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Mechanicsburg Chamber Will Hold Election for Board of Directors at January Meeting



If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors for the Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce, click here to review job description, nomination policies, procedures and application.

We are accepting applications!

CHAMBER EVENTS

Watch for Weekly Updates!

November

19 - Ribbon Cutting/Grand Opening/Open House & Networking - Hyatt Studios, 381 Cumberland Parkway, Mechanicsburg. 12:00 - 3:00 pm

19 - Travel with the Mechancisburg Chamber of Commerce to Portugal Presentation, Simpson Library, 16 N Walnut St, Meeting Room B, Mechaniscburg, 2:00 PM

26 - Office closed for Thanksgiving Day

27 - Annual Community Tree Lighting - Downtown Mechanicsburg. 5:15 - 6:30pm

28 - Small Business Saturday

One study found that 64% of adults familiar with their local chamber of commerce were more likely to purchase from a chamber member.

- U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Thank You For Renewing Your Membership!

Postal Connections #225



Please join the Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce as we welcome a new member with a Ribbon Cutting/Grand Opening/Open House at the only Hyatt branded facility in central Pennsylvania.

This Hyatt Studios is one of the first of its kind in the United States with less than 10 open at this time.

Join us as we recognize the opening of the area's newest extended stay facility that offers the comforts and amenities that are expected of a Hyatt brand. See all that this phoenix has to offer the visitors of our area.

HYATT studios

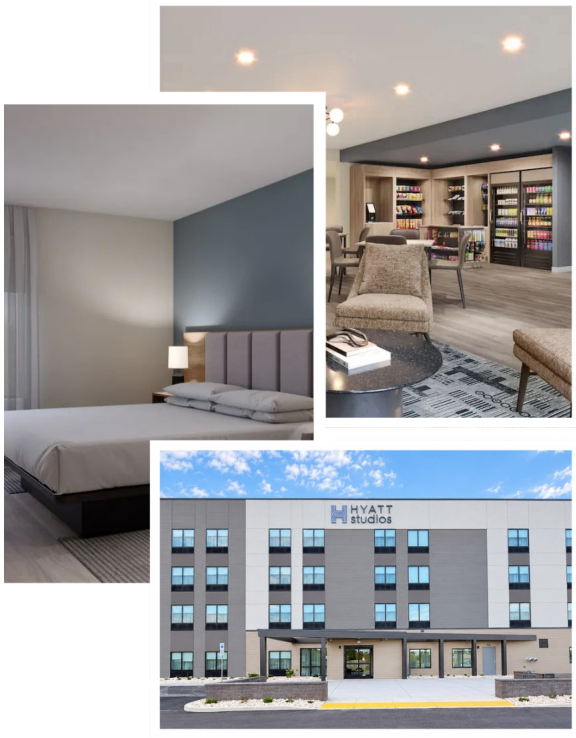
GRAND OPENING

Celebration

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2026

NOON - 3 PM

- **FOOD**
- **DRINKS**
- **MUSIC & RAFFLES!**



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Travel with the Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce to Sunny Portugal

Lisbon, Alentejo, Algarve & Portuguese Riviera

September 12-21, 2027

We have teamed up with Collette Vacations to offer this inclusive tour of one of Europe's fascinating countries.

Join us for a presentation Thursday, November 19 , 2026 at the Joseph T. Simpson Library Meeting Room B

Call to register and make your reservation.

Scan the QR code below for more information or click here.



Mechanicsburg's Annual Community

Tree Lighting

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Friday, November 27 | 5:15 PM

Downtown Mechanicsburg

Music | Santa Claus | Hot Cocoa

Music by Kirk Wise starts at 5:15 PM
- with the lighting of the tree at 5:30 PM.

Post-Ceremony Festivities

- Visit with Santa @ Buhrig's Gathering Place
-"Let it Snow, Let it Snow, to the North Pole We Go" model railroad exhibit and gingerbread house contest @ Mechanicsburg Museum Association Freight Station

Visit our downtown merchants for Black Friday shopping and Small Business Saturday!

Free Public & On street Parking:

Event Sponsors

Borough of Mechanicsburg
Buhrig's Gathering Place
Kirk Wise
Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce



Sponsorship donations for lights, cookies, and Santa's travel expenses are welcomed. Contact the office for more information at 717-796-0811.

