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ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

A photography contest in Pennsylvania is accepting entries to bring awareness to litter in the Commonwealth. The Pennsylvania Resources Council Entries is heading up the Gene Capaldi Lens on Litter Photo Contest. Contestants may enter up to five original images that highlight an anti-litter message. The contest is specifically open to amateur photographers, who can send their photos to the Pennsylvania Resources Council. Top prize is \$500, second is \$250, and third is \$100. Submit your photos [here](#).

BUNDLE UP

If this weekend was any indicator, Pennsylvania residents are in for a long winter. An arctic blast is moving in on most of the East Coast bringing record low temperatures and icy conditions. Roads have been mostly cleared after the snowfall in central PA but below freezing temps can mean a slippery commute until the snow is gone. *Stay safe out there!*

NORTHERN LIGHTS

Tonight, Pennsylvania could catch a glimpse of the Northern lights. Northern lights, or aurora borealis, are caused by explosions on the sun. They are typically best viewed in the Northern hemisphere, but on occasion can be viewed elsewhere. Tonight, up to twenty-four states in the U.S may have the opportunity to see them, including Pennsylvania. If you are willing to stand in tonight's freezing weather, you might see this natural phenomenon.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

U.S. Agriculture Secretary **Brooke Rollins** claims that \$3 a meal is all it takes to maintain a balanced healthy diet. This comes after an increase in food costs by about .7% in the month of December. It is reported that the average cost of food per day was over \$27 in 2024, and seems to be on the rise.

NATIONAL CHAMPS

Indiana walked away victorious after their win against Miami in the College Football National Championship last night. Heisman Trophy winner, **Fernando Mendoza** had a hand in leading his team with an impressive game. This is quite the turnaround for the Hoosiers whose last time winning a bowl game before this season was in 1991. Miami hasn't seen a national championship win since 2001.



Happy Birthday

- State Representative **Joe Kerwin**, Captain, U.S. Army Reserve
- State Representative **Chris Pielli**
- **Chad Weaver**, Chief of Staff, Office of Senator Martin
- **Barb Zemlock**, Shareholder, Tucker Arensberg Attorneys

Committee Meetings

- (H) Consumer Protection, Technology and Utilities – 11:00AM - Joint informational meeting with the House Energy committee on "Energy Affordability: Why are utility bills rising, and what should the General Assembly do to reduce costs?" and any other business that may come before the committee
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- (S) Democratic Policy – 11:00AM - Public hearing on legislation being proposed to establish the Small Necessities Leave Act



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