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UPMC Children's in Harrisburg has launched the region's first dedicated NICU/PICU transport service, expanding its neonatal transport program to include critically ill pediatric patients.

The specialized team, co-managed by Drs. Rebecca Smith and Carey Welsh, provides round-the-clock ground and air transport exclusively for children. The ambulance, donated by the UPMC Pinnacle Foundation, features advanced medical equipment and a transport isolette for newborns. Over 130 children have been transported this year. With expert care beginning at bedside and continuing en route, this ICU on wheels ensures rapid access to high-level care for the region's youngest patients.



The **Gettysburg Foundation** has received a generous spring donation

from **Hollabaugh Bros., Inc.** to support the 2025 vegetable garden at Eisenhower National Historic Site. The gift includes plants and garden supplies—tomatoes, peppers, marigolds, and straw—to help replant the historic garden once cared for by President and Mrs. Eisenhower. Hollabaugh Bros., a fourth-generation Adams County farm, continues its tradition of community support by contributing fresh produce from the garden to local food pantries. In 2024, the garden yielded over 1,000 pounds for donation, honoring the Eisenhowers' legacy of service and generosity in Gettysburg.



Big Brothers Big Sisters of South-Central PA (BBBSSCPA) celebrated 127 graduating seniors from 23 local high schools on May 21 at The State Museum of PA. The event honored both mentees

and high school mentors, including participants in the

Beyond School Walls workforce development program. Four students shared how mentorship shaped their lives and inspired leadership. BBBSSCPA President & CEO Amy Rote emphasized the community's role in supporting youth. A total of \$17,000 in scholarships was awarded, funded by generous sponsors including Capital Blue Cross, the Hall Foundation, and others supporting the graduates' futures.



Main Street Gettysburg has announced the next phase of its Welcome Center project, with demolition of the existing building at 340 Baltimore Street beginning June 4, 2025. The new center will offer ADA-compliant restrooms and serve as a hub for tourism, events, and local resources.

Identified as a community need in 2018, the project

has secured full funding, including \$1.27 million in federal support. Construction is expected to begin fall 2025, with an opening planned for summer 2026 ahead of America's 250th anniversary. The center will enhance walkability and accessibility in downtown Gettysburg.



WellSpan Health has received the Partner for Change Award from Practice Greenhealth for its progress in environmental sustainability. In 2024,

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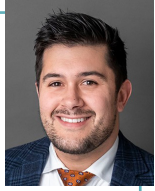
of materials, added five hybrid vehicles, and sourced 19% of its food from local vendors. The organization continues to lead in areas like waste reduction, green operating rooms, and sustainable procurement. Senior VP Keith Noll credited the entire team for driving this momentum. Practice Greenhealth honors healthcare systems making meaningful environmental strides, and WellSpan's commitment supports both community health and a greener future for healthcare. Learn more at WellSpan.org/Sustainability.



Amblebrook at Gettysburg hosted a Heart Walk supporting the American

Heart Association, raising over \$1,500 for heart health research and education. Residents of the 55+

community walked a scenic route to promote awareness and fight heart disease. “We’re grateful to everyone who supported this vital cause,” said Sara Carbonell of Crown Community Development. The event ended with an upbeat afterparty featuring music, refreshments, and activities. Organizers thank all participants, volunteers, and sponsors for their contributions. The walk showcased Amblebrook’s strong spirit and commitment to healthier lives.



Barley Snyder partner Reilly S. Noetzel has been named Vice Chair of the Pennsylvania Bar Association’s Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section—one of the PBA’s largest and most active groups. The Section supports legal professionals through education, advocacy, and pro bono opportunities while helping shape legislation statewide. Noetzel, a 2020 Trailblazer Award recipient, brings deep experience in real estate law and community leadership. “I’m honored to serve and support the Section’s mission,” he said. Noetzel also serves on several local boards and bar associations, furthering his impact across Lancaster County and beyond.



