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HELPING HANDS

Pennsylvania is lending a helping hand out west, as the DCNR Bureau of Forestry deployed its second wildfire crew this season. The volunteer team gathered Saturday in Swatara Township before heading to Colorado on Sunday for a two-day drive. While the mission is tough, volunteers say the experience pays off back home too. Squad boss **Nathan Fite** stated, "It's a really good experience to go out there and learn new techniques." The crew is expected to spend two weeks on the front lines, helping western communities, and gaining vital skills in return.

CRYPTO GETS CONGRESSIONAL CLOUT

In a landmark moment for the crypto industry, the U.S. House passed the GENIUS Act on Thursday in a 308–122 vote, sending the first major stablecoin regulation bill to President **Donald Trump's** desk. A broader crypto framework bill, the CLARITY Act, also passed 294–134 and now heads to the Senate. Despite pushback from Congresswoman Waters over Trump-linked conflicts of interest, dozens of Democrats joined Republicans in support, including Congresswoman Pelosi and Congressman Aguilar.

CORNFIELD CATASTROPHE

A small plane crashed in a cornfield near Lancaster Airport around 8 a.m. Sunday, tragically killing the pilot. Officials identified the victim as 58-year-old **Musaddiq Nazeeri** of Lebanon, who was the sole occupant of the Piper PA-46. The aircraft had just departed the airport and went down about half a mile north, along Stauffer Road. Northern Lancaster Regional Police confirmed the scene was secured for FAA and NTSB investigators. No injuries were reported on the ground. A preliminary report is expected soon as federal agencies take over the investigation.

SERVING UP OPPORTUNITIES

This summer, over 500 students with disabilities are gaining paid work experience across Pennsylvania through the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation's MY Work program. At Philadelphia's Philabundance Community Kitchen, more than a dozen students help pack meals for kids in need. Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry Secretary **Nancy**

Walker praised their determination and highlighted how the program builds confidence and real job skills.

MONEY FOR THE MEMS

The Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission (PHMC) has opened applications for its Cultural and Historical Support Grants. For the 13th year in a row, museums and county historical societies across PA can apply for funding to help preserve history and engage with the public. The deadline is Friday, August 22, 2025, at midnight, and applications must go through the Commonwealth's Single Application for Assistance system. Questions can be directed to the PHMC. This program has awarded \$26 million dollars to those working to fuel PA's cultural vitality, one grant at a time. Don't hesitate to apply!



Happy Birthday

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- **Debra A. Kisela**
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