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National Watch & Clock Museum Celebrates America's 250th Anniversary

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Columbia, Lancaster County – The National Watch & Clock Museum is very pleased to announce that it will be open on Saturday, July 4 to celebrate the 250th anniversary of America's independence.

In honor of this special anniversary, the Museum has published a booklet titled *We the Timekeeping People of the National Watch & Clock Museum* that highlights 27 uniquely American timepieces in the collection. Each object is briefly described and a photo is included—but only a part of the object is shown. Guests will need to use their scavenger-hunting skills to find each clock or watch as they tour the museum!

The booklet is free with museum admission. Plan your visit at museum.nawcc.org/visit. Admission is free for members of the National Association of Watch & Clock Collectors. As a proud member of the Blue Star Museums program, the museum provides free admission from Armed Forces Day through Labor Day each year for active military personnel and their families, including the National Guard and Reserve.

The museum houses approximately 13,000 timepieces, many of which are the most culturally and historically valuable examples of their type in the world. Recently updated and expanded displays include the Public Time gallery, the Hamilton and Bulova exhibits, and the history of wristwatches exhibit. The museum is run by the National Association of Watch & Clock Collectors (NAWCC), a nonprofit member organization dedicated to preserving and promoting the art and science of timekeeping.

The museum is located at 514 Poplar St., Columbia, and is open to the public on Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, visit museum.nawcc.org or call 717-684-8261.

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