

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

FALL 2026

ATV TRAIL OPPORTUNITIES CONTINUE TO GROW



There are many ways to enjoy the great outdoors here in the Northern Tier, and our growing network of ATV trails is an increasingly popular option!

Back in the spring I joined a variety of state and local officials to formally celebrate this season's opening of the Northcentral Regional ATV Trail Network. Strong collaboration among our townships, and the Pennsylvania departments of Transportation and Conservation and Natural Resources have made the expanded network possible, and

I've heard great feedback from trail users. Thank you to our county commissioners in Potter and Tioga counties and their teams who have worked so hard to make this happen.

I'm excited to see how these expanded trail connections will continue to support economic development in our rural communities while enhancing the outstanding recreational opportunities Tioga County has to offer.

Visit www.pa.gov/agencies/dcnr to learn more!

VICTAULIC BREAKS GROUND ON SIGNIFICANT EXPANSION



Since acquiring its Lawrenceville facility in 2021, Victaulic has grown its Tioga County operations into a key part of its North American manufacturing footprint. They've been a great neighbor and great employer since day one.

I was honored recently to join company leaders and employees, along with other state and local officials, in breaking ground on a 180,000-square-foot addition to accommodate new molding lines, melt furnaces, core machines and automated finishing.

This investment means more than a new facility. It represents confidence in our people, our workforce and our future. More than 200 family-sustaining jobs will be created, giving more young people and families the opportunity to build successful lives right here at home.

Thank you to Victaulic for your investment, your partnership and your belief in Tioga County. Your success is our community's success!

NEW LAWS TO FIGHT HUMAN TRAFFICKING

I've said it before many times, but it bears repeating – human trafficking is one of the fastest-growing crimes in the world, and it's happening right here in the Northern Tier. We've done a lot of work locally to raise awareness about trafficking, and I'm encouraged to say we put two new laws on the book to help the fight.

Act 31 of 2026 requires training to ensure employees of hotels, motels and short-term lodging rentals are prepared to identify and respond to suspected human trafficking as it occurs. Statistics show these are some of the most common venues where human trafficking takes place. This law will take effect in one year.

Act 41 of 2026 will help the Pennsylvania attorney general and law enforcement more effectively target and prosecute human trafficking by moving most of the state's prostitution offenses to the human trafficking section of the state Crimes Code and enhancing penalties. This law will take effect in 60 days.

If you or someone you know is being trafficked, call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline at 1-888-373-7888.

EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES TO PREVENT FLOODING



Flooding again struck our region in early July, and while I am always inspired by the strength of our communities in the face of this devastation, enough is enough!

The bridge at the center of the flooding is the same one where Gov. Josh Shapiro stood two years ago following Hurricane Debby, pledging

to support policies that would help reduce future flooding. Yet, despite repeated advocacy, the necessary reforms have not moved forward.

We have several common-sense proposals that would empower our communities and significantly help lower the risk of extreme flooding events by improving permitting options and allowing counties to work with their county conservation districts to better address hazards within their streams. I am also preparing legislation to reduce unnecessary red tape and expand PennDOT's authority to perform stream maintenance using policies similar to those already in place in New York.

Be assured, I will not stop fighting for these policy changes for the Northern Tier!

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MAKE THE CONNECTION!

Community Connection is our weekly email that aims to share stories that bring us together as a community and connect us to one another in ways that demonstrate there are so many more things that unite rather than divide us. The email includes important news from here at home and your state Capitol. Thank you for reading!



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A LONG-AWAITED VICTORY FOR OUR GIRL ATHLETES



of female athletes to have a safe, fair and equal playing field; to compete to win games, championships and titles; to earn scholarships; and to have private locker rooms spaces, without males being present.

With the backing of our nation's highest court, it is time for the governor and Democrat leaders in the House to move forward with legislation that will prohibit men from competing in sports designated for only girls and women in the Commonwealth.

The ruling also supports the actions of nearly two dozen Pennsylvania school districts that put policies in place to restrict biological males from competing in girls' sports. I have joined several of my fellow lawmakers in calling on the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) to enact a statewide policy to protect girls in sports if the House Democrats choose not to run Senate Bill 9 that passed the Senate with bipartisan support last May.

In late June, the United States Supreme Court reaffirmed our country's overwhelming public position that men should not be permitted to compete alongside girls in sports designated for women only.

In a 6-3 decision, the court also offered an extremely important distinction – that biological sex, not “gender identity,” should be the determining and distinguishing factor for separating sports.

The ruling backs the goals of our Defending our Daughters legislation, which aims to protect the rights

CONGRATULATIONS, GARRETT!



Congratulations to Garrett Kaltenbach of Grand Canyon FFA upon being selected for the 2026-27 Pennsylvania FFA State Officer Team! Garrett will serve as sentinel, a welcoming presence for all FFA events...I couldn't think of anyone better suited for the role! Here, I caught up with Garrett at the Pennsylvania Farm Show and talked about his chapter's tractor restoration project.

UPCOMING EVENTS

VETERANS APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

THURSDAY, OCT. 15 | 9:30 A.M.

Troy Sale Barn
50 Ballard St., Troy

The breakfast is open to all veterans in the 68th Legislative District.

RSVPs are required and may be made by calling the offices in Wellsboro or Troy, or signing up at www.RepOwlett.com/events.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS AND EDUCATION

THURSDAY, OCT. 29 | 7 P.M.

North Street Community Church
177 North St., Canton

Please RSVP by calling the offices in Wellsboro or Troy, or signing up at www.RepOwlett.com/events.