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 - After Hours Mixer
- Business Leaders Discussion Group

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June

19 - Jubilee Day, downtown Mechanicsburg. 10:00 am - 9:00pm.

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

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Jubilee Day

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 mid-state.

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

Contact the chamber for an application. 717-796-0811 or info@mechanicsburgchamber.org

VOLUNTEERS are needed and welcomed!

It takes a 'small army' of dedicated individuals to make this highly anticipated community event happen.

Can you lend an hour or 2 or 12?

Numerous shifts are available - set-up, break-down, mid-day, day before, whenever you are available.

Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce presents:

Business Leaders Discussion Group

Thursday, June 26

7:45 - 9:00 am

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



RSVP to 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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Handheld Devices Ban Takes Effect June 5

A new Pennsylvania law banning the use of handheld devices while driving takes effect on June 5.

Paul Miller's Law limits the use of handheld cellphones or other communication devices while operating a motor vehicle. The law is named for a young man who was killed in a crash involving a distracted tractor-trailer driver in Monroe County, Pennsylvania, in 2010.

Under the law, driving while holding a mobile device is a primary violation, meaning police can pull over drivers solely for the violation. For the first 12 months, the penalty is a written warning. Effective in June 2026, the penalty is a summary offense, which carries a \$50 fine, plus court costs and other fees. If a driver is convicted of homicide by vehicle and driving while distracted, they may be sentenced up to an additional five years in prison.

Drivers can still use their phones if using hands-free technology, such as a docking station, Bluetooth or speaker technology. You may also use your phone to contact emergency responders.

According to PennDOT, more than 11,000 crashes were the result of distracted driving, leading to 65 deaths and 6,700 injuries in 2023. Pennsylvania joins 28 other states with hands-free laws.

[Read more here.](#)



New Sextortion Scam Blackmails Children

A disturbing new scam involves organized groups of Nigerian cybercriminals targeting American children online. After befriending them – sometimes even posing as their classmates – and exchanging nude photos, the criminals blackmail them and demand money.

Organized Nigerian criminals have increased this practice, known as sextortion, by 1,000% in the last 18 months. It can cause unthinkable consequences, including suicide, after a child is told the images will be sent to their family, friends and everyone in their school if they don't pay.

The [National Center for Missing and Exploited Children](#) offers a helpful tool to anyone facing this overwhelming scenario. [Take It Down](#) is a free service that allows a child to have a "hash value" –

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PUBLIC DATES

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

Sat. 5/31 – Mt. Airy Orchards Strawberry
Festival, Dillsburg ... Band 9:30-12:30

Sun. 6/1 – Sage Lane Cottage Spring Market,
Dillsburg...Kirk solo 1-3

Wed. 6/4 – Mercato Mio Restaurant at the
Penn Harris Hotel, Camp Hill
...Kirk solo 6-8:30

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

Sat 6/7 – Reid's Wine & Cider Tasting Room,
Gettysburg...Kirk Duo 2-5

Sun. 6/8 – Wolf Brewing Brunch,
Mechanicsburg...Kirk solo 11-2

Wed. 6/11 – Transitions of America
Luncheon, Mechanicsburg
...Kirk solo 10-Noon

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essentially a digital fingerprint – assigned to the photo being used against them. The “hash value” is then sent out to participating sites such as Instagram, Snapchat and even pornography sites that put a block on the image so it cannot be seen, shared or spread, rendering it useless for the blackmailer. A child never has to upload the photo to the service, nor does anyone ever view the image in the process.

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A 30-minute, immersive simulation of what it's like to live with dementia. Join us to gain a greater awareness and understanding of the constant struggles affecting persons with dementia as they go about their daily lives.

June 4th, 2025

30 minute time slots
from 9am to 1:30pm

at Silver Spring Personal Care Home

125 State Rd. Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- Specialized Sensory Gear
- Facilitated Group Discussion
- Practical Take-Home Tools



Tickets only \$10! Click [here](#) to book your spot.



Silver Spring
PERSONAL CARE HOME



This program is made possible through the Emerging Philanthropist Program Endowment fund, a fund of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities.