New Hope Ministries - the Chamber's 2026 'Charity of Choice' - Offers Assistance for Housing

Each year, the Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce chooses a "Charity of Choice" to deliver community awareness and fundraising efforts. The Chamber uses its numerous vehicles to focus on understanding of what the chosen charity offers. Also, the Annual Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing provides an opportunity to financially assist the chosen charity to better provide its services to the area's residents. For 2026, New Hope will benefit from the Chamber's efforts.and will be featured in numerous editions of Chamber Chatter – the Chamber's weekly e-newsletter.

Housing:

Before turning to New Hope for help, Terry and her son spent many years moving between motels, relatives' homes, and even their car. After unexpected challenges and crises, they were left without a stable place to land. Every day was filled with uncertainty, and Terry carried the heavy burden of trying to keep her son safe while having nowhere they could truly call home.

Through New Hope's staff and volunteers, Terry and her son received help with food, and ultimately secured safe and stable housing. With a helping hand and the generosity of others, she was able to find stability and begin building a life filled with dignity and possibility.

Today, three years later, Terry still holds the keys to her home. She has become an active member of her community, building friendships and finding the stability she had gone without for so long. She still visits New Hope regularly, staying connected and supported as she continues on her journey.

New Hope has 10 locations across parts of 3 Counties covering nearly a half million people. The Mechanicsburg area is served by their location at 5228 E Trindle Rd. They are open Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM and would be pleased to show their facility and all they do. Visit their website at nhm-pa.org or call 717-766-7333 for more information.



New Laws Help Nonprofits Raise Money



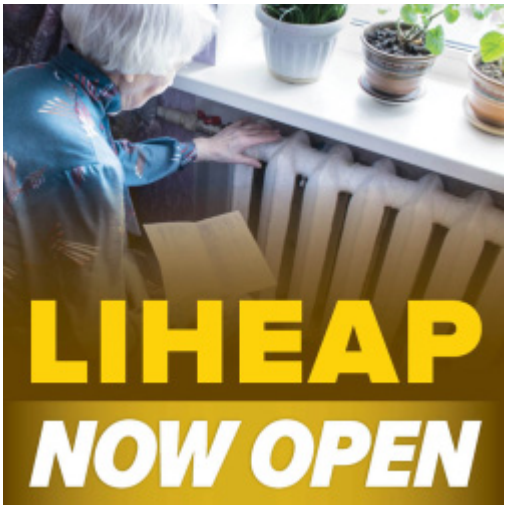
I recently voted in support of two new state laws that will allow our small games of chance (SGOC) license holders – including clubs, nonprofits, and fire and ambulance companies – to use more modern methods to raise money and continue supporting their communities.

Act 94 of 2026, formerly Senate Bill 416, will allow all SGOC license holders to accept credit and debit cards, as well as mobile payment services or other electronic online payments for raffles. Act 93 of 2026, formerly Senate Bill 398, will establish a pilot program for fire companies to conduct two online raffles in the upcoming year.

Prior laws limited nonprofits and fire companies with small games of chance licenses to only receive money for their fundraising efforts through cash or check, making it difficult for people to contribute. These new laws make payments more accessible, embrace new technology and broaden how these organizations are able to interact with their communities.

The new laws also increase the aggregate prize limit from $35,000 weekly to $60,000 weekly and change the distribution of proceeds for club licensees (those organizations with a liquor license) to 50% for public interest purposes and 50% for general operating expenses of the club.

Act 93 takes effect immediately, while Act 94 will take effect in late December.



Heating Assistance Program Now Open

Residents who struggle with their home heating bills may now apply for help through the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

LIHEAP is a federally funded program that helps individuals and families pay their heating bills through home heating energy assistance grants. The minimum cash grant is $200 and the maximum is $1,000. Households may receive one cash grant per LIHEAP season.

The program also provides crisis grants to help in the event of an emergency or if a resident is in danger of losing his or her heat due to broken equipment, lack of fuel or termination of utility service. The minimum crisis grant is $25 and the maximum is $1,000. Households may apply and be eligible for more than one crisis grant if they experience more than one emergency per LIHEAP season.

To qualify for LIHEAP, you must meet income requirements, which are set based on your household size. For example, the maximum annual income for an individual is $23,940 and for a family of four it is $49,500. For each additional person, add $8,520 to the income limit.

Residents may apply for LIHEAP online at dhs.pa.gov/COMPASS, by phone at 1-866-857-7095 or by contacting the County Assistance Office in their county of residence.

