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MEDICAID WARNING

Yesterday, Governor **Josh Shapiro** reiterated his concerns that proposed Medicaid cuts in Congress could strip health coverage from hundreds of thousands of Pennsylvanians, if enacted. He emphasized the state cannot replace the billions in lost federal aid, leaving rural hospitals at greater risk of closing. Shapiro's upcoming budget already seeks \$2.5 billion more for Medicaid due to higher-than-expected care costs. He called the cuts a direct threat to lifesaving health care for vulnerable residents.

ARTSFEST RETURNS

Harrisburg's 57th annual ArtsFest is expected to fill Riverfront Park over Memorial Day weekend. More than 170 vendors will showcase handmade furniture, jewelry, art, and a variety of food trucks. Mayor **Wanda Williams** called the festival a joyful celebration of the city's creativity. The event runs from May 24 through May 26.

EAGLES SOAR

Bald eagles are making a remarkable comeback in Pennsylvania, with nesting pairs now thriving even in urban areas like Philadelphia's FDR Park. In the early 1980s, only two eagle nests existed statewide, but recent surveys have already identified over 400 nests, including 40 in Philadelphia and nearby counties. The Pennsylvania Bird Atlas, a five-year project, is documenting this resurgence to guide conservation efforts. Despite disputes over specific nesting sites, experts agree the eagle population's growth is a conservation success story.

SPEAKING OF EAGLE SUCCESS

While the 2025 NFL Season is still months away, football fans across the nation are now able to see their teams' schedules for the upcoming season after the NFL released the full schedules for each of the 32 NFL teams. As for the Commonwealth's two historic franchises, both teams are slated for a handful of primetime games and tough schedules. The reigning Super Bowl champions, the Philadelphia Eagles, start the NFL season off at home against the Dallas Cowboys on Thursday night football, and will have a week 9 bye. The Pittsburgh Steelers start their season off against the New York Jets on the road and

will have an early week 5 bye. Before their bye week, the Black and Gold (& maybe Aaron Rodgers), will be traveling to Ireland to face off against the Minnesota Vikings.

STOREFRONT

A 15-acre development is soaring quickly on Carlisle Pike in Cumberland County. While news already broke that a Raising Canes would pop up, the newest addition is a Shake Shack, the first of the region. A representative noted that the storefront expects to open in 2025. The center is expected to also get a Starbucks, Panda Express, Cava, Taylor Chip, honeygrow, and Oola Bowls.



Happy Birthday

- State Representative **Mike Schlossberg**
- **Ezra Thrush**, Senior Associate, Ridge Policy Group



Committee Meetings

- Independent Regulatory Review Board – 10AM - Public Meeting Agenda:
- No. 3430 Environmental Quality Board #7-586: Blast Site Clarification for Noncoal Mining Operations (Final-Omit)
- No 3390 State Board of Medicine #16A-4955: Physician Assistants
- No 3394 State Board of Physical Therapy #16A-6522: Early Exam and CE for Clinical Instruction
- No 3396 State Board of Pharmacy #16A-5433: Pharmacy Technical Registration
- No 3406 State Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers #16A-7029: Distance Education and PAREA
- No 3431 Department of Labor and Industry #12-121: Uniform Construction Code Supersedes Prior L&I Code Provisions
- No 3355 Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission #57-334: Use of Fully Projected Future Test Year, 52 Pa. Code Chapter 53.51-53.56a
- (H) Democratic Policy –

10AM - Public hearing on
Power in the Margins -
Funding What's Always
Mattered



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