

Pennsylvania Farm Show Runs Through Tomorrow



The 106th Pennsylvania Farm Show wraps up Saturday. If you have not had the opportunity to go, there is still time! In case you're wondering, the milkshakes are well worth the trip. See the schedule here. [See the schedule here.](#)

Local Student Receives Farm Show Foundation Scholarship



Alayna Harrell of Lebanon, a freshman at Penn State University, was awarded a Farm Show Foundation Scholarship at the Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg. The daughter of **John** and **Andrea Harrell** (also pictured here), Alayna is a graduate of Annville-Cleona High School and now attends Penn State University's Berks campus where she is studying Agribusiness Management and corporate communications. It is Alayna's goal to work in the agribusiness industry and use her communication skills to promote public awareness about agriculture. She has been an active member of the FFA and 4-H. She has exhibited dairy cattle at the Pennsylvania Farm Show and is an active community volunteer. I had the pleasure of presenting her with a House certificate in recognition of her scholarship achievement. Best wishes Alayna!

Lebanon County Brewery Receives Top Honors at Farm Show



The Mount Gretna Craft Brewery took top honors for two of its entries at the 2022 Pennsylvania Farm Show. “Hemp Hemp Hooray! Ale” and “Solera Barrel-Aged Beer” each received a blue ribbon on Sunday. The champion brewers (from left) are: **Brad Kleinfelter**, **Brad Moyer** and **Brian Keeney**. Congratulations!

State Government Committee Advances Election Reform Bills

The House State Government Committee, on which I serve, advanced several election reform bills including [House Bill 2207](#), which would create a Citizens’ Legislative Reapportionment Commission to put the 10-year legislative redistricting responsibilities in the hands of Pennsylvania citizens, not politicians. The bill passed out of committee by a 15-10 vote. I responded to comments from committee members who claimed that the 8 a.m. start of the committee meeting signaled a lack of transparency by the committee.



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Finance Committee Passes Business-Friendly Tax Reform Bills

This week, the House Finance Committee, of which I am a member, advanced

legislation I co-sponsored that would increase the net loss deduction for corporations to 80% over a 4-year period. [House Bill 1960](#) is in line with the federal guidelines and while I believe bolder steps should be taken, this legislation will help to get our Commonwealth's economy back on track. Click the video below to hear my comments.



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I supported other tax reform bills before the committee, including measures to allow tax deferrals and tax deductions for certain businesses in certain circumstances. While these bills passed on mostly party line votes, I reminded all of my colleagues that our problem is not these bills that help our businesses thrive, but our propensity as a government to spend.



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Updated Preliminary Congressional Redistricting Map Approved in Committee

The House State Government Committee, on which I serve, recently approved a new congressional redistricting map, based on the 2020 census. After every 10-year census, the state Legislature draws a new map to reflect population changes and ensure Pennsylvania citizens are appropriately represented in the U.S. Congress. While adjustments may still be made, here's a look at our [preliminary congressional map](#).



Be Patient, Kind to Frontline Health Care Workers



In this week's Frankly Speaking podcast, we discuss COVID burnout and the negative impact it is having on our medical professionals, patient care and the economy. What can you do to help prevent burnout? [Listen here.](#)

Cedar Crest High School Marching Band Honored



On Tuesday, I attended the Cornwall-Lebanon School District school board meeting and presented House of Representatives citations to the Cedar Crest High School (CCHS) marching band for placing first in the 2021 Cavalcade of Bands. Pictured with me from left are **Scott Muenz**, director of CCHS bands, and drum majors, **Zac Brutko**, **Sophia Medzoyan** and **Molly Hibshman**.
