

Dear Valued Juniata County Business,



This year, America will celebrate its 250th Birthday. Because of Pennsylvania's vital role in the creation of this nation, each PA county is expected to throw a celebration for its communities. Juniata County has risen to this challenge. Our county commissioners appointed me as the Juniata County Advisor to the America250PA Commission, and I've assembled a great group of our community members to form a planning committee. So far, we have planted our county's Liberty Tree in October 2024 and unveiled our county's Liberty Bell in September 2025. We also visited Juniata Elementary School with America250PA's Keystone Classroom Initiative in April 2025 and hope to visit our other schools soon. These events are helping to build momentum for 2026.

Our county's once-in-a-generation celebration will be an all-day event on **Saturday June 13, 2026**, at the McAlisterville park and we hope that you will consider helping us bring our vision to life. We hope to encourage the creation of tangible engaging connections to the founding of America for the people in our communities; to foster their curiosity for our county's shared history; to elevate understanding of the constant and continuing journey to build upon this Great Experiment, and to celebrate the unique and special history of Juniata County.

To do this, we have a full day planned and hope to include colonial entertainment and education, a Declaration Station, great food, special presentations, music and reenacting, hands-on colonial demonstrations, art exhibition, family and children's activities, contests, and end the day with fireworks. We have received a \$5,000 grant from America250PA with a matching contribution from the Juniata River Valley Visitors Bureau. We are grateful for this award as it will help us cover a portion of our insurance, marketing, decoration, and prizes.

To cover the cost of making this celebration all it can be, we are humbly asking for your financial support. Just a few examples of our expected needs are:

- Fife & Drum corps quoted \$1,200
- Fireworks will be at least \$5,000
- Native American drum circle and dancers will be around \$3,500
- Blue Juniata programming by Tuscarora Records will be \$300
- Colonial Dance Demonstrations and Performances will be \$500
- Event insurance, signage, contest prizes, dumpster rental, advertising, etc.

Many people in our county fondly remember the 1976 Bicentennial and are anxious to relive those happy feelings, many through the eyes of their children or grandchildren. In this time of uncertainty and division, we are in need of a unifying celebration on the common ground of our shared history. One thing that has brought people together in the past, using both the power of nostalgia and love of history, are the other milestone commemorative events held in our various boroughs and communities over the years. They've all had healthy participation, produced fond memories, and fostered a sense of community pride.

We want our county residents and visitors to walk away from this event proud of their history, more educated on community roots and how far we've come, and with a heightened sense of unity. Will you help us bring this vision to life? We would be honored to partner with you and help promote your business both leading up to June 13 in our marketing and at the event using signage. **Your contribution is tax deductible** as our financial agent, the Juniata County Historical Society, is a non-profit 501(c)3 charitable organization. Acknowledgement receipts will be sent. You may request to designate your sponsorship to a certain planned activity, or to the

overall success of the event to be applied where needed. Together, we can make this day one for the history books! Thank you for your consideration. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions at 717-571-5859 or Jessica.r.guyer@gmail.com.

On behalf of the America250PA-Juniata County Planning Committee
Sincerely,



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Curator, Tuscarora Academy Museum
President, Juniata County Historical Society
County Advisor, America250PA

(Please detach and return with your tax deductible donation by April 1, 2026)

**Please make checks payable to Juniata County Historical Society.
On the Memo line add "America250PA-Juniata County."**

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If you have a designation request, please note it here: _____

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