

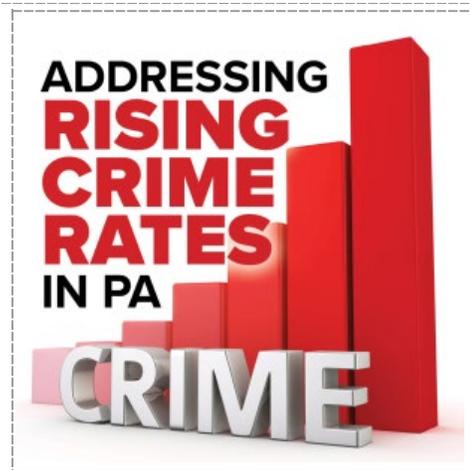
Max's Place Honors Annville Child Abuse Victim



This week, I had the privilege of participating in a ceremony honoring the life and memory of Maxwell Schollenberger, the 12-year-old Annville boy who died after years of abuse and neglect at the hands of his father and father's girlfriend, who are now serving time for his murder. Built with funding from a state grant, a playground bearing Max's name was constructed at Annville Elementary School on South White Oak Street, across from Max's home. At the dedication ceremony this week, I presented the Annville Cleona School District with a House of Representatives citation. It haunts me to this day that Max lived so close to the school and would have heard children playing at recess. Yet, he was locked in his second-floor bedroom, starving, beaten, covered in excrement and not permitted to attend school. The horrific circumstances of Max's death moved me to sponsor several bills including legislation to define and establish penalties for torture; to ensure abused children do not fall through the cracks of the child welfare system when they change residences; and to ensure child welfare personnel and mandated reporters are educated and trained on how to recognize and address cases of suspected abuse. Children like Max need our help. If you suspect a child is being abused, neglected or may otherwise be in danger, call CHILDLINE at **1-800-932-0313**. Thank you!

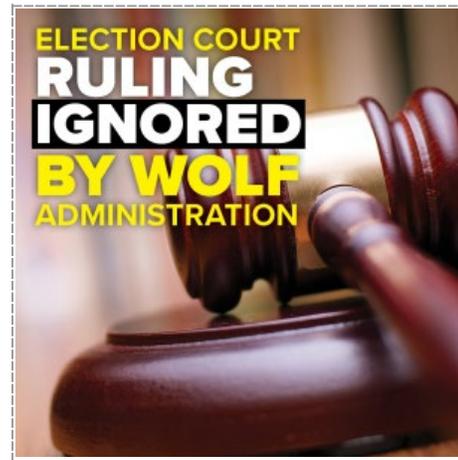
House Continues to Address Rising Crime

Addressing crime continues to top the list of our legislative priorities. The House Select Committee on Restoring Law and Order is continuing its investigation into the lack of action and adherence to Pennsylvania laws by Philadelphia District Attorney Larry Krasner. This week a House committee held a public hearing in Bucks County where those testifying agreed that Philadelphia's failure to apprehend and prosecute criminals is having a devastating impact on neighboring counties. They said violent criminals are empowered by Philadelphia's soft-on-crime policies and, like a virus, the violence is spreading. Testifiers called for existing laws to be enforced, mandatory prison time for violent offenders, and respect and support for law enforcement, stressing criminals must face consequences for their actions. To watch the hearing in its entirety, [click here](#). The House Select Committee on Restoring Law and Order is currently studying evidence and testimony as it continues its investigation into the crisis of crime in Philadelphia.



Wolf Administration Ignores Court Ruling

State election law specifies that dates must be included on mail-in ballots and the U.S. Supreme Court agreed. However, Acting Pennsylvania Secretary of State Leigh Chapman issued guidelines to the counties, telling them to count undated mail-in ballots and include them with all others. House Republican leaders strongly urged Chapman to issue guidance requiring undated ballots to be segregated in anticipation of litigation over the decision. Gov. Tom Wolf dismissed the request. Within the past few days, national and state Republicans have filed a lawsuit asking the Pennsylvania Supreme Court to review the matter.



Oct. 24 is Voter Registration Deadline



2022 GENERAL ELECTION IMPORTANT DATES

	Last day to register to vote in the election. vote.pa.gov/Register
	Last day to apply for a mail-in or absentee ballot. vote.pa.gov/ApplyMailBallot
	Voted mail-in and absentee ballots must be received by 8 PM. vote.pa.gov/County
	Election Day. Polls are open from 7 AM to 8 PM. vote.pa.gov/Polls



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The 2022 General Election is coming up on Tuesday, Nov. 8. Voters will have the opportunity to elect the state's next governor and lieutenant governor, members of the U.S. House and Senate, all state House members, and state Senate seats in even-numbered senatorial districts. If you are not registered to vote, the deadline to do so is **Monday, Oct. 24**. You may register in person at your county elections office, by mail or by visiting the state's [online voter registration website](https://vote.pa.gov). The last day to apply for a mail-in or civilian absentee ballot is Tuesday, Nov. 1, by 5 p.m. Completed ballots must be returned by Tuesday, Nov. 8, at 8 p.m. For more information about voting in the Commonwealth, including how to check your

registration and voting location, visit vote.pa.gov.

