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Capitol Report

Thursday, February 27, 2025 **The latest news from the State Capitol**

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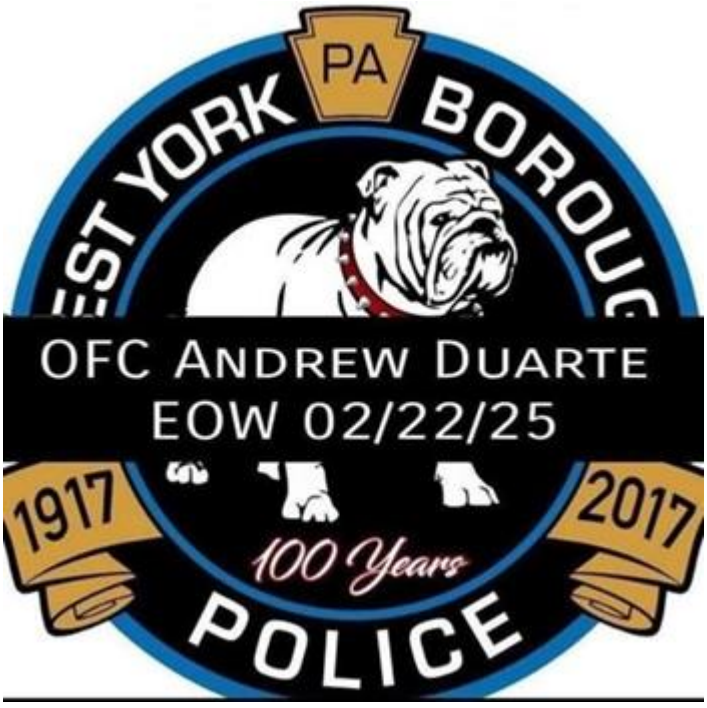
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Praying for Victims: Tragic Shooting at UPMC York

Last Saturday, we lost Officer Andrew Duarte to an active shooter and hostage incident at York's UPMC hospital. Additionally, officers from Springettsbury Township and Northern York County Regional Police departments, as well as three UPMC employees sustained gunshot injuries. Thankfully, the victims are in stable condition.

Due to the swift action taken by hospital security, law enforcement and many acts of God, this situation was stopped before more lives were lost. While this event has shaken York County, we will be resilient and strong.

Please join me in keeping Officer Duarte's family in your prayers, along with his fellow law enforcement officers and the employees at UPMC York. They are heroes.



Get the Latest News about Avian Flu

I hosted a “watch party” for constituents to join me in the district office this week to virtually attend the joint Health and Agriculture committees hearing on Avian Flu. A follow-up discussion on this topic will be held at my office tomorrow, Feb. 28, from 8-9:30 a.m. I look forward to addressing your concerns about this matter.

Recognizing Students of the Month

I recently met with the Rotary Club of Red Lion-Dallastown Area to honor local students of the month, Brayden Seiple and Mack Rizzo. Congratulations and keep up the great work!



Local Girl Scouts Earn First Aid Badge

Thank you to the Red Lion Ambulance Association for giving local Girl Scouts first aid training! The Scouts not only earned their first aid badge; they learned valuable information about how to provide aid in certain emergency situations. We are thankful for all you do to help our community!



Phone Scam Alert!

