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CHAMBER EVENTS

Watch for Weekly Updates!

May

25 - Office closed for Memorial Day holiday

28 - 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

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more likely to purchase from a chamber
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- U.S. Chamber of Commerce

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Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce presents:

Business Leaders Discussion Group

Thursday, May 28

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!

**Do you know a great way to show off
what, where, and how you do the things you do?
Host a Business Women's Networking Luncheon or
After Hours Mixer. There is no fee to host an event,
contact the Chamber office for more details.**

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contact the Chamber office at 717-796-0811 or email - info@mechanicsburgchamber.org.



Save the Date

On June 18, Jubilee Day returns to the streets of downtown Mechanicsburg. This year marks the 96th 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



Honoring Our Police Officers

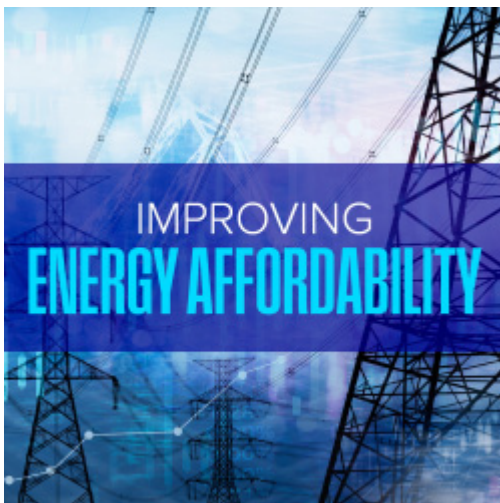
Our Commonwealth will mark National Police Week next week, from May 10-16, and Peace Officers Memorial Day on Friday, May 15.

First established by President John F. Kennedy in 1962, the designations pay tribute to the brave local, state and federal peace officers who have died or been disabled in the line of duty.

We are blessed by the men and women who have taken an oath to serve and protect, and particularly by those who have sacrificed their lives to protect public safety. Thank you to all who have served and continue to serve.



Improving Energy Affordability



With the demand and cost of electricity continuing to rise, the House this week gave unanimous approval to legislation that seeks to improve the efficiency and capacity of our electric distribution system.

[House Bill 2223](#) would require electric utilities to evaluate and consider the use of advanced transmission technologies (ATTs) on new and existing service lines within their transmission siting applications filed with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC). This could potentially lessen or even eliminate the need for new infrastructure in some areas, ultimately helping to lower costs for consumers. The bill is pending action in the Senate.

Energy affordability remains a top priority as we work to advance policies that will increase energy production, stabilize our electric grid and keep prices down for consumers. Additionally, we have proposed [House Bill 2373](#), which would suspend for six months the gross receipts tax on people's electric bills. That measure was referred to the House Finance Committee for consideration.

PA Preferred Marketing Grants Available

Grants to help Pennsylvania farmers and agricultural producers market their products are now available from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture and its PA Preferred Marketing Grants Program.



Applications for grants of up to \$10,000 to reimburse promotional costs are due by May 16. Funding is available to reimburse product promotions under the PA Preferred, PA Preferred Homegrown by Heroes®, or PA Preferred Organic™ programs.

[More information about the grant program is available here.](#)

To find PA Preferred products in your area, visit PAPreferred.com. Look for the blue and yellow checkmark!

A portrait of Senator Dawn Keefler, a woman with blonde hair wearing a blue blazer and a pearl necklace, set against a black background.

SENATOR
DAWN KEEFER
Pennsylvania's 31st District
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New Satellite Office Opening in Cumberland County

To increase access to state services for residents of the 31st District, I am pleased to announce the opening of a new satellite office in Cumberland County on May 14 at the [Lower Allen Township Municipal Services Center](#), 2233 Gettysburg Rd., Camp Hill. The office will be open on the second Thursday of each month from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Stop by for assistance with property tax/rent rebates, PennDOT paperwork, birth or death certificates, veteran assistance and other state-related services. My office is committed to delivering timely and accessible support closer to home.

Honoring Service and Sacrifice: Showing Gratitude to Our Police Officers

National Police Week, observed May 10-16, is a time to recognize the service and sacrifice of the men and women who protect our communities each day. As the wife of a retired law enforcement officer, it is also a deeply personal reminder of the dedication and risks that come with wearing the badge.

That is why the annual [Pennsylvania State Lodge Fraternal Order of Police](#) memorial service is an event I never miss. Each year, the ceremony honors officers who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty and underscores the lasting impact their loss has on families, fellow officers and communities.

