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Pen Argyl Ties With Pocono Mounaint East in Girls Soccer



Pen Argyl went head to head against Pocono Mt. East in Girls Soccer on September 8th. The game ended in a 1 to 1 tie. Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press

North Warren Goes Head To Head Against Newton High School in Boys Soccer



North Warren took on Newton in boys soccer on September 10th, but were defeated by Newton, 2 to 0. Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press

Warren County Honors 25th Anniversary of the September 11, 2001 Terrorist Attacks With Annual Patriot Day Ceremony



Photos and Article Courtesy Warren County, New Jersey, Government Facebook Page

Warren County solemnly marked the 25th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks with its annual Patriot Day ceremony on Friday, September 11th. The ceremony was held at the Warren County Emergency Services and 9/11 Memorial in Franklin Township.

Hundreds of residents, including students from neighboring Warren County Technical School as well as fire-

fighters, police and other first responders from throughout the county, joined in the ceremony, which included remembrances of the four county residents who died when the World Trade Center in Manhattan was attacked, as well as the county's first responders – State and local police, firefighters and rescue squad members – who have lost their lives in the line of duty since the 1800s.

Attendees, introduced by Master of Ceremonies Joseph Lake, Jr., included Warren County Commissioner Director Lori Ciesla and Commissioner James R. Kern III; county Prosecutor Jessica Cardone and Chief of Detectives Brenton Warne; county Correctional Police Warden Daniel Broesder; Public Safety Director Dennis Riley; and Mayors Kathleen Miers

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Bangor Wins 7-0 In Senior Night Field Hockey Game Against Northern Lehigh



Bangor took on Northern Lehigh in their Senior Night field hockey game on September 9th. Bangor won with a 7 to 0 shut-out. Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press

BANGOR (7) VS NORTHERN LEHIGH (0) FIELD HOCKEY SENIOR NIGHT



Aubrie Labar with her parent,
Andrea & Jason Labar



Sophia Hickler with her parents,
Cassandra Smith & Christopher Hickler



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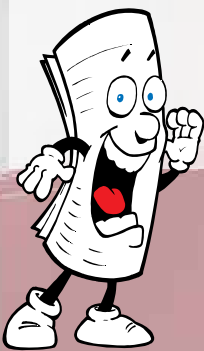
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of Belvidere and George Willan of Washington Township. Keynote speaker Sgt. First Class Lance Visone of NJ State Police recounted that in 2001 he was nearing graduation with an engineering degree and had an internship at the World Trade Center. He didn't go into work on Sept. 11 as he had friends visiting; if he had, he would have died along with numerous co-workers. This led him change direction and look for a way to serve in the military or law enforcement, eventually ending up with the State Police. "It wasn't about vengeance, it was about



love and caring for my community and my state and the people I worked with, the people that perished. It was about honoring theme, moving forward and living," Visone said.

Wreaths were placed at the memorial, which includes a steel beam from one of the Twin Towers, in remembrance of the Warren County residents who died there: Deepa K. Pakkala of



Greenwich Township; Bruce A. Reynolds of Knowlton Township, a Knowlton firefighter

and Port Authority patrolman; Bruce E. Simmons of Hackettstown; and Robert C. Miller

Jr. of Belvidere. Other wreaths commemorated the Warren County Line of Duty Deaths.



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Junior Non Fiction:

What was the Trail of Tears? By Sean Kicummah Teuton

Young Adult Fiction:

Flickerstate by F. A. Davidson; *Magical Girl Dandelion, Vol. 3* by Kaeru Mizuho; *The Harrow Home for Wayward Girls* by Jessica Spotswood

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Blue Mountain Community Library News:

The library is located at 216 S. Robinson Ave. in Pen Argyl. Open hours are Monday-Saturday 10am-12pm and Monday and Thursday 6-8pm. Questions? Call 610-863-3029 or email info@bmcl.org.

Get your ticket now for a special catered luncheon with author Lee Upton on Thurs., Oct. 8 at 12pm at Grace United Methodist Church, 404 E. Mountain Ave., Pen Argyl. Tickets are \$15 and available at the library through Sept. 26. Cash or check. Visit www.leeupton.com and check out one of her books!