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ANNUAL SUMMER TOURISM MEETING

JUNE 5, 2025 FROM 1-4 PM

Join the Cumberland Valley Visitors Bureau for an afternoon of networking and learning. Hear how Cumberland County can collaborate with the PA Tourism Office, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, and America 250 on their initiatives. Refreshments will be provided.



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GFWC (General Federation of Women's Clubs) Mechanicsburg

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 6:30 PM at Buhrig's Gathering Place, 25 East Main Street, Mechanicsburg. The speaker will be Connie Connolly a club member. The meeting will be a pot luck dinner. Please bring a dish to share and your place setting.

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://gfwcmech.tripod.com/>

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We're thrilled to announce that The Bridges at Bent Creek has earned *U.S. News & World Report* honors this year, distinguished as a Best Assisted Living community and high-performance accolades for caregiving, activities and enrichment, feels like home, and food and dining.

Now in its fourth year, *U.S. News and World Report* evaluated over 3,800 communities and recognized top-performers based on over 450,000 consumer satisfaction surveys. The feedback, gathered directly from current residents and their families, evaluated satisfaction with safety, quality of care, management and staff effectiveness, services and amenities, and overall value. This year, *U.S. News* not only recognized the top communities with Best of Awards but also added high-performance accolades to communities for outstanding performance in key areas.

Our community's *U.S. News & World Report* recognition underscores our commitment to providing quality care, making us a valuable partner in serving your clients.

We invite you to connect with us today.

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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.



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317 Bridge St
New Cumberland, PA 17070**

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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.
- 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.

SBA Relief Still Available to Pennsylvania Small Businesses and Private Nonprofits Affected by Drought and Heat

Deadline to apply for economic injury loans approaching

The [U.S. Small Business Administration \(SBA\)](#) is reminding small businesses and private nonprofit (PNP) organizations in Pennsylvania of the June 16 deadline to apply for low interest federal disaster loans to offset economic losses caused by drought and heat occurring June 18-Aug. 6, 2024.

The disaster declaration covers the Pennsylvania counties of Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Perry and York.

Under this declaration, SBA's [Economic Injury Disaster Loan \(EIDL\)](#) program is available to small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, nurseries, and PNPs with financial losses directly related to the disaster. The SBA is unable to provide disaster loans to agricultural producers, farmers, or ranchers, except for small aquaculture enterprises.

EIDLs are available for working capital needs caused by the disaster and are available even if the small business or PNP did not suffer any physical damage. The loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable, and other bills not paid due to the disaster.

"Through a declaration by the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, SBA provides critical financial assistance to help communities recover," said Chris Stallings, associate administrator of the Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience at the SBA. "We're pleased to offer loans to small businesses and private nonprofits impacted by these disasters."

The loan amount can be up to \$2 million with interest rates as low as 4% for small businesses and 3.25% for PNPs, with terms up to 30 years. Interest does not accrue, and payments are not due until 12 months from the date of the first loan disbursement. The SBA sets loan amounts and terms based on each applicant's financial condition.

To apply online visit sba.gov/disaster. Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more information on SBA disaster assistance. For people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services.

The deadline to return economic injury applications is **June 16, 2025**.

About the U.S. Small Business Administration

The U.S. Small Business Administration helps power the American dream of business ownership. As the only go-to resource and voice for small businesses backed by the strength of the federal government, the SBA empowers entrepreneurs and small business owners with the resources and support they need to start, grow or expand their businesses, or recover from a declared disaster. It delivers services through an extensive network of SBA field offices and partnerships with public and private organizations. To learn more, visit www.sba.gov.



THE FOUNDATION FOR ENHANCING COMMUNITIES

The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC) has launched a public request for proposals (RFP) to identify a consultant to guide the organization's next strategic plan. This initiative will help TFEC shape its priorities and expand its impact across Central Pennsylvania over the next three to five years.

In 2024, TFEC awarded over 2,000 grants totaling nearly \$9.2 million and welcomed 20 new charitable funds, bringing the total to over 1,000. The organization also raised more than \$14 million to support a wide range of causes, including education, health care, community development and the arts.

