

State Representative

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Blessed to Represent the 199th

When I am asked what my favorite part of my job is, my immediate response is constituent services, hands down. With over 64,000 constituents, our office has been extraordinarily busy this year. With still three months to go in the cycle, we already closed 3,000 pieces of casework and issues; presented almost 2,000 citations and certificates; managed over 1,400 phone calls; and attended 65 ribbon cuttings and events. We distributed over 3,400 literature packets and provided 2,000 copies of the Pennsylvania Constitution to 11th graders. All of this, plus tours, parades, ribbon cuttings, etc. I was recently interviewed by Channel 8 at an Ice Cream and Issues event in the western part of my district, and I conveyed that it's not enough to take your voice to Harrisburg, but that I need to bring Harrisburg's happenings back to you and navigate this web of a system we call state government. Thank you for allowing me to work for you.

WHAT'S THAT SMELL?

With summer bringing high temps, our office has been inundated with calls regarding farm odors from food processing residual (FPR) waste being applied to the fields.

FPR is exactly what it sounds like, waste left over from food manufacturing that can include vegetable peelings, raw meat scraps and liquid such as cleaning wastewater that includes blood, fat, hair and feathers.

In Pennsylvania, FPR can legally be applied to farmland as an inexpensive way to increase the amount of organic matter in soil, but it can also be a way to more cheaply dispose of this waste than traditional removal. Our surrounding states have limited the practice, which means Pennsylvania is being targeted by out-of-state companies looking to cheaply dump their waste.

Unfortunately, the state FPR manual has not been updated since 1994 and is woefully outdated. That's why, for the past year, I have been working with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Department of Agriculture to update the Food Processing Residual Management Manual, providing similar regulations and guidelines as manure management.

After months of hard work with many state agencies and attorneys, I believe we had a good bipartisan bill for all concerned in House Bill 2393. The legislation, however, was opposed by the PA Farm Bureau. Since the budget, we have worked through some of their issues, and now will have two separate bills moving together; one for hauler brokers and one for management and accountability. Those involved in the process believe the bill will pass through the House and Senate and be signed by the governor in the fall, if the Democrat-led House brings us back into session.

A fact sheet answering the most asked questions about food processing residual (FPR) waste is available on my website, **RepGleim.com**, under the resource tab.

2024-25 STATE BUDGET UPDATE

The Pennsylvania budget for the 2024-25 fiscal year was signed into law on July 11.

The \$47.6 billion spending plan exceeds by about \$3.3 billion what the Commonwealth is anticipated to collect in revenues over the coming fiscal year. That means it requires spending some of the state's reserve funds to balance, which is not sustainable and is likely to lead to a tax hike in the near future. For this reason, I voted "**no**" on the budget.

The focus of the budget is on spending today, without regard for the future. In other words, it's deficit spending. It is also not one-time funding, but rather increased spending that must be maintained year over year, in good economic times and in bad. In addition to the massive spending increase, it will add over \$500 million in new debt for the Commonwealth, which will take decades to pay off and likely require tax increases to accomplish. The budget adds over \$1.3 billion in spending for PreK-12 education, of which \$1 billion in new money will be allocated to school districts, without any accountability measures or opportunities for children stuck in failing schools.

This is a budget fraught with missed opportunities that will only lead to future tax increases for Pennsylvania residents. We can and must do better.

★ ★ ★ HONORING A HERO ★ ★ ★



I had the honor of hosting a very special bridge dedication ceremony at American Legion Post 421 in Newville earlier this year to celebrate the life of **SFC Randall Shughart**. **Act 17 of 2023** designated the bridge carrying PA Route 641 over Big Spring Creek on the border of Newville Borough and West Pennsboro Township, Cumberland County, as the **SFC Randall Shughart Memorial Bridge**. SFC Shughart, a medal of honor recipient, died in service to his country on Oct. 3, 1993, during the battle of Mogadishu, Somalia. He was a resident of Newville and attended Big Spring High School. He joined the U.S. Army, becoming a member of the elite Delta Force unit. Shughart was killed during a rescue operation of two downed Blackhawk helicopters. The mission was featured in the book and movie titled, "**Blackhawk Down**."

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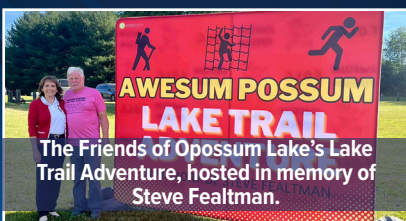
Annual Newville Fountain Festival!



Ground-breaking for WellSpan's new
Carlisle hospital and medical campus in
South Middleton Township.



Newville Community First Responders Day!



The Friends of Opossum Lake's Lake
Trail Adventure, hosted in memory of
Steve Fealtman.

UPCOMING EVENTS



ICE CREAM & ISSUES: BUDGET & FPR UPDATE

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18 • 5:30-7 P.M.

Letort Park, 260 E. Pomfret St., Carlisle, PA 17013

Registration appreciated by Friday, Sept. 13.



FARMERS BREAKFAST

FRIDAY, SEPT. 20 • 9-11 a.m.

West Pennsboro Volunteer Fire Company, 20 Park Road, Plainfield, PA 17081

RSVP required by Friday, Sept. 13



CUMBERLAND COUNTY 50+ EXPO

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 16 • 9 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

Carlisle Expo Center, 100 K St., Carlisle, PA 17013

Come visit our table at the 50+ Expo, no registration required.



FALL FAIR

FRIDAY, OCT. 18 • 10 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

Newville Lions Club Fairgrounds, 433 Shippensburg Road, Newville, PA 17241

Attendees will have the opportunity to meet with government and community service/
resource providers to obtain information that may benefit them and their families.
Light refreshments provided.

Registration appreciated by Friday, Oct. 11



BONUS! CONCEALED CARRY SEMINAR 2-5 p.m. immediately

following Fall Fair at the Newville Fairgrounds. Registration required by Friday, Oct. 11



VETERANS APPRECIATION BREAKFAST & EXPO

FRIDAY, NOV. 1 • 9-11 A.M.

U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center, 950 Soldiers Drive, Carlisle, PA 17013

RSVP required by Friday, Oct. 25