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FUNDING

Pennsylvania is the nation's 4th largest recipient of National Institute of Health (NIH) funding, and U.S. Senator **Dave McCormick** (PA – R) wants to keep it that way. McCormick led NIH Director **Jay Battacharya** on a tour of life sciences research centers in and around Pittsburgh to highlight the biotechnology growth in the region. McCormick said he would oppose any White House push to reduce funding to NIH. The Senator and Director have a similar visit scheduled for the Philadelphia region this week.

SHOP

State Representatives **Jill Cooper** and **Marla Brown** have circulated a co-sponsorship memo that would put students back in shop class. The proposed legislation would ensure that students in grades 6-12 get at least one unit of hands-on technical education. Students will be exposed to many different aspects including home repair, craftsmanship, machine safety, and technical drawing. If passed, the bill will open the door for students to explore skills they may have never used.

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

It is that time of the year again when vehicles driving down State Street in Harrisburg might recognize blue flags planted in the median. Today, the PA Family Support Alliance will once again be placing these flags, which are in honor of Child Abuse Prevention Month. Each blue flag represents a case of child abuse reported in the Commonwealth, with black flags planted to honor the children who lost their lives. Please watch for pedestrians who will be participating in this event.

RE-OPENING

Iron Hill Brewery is opening its doors once again after shutting down less than a year ago. The restaurant is reopening with a new leadership team. The Center City Philadelphia location will reopen in mid-April, followed by five more locations later in the summer including Hershey.

Members of the team said that the chain is honored to return to the communities that made Iron Hill home.

CLOSED FOR A COFFEE BREAK

St. Thomas Roasters Coffee House will be temporarily closed due to a fire that broke out Tuesday morning. The Coffee shop, located in Linglestown, PA, is closed today but will hopefully reopen tomorrow. The fire only caused limited damage.



Happy Birthday

- State Representative **Chad Reichard**
- Former State Senator **John DiSanto**
- **Allison Fisher Thomas**, Deputy, Chief of Staff for Legislation & Policy
- **Todd Witalec**, Captain and Commander for Troop T (Turnpike)
- **Brian Lemelle Jr.**, Legislative Director, Pennsylvania Department of the Auditor General
- **Douglas Chew**, Vice-Chairman, Board of Commissioners, Westmoreland County
- **Corey Buckner**, Community Affairs Supervisor, Office of Pittsburgh Mayor Corey O'Connor
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