

Focus and Discipline Equal Success for Young Lebanon Student



I was so honored to attend the black belt demonstration for Joshua Aguirre, age 10, of Lebanon, a Junior Olympic champion in Taekwondo. At this event, Joshua broke a world record when he became the youngest student ever to test for and

achieve the third-degree black belt – a difficult and significant achievement. I am amazed at the talent and determination he possesses at such a tender age. [See his performance on my Facebook page](#). Congratulations Joshua!

Primary Election Day Tuesday, May 17

This Tuesday is primary election day. Voters will have the opportunity to choose their party's candidates for governor, lieutenant governor, U.S. House and Senate, state House and state Senate (in even-numbered senatorial districts), as well as members of the Republican and Democrat state committees. Voters may cast their ballots in person [at their local polling place](#). Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Additional information about in-person voting [is available here](#). Voters who have chosen to vote by mail-in or civilian absentee ballot must have those ballots back to their county Board of

Elections no later than 8 p.m. on election day. This is the first election in the Commonwealth since state legislative and U.S. congressional district lines were redrawn to reflect population shifts revealed in the 2020 Census. While the process may have changed the district in which you reside, it has no bearing on where you vote. But if you're not sure of your polling location, [you can check it here](#). Only voters registered as Republicans or Democrats are eligible to vote for candidates in the primary election. For comprehensive information about the state's elections, visit vote.pa.gov.



Chesapeake Energy to Settle Dispute with Lebanon Landowners

The Pennsylvania Treasury Department is working to process approximately 35,000 payments to property owners who are due restitution as part of a \$5.3 million settlement agreement between Chesapeake Energy Corporation and the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General. State Treasurer Stacy Garrity announced that her office will be distributing checks to 27 landowners in Lebanon over the next few weeks.



House Passes Bill to Ensure Accountability in State Spending

To protect the interests of taxpayers, the Commonwealth has a detailed process by which it purchases goods and services, and it is designed to ensure fairness and accountability. The Commonwealth is permitted to use a less stringent process for procurement in order to expedite necessary purchases in an emergency. While emergency procurement of certain goods and services is vital to meeting the needs of Pennsylvania citizens, we recently learned through legislative hearings that some state agencies are using emergency procurement procedures for non-emergency situations. I

recently voted to change this. [House Bill 2159](#) would establish a new process that would require state agencies seeking to make an emergency procurement to submit a written request and outline the basis of the emergency and how it creates an urgent need for the purchase. It would also require the agency to solicit at least two quotes unless it can explain why it would be impractical to do so. The proposal would allow an emergency procurement if there is a threat to the safety, health or welfare of the Commonwealth or there are circumstances outside the control of the purchasing agency that threaten substantial harm to the operations of the Commonwealth. The bill now goes to the Senate for consideration.



Committee Advances Bills to Reform Local Government Meetings During Emergencies

Among the many challenges brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic was how local government entities could continue to hold public meetings and facilitate citizen participation in those meetings. The House Local Government Committee recently approved two bills to help make that process easier. [House Bill 2253](#) would permit local governments to hold meetings at a temporary in-person location or remotely during an emergency if the regular or temporary locations are unsafe or impossible to reach. This would apply only if the governor or a local authority makes an official emergency declaration.

[House Bill 2428](#) would establish additional guidelines for local governments that broadcast their meetings over the internet as well as rules for accepting remote public comments. The guidelines would require the local government to broadcast the entire meeting with an exception for executive sessions. It also prohibits local governments from omitting part of the broadcast when made available for future viewing. The bills are now pending action by the full House.



DMVA to Host Virtual Town Hall

The Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) will host the second in its five-part series of virtual Veteran Town Halls on Wednesday, May 18, with a focus on serving older veterans. Speakers will include Robert Torres, secretary of Pennsylvania Department of Aging; Brig. Gen. (PA) Maureen Weigl, DMVA deputy adjutant general for Veterans Affairs; and Travis Davis, DMVA executive director for Long-Term Care. Discussion topics will include DMVA veterans homes, the Pennsylvania Department of Aging's Caregiver



Support Program, senior centers, accessing nutritional programs, and recognizing abuse, neglect or exploitation of the elderly. The meeting will be held from 5-6:30 p.m. You can participate [via Microsoft Teams here](#).

The schedule of the remaining sessions is as follows:

- July 13: Resources for Homeless Veterans.
- Sept. 14: Transportation Issues Facing Veterans.
- Nov. 2: Honoring Veterans for Their Service and Sacrifice.

For more information about the virtual town meetings or other services available through DMVA, [click here](#).

Seniors: Register Now for My FREE Seminar to Prevent SCAMs

Seniors don't let scammers victimize you! Unfortunately, older citizens are frequent targets of scams that threaten their financial security. My free seminar will expose some of these fraudulent activities and provide you with the information you need to protect yourself. Register now at RepFrankRyan.com.

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Seminar for Senior Citizens:*

SCAMS

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There will be a representative from the Attorney General's Office.

Thursday, June 2

2 - 4 p.m.

Lebanon Senior Center

710 Maple St., 1st floor auditorium, Lebanon

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Honoring Vital Health Care Providers

We all know how important it is to have access to quality health care, but we may not always fully appreciate the people providing that care and the sacrifices they make to keep us safe and healthy. **May 6-12** was National Nurses Week. If you ever questioned the value of the physical care and emotional support provided by our nurses, the COVID-19 pandemic surely put those doubts to rest. If you've been to the hospital lately, whether as a patient or as a visitor, you have seen just how hard these men and women work. **May 15-21** is National Emergency Medical Services Week, which is meant to highlight the ongoing challenges faced by EMS providers across the Commonwealth and the nation. These include financial challenges, staffing shortages and ongoing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. In recognition of these observances, be sure to thank nurses and EMS workers for the outstanding, lifesaving care they provide and on which we rely.



Peace Officers Memorial Day Sunday



This Sunday, May 15, is Peace Officers Memorial Day. First established by President John F. Kennedy in 1962, it is designed to pay tribute to the brave local, state and federal peace officers who have died or been disabled in the line of duty. The day falls during National Police Week, which is May 11-17. We are blessed by the men and women who have taken an oath to serve and protect, and particularly those who have sacrificed their lives to ensure public safety.

Incentives Offered for New College, Career Savings Accounts

The Pennsylvania 529 College and Career Savings Program is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, and 529 Day on May 29. According to the Pennsylvania Treasury Department, families that open a new PA 529 Guaranteed Savings Plan (GSP) account during the month of May will be eligible to win a \$5,290 deposit into their GSP account to boost their child's education savings. One new account in each of Pennsylvania's 67 counties will also be awarded \$529 for their GSP account. PA 529 accounts provide families a way to save for their child's future education – whether they attend technical schools, community colleges, apprenticeship programs or four-year colleges and universities all across the country. PA 529 GSP accounts allow families to purchase tuition credits at today's college tuition rates for use when their child is ready for college. It also offers a number of tax benefits. Learn more at pa529.com. Promotional information for 529 Day can be found at pa529.com/529day.