Hoffman Homes hosted its Annual Golf Event at Hanover Country Club in Abbottstown, bringing together supporters and sponsors for a day of golf and giving. The event raised vital funds for

trauma-informed care and mental health services across Pennsylvania. “We’re grateful for the incredible turnout and generosity,” said CEO Becky Van der Groef. The day featured a competitive golf round, contests, dinner, and recognition of top players and sponsors. Proceeds will support Hoffman Homes’ therapeutic programs and residential services, highlighting the community’s shared commitment to healing and hope.



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Let's Meet Nicole Bucher with Mister Ed's!

Born and raised in Adams County, Nicole Bucher has been immersed in her family's business for as long as she can remember. Her grandfather, Ed Gotwalt, along with his wife Pat, opened Mister Ed's Elephant Museum & Candy Emporium in 1975. Nearly four decades later, in 2014, Nicole and her husband, Isaac Bucher, purchased the business—keeping it proudly in the family.

This year marks a major milestone: 50 years of Mister Ed's! Over the decades, it has grown into a beloved destination and cherished family tradition, welcoming more than 150,000 visitors annually.

Before returning to her roots in the family business, Nicole graduated from Penn State University and built a successful career in communications. She served as Press Secretary for the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture and later as Communications Specialist for The Chamber of Gettysburg and Adams County.

Today, Nicole and Isaac co-own and operate Mister Ed's together. Isaac manages the operational side of the business, including finances, wholesale relationships, and candy procurement. Nicole focuses on marketing, store merchandising, staff management, and product development—constantly dreaming up creative new candy offerings.

"Between the two of us, we're always coming up with new ideas, which means new work," Nicole says. "But it's all good stuff—things that excite us—so it's easy to stay motivated."

Like many small businesses, Mister Ed's has had to adapt to the challenges of a changing industry. The cost of chocolate and other raw ingredients has risen dramatically.

"Cocoa prices were around \$2,000 per ton in 2023 and surged to about \$84,000 per ton by the first quarter of 2025," Nicole explains. "There's also a global chocolate shortage, so we're limited in how much we can order. That makes it difficult to grow."

To navigate these challenges, the Buchers rely on the support of Retail Confectioners International, a global trade association for retail candy makers and chocolatiers. Through this network, they troubleshoot issues, share resources, and stay ahead of industry trends.

One of Nicole's favorite business quotes comes from Ray Kroc, "When you're green, you're growing; when you're ripe, you rot." It's a mindset she embraces, always learning, always open to new ideas. Her advice to fellow business owners: stay involved. "Networking with others can lead to unexpected opportunities," she says.

Nicole is passionate about giving back to the Adams County community, which she calls a wonderful place to do business, thanks in large part to its thriving tourism and strong local support. Through her involvement with the Chamber of Gettysburg and Adams County and various volunteer efforts, she remains deeply connected to the region she calls home.

As Mister Ed's Candy Emporium looks ahead, the team does so with a deep appreciation for the legacy behind them. Staying rooted in tradition while embracing innovation, the business continues to evolve—listening to customers, exploring new ideas, and delivering joy through fresh, high-quality treats. The staff is encouraged to grow, do the right thing, and feel valued every step of the way.

At its core, Mister Ed's remains devoted to spreading smiles and making a difference—one sweet moment at a time.

BIZ BUZZ

For the past 50 years, Mister Ed's Elephant Museum & Candy Emporium has stood as one of southcentral Pennsylvania's most unique attractions—and one of the top free, family-friendly experiences in the Gettysburg area. Visitors can explore a collection of over 12,000 elephant figurines, art pieces, and home décor in every shape, size, and material imaginable. Alongside the whimsical museum is a candy lover's paradise, featuring homemade fudge, turtles, pecan pralines, and chocolates, plus more than 1,200 varieties of nostalgic and modern candies to delight every generation.