Click here for additional information. The program runs through April 23, 2027.

'Tis the Season to Watch for Deer



With deer becoming increasingly active, and the return of Eastern Standard Time putting more vehicles on the road when deer move most, the Pennsylvania Game Commission is reminding motorists to slow down and stay alert.

Data from around the country has shown that Pennsylvania drivers face some of the highest risks of vehicle collisions with deer or other large animals.

You can reduce your chances of collisions with deer by staying alert and better understanding deer behavior. Be especially alert in marked "Deer Crossing" areas, and remember deer tend to travel in family groups, so if you see one deer, more are likely coming.

To report a dead deer for removal from state roads, motorists can call the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation at 1-800-FIX-ROAD. If the deer is on a locally owned road, contact the appropriate municipality. More information for drivers who want to claim the deer should click here.



Looking for a Career in Law Enforcement?

The Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) is accepting applications from people interested in a rewarding career in public service as a state trooper.

Applicants must have a high school diploma or GED certificate and a valid driver's license from any state. They must be at least 20 years old at the time of application, and they must be at least 21 years old and cannot have reached age 40 upon entry into the PSP academy.

Applications for the current cadet hiring cycle should be submitted via the Commonwealth's employment website by Nov. 27.

For more information on becoming a state trooper, including applicant requirements and job benefits, visit PATrooper.com.



Pennsylvania Expands Access to Veterans' Benefits

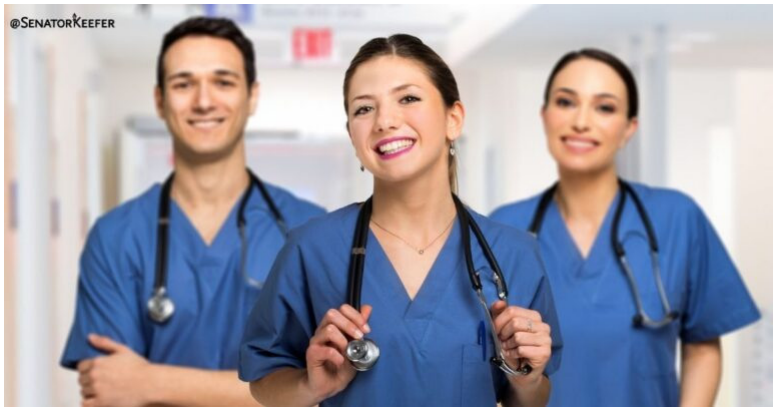


November is National Veterans and Military Families Appreciation Month, and in recognition of this, Pennsylvania is expanding access to state veterans' benefits through the most extensive regulatory updates in 35 years. The Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) estimates nearly 650,000 veterans could benefit from changes that broaden eligibility, update income limits and account for cost-of-living expenses.

The updates affect several programs, including the Disabled Veterans' Real Estate Tax Exemption, Amputee and Paralyzed Veterans' Pension, Blind Veterans' Pension, Veterans' Temporary Assistance and Educational Gratuity.

You can find updated application documents for these programs here. The DMVA suggests veterans contact their local county director of veterans affairs, or any certified veteran service officer to discuss how these regulations might impact their benefits.

Celebrating Pennsylvania's Nurse Practitioners



National Nurse Practitioner Week, Nov. 8-14, recognizes the dedicated professionals who help deliver quality healthcare and expand access to services across Pennsylvania. I am grateful for their knowledge, compassion and commitment to caring for our communities.

Ensuring patients have access to care also means addressing the nursing shortage and removing barriers for those entering the profession. That's why I introduced Senate Bill 891 to eliminate a redundant State Board of Nursing process for reviewing and approving applications to take the licensing exam. Pennsylvania's accredited nursing programs already verify that students have successfully completed the required coursework, making an additional board review unnecessary. Removing this duplicative step would reduce the administrative burden on an already overburdened licensing process and help qualified nursing graduates enter the workforce sooner.

State Police Accepting Applications for Youth Camp



Pennsylvania residents aged 15 to 17 interested in a career in law enforcement or the military can apply now to attend the State Police Youth Week camp taking place June 6-12, 2027, at Messiah University in Mechanicsburg, Cumberland County.