This year, we remembered five officers who died in the line of duty in 2025, including four from York County. Among those honored were West York Borough Patrolman Andrew Duarte, who was killed while responding to a hostage situation at UPMC Memorial Hospital, and Northern York County Regional Police Detectives Mark Baker and Isaiah Emenheiser, along with Detective Sgt. Cody Becker, who were killed in a September ambush in North Codorus Township.

As we observe National Police Week, I encourage everyone to take a moment to thank the police officers serving in their communities. Their commitment, professionalism and willingness to put themselves in harm's way deserve our gratitude and support.



Senate Approves Tougher Penalties for Attempted Murder of Law Enforcement Officers



The Senate approved legislation closing a gap in state law and imposing tougher penalties on individuals who attempt to murder a law enforcement officer and cause serious bodily injury.

Under current law, the penalty for attempted murder of a law enforcement officer could be as little as seven years in prison. [Senate Bill 1284](#) establishes a 20-year mandatory minimum sentence and a maximum of up to life in prison.

The measure was passed on Police Officers' Memorial Day in Pennsylvania, which honors the brave men and women of law enforcement. It now heads to the House of Representatives for consideration. [Read more about this legislation.](#)

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PUBLIC DATES

Thurs. 5/14 – New Cumberland Downtown Food Truck Rally...Kirk solo 5-8

Fri. 5/15 – S. Hanover Township Luncheon...Kirk solo Noon-1:30

Sun. 5/17 – Trinity Church of Dillsburg Event...Kirk solo 1-4

Tues. 5/19 – Range + Rye @ Range End, Dillsburg...Kirk solo 6-9

Wed. 5/20 – Wolf Brewing, Mechanicsburg...Kirk & Patrick 5:30-8:30

Fri. 5/22 – Captain Bob's Steamed Crabs, Railroad/ Shrewsbury...Kirk solo 1-3

For complete up-to-date schedule, information, and photos go to
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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.****

THE
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SPRING
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Join CAEDC for an evening of networking with business professionals over drinks and appetizers at one of our favorite local breweries!

May 14th
from
4:30-6:30pm

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THE FOUNDATION
FOR ENHANCING
COMMUNITIES

TFEC's Offers New Opportunity to Financially Support Young Learners Throughout the Summer

Families should take advantage of this new opportunity to offset the financial burden of summer camps for their young children. The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC) is breaking down barriers to summer learning with a new scholarship that helps cover the cost of children's participation in summer educational programs.

By funding this scholarship, TFEC ensures that children return to school better prepared; families are supported, and our communities grow stronger, more resilient and equitable. It's a part of their Early Education Initiative, which aims to cultivate fun and fascinating community opportunities for children. With an award of up to \$2,000 per child, TFEC wants our little learners to excel. Applications are open now and will close on May 15.

Eligible families must live in TFEC's service area of Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lebanon, Perry Counties and the Dillsburg area of Northern York County. This scholarship supports eligible rising Kindergarten through fifth-grade students. For more questions, please reach out to grants@tfec.org or visit www.tfec.org.

Start your application today by clicking [here!](#)



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12:30 - 2:30 PM

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Tech-Fueled Fun Includes:
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The graphic features a cartoon ninja character in a tan hat and blue shirt holding a smartphone, a sun wearing sunglasses, a palm tree, a surfer, and a red starburst. The background is a beach scene with blue waves and a yellow sky.

Teacher Appreciation

at Mechanicsburg



Earn a Digital Costco Shopcard and a FREE pizza with every new teacher sign-up in the month of May, and enter to win a pizza party for your class!

\$40



Digital Costco Shop Card* with an Executive Membership sign-up

\$20



Digital Costco Shop Card* with a Gold Star Membership sign-up

Pizza Party!

Thank you, Teachers!

We appreciate you!

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New members will receive their Digital Costco Shop Card by email within 2 weeks of sign-up. Costco Shop Cards are not redeemable for cash, except as required by law. A Costco membership is \$65 a year; an Executive Membership is an additional \$65 upgrade fee a year. Each membership includes one free Household Card. May be subject to sales tax. Costco accepts all Visa cards, as well as cash, checks, debit/ATM cards, EBT and Costco Shop Cards. Departments and product selection may vary. Shop Cards are valid at any U.S. Costco location. Employees of Costco are excluded.