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Julian Thornton,
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Meet Julian

Julian Thornton is originally from the South and often surprises people with the fact that he doesn't have a traditional Southern accent. Julian is a proud family man with a beautiful family who inspires him daily. Julian is passionate about creating spaces where families can gather and make lasting memories.

CHAMBER CHAT

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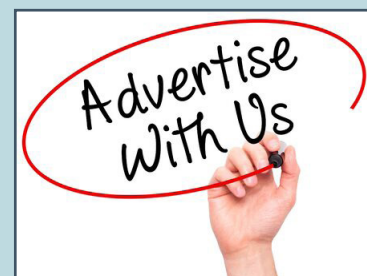
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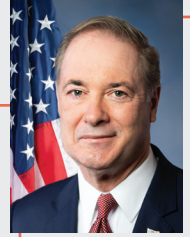
We're looking for help across a variety of roles and shift times. As a thank-you, volunteers receive free festival admission and a free t-shirt.

If you're interested, sign up using the online form—spots are first come, first served. Make sure to select three preferred areas or time slots and we will do our best to get you in one of those slots. If you'd like to work with a friend or family member, note that on the form and we'll try to make that happen.

We truly appreciate your support and understanding, as we may not be able to honor all placement requests. Thank you for helping make the festival a success!

ADVOCACY UPDATES

LEGISLATION REVERSING EV MANDATE SIGNED INTO LAW CONGRESSMAN JOHN JOYCE



Protection of consumer freedom for the American people and preservation of the American auto industry are at the heart of legislation recently signed by President Trump that reverses California's electric vehicle mandate. I was proud to introduce legislation that repeals a waiver which the Environmental Protection Agency had granted California during President Biden's administration to enforce its own emissions standard. That standard would have required the minimum percentage of zero-emission cars to rise from 35 percent for the 2026 model year to 100 percent in 2035.

Due to California's unique status in the Clean Air Act, sixteen other states, including Pennsylvania, adopted California's previous standards, affecting nearly 40 percent of the automobile market. This Congress, at an Energy and Commerce Committee Energy Subcommittee hearing, I had challenged the validity of California's waiver from the EPA for their sweeping EV mandate and raised concerns about the lack of Congressional review or oversight.

Throughout President Trump's campaign, he spoke about the need to reverse this disastrous California policy. That promise became a reality when he signed this legislation in June, and I am grateful to have helped President Trump advance part of the America First agenda that the American people overwhelmingly supported in November. Ensuring that families and businesses can continue choosing the vehicles they need and want is not only commonsense policy. It's the right thing to do.

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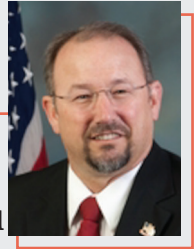


When Adams County fire officials approached me about being blindsided by fees and audits tied to their fundraising efforts, I knew the Legislature needed to step in and fix the problem. I introduced a bill over the past few sessions to do just that. While that bill has not yet become law, I recently succeeded in adding this reform to another piece of legislation, exempting volunteer fire companies from paying fees for filing articles of incorporation. The amendment earned overwhelming bipartisan support.

Under current law, charitable organizations that solicit donations must register annually with the Department of State's Bureau of Charitable Organizations. If a third-party fundraiser is involved—even just to prepare mailers—an independent audit or financial review is triggered.

The Department of State already allows an exemption if fundraising is done by members or volunteers. Unfortunately, fire companies have been losing untold amounts of money because they were being forced to meet stricter requirements simply for hiring a third party to assist with fundraising. My amendment closes this gap by extending the exemption to fire companies whether they hire a third party or rely on their own members while ensuring that donations remain protected through existing audits required of fire companies.

BILL TO GET WHOLE MILK BACK IN PA SCHOOLS ADVANCES REPRESENTATIVE DAN MOUL



The House Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee overwhelmingly approved a bill I co-sponsored, to permit schools to put whole and 2% (reduced fat) milk back on the school lunch menu. It is a measure that has been gaining momentum nationwide. Federal regulations, enacted during the Obama Administration, effectively banned whole and 2% milk in schools, a move school cafeteria workers say has led to a lot of milk being tossed into the trash.

