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SCANTRON

Luzerne County is ditching the screens and going back to pen and paper ballots for the upcoming Primary Election. The county has moved to a new contract, which began this year. According to the Director of Elections, "It's part of the process that we decided would be best based off of feedback from our voters and our poll workers." Officials also claim that this process is cheaper and less likely to cause issues.

OPENING?

The sweetest place on Earth could be delaying their summer season start as contract negotiations continue for Chocolate Workers Local 464, the union that makes up the workers of Hersheypark. If an agreement cannot be met, those workers may go on strike. Hersheypark insists that they will maintain a summer season start date of May 21st.

TENT CITY

Yesterday, Harrisburg City Council approved additional funding to rebuild Broad Street Market, bringing the total to \$23.7 million. According to officials, added funding is needed due to change orders to repair the brick wall that collapsed on the property several months ago. The city is holding strong to a May 31, 2027, reopen date.

CHINA

President **Donald Trump** landed in Beijing, China yesterday and began talks with Chinese President **Xi Jinping**. In a closed-door meeting, President Xi reportedly warned Trump that differences surrounding Taiwan could lead to potential conflicts. Other topics expected during the meetings include the Iran war, trade deals, and tariffs.

NEW LEADER IN WARSHINGTON

The Federal Reserve now has a new leader after the U.S. Senate confirmed **Kevin Warsh** as the new Chairman of the Federal Reserve. Warsh is the successor to former Chairman **Jerome Powell** who

previously held the position for eight years and is now the 17th Chair to serve of the world's most powerful central bank. Warsh received a close to party line confirmation after all Republicans voted in favor and Senator **John Fetterman** broke party ranks by joining the Republicans.



Happy Birthday

- State Representative **Robert Merski**
- State Representative **Parke Wentling**
- **Tommy Johnson**, Partner, Allegheny Strategy Partners
- **Ryan Unger**, President & CEO, Harrisburg Regional Chamber



Committee Meetings

- (H) State Government – 12:30PM - Joint public hearing with the Senate State Government committee on the 2026 DGS surplus property disposition plan



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