PennDOT 'Innovations Challenge' Contest Announced

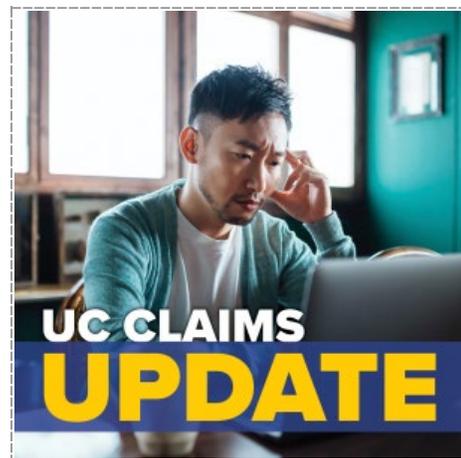
The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) announced its sixth annual PennDOT Innovations Challenge, which encourages students in grades 9-12 to "use their problem-solving, creative and strategic thinking abilities to solve real-world transportation challenges." In this year's challenge, students are being asked to develop ideas to help address the shortage of commercial truck parking along Pennsylvania's major interstate corridors. For complete Innovations Challenge details, visit penndot.gov/innovation and click on Innovations Challenge. The submission deadline is Jan. 27, 2023.



Information for "Seasonal" Workers Filing UC Claims

Many workers laid off during the winter or other times of the year identify themselves as "seasonal workers" when they apply for unemployment compensation (UC). However, this is often not the case and can cause delays in processing claims. The term "seasonal" worker only applies to those working in the agriculture sector. All other employees would be considered full or part time who are furloughed or laid off for a period of time. Workers who are laid off seasonally and then called back for a few weeks of work here and there, may need to reopen their UC claims.

Unfortunately, some workers in this situation do not open their claim in a timely manner after a layoff and this can also cause delays. Any claimant who needs to reopen a claim can refer to the instructional page listed on the Department of



Labor and Industry's website for when to file a reopened claim. [Here is the link.](#) There is a new system being used for unemployment compensation. For more information on how to use the system, [click here.](#)

October is Down Syndrome Awareness Month



October is Down Syndrome Awareness Month. Down syndrome is the most common chromosomal condition diagnosed in the U.S., and is associated with delays in physical growth, characteristic facial features and intellectual disability. Each year in this country, about 6,000 babies are born with Down syndrome or about one in every 700. Due to improved research and medical treatments, people with Down syndrome can live long, happy, productive lives.

Stay Safe this Halloween

Halloween is a fun time for many kids and families, but safety must always remain a top priority. According to the National Safety Council, the following are some tips to keep in mind while trick-or-treating:

- All costumes, wigs and accessories should be fire-resistant.
- If children are out after dark, fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags, or carry glow sticks.
- Opt for non-toxic Halloween makeup instead of masks that can obscure vision.
- A responsible adult should accompany young children on neighborhood rounds.
- If older children are going alone, plan and review a route and establish a return time.
- Instruct children never to enter a stranger's home or car; to travel only in familiar, well-lit areas and stay with friends.
- Tell children not to eat any treats until they return home, where they can be inspected by an adult.



Motorists traveling on neighborhood trick-or-treat nights should remember to stay alert, slow down, and enter and exit all driveways and alleys carefully. For more on these and other safety tips, [click here](#).

Across Lebanon County, trick-or-treat night will be Thursday, Oct. 27, from 6-9 p.m. However, trick-or-treating will conclude at 8 p.m. in the city of Lebanon.

Coming up:

If you don't properly dispose of the unneeded medications in your home, they might find a new one.

Unneeded prescription medication—those that are old, unwanted or no longer needed – are a public safety issue, too often becoming a gateway to addiction.

The majority of opioid addictions start with prescription pills found in medicine cabinets at home. Pharmaceutical drugs can be just as dangerous as street drugs when taken without a prescription or a doctor's supervision.

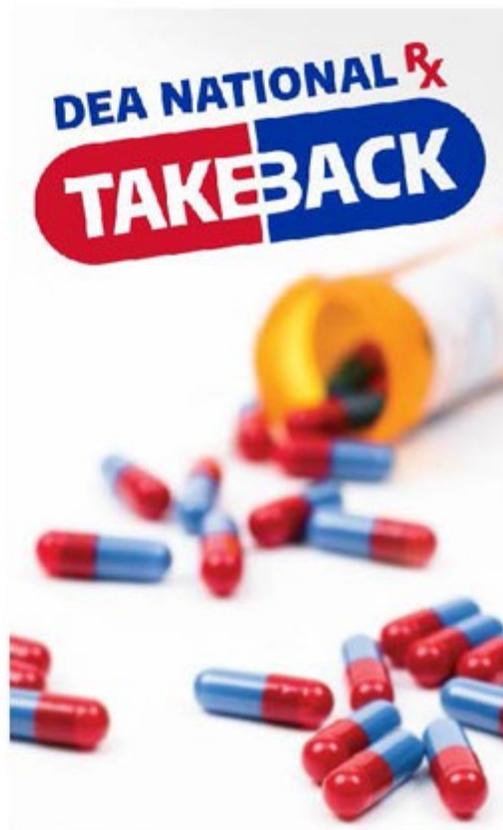
A majority of people who misuse a prescription medication obtained the medicine from a family member or friend.

DEA's National Prescription Drug Take Back Day events are one way to dispose of unneeded medications. You may NOT drop off: hydrogen peroxide, asthma inhalers (any aerosols), iodine-containing medications, thermometers, alcohol and illicit drugs (i.e. marijuana, heroin, LSD, etc.)

Beyond Take Back Day, there are opportunities to regularly and safely dispose of unneeded medications at pharmacies, hospitals, police departments and businesses working to clean out medicine cabinets throughout the year.

For more information on prescription drug abuse, go to:

- www.DEA.gov
- www.GetSmartAboutDrugs.com
- www.JustThinkTwice.com



Stop by our Take Back Day collection site:

Lebanon VA Medical Center

Saturday, October 29 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

There will be a drive thru at our **1700 South Lincoln Avenue entrance**. Lebanon VAMC police will be at the information map sign with collection bins.

Unused prescriptions can be water criminals!
Never flush or throw your drugs down the drain.

Fall Colors Abound!

