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BE A HOST and showcase your business, service and more...

## CHAMBER EVENTS

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**29- Business Leaders Discussion Group** - Sponsored by **PaySmart Payroll Services**, 650 Wilson Ln, Ste. 100, Mechanicsburg. 7:45 - 9:00 am. Members only event.

RSVP to [info@mechanicsburgchamber.org](mailto:info@mechanicsburgchamber.org)

For a full calendar of chamber and member events, visit [www.mechanicsburgchamber.org/events](http://www.mechanicsburgchamber.org/events)

## Thank You For Renewing Your Membership!

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15th Annual



REGIONAL  
FIESTA MIXER

THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025  
4:30 - 6:30 PM

V O L V O

Volvo Construction Equipment  
Customer Center  
200 Rowe Road, Shippensburg

RSVP:

<https://bit.ly/3EUGaDD>



Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce presents:

# After-Hours Mixer

FREE  
EVENT!

**Tuesday, May 20**  
**4:00 - 6:00 p.m.**

FREE  
EVENT!

**Penn Harris Hotel**  
1150 Camp Hill Bypass  
Camp Hill, PA 17011



Join us for a Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce After-Hours Mixer at the Penn Harris Hotel. Come see and check out the newly restored hotel featuring its new restaurant - Mercato Mio - and freshly opened pool and patio area.



Music will be provided by the Noah Spangler Quartet (as seen/heard at Jubilee Day).

We invite you to come network with other businesses and get to know fellow professionals in the area. The Mixer is FREE.

RSVP to [info@mechanicsburgchamber.org](mailto:info@mechanicsburgchamber.org) or call 717-796-0811.

Enjoy an evening of networking, refreshments and a chance to win a prize!

RSVPing is easy, simply email [info@mechanicsburgchamber.org](mailto:info@mechanicsburgchamber.org), RSVP online, or call 717-796-0811

**Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce presents:**

# **Business Leaders Discussion Group**

**Thursday, May 29**

**7:45 - 9:00 am**

**Sponsored by  
PaySmart Payroll Services  
650 Wilson Ln, Suite 100  
Mechanicsburg**



RSVP to [info@mechanicsburgchamber.org](mailto:info@mechanicsburgchamber.org) or call 717-796-0811.  
This members-only event is **free** to attend!

**Bring your questions and business topics and hear what others have to say!**

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## **Seeking HOSTS for 2025 EVENTS**

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**BE A HOST** and showcase your business, service and more...

For more information - on **HOSTING AN EVENT**  
contact the Chamber office at 717-796-0811 or email - [info@mechanicsburgchamber.org](mailto:info@mechanicsburgchamber.org).





# Jubilee Day

## Save the Date

On June 19, Jubilee Day returns to the streets of downtown Mechanicsburg. This year marks the 95th Annual edition!

Don't miss your chance to be exposed to nearly 70,000 attendees from across the midstate.

Booth space is available at a discounted rate for Chamber members.

Contact the chamber for an application. 717-796-0811 or [info@mechanicsburgchamber.org](mailto:info@mechanicsburgchamber.org)



Governor Josh Shapiro has [proclaimed May 4-10, 2025, as Pennsylvania Small Business Week](#), aligning with the U.S. Small Business Administration's National Small Business Week.

For more than 60 years, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has celebrated [National Small Business Week](#), which acknowledges the critical contributions of America's entrepreneurs and small business owners.

National Small Business Week is when SBA officially recognizes their hard work, ingenuity, and dedication, including their contributions to the economy. This year's activities include in-person events and an educational virtual summit on a variety of business topics.





## Voter Registration Deadline May 5

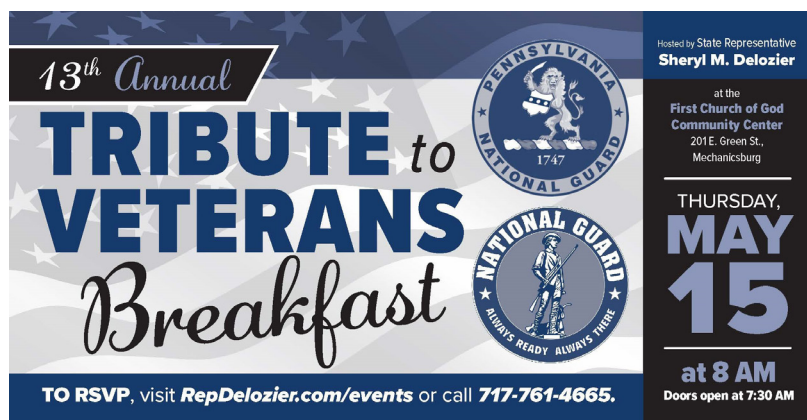
Pennsylvanians who are not already registered to vote but wish to participate in the May 20 municipal primary election should be sure to register no later than Monday, May 5.

