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WORTH A SHOT

Pennsylvania's worsening measles outbreak is prompting renewed calls for vaccination, U.S. Senator **Dave McCormick** (R-PA) is publicly backing the MMR vaccine, calling it a safe and effective tool for preventing the disease. He noted its decades-long record of safety and effectiveness after two more measles-associated deaths were reported in the state. Health officials say Pennsylvania has now recorded more than 700 cases in what they describe as the worst outbreak in several decades.

MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS

On Wednesday, the Pennsylvania Department of Education announced that 14 community colleges would be receiving \$25.4 million in grants. Harrisburg Area Community College was awarded a \$625,000 grant to help replace cooling towers at the Rose Lehrman Arts Center with an additional grant going towards replacing heat pumps at the Public Safety Training Center. Allowing colleges to invest in new facilities will garner an improved campus life for students. PA Secretary of Education **Dr. Carrie Rowe** explained that this investment is a recognition that strong community colleges are essential statewide.

DEGREE MEETS WORLD

Shippensburg University is joining a new two-year pilot program aimed at helping students better understand how their majors translate into real-world careers. Through the "Connecting Credentials to Careers" initiative, students will have access to clearer information about job opportunities, earning potential, and the skills employers are seeking, helping them make more informed academic and professional decisions. The program is supported by a \$740,600 grant and will launch across Shippensburg, Kutztown, and PennWest universities.

PASTA LA VISTA, BOOMERS

Olive Garden is serving up nostalgia for Baby Boomers. A recent YouGov survey of 7,500 adults age 65 and older found that Olive Garden was the top restaurant choice among Baby Boomers, outperforming chains such as Texas Roadhouse, Applebee's, Cracker Barrel, and Outback.

Steakhouse. Younger diners had different tastes, with Chili's narrowly claiming the top spot among adults ages 18 to 29, highlighting how comfort food means something different to every generation.

ALL DOLLED UP

American Girl has unveiled their 2027 "Girl of the Year" for 2027. **Daisy Davenport** is the first character from Madison, Wisconsin, where American Girl originated. The Daisy doll has auburn hair and green eyes, and her product line includes a camp cabin, soccer set, and campfire accessories. Daisy embodies confidence and originality, and you can learn more about her in her companion book, *Daisy Davenport Saves the Day*.



Happy Birthday

Today:

- State Senator **Marty Flynn**
- Former State Senator **Jane C. Orie**
- Former State Representative **Bernie O'Neill**
- Former State Representative **Keith Gillespie**
- **Tyler Myers***, Associate, Eckert Seamans
- **George Hindson**, Senior Policy & Reporting Analyst, RACP Office, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- **Albert Masland**, President Judge, Cumberland County Court of Common Pleas
- **Rachael Choplick**, Government Relations Associate, Cozen O'Connor Public Strategies
- **Ally Kennedy**, Legislative Assistant, Office of State Representative Carl Metzgar
- **Barb Greenlee**
- **Jason C. Gerard**

Saturday:

- State Representative **Jesse Topper**
- **Colleen Kopp**, Senior VP, Government Affairs, SR Wojdak & Associates LP
- **Matt Smith**, Chief Growth Officer, Allegheny Conference on Community Development
- **Hannah McManus**, External Affairs Associate, Office of Governor Josh Shapiro
- **Thomas B. Hagen**, Chairman Emeritus, Erie Indemnity
- **Roger Nick**
- **Valerie Corbin Ketchen**

Sunday:

- State Senator **Katie Muth**
- Former State Representative **Ronald E. Miller**
- Former State Representative **Thomas A. Tangretti**
- **Matthew Brouillette**, Founder, President and CEO, Commonwealth Partners Chamber of Entrepreneurs, Inc.
- **Caroline Boyce**, President & CEO, Inter-Mission, LLC

- **Colleen K. Greer**, Legislative Director, Office of Senator Pittman
- **Scott Foster**, Attorney, PA Office of the State Inspector General
- **Santo Napoli**, Allentown City Councilmember
- **Jon Anzur**, Senior VP, Public Affairs, PA Chamber of Business and Industry
- **Becca Ream Weigle**, R&W Partners, LLC
- **James Fata**
- **Tony Barbush***



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