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CHAMBER EVENTS

Watch for Weekly Updates!!

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

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

Thank You For Renewing Your Membership!

**Jeremy Freeland
Harmony at West Shore
Ray Hunt**



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

Visaggio's



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 122 Geary Avenue in New Cumberland		Mechanicsburg Place Senior Center 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.

Blood Donation Saves Lives

Did you know that every two seconds in America, someone urgently needs blood? January is National Blood Donor Month, an opportunity to both honor voluntary blood donors and encourage new donors to help save lives. [National Blood Donor Month was first designated by proclamation of President Richard Nixon on Dec. 31, 1969.](#)

The start of the new year is one of the most challenging times to collect blood products as the threat of winter weather builds and can often lead to widespread blood drive cancellations. In addition to winter weather, an active cold and flu season may prevent people from keeping donation appointments as they rest and recover from illness.

Only 3% of Americans currently donate blood. [Learn more about blood donation and where to donate here.](#)



PA Department of Revenue Job Openings



Are you good with numbers? The Pennsylvania Department of Revenue [lists openings](#) for full-time, part-time, temporary and student positions.

The department receives and collects all of the commonwealth's General Fund tax revenue. In addition, it annually processes more than 10 million business and individual tax reports and payments.

[Positions include](#) accountants, tax examiners, research analysts, clerical

assistants and others, some of them seasonal. You can review what's currently available and subscribe for [job alerts](#) to receive automatic email notifications when new vacancies are posted in your field of interest.

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

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

Sat. 2/7 – Blue Buffalo Tavern, Newport ...Kirk solo 6-9

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

Fri. 2/13 – The Dog House, Linglestown...Kirk solo/duo ...6-9

Sat. 2/14 – Homeland Center Valentine's Luncheon...Harrisburg...Kirk solo Noon-1:30

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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GFWC (General Federation of Women's Clubs) Mechanicsburg

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 10 at 7:00 PM at Buhrig's Gathering Place, 25 East Main Street, Mechanicsburg. Our program will be Festival of the Arts.

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/>





THE FOUNDATION FOR ENHANCING COMMUNITIES

The Foundation for Enhancing Communities Welcomes Kim Alvarez as Vice President of Philanthropy

Expanding its capacity to support charitable giving and nonprofit capacity across south central Pennsylvania, The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC) has named Kim Alvarez vice president of philanthropy.

Alvarez brings more than 20 years of experience in fundraising and nonprofit leadership to TFEC, helping donors and organizations turn generosity into lasting community impact. In her role, Alvarez leads TFEC's Philanthropy Team and works closely with donors, professional advisors and nonprofit partners to grow local giving. Her approach emphasizes collaboration, clear communication, and thoughtful planning, supporting donors and professional advisors as they align charitable goals with long-term financial and estate plans.



In her role, Alvarez works to strengthen TFEC's philanthropy by building trusted relationships with the professional advisor community, and most importantly, prospective and current donors to help achieve their charitable goals. She supports individuals and families in establishing charitable funds, partners with fundholders as their giving evolves, and identifies new opportunities to grow philanthropic resources that respond to community needs.

For nonprofits, Alvarez's leadership supports increased access to funding, stronger donor relationships and clearer pathways to long-term financial stability. By aligning donor interests with community priorities, TFEC helps nonprofits focus on their missions while building sustainable support.

"Philanthropy works best when it is personal, informed and rooted in community," Alvarez said. "I'm excited to help donors and nonprofits work together to create solutions that make a real difference where people live and work."

Alvarez's addition reflects TFEC's continued commitment to strengthening philanthropy across Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lebanon and Perry Counties, as well as the Dillsburg, PA area, through investments in people, relationships and systems. Her leadership ensures TFEC is well positioned to support more complex philanthropic planning, including long-term and legacy giving, while honoring donor intent and responsible stewardship.

Professional advisors and donors interested in discussing charitable planning options are encouraged to visit www.tfec.org or email philanthropy@tfec.org.



Mechanicsburg Money

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.

\$4,000

400 \$10 coupons
will be distributed

More Info
& to Register -



**FREE TO
JOIN!**



CLICK HERE FOR MORE DETAILS

Join
OUR TEAM
POSITIONS AVAILABLE



Are you detail oriented, reliable and take pride in creating beautiful, spotless spaces?