To be eligible to vote in the primary, you must be a citizen of the United States for at least one month before the election; a resident of the election district in which you register to vote for at least 30 days before the primary; and at least 18 years of age on or before the date of the primary.

Under state law, only voters registered as Republicans or Democrats may vote for candidates in the primary election.

Citizens may [register to vote online here](#) or visit your [county voter registration office](#). Not sure of your registration status? [Check it here](#).

Voters who prefer to vote by mail-in or absentee ballot have until May 13 to apply for the ballot and until 8 p.m. on May 20 to return it. [For more information, click here](#).



The 88th District's veterans, active-duty military personnel and their families are invited to my 13th annual Tribute to Veterans Breakfast on Thursday, May 15, at 8 a.m. at the Mechanicsburg First Church of God Community Center, located at 201 E. Green St. in Mechanicsburg. At this free program and breakfast, we will pay tribute to the service of local veterans.

This year, our theme is "Celebrating Our National Guard." Rep. Joe Kerwin (R-125), a Pennsylvania Army National Guard captain who deployed for 11 months as commander of Task Force Paxton, 2nd Battalion, 112th Infantry in support of Operation Enduring Freedom-Horn of Africa, will be our guest speaker.

I am looking forward to expressing our gratitude and reflecting on the extraordinary service, sacrifice

# JAZZ ME BAND

KIRK WISE UPCOMING  
SOLO, DUO & BAND  
PUBLIC DATES

Fri. 5/9 – Hemauer Brewing, Mechanicsburg  
...Kirk solo 6-9

Sat. 5/10 – Captain Bob's Steamed Crabs,  
Railroad/ Shrewsbury...Kirk solo 6-8

Thurs. 5/15 – VibraLife, Mechanicsburg  
...Kirk solo 2-3

Fri. 5/16 – Jimmy Jaxx Shine Shack,  
Dillsburg...Kirk & Beth 7-10

Sat. 5/17 – Williams Grove Chili Cook Off  
...Kirk solo 8-Noon +

Sat 5/17 – Totem Pole Wine Farm/Ranch,  
Carlisle...Kirk solo 6:30-8:30

Sun. 5/18 – Captain Bob's Steamed Crabs,  
Railroad/ Shrewsbury...Kirk solo 1-3

Wed. 5/21 – Masonic Homes Tavern,  
Elizabethtown...Kirk & Dave Duo 5-7

Fri. 5/23 – Captain Bob's Steamed Crabs,  
Railroad/ Shrewsbury...Kirk solo 6-8

For complete up-to-date  
schedule, information,  
and photos go to  
[www.jazzmeband.com](http://www.jazzmeband.com)

**Bookings:** call Kirk at 717-979-0341 or  
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Please RSVP to 717-761-4665 or visit  
[RepDelozier.com/Events](http://RepDelozier.com/Events).



## Get Ready for REAL ID

The deadline for enforcement of the federal REAL ID Act is less than a month away.

As of May 7, federal law will require you to present a federally accepted form of identification to board a commercial domestic flight or visit a secure federal building that requires ID at the door. Federally accepted forms of identification include a Pennsylvania REAL ID driver's license or ID card, a U.S. passport or passport card, or a military ID.

While all Pennsylvanians must comply with the new law, obtaining a state-issued REAL ID is not mandatory. PennDOT will continue to offer standard-issue driver's licenses and photo IDs for those residents who do not want or need one. If you're not sure, [PennDOT is offering the REAL ID online wizard to help you decide](#).

In light of growing reports of long lines and limited hours at the state's driver license centers, House Republican leaders have called on the Shapiro administration to expand evening and weekend hours to ensure those who choose to obtain a REAL ID are served more efficiently. PennDOT is currently offering a series of dedicated REAL ID Days on Mondays at many driver license facilities. [Check the schedule here](#).

To learn more about REAL ID and how to obtain one, visit [penndot.gov/REALID](http://penndot.gov/REALID).



# Aspire to Rise Scholarship

The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC) wants to help fuel your academic future, even if it has an unconventional timeline. The Aspire to Rise Scholarship provides financial assistance for non-traditional students who have experienced adversity in their lives but are looking to overcome those struggles through further education. The opportunity also supports students who plan to register or are scheduled to take the GED.