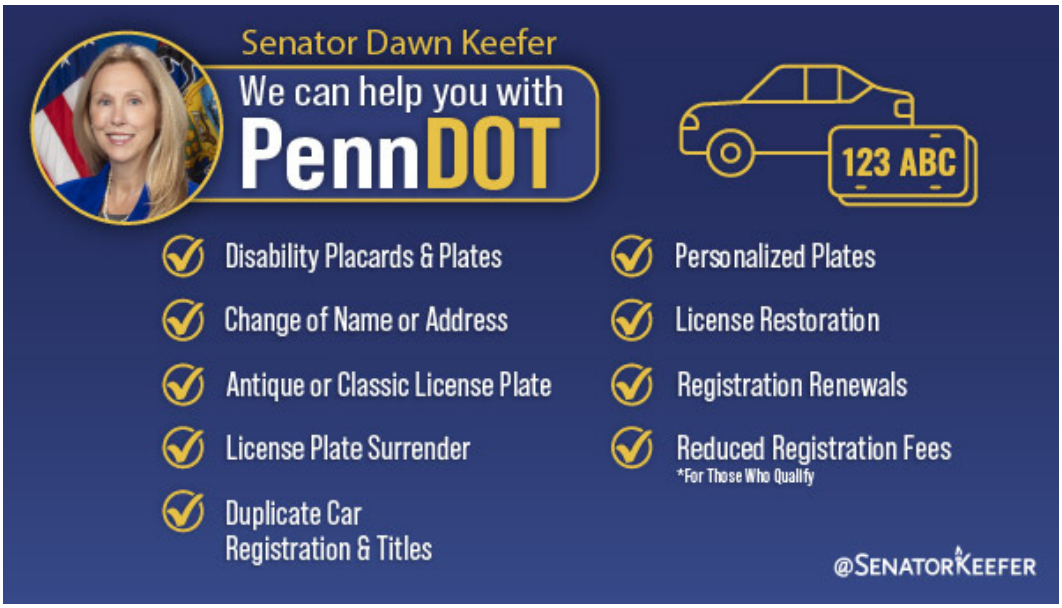
Held in collaboration with the Pennsylvania National Guard and the Pennsylvania American Legion, the camp provides cadets hands-on learning experiences and physical fitness training to build their understanding of law enforcement as well as their confidence, teamwork, self-esteem and leadership abilities.

Candidates should be physically fit with a strong academic record. Local American Legion posts sponsor cadets and cover the registration fees. For more information and an application, visit the State Police Youth Week webpage.

Having Trouble with PennDOT?

Navigating PennDOT paperwork can be confusing, especially if you're unsure where to start or run into problems along the way. My staff can help you understand your options and work through a variety of PennDOT-related issues.

If you need assistance, contact my office at 717-432-1730 or visit us in person.



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.

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FRI 11/13	–	Crossing Creek Christmas Open House Event, Dillsburg…Kirk solo 6-8 pm
SAT 11/14	–	Crossing Creek Decor Christmas Open House Event, Dillsburg… Kirk solo 11 am - 2 pm
SAT 11/14	–	Reid's Wine & Cider House, Gettysburg…Kirk & Beth Duo 6-9 pm
TUE 11/17	–	The Overlook at Range End Restaurant, Dillsburg…Kirk solo 6-8 pm
SAT 11/21	-	Rotunda Brewing/Restaurant, Annville · Kirk & Bryce Duo · 6–9 pm
TUE 11/24	-	Bethany Village, Lititz · Kirk solo · 2–3 pm
TUE 11/24	-	The Overlook at Range End Restaurant, Dillsburg…Kirk solo 6-9
FRI 11/27	-	Christmas Tree Lighting, Mechanicsburg · Kirk & Friends · 5:30–7 pm
SAT 11/28	-	American Legion "the Swamp", New Cumberland · Kirk & Patrick Duo · 7–10 pm

