Fall 2020

Photos From Around The District!

Northumberland County Clearwater Festival 2020.

Sincerely,

Eddie Day Pashinski
State Representative
121st Legislative District

Verify health and safety rules with your local restaurant.

To view daily data highlighting the importance and success of these 
actions, please visit
www.explorecare.org/covid-19/

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A post-nurse picture from Valley Dale Farm in Centre County. From left to right, Andy Bates (Centre Co. Farm Bureau), Destiny Zeiders (Ag Committee Exec. Director), Bethany Coursen (Dairy Farmer), me, and Centre County Commissioners Mark Higgins and Mike Pipe.

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Introducing Legislation to Help Stretch SNAP Dollars, Help PA Farmers & Producers

In May, I was proud to introduce the Pennsylvania Farm to SNAP Healthy Bins Initiative Program to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. The Pennsylvania Farm to SNAP Healthy Bins Initiative Program is a pilot program to provide SNAP participants with fresh, healthy food products made from Pennsylvania farms. This pilot program would allow SNAP recipients to use their benefits to purchase fresh, locally grown foods from Pennsylvania farms, providing a boost to our state’s agriculture sector and helping to stretch the value of SNAP benefits. The PA Farm to SNAP Healthy Bins Initiative Program pilot was funded by a $600,000 grant from the USDA to help market Pennsylvania’s healthy and safe food products. Pennsylvania’s farms have a proud history of providing fresh and healthy food to Pennsylvanians and the entire nation. These farms have worked tirelessly to ensure that Pennsylvanians have access to healthy food, and the USDA grant help make that possible. Pennsylvania has taken the lead on using one of my bills, the Unserved High-Speed Broadband Pilot Program Act, to help our state’s farms and rural communities. It is only fitting that we are able to help our state’s farmers and rural communities when they need it most, and the Farm to SNAP Healthy Bins Initiative Program is a great example of how we can provide assistance to these communities.

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The pandemic has made internet access a necessity for everyone, including business owners, farmers, and individuals. It is important that we have the necessary infrastructure to support our communities and businesses. The power of the internet has been essential for many businesses to continue operating during the pandemic. The pandemic has shown us that internet access is crucial for businesses to be able to operate safely, providing a safe and efficient way for people to conduct business and continue providing services to their customers. It is important that we continue to prioritize internet access for our communities and businesses to ensure that they can continue to operate during these challenging times.

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Centre County Ag Tour Highlights Importance of Rural Broadband, Technological Advances in Farming

Before the statewide lockout in March, Rep. Danilo Burgos, of Centre County, took a tour of innovative and sustainable agricultural practices at the Happy Valley Adventure Bureau about the Happy Valley AgVentures project.

One thing was clear: broadband was critical to that success, and access to reliable broadband for our farmers and rural businesses is more important than ever because of recent upgrades that Village Wide Cable has made to their rural internet service. With the increased efficiency and more reliable rural internet, access in Centre County and throughout the state is becoming more available.

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Pennsylvania Dairy products, Pennsylvania Beef products, Pennsylvania sodas, Pennsylvania beer, Buck County wines, and many other Pennsylvania-based foods and beverages are produced here in Pennsylvania. Farmers by creating a surge in demand for products grown and harvested in the state.

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It’s always a pleasure to see PA’s Future Farmers of America. The FFA students are extremely knowledgeable and professional in every aspect of my experience with them. It’s always a pleasure to see PA’s Future Farmers of America on our community college agenda and a pleasure to support their efforts. They are truly dedicated and have been to our state as well as the national level. Their work is exemplary and their dedication and energy to their work and to the state of Pennsylvania continues to monitor COVID-19 in Pennsylvania, including what to do if you think you have COVID-19, the latest testing information, contact tracing, unemployment compensation and more, please visit my.DelayedPaymentPlan.com.

A special thank you to all of our front-line doctors, nurses, health care providers, police, fire and EMS crews, front-line doctors, nurses, health care workers, truck drivers, bus drivers, farmers, and vegetable gardens, food processors, cleaning crews, producers, and others who are providing the goods and services we need every day. There is no doubt that this pandemic has made one another’s life better and services we need every day. It makes one another’s life better and services we need every day. It makes one another’s life better and services we need every day.

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