



State Representative

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NEWS & EVENTS

District 189 | Monroe & Pike Counties

By State Rep. Tarah Probst

Since my last update, we continue to see false and misleading claims circulating online, in text messages, and in emails about the legislation that increases transparency and accountability for Pennsylvania's Educational Improvement Tax Credit and Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit programs. Unfortunately, misinformation continues to spread despite the fact that the legislation itself is straightforward.

The amount of money being spent by billionaire-funded interests to attack me and some of my colleagues over this bill says a lot. Think about that: powerful interests are spending significant resources to fight efforts to bring greater transparency and accountability to how taxpayer dollars are used. If they are willing to go to those lengths to oppose basic oversight, then I must be doing something right.

To recap, House Bill 2632 does not cut funding from Pennsylvania's EITC or OSTC programs. It maintains the full \$680 million allocation for the 2026–27 fiscal year, and students currently receiving scholarships will continue to receive them without interruption. Instead, the bill strengthens these programs by increasing transparency and accountability. It expands access to early childhood education programs for children from birth to age 2, broadens opportunities for some of Pennsylvania's lowest-income students, and adds stronger reporting requirements and oversight, including additional review by the Auditor General's Office. These measures will help taxpayers better understand how these public tax credits are distributed and who benefits from them.

Simply put, this legislation is about transparency—not cuts.

The legislation has passed the House and now awaits action in the Pennsylvania Senate. If you believe taxpayers deserve greater transparency and accountability for a \$680 million tax credit program, I encourage you to contact Senator Rosemary Brown and ask her to support House Bill 2632.

You can find Senator Brown's contact information here https://go.sparkpostmail.com/f/a/2qjBQVT5WA5e3tw8UEsDOQ~/~/AAS2yhA~/jqrKV5r0Fcsl-0G3PY2LR-t65UZShbeDej6JB1AAXXMYCp_EcjEkH6Aebuw7lhKRfLwodjvQltsQWaOIQoav0MF4pRgkAVRvGS1MEck-mun_h9zVz7FzxBLp0BnffPuVRLZ8i4xivvCHwliBxaDWKO8Rghd1616EL9TR-NoTCSY~.

Several Thunderstorms That Swept Across Monroe And Pike Counties

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Following the several thunderstorms that swept across Monroe and Pike counties during the Independence Day weekend, homeowners may be starting repairs or working with their insurance companies on storm-related damage. As cleanup continues, the Pennsylvania Insurance Department is reminding residents to stay alert for contractor fraud and other deceptive business practices that often emerge after severe weather.

Scammers frequently target storm-damaged communities, using high-pressure sales tactics, promises to maximize insurance payouts, or urging homeowners to sign contracts immediately. In some cases, they perform poor-quality work—or disappear after collecting payment.

Before hiring a contractor, homeowners should:

Verify the contractor is properly registered and insured.

Ask for references and confirm how long the business has been operating.

Inquire about the contractor's experience with storm damage repairs.

Never pay in full upfront or sign paperwork indicating work is complete until the job is actually finished.

Homeowners should also be cautious of individuals claiming to be public adjusters. Pennsylvanians can verify a licensed public adjuster by visiting PID's website.

Residents with insurance questions, concerns about unlicensed public adjusters, or who wish to file a complaint can contact the Pennsylvania Insurance Department or visit the state's consumer assistance website for additional resources, including guidance on managing storm-related property damage.