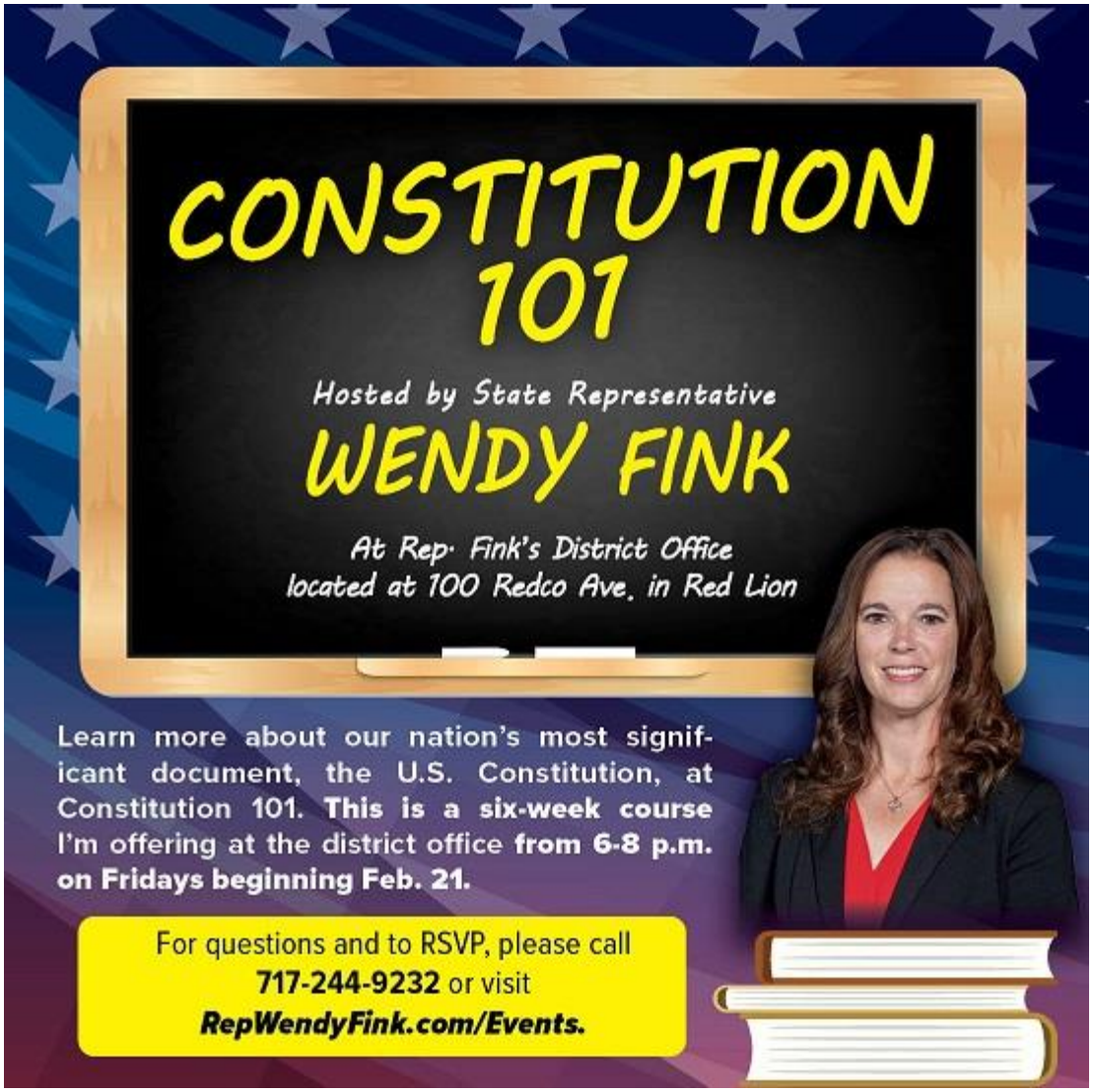
Please be aware that there is a spam phone call going around claiming your tax rebate is being rejected. The Department of Revenue WILL NOT reach out by phone if there is an issue. They will communicate either by email or USPS mail regarding any issues. If you receive a call and have any questions regarding its validity, please call the office at 717-244-9232.



Constitution 101 Underway

Last Friday, we kicked off this year's Constitution 101 class with over 25 new attendees! Learning about the U.S. Constitution is the first step toward understanding the true purpose of our government. You cannot defend your rights if you don't know them!

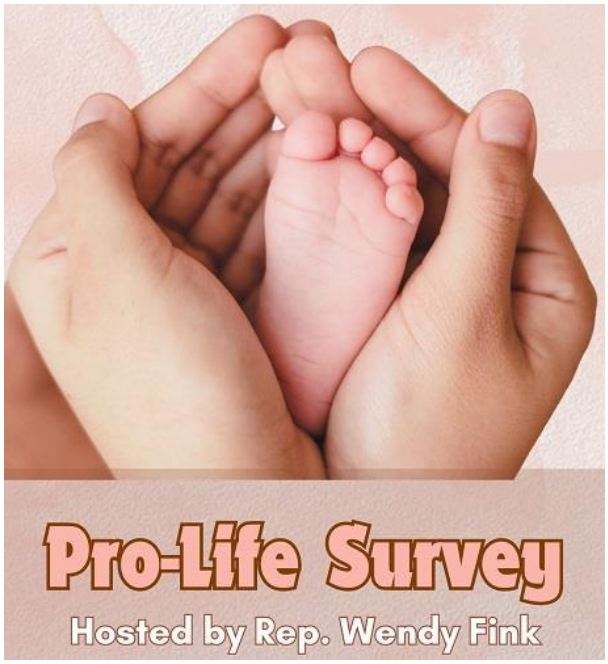
Constitution 101 will be held at my district office on Fridays, from 6-8 p.m. for five more weeks. Call 717-244-9232 if you have any questions!



