



# LancasterHistory

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## County Founding Day to Celebrate the 296th Birthday of Lancaster County

*Celebration by LancasterHistory to Feature Flash Talks, "Cake Wars"-style Competition on May 8*

**LANCASTER, PA** — On May 10, 1729, Lancaster County was born. Since then, 10 generations of Lancastrians have lived, laughed, loved, and eaten shoofly pie in the Lancaster community.

**LancasterHistory** invites the public for its annual **County Founding Day** celebration on Thursday, May 8, and to lift a glass to everyone who has called Lancaster County home over the last 296 years. In addition to evening museum hours, the event will include special flash talks, access to exhibits, and kids activities.

Activities for County Founding Day will include:

- **Regional History Flash Talks:** 15-minute talks from local researchers on a variety of topics;
- **Pop-Up Exhibits:** Artifacts and documents will be on display in coordination with the flash talks;
- **Cake Wars:** Area bakers will craft odes to Lancaster County in dessert form. Attendees will get to taste at least one of their creations.;
- **Kids Activity Area:** Crafts and activities for children inside and outside if weather permits; and

- **Light Refreshments:** Enjoy light bites, a specialty cocktail by Jimmy Juice (locally brewed in Pequea) and non-alcoholic options.

[The Regional History Flash Talk schedule](#) is now available on LancasterHistory's website and features a list of topics ranging from Lancaster's connection to debates on evolution to curious colonial figures in American history.

County Founding Day will be held on **Thursday, May 8, 2025** from 5:30-8pm at LancasterHistory, 230 N. President Avenue, Lancaster. Tickets are \$20 for Non-LancasterHistory Members and \$15 for LancasterHistory Members aged 18 and older. Children 17 and under are free. (Children must be accompanied by a paying adult aged 18 or older.) Tickets are required so that space, cake, and activities can be guaranteed for all.

Tickets may be purchased [online](#) or by calling (717) 392-4633 to purchase over the phone. Ticket purchase includes access to the event, light bites and a specialty cocktail, cake, and access to a series of flash talks by local historians. (Individuals must be 21 years or older with a valid ID to consume alcoholic beverages.)

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## About LancasterHistory

*LancasterHistory is a community-based, not-for-profit organization established to educate the public on the history of Lancaster County and its place in the history of Pennsylvania and the United States, to advance the missions of regional historical organizations, and to promote the acquisition, preservation, and interpretation of resources representing the history of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania within the broader context of state and national history, including the homes of 15th US President James Buchanan and Congressman Thaddeus Stevens and Lydia Hamilton Smith.*

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