Fall Preschool Storytime will meet the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 10:30am: Oct. 7 and 21, Nov. 4 and 18, and Dec. 2 and 16. Participants are required to register for each storytime they plan to attend; send child's name, birthdate, parent/guardian's name, and phone number to info@bmcl.org, or provide this info at the library or via 610-863-3029. Deadline is Monday two days prior to each storytime. Spots are limited.

Participate in our Readers' Raffle; every time you use your library card, get a chance to win a \$25 gift certificate to Zanette's Nazareth Grill!

The adult book discussion group next meets on Tues., Oct. 13 at 6:30pm to discuss "The Secret Book Society" by Madeline Martin. Email info@bmcl.org to RSVP.

Dine at The Slate Pub on Tues., Oct. 27, and a portion of your bill will go to the library.

New to the circulating collection:

Adult fiction:

A Founding Mother (Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoie); *The Last Mandarin* (Louise Penny and Mellissa Fung); *The Unknown* (Riley Sager); *The Amateur* (Chris Bohjalian); *Deceptions* (Jeffery Deaver); *Getting Away with Murder* (Shari Lapena); *Big Little Truths* (Liane Moriarty); *Queen Esther* (John Irving)

Large print:

The Rainy Day Bookshop (RaeAnne Thayne)

Juvenile fiction:

Fox the Tiger (Corey Tabor); *Exploring the Great Outdoors* (Mercer Mayer); *Fancy Nancy Sees Stars* (Jane O'Connor); *Talent Show Mix-Up* (Dan Gutman); *The Best Seat in First Grade* (Katharine Kenah); *Too Cool for School* (Kimberly and James Dean); *Daniel Plays at School* (Becky Friedman); *Clark the Shark and the Big Book Report* (Bruce Hale); *We Are Growing!* (Laurie Keller); *The Thank You Book* (Mo Willems); *Happy Pig Day!* (Mo Willems); *The Colorful Stories of Eric Carle* (Eric Carle)

BANGOR (5) VS PALMERTON (0) GIRLS TENNIS



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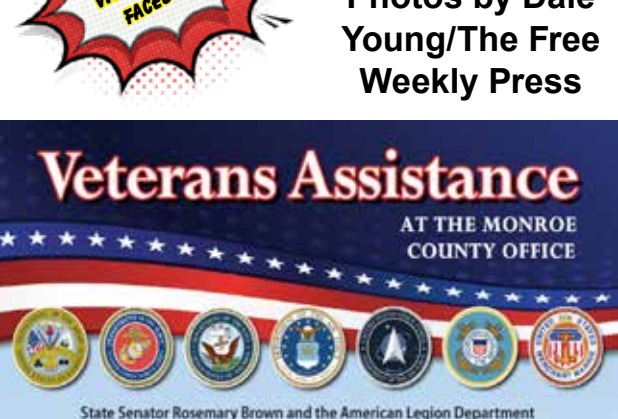
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Expectant parents and those with young children are invited to receive up-to-date information about oral and dental health for parents and children at a free Baby Beginnings Fair offered by Project Self-Sufficiency, Thursday, September 24th, 1:00 p.m. Representatives from Zufall Health will discuss prenatal and postpartum dental health, cavity prevention, and oral health strategies for infants and children. Attendees will also be able to access the resources they need to be successful, including free and reduced cost activities for families, information about early childhood health and development, positive parenting techniques, and other topics. Lunch will be provided along with free baby items, prizes and unique giveaways. The Baby Beginnings event is part of a Family Connects NJ program which supplements Project Self-Sufficiency's robust programs for pregnant women and parents of young children, including home visitation programs, monthly Mommy Parties, and Parent Cafes. Pregnant women and parents of young children are invited to call 973-940-3500 to register.

"Accurate information about early childhood and development is crucial for the success of new parents and we are grateful to offer this information session to the community," explains Deborah Berry-Toon, Executive Director of



Project Self-Sufficiency. "In addition to free items for baby and family, the Family Connects NJ Baby Beginnings Fairs allow pregnant women and new parents to engage with area experts and meet others in similar circumstances."

To register for the Family Connects NJ Baby Beginnings Fair, to discuss your early childhood parenting needs, or to find out more about other programs and services available at Project Self-Sufficiency, call 973-940-3500.