Take My Pro-Life Survey

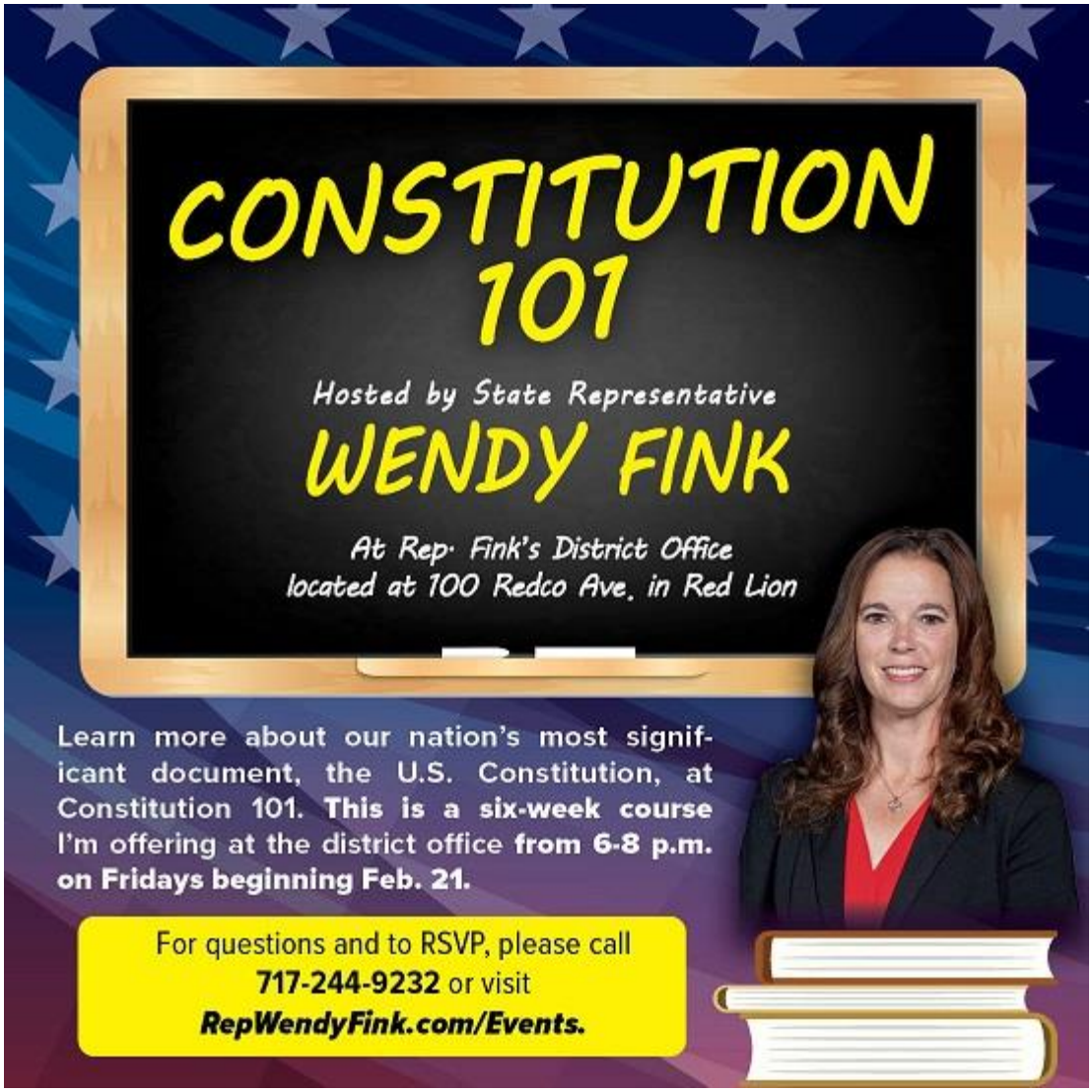
I invite constituents to take my latest survey on pro-life issues. Understanding your beliefs is important to me as your state representative.