As TFEC prepares for its next chapter, the strategic plan will serve as a roadmap for strengthening relationships, improving services and advancing equity throughout its five-county service region.

Consultants interested in this opportunity can find more details and submission instructions at tfec.org/request-for-proposal. TFEC requests any interested parties signal their intent to apply by Thursday, June 5. Proposals are due by Friday, June 20, 2025.



We wanted to inform you of a significant legislative development that could impact your tax planning and financial strategy.

On May 22, 2025, the House passed the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act," aimed at restoring and expanding several provisions from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) of 2017. This proposed legislation aligns with President Trump's economic priorities and is positioned as a significant step toward extending tax relief for families, workers, and small businesses.

Some of the most notable tax provisions included in the bill passed by the House:

For Business Owners

Permanent Extension & Enhancement of Section 199A Deduction

The qualified business income deduction becomes permanent. The deduction rate increases from 20% to 23%.

100% Bonus Depreciation & Enhanced Section 179 Limits for fixed assets

100% bonus depreciation for property placed in service after January 19, 2025, and before January 1, 2029. No bonus depreciation for property placed in service after 2030.

A new elective 100% bonus depreciation for newly constructed and certain existing non-residential real estate used for manufacturing tangible personal property, agricultural production, chemical production, or refining.

Section 179 expensing increases to \$2.5 million, with phase-outs beginning at \$4 million for property placed in service after December 31, 2024.

Interest Expense Limitation

For tax years beginning in 2025 through 2029, the interest expense limitation is expanded to include 30% of income before depreciation and amortization.

Research and Development Expenses

Domestic research and development expenditures may be expensed instead of amortized over five years for tax years beginning after December 31, 2024, and before January 1, 2030.

Pass-Through Entity Taxes

The bill would deny partnerships and S Corporations the ability to deduct certain state taxes that are taxed at the entity level. Instead, these items are separately stated and subject to the state and local tax itemized deduction limit.

Excess Business Losses

Excess business losses limitation (currently \$616k for MFJ) is permanently extended. The current law allows an excess business loss to become a net operating loss in the subsequent. The proposed bill would require excess business losses to be carried forward and be subject to future year excess business loss limitations.

Opportunity Zones

Extend the deadline for making an opportunity zone investment to December 31, 2028, and a new category of rural opportunity zones with more favorable rules.

Employee Retention Credit

Denial of ERC refunds filed after January 31, 2024, regardless of whether ERC claims were timely and valid under existing law.

For Individual Taxpayers

Lower Tax Rates Made Permanent

The Tax Cut and Jobs Act lower seven-tier tax rates and brackets (10%, 12%, 22%, 24%, 32%, 35%, 37%) are permanently extended.

Expanded AMT Relief

The individual Alternative Minimum Tax exemption and associated thresholds are permanently extended.

Standard Deduction Increase

The current “nearly doubled” standard deduction becomes permanent. For tax years 2025–2028, it's further enhanced by \$1,000 (single), \$1,500 (HOH), and \$2,000 (MFJ).

Itemized Deductions

The Pease limitation on itemized deductions is replaced with a cap on itemized deductions offsetting income taxed at a top rate of 32%.

Increase the State and Local Tax limit from \$10,000 to \$40,000. The limit decreases for modified gross income that exceeds \$500k.

Expanded Child Tax Credit

The \$2,000 Child Tax Credit is made permanent, indexed, and increased temporarily to \$2,500 for 2025–2028.

Tax Relief on Tips & Overtime Pay

A new above-the-line tax deduction for voluntary tips and overtime pay for W-2 and certain 1099 earners through 2028. Tips are still subject to social security, Medicare taxes, and reporting on employees' W-2s.

Other Tax Cuts and Jobs Acts made permanent:

- Home mortgage interest deduction is limited to mortgages not exceeding \$750k.
- Personal casualty loss deductions only for federally declared disasters.
- Repeal of miscellaneous itemized deductions.
- Repeal of moving expenses except for certain Armed Force members.

