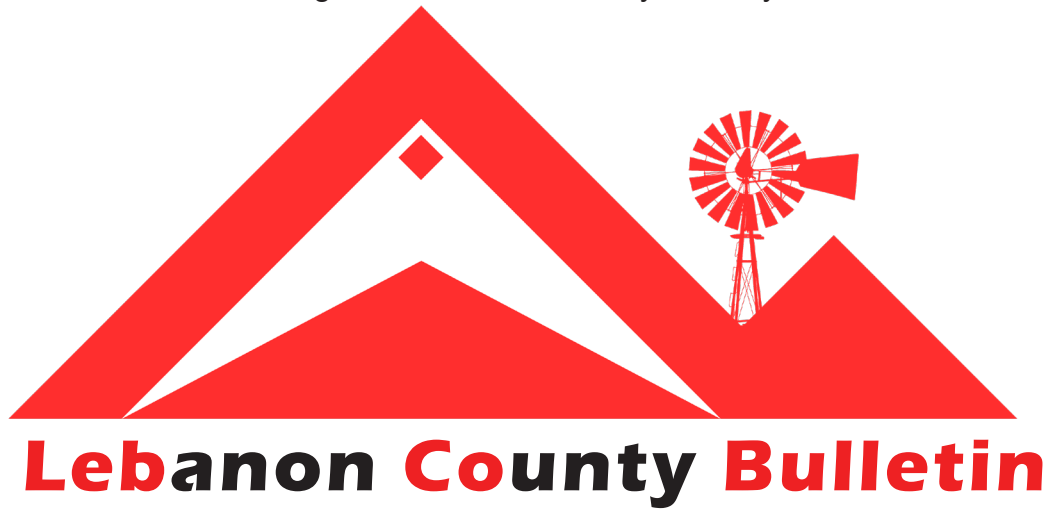
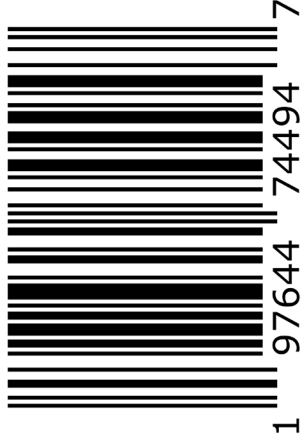


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As the final moments of 2023 ticked away, Central Pennsylvania prepared to usher in 2024 with an eclectic and vibrant array of New Year's Eve celebrations. From the whimsical to the historical, each town in the region added its unique flavor to the universal moment of welcoming the New Year. Let's explore the rich tapestry of festivities that beckoned residents and visitors alike. York City's Continental Square became a hub of excitement as the White Rose drop beckoned at midnight, coupled with a dazzling fireworks display. The evening's revelry kicked off at 9:30 p.m. with a spectacular lineup featuring RalphReal Productions, RalphReal and the Family Jam Band, DJ ConFusion, and DJEasyBol. Earlier in

the day, Keystone Kidspace catered to the little ones with a kid-centered celebration, including a ball drop, "ice" skating, and an "around the world" dance party. In Dillsburg, the midnight pickle drop was a quirky tradition that locals and visitors eagerly anticipated. The celebration began at 4 p.m. at Dillsburg Elementary School, with activities like pickle soup tasting, games for children, and a "baby pickle drop." The evening heated up with entertainment by Buckskin Whiskey and a range of food vendors, culminating in the iconic pickle drop and a fireworks display. Gettysburg introduced a vibrant twist to its New Year's Eve celebration, turning Lincoln Square into a colorful dance party before raising Abraham Lincoln's stovepipe

hat at midnight. Due to safety reasons regarding traditional pyrotechnics, this year's celebration focused on a visually stunning atmosphere created by Spirit Sound and Light, culminating in the ceremonial hat raise. First Night Hallam offered a blend of entertainment from 7 p.m. until midnight, featuring magicians, character drawings, local musicians, and more. The night was about family fun, with a replica of the Shoe House dropping at midnight and various activities centered around the fire company area. Harrisburg's celebration was marked by the drop of a giant strawberry. The night included fireworks, a DJ, and free cocoa, with a special Kid's Glow Party featuring a glow balloon drop and face painting. The

festive atmosphere extended to the city's dining scene with special offers at local restaurants. Hershey's ChocolateTown Square hosted the 19th annual event, ending with a Hershey's Kiss raise accompanied by a laser and pyrotechnic display. The event promised kid-friendly activities, live performances, and a community hour showcasing local talents, followed by a bubble wrap stomp and a dance party. Lebanon's annual bologna drop was a distinctive way to welcome the new year, with this year's bologna adorned with a disco ball. Music, glow sticks, and free beef jerky samples added to the festive spirit, with the bologna later

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