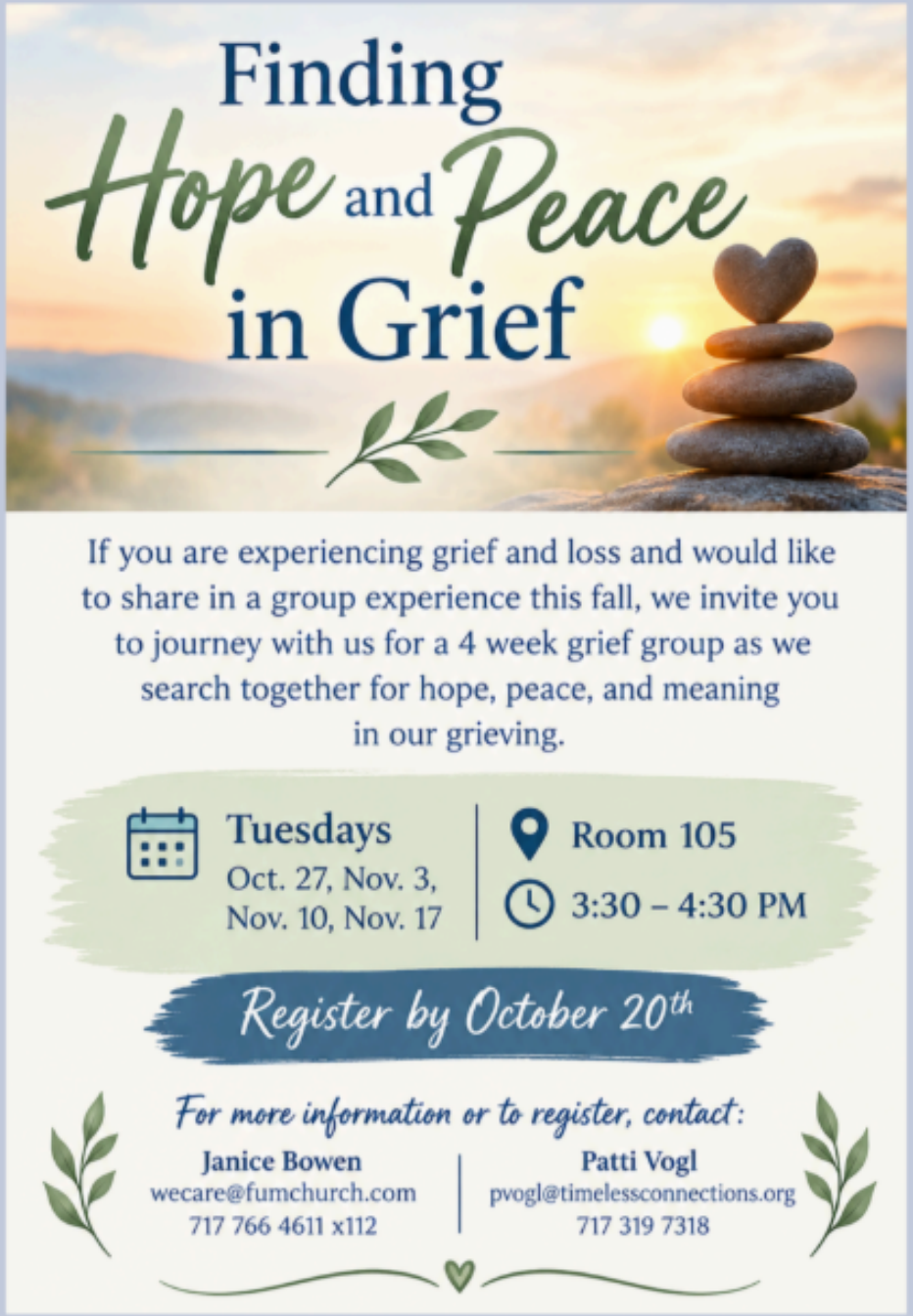
Seeking HOSTS for 2027 EVENTS

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

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

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November 11-12
Craft Show
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450 Powers Ave #103, Harrisburg
9am – 4pm
November 14
Mt. Zion Crossroads Church
Craft Show
420 Park Drive, Carlisle
9am – 2pm
November 21
Pink Holiday Shoppe
201 E Green Street, Mechanicsburg
8am – 2pm
November 27-29
Lebanon Expo Center
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Check off Your Holiday "To Do" List While Supporting a Great Cause

Order beautiful poinsettias and help support United Way of the Capital Region's internal campaign!

These make great office decorations or gifts for family, friends or coworkers!

Poinsettias will be delivered the first week of December. Order 5 or more and receive FREE delivery!

- **Poinsettias are 6" pots**
- **COLORS:** red, white, pink or burgundy
- **COST:** **$13.50 each**
- **Orders are due by November 19**

What is United Way's Internal Campaign?

Just like other organizations, United Way of the Capital Region runs a fundraising campaign among its staff members. Funds are generated through donations and special event sales such as this one. All proceeds from this sale will go directly to United Way's 2026 campaign. **Thank you for supporting United Way!**

PLACE YOUR ORDER TODAY AT:

www.uwcr.org/uw-poinsettia-sale

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Questions? Contact Heidi Neuhaus at 717.724.4055, or e-mail hneuhaus@uwcr.org.

