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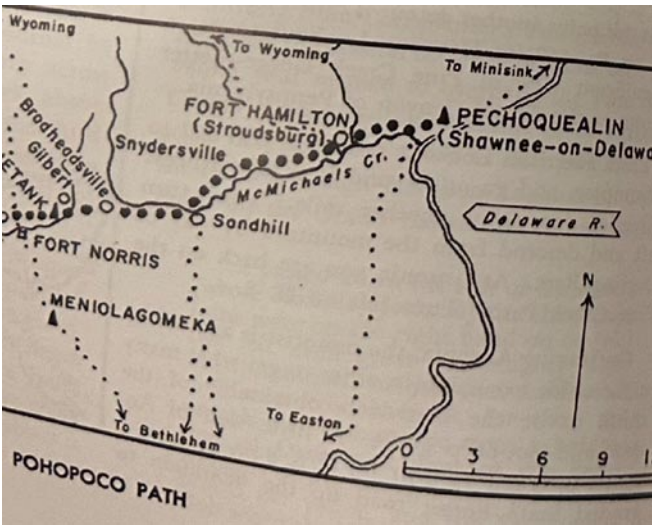
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Historic Benjamin Franklin Commissioned Fort Excavation In Progress In Stroudsburg

By State Rep. Tarah Probst
 STROUDSBURG - My staff and I continue to study PennDOT's I-80 Expansion Project and its potential impacts on our communities, and that review has brought renewed attention to a historic site in Stroudsburg that lies within the project corridor. In response, I have been working closely with the Lenape Chapter 12 Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology to secure access to state resources, coordinate with the appropriate authorities, and support the ongoing excavation and documentation of a fort reportedly commissioned by Benjamin Franklin and constructed in the 1700s.



The site was first identified through a Library of Congress map and later referenced in a Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission publication, with its footprint now confirmed through LiDAR technology. Because it lies within the proposed expansion corridor, I have raised concerns regarding the current "Finding of No Significant Impact" issued by the Federal Highway Administration and PennDOT.

I encourage anyone interested in learning more—or in getting involved—to contact my office. You can reach me at jsmith@pahouse.net.



Around the community

By State Rep. Tarah Probst
 I was honored to attend Chief County Detective Eric Kerchner's retirement celebration after 24 years of service. Monroe County was truly fortunate to have his dedication and leadership. It was wonderful to see so many people come out to show him the appreciation, love, and respect he has earned over the years. I hope to still see him around town in his well-deserved retirement. My staff member Carlos and I were glad to connect with veterans at The Battle Buddies Veterans Connect breakfast at the American Legion Post 346. It was a meaningful gathering, with state and county partners and a wide range of service providers sharing helpful information and resources. There were also some powerful stories shared that had me teary-eyed (thank you, Pat) and deeply grateful all at once. Please mark your calendars to visit the Vietnam Veterans of America Moving Wall when it comes to Stroudsburg High School from July 10–13. It is an incredible honor to have this in Monroe County. Thank you to all our service members and their families for your continued sacrifice and service.



Happy 250th Birthday America!

Come celebrate 250 Years of American Freedom at the Blue Valley Farm Show in Bangor, PA this year! From Flag Day, 6/14 through Independence day 7/4/2026, the Stars and Stripes will appear in a breathtaking field of red, white and blue on the grassy lawn of the Blue Valley Farm Show! All are invited to visit this FREE community event. Walk through, sit, enjoy, take pictures and let your heart swell with pride! Sponsorship proceeds will benefit The Bangor Exchange Club and our outreach programs for the Slate Belt Community and Scholarship funds. Opening ceremony to be determined, read the **Blue Valley Times** for up dates to come

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