

Bill to Boost Mental Health Access OK'd by House

By State Rep. Ann Flood

Recognizing the importance of access to mental health care, I joined a majority of my colleagues in the state House to approve a bill that would authorize the Commonwealth to join the Interstate Counseling Compact.

The compact permits a professional counselor's home state license to be mutually recognized by other states based on criteria laid out within the language of the compact. The agreement would enhance access to care by providing counselors and their patients more opportunities as to where and how they provide treatment.

More than three dozen states already have compact laws, including the neighboring states of Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Ohio and West Virginia.

Senate Bill 604 is pending the governor's signature to become law.



Important Student Aid Deadline!

By State Rep. Ann Flood

First-time applicants planning to attend a community college, trade school or other eligible school have until Saturday, Aug. 1, to submit their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to be considered for a PA State Grant in 2026-27.

The PA State Grant Program is offered through the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) and provides funding to eligible undergraduate students that does not have to be repaid. Complete your FAFSA now at StudentAid.gov.

Nominate Your Favorite Trail

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If you have a favorite trail that provides unique opportunities, encourages and celebrates diverse user groups, or enhances your community, please nominate it for Pennsylvania's 2027 Trail of the Year.

Each year, the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) and its Pennsylvania Trails Advisory Committee (PTAC) designate a Trail of the Year to help build enthusiasm and support for trails and raise public awareness about the economic, environmental and health benefits trails bring. The winning trail will be recognized through a commemorative poster for statewide distribution, a trailhead marker along the trail, and a grant for educational programs to promote safety and environmental protection on the trail.

Click here to nominate your favorite trail. The deadline for nomination is Friday, July 31.

Plainfield Farmers' Fair Returns July 21-25

By State Rep. Ann Flood

Looking for a fun local event to enjoy this summer? The Plainfield Farmers' Fair returns July 21-25 at 1281 Bangor Road in Nazareth with a week of family-friendly activities and entertainment.

Visitors can enjoy tractor pulls, live music, delicious food, livestock shows, kids' activities, the demolition derby and much more. This annual tradition is a great opportunity to support local organizations and spend time with family and friends.

My office will have an information table at the fair where attendees can learn more about state services, upcoming events and other resources available to the community. I hope you stop by and say hello!

Learn more about the fair here <https://links.pahousenews.com/q/vKjqNfLdJ0XJBm9wn-90KibAukojhE9fa4ZcOJYnZ0aW1lc0ByY24uY29tw4gl3a2WmCncaj4LUKXDf17PjyV2vw>.

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NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

SENIOR FARMERS MARKET

NUTRITION PROGRAM

Informational Event

Monday, July 20
9-11 a.m.

Pen Argyl District Office
962 Pennsylvania Ave.,
Pen Argyl

ELIGIBILITY:
Seniors must be age 60 or older and meet the income requirements. Income includes all sources such as Social Security, wages, and interest. Seniors living in nursing homes or places where meals are provided are not eligible.

WHAT TO BRING:
A valid photo ID showing your current address is required.

The 2026 income limits are:

One person household	\$29,526
Two person household	\$40,034
Three person household	\$50,542
Four person household	\$61,050

For questions or additional information, please call **610-746-2100** or visit RepAnnFlood.com/events.

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FRIDAY IN DOWNTOWN - 6PM - Opening Ceremony and Main Street Cruisers

SATURDAY - DOWNTOWN & FOOTBALL FIELD

SUNDAY - COMMUNITY PARK

Heritage Festival All Day

Macungie Band - 10:00 AM

Cast Away Band - 1:00 PM

Stacy Gabel Band - 4:00 PM

M80 PARTY BAND 7:00 PM

DRONE & LASER LIGHT SHOW 9:00 PM

Community Worship - 9:30 AM

Kendal Conrad - 12:00 PM

Reservoir Hill Country Band - 3:00 PM

Mahoney Brothers - 6:00 PM

Petting Zoo - 12 - 5 PM

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One of Emmaus' Largest Community Celebrations in Years Planned for July 24-26

By Hayden Rinde

EMMAUS, PA — The Borough of Emmaus, in partnership with community organizations including Emmaus Main Street Partners, the Emmaus Historical Alliance, and numerous other local groups, will host the Emmaus 250 Celebration from July 24-26, 2026. The three-day festival will commemorate America's 250th anniversary with one of the largest community celebrations the borough has hosted in years, featuring live music, historical experiences, family activities, local food vendors, and a spectacular drone and laser light show.

Designed to showcase the rich history and strong community spirit of Emmaus, the celebration will transform downtown streets, historic sites, parks, and public gathering spaces into destinations for residents and visitors alike. The weekend will bring together local businesses, nonprofits, performers, veterans, faith organizations, and community volunteers in a shared tribute to America's semi quincentennial and Emmaus' own unique heritage.

The celebration begins Friday, July 24, with an Opening Ceremony at 5:00 p.m. at the borough's gateway entrance near the Emmaus Public Library. The ceremony will feature the unveiling of a new borough welcome sign, a public reading of the Declaration of Independence by the local Girl and Boy Scout Troops and special presentation by the Emmaus Veterans Committee. Following the ceremony, the Main Street Cruisers will perform at the Triangle beginning at 6:30 p.m., with food vendors available throughout the evening.

For additional event details, schedules, updates, and announcements, visit facebook.com/emmaus250.