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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I am proud and honored to serve the 110th District as your voice in Harrisburg, and it is a privilege to serve you here at home. Please be reminded that my offices in Towanda, Sayre and Tunkhannock are available to help with state-related services. Please reach out to us with questions. I hope you find this mailing to be informative and interesting. Another great way for us to stay in touch is to sign up for my weekly email updates at **RepPickett.com**, under the "Resources" tab. Thank you for reading this newsletter.

Sincerely

Tina Pickett

Bringing Essential Health Care Services to Our Community

The need for convenient access to health care services is a growing challenge across rural Pennsylvania and especially here at home after the closure of one of the region's hospitals. To address this need, the Wyoming County Healthcare Center (WCHC) offers primary care, X-rays, mammography, lab work and more all under one roof in Tunkhannock.

The partners of WCHC are committed to providing accessible care, accepting most major insurance plans and offering a sliding fee scale to ensure affordability. Thanks to

multiple partnerships, the community is provided with another opportunity to conveniently access essential services that support health and wellness for residents across the region. Some of the partners providing essential care include Guthrie Clinic, Davita Kidney Care and The Wright Center.

To learn more about available services and upcoming health education programs, visit **wycohealthcarecenter.org** or follow Wyoming County Healthcare Center on Facebook.

Handheld Devices Ban

A new Pennsylvania law banning the use of handheld devices while driving took effect in June.

Paul Miller's Law limits the use of handheld cellphones or other communication devices while operating a motor vehicle. The law is named for a young man who was killed in a crash involving a distracted tractor-trailer driver in Monroe County in 2010.

Under the law, driving while holding a mobile device is a primary violation, meaning police can pull over drivers solely for the violation. For the first 12 months, the penalty is a written warning. Effective in June 2026, the penalty is a summary offense, which carries a \$50 fine,

plus court costs and other fees. If a driver is convicted of homicide by vehicle and driving while distracted, they may be sentenced up to an additional five years in prison.

Drivers can still use their phones if using hands-free technology, such as a docking station, Bluetooth or speaker technology. You may also use your phone to contact emergency responders.

According to PennDOT, more than 11,000 crashes were the result of distracted driving, leading to 65 deaths and 6,700 injuries in 2023. Pennsylvania joins 28 other states with hands-free laws.



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Wyoming County Senior Expo



FRIDAY, SEPT. 26
10 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

TRITON HOSE COMPANY,
116 W. Tioga St., Tunkhannock



Property Tax/Rent Rebate Deadline Extended

The deadline for senior citizens and Pennsylvanians with disabilities to apply for rebates on rent and property taxes paid in 2024 has been extended to Dec. 31. Income limits for the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program increased this year to \$46,520 for both homeowners and renters. If you were earning too much to qualify before, you may be eligible now. Remember to exclude 50% of Social Security when determining your

income. The law I supported to expand the program also increased the maximum rebate to \$1,000. The program is open to residents age 65 years and older; widows and widowers 50 years and older; and people with disabilities 18 years and older. Remember — you do not need to pay anyone for assistance to apply for the rebates. Apply online at ***mypath.pa.gov***, or contact my offices for help.