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***The State House will
convene at 11 AM***

PASSHE-IONATE ABOUT LEARNING

Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) is expanding its work-based learning initiative with a \$350,000 grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission. The funding will support hands-on learning for at least 700 students at Commonwealth, East Stroudsburg, and Slippery Rock Universities through faculty-employer partnerships. These collaborations aim to bring real-world projects into the classroom and help students build the skills and connections needed for in-demand careers. PASSHE officials say the investment will not only benefit students but also help meet workforce needs across Pennsylvania.

IT'S 7:00 PM, HAVE YOU DONE YOUR TAXES YET?

As the deadline approaches for the 2024 tax season, the PA Department of Revenue announced they will be extending their customer service call center hours. The line (717-787-8201) can be called for questions and help for PA tax filers. Taxpayers can also visit the Department of Revenue district offices for in person assistance. *Don't forget, taxes are due on April 15th!*

CIVIC TRANSFORMATION

Gretchen Tibbits has joined the team at Pittsburgh-based CivicScience, a consumer

analytics and advertising platform, as the Chief Operating Officer. Tibbits joins the company with over 25 years of experience in the media industry. CEO **John Dick** stated, "As we continue to scale our business, I am confident that Gretchen's expertise in guiding organizations through pivotal moments of growth and transformation will be essential." Tibbits has been named to the Folio 100 and is a Digital Hall of Fame honoree.

CORRECTIVE REPRINT

The Associated Press has had its access to the White House reinstated yesterday after U.S. District Judge **Trevor McFadden** ruled in favor of the news organization. The development is a result of the Associated Press taking the Trump Administration to court for barring its access to covering the White House because it did not follow the Executive Order to rename the Gulf of Mexico. U.S. District Judge McFadden, who was an appointee of President **Donald Trump**, stated, "Under the First Amendment, if the Government opens its doors to some journalists – be it to the Oval Office, the East Room, or elsewhere – it cannot then shut those doors to other journalists because of their viewpoints."

GIVING IT 100 AND 4%

The United States imposed a 104% tariff on Chinese imports at 12:01 am today, escalating trade tensions between the two countries. The move follows a series of back-and-forth tariff threats between President **Donald Trump** and Beijing, with China vowing to "fight to the end" if the U.S. does not reverse course. White House Press Secretary **Karoline Leavitt** said the tariffs are part of a broader strategy to encourage trade negotiations, noting that 70 countries have already expressed interest in talks. Critics, including top economists and Wall Street leaders, warn the tariffs could raise inflation and increase the risk of a recession.



Happy Birthday

- Former Representative **John Taylor**
- **Greg Lane**, PA Civil Service Commissioner
- **Sheila Flickinger**, for real this time!

Happy Belated Birthday:

- **Hayden Rigo***, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the PA Auditor General

Committee Meetings

- Pennsylvania Capitol Preservation Committee – 9AM – CPC full committee meeting
- (H) Health – 9:45AM – To Consider: HB65, 69, 79, 1104, and HR46, 70, 74, 101, 116, 137, 144, 151, 155, 156, 158, 159, 163, 164, 168, 174, and 182
- (H) Children and Youth – 10AM - Public hearing on HB 350
- (H) Labor and Industry – 10AM – To Consider: HB721, HR97
- (H) Finance – 10AM – To

Consider: HB32, 1072, and HR 120, and a discussion with PA Lottery on Profit Margin guidelines

- (H) Local Government – 10AM – To Consider: HB50, 393, 509, 937, 985, 990, and 991
- (H) Appropriations – OTF – Agenda to be announced



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