

Reflecting on Independence Day Weekend

By State Rep. Ann Flood

I hope you had a great Fourth of July weekend with family, friends and neighbors. Independence Day is a time to celebrate our nation's freedom and reflect on the values that continue to define us.

The Fourth reminds us of the enduring strength of our country and the importance of coming together in our communities to honor the principles on which this nation was founded. The holiday offered a chance to gather and enjoy time with the people who matter most.

If you missed my video last week, I took part in an America250PA video highlighting Pennsylvania's people, places and history. You can watch it here https://links.pahousenews.com/q/RtMNNTM5NH0XIPHWR8YgKX_m2xLyH5lVlyiZcOJYnZ0aW1lc0ByY24uY29tw4g8ti9GHJoep7JL_QGmYxLjMfHfug.



Pa State Troopers Association Issues Statement On Truck Driver Accused Of Killing Trooper Michael Pahira Jr. On Interstate 81

By PSTA

HARRISBURG, Pa. – Pennsylvania State Troopers Association (PSTA) today released the following statement from President Stephen Polishan on the death of Trooper Michael Pahira Jr., who was struck and killed by a commercial truck driver while conducting a motor carrier inspection along Interstate 81 in Schuylkill County. According to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the driver remained in the United States illegally after his humanitarian parole was terminated in June 2025.

"This is not about politics. This is about right versus wrong. Trooper Pahira was a hero, and his family, fellow troopers and the public deserve answers. They need to know why the person accused of this senseless killing, who was in the United States illegally, had been granted a commercial driver's license in Massachusetts. This individual should never have been driving such a dangerous vehicle on our highways. But he was, and now a good man is dead. Trooper Pahira should be alive today."



Cirque De Paris™ Is Back By Popular Demand

By Cirque de Paris

CENTER VALLEY, PA- Cirque Anouchka Bouglione presents Cirque de Paris™ is back by popular demand in Center Valley, PA Under the Big Top at Promenade Saucon Valley July 23-August 2. This electrifying show is looking to captivate audiences across the country with its French flare and rich family history on stage.

Producer Anouchka Bouglione, seventh generation of France's esteemed Bouglione circus family, has curated an all-new ensemble of Europe's best circus artists.. Bouglione blends the European circus style with her family's signature French touch and is excited to continue sharing this experience with the audience.

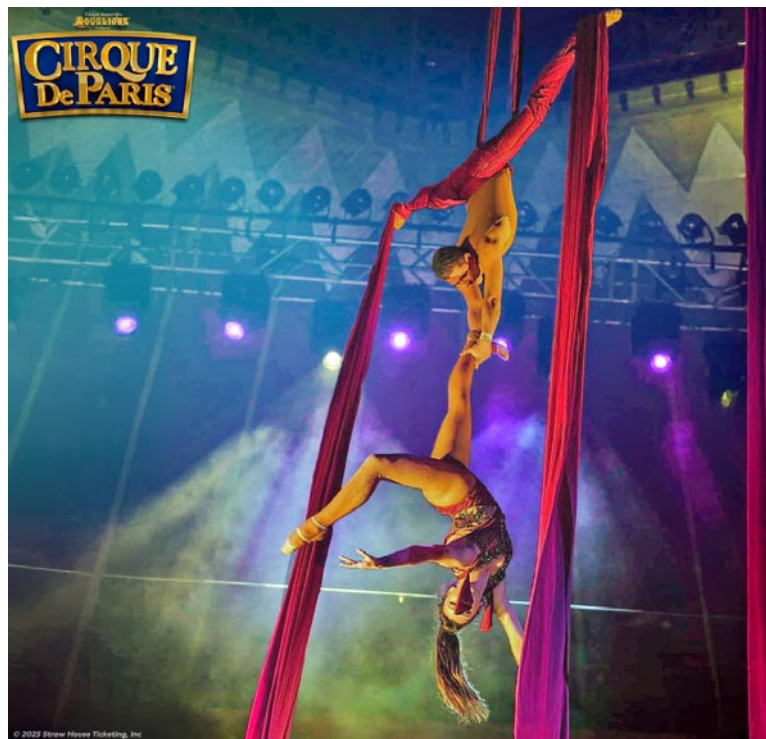
Those who attend this 90 minute circus spectacular will see a showcase of the top performers in their acts. This year will feature the Supka Family juggling troupe, two traditional circus clowns to keep the

crowd laughing and Bouglione's own two children, Noah and Alyana, making their season debut.

About Cirque de Paris

Cirque Anouchka Bouglione® presents Cirque de Paris™ hailing from the circus-rich traditions of France, is known for their illustrious circus legacy. In 1934, Anouchka Bouglione's great-grandfather, Joseph Bouglione, along with his brothers Alexandre, Sampion, and Firmin – collectively known as the "Four Brothers Bouglione" – became the proud owners of the iconic Cirque D'Hiver in Paris.

The family's fame skyrocketed when, in 1955, Hollywood chose their venue to film the classic movie "Trapeze" starring Tony Curtis, Gina Lollobrigida, and Burt Lancaster. Anouchka continues her family's legacy as the producer and director of Cirque de Paris performing now in towns across the country.



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.