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Seeking HOSTS for 2026 EVENTS

- Business Women's Networking Luncheon
 - After Hours Mixer
- Business Leaders Discussion Group

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

For a full calendar of chamber and member events, visit www.mechanicsburgchamber.org/events

CHAMBER EVENTS

Watch for Weekly Updates!!

January

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

February

2 - Ribbon Cutting & Networking- Visaggio's Ristorante, 6990 Wertzville Rd, Enola. 1:30 pm

16 - Office closed for Presidents Day' holiday

RSVP to info@mechanicsburgchamber.org

Thank You For Renewing Your Membership!

**Cornerstone Chiropractic
Family Promise of Harrisburg Capital Region
Katsu's Dojo 3D
Penn Waste**

Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce presents:

Business Leaders Discussion Group

Thursday, January 29

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!

You're Invited...



Please join the Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce
as we welcome a new member with a Ribbon Cutting.

Check out the name you've known, but with new owners and a
menu that brings the flavors of South Italy to the heart of PA.

**Monday, February 2nd
Visaggio's Ristorante
6990 Wertzville Road
Enola 17025**

Ribbon Cutting at – 1:30 pm

Did you miss the Chamber Annual Dinner & General Membership Meeting?

A special thank you to
Penn Harris Hotel, Trademark Collection by Wyndham
for hosting our annual event. The facility, food, and service
were outstanding.



We were pleased to present our 2025 Charity of Choice - Highmark Caring Place with a check for \$1,475.06, a product of efforts from the Chamber Golf Outing held in September. The Highmark Healthcare Company will match the donation dollar for dollar, so it will go twice as far.

We were honored to have the Washingtonburg Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution present our nation's colors. A wonderful way to kick off our observation of the America250 celebrations to take place throughout 2026.



The evening culminated with an enlightening presentation from Kris Hoellen, Executive Director of the B&O Railroad Museum. Not only did Kris educate everyone on the history of the B&O Railroad, but also highlighted how the railroad continues to shape today's economy and society. American Railroading celebrates its 200th anniversary in 2027 and the B&O Railroad Museum is leading the recognition.



A BIG
THANK YOU
TO OUR SPONSORS!





To expand the reach of our state services, my district office will set up at local senior centers to assist attendees with state-related issues. My office can facilitate Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program applications and check for unclaimed property.

My first of two District Office on the Go events will be held on Thursday, Feb. 26, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the West Shore Senior Center, 122 Geary Ave. in New Cumberland. The second will be held on Thursday, March 5, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Mechanicsburg Place Senior Center, 97 W. Portland St. in Mechanicsburg.

Questions about these events should be directed to 717-761-4665.

**DISTRICT OFFICE
ON THE GO!**

THURSDAY, FEB. 26 | **THURSDAY, MARCH 5**
10 a.m. to 1 P.M. | **10 A.M. TO 1 P.M.**
West Shore Senior Center | Mechanicsburg Place Senior Center
122 Geary Avenue in New Cumberland | 97 W. Portland St. in Mechanicsburg

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PSP Youth Camp Accepting Applications

The Pennsylvania State Police (PSP), in collaboration with the Pennsylvania National Guard and the Pennsylvania American Legion, is now accepting applications for its annual youth camp. The Elmer Hafer–American Legion–State Police–National Guard Youth Camp will take place June 7–13, at Messiah University in Mechanicsburg.

The six-day program is for teenagers ages 15 to 17 who are interested in exploring careers in Pennsylvania law enforcement or the military. Cadets will take part in a wide range of hands-on learning experiences and physical fitness training designed to build their understanding of law enforcement as well as their confidence, teamwork, and leadership abilities.

The camp is staffed by members of the PSP, the Pennsylvania Army National Guard, and the American Legion. At the conclusion of the program, three cadets will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

Candidates should be physically fit, in good health, and maintain a strong academic record. Cadets are sponsored by local American Legion posts, so there is no cost to participate.

More information is available at pa-legion.com, where applicants can access the online application.

Looking for Summer Work?

PennDOT is looking to hire college students to supplement its permanent workforce from May through August.

The job typically entails seasonal maintenance work, crash system input and analysis, and maintenance and custodial services at roadside rest facilities. Many students also perform laboring and flagging duties in maintenance organizations and at highway worksites.

To be eligible for consideration, candidates must be a Pennsylvania resident or currently enrolled full time or part time in a two-year degree, bachelor's degree or advanced degree program at a Pennsylvania college or university. They also must be in good academic standing (as defined by a GPA of 2.0 or higher), and at least 18 years of age.