Project Self-Sufficiency has assisted low-income individuals and families in northwestern New Jersey since 1986. Services offered at Project Self-Sufficiency include high school equivalency education, computer courses, employment skills training, job placement services, support groups, parenting classes, child-care and preschool, legal assistance and education, counseling and advocacy, referrals, and help with emergency basic needs, like food and clothing. For more information about the programs and services offered by Project

Self-Sufficiency, visit www.projectsselfsufficiency.org or call 973-940-3500.

Family Connects NJ is New Jersey's universal newborn home visiting program, offering every family with a newborn a free home visit from a specially trained, registered nurse during the critical first weeks after birth. The program is designed to strengthen families from the very beginning by providing trusted guidance during the early postpartum period — a time when many parents face new challenges, health concerns, uncertainty, and stress.

During the visit, Family Connects NJ nurses:

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- Answer questions from families.
- Connect families to community services such as lactation support, mental health care, pediatric services, and parenting resources.
- Make postpartum support for families accessible and routine.

For more information, visit www.familyconnectsnj.org.



The North Warren Boys Soccer Team took time out of their busy schedules to do some roadside cleanup on Kerrs Corner Road. Thanks for helping keep Frelinghuysen, NJ, beautiful. Your efforts are appreciated. Photos courtesy Jenny Oliveira

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Hello, fellow readers,
Last week I shared a walk along the Paulinskill Valley Trail with Jolee to soothe a hurting heart. It brought wildflowers, memories, and a river finding its way again. And with gratitude, I realized I am, too.
It's a swerving path of healing, sometimes leading sideways or even backpedaling. I've heard it said that the depth of our grief reflects the depth of our love. Those who have experienced loss know what I mean—the gorilla of grief.
Sharing last week's story brought memories of discovering that trail during my first handful of years in Blairstown and walking there with Sara, my red-furred golden retriever, after

each of two CCL (cranial cruciate ligament) surgeries. The veterinarian ordered flat-surface leash walks only.
Sara was not normally a leash-walking kind of girl. She was a ball-aholic, masterful at grabbing tennis balls six feet in the air—perhaps explaining why she tore one rear CCL, then the other.
After BIG ball, she became a small-ball player: short tosses, no more ball thrower, no more anticipating where the ball would land and running out to meet it as masterfully as a big-league player. She adapted to what her body could do rather than lamenting what it couldn't—a Garden of Life lesson.
Isn't it remarkable how one trail can hold so many chapters of our lives?
The morning after that walk with Jolee along the Paulins Kill, I sat on the screened porch overlooking the pond and another magnificent garden I didn't plant. Mother Nature is quite the landscape designer.
Orange jewelweed (*Impatiens capensis*) mingles along the damp edges. I look forward to seeing this North American native annual along



streams, creeks, and roadside trenches. Its succulent, almost translucent stems reach three to five feet tall, topped with dangling orange flowers that remind me of foxgloves.
Jewelweed has a history of traditional use for soothing poison ivy irritation. Another common name, Touch-me-not, comes from its unique seed-dispersing strategy. When ripe, the slender pods burst at the slightest touch, curl back, and fling seeds. Whoever thought plants could be such fun!
Nearby, masses of

white snakeroot (*Ageratina altissima*) brighten the woodland edge. This New Jersey native perennial favors woodland conditions, and its clusters of fuzzy white flowers provide late-season nectar for butterflies, bees, and other pollinators. But this beauty has a shady side. White snakeroot is toxic to livestock, and historically, people became ill from drinking milk from cows that had eaten it—the dreaded "milk sickness," causing weakness, nausea, abdominal pain, and vomiting.



Sweeps of hay-scented fern (*Dennstaedtia punctilobula*) weave among the flowers. Its common name comes from the fragrance of freshly mown hay released when its foliage is crushed. An enthusiastic spreader by underground rhizomes, it can form broad colonies—a soft and flowing groundcover when Mother Nature has plenty of room. As fall advances, its green fronds turn soft yellow, adding another layer to nature's autumn palette.
Above them stands the magnificent oak that has presided over this view far longer than I have. Soon acorns will plop into the pond, announcing fall's arrival. Nearby, a maple is already shedding tired leaves.
That's what struck

me about this garden I didn't plant. Nature doesn't stand still. One season gives way to another; plants emerge, spread, fade, and return.
Our lives don't stand still either. We make plans. Paths close. Bodies need mending. Hearts do, too. But growth continues.
Sara's leash walks eventually ended, and she ran again, although BIG ball was behind her. Another beloved dog, Miss Ellie Mae, followed. And now Jolee and I walk some of those same paths as she continues finding courage of her own.
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**Letter To The Editor: Summary of the Special Knowlton Township Committee Meeting Held
on September 8, 2026**

Background

A special meeting was held to choose a replacement for former committee person Ryan Lembeck, who was removed by a vote of the Township Committee at the regular August 10, 2026 meeting, for lack of attendance at meetings.