PLAINFIELD FARMER'S FAIR 2026

FIVE NIGHTS OF FAMILY FUN • AGRICULTURE • FOOD • ENTERTAINMENT

★ JULY 21-25, 2026 ★

TUESDAY JULY 21	WEDNESDAY JULY 22	THURSDAY JULY 23	FRIDAY JULY 24	SATURDAY JULY 25
9:00 AM • Judging of Entries 9:30-11:00 AM • Placing of Entries in baked goods, including Great American Apple Pie and Chocolate Cake/Cookies and Fruit/Vegetable Bread Contest 1:00-9:00 PM • Entering of livestock entries 1:00 PM • Judging of Apple Pies and Chocolate Cakes/Cookies/Vegetable/Fruit Breads 6:30 PM • Tractor Pull (ITTP) (Admission \$5.00) 7:00 PM • Opening Ceremony 7:00-9:30 PM • Entertainment – "Christopher Eckers Music" (Gospel/Oldies)	9:30 AM • Open and Youth Dairy Show - Beginning 5:00 PM • Bar-B-Q Chicken (while supplies last) 6:30 PM • ITTP Truck and Tractor Pull (Admission \$10.00, under 6 free) 7:00 PM • Pie-eating Contest 7:00-9:00 PM • Kids' Photo ID and Fingerprinting 7:30-10:30 PM • Entertainment – "October Rose Band" (country music)	9:00 AM-1:00 PM • Steer entries - Beginning 5:00 PM • Bar-B-Q Chicken (while supplies last) 5:30 PM • Open Sheep Show and Market Goats 6:00-9:00 PM • Entertainment by "Balloons the Clown" 6:00 & 7:00 PM • Presentation by Pocono Wildlife Rehab Center 5:30 PM • Spinning Demo by Second Saturday Spinners 5:30 PM • ITTP Truck and Tractor Pull (Admission \$15.00, under 6 free) 7:00-9:00 PM • Kids' Photo ID and Fingerprinting 7:30-10:30 PM • Entertainment – "Steel Creek" (country music)	9:00 AM • Judging of Steer show 2:30 PM • Open Goat Show - Beginning 5:00 PM • Bar-B-Q Chicken (while supplies last) 6:00-9:00 PM • Entertainment by Joe Keppel, Magician 7:00 PM • 4-H Fashion Revue 7:30-10:30 PM • Entertainment – "Time Whys" (60's, 70's, 80's music) 7:00 PM • Old School Promotions Junk Car Races (Admission \$10.00, under 6 free)	8:30-10:30 AM • Breakfast served 9:00-10:00 AM • Kiddy Pedal Tractor Pull Registration (\$2.00) 10:00 AM • Kiddy Pedal Tractor Pull (tractor provided) 10:00 AM • Entertainment by "Amazing Ambrose" 2:00-5:30 PM • Bar-B-Q Chicken (while supplies last) 6:00 PM • Round Robin Showmanship Competition 6:30 PM • Watermelon Eating Contest 7:30-11:00 PM • Entertainment – "Midnight Special" (country music) 7:00 PM • Old School Promotions Power Wheels - Demolition Derby by Old School Promotions immediately following Kids Power Wheels (Admission \$10.00 includes Adult Demo Derby and Kids Power Wheels under 6 free)

EVERY NIGHT AT THE FAIR!

- FAMOUS BAR-B-Q CHICKEN (while supplies last) (Minus Monday)
- FOOD STANDS OPEN AT 5:00 PM (except Saturday)
- EXHIBIT BUILDINGS OPEN 5:00 PM TO 10:00 PM

FAMILY FUN FOR EVERYONE!

- COMPLIMENTARY PONY RIDES (for children under 50 lbs) Tuesday thru Friday 6 to 9 PM
- COMPLIMENTARY FACE PAINTING Tuesday thru Friday 6 to 9 PM
- VISIT GUS AND HOLLYWOOD, TWO BRAHMAN BULLS Thursday and Friday 6 to 9 PM, Saturday 10 AM to 7 PM

ADMISSION

GENERAL ADMISSION \$2.00 (UNDER 12 FREE)

PLEASE LEAVE YOUR PETS AT HOME. NO PETS, BACKPACKS OR COOLERS ALLOWED.

Exhibit buildings open 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO UNEXPECTED CHANGES.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING. Volunteers are always needed to help make this event a success. Contact Susan Hahn, President at 610-863-6816 for more information.

*** Pre-registration for exhibitors Monday, July 6 & Monday, July 13 • 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. ***

Registration and Placing of Exhibits (except livestock and baked goods) Monday, July 20 • 1:00 to 7:00 p.m.

(Any resident of Pennsylvania may enter exhibits in any department. Exhibits must have been made or grown between July 2025-2026. An entry fee of \$2.00 per person will be charged for an exhibitor's number. Please see general rules in the premium book for more information.)

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TRACTOR PULLS • FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT • GREAT FOOD • DEMOLITION DERBY

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STATE REP. TARAH PROBST

Senior Fair

Friday, Sept. 25 | 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Bushkill Outreach Center

Rep. Probst is hosting this along with Christa L. Caceres, Pike County Commissioner.

Representatives from state, county and local agencies, as well as other vendors, will be available to offer information on health care, volunteer opportunities, prescription drug plans, preventing identity theft and more!

Rep. Probst and her staff will be on-hand to answer questions and provide direction on a host of state government-related programs and services.

This FREE event includes:

- Health screenings
- Information for seniors and caregivers
- Light refreshments
- And much more!

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