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New State Funding Puts East Stroudsburg In The Driver's Seat

By State Rep. Tarah Probst

I am proud to share that the East Stroudsburg Area School District has been awarded a \$38,750 state grant through PennDOT's School Bus Safety Grant Program to help recruit and train new school bus drivers.

The grant is part of a statewide investment of more than \$1.1 million announced by the Shapiro administration to help schools and transportation providers across Pennsylvania train more than 430 new school bus drivers. East Stroudsburg Area School District will use the funding to support driver recruitment and training costs, including commercial driver's license training, trainee wages, and testing and permit fees, helping ensure students have safe and dependable transportation to and from school.

"As a school district, we recognize that transportation is one of the few departments that impacts each of our families," said Dr. Maggie Vitale, superintendent of East Stroudsburg Area School District. "It is always our goal to improve our services in this area. We understand the importance as an educational entity that one way we can do this is through strong professional learning. The East Stroudsburg Area School District is honored to be awarded this grant by the PA Department of Transportation to continue to grow our School Bus Transportation Training and Safety Learning Center. We remain committed to the personal and professional growth of our employees so that we can offer stronger services to our families."

I made a commitment to bring competitive state grant funding back to our communities and invest it where it belongs, in our public schools, municipalities, and nonprofit organizations, not private corporations.

The School Bus Safety Grant Program is administered by PennDOT and supports initiatives that improve school bus safety across the commonwealth. For more information, visit the program's website <https://www.pa.gov/services/pennDOT/apply-for-the-automated-school-bus-enforcement-grant-program>.



State Police Recruiting Trooper Applicants

By State Rep. Tarah Probst

If you're looking for a career in law enforcement, the Pennsylvania State Police is accepting applications for the current cadet hiring cycle through July 31.

Applicants must have a high school diploma or GED, a valid driver's license, and be at least 20 years old at the time of application. Cadet training lasts approximately 28 weeks, and graduates are promoted to the rank of state trooper upon completing the academy.

To learn more about eligibility requirements, benefits, and the application process, visit PATrooper.com.



New Online Resource For Families Supporting Loved Ones With Substance Use Disorder

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The Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs has launched Caregiver Connection, a free online resource designed to support parents, grandparents, siblings, and others caring for a loved one with substance use disorder.

The website serves as a one-stop hub where families can find local and virtual support groups, connect with others who understand their experiences, locate their county drug and alcohol office, learn where to obtain free Narcan, and access additional resources to help navigate a loved one's treatment and recovery.

Caregiver Connection builds on DDAP's existing Family Learning Series, which offers educational modules on understanding substance use disorder, treatment and recovery, setting healthy boundaries, supporting children affected by addiction, and accessing available services.

To learn more or access these free resources, visit Caregiver Connection <https://caregiverconnectionpa.org/>.



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) 7:00-9:30 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) 6:30 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-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 6:30 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) - Beginning 5:00 PM - Bar-B-Q Chicken (while supplies last) 6:30 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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