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Lehigh County Rolls Out the Red Carpet to Welcome Celebrities to Bicentennial *Seven of Lehigh County's most accomplished former residents to hold public sessions*

(Allentown) Emmy-winning television star, author and fashion designer Carson Kressley, a native of Lowhill Township and one of Lehigh County's Bicentennial Hall of Fame honorees has been added to a lineup of seven free public sessions to be given by Hall of Fame honorees at this Saturday's Bicentennial Community Celebration in the Agri-Plex Building at the Allentown Fairgrounds.

Twenty-four current and former residents of Lehigh County will be inducted into a first-ever Lehigh County Hall of Fame during a free public ceremony at 6:00 p.m. Twenty of the Hall of Famers or their family members will appear to accept their award. Throughout the day, seven of the Hall of Fame honorees will conduct free public sessions on the Coca Cola and Bicentennial Stages. They are:

- Emmy-winning television star, celebrity stylist, author and fashion designer Carson Kressley will host a session entitled "From Lowhill to Hollywood." Kressley will appear on the Coca-Cola Stage at 1:15 p.m.
- Dave Zinczenko will lead a session on nutrition and fitness based on his series *Eat This Not That*. <http://eatthis.menshealth.com/home>. Zinczenko will appear on the Coca-Cola Stage at 2:00 p.m.
- NFL football heavyweight Andre Reed will host a session on football and philanthropy, featuring his famous "Over the Middle" hot sauce. For every bottle sold, a donation is made to "Kids Escaping Drugs," a local Buffalo charity. <http://ked.makeeachangewny.org/>. Reed will appear on the Coca-Cola Stage at 2:45 p.m.
- Golf Channel personality Rich Lerner will share his life's experiences in a session entitled "From Dorneyville to Pebble Beach." Lerner will appear on the Coca-Cola Stage at 3:30 p.m.
- Former White House Correspondent Charles Bierbauer will host a session on the media and politics. Bierbauer will appear on the Bicentennial Stage on 12:30 p.m.
- WNBA Star and owner of Sheex luxury bedding, Michelle Marciniak, will host a session on entrepreneurship in business and sports. www.sheex.com. Marciniak will appear on the Bicentennial Stage at 1:15 p.m.
- John Grogan will read from and sign books from his popular *Marley and Me* series. <http://www.johngroganbooks.com/marley/index.html>. Grogan will appear on the Bicentennial Stage at 4:45 p.m.
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Kressley's addition to the public session schedule has caused some slight changes to the stage schedule. The new stage schedule is:

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Main Coca-Cola Stage

- 11:00 Parkland High School Jazz Ensemble
- 11:30 Opening Ceremony – Don Cunningham, Lehigh County Executive and the Bethlehem Rotary Morganares
- 12:30 Happy Boombardiers
- 1:15 Carson Kressley – “From Lowhill to Hollywood”
- 2:00 David Zinczenko – Nutrition and Fitness based on his series “Eat This Not That”
- 2:45 Andre Reed – Football and Philanthropy
- 3:30 Rich Lerner – Golf Stories - From Dorneyville to Pebble Beach
- 4:15 O’Grady Irish Step Dancers
- 5:00 William Allen High School Chorale Group
- 5:30 Name the Bison Contest – Winner Announced
- 6:00 Hall of Fame Ceremony

Bicentennial Stage

- 12:30 Charles Bierbauer – The Media and Politics
- 1:15 Michelle Marciniak – Entrepreneurship in Business and Sports
- 1:45 Dina Hall featuring Mike Fritz on guitar
- 2:30 Steve Brosky and Jimmy Meyer
- 3:15 Jake Kaligis
- 4:00 BC Combo
- 4:45 John Grogan - Author of Marley and Me/Columnist – Book Reading and Signing

Kids’ Stage

- 12:30 Dave Fry
- 1:30 Balloons the Clown
- 2:15 Yippee Puppet Show
- 3:00 Balloons the Clown
- 3:45 Excel Dance Company

“We are fortunate to have so many of our Hall of Fame honorees willing to conduct free public sessions,” said Lehigh County Executive and Bicentennial Committee Chair Don Cunningham. “This is going to be a great day for the community to celebrate the history and people of Lehigh County.”

The free Community Celebration begins at 11:00 a.m., with the official opening ceremony taking place on the Coca-Cola Stage at 11:30 a.m. The celebration will close with a fireworks display after the conclusion of the Hall of Fame Ceremony, which is expected to end at approximately 8:00 p.m.

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