Estate & Gift Tax

The estate and gift tax exemption is made permanent, set at \$15 million per individual (\$30 million per couple) for 2026, with future inflation indexing.

What This Means for You

While this bill is still in the proposal phase and will undergo further legislative review, it signals a strong intention from Congress to extend and expand pro-growth tax policies. We are closely monitoring its progress and will keep you informed about how these changes might affect your tax situation, estate planning, or business structure.

At Trout CPA, we are committed to providing proactive advice to help you adapt to evolving tax legislation. If you have questions about how this proposed bill might impact you or your business, please don't hesitate to reach out to your Trout CPA advisor.

[Read More About the \\$4 Trillion Tax Bill](#)

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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. 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

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at cecd@psu.edu. Thank you!

UPMC

LIFE CHANGING MEDICINE

UPMC Children's Expands Emergency Transport Services with First-of-Its-Kind ICU on Wheels

[UPMC Children's in Harrisburg](#) has expanded its critical care transport services to include pediatric ground and air capabilities, building on decades of neonatal transport that began in 1979. The hospital now offers full-service transport for both ground and air, focusing solely on neonatal and pediatric patients.

This latest expansion of the UPMC NICU transport team to include pediatric ICU patients has led to the region's first dedicated NICU/PICU transport, focused exclusively on transporting critically ill pediatric and neonatal patients. The team has transported over 130 children this year alone and unlike other services in the region, this team does not transport adults, highlighting its sole commitment to children's care.



"Pediatric and neonatal patients have different care needs compared to adult patients," said [Rebecca Smith, M.D.](#), pediatric intensivist at UPMC Children's in Harrisburg. "The transport ambulance is specifically designed and dedicated to our youngest patients and is equipped with all the necessary medical resources to begin treatment at the bedside and during the transfer. As a result of the care they receive from this team, patients often arrive at the hospital in better condition than they were in before transfer. Skilled pediatric and neonatal experts on the transport team take over the care of these patients guided by our Harrisburg NICU and PICU physicians before they are transferred to the pediatric and neonatal units, creating a higher level of care outside of the Harrisburg campus."

Co-managed by Dr. Smith (PICU) and [Carey Welsh, M.D.](#), neonatologist at UPMC Harrisburg (NICU), the UPMC Harrisburg PICU/NICU transport team consists of six registered nurses and one clinician who work in a 24-hour rotation. All team members have backgrounds in either NICU or PICU and have received extensive training in respiratory modalities at [UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh](#).

"Quick access to a critically ill child is the top priority for the transport team," said Dr. Welsh. "Rapid access to specialized care can significantly improve a child's chances of survival and recovery. Unlike regular ambulances, our service delivers the entire NICU and PICU directly to the patient, ensuring that critical care is available immediately upon arrival and during the transfer. In short, we are a pediatric/neonatal ICU on wheels."



The ambulance is equipped with a transport isolette for infants and ventilators, infusion pumps and other specialized equipment for children. When air transport is necessary, the team coordinates with the STAT MedEvac team to ensure safe and efficient transport.

The UPMC Pinnacle Foundation donated the ambulance to the team and assisted in outfitting the isolette, which is a clear plastic enclosed crib designed to create a controlled and stable environment for newborns, particularly for premature or critically ill infants.

“We are incredibly thankful to the UPMC Pinnacle Foundation for their dedication to the health and well-being of our community,” said Dr. Welsh. “Their generous donation of an ambulance and their invaluable support in securing the outfitting of the isolette allow us to provide the highest level of

care for infants and their families. This incubator is a vital addition, creating a controlled and stable environment for our most vulnerable newborns, particularly those who are premature or ill.”

UPMC Children’s in Harrisburg offers 72 beds dedicated to infants, children, adolescents and teens, providing acute and critical inpatient pediatric care. UPMC brings nationally ranked care from UPMC Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh to families in central Pennsylvania, with direct access to its specialists when needed. To learn more about UPMC Children’s in Harrisburg, visit UPMC.com/CentralPaPediatrics

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