eisenhart II and the New Oxford Borough Council wish to invite the entire New Oxford area community to take part in **New Oxford 150th** and help celebrate the Borough's 150th birthday.

Events and activities hosted by the New Oxford Area Historical Society, the Adams County Historical Society, and the New Oxford Area Chamber of Commerce are currently scheduled and can be found on the anniversary website, NewOxfordAreaHistory.org/150th-events.

Community groups, businesses and organizations who wish to arrange other additional activities or events as part of the **New Oxford 150th** program should contact the New Oxford Area Historical Society by calling (717) 842-6624 or sending an email to NOAHS17350@gmail.com to arrange details.

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Some of the events planned in August to kick off the birthday celebration include:

- **Remembering New Oxford's 1974 Centennial Celebration, Tue Aug 13th, Cross Keys Village.** Revisit the Borough's founding and centennial with a brief presentation about the incorporation and conversational remembrances by a panel of the 1974 celebration.
- **Celebrating 150 Years of New Oxford, Sat Aug 17th, Adams County Historical Society.** A presentation by Adams County Historian Tim Smith.
- **Meet Our Borough's Founders – An Evening Walking Tour, Sun Aug 18th, New Oxford Cemetery, Lincoln Way West.** Learn about the people who led the charge to become a Borough and grow the community.
- **New Oxford Residents FREE Admission Weekend, Sat Aug 24th & Sun Aug 25th.** Visit the award winning *Gettysburg Beyond the Battle Museum* at the new Adams County Historical Society facility in Gettysburg PA.

To learn more about **New Oxford 150th** and see a full listing of events, visit the celebration's website at NewOxfordAreaHistory.org/150th-events.

To learn about the New Oxford Area Historical Society (NOAHS), visit the organization's website at www.NewOxfordAreaHistory.org. Inquiries should be sent to NOAHS17350@gmail.com.

To learn about the Adams County Historical Society (ACHS) and their newly opened award winning museum, **Beyond the Battle**, visit the Society's website at www.achs-pa.org. The society and museum are located at 625 Biglerville Road, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

To learn more about New Oxford and businesses located within the region, visit the New Oxford Area Chamber of Commerce online at www.newoxford.org.

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