Click here to get started.



You’re Invited to My Upcoming Events

Constitution 101 - This Friday



Legislative Breakfast

The deadline to RSVP for this event was Thursday, Feb. 20.



Local Government 101



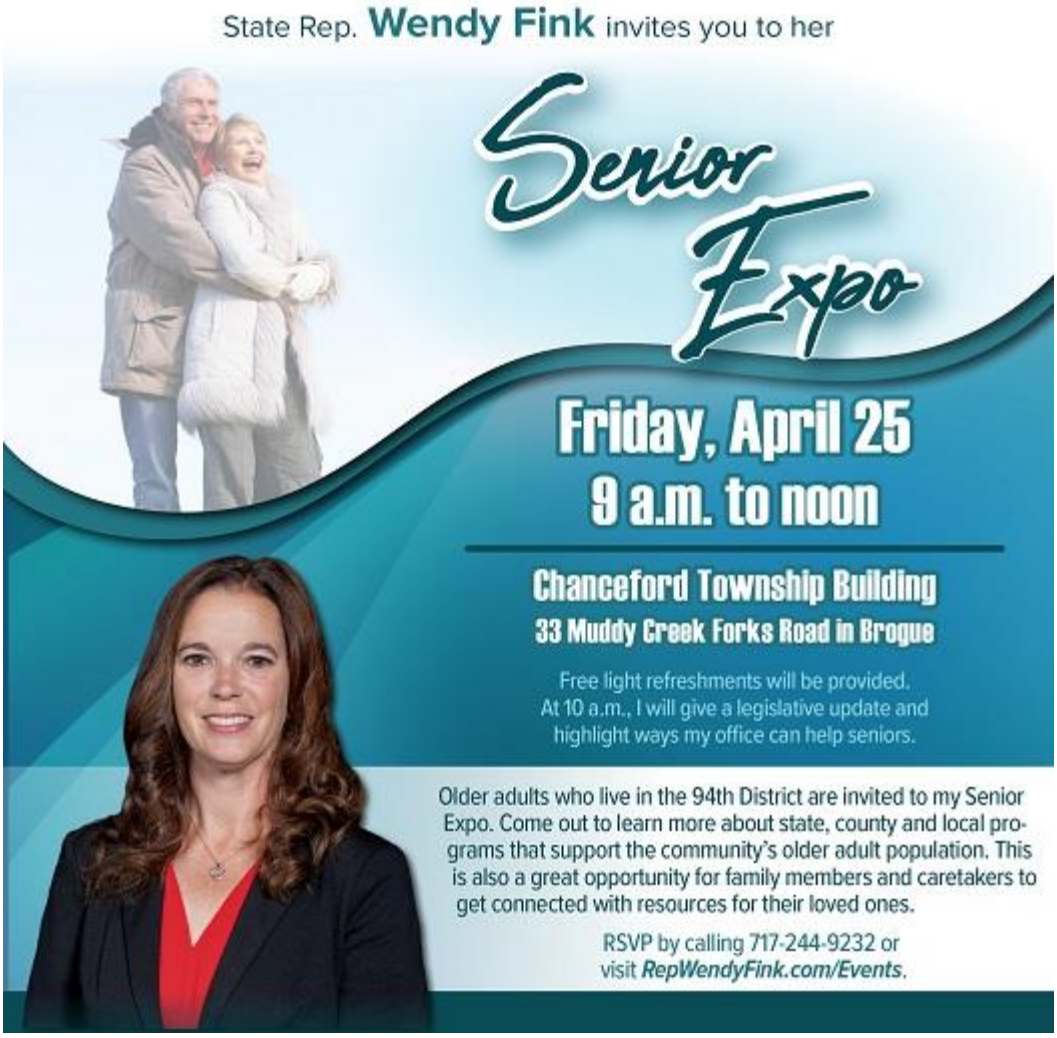
Concealed Carry Seminar



Small Business Breakfast and Roundtable Discussion


Small Business
Breakfast
– and –
Roundtable Discussion
Hosted by Rep. Wendy Fink
APRIL
12TH
8-10 A.M.
Small business owners who live or operate their business in the 94th District are invited to join me for a legislative breakfast and roundtable discussion about challenges you're facing.
RSVP by calling 717-244-9232 or RepWendyFink.com/Events.

