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Roasted Prawns from Ad Lib Craft Kitchen & Bar. The restaurant, in the Harrisburg Hilton, will offer the “two can dine for \$40” special during Restaurant Week.

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Restaurant Week gives chance to try 18 eateries

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Harrisburg Restaurant Week promises to be bigger and better than ever this year.

Eighteen restaurants will participate in the two-week event, which will run Monday through Sept. 18 and Sept. 21-25 for dinner only, giving you plenty of time to take advantage of special menus.

Restaurant week is designed to introduce diners to the vast array of restaurants in the city and to showcase chef's culinary creations.

The best part is the price is right. This year, the establishments will be offering one of two options, either a three-course meal priced at \$30 or a “two dine for the price of \$40.”

The “two for \$40” option will include a shared appetizer and dessert along with two entrees. (Rubicon and Ad Lib Craft Kitchen & Bar at the Harrisburg Hilton are among those restaurants with “two for \$40” menus.)

As an added bonus, parking will be free in the River Street Garage from 5-9 p.m. during the two-week event, Monday through Friday.

For more information, harrisburgrestaurantweek.com.

Ad Lib Craft Kitchen & Bar

11 N. Second St.

» Two dine for \$40.

» **Appetizers:** Margarita flatbread, Anthony's Meatballs or tempura pickle spears with warm cashew butter.

» **Entrees:** Prime 6-ounce flat iron steak, Vincenko salmon or duck confit.

» **Dessert:** New York-style cheesecake, Nutella mousse or chocolate decadence.

Carley's Ristorante & Piano Bar

204 Locust St.

» Three courses for \$30.

» **Appetizers:** Traditional Caesar salad,

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Kevin Hart adds four shows to lineup, including Hershey

After a sold-out performance in Philadelphia, Kevin Hart can't get enough of Pennsylvania.

Hart announced four new show dates on his “What Now?” tour, including one in Hershey.

The “What Now?” tour will stop Jan. 1 at the Giant Center in Hershey. Tickets go on sale at noon Friday on HersheyEntertainment.com and cost \$128.35, \$82.35 and \$62.35.

Also added to the tour is a Dec. 29 show at the PPL Center in Allentown, a Dec. 30 show at Mohegan Sun Arena in Wilkes-Barre and a Dec. 31 performance at Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City.

This won't be the first time the “What Now?” tour has stopped in the midstate. On March 29, Hart performed at the Bryce Jordan Center in State College. “The comedian's dramatic flair has a way of turning even the simplest story into one that's not only relatable but worthy of laughter,” PennLive reporter Jewel Wicker wrote in her review of that show.

Hart's show adds to an already heavy comedy lineup for Hershey Entertainment over the next few months. Jerry Seinfeld will perform two shows in November, and Dave Chappelle has three shows in October at Hershey Theatre — two of which are sold out.

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Fall into nature

Camping season heats up as weather cools down

From staff reports

As the last rays of summer sun start to fade, you might think the end of the season also means the end of camping. But don't shove your tent and sleeping bag to the back of the garage just yet. Fall is an excellent time to get out and explore the wilds of Pennsylvania. Temperatures are cooler and more comfortable, fewer insects make hikes more pleasurable, and there are fewer people in the campgrounds as kids return to school and families return to routines.

During this time of year, many places offer reduced camping rates, as well, because fall can be considered off-season. As crowds dwindle, this also creates more opportunities for wildlife sightings.

One of the most compelling reasons to spend time outdoors is to witness the exceptional colors of the changing leaves. The midstate's peak foliage season is usually about the middle of October, and lingers into November.

During the cooler months of autumn, you will need several different camping supplies that aren't called for in the dog days of summer, the most important of which include ways to stay warm. As temperatures dip into the 40s and 50s at night, make sure you're prepared.

Before you go

Before picking where to camp, decide what you want to do while you're there. Do you want to hike? Are you a skilled outdoorsman or do you prefer toilets that flush? Do you want to bring your dog along? Research the parks and campsites in your area to determine which fit your needs.

Be very aware of the weather, but don't let the challenges of fall deter you from a great trip. Wilderness.org suggests looking at forecasts ahead

of time for the specific park or campground where you will be staying. Depending on where you go, be prepared for the chance of snow, rain or other severe weather.

Also, check to see if you need to make a reservation, especially if you want to rent a cabin. You're not the only one who wants to see the leaves change.

Layer it on

Fall is known for temperature fluctuations, so pack and dress in layers of breathable, water-resistant clothing. Bring layers to put on in the evenings and overnight when it gets cooler.

If you're backpacking, be aware that extra clothes add additional weight. Some essential items to bring include thermal underwear, sweaters, sleeping cap, gloves, extra shoes, thick socks and a winter jacket (even if the weather is predicted to be warm). These items are easily removed during the day when it's warmer.

Sleep tight (and warm)

In the summer, light sleeping bags and even sheets work at night, but as temperatures dip, you will want

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On the past, present and future of Theatre Harrisburg

Executive directors discuss passing the reins at the start of theater's 90th season

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Sam Kuba was marking down the time until he was officially retired on a piece of paper pinned to his office wall in the Krevsky Production Center.

It was an August morning when we talked to the former Theatre Harrisburg executive director.

In the office across the hall, his successor, Brett Bernardini, was taping giant, orange sticky notes to his wall, filled with things that need to be done around the theater. He called it



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his “parking lot.”

For a month the two worked together, Kuba assisting Bernardini with making connections and answering questions, while trying to respect the fact that he is no longer in charge.

Kuba served as the executive director of the 90-year-old community theater for

a combined 14 years, announcing his retirement earlier this year. Bernardini moved to Harrisburg from Connecticut to assume the role of executive and artistic director in August.

We spoke with both men about the past, present and future of the theater as Kuba's departure, as well as the theater's 90th season, approaches.

Kuba on his time as executive director at Theatre Harrisburg:

“I stayed for about six years and kind of got burned out. I was here from 1996 until 2002 and that was during the transition time between leaving here and going to the Whita-

ker Center. Then, I went to work for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. It was really good, but it just wasn't what I wanted to do. So, in 2007, the [executive director] left [Theatre Harrisburg], and they were looking around, and I said, ‘I don't know if it's a good idea to go back or not.’ But I did, and I knew what I was getting into. My plan really was to come back and to be able to retire from here, and that's exactly what I've been able to do. I had five years to reflect on it and say, ‘Oh, here [are] some mistakes that I made. If I were to go back I'd do

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