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In observance of Memorial Day, we will return on Tuesday

SOUTHWESTERN SHAKE-UP

The Allegheny Conference on Community Development, which is the region's leading economic development organization, has announced it will be undertaking some leadership changes beginning in the new year. Most notably, **Stefani Pashman** will be stepping down as the CEO of the Allegheny Conference after serving in the role for eight and a half years. In addition, **Leroy Ball**, CEO of Koppers Holdings Inc., will be succeeding **David Holmberg**, CEO of Highmark Health, as Chair of the Conference. Joining Ball in leadership is **Mark Wiedman**, President of PNC Financial Services Group Inc., who will be taking on the role of Vice Chair.

GET WRITING

U.S. Senator **Dave McCormick** has announced an essay contest for high school students to celebrate America's 250th anniversary. Winning essayists will get to meet Senator McCormick and get their essays entered into the Congressional Record. Students are encouraged to write about either the influence of a famous Pennsylvanian or a challenge facing the newest generation of Americans. Essays are due on July 4th and should be emailed to pa250@mccormick.senate.gov, with winners being announced later that month.

GROUNDDED

Saturday's highly anticipated and sold out Air DOT Show at Harrisburg International Airport has unfortunately been canceled. Event coordinators stated that the cold and rainy weather impacting the region poses safety concerns to staff, performers, and visitors. Don't fret - Sunday and Monday's shows remain scheduled and clear for takeoff.

MDW

Hershey and Harrisburg are gearing up for one of the biggest tourism weekends of the year. The annual Hershey Soccer Club **Memorial Day Challenge** returns, the PIAA Boys Singles and Doubles State **Championships** take place at the Hershey Racquet Club, and the **Memorial Day Madness** hockey tournament will take place. Of course, the highlight for many will be Harrisburg's

58th annual Artsfest at Riverfront Park. Drawing more than 40,000 visitors and showcasing over 200 vendors, the riverfront will transform into a vibrant celebration of art, food, and community.

We at Harrisburg: ONLINE extend our condolences to the family and friends of **Melissa Jane Wilbur Morgan**, who passed away on May 16th at the age of 41 after a battle with breast cancer. Melissa committed her life to public service. She served as Assistant State Director for the National Federation of Independent Businesses from 2021 to 2026. Prior to that, she worked for the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors from 2008 to 2021 as a Legislative and Policy Analyst. Melissa was a wonderful woman who will be remembered for her compassion and kindness. A memorial service will be held tomorrow at 3:00 p.m. at New Life Community Church in Carlisle, PA. Visitation with the family will begin at 1:30 p.m.



Happy Birthday

Today:

- Former State Representative **Jim Gregory**
- **Mike Davies**, Director of Business Operations, Amergis Healthcare Services
- **Anita Weikel**, Economic Development Lending Officer, Harrisburg Regional Chamber

Saturday:

- PA House Majority Leader **Matthew D. Bradford**
- State Representative **Tarah Probst**
- State Representative **Aerion Abney**, Board Member, Pittsburgh Regional Transit
- **John Guyer**, Executive Director of Senate Appropriations, Office of Senator Martin
- **Bill Ryan**, Former Commissioner, PA Gaming Control Board PGCB
- **Daniel J. Reisteter**, Director of Development & Advancement, Harrisburg Catholic Elementary School
- **Jenny Stratton**, Executive Director of Tourism, Recreation and Economic Development, PA House of Representatives
- **Gladys E. Brown Dutrieuille**, Of Counsel, Stevens & Lee
- **Bruce McLanahan**, Partner, Regan McLanahan Government Strategies
- **Jeanne Schmedlen**

Sunday:

- Former U.S. Congressman **Charlie Dent**
- Former State Representative **Karen Boback**
- **Chuck Erdman**, Executive Director, PA Senate Intergovernmental Operations Committee
- **Clancy Myer**, Former Parliamentarian, PA House of Representatives
- **Skylar Walder**, Residence Director, University of Utah

Monday:

- Former State Representative **Tim Seip**
- Former State Representative **Michael Gerber**
- Former State Representative **Stephen Barrar**
- **Jamie Fitzgerald**, VP Investment Management Division, Goldman Sachs



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