Since Mr. Lembeck is a Republican, the local Republican Committee had the responsibility to provide three names from which the Township Committee can choose his replacement. The Republican Committee provided three names, however one person did not confirm interest in the position, leaving two people from whom the Township Committee could pick: Vincent Gaeta and John Stockton.

However, the replace-

ment holds office only until the next election, which will be held this November. Since the primary for this November's election has already taken place, the Republican Committee chooses who will be on the November ballot as the Republican nominee for the position of Township Committee. The present Township Committee has no say in this decision. The Republican Committee chose Mr. Stockton as their nominee for Township Committee for the November election.

The Vote
Committee woman
Starrs described the
excellent job that Mr.
Gaeta has done as the
Township's Emergency
Management Coordina-
tor and his commit-
ment to the Town-
ship he has shown
by his member-

ship on the Land Use Board and the Environmental Commission. She explained that she had no knowledge of Mr. Stockton, but Mr. Gaeta has attended Township meetings regularly for almost ten years. Ms. Starrs voted for Mr. Gaeta to replace Mr. Lembeck.

Mayor Shipp noted Mr. Gaeta's excellent service to the Township but said that she was reluctant to vote for him to take a seat on the Township Committee because State law would require that he give up his membership on the Land Use Board and the Environmental Commission. Since Mr. Gaeta would not be on the Republican ballot in November, he would be giving up these important posts in order to serve on the Township Committee.



chance he will be elected to the Committee this November. In order to have continuity, they voted for Mr. Stockton to join the Committee now.

Without a majority voting for any one person, the result of the meeting is that no one was picked to join the Township Committee now and the November election will determine who will take

the seat for the remainder of Mr. Lembeck's term.

– Rene Mathez, Adele Starrs. Please note the summaries are intended only to inform residents of issues that might be of interest to them. The summaries are not the official minutes and have not been approved by the Township Committee. They reflect the views of the author only.

Senator Lisa Boscola Announces More Than \$1.6 Million for Crime Victims' Programs

Senator Lisa Boscola announced that four Lehigh Valley nonprofit organizations have been awarded funding totaling \$1,610,259 from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) for

crime victims' services. "Victims of violent crimes deserve services both inside and outside the courtroom that allow them to seek justice and allow them to recover, both physically and emotionally, from

the trauma brought upon them," Senator Boscola stated. "These grant funds will provide organizations with proven crime victim service programs to meet their needs."

Funding awarded for

crime victim programs
serving Northampton
County include:

Crime Victims Council
of Lehigh Valley, Inc. -
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Lehigh Valley - Domestic Violence Services
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North Penn Legal Services – NPLS Emergency Legal Services Project, \$126,882

The funds awarded today by PCCD are via the Federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Funds.

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Game Commission To Host Driving Tours On Several Game Lands This Fall

The Pennsylvania Game Commission will again be hosting several wildlife habitat driving tours on state game lands for the public to enjoy from the comfort of their own vehicles this fall.

“These driving tours provide an overview of what’s available on our state game lands, while showcasing how the agency’s habitat work benefits various species of wildlife,” said Game Commission Executive Director Steve Smith. “For hunters, these tours highlight potential opportunities for the upcoming seasons, and for non-hunters, the beautiful Pennsylvania fall landscapes are second to none.”

All tours are free of charge, will be held rain or shine, and are only open to vehicles licensed for travel on public roads.

The 2026 Game Commission’s driving tours will occur as follows:

Sunday, Sept. 20, 2026
State Game Lands 108, in Cambria County, from

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is a 7.5-mile, self-guided, one-way driving tour highlighting mountainous terrain and early fall foliage on the Allegheny Front within this 23,086-acre game lands. The tour begins at the game lands access road three-tenths of a mile north of Frugality, along state Route 53, in White Township (look for the sign) (40.659744, -78.495750). The tour will conclude on State Route 865, near Blandburg, in Reade Township. Items of interest along the tour route include a rehabilitated strip-mine area that has been converted into small-game habitat, where the Game Commission releases pheasants. The area also serves as a study area for grassland nesting birds and black bear. Endangered northern harrier hawks and short-eared owls also inhabit the study area. There are also several forestry projects to improve habitat for wildlife, new road maintenance projects to improve access,

and herbaceous openings that have been planted to provide food for wildlife along the tour route.