Senior Expo



Kids Craft Fair



RSVPs are required for these events. Please call 717-244-9232 or visit www.RepWendyFink.com/Events for more information and to confirm your attendance.

We're Accepting Donations for Community Organizations in Need

Rivers Edge Community Services (RECS) is a non-profit organization of various groups that have come together to work to meet the needs of the community in the Eastern School District.

They provide backpacks in the fall, schoolbooks to elementary students, as well as

various other needs throughout the year. Recently, our office was a drop-off site for their drive for toilet paper to meet a need in the community. For February, RECS is seeking blanket donations as well as long sleeve men's shirts (not dress shirts) for Phoebe's Closet. In addition, the elementary school needs small, medium and large boys' and girls' pants.

We will also be accepting donations for Red Lion Community Reach. The organizations need 3T-4T training pants, as well as size 6 diapers. They also need paper products, single boxes of cereal, peanut butter, snack crackers, instant mashed potatoes, instant oatmeal, granola bars, hamburger helper and ready-to-eat microwave meals.

My office in Red Lion will serve as a collection site for these items until the end of February.

The toilet paper donation for January was very successful and we appreciate all who donated. We are grateful as well for those who donated and continue to donate underwear for the victims of human trafficking. We will have a receptacle to collect underwear for the foreseeable future in addition to the donation items listed above.

Real ID Enforcement Begins May 7



The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has set the enforcement date for REAL ID as May 7 to board a domestic flight (without a passport), enter a military base or enter a federal facility that requires identification at the door IF you do not have a passport, military ID or other federally acceptable identification.

Am I required to get a REAL ID?
No. Obtaining a REAL ID is optional. You do not need a REAL ID to drive, vote, enter hospitals, visit the post office, enter a federal courthouse or apply for federal benefits. You do not and will not need a REAL ID to board a domestic flight if you have a passport.

How do I get a REAL ID?
If you applied for your first driver's license after 2003, your REAL ID documents may already be on file with the PennDOT.

Otherwise, you will need to collect documents listed at that website. You can visit a PennDOT REAL ID Center to get the card on the same day or any PennDOT Driver License Center to get a card in 15 business days.

How do I get or renew my passport?
For more information about renewing your passport, please click here. You may also visit the United States Postal Service website for details.

Second Week of Budget Hearings



With the state's acting secretary of Education acknowledging more funding does not always lead to better student performance, members of the House Appropriations Committee questioned various aspects of the governor's proposal to fund the state's school districts in the next fiscal year.

Other hearings this week included the departments of Agriculture, Environmental Protection, State, Labor and Industry, and more.

The committee will conclude its assessment of the governor's proposed 2025-26 state spending plan next week at hearings with the Department of Corrections and Board of Probation and Parole, Department of Human Services, and Treasury, as well as the Office of the Budget.

The governor proposed a $51.47 billion budget last month, representing a $3.57 billion, or 7.5%, increase over the current fiscal year. The proposed spending increase is significantly more than the anticipated $1.3 billion revenue increase. This amount of spending is setting us up for a massive tax increase in a few years.

Budget hearings stream live at www.PABudget.com/livestreams. For a full schedule, along with video and highlights of each completed hearing, click here.

Substance Abuse Help for Veterans

Did you know more than one in 10 veterans have been diagnosed with a substance use disorder?



When veterans separate from the military, they may face a host of societal challenges adapting back to civilian life. Most will work through these challenges, but some fall on hard times, and sometimes resort to substance abuse as a way to cope. Help is available for veterans, family members and their advocates at 1-800-662-HELP (4357).

Veterans are also encouraged to make use of PA VETConnect, a program aimed at helping veterans address the challenges of homelessness, employment, mental health, addiction and much more. If you or someone you know requires assistance, or would like more information about PA VETConnect or other DMVA programs and services, visit www.dmva.pa.gov.

PA Tourism Office Releases 2025 Travel Guide



Suffering with the winter doldrums? Check out the 2025 Pennsylvania Travel Guide and get started on your spring and summer travel plans!

The free guide highlights must-see attractions, kid-focused fun, exciting events and many more great vacation ideas.

Sign up to receive a free hard copy of the guide or click here to view it online. Happy travels!

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