Rise at any time!  
[www.tfec.org](http://www.tfec.org)



If you are 22 or older and ready to pursue further education despite life's challenges, the Aspire to Rise Scholarship from The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC) can help.

This TFEC scholarship supports those who have experienced setbacks such as caregiving responsibilities, financial hardship or other obstacles that delayed attending college, trade school or completing a GED.

"We want individuals to know that it's never too late to continue your education," said Wendy Ellenberger, program officer for educational opportunities at TFEC. "Whether you need to earn your GED, start a trade program or enroll in a four-year degree, this scholarship can help open doors you never thought possible."

## Why Apply for the Aspire to Rise Scholarship

The Aspire to Rise Scholarship offers flexible pathways by supporting various educational goals, from preparing for a GED to attending two-year or four-year degree programs. Awards vary and can help cover tuition or other essential expenses, allowing recipients to focus on their coursework. Schedules are flexible to accommodate students attending part-time or full-time so they can balance school with work or family commitments.

Extra consideration is given to those who have not completed a post-secondary degree, creating second chances for individuals ready to pursue new opportunities.

## Who Should Apply



The scholarship supports nontraditional students who are 22 or older and have faced circumstances such as homelessness, substance abuse recovery, health issues, criminal justice involvement or military service. Applicants must live in Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lebanon or Perry counties or in Dillsburg (York County), giving them access to local colleges, trade schools and certificate programs. It also covers related expenses for GED seekers who are preparing or planning to take the exam.

### How to Apply

Visit [tfec.org/scholarships/aspiretorise](https://tfec.org/scholarships/aspiretorise) to review the criteria, gather the required documents and complete the application.

Submit your application, essay and supplemental files by Wednesday, December 31.

“We are excited to offer this scholarship to individuals who haven’t had an easy road,” said Caitlin Cluck, director of community investment at TFEC. “We believe everyone deserves the chance to invest in their future and positively impact our community.”

TFEC manages 195 scholarship funds and, in 2024 alone, awarded more than \$2 million to nearly 500 students, making higher education more attainable for aspiring learners in south central Pennsylvania. With opportunities spanning a wide range of academic paths, TFEC offers support for diverse interests and backgrounds. To explore all available scholarships, visit [tfec.org/scholarships](https://tfec.org/scholarships).

Would you like to support the TFEC Aspire to Rise Scholarship Fund? You can donate directly to this fund, helping it grow and continue providing essential educational resources to students in our community. Visit [tfec.org](https://tfec.org) to contribute or email [info@tfec.org](mailto:info@tfec.org) with any questions.



## Recovery-Friendly Workplace Survey



Penn State's Center for Economic and Community Development is surveying Pennsylvania businesses and organizations about their needs for a recovery-friendly workplace training initiative.

**Please click [HERE](#) or scan the QR code to participate!**



All participants will receive a **\$10 Amazon gift card** as a token of appreciation for their time.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at [cecd@psu.edu](mailto:cecd@psu.edu). Thank you!

The Center for Economic and Community Development at Penn State is conducting a survey to assess the needs and interests of businesses and organizations across Pennsylvania regarding a recovery-friendly workplace training initiative.

The survey gathers information on:

- Workforce needs
- Understanding of substance use disorder
- Current workplace practices in supporting recovery
- Interest in recovery-friendly workplace training

Responses will inform the development of a training initiative tailored to the needs of Pennsylvania employers. Survey responses will be anonymous. All participants will receive a \$10 Amazon gift card as a token of appreciation for their time.

If you are interested, please complete the survey at the link below. Also attached is a QR code to the survey.

[https://pennstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_5vB0M2dO1nmJWlw](https://pennstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5vB0M2dO1nmJWlw)

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at [cecd@psu.edu](mailto:cecd@psu.edu). Thank you!

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## **EV, hybrid vehicle owners now have to pay a 'road-user' charge in Pa.**

By [Amy Worden](#) - [aworden@pennlive.com](mailto:aworden@pennlive.com)

If you plug in you now have to pay up to drive in Pennsylvania.

Under a law that takes effect for registrations expiring on May 1, electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles will have to [pay a fee](#) each year to help with road maintenance.

Legislation signed by Gov. Josh Shapiro last year is aimed at “leveling the roadway” for drivers who use state highways since gas-powered vehicle drivers already pay a gas tax every time they fill up their vehicles at gas stations.