The hourly rate is \$17.38. [Interested applicants apply online here.](#) [Non-student summer positions may also be available.](#)



America250PA Scholarships Available

To mark our nation's 250th anniversary, [America250PA](#) is offering \$250,000 in Semiquincentennial Scholarships to Pennsylvania high school seniors who plan to continue their education at a state college or university.

A total of 25 scholarships, each valued at \$10,000, will be awarded

for the 2026-27 academic year. The program is a great opportunity for students to receive support as they pursue higher education in Pennsylvania.

Students and families can find more information and application details [here](#).

Deadline Approaching for PennDOT “Innovations Challenge”

How can artificial intelligence (AI) improve work zone safety? That's the latest Pennsylvania Department of Transportation “Innovations Challenge” for high school students.

Students are asked to develop a concept for the use of AI in work zones to dramatically improve safety for work crews and motorists. The concept should take into consideration cost-benefit information, statewide deployment implications and public outreach.



Regional winners will be invited to present their solutions to a panel of judges, who will determine the statewide winners. Teams must submit entries by Jan. 30 for a chance at a prize. Rules and submission information can be found [here](#).

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.

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

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JAZZ ME BAND

KIRK WISE UPCOMING SOLO, DUO & BAND PUBLIC DATES

Thur. 1/22 – Cashtown Inn & Restaurant. Orrtanna ...Kirk solo 5-7:30

Sat. 1/24 – Rotunda Brewing/Restaurant, Annville... Kirk & Beth Duo 6-9

Sun. 1/25 – Freedom Biker Church, West Fairview...Service @ 10:30

Sat. 1/31 – Reid's Wine & Cider House, Gettysburg...Kirk & Beth Duo 6-9

Fri. 2/6 – Wolf Brewing, Mechanicsburg...Kirk & Beth Duo/Trio...6-8:30

Sun. 2/8 – Christian Fellowship Church, Carlisle ...Service @ 10:30

For complete up-to-date
schedule, information,
and photos go to
www.jazzmeband.com

Bookings: call Kirk at
717-979-0341 or
E-mail wisemotors@aol.com

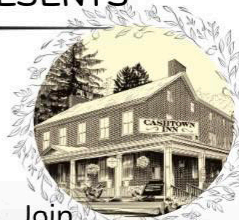
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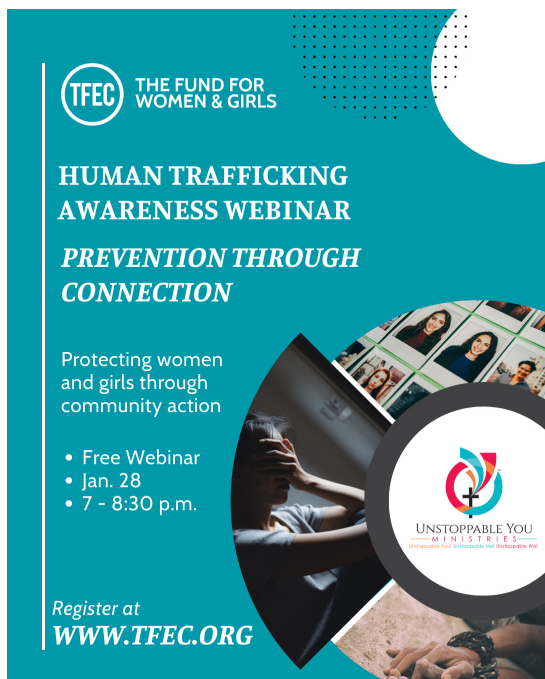
Kirk Wise, Eclectic Acoustic Musician

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- **Thursday, January 22nd 5pm-8pm**
- **\$45.00 Per Person (Inclusive)**
- **Package Includes a
3 Course Dinner & Music**
- **Reservations are Required**
- **Limited Seating**
- **BYOB**

To reserve a table, seating time,
and for more information,
call 717.334.9722



TFEC's Fund for Women & Girls and Unstoppable You Ministries to Co-Host Free Webinar Focused on Preventing Human Trafficking in South Central PA

Community members looking to better understand how to prevent human trafficking and strengthen safety in their communities are invited to attend a free virtual webinar on Wednesday, Jan. 28, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Hosted by TFEC's Fund for Women & Girls in partnership with Unstoppable You Ministries, the conversation will focus on practical, prevention focused approaches that move beyond awareness and toward connection.

The webinar, titled *Prevention Through Connection*, will bring together survivors with lived experience, advocates, law enforcement and community partners from across South

Central Pennsylvania to explore how stronger relationships, supportive spaces and coordinated community networks can reduce vulnerability and help prevent exploitation before it begins. The event is supported by WellSpan Health and Highmark Wholecare.

