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NO ROOM FOR TRAFFICKING

Yesterday, the Pennsylvania Restaurant and Lodging Association (PRLA) and the American Hotel and Lodging Association (AHLA) joined forces in Philadelphia to urge the passage of House Bill 1286. Sponsored by State Representative **Regina Young** (D – Philadelphia), this legislation would require short-term rental operators, hotels, and other lodging establishments to provide human trafficking awareness training to employees. The push comes at the eve of one of the biggest years in Pennsylvania for visitors expected for America 250. While the hotel industry has been a long leader in the fight against human trafficking, the efforts continue alongside AHLA's "No Room for Trafficking" initiative.

A SWEET EXPANSION

A new **Catherine Hershey** Schools Early Childhood Education Center has opened in Middletown, Dauphin County. The center serves children aged six weeks to five years old from underserved backgrounds, completely free for eligible families. With this launch, Catherine Hershey Schools now supports 450 kids county-wide, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Future locations are in the works, and it is rumored that Lancaster County is next on the list. While the Middletown center is full, those interested can still visit CHSLearn.org for updates.

LOCKED, LOADED, AND LIMITED

State Senator **Daniel Laughlin** (R-49) plans to introduce a bill allowing hunters in Pennsylvania to use semi-automatic rifles with a three-round capacity for big game. While current law permits semi-autos for small game, the proposed legislation would expand their use, excluding high-capacity or fully automatic weapons. Laughlin says the change would align PA with other states and improve accessibility for hunters who have difficulty using manual firearms.

UP IN FLAMES

Yesterday, a large fire burned at the homeless encampment near PennDOT's Riverfront Office. Crews were quick to put the fire out, but a resident of the encampment lost all his belongings in the blaze. Fire Chief **Brian Enterline** said the fire appeared to be an

accident. This encampment has been in the process of being relocated to South 9th Street.

HONORING A HERO

Lace up for the 5th annual **James Biever** Memorial Run this Saturday, Aug. 9, at the Lebanon Area Fairgrounds. The event features a 1-mile fun walk with a scavenger hunt, plus timed 5K and 10K races. Proceeds support the **James Biever** Police-Community Alliance, honoring the legacy of retired State Police Corporal **Jim Biever**, who served 25 years and founded the organization before passing away from cancer in 2020. Those interested can visit the events website [here](#).



Happy Birthday

- **Richard DiEugenio**
- **Beth Brennan**, Principal, Cozen O'Connor Public Strategies
- **Larry L. Light**



Committee Meetings

- (H) Transportation – 3PM - To consider: HB 1783 *and any other business that may come before the committee...*



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