Your friends over at Costco Mechanicsburg, #1719 would like to say THANK YOU to all the Teachers who are helping grow our community from the ground up! From creating core memories in the classroom, developing self-confidence and competence, intelligence, and empathy, Teachers are one of the most important pillars of our growth into adulthood!

We would like to extend an exclusive welcome promotion to ALL Teachers in the Cumberland Valley district for Teacher Appreciation Week this upcoming May! In the month of May any Teachers that come to sign up for a new membership will receive a \$20/\$40 digital shop card, a FREE pizza from our food court, and an entry to win a Costco pizza party for their classroom!*

*This promotion is exclusive to Costco Mechanicsburg only, and open to all teachers interested in joining our member base for the first time (and/or teachers who have had an expired membership for 18 months or more). Please post the attached flier, and/or distribute digitally to your location!

Bridges to Wisdom



Identity Theft: What Every Consumer Should Know



Join us for an informative session on identity theft led by the PA Office of Attorney General. Learn how to protect your personal information, recognize common scams, and what to do if your identity is compromised.

Wednesday, May 20th • 6:00pm
Light Refreshments Served

RSVP by Monday, May 18 to
christine.meukel@bridgesatbentcreek.com

The Bridges at Bent Creek
2100 Bent Creek Blvd, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050



Learn more about our community at TheBridgesAtBentCreek.com



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Join Big Brothers Big Sisters of South-Central PA on Thursday, May 21 for Big Night Out and celebrate 45 years of mentorship in our region! For 45 years, Big Brothers Big Sisters of South-Central PA has been working to empower youth to reach their full potential. This milestone celebration is a chance to come together, to share stories, and to recognize our supporters, volunteers, and partners who make the mission possible. Corporate sponsorships are available.

Details and registration: <https://www.bbbsscpa.org>



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Harrisburg Hoopla Returns June 6 to Support Local Nonprofits

Harrisburg Hoopla will return to City Island on Saturday, June 6, 2026, giving teams from across the region a chance to compete for a cause while supporting local nonprofits.

Hosted as a program of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities, Harrisburg Hoopla is a full-day event where friends, coworkers and neighbors form teams to take on physical challenges and puzzle games. Each team selects a local nonprofit to represent and competes to win money that will be donated to that organization.

The event offers participants a fun way to give back while providing nonprofits with a unique opportunity to engage supporters, build visibility and raise funds for their mission. Proceeds from Harrisburg Hoopla also help support the Emerging Philanthropists Program at TFEC.

In 2025, Harrisburg Hoopla welcomed more than 100 participants across 12 spirited teams. The event generated more than \$11,000 in sponsorship support and has raised more than \$70,000 overall.

Top finishers in 2025 included Dogs & Dolls, which competed for Humane Society of Harrisburg Area, Enterprise Mobility, which competed for Junior Achievement of South Central PA, and The Nice Guys, which competed for American Cancer Society.

Team registration is now open. Nonprofits are encouraged to invite supporters, staff members and volunteers to form a team and compete on behalf of their organization.

To learn more about Harrisburg Hoopla, visit www.tfec.org/hbghoopla.



Lions Club of Mechanicsburg

Celebrates

Jubilee Day 2026

50/50 Cash Bingo – Rain or Shine!

Thursday, June 18 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Take a break-Take a chance!

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Cumberland Area Economic Development Corporation
230 S. Sporting Hill Road, Suite 100
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

Join us for a **FREE Benefits Webinar**

Reimagining Health Benefits: How ICHRA Works for Employers

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

Are rising employee health insurance costs limiting your options?

We will be hosting a webinar to learn how ICHRA (Individual Coverage Health Reimbursement Arrangement) can offer your business a flexible, budget friendly alternative. This webinar will explain how the ICHRA works and why it is gaining so much traction, what kind of business benefits most by offering this type of plan and steps to understanding implementation and how easy it is to provide your employees the opportunity to choose a plan that is best for them and their specific needs.

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Annual Parade of Trees

Does your business or organization want to give back to the community and help local families? We invite you to participate in a fundraiser that benefits Highmark Caring Place, a program dedicated to supporting children & families who are grieving. Your participation can make a real difference in their lives!

You can participate by
SPONSORING A TREE - \$250
or **WREATH - \$100**

- Includes a holiday tree (approx. 6 ft. with white lights) or wreath that you get to decorate! You can showcase your brand or promote the work that you do in the community!
- Community exposure through a social media campaign and in-house guests!
- Special community event in December to highlight sponsors!

