

DINING OUT

A day of bacon everything at Easton festival Farm-to-table pork dressed in a multitude of styles

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What would you plan if you were looking for something that's the opposite of a vegetarian festival? How about Bacon Fest, which is celebrating its second year at the Easton Farmers Market and is set for Saturday, Nov. 9, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The fest for Bacon Fest came out of a brainstorming session, said Megan McBride of the farmers' market. The first one was held last year with astonishing success.

"We had no idea how big bacon is," she said, but they found out when the first festival was held and drew thousands of



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The Pennsylvania Bacon Fest will take place in Easton Saturday, Nov. 9.



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Bacon-flavored cupcakes, shown here on cans of Spam, are one of the treats available at Bacon Fest II.

BACON FEST II

Centre Square, Easton

610-330-9942

Pa. Bacon Fest web site

9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 9

Featuring: Vendors serving bacon Bloody Marys, bacon chowder, bacon kabobs, bacon sundaes, sweet and savory bacon crepes, bacon waffles with ice cream and an eight-course bacon dinner with beer pairings.

vendors who will be offering dozens of bacon-inspired dishes. Among them will be bacon Bloody Marys, bacon chowder and bacon kabobs. For those who like their bacon sweet, there will be bacon sundaes, waffles with bacon and ice cream, and local food truck Bonjour Creperie will make a crepe filled with bacon, Nutella and passion fruit coulis.

For those interested in an eight-course meal, there will be "Cheek-to-Cheek" at 2:30 p.m. Chef Jeremy Bialker of Two Rivers Brewing Company and farmer Nate Thomas of Breakaway Farms will follow the culinary trend of using the pig from snout to tail cooking, using naturally grown, pasture-raised pig.

Each dish will be paired with

Weyerbacher craft beers. The cost is \$25 per person and since seating is limited, advance purchase is suggested. For reservations call 610-330-9942.

Children looking for a fun meal will have five opportunities to have "Pancakes with the Piggy" between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. As they dine on pancakes and bacon it will also be storytime with the bossy piggy from the favorite children's story, "If You Give a Pig a Pancake."

Even in a meat-laden day, vegetarians will not be left out. One vendor will serve vegan "Fakin' Bacon."

For bacon cooking tips, there will be the Bacon Battle at noon when four downtown Easton chefs vie for the coveted title of the Baconator in a "Chopped-

style" cooking competition featuring appetizer, entrée and dessert. Competing will be Jeremy Bialker of Two Rivers Brewing Co., Abe Lopez of Valencia, Peter Felton of Pearly Baker's and Javin Small of the new Third and Ferry Fish Market.

Home bakers as well as pastry chefs will compete in the Hog Heaven Cupcake Competition at 10:30 a.m. and everyone can vote for their favorite if they choose. It costs \$5 to sample 15 cupcakes and cast a People's Choice vote. Go to the website for information or to download an application.

If you love, love, love Elvis, you might want to make your way to the "Hunka Hunka Burnin'" Bacon contest at 2 p.m. Contestants will be judged on voice, dance moves and their ability to build the best bacon, peanut butter and banana sandwich. To enter the competition see the website.

Other activities include a hog-calling contest at 3 p.m., an "Art du Cochon" (art of the pig) contest, live bluegrass, funk, jazz, R&B and dance music.

For a complete schedule see the web site.

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bacon lovers from around the region. This year's festival will be bigger and better, she said, and will include a large variety of foods for bacon lovers, ranging from breakfast to dessert.

The focus is on farm-to-table foods, so expect local bacon to be represented by the more than 60

Penridge FISH launches annual Holiday Drive

The Penridge Chamber of Commerce along with its members is sponsoring the 20th annual Holiday Drive to benefit the Penridge FISH (Fellowship In Serving Humanity) organization.

Unwrapped new toys, wrapping material and new clothing accessories (mittens, gloves, scarves, hats, etc.) are being collected for distribution through FISH to families in the Penridge Area with infant through teenage children.

Collections take place Monday, Nov. 18, to Friday, Dec. 6, at the following locations:

A&T Chevrolet-Subaru, 801 Bethlehem Pike, Sellersville, Bolton Farm Market, Route 113, Silverdale. Bucks County Community College/Upper Co. Campus, 1 Hillendale Dr., Perkasie.

Bux-Mont Awards, 225 N. Main St., Sellersville. D. Kaucher & Associates, LLC, 391 W. Dublin Pike, Perkasie. Dr. Gallagher & Associates, 920 Lawn Ave., Sellersville. DRAPER DBS, Inc., 1803 N. Fifth St., Perkasie.