Saturday, Sept. 26, 2026

State Game Lands 57, in Luzerne and Wyoming counties, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Game Commission personnel will be on hand to explain points of interest, including wildlife habitat-improvement projects. Four-wheel-drive vehicles with high clearance are required for this 30-mile, self-guided driving tour and it will take about three hours to complete. The tour will pass habitat-improvement projects completed by the State Game Lands 57 wildlife habitat crew with help from the National Wild Turkey Federation, and Ducks Unlimited. Representatives from the Game Commission and conservation organizations will be on hand to explain the projects and answer questions. The route will start at the game lands parking area on Mountain Springs Road just off State Route 487. Each vehicle will be provided with a map and brief explanation of wildlife habitat management programs being carried out on this magnificent tract of public hunting land.

Sunday, Oct. 4, 2026
State Game Lands 111,



in Somerset County, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is a 7-mile, self-guided, one-way driving tour highlighting mountainous terrain and early fall foliage on the Laurel Ridge within this 10,286-acre game lands. The tour begins on Augustine Road (39.895708, -79.413949). Items of interest along the tour route include several forestry projects to improve habitat for wildlife, herbaceous openings that have been planted to provide food for wild-

life, native pollinator fields, and areas where the Game Commission releases pheasants. Habitat crews, biologists, foresters, and game wardens will be on hand to answer any questions. Visitors will be able to see the equipment the Game Commission uses to manage the game lands for wildlife. The tour will end where the game lands road meets Jersey Hollow Road.

Sunday, Oct. 11, 2026
State Game Lands 26, in Bedford County, from

noon to 3 p.m. This is a 12,000-acre tract situated in Blue Knob, PA. The tour begins off Route 869 near the Bedford/Cambria County line and covers approximately 7 miles. Participants will find ample opportunity to enjoy the historical aspects, quality habitat improvements conducted by Pennsylvania Game Commission habitat crews in partnership with cooperating organizations such as the National Wild Turkey Federation. Work by the Commission’s forestry staff will also be showcased through with the viewing of vast timber production brought forth through timber sales and timber stand improvements. *A narrated audio experience through the STORY Guide app is available for this tour. Those interested in listening should download the app before arriving, as there is limited cellular service at the tour site. Users must allow the app to use your phone’s location services for the purpose of the tour.

State Game Lands 110, in Berks County, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This tour begins at the Mountain Road gate approximately 5 miles west of Hamburg Borough and ends at the state Route 183 gate, 4 miles north of Strausstown. State Game Lands

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Game Commission To Host Driving Tours On Several Game Lands This Fall - CONTINUED

110 offers over 10,000 acres of wildlife habitat in Berks and Schuylkill counties. In addition to hunting opportunities, the historic Appalachian Trail runs through the game lands paralleling much of the driving tour. This forested ridge is an important corridor along the Kittatinny Ridge that tens of thousands of hawks use every fall to migrate south along their migration route. Game Commission personnel will be stationed along the tour route to provide site-specific information and answer questions.

Friday, Oct. 16, 2026
State Game Lands 311, in Elk County, from 2-6 p.m. This roughly 3.5-mile self-guided driving tour provides a peek behind the curtain on the elk range. The tour will start at the Winslow Hill Viewing Area in Benezette, then enter the game lands at the bottom of Dewey Road, continuing to Porcupine Road. Game Commission staff will be posted along the tour route. Among other highlights, the tour will showcase elk habitat management including the planting and maintenance of forage plots and the use of prescribed fire, early successional and aspen forest management, acid mine drainage treatment, grassland bird and American kestrel management, and recent infrastructure improvements including two different styles of Game Commission bridges. As a reminder, the tour is open only to PennDOT-registered vehicles. ATVs/UTVs are not permitted.

