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***The State House and the
State Senate will convene
at 11 AM***

BALLOT BATTLE

The U.S. Supreme Court has declined to hear a Republican appeal challenging how Pennsylvania counts provisional ballots, effectively ending the case. At the center of the dispute is whether voters whose mail-in ballots were tossed due to date errors could still have their provisional ballots counted. Pennsylvania's top court concluded that if no other vote from that person was accepted, the provisional ballot was acceptable. However, the GOP argued the ruling overstepped legislative authority.

FELONS AND FELINES

Authorities in Clearfield County found thousands of dollars in cash, illegal narcotics, and two African wildcats during a drug bust this week. A search warrant was executed at the home of **Jennifer Dixon** and **Nicholas Rumsey**, who now face additional charges on top of those filed earlier in June. During the raid, law enforcement seized approximately 159 grams of fentanyl, three pounds of methamphetamine, and about \$8,000 in cash. The Pennsylvania State Game Commission took custody of the two African wildcats, which were being unlawfully kept in cages at the residence. Dixon and Rumsey are now facing multiple charges, including possession with intent to distribute substances and endangering the welfare of a child.

BROADWAY IN PA

The Appell Center for the Performing Arts, located in York City, is celebrating their 100th

season this year into the next. To help celebrate, they are bringing in some amazing acts. From the Broadway side, *Hadestown*, *Kinky Boots*, and *The Music Man* will be performed. They will also have well-known legends such as **Sutton Foster** and **Jay Leno**. Tickets are now available for purchase on their [website](#).

REMEMBERING HOMER C. FLOYD

The Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission (PHRC) is saddened by the loss of **Homer C. Floyd**, a civil rights pioneer and its longest-serving Executive Director. From 1970 to 2011, Floyd led with courage and humility, responding to discrimination across Pennsylvania, and shaping state policy for over forty years. Before joining PHRC, he stood at the frontlines of the civil rights movement, and even shared the stage with Dr. **Martin Luther King Jr.** He passed away at 89 years old, but his legacy of relentlessly pursuing justice lives on.

CLASSROOM CONUNDRUM

At a recent Central Dauphin School Board meeting, parents, teachers, and community members expressed outrage and heartbreak over the sudden decision to eliminate middle and high school paraprofessional positions. Though not listed on the agenda, the issue dominated discussion, with educators stressing the emotional and academic support these aides provide. Superintendent **Eric Turman** stated that while aides can apply for other positions, the new model consolidates support into a single “resource room” per building. Critics raised concerns about IEP compliance, burnout among remaining staff, and a lack of transparency surrounding the decision.



Happy Birthday

- Former State Representative ***Rod Wilt**
- Former State Representative **Frank Farina**
- **Dr. Mehmet Oz**, former U.S. Senate candidate, celebrity physician
- **Tracy Pawelski**, Principal Consultant, Tracy Pawelski, LLC; Book Author, Gravitas Press
- **Lydia Messner**, Constituent Services Specialist, Office of Senator Martin
- **Keith Kepler**



Committee Meetings

- (H) Appropriations – OTF - Agenda to be announced.
- (H) Finance – OTF - Voting meeting on HB 1503, HB 1551, HB 1552, as well as a committee discussion on HB 1572 and HB 1575, and any other business that may come before the committee.
- (S) Rules and Executive Nominations – OTF - To consider certain executive nominations.
- (S) Appropriations – OTF - To consider Senate Bill No. 840.
- (H) (S) Legislative Budget and Finance – 9:00AM - Meeting on Act 34 of 2023 -

- 911/988 Efficiency and HR2023-165 Home and Community-Based Services.
- (H) (S) Local Government Commission – 9:00AM - Monthly business meeting.
 - (H) Commerce – 9:00AM - Voting meeting on HB 1512, HB 1553 and any other business that may come before the committee.
 - (S) Urban Affairs and Housing – 9:30AM - To consider SB 62, SB 345, SB 815, HB 96 and HB 734.
 - (S) Law and Justice – 10:00AM - Nomination of James Brewster to the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board.
 - (H) Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness – 10:00AM - Joint public hearing with the Senate Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee on the 250th U.S. Army birthday celebration events.
 - (H) Local Government – 10:00AM - Voting meeting on HB 661, HB 1119, HB 1308, HB 1532, HB 1560 and any other business that may come before the committee.
 - (H) Energy – 10:00AM - Continued public hearing on HB 502.
 - (S) Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness – 10:00AM - Joint public hearing with House Veteran Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee on the 250th U.S. Army birthday celebration events.
 - (S) Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure – 10:30AM - To consider Senate Bills No. 535, 536 and 842.
 - (S) Health and Human Services – 10:30AM - To consider Senate Bills No. 436, 461 and 715; and House Bills No. 27 and 640.



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