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Happy August!

No international tariffs or a state budget deal... for at least a week.

NO DATA FOR YOU

Pennsylvania is holding off on giving the Trump Administration access to data on over two million food stamp recipients, citing privacy and security concerns. The state missed a federal deadline to register for the new info-sharing system, risking over \$365 million in monthly SNAP funds. The USDA wants detailed personal data, but officials fear it could be misused. While Pennsylvania has not yet joined other states in lawsuits against the mandate, the Commonwealth is not cooperating either. The PA Department of Human Services says it's still reviewing what is needed to proceed "with appropriate safeguards."

SAWDUST & SWANSON

Nick Offerman is headed to Harrisburg this fall, and he's not coming empty-handed! The Emmy-winning actor and author will kick off the Midtown Scholar's Harrisburg Book Festival on Oct. 15 at FNB Field with a live chat and woodworking demo alongside co-author **Lee Buchanan**. Their book, *Little Woodchucks*, is a family-friendly guide full of humor, stories, and projects. Tickets are \$56 and include a signed copy; kids under 16 get in free. The festival runs Oct. 15–19 and features book signings, craft stations, and a massive outdoor tent sale.

LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF LOVE

Netflix's hit reality show *Love is Blind* is casting in Philadelphia, searching for singles who are bold, open-minded, and serious about finding a partner. The show, where couples get engaged sight unseen, has already filmed eight seasons with a ninth premiering Oct. 1. Casting is also underway in cities like Austin and New Orleans. Applications include 72 probing questions, from family plans to personal values. *Philly lovebirds, your Founding Fathers moment might just be a blind date away...*

MUSIKFEST MARCHES ON

Rain did not stop the party in Bethlehem, PA as Musikfest 2025 kicked off ten days of music, food, and fun last night. Some performances were moved indoors, but the energy

stayed high at their 42nd annual event. The festival draws 1.2 million visitors and brings in \$75 million for the local economy.

NOW ENTERING

Mark Pinsley, the Lehigh County Controller, has entered the race for the Pennsylvania 7th Congressional District. Currently held by Congressman **Ryan Mackenzie** (R), Pinsley is the 4th Democrat looking to defeat Mackenzie in 2026. Previously, Pinsley has run for Auditor General and for State Senate. The 7th Congressional District has been decided by three points or less in the last three General Elections.



Happy Birthday

Today:

- State Representative **Daniel J. Deasy**
- State Representative **Eric Davanzo**
- State Representative **Amen Brown**
- State Representative **Joe McAndrew**
- Former State Senator **John P. Blake**
- Former State Treasurer & Auditor General **Barbara Hafer**

Saturday:

- State Representative **Nathan Davidson**
- Former Speaker of the State House **Michael Turzai**
- Former State Representative **Joseph Gladeck, Jr.**
- **Josh Wilson**, Director of Legislative Affairs, Pennsylvania Treasury
- **Stephen Drachler**, Principal, Drachler & Associates
- **Noah Marlier**, Prothonotary, Montgomery County

Sunday:

- Congressman **Ryan E. Mackenzie**
- Former Auditor General and Former State Representative **Eugene DePasquale**
- **Daniel Greenlee**, Associate Professional, PGA
- **Jennifer Zaborney**
- **Arnie Kriner**, Board Chairman, Tri-County Rural Electric Inc.



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