Angel Home Solutions, LLC is a luxury cleaning company serving high end residential homes and premier businesses in Central Pennsylvania. We're looking for exceptional people to join our team.

We offer:

- Competitive compensation
- Flexible schedules
- A professional, respectful work environment
- Opportunities to grow

Contact us today and let's get started on a brighter future together. We look forward to hearing from you!

Please contact Karen at 717-773-1340



BRICK Fundraiser

\$290



3 lines

Maximum of 17
characters,
spaces, or
punctuation
per line

**MECHANICSBURG
VOLUNTEER
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Limited space –
orders first paid
will have priority.
**Deadline is Feb
13, 2026. Donors
interested after
deadline should
contact us.**

Questions? Email us at capitalcampaign@MFD29.com

53 East Main Street - Mechanicsburg, PA 17055 – 717.697-9877 – www.MFD29fire.org

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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.

Equal Opportunity Employer/Program

CAEDC Annual Awards Event

SAVE THE DATE

**March 27th
from 11:30am-2pm
at the Penn Harris Hotel**



**Join CAEDC to celebrate the
great leaders in our community
that further our mission.
Invitation to follow.**

**SUBMIT
NOMINATIONS
HERE**

CAEDC
CUMBERLAND VALLEY
PENNSYLVANIA

CAEDC is now accepting nominations for the 2026 CAEDC Awards, to be presented at our Annual Awards Event on March 27th at the Penn Harris Hotel.

These awards honor the businesses, organizations, and individuals whose leadership, collaboration, and innovation drive economic growth and elevate Cumberland County. If you know a business partner, lender, or tourism leader making a meaningful impact - this is your chance to shine a spotlight on their success!

We encourage you to nominate business partners, fellow organizations, and standout collaborators who are helping move our region forward.

CUMBERLAND VALLEY
PENNSYLVANIA

Cumberland Area
Economic Development
Corporation



The Tide[®]

Your Soles ~ Their Souls
Shoe Drive Fundraiser

SEEKING
COLLECTION
SITES FOR THE
2026 SHOE
DRIVE!

Help support



**Literacy Classes
to Villagers in India**



**Microbusiness in
Developing Countries**



GET INVOLVED!

- set up a community drop-off location
- promote shoe drive and collect shoes
- donate your new/gently worn shoes

**Collection thru
March 31st**

Contact The Tide office for
more information or to set
up a collection site at your
church or business.

**events@thetide.org
717-264-7288**



thetide.org/shoes

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.



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!

Mechanicsburg Lions Club

6th Annual "We Serve" Golf Tournament



July 10, 2026 @



Calling all men and women who enjoy golf, good food, and fellowship. It's never too early to be thinking about warm weather and golf. This is a save the date announcement to let you know that our 6th annual "We Serve" Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, July 10, 2026. Mayapple Golf Club in Carlisle will be hosting our tournament. We will have an 8am shot gun start with lunch to follow at Fiddler's Bar & Grill at the golf course. So, mark your calendars now and plan to join us for a fun filled day of golf and dining with your friends.

Sponsorship opportunities and golfer registration is open now. Use the URL or QR Code below to visit us on our Tournament Website:

<https://events.golfstatus.com/event/mechanicsburg-lions-golf>





**America250PA's Semiquincentennial Scholarship Program application is
NOW OPEN!**

APPLY NOW

In commemoration of America's 250th anniversary and to honor the legacy of Pennsylvania's strong commitment to education, America250PA will be awarding \$250,000 in scholarships to deserving Pennsylvania students attending Pennsylvania colleges and universities in the 2026/2027 academic school year.

Who
Pennsylvania High School Seniors who are planning to attend an accredited Pennsylvania college or university for the 2026/2027 academic school year

What
Twenty-five \$10,000 Scholarships will be awarded throughout America250PA's six designated regions.

Where
Any Pennsylvania College or University

- 12 to any Pennsylvania Community College
- 13 to any Pennsylvania Post-Secondary College or University

When
Scholarships will be awarded in 2026 for the 2026/2027 academic year.

We are so proud to partner with some of Pennsylvania's most iconic educational institutions on this program. Please visit <https://america250pa.org/PPE: Semiquin Scholarships> to see a listing of our partners and their generous match details.

Applications are due January 31, 2026



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
APPLICATION FORM**



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.