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Local Business Investment Brings New Jobs

By State Rep. Ann Flood

I am happy to announce that Cryo Concepts in Forks Township, Northampton County, has received a low-interest loan from the state to purchase new machinery and equipment, helping the company meet growing demand for its cryosurgical and esthetic products.

The project will create 24 new full-time jobs and retain 59 existing positions, with a total investment of more than \$1.1 million. Supporting businesses like Cryo Concepts strengthens the local economy, creates additional career opportunities, encourages innovation, and helps our communities continue to grow and thrive.

PIDA, the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority, provides loans to businesses that commit to creating and retaining full-time jobs, supporting growth and investment in local communities.



Governor's Proposed \$53.26 Billion Budget More Than PA Can Afford

By State Rep. Ann Flood

The 2026-27 state budget process got underway last week when Gov. Josh Shapiro delivered his budget address before a joint session of the General Assembly on Tuesday.

His \$53.26 billion proposal represents an increase of \$2.72 billion, or 5.4%, over the current year's spending. With current law revenues projected to increase by just 1.9%, the governor is once again looking to balance his budget in part with a one-time revenue source by using nearly 60% (\$4.58 billion) from the Rainy Day Fund.

To generate additional revenue, the governor is also recycling his proposals to legalize and tax recreational marijuana, and to tax skill games at a rate of more than 50%.

The budget proposed by the governor is his ideal plan to begin negotiations with the General Assembly and is not the final enacted budget. In the coming weeks, the House and Senate Appropriations committees will each conduct hearings taking a closer look at the details of the plan. The House hearings get underway on Monday, Feb. 23, with the Judiciary and Department of Corrections. As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, I will be asking tough questions to ensure each department is held accountable and that taxpayer dollars are spent wisely.

Additional information about the governor's proposal is available at PABudget.com.



Think Spring! Trout Stocking Schedule Available

By State Rep. Ann Flood

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) announced its 2026 trout stocking schedule is now available online and on the FishBoatPA mobile app.

The PFBC will stock approximately 3.2 million adult trout in 684 streams and 130 lakes open to public angling. Stocking is set to begin the week of Feb. 16 in advance of the statewide Mentored Youth Trout Day on Saturday, March 28, and the statewide opening day of trout season on Saturday, April 4.

The 2026 adult trout stocking schedule is searchable by county; lists the waterways in alphabetical order; and indicates stocking dates, meeting locations for volunteers and the species of trout that will be stocked at each location.

Click here for additional details about stocking and visit fishandboat.com for information about fishing licenses and permits <https://links.pahousenews.com/q/mBRrddfA5L0XC6hcnca1m5oLusVLqIKDEmZcOJYnZ0aW1lc0ByY24uY29tw4gdpJ3yBKOf4jFLnrUSKdXuWHGRcA>.



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