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## TREE TRIUMPH

A 25-foot Douglas fir arrived at the Capitol last Wednesday morning, squeezing through the doors after crews temporarily removed the revolving entrance. Workers lifted the tree into place in the Main Rotunda, where it will be decorated this week before the annual lighting ceremony on Monday, December 8th at 1 p.m. A second 22-foot tree will stand on the Capitol steps, with all trees supplied by Crystal Spring Tree Farm in Carbon County.

## GONE FISHING

Pennsylvania fishing licenses for the 2026 season are officially on sale starting today, December 1st. The Fish and Boat Commission says anglers can buy licenses, permits, and vouchers [online](#) or at nearly 700 retailers statewide. All 2026 licenses are valid from December 1, 2025, through December 31, 2026, with annual and multi-year options available. Add-ons like Trout, Lake Erie, and combo permits are also back. Kids under 16 do not need a license, but they will need either a Voluntary Youth Fishing License or a free Mentored Youth Fishing Permit to take part in youth fishing opportunities next season.

## SOMETHING IN THE WATER

UPMC Lititz's Magee-Womens unit delivered a record number of twins last week. **Deborah Willwerth**, President of the hospital, said "In my experience here, this is the first time I can remember having four sets of twins born in the same week." Three sets of twin boys came first followed by a set of girls. All the families were thrilled to be a part of the twin boom.

## TARGETED INQUIRY

Congress has launched an inquiry into the legality of military strikes in the Caribbean. Since September, more than twenty strikes were carried out against boats alleged to have been smuggling drugs into the U.S. which has led to over 80 deaths. Multiple U.S. Senators have reached out to The Pentagon for a more definitive legal explanation behind the attacks.

## TREE BOOM

Real Christmas trees are unusually abundant this year, with growers reporting the best supply in about a decade. Industry surveys show most wholesalers plan to keep prices flat, and some could even lower them, thanks to a bumper crop across the U.S. and steady imports from Canada. While artificial tree prices are climbing due to tariffs, Pennsylvania's tree farms and local growers say shoppers should expect plenty of fresh, affordable options this holiday season.



### *Happy Birthday*

- State Senator **Nick Miller**
- Former State Representative **Jim Gregory**
- **Alex Baloga\***, President and CEO, Pennsylvania Food Merchants Association



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