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Earlier this year, we expanded our services to include advertising sales and sponsorship management, and it is keeping us busy!

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Range End Golf Club Announces New Restaurant Name, Management Team
Owners Craig and Kim Weaver launch The Overlook at Range End

Range End Golf Club owners Craig and Kim Weaver today announced the golf course's restaurant and banquet facility – formerly known as Range + Rye – is under new management and now has a new name: The Overlook at Range End. The new restaurant officially opens to the public today.

The Weaver family, which owns the golf course and the restaurant, had previously leased the restaurant operations to a partnership group that also managed the Greystone Public House in Harrisburg. As of Oct. 1, 2026, the Weavers now manage all aspects of the Range End property – including the newly named restaurant, The Overlook at Range End.

The newly rebranded restaurant – located at 303 Golf Club Ave. in Dillsburg – has launched its new website at TheOverlookAtRangeEnd.com, as well as its Facebook and Instagram pages.

Craig Weaver, who has been sole owner of the Range End property since 2019, said this is the first time the entire operations of both the golf course and the restaurant will be under his management oversight.

"We're excited about the launch of The Overlook at Range End, because this is our community. We know our customers and our neighbors, and they know us," said Weaver, whose family owns and operates the Weaver's of Wellsville meat manufacturer and distributor companies and Locals' Market in Dillsburg. "We believe we know how best to serve our community and the 43,000 golfers who visit Range End every year. As we look toward the future, we will bring a heavy focus on delivering a consistently high level of service to all our customers. Because that's what our community deserves."

Weaver has hired a new management team to execute his vision of elevated service at the restaurant. The new management team includes General Manager Nicole Zumpano and Chef Daniel Gorman – both of whom most recently served in leadership roles at the Carlisle Country Club. In addition, Brittany Clements has joined the team in the position of Service Director at The Overlook at Range End.

Zumpano has had over two decades of restaurant executive experience in high-level management roles, including as general manager, assistant general manager, food and beverage director, and member experience director for private golf and social clubs.

She said she made the decision to join The Overlook at Range End because it allows her to bring all her skills together to create a consistently higher-level experience for a restaurant and golf club

that has been beloved by the greater Dillsburg community for more than 70 years.



"Our mantra is 'good food done right,' and we're really looking forward to showing our community what we can do," Zumpano said. "We want to support the community, and we want the community to support us – including our local schools, businesses and nonprofits."

Chef Gorman will add some new dishes to the menu, while other popular items from the previous restaurant will remain. Zumpano said the Weavers and the new management team plan to take the next several weeks to listen to customers' feedback before making significant changes to the menu.

"For us, it's about the customer experience," she said. "Whether you're coming in for lunch or dinner, or you're playing 18 holes, we're going to deliver the same high quality of food and exceptional service," she added. "Because we're in the people business, and we believe in treating people the same way you would want to be treated."

For additional information on hours, menu and events at The Overlook at Range End, call 717-502-2155 or visit TheOverlookAtRangeEnd.com.

THE FOUNDATION FOR ENHANCING COMMUNITIES

Community Equity Grants Open Nov. 1 to Support Local Nonprofits

Applications for the 2026 Community Equity Grants open Nov. 1, offering local nonprofits funding to address inequities and strengthen communities across South Central Pennsylvania.

"When more people have access to opportunities, our entire community benefits," said Stefani McAuliffe, vice president of community impact at The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC). "These grants help local nonprofits expand their impact and make a lasting difference for the people they serve."

Grants generally range from $5,000 to $10,000, with applications due Feb. 1, 2027.

Investing in Local Communities

In 2025, TFEC awarded $48,971 through the Community Equity Fund to support 15 projects across 13 organizations.

"Last year, TFEC awarded more than 1,700 grants totaling over $8.7 million," McAuliffe said. "The Community Equity Fund is one part of that broader investment, helping us direct charitable resources toward needs in the communities we serve."

A New Opportunity for Local Nonprofits

The Community Equity Fund is open to nonprofit organizations serving Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lebanon or Perry counties, as well as the Dillsburg area of northern York County.

Applicants must be registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations or work with an eligible nonprofit fiscal sponsor.

Projects must take place during the grant period of July 1, 2027, through June 30, 2028.

TFEC encourages community members and business leaders to share this opportunity with local nonprofits whose work aligns with the fund's purpose.