The annual fee is set at \$200 for 2025 for full electric vehicles and \$50 for plug-in hybrids. In 2026 that amount jumps to \$250 for EVs and \$63 for hybrids. After that, the annual fee would be reset based on the prior year’s consumer price index.

The fee is assessed with the annual vehicle registration. Starting in July 2026, motorists will have the option to pay the EV fee in monthly installments.

If the fee is not paid the registration will not be considered valid for law enforcement purposes.

At least 36 other states already have EV fees in place.

The fee is expected to generate \$16 million in 2025, which would be deposited in the state’s Motor License Fund that helps pay for construction, maintenance, repair and safety improvements on highways and bridges.

Roughly 65,000 electric vehicles are registered in Pennsylvania.

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# **Derby Night of Giving**

**SUNDAY, MAY 4  
4-7 PM**

**The Barn at Creek's Bend  
29 S. Middlesex Road  
Carlisle, PA 17015**

**For the  
Health  
of a  
Child**



**Silent  
Auction**



**Delicious Food  
& Drinks**



**Derby Hat  
Contest**



**Cocktail  
Attire**



**Evening Emcee:  
Alicia Richards, WHTM-abc27 Anchor**



**Tickets: \$100 Per Person  
Sponsorships Available**



**SCAN HERE**

**All proceeds benefit  
children's medical &  
dental services at  
Sadler Health Center.**



## GFWC (General Federation of Women's Clubs) Mechanicsburg

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 7:00 PM at Buhrig's Gathering Place, 25 East Main Street, Mechanicsburg. The program will be a speaker will be Carol Forbes, from Tree 4 Hope. Tree 4 Hope is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization committed to providing a bright future of long-term hope for children, elders, and their families in Guatemala.

May 20th, election day we will be having a bake sale at the Monroe Township Building. Stop by and see us!

Would you like to know more about how we serve the community while helping Veterans, libraries and schools? Come for a visit to find out.

For more information, contact Sue at 717.243.9872 visit our website at <http://gfwcmecch.tripod.com/>



# FRIDAY FOOD TRUCKS AT FIRST

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May 16: Summer Reading Kick off with Simpson Library  
July 18: Inside Family Friendly movie  
September 19: Fun and Fit Fair with Sadler Health



**135 W. Simpson St.,  
Mechanicsburg**  
717-766-4611  
[fumchurch.com](http://fumchurch.com)



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# TIRE COLLECTION

May 16, 2025

## Keep Cumberland County Beautiful!

Recycle your old tires at our Tire Collection Event!

**May 16** Friday.....9am-3pm

**Cumberland County E-Recycling Center**

1001 Claremont Road, Carlisle



### Registration:

[www.signupgenius.com/go/70A044DA9AF23A7FE3-2023#/](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A044DA9AF23A7FE3-2023#/)

### Sponsors:

Cumberland County Recycling & Waste

Cumberland County Vector Control

Keep Cumberland County Beautiful

### Collection fee: 15¢ per pound

- Limit of 50 tires per customer
- Payments: cash or card (2.3% card fee) No checks
- By appointment only (preregistration required)
- Cumberland County residents only
- ID required

### Acceptable Items:

- Lawn & Garden Tires
- Car & Truck Tires
- Tractor Trailer Tires
- Agricultural Tires
- Racing Tires
- Tires on Rims
- Tubes

### Unacceptable Items:

- Shredded Tires
- Tire Pieces
- Tires filled with mud/debris

### More Information:

[cumberlandcountypa.gov/5084/Tire-Collection-Events](http://cumberlandcountypa.gov/5084/Tire-Collection-Events)







# RACE TO SHARE THE GOSPEL AROUND THE WORLD

2025 proceeds support The Tide ministry work in Cameroon!



Race Registration

## Event Options

- 5K Race
- 1-Mile Fun Run/Walk

Registered racers receive

- Race t-shirt
- Race sticker

Top three 5K finishers in each category receive a medal!

## Event Details

Saturday, May 17th  
9 AM to 1 PM

Norlo Park  
Pavilion 1 and 2  
Fayetteville, PA

FREE  
Family Fun Day  
for everyone!

Open to the public!

## Additional Fun

- Prizes
- Games
- Activities
- Inflatable
- Give Aways
- Picnic Lunch
- Sponsor Booths

See reverse side for Sponsorship  
and Virtual Challenge information.

**Chamber Chatter** is published on-line every Thursday.

We encourage member businesses to send us information on sales, promotions, news and events. It is a great way to promote your business or organization.

