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WILDLIFE INITIATIVE

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) and the PA Department of Transportation (PennDOT) are launching a statewide effort to reduce wildlife collisions and improve road safety while protecting habitats across Pennsylvania. The plan identifies key wildlife crossings and guides future infrastructure projects, backed by \$840,000 in federal funding. Officials say the effort will help reconnect habitats while making roads safer for drivers and wildlife across the Commonwealth.

OH SNACK

The ongoing recall of Utz Quality Foods has now been elevated to the Food and Drug Administration's highest classification. The Pennsylvania-based company initiated the recall of some Zapp's and Dirty potato chip varieties back in May after discovering potential salmonella contamination. The FDA's Class I recall is reserved for cases in which consumption could reasonably result in severe health consequences or even death.

NEW ADDITION

The Susquehanna Art Museum in Harrisburg has unveiled Helen's Courtyard, a new 3,000-square-foot outdoor space designed for art classes, school programs, and community events. The courtyard, located outside the museum's Education Center, is expected to be fully completed by the end of July. Museum leaders say the space will help expand educational programming and provide a welcoming place for the community.

JAHBS

The U.S. Department of Labor announced that the country added 57,000 jobs last month, an underwhelming number that fell far short of expectations. The DOL also revised its job numbers for April and May, revealing that 74,000 fewer jobs were added than originally reported. High inflation and low consumer confidence may be stunting the willingness of businesses to hire more people. Further, while the unemployment rate slightly lowered from 4.3% to 4.2%, the labor force participation rate decreased by 0.3 percentage points, keeping the number of unemployed people constant at 7.1 million.

Condolences to the friends and family of former State Senator **Shirley Kitchen** who passed away this weekend. Kitchen was first elected to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in 1987. She later ran for the Pennsylvania Senate, representing the 3rd District in parts of Philadelphia and Montgomery Counties from 1996-2016. Funeral arrangements have yet to be announced.



Happy Birthday

- **Vincent A. Vicites**, Vice Chairman, Fayette County PA
- **Mary P. Murray**, Judge, PA Superior Court



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