Sunday, Oct. 18, 2026
State Game Lands 67, in Huntingdon County, from noon to 3 p.m. This is a 5,700-acre tract that begins in Saxton, on Burma Road off Little Valley Road (40.24886, -78.19808). It covers approximately 7 miles and ends on Route 913, between Coalmont and Dudley. Participants will find ample opportunity to enjoy the historical sites, quality habitat improvements conducted by Game Commission habitat crews in partnership with cooperating organizations such as the Huntingdon County Conservation District and the Shoup's Run Watershed Association, as well as controlled-burn and quality forest management areas. *A narrated audio experience through the STORY Guide app is available for this tour. Those interested in listening should download the app before arriving, as there is limited cellular service at the tour site. Users must allow the app to use your phone's location services for the purpose of the tour.

State Game Lands 211, in Dauphin County, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Known as the Stoney Valley Tour, this tour begins at the Ellendale Forge gate, located 6 miles east of Dauphin Borough, along Stoney Valley Road, and ends at the Gold Mine gate. This more than 44,000-acre state game lands bridges three different counties including Dauphin, Lebanon and Schuylkill. The tract has an abandoned railroad bed that traverses the entire game lands from west to east. The Appalachian and Horse-Shoe Trails run through this game lands, providing excellent opportunities for hiking and other recreational opportunities in addition to hunting. Game Commission personnel will be stationed along the tour route to provide site-specific information and answer questions.

The Game Commission manages and protects wildlife and their habitats while promoting hunting and trapping for current and future generations. To learn more about the agency visit www.pa.gov/pgc.

Senator Rosemary Brown Continued To Push for a Three-Year Statewide Data Center Moratorium

Article by Senator Rosemary Brown

As a reminder, I am one of only three legislators in Harrisburg who support a three-year statewide moratorium on hyperscale data center development, and I am the only legislator who has successfully initiated a vote on this language.

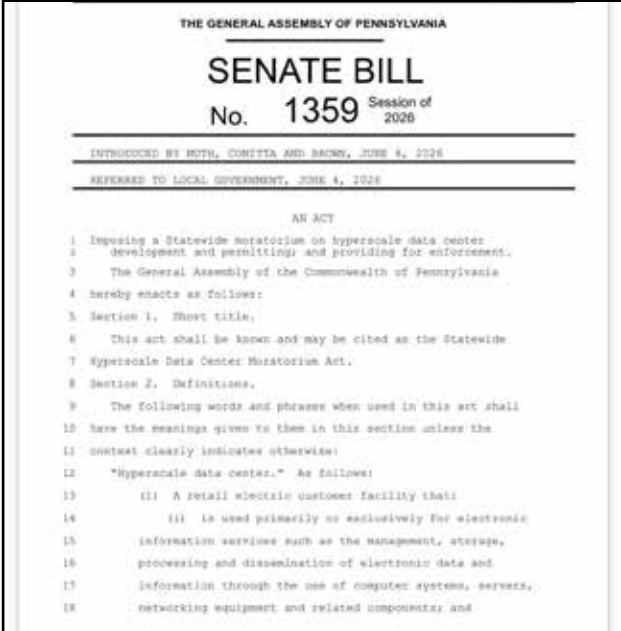
During a Senate Local Government Committee meeting, I offered an amendment that would have established a three-year statewide moratorium on hyperscale data center development. While my amendment ultimately failed by a vote of 2-9, it provided legislators with the opportunity to go on the record on this important issue.

Pennsylvania has quickly become an epicenter for hyperscale data center development, with more than 50 major projects proposed or under development across the Commonwealth, including more than a dozen within the 40th Senatorial District. These projects raise significant questions regarding energy demand, water usage, infrastructure, environmental impacts and the future of our communities.

The committee also advanced Senate Bill 1345, which allows municipalities to voluntarily pause new hyperscale data center applications and permits for up to 18 months while updating local ordinances, and House Bill 2496, which provides municipalities with additional flexibility through the curative amendment process. I supported both bills because they provide local governments with additional tools to respond to concerns raised by residents.

However, I continue to believe these measures do not provide the comprehensive protections necessary to address the unprecedented pace and scale of this development. A three-year statewide moratorium would provide state and local governments with the time necessary to establish appropriate zoning, regulatory and oversight frameworks before development continues at scale.

I have consistently said that economic development and quality of life should not be mutually exclusive. We only have one opportunity to get this right. I will continue working to ensure Pennsylvania has strong, enforceable protections in place for our residents, infrastructure, environment and utility ratepayers.



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