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Happy Saint Patrick's Day!



The Senate will convene at 1pm.

SPECIAL

Today, voters in Adams/Cumberland Counties and Blair County will vote for two replacements in the State House. In District 193, **Catherine Wallen** (R) is taking on **Todd Crawley** (D) to replace former State Representative **Torren Ecker** (R). In the middle of the state, the 79th District, formerly held by State Representative **Lou Schmitt** (R), has a faceoff between **Andrea Verobish** (R) and **Caleb McCoy** (D). Both districts were held by Republicans and have a good chance of being replaced by them as well. The lucky winners will get to repeat the process in the May Primary and November General elections.

PARADE

The Harrisburg St. Paddy's Day Parade will be in full swing this Saturday. The Parade will run along Front and 2nd Streets at 2pm. If you prefer to be a bit more active, try out the lucky charm 4-mile race that precedes the parade. Streets will be closed from 10am - 2pm to allow everyone a chance to enjoy the festivities that Harrisburg has to offer.

DIAGNOSIS

Susie Wiles, the White House chief of staff, has been diagnosed with early-stage breast cancer. Wiles will undergo treatment as soon as possible. Wiles remains committed to her position and

plans to continue working to the best of her abilities. President **Donald Trump** commended her for her strength and commitment to her work.

TRAINS

A staple in Palmyra, PA is officially being dismantled. **Jay** and **Carolyn Buffenmyer** created their intricate train display in 1970, 56 years ago. The model train set displays various sites throughout Pennsylvania, including historical sites. The dismantle must be done due to Jay's declining health. It will be dismantled and the proceeds will be donated to charity.

U.S.A.

The United States Paralympic Sled Hockey Team helped to secure Olympic history with another gold medal victory, beating Canada 6-2 on Sunday. This marks the first time that a country has swept gold in all three hockey events - Women's, Men's and Paralympic. *Yet another rough day to be from America's attic...*



Happy Birthday

- State Representative **Dave Madsen**
- Former State Representative **Gary Haluska**
- **Frank Lynch**, President, Ward 4 Commissioner, Susquehanna Township
- **David Osikowicz**, Chair, PA Dept. of Environmental Protection MRAB
- **Mary Hanna Leavitt**, President Judge, Commonwealth Court
- **Kevin Busher**, Chief Advocacy Officer, Pennsylvania School Boards Association
- **Bob Archibald**, Vice President, GSL Public Strategies Group
- **Kathy McCormac**
- **Cindy Cashman**

Committee Meetings

- (S) Banking and Insurance – OTF – To consider: SB 1210 and SB 1211
- (S) Appropriations – OTF – To consider: HB1286, SB203, SB270, SB331, SB802, SB1090, and SB1218
- (S) Local Government – 9:30AM – To consider: SR211
- (H) Republican Policy – 10:00AM - Public hearing on Built in Pennsylvania: Strengthening Industrial Competitiveness
- Joint Center for Rural Pennsylvania – 10:00AM - The Board will meet to conduct the regular business affairs of the Center
- (S) Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness – 10:30AM – To consider: HB 993, SB 1209, and SR 245
- (S) Health and Human Services – 11:00AM - Public hearing on

testimony from the Department of Drug & Alcohol Programs as well as subject matter experts on the role of prescribed narcotics in medication-assisted therapy for addiction management

- (S) Game and Fisheries – 12:00PM - Public hearing to receive PA Game Commission and PA Fish & Boat Commission testimony on their respective annual reports



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