Make a Difference Through Local Giving

Individuals and businesses can help strengthen communities by investing in the work of local non-profits. A gift to the Community Equity Fund helps support future grants that address inequities and expand opportunities across the region.

Those interested in supporting other community needs can explore TFEC's charitable funds and contribute to a cause that matters to them.

For individuals or businesses looking to make a lasting impact, TFEC can also help establish a charitable fund that reflects their giving goals.

Contact the Philanthropy Team at philanthropy@tfec.org to explore the possibilities.

Organizations interested in applying can review the funding priorities and eligibility requirements at www.tfec.org/grants/tfec-community-equity-grants/.

CUMBERLAND VALLEY PA | Cumberland Area Economic Development Corporation

Cumberland County Visitor Spending Surpasses $1 Billion, Posts Fastest Growth in Dutch Country Roads Region

Visitors to Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, spent $1.05 billion in 2025, the county's highest total to date, according to new data from Tourism Economics. Spending rose 5.5% over 2024, the fastest growth of any of the Dutch Country Roads region's nine counties and nearly double the regional rate of 2.8%.

That growth added $54.4 million in visitor spending compared with 2024, when the county recorded $996.8 million. Since 2021, visitor spending in Cumberland County has climbed 35.6%, outpacing the region's 30.8% gain over the same period.

“Crossing the billion-dollar mark is a milestone for the entire visitor economy in Cumberland County,” said Janet Anderson, Executive Director of the Cumberland Area Economic Development Corporation (CAEDC), which operates the Cumberland Valley Visitors Bureau. “It reflects years of investment in local hotels, attractions, and events, and it creates real jobs and eases the tax burden for residents.” Visitor spending directly supported 6,663 jobs in Cumberland County in 2025, an increase of 133 jobs, or 2.0%, over the prior year. That rate is more than double the regional job growth of 0.9%, and Cumberland accounted for more than one in five of the 597 tourism jobs added across Dutch Country Roads.

When indirect and induced effects are included, such as suppliers serving tourism businesses and employees spending their wages locally, the visitor economy generated $1.74 billion in total business sales in the county. It also supported 10,187 total jobs and $487.2 million in personal income. Tourism generated $93.4 million in state and local tax revenue and $106.1 million in federal taxes, for nearly $200 million in total tax revenue.

Transportation led visitor spending at $266.8 million, followed closely by food and beverage at $260.6 million. Visitors also spent $230.6 million on recreation and entertainment, $171.0 million on retail, and $122.2 million on lodging. Food and beverage made up a larger share of spending in Cumberland County (24.8%) than across the region as a whole (22.7%).

“These numbers reflect something the Cumberland Valley Visitors Bureau has worked hard to build: a reason for visitors to stay, not just pass through. In 2025, 52% of trips to Cumberland Valley included an overnight stay, with visitors spending an average of 2.1 days in the county and $141.87 per trip on local credit and debit card purchases*”, said Laura Delaney, Director of Tourism & Marketing at the Cumberland Valley Visitors Bureau. “That's the kind of visitor behavior we actively target in our marketing. Longer stays mean more meals, more shopping, more nights of lodging, and ultimately more dollars staying in Cumberland County.”

Cumberland County ranks fourth among the nine Dutch Country Roads counties in visitor spending, behind Dauphin, Lancaster, and York, and represents about 10% of the region's $10.4 billion total. Cumberland County climbed to 13th among Pennsylvania’s 67 counties in total visitor spending in 2025, up from 14th the year before.

Cumberland County's 5.5% growth also outpaced Pennsylvania as a whole, where visitor spending rose 3.5% to $51.6 billion in 2025. The county accounts for about 2% of statewide visitor spending.

*Source: Datafy, a visitor data platform used by CAEDC. Figures are separate from the Tourism Economics data cited elsewhere in this release.

VOLUNTEER TO HELP WORKING FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS

Fall 2026

Help provide free tax preparation to low- and moderate-income families through United Way of the Capital Region's Money in Your Pocket (MIYP) program. You'll help ensure working families in our community claim all available tax credits while saving them the cost of high tax preparation fees and refund anticipation loan interest rates.