Family Dentistry, 1316 N. Fifth St., Perkasie. First Savings Bank of Perkasie, Market Street, Perkasie. First Savings Bank of Perkasie, Glenwood Branch, Perkasie. First Savings, 219 S. 9TH St., Perkasie.

First Savings/Dublin Branch, Route 313, Dublin. Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network, 4036 Bethlehem Pike (near Staples), Telford. Landis Supermarket, Perkasie Square Shopping Center, Perkasie. McCormick Brothers

Professional Dry Cleaning, 601 N. Main St., Sellersville

Mel Nacc Insurance Agency, Inc., 101 Diamond St., Sellersville. Miller Express Lube, 1260 Route 113, Blooming Glen. National Penn, 96 S. Main St., Sellersville. Penridge Chamber of Commerce, 538 W. Market St., Perkasie.

Penridge School District Transportation Office, 1506 N. Fifth St., Perkasie. QNB Bank, Dublin Village Shopping Center,

Route 313, Dublin. QNB Bank, Chestnut Street, Perkasie. R&S Keystone Diner, Inc. 4714 Bethlehem Pike, Telford.

RE/MAX 440 Realty, Inc., 701 W. Market St., Perkasie. Sellersville Borough, E. Church St., Sellersville. Sen. Charles McIlhinney, 22 S. Main St., Suite 220, Doylestown.

Univest/Perkasie Branch, 545 Constitution Ave. Perkasie. Univest/Silverdale Branch, 103 Baringer Ave (Rt.

152), Silverdale.

Waste Management is providing the collection boxes.

For questions about the Toy Drive, contact the Penridge Chamber at penridgecc@penridge.com or 215-257-5390.

The Perkasie Borough Office at 620 Chestnut St. will be collecting new hats and mittens for FISH. For children and adults beginning Nov. 11. Drop off those donation at the Borough office at 620 Chestnut St.

DelVal, Bucks farm groups hold food drive

Student leaders of the Delaware Valley College Collegiate Farm Bureau are holding a food drive from Nov. 1 - 14 on campus.

There will be six collection locations in the selected dormitories and academic buildings.

Kelsey Zook, Collegiate Farm Bureau Community Service chair, is coordinating the campuswide event and partnering with the Bucks County Farm Bureau.

This initiative is part of an effort by the Young Farmers Committee of Bucks County Farm Bureau to provide food to those in need through the Harvest for All - Feeding America program of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau.

"The need is growing. Today more than 1.3 million Pennsylvanians are living below the poverty level," said Don

Buckman, chair of the County Young Farmers Committee. "It's our goal to demonstrate farmers' commitment to making sure that all people, regardless of income, have access to fresh, wholesome food."

Young Farmer members across the state work throughout the year to secure donations of food and money for Pennsylvania Food Banks.

Food collected will be distributed to food banks in the state.

For more information contact Don Buckman, donbuckman81@yahoo.com, 267-718-0313.

Dining to Donate aids the homeless

Bucks County Housing Group is partnering with Applebee's to mark National Homelessness Awareness Month in November by helping the homeless.

Tuesday, Nov. 19, head over to Applebee's is sponsoring Dining to Donate at the five Applebee's in Bucks County and BCHG will receive 10 percent of the bill, prior to tax and tip.

Applebee's restaurants are located in Newtown,

Doylestown, Southampton, Bensalem and Quakertown.

Tickets are available on BCHG's web site: bchg.org and can be printed on any printer.

Diners may also contact 215-598-3566 x130 to have a ticket mailed to their homes. Diners must show ticket to participate and there is a specific ticket for each date.

More than 37,000 individuals, including children, struggle with

poverty in Bucks County. Fifteen percent of households with children are experiencing food hardship; one in eight families is having trouble feeding the children.

Call for Christmas market vendors

Additional vendors are needed for Christkindlmarkt, the holiday market, which takes place on Dec. 6, 7 and 8, at Eagle Fire House, Route 202, New Hope. Sponsored by St. Philip's Episcopal Church of New Hope, Christkindlmarkt offers high-quality handmade goods, baked goods and specialty foods, interesting gifts and sewn, knitted, quilted and woven items.

Vendors who would like to be part of this year's market should contact George Pollitt at 215-968-6225. St. Philip's uses the proceeds from Christkindlmarkt to "fight poverty around the corner and around the world."



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