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ROCK THE VOTE

If you haven't prepared for voting season yet, don't worry, the PA Department of State has you covered. Last Thursday, Secretary of the Commonwealth **Al Schmidt** brought the 2026 voter education initiative to the public. The goal of this initiative is to ensure residents are aware of key election dates, deadlines, and ballot options before they head to the polls. The voter education toolkit offers graphics and election facts in English, Spanish, Chinese, Russian, and Vietnamese. November 3rd is election day and polls are open 7:00 AM- 8:00PM. If you have questions as a first-time voter, mail-in voter, or an elderly voter, you can find the toolkit [here](#).

MILKING THE OPPORTUNITY

Pennsylvania dairy farmers are looking ahead with optimism as Chobani plans to open a new processing facility in Allentown, PA in 2027, creating the potential for increased demand for locally produced milk. Industry leaders say the plant could provide new market opportunities and support growth across the state's dairy sector. While recent U.S.-Canada dairy trade tensions have drawn attention, economists expect little impact on Pennsylvania farmers or consumer prices. The project, coupled with rising demand for high-protein and specialty dairy products, is seen as a promising sign for the industry's long-term future.

PRESENT FOR THE PAST

The Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission has awarded nearly \$4 million in grants to 182 museums and historical organizations across 60 counties as part of the nation's 250th anniversary. The unrestricted grants ranged from \$4,000 to \$47,000 and can be used for general operating expenses, giving recipients flexibility to support ongoing programs and preservation efforts. Several central Pennsylvania organizations received funding, including the Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts, National Civil War Museum, AACA Museum, and the M.S. Hershey Foundation. The state-supported grant program is now in its 15th year.

A SHOT IN THE DARK

Since Wednesday, the Pennsylvania Department of Health has reported 52 new measles cases, including four cases involving vaccinated individuals. However, the DOH emphasized that these

four cases account for less than 1% of all confirmed measles cases in the Commonwealth. Pennsylvania has reported the second-highest number of measles cases in the country this year, behind South Carolina, bringing PA's total just four shy of the most in the nation.

SCARE TACTICS

Field of Screams is back for its 34th season and new state requirements now govern the Lancaster County attraction's use of minor performers, including state permits, adult background checks, abuse and harassment prevention training, workplace safety protocols, and ways for workers to report concerns. With actors as young as 14, the added oversight puts a new spotlight on how the attraction protects its youngest performers. While guests come for the thrills, state regulators are focused on making sure safety remains the real priority behind the scenes.



Happy Birthday

- Former State Representative **Angel Cruz**
- **Seth M. Grove**, Commissioner, PA Human Relations Commission
- **Vic Stabile**, Judge, PA Superior Court
- **Jean Foschi**, Cumberland County Commissioner



Committee Meetings

- (H) Republican Policy – 1:00PM
- Public hearing on Powering Pennsylvania: An Affordable, Reliable Energy Future



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