Many fear children are losing their taste for milk, which will hurt Pennsylvania's already struggling dairy industry. Skim milk doesn't have the flavor and richness of whole and 2% milk and children are refusing to drink it. Milk is rich in vitamin D, calcium and other nutrients children need to grow healthy and strong, but they receive none of that nutrition from milk that ends up in the dumpster.

House Bill 179 would permit Pennsylvania schools to give students the option to purchase and consume Pennsylvania whole and 2% reduced fat milk that is produced, processed, and sold solely in Pennsylvania. The bill is now on its way to the full House for consideration.

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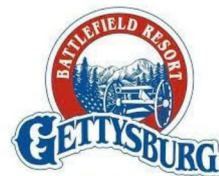
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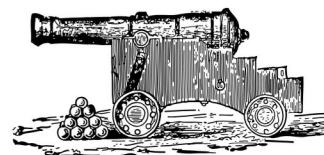
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WATCH OUT FOR BAD QR CODES

Written by Shannon McCleary, TREYSTA Marketing & Account Manager

QR codes are meant to make your life easier—those little squares you can scan with your phone to pay for parking, check into a restaurant, or visit a website. A super convenient way to connect, right? But here's the problem: scammers love them too.

If you've been around Gettysburg recently, this is especially important. According to *The Evening Sun* and *WGAL* (June 10, 2025), fake QR codes have been showing up on parking meters and inside the municipal garage. They look like legit QR codes, but they'll actually send you to a scam site that tries to steal your payment info. The Borough doesn't even use QR codes for parking payments, so if you see one—don't scan it! Just stick to coins, the on-site payment system or the Pay-By-Phone app.

This isn't happening just in Gettysburg. The FTC has numerous warnings about similar scams popping up all over the country. Scammers are putting fake QR codes in emails, text messages, on packages, and of course, parking meters. Some of them lead to phishing websites—where scammers trick you into giving up your sensitive information by pretending to be a trusted source—others try to install malware on your device. There's even a term for it now—"quishing." Basically, it's phishing, but with QR codes.

"At the end of the day, QR codes are super helpful..."

So, what can you do to protect yourself? Honestly, just take a little extra caution. If you scan a code and a website pops up, take a moment to look at the URL. If something feels off, don't click. It's always better to go straight to a trusted website on your own rather than use a code. Keeping your phone and apps updated, using strong passwords, and enabling two-factor authentication also go a long way toward keeping your information safe.

Businesses need to make sure their team know about these scams too. One wrong QR scan could expose your whole network. Security awareness training and a few extra layers of security can make a huge difference.

At the end of the day, QR codes are super helpful, but only when you know they're safe. Whether you're parking downtown or checking your email at work, take a quick moment to pause and think before you scan. That little bit of caution can save you a whole lot of trouble.

Shannon McCleary works for TREYSTA technology management, a local IT company in Gettysburg and York. Questions? Please reach out to info@teamtreyستا.com.

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Executive Committee Meeting | 8 a.m., chamber office

JULY 9

Golf Outing Committee Meeting | 1 p.m., chamber office

JULY 14

Marketing Advisory Committee Meeting | Noon, chamber office

JULY 17

Membership Mixer | 4-6 p.m., Renn Kirby Chevrolet

JULY 23

Ambassador Committee Meeting | 11:30 a.m., chamber office

JULY 24

Board of Directors Meeting | 8 a.m., chamber office

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JULY 12-13

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JULY 18

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JULY 19

Dancing To Death: Murder at Studio 79 | 5 p.m.
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JULY 20

Bridgerton Inspired Afternoon Tea | 12 p.m.
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JULY 26-27

Living History: 2nd Battalion, Army of Northern Virginia
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JULY 30

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