Did you know...?

The John Brown House, also known as the Ritner Boarding House, was where the famous abolitionist boarded during the summer of 1859 under the alias of Isaac Smith. During this time, weapons were secretly secured and plans made for his raid on Harpers Ferry in October 1859. Following the raid, four of Brown’s followers returned to the house to be concealed. It is operated by the Franklin County Historical Society - Kittochtinny as a historic house museum and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

August Events

August 20 - Chamber Night at the Hagerstown Suns, 5:30-10 p.m., Municipal Stadium
August 22 - CrabFeast, 3-8 p.m., AMVETS Pavillion
August 29 - Franklin County Storytelling Festival, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Coyle Free Library
August 31 - Career Fair, Noon to 4 p.m., John Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church

For more events visit www.chambersburg.org/events.

Murals to be unveiled Sept. 4

The Downtown Chambersburg Inc. (DCI) Design Committee has been coordinating a mural project that will add color and creativity to the public spaces of downtown Chambersburg. Area artists of all ages and skill levels were encouraged to participate. More than 80 murals were turned in, the largest number yet since the annual project was initiated in 2013.

The murals will be unveiled during First Friday on September 4, then will be judged and awarded at AppleFest on October 17. Photos of the murals will be posted on DCI’s Facebook page later this month at www.facebook.com/DowntownChambersburgPA.

Special thanks to the mural project presenting sponsor, Corey L. Alleman, LMFT. Supply sponsors include Carter’s Lumber and John H. Myers & Sons.

Fall festivals in downtown Chambersburg

Fall is nearly here, and that means pumpkin flavored food, fresh apple cider, beautiful colors in the changing leaves, corn mazes and more. It also provides a great opportunity to attract residents and visitors to downtown Chambersburg through fun fall festivals. This year’s upcoming festivals include:

Oktoberfest - Saturday, October 3
Chambersburg’s 2nd Annual Oktoberfest will feature craft beer, hard cider, German food and music, as well as the John H. Harmon Memorial 5k Run/Walk and the 2015 Duck Derby. The race begins at 10 a.m. with Oktoberfest activities kicking-off at noon. The Duck Derby will be at 2:30 p.m., and the event wraps-up at 5 p.m. Tickets to Oktoberfest are $10 in advance and include a souvenir mug, or $15 at the door. Duck Derby tickets are $5 per duck or $25 for a quack pack of six ducks. To purchase tickets, visit the Heritage Center or call 717-264-7101.

AppleFest - Saturday, October 17
This annual festival features art, food and craft vendors, as well as music and kid’s activities all day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Attendance for the event is free. For information about AppleFest, visit www.facebook.com/ChambersburgAppleFest. To apply to be a craft or food vendor, email chambersburgevents@outlook.com.