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Happy National Pierogi Day!



***The State Senate will
convene at 10AM. The
State House will convene
at 11AM.***

PASSHING RECORDS

The Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education recently announced that its universities have seen increased enrollment with 83,000 students enrolling this fall across the board. Additionally, PASSHE schools have reported a student retention rate of 81%, which is the highest on record. The increases in enrollment and retention will add to the already robust 800,000 PASSHE alumni network.

GLAMPING GOES WILD

Pennsylvania is adding a touch of luxury to its great outdoors. The Governor's Administration announced that eight state parks will offer glamorous camping (glamping) starting in 2026 through a partnership with Timberline Glamping. Guests can expect furnished tents with real beds, rugs, lamps, and even coffee stations. The move comes as state park visits hit nearly 25 million last summer, with campaign reservations up 10 percent statewide. To learn more, click [HERE](#).

TRAGIC EVENT

The Dauphin County Coroner's Office is investigating the death of a person struck by an Amtrak train near the Harrisburg International Airport in Lower Swatara Township. Amtrak said that a person trespassing on the tracks was hit by a train traveling from New

York to Harrisburg. No one on the train was injured, and the passengers were transferred to another train to finish the trip.

CRAFT BREWERY BLUES

Two Pennsylvania craft brewers have announced closures within days of each other, raising concerns about the state's craft beer industry. Iron Hill Brewery abruptly shut down all locations on September 25th and filed for bankruptcy, while Grateful Goat in Camp Hill will close October 12th after selling its business and property. Former Iron Hill employees cited an oversaturated craft beer market and possible company-level issues. Other recent closures include breweries in Harrisburg, Hanover, Lebanon County, and Carlisle.

BOB ROSS AUCTION

Thirty original paintings by beloved TV artist **Bob Ross** will be auctioned to support small and rural public television stations facing funding cuts. The first auction will take place November 11 at Bonhams in Los Angeles, with additional sales in London, New York, Boston, and online. All proceeds will help stations afford popular programming such as The Joy of Painting and America's Test Kitchen. The 30 works, spanning Ross's career, are valued between \$850,000 and \$1.4 million.



Happy Birthday

- State Representative **Jamie Flick**
- **Albert "Chip" Abramovic**, Commissioner, Venango County
- **James V. Manser**, VP of Global Government Relations, Johnson Controls
- **Joe Torsella**, Former Pennsylvania Treasurer
- **Christine Fizzano Cannon**, Judge, PA Commonwealth Court



Committee Meetings

- (H) Appropriations – OTF – To be announced
- (S) Rules and Executive Nominations – OTF – To consider: SB 246
- (H) Human Services – 9:00AM - Informational meeting on Update on Performance-Based Contracting for residential and supports coordination services for individuals with intellectual disabilities and autism
- (H) Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness – 9:15AM – To consider: HR 288 and SB 146
- (H) Finance – 9:30AM - Public hearing on HB 1556, HB 1900 and any other business that comes before the committee

- (H) Children and Youth – 10:00AM – To consider: HB460 and SB 766
- (H) Professional Licensure – 10:00AM – To consider: HB 980, 1161, 1881
- (H) Local Government – 10:00AM – To consider: HB 1204, 1713, 1720, 1787, 1856, 1875, 1893



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