*Chamber Chatter* advertisements will remain for up to 4 weeks, or as space permits.

If you have something to share, please submit it by Wednesday at noon to  
[info@mechanicsburgchamber.org](mailto:info@mechanicsburgchamber.org).

**\*\*Chamber Chatter advertising is a FREE member benefit.\*\***



**THE FOUNDATION  
FOR ENHANCING  
COMMUNITIES**

## Emergent Needs Grant

**In response to the recent federal funding freezes and disruptions, TFEC has seen and heard the needs of local nonprofits and is releasing an RFP for general operating expenses to ensure the continuation of essential community programming.**

- Up to \$15,000 in grant support to help nonprofits sustain vital community programs.
- Rolling application process for flexible, timely funding
- Trust-based philanthropy ensures a streamlined process and empowers nonprofits to use grants where they are needed most.
- Focus on south central Pennsylvania, serving Cumberland, Lebanon, Perry and York Counties.
- Up to \$250,000 in total available grant funds.

**Visit [tfec.org](https://tfec.org) to learn more**

Nonprofits in south central Pennsylvania work tirelessly to address urgent community needs—from food insecurity to healthcare. When these organizations face sudden federal funding disruptions and uncertainty, vital services can suffer.

To help continue their essential work, The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC) announces its Emergent Needs grant, offering eligible nonprofits up to \$15,000 in support for programs that serve residents across the region.


“When unpredictable shifts in the funding occur, nonprofits often struggle to meet rising community needs,” said Caitlin Cluck, director of community investment at TFEC. “This grant program assists in bridging those gaps by providing critical financial support so organizations can maintain vital services for individuals and families who rely on them—even when funding support is uncertain.”

By embracing a trust-based philanthropic approach, TFEC aims to bolster nonprofits’ ability to address urgent community needs without the constraints of burdensome processes. By providing flexible, timely support, TFEC ensures that funds—dispersed on a rolling basis over the next three

months—can be used where they are needed most. This targeted effort helps safeguard social services and improve quality of life in Cumberland, Dauphin, Lebanon, Perry and York Counties.


“The Emergent Needs Grant is a reflection of our mission to protect and uplift the nonprofits that strengthen our communities,” said Jennifer Doyle, president and CEO at TFEC. “We want local organizations to know that when circumstances become uncertain, TFEC is here to help them stay resilient and impactful.”

Eligible nonprofits can find details on how to apply at [www.tfec.org](http://www.tfec.org), where information on deadlines, application guidelines, and FAQs is readily available. Community members or potential partners seeking more information are encouraged to email TFEC’s Community Investment Team at [ccluck@tfec.org](mailto:ccluck@tfec.org).



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Please join us for the annual  
**Persimmon Awards Luncheon**  
as we honor the diverse achievements of  
women in Cumberland County.

May 29, 2025  
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM  
*Army Heritage and Education Center*

**2025 Persimmon Honorees**

<b>Colleen Friend</b> Carlisle Area School District Superintendent	<b>Sonya Browne</b> Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland and Perry Counties Executive Director	<b>YWCA George Award</b> <b>Jacqueline L. Powell</b> Alliance Financial Certified Financial Planner™
<b>Ashley Knight</b> Carlisle Area School District Teacher	<b>Jamie DiMartile</b> Carlisle Police Department Corporal	

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Cumberland Area  
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# LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT SEMINAR



**June 12, 2025**



**10 AM - 12 PM**

**Register Here**

Join CAEDC to learn more about the Local Share Account programs and discuss best practices to engage stakeholders.



**West Shore Theatre  
317 Bridge St  
New Cumberland, PA 17070**

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# Mechanicsburg Lions Club

## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual "We Serve" Golf Tournament



July 11, 2025 @



The Mechanicsburg Lions Club will host the 5th annual "We Serve" charity Golf Tournament on Friday, July 11, 2025 at Mayapple Golf Club in Carlisle. 8am shot gun start with lunch to follow at Fiddler's Bar & Grill at the golf course.

We hope you will join us again this year and help us support our many charitable organizations.

**[Click here for registration forms](#)**

Limited to the first 108 golfers that sign up and pay. We look forward to seeing you on the course. Thank you for your continued support.

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## **MID PENN BANK LAUNCHES MPB CLASSROOM, FINANCIAL LITERACY PROGRAM**

Mid Penn Bank is pleased to announce the official launch of MPB Classroom, a comprehensive financial literacy education initiative designed to educate and empower students, families and community members across the Bank's service area. The formal announcement aligns with Financial Literacy Month and reinforces the Bank's commitment to supporting long-term financial wellness through education.

