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Memorable tokens



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Wooden Nickel History Trail celebrates America250PA

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Twelve participating historical sites, museums and businesses throughout Lebanon County will distribute commemorative wooden nickels to visitors. Officials said the program's goal is to help connect visitors to local history "in a fun and memorable way while celebrating the nation's milestone anniversary."

"Our tokens are more than souvenirs," Jennifer Kuzo, president of Visit Lebanon Valley, said in a release. "They're tangible reminders of the role that Lebanon County has played in shaping our region. We hope they inspire people to explore our local sites and feel more connected to the larger American story. Celebrate 250 in the Valley and see if you can collect all 5 nickels!"

Each nickel features one of five unique designs marking America's semi quincentennial and highlights the importance of preserving a shared history in the Lebanon Valley. The five nickels feature an American flag, a Railroad, a Miner's Hat, a Pretel, and an Iron/Steel Foundry token.

Wooden nickels first popped up during the Great Depression to boost local economies when regular currency was scarce. Officials said the phrase "don't take any wooden nickels" was a playful warning to be cautious in one's dealings to avoid deception. The nickels later became "quirky giveaways and symbols of

civic pride."

"Visitors can collect nickels from multiple participating sites, creating an engaging way for families to tour historic locations, learn about the past, and celebrate the spirit of America 250 together," officials said in the release.

The nickels are free to visitors; paid entry to each site is not required. Officials said the trail will continue into 2026 while supplies last.

Participating locations include:

- Annville Free LibraryCornwall Iron Furnace
- Indiantown Gap National Cemetery (Nickels will be distributed at the Administration Office, which is located on the right side of the main road shortly after entering the cemetery)
 - Isaac Meyer Homestead

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ELECTIONS 2025

LEBANON MAYOR

Capello, Liriano face-off in race

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Voters are weighing their choices as Incumbent Republican Lebanon City Mayor Sherry Capello faces Democratic challenger Cesar Liriano in the municipal elections on Nov. 4.

Capello is currently serving her fourth term as Lebanon mayor after defeating Liriano in 2021.

The Lebanon Daily News asked the candidates to respond to five questions on a variety of topics, including the housing crisis and how to attract and retain businesses in the city. These are their responses:

Cesar Liriano

Liriano is an independent contractor and former Lebanon School District board member. Residents can find more information about his campaign at Cesar for Mayor Facebook page.

If elected, what would be your plans to revitalize the Lebanon community over the next four years?

If elected, we will focus on revitalizing Lebanon by improving public spaces to make them safe, accessible, and welcoming for everyone. We'll implement efficient systems to keep these areas clean and well-maintained. To strengthen the local economy, we'll partner with current business owners, attract new investments, and support small and emerging businesses to create jobs and growth opportunities. Community input will guide our efforts — we'll hold regular meetings to listen to residents' concerns and ideas, ensuring that

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PennDOT hosts hiring event for winter temp CDL operators

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PennDOT will host a hiring event for job seekers to learn about winter temporary CDL operator jobs in Lebanon County.

The event will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 20, at the county maintenance office in 1445 Cumberland St., Lebanon. On-the-

spot applications, interviews, and driving skills testing will take place. Officials said a winter temporary CDL operator's starting pay is \$23 an hour.

Applicants will need to bring their current CDL license and medical examiners card to the event.

"Staff will be available to discuss current and future openings within the commonwealth for CDL operators, who must have a valid Pennsylvania (PA) CDL Class A or B with air brake restriction removed," officials said in a release. "This position also requires a current medical examiner certificate."

Applicants are encouraged to create an account with employment.pa.gov prior to the event. Officials said laptops and staff will be available to help interested participants navigate the electronic application system.

Residents looking for more infor-

sylvania (PA) CDL Class A or B with mation about the hiring event can air brake restriction removed," officall PennDOT at 717-450-2223.

Motorists can check conditions on major roadways by visiting 511PA.com. The free 24-hour service provides residents with traffic delay warnings, weather forecasts and traffic speed information.

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