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**Congratulations to the Berks County native who became engaged yesterday to the former Superbowl Champion Eagles Center's brother!**

## TO MAIL OR NOT TO MAIL

A federal appeals court has ruled Pennsylvania cannot throw out mail-in ballots over missing or incorrect dates on return envelopes. The unanimous decision from the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said the practice has disqualified thousands of otherwise valid votes and violates the constitutional right to vote. The ruling upholds a lower court decision, though the issue could still head to the U.S. Supreme Court.

## COMING IN HOT

Bethlehem firefighter and president of the Pennsylvania Professional Fire Fighters Association **Bob Brooks** announced his candidacy yesterday for Pennsylvania's 7th Congressional District. The seat is currently held by Republican Congressman **Ryan Mackenzie** who ousted three-term Democrat Congresswoman **Susan Wild**. Emphasizing his blue-collar background and years of community service, Brooks enters a heavily crowded Democratic primary election in hopes of winning the seat back for the party.

## TRASHY BILLS

Yesterday, Harrisburg mayoral candidate **Dan Miller** called for a pause on trash bill forgiveness in Harrisburg City. He called the program "flawed", noting that there were more than 12 miscalculations within the first 68 letters sent to property owners with trash delinquencies. The purpose of the program is to forgive unpaid bills accrued during the COVID-19 pandemic, but there is no verification that the bills are from the pandemic era. Additionally, the relief was being offered to landlords outside of the city. Reports indicated that there are currently \$13 million of unpaid trash bills.

## CUT AND PASTE

A whistleblower complaint from the Social Security Administration's chief data officer asserts that members of the Department of Government Efficiency uploaded an extensive

Social Security database onto a separate cloud server. The report claims that there was no oversight or procedures of DOGE's handling of private records. These records include all Social Security numbers issued by the federal government, including full names, birth dates and other personal information. *Should we check the credit score emails in our Junk folder?...*

## **BUZZ KILL**

Mosquito testing in Lower Paxton Township has identified positive samples of West Nile Virus. While the risk of illness is generally low, officials caution the virus can still be serious for some. Residents are urged to take precautions outdoors by draining standing water, wearing long sleeves, and using insect repellent.



### ***Happy Birthday***

- State Senator ***Lindsey Williams***
- State Representative ***Rob W. Kauffman***
- Former State Senator ***Robert D. Robbins***
- Former State Senator ***Bob Mensch***
- Former State Representative ***Ralph E. Kaiser***, Magisterial District Judge, Baldwin Borough
- ***Paige Cognetti***, Scranton Mayor
- ***Kelly Radcliffe***
- ***Casey Fellingner***\*, Director of the Northeast Delegation, PA House of Representatives



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