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Top Chefs, Local Celebrities to Battle in ALL-STAR Cooking Combination During Gettysburg's Taste of the Town

Gettysburg, **Pa. –** Local celebrities and chefs will partner to craft inventive dishes using mystery ingredients during the Top Local Celebrity Chef Competition Battle of the ALL-STARS, held during the 17th Taste of the Town. The event is 2-5 p.m. on Sunday, April 8, at Liberty Mountain Resort in Carroll Valley.

Hosted by the Gettysburg Adams Chamber of Commerce and Cintas, Taste of the Town also features samples of food and drink from area restaurants, bakeries, businesses and wineries, in addition to live music.

The perennial favorite cooking combination will see the winning celebrities and chefs from each of the past four years going head-to-head in an action-packed celebration of the best culinary talent in the county.

Participating teams are:

- Chef Andrew Ernst, Wyndham Gettysburg, and "Mister Ed" Gotwalt, retired businessman, actor and speaker;
- Chef Jesse Reichert, Cross Keys Village The Brethren Home Community, and Gettysburg Times publisher Harry Hartman;
- Chef Juan Carlos Barbosa, Mamma Ventura Restaurant, and Vickie Corbett, United Way of Adams County; and
- Chef Charles Rousey, Liberty Mountain Resort, and Mark Clowney, County of Adams.

Based on the Food Network show "Chopped," teams will prepare three inventive dishes using secret ingredients. Past ingredient combinations have included an appetizer made with black licorice, chicken livers, swiss chard and sherry vinegar; an entree featuring strawberry toaster pastry, filet mignon, tomatoes and hen of the woods mushrooms; and a dessert with jicama, dark chocolate, corn chips and walnuts.

The event is live and timed. An expert panel will judge the entries based on appearance, taste and creativity in each round to determine the winning team. Attendees can purchase a \$1 chance to be a guest judge.

Rob Simon from Gettysburg Rocks will emcee the event.

Fewer than 100 tickets remain for the event. Tickets are \$30 for chamber members and \$35 general admission. Get tickets at tasteofgettysburg.org. Get event news at facebook.com/TasteofGettysburg.

About the Chamber: Chartered in 1919, the Gettysburg Adams Chamber of Commerce is Adams County's oldest and largest business organization. The chamber supports and strengthens its

members and the Adams County area by promoting diverse economic opportunities through advocacy, building relationships, providing timely information and developing leaders for the future. Nearly 530 local businesses and organizations have made an investment in Adams County through membership. For more information or to join the chamber, visit <u>www.gettysburg-chamber.org</u>.

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