"Human trafficking thrives in isolation," said Jennifer Doyle, president and CEO of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities. "TFEC is investing in education like this because prevention starts when people feel seen, supported and connected. By strengthening community awareness and relationships, we can reduce vulnerability, support survivors and help ensure exploitation cannot take root in our region."

That commitment to prevention through education and connection is shared by Unstoppable You Ministries, which works directly with individuals and communities impacted by trafficking.

"Prevention starts long before exploitation occurs," said Jennifer Foxworthy, founder and CEO of Unstoppable You Ministries, "By strengthening connections and understanding risk factors, communities can play a critical role in reducing vulnerability and supporting those who may be at risk."

Human Trafficking Is a Global and Local Issue

Human trafficking is a widespread and often hidden crime. The [International Labor Organization](#) estimates that on any given day, 27.6 million people worldwide were experiencing forced labor and or commercial sexual exploitation. While trafficking is a global issue, it also happens locally and often goes unrecognized.

According to the Office of Trafficking in Persons within the U.S. Administration for Children & Families, human trafficking does not require movement. People can be recruited and trafficked within their own communities and even within their own homes. Traffickers often hold positions of trust, including family members, friends, romantic partners, employers or job recruiters.

The Jan. 28 webinar aligns with the national 2026 Human Trafficking Prevention Month theme, which emphasizes prevention through connection. The conversation will focus on listening to and checking in on isolated individuals, creating safe and supportive spaces, strengthening community

networks and building futures where exploitation cannot take root.

The event is offered at no cost through the support of TFEC's Fund for Women & Girls and event sponsors WellSpan Health and Highmark Wholecare.

"Unstoppable You Ministries believes collaboration over competition will be the only way we can make a difference in the fight against this horrible nightmare," said Foxworthy, "We must all come together."

Help Is Available

If you or someone you know may be experiencing human trafficking, help is available. For immediate assistance, call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888. The hotline is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, in more than 200 languages. All calls are confidential and answered live by trained anti trafficking advocates.

Registration is required. To learn more or register, visit <https://www.tfec.org/event/human-trafficking-awareness-2026-webinar/>.



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Where dollars made in Mechanicsburg stay in Mechanicsburg

Downtown Mechanicsburg Partnership is excited to introduce Mechanicsburg Money, a new initiative designed to keep local spending local and drive customers directly to our downtown businesses!

This program runs from 11/29/2025-2/28/2026.

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Questions? Email us at capitalcampaign@MFD29.com

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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!

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717-264-7288**



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Special thanks to the community for their past support - donating 20,000+ pairs of new and gently worn shoes since 2022 and to Cubes Moving & Storage of Chambersburg for the use of a Cube to store incoming shoes.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A FREE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION SEMINAR

Separation Issues



Hosted by

PA CAREERLINK® Cumberland County

Location

PA CareerLink® Cumberland County

40 Noble BLVD #12

Carlisle, PA 17013

Thursday, March 5, 2026

Program Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Registration

Register through www.pacareerlink.pa.gov or by

Email: robortiz@pa.gov using

"UC Seminar" in the subject line

by *February 27, 2026*.

Please contact the PA CareerLink® Cumberland County
at 717-243-4431 / TTY: 717-243-3236 **if you require a
disability accommodation.**

Topics

Many employers and claimants have difficulty understanding the process UC uses to determine an employee's eligibility for benefits after voluntarily leaving or being discharged from a job. This presentation explains how the service center discovers the person quit or was discharged, the fact-finding process, burden of proof, the factors that are considered when making a determination, and appeal rights.

Our seminar will explain the process the UC Service Center follows when investigating and issuing determinations relating to quits and discharges, including:

- What are the steps taken in the fact-finding process?
- How is a ruling issued without fact-finding information from a party?
- What factors determine if a separation is a quit or a discharge?
- What determines burden of proof?
- How are certain exceptions under the federal Trade Readjustment Act factored into determinations?
- What additional steps are available if there is a disagreement with the determination?

Questions & Answers

Our skilled professionals will be available to answer your questions and help you to better understand everything about the UC program.

For more information on all aspects of unemployment compensation, go online at **www.uc.pa.gov** and click on "Employer Services."

Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

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CAEDC's America250PA Cumberland County Sponsorship Program

To support product development, event creation, and promotion efforts for America250PA Cumberland County, CAEDC will consider sponsorship requests of \$500-\$3,000 for activities happening in Cumberland County prior to December 1, 2026.

Sponsorship requests will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis. Emphasis will be placed on projects and activities that attract visitors. Please allow three weeks for review after submitting your sponsorship request. Deadline to submit an application is February 2, 2026.

All America250PA Cumberland County sponsorship requests must be submitted through this form.

[See full Sponsorship Guidelines.](#)

**CLICK HERE FOR
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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.