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Gettysburg to recreate Lincoln's 1863 visit



The Lincoln statue in front of the Wills House on the square in Gettysburg will be one of the stops when the streets close for live theatrical re-creation Nov. 18-19. PAUL KUEHNEL/YORK DAILY RECORD

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A "once-in-a-lifetime experience" is set to unfold on the historic stage of downtown Gettysburg during a live re-creation of Lincoln at Gettysburg, closing the streets of the historic town within a battlefield Nov. 18-19. Organizers held an event to announce the 250th anniversary event March 12 on the square at the Hotel Gettysburg.

The event will begin with Lincoln arriving by steam train at the ornate Lincoln Railroad Station and parade south

through the square, past the Wills House where Lincoln was a guest on the same dates in 1863. The procession will end at the National Cemetery where Lincoln gave the Gettysburg Address following the Battle of Gettysburg.

Dressed in a classic park service uniform, Christopher Gwinn, chief of interpretation and education for the Gettysburg National Military Park, referred to the massive event as a "once-in-a-lifetime experience."

"It's not often that events like America 250 captivate the interest of the nation as a whole, and we have never made an attempt to recreate that event from

beginning to end," Gwinn said.

"You're going to hear the same music that Lincoln heard, you're going to see individuals representing historic figures from the past and you're going to hear the same speeches," Gwinn said of the massive procession that will close the streets of Gettysburg.

"A moment of (historic) transportation, they're going to go back to that moment in time which is not something you can do every day in Gettysburg"

For more information and a complete schedule, visit lincolnatgettysburg.org

Ex-mayor jailed on child sex crime charges

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A week of intense speculation into the legal issues that led to the abrupt resignation of the newly elected Gettysburg Borough mayor came to an end on Friday afternoon, March 13, during a press conference held by police and prosecutors.

Chad-Alan Carr, 48, of Gettysburg Borough, was charged in Straban Township with two felony counts of having a photograph or film on a computer depicting a child sex act, and one misdemeanor count of corruption of a minor, Adams County District Attorney Brian Sinnett said during the Friday, March 13, 2026, press conference.

During his preliminary arraignment on Friday morning, Carr was confined in Adams county Prison after he was unable to post \$100,000 monetary bail, court documents show.

Carr's attorney, John Albert Abom, declined to comment Friday afternoon.

"Noteworthy, I think, to a lot of folks in our community," said Sinnett, "is that Chad-Alan Carr recently resigned as the mayor of Gettysburg."

Carr, who began his term as the mayor of Gettysburg in January of 2026, submitted his resignation to the municipality on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, Gettysburg officials previously confirmed. The council then voted unanimously to accept the resignation of Carr on March 9, 2026.

A prior statement from Gettysburg Borough expressed that the legal matters facing Carr were "personal in nature and are not related to the operations of the municipal government."

Charges focus on 2011 to 2013 allegations

According to Sinnett and the criminal complaint filed against Carr, the allegations focus on inappropriate online interactions between Carr and a 16-year-old boy between 2011 and 2013.

"What we've alleged is that, through a certain period of time between 2011 and 2013, Chad-Alan Carr solicited inappropriate material from

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Family sues South Western schools over alleged student assault

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The family of a South Western High School student is suing the district, alleging school officials failed to protect their son from an assault.

According to a legal filing, an alleged

attack on the student in April 2025 resulted in a variety of injuries, including a liver laceration.

South Western Assistant Superintendent Rob Freil, who will replace outgoing Superintendent Jay Burkhart effective April 1, declined to comment on the lawsuit.

In court filings, the student's father

alleged that he reported an alleged threat to curb stomp his son to the high school principal. One day later, the family said the student who made the threat body alarmed their son in a bathroom.

The family's lawsuit alleges that

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