Engage your team by decorating together!
Tree & wreath decorating will be held on
November 24, 4:00pm-6:00pm

Contact Penn Harris Hotel Sales Office to reserve your sponsorship today!
(717) 433-9714 or kbrown@centrehotel.com



Parade of Trees sponsor a local non-profit!

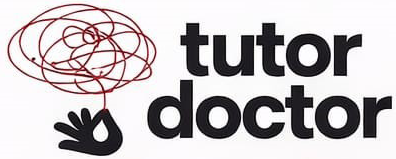
Are you a business that wants to give back to your local community? You can TRIPLE the impact of your donation by sponsoring your favorite non-profit!

How it works:

- Sponsor a tree/wreath on behalf of your favorite local non-profit.
- The non-profit you choose gets to decorate a tree to highlight their work & increase community exposure.
- Your business is highlighted as a corporate sponsor.
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Midstate Medical Moment: Avoiding Sports Injuries

Kurt Kessler, PT, DPT, SCS, ATC, athletic trainer, UPMC Orthopaedic Care

As a parent or guardian, it can be intimidating to know how to keep a young athlete healthy and active. A lot of kids are now playing the same sport year-round, including multiple sports teams in the same season.

The best thing you can do to keep your athlete healthy is to provide them with resources to understand their body. Your school's athletic trainer has extensive training in injury prevention, management and safe return to sports. If you don't have access to an athletic trainer, such as with a club team, finding a trusted medical provider with sport specialization is another great tool (such as a sports physical therapist or orthopedic physician).

Q: What are some common sports injuries and can they be prevented?

Lower body injuries, such as shin splints, ankle sprains, and tendon overload, are among the most common things we see in sports. Sometimes these injuries are purely accidental and can't be avoided. But other times, through strength training and proper load management, injury risk can be minimized.

Tendon injuries typically develop within the first few weeks of a season. If your body hasn't been adapted to your sport, your tendons will be the first to let you know with aches and pains from increased workload. For this reason, I always encourage athletes to stay active through strength training and prepare their bodies for their season before it starts.

Doing too much of something too fast or too soon is a recipe for injury. Work with your coaches, athletic trainers or other sports medicine professionals to come up with a plan to work up your activity level.

Q: Is stretching important, or can I skip it?



Stretching is important, particularly for young athletes. However, many people think the reason their muscles are tight or in pain is because they haven't stretched enough, and that's not often the case. Sometimes muscles feel this way because they are strained by your activity level or the way you move.

While stretching is good, it's also important to strengthen your muscles so they are ready to handle the activities you want to do. Dynamic stretching can get the body loose and ready for activity, but it's not the best tool for pain management.

Q: What can parents do to encourage healthy habits in young athletes?

Getting kids involved with meal planning and preparation helps them understand what goes into their body and how it helps prepare them for and sustain them during activity. This helps them develop valuable nutrition habits for themselves.

Strength training is another useful habit for healthy young athletes and can be started as early as middle school. Working with a professional to develop age-appropriate strength training routines can help prepare their body for the demands of the sport or activity they are involved with. It will also help young athletes develop coordination so that they are moving in ways that support athletics.

Q: When should I seek medical attention for my child's sport injury?

Sports injuries can be tricky to address without the right training. It's important to talk with your school's athletic trainer or a sports medicine provider about any injuries your athlete experiences.

If your soreness noticeably improves with warm-ups, light movement, or if the pain severity subsides within 24-48 hours, the pain can usually be managed at home. However, if pain gets worse with movement or activity, that can be a sign that an injury needs to be addressed by a medical professional.

One final tip for preventing injury is to allow the body to rest and recover. Nowadays, young athletes play multiple sports at a time or play the same sport with multiple teams at once.

A general rule of thumb is that the weekly hours of sport shouldn't exceed the athlete's age. So, a child who is 12 shouldn't be spending more than 12 hours a week doing intense exercise (practice, games, workouts, etc.). Once a child gets to high school age and beyond, we recommend between 16 and 20 hours a week of activity. Scheduling one to two recovery days during the week can go a long way in preventing overuse injuries.

Through the Midstate Medical Moment, UPMC wants to raise awareness about the health conditions affecting people living in the communities we serve. For more information about UPMC services in central Pennsylvania, visit [UPMC.com/centralpa](https://www.upmc.com/centralpa).



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.