"The importance of financial literacy education cannot be overstated," Mid Penn Bank President and CEO Rory Ritrievi said. "We are excited to bring the MPB Classroom program to all of the communities we serve throughout Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Educating all people, particularly those from underrepresented communities, on how to manage, save and invest money is a responsibility that we take seriously at Mid Penn Bank."

MPB Classroom has been gradually introduced over the past several months and is now fully operational across the Bank's footprint. The program provides free, unlimited access to state-aligned financial education through a combination of in-person presentations, digital tools, and customized resources. The program is already active in schools, libraries, shelters and nonprofit organizations throughout Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Lessons are tailored to all age levels and cover topics such as budgeting, saving, credit, retirement planning and more. The program also features personalized, co-branded online financial wellness centers that serve as educational hubs for partner organizations.

To lead this growing effort, the Bank has hired a full-time community educator dedicated to facilitating lessons, supporting local educators and nonprofit leaders, and building partnerships that bring financial knowledge directly to where it is needed most.

The initiative arrives as demand for financial literacy grows across the country, with 25 states implementing new graduation requirements tied to financial education, including Pennsylvania, in 2026. MPB Classroom helps schools meet these standards while also serving adult learners who wish to build stronger financial foundations. For more financial literacy resources, visit [midpennbank.com/resources](https://midpennbank.com/resources).



## **Forbes Selects Todd Harrington, Managing Partner at Trout CPA, as a 2025 Top 1000 Best-In-State CPA**

Regional accounting and advisory firm Trout CPA is pleased to announce that Todd L. Harrington, CPA, CVA, CGMA, Managing Partner at Trout CPA, has been named to the Forbes Top 1000 2025 Best-In-State CPAs list. This prestigious award honors the top one thousand professionals across all 50 states in public accounting, selected from a pool of independently nominated candidates and recognized by various CPA associations.

The final list represents the finest CPAs currently in public practice and is based on a weighted evaluation of key criteria such as expertise, innovation, thought leadership, experience, and outstanding service to both the community and the profession. Todd's recognition as part of this distinguished group of one thousand nationwide and 32 professionals in Pennsylvania reflects his unwavering dedication, strong leadership, and deep commitment to his field and organization.

Todd Harrington has been a vital member of Trout CPA since he graduated from Messiah College in 1996. As Managing Partner, Todd oversees the firm's overall operations and plays a strategic leadership role on the Executive Committee. He also contributes his expertise to Trout CPA's industry groups, serving a diverse client base that includes construction companies, manufacturers, service firms, and real estate entities. With certifications as a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and Certified Valuation Analyst (CVA), Todd's leadership and client service have been instrumental in our firm's growth and direction.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Todd is dedicated to serving the Lancaster community through various volunteer and leadership roles. He currently serves on several boards and finance committees, including those of Water Street Ministries, EDC of Lancaster County, and the Lancaster General Health Foundation. A longtime resident of Lancaster County, Todd is also an active member of Lancaster Evangelical Free Church. Todd's continued commitment to both his profession and his community reflects the values recognized by Forbes' Best-In-State CPAs list.

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For more information about Trout CPA, please call 717-569-2900 or visit [www.troutcpa.com](http://www.troutcpa.com).



## **Join Cumberland County in Celebrating America250!**

This year, Cumberland County proudly kicked off its 275th anniversary, and we're already gearing up for another milestone—the 250th anniversary of the United States in 2026! To ensure a memorable celebration, Cumberland County has formed an America250PA Committee with representatives from various organizations, including local historical societies, chambers of commerce, non-profits, school districts, higher education institutions, the Cumberland Valley Visitors Bureau, and Cumberland Area Economic Development Corporation.

We invite your business to join the excitement and contribute to making America250 truly special in Cumberland County! Here are the ways you can assist.

- Explore and share the microsite [VisitCumberlandValley.com/America-250](http://VisitCumberlandValley.com/America-250).
- Plan an America250PA-themed event and submit it for free to our online calendar.
- Take an active role and join one of our sub-committees:
  - Programming & Events
  - Marketing & PR
  - Education
- Consider sponsoring an America250PA-themed event.

If you'd like to participate or learn more, please contact Stacy Snyder at [smsnyder@cumberlandcountypa.gov](mailto:smsnyder@cumberlandcountypa.gov).