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- **Learn a valuable skill** - IRS tax training and certification.
- **Make a big impact** - Help families receive thousands of dollars in Earned Income Credits and Child Tax Credits, which are the nation's largest anti-poverty programs.
- **Flexible enough for any schedule** - Volunteer days, nights or weekends at one of 17 tax prep sites within Cumberland, Dauphin and Perry counties. Most volunteers work one day a week during tax season (late January through mid-April). Some remote opportunities are available.
- **Other ways to volunteer** - Serve as a greeter, screener, local tax preparer or translator at one of our tax sites. These positions do not require any tax preparing.



MIYP HIGHLIGHTS since 2003...

- 82,559 federal returns filed
- $88,771,536 million returned to our community
- $25,600 – average annual income for clients receiving service
- $16.5 million saved in tax preparation fees *(based on average cost of $150 per return)*
- 17 sites in Dauphin, Cumberland and Perry counties
- 3 site through partnerships in Mifflin and Juniata counties

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Heidi Neuhaus at hneuhaus@uwcr.org or call 717.724.4055.

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Protect Your Business with No-Cost PASBDC Cybersecurity Services



Cyber threats can put your business's data, finances, operations, and reputation at risk. But knowing where your business may be vulnerable, and what steps to take to protect it, isn't always easy.

The Pennsylvania SBDC has cyber-certified consultants who can help.Our no-cost, confidential cybersecurity consulting services provide practical, one-on-one guidance to help you identify potential risks, recognize cyber threats, improve password and backup practices, train employees, and prepare for, respond to, and recover from a potential breach.

October was Cybersecurity Awareness Month, making it a timely opportunity to strengthen your business's cybersecurity. Learn more, access resources, and connect with your local SBDC at www.pasbdc.org/cybersecurity.

Learn More & Access Resources

NEVI FUNDING ROUND 4 OPEN



Round 4 of the NEVI (National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure) **COMMUNITY CHARGING FUNDING OPPORTUNITY** is now open. It will invest $32 million in eastern Pennsylvania.

To see all Eastern Region funding opportunities and additional resources, go to **pa.gov/evcommunity**.

To submit a project proposal, complete the **NEVI Interested Organizations Survey**.

You can also view **PennDOT's NEVI Community Charging Flyer**.

The deadline to submit technical questions is **Nov. 23**. The eGrants online proposal platform will be open **Dec. 7-Mar. 12**.

PennDOT hosted an **INFORMATIONAL WEBINAR** to summarize the program and answer questions on **Wed., Sept. 30 at 1 PM**. A recording of the webinar can be found **here**.

For an interactive map of existing and planned EV charging stations as well as priority eligible locations, **click here**.

Any organization **registered** to do business in PA that is not barred from receiving state or federal funds may apply.

QUESTIONS? Email PennDOT at **ra-pdevcorridors@pa.gov**

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HARRISBURG AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY

🥤 Help Us Make the 2027 PA Farm Show Extra Sweet! 🥤

Valley Grange #1360 is looking for **businesses, churches, youth groups, 4-H and FFA clubs, civic organizations, employee groups, families, and individuals** to volunteer at the **PA Dairymen's Association Milkshake Booth** during the 2027 PA Farm Show!

📅 January 9–16, 2027
📍 PA Farm Show Complex – Harrisburg, PA

👥 Who Can Volunteer?

Volunteers must be 14 years of age or older. Groups are welcome to volunteer together, making this a great opportunity for organizations, businesses, families, and community groups!

You **do not have to volunteer for the entire week!** Groups can choose the day and shift that works best for them.

♡ Why Volunteer?

Your volunteer time helps support the long-standing partnership between **Valley Grange #1360 and the PA Dairymen's Association**, while helping support Pennsylvania agriculture, youth programs, educational opportunities, scholarships, hunger prevention, and other agricultural programs across Pennsylvania.

It's a great opportunity to:

- 🤝 Give back to our community
- 🐄 Support Pennsylvania dairy and agriculture
- 👨‍👩‍👧‍👦 Bring your group together for a fun experience
- 🥤 Be part of the famous PA Farm Show milkshake tradition
- ♡ Make a difference while having a great time!

📝 🥤 SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER!

Ready to join us? Click the link below to choose your available shift(s)!

🥤 Valley Grange #1360 – 2027 Farm Show Milkshake Volunteer Sign-Up
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094CABAB2AA4F4C61-65659782-2027#/

If you have a group that would like to volunteer together, please let us know! We are happy to work with you to find shifts that fit your group.

Thank you for helping us continue this wonderful Farm Show tradition and for supporting Pennsylvania agriculture!

If you have any questions or would like to arrange a group of volunteers, please contact me.

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