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FUELING THE FIRE

Freedom Fuel is facing scrutiny after a federal lawsuit alleges that more than \$4 million worth of fuel was obtained from a Pennsylvania terminal without payment and later sold to Freedom Fuel gas stations. The lawsuit, filed by Mansfield Oil Company, names New Jersey-based KRSM Inc. and alleges that more than 1.1 million gallons of fuel were involved. KRSM disputes the allegations, and the case remains ongoing.

BETTING ON YOURSELF

Former Congressman **George Santos** has found a new way to make headlines. Kalshi, the prediction market gambling app, has permanently banned the former Congressman after determining there was reasonable cause to believe he engaged in insider trading by betting against his own attendance at President Trump's State of the Union address. Santos ultimately pocketed \$17,839 after he failed to show, despite publicly discussing his plans to attend. Kalshi called it its first-ever permanent ban, hoping to deter people from using the platform for insider trading.

TICK, TICK, BOOM

Tick season is reaching record levels across the country, with August seeing the highest rate of emergency room visits for tick bites since the CDC began tracking them in 2017. With another peak in tick activity expected in October and November, residents are encouraged to take precautions when spending time outdoors, including using insect repellent, wearing protective clothing, and checking themselves and their pets for ticks after outdoor activities.

HANGING UP THE CLEATS

After two decades playing for the Argentine national team, **Lionel Messi** has taken to social media to announce his retirement. Messi expressed gratitude for his coaches, teammates, and fans for supporting him during his legendary career. He later explained that it was his father's death in early August that solidified his decision to retire from the national league. Although his time on Argentina's team has come to an end, Messi stated that he always fought and left everything on the field for his team and wanted to make his fans feel proud to be Argentinean.

END OF SUMMER BALL

Tonight through Sunday is your last chance of the season to catch the Harrisburg Senators at home on City Island. All six games will be against the Altoona Curves with special promotions each night, with notably the final fireworks presentation on Saturday night. Tickets are available [here](#).



Happy Birthday

- Former State Senator **John H. Eichelberger, Jr.**
- Former State Representative **Dante Santoni, Jr.**
- **Douglas Griffith**, Senior Government Affairs Coordinator, State Farm Insurance
- **Kristin Givens**, Associate General Counsel, State Farm Insurance
- **Lucy M. Gnazzo**, Owner, LM Gnazzo Promotion Strategies
- **Antionette Marchowsky**, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of Senator Vince Hughes.
- **John Plowman**, Retired but still active



Committee Meetings

- (H) Consumer Protection, Technology and Utilities – 9:30AM - Informational hearing on Utility Cybersecurity
- (S) Democratic Policy – 10:00AM - Public hearing on Micromobility Solutions & Safety (Abby's Law, SB1008)
- (H) Republican Policy – 10:00AM - Public hearing on making PA more affordable



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