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Senate Reconvenes This Week....



Last week, the state Senate approved a number of important pieces of legislation including:

- [House Bill 435](#), legislation to provide for tougher background clearance checks preventing sexual predators from landing new jobs in public and private schools.
- [House Bill 1357](#), legislation that is aimed at reducing drunk driving offenses by expanding ignition interlock requirements for certain first time offenders.
- [Senate Bill 1290](#), also known as the "Kelsey Smith Act," will require wireless providers to "ping" the cell phone of a missing person at the request of law enforcement officials when there is sufficient information to believe there is a risk or threat of death or serious physical harm.
- [Senate Bill 1367](#), legislation that bans the practice of persons sentenced to community service to be able to purchase gift cards in lieu of performing the service.
- [House Bill 1440](#), legislation exempting structures used in seeding and growing those products from building code requirements.
- [House Bill 2092](#), legislation aligning the state transportation law with federal changes related to ag implements of husbandry.



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District Outreach Hours Scheduled

[Thursday October 16, 2014](#)

Wyalusing Senior Center
Completing LIHEAP applications for residents of
Park Place, Wyalusing Sr. Housing
11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Wyalusing Library
115 Church Street
Wyalusing, PA 18853
3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.



Pictured L to R: Dr. Robert Dunham, Chairman Emeritus of the Pennsylvania College of Technology Board, Dr. Davie Gilmour, President of the Pennsylvania College of Technology, Penn State President Eric Barron and Senator Yaw. The visit marked President Barron's first visit to the Penn College campus.
– Photos by Tom Wilson, writer/editor-PCToday, and Cindy D. Meixel, writer/photo editor.

On October 7th, I joined with Dr. Davie Gilmour, President of the Pennsylvania College of Technology, and Dr. Robert Dunham, Chairman Emeritus of the Penn College Board, to welcome Penn State President Eric Barron to campus. It was President Barron's first visit to the Penn College campus. While in Williamsport, President Barron, and his wife Molly had an opportunity to meet with students, view three recent art installations, tour the Roger Madigan Library and student housing, explore the college's role in the natural gas industry, and visited a variety of instructional labs.

Boat Launch Ribbon Cutting Held in Jersey Shore Borough



On October 3rd, I had the privilege to join officials from Jersey Shore Borough for a groundbreaking ceremony to construct a new Public Boat Launch just off of Front Street.

Many organizations should be commended for providing funding for this project, including the National Park Service – Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network, Pennsylvania Department of Conservation & Natural Resources – Bureau of Recreation and Conservation, First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania, Lycoming County Visitors' Bureau, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Susquehanna Greenway Partnership, and many other local donors who generously donated \$50,000.

Autumn Across North Central, Eastern PA

[VisitPA](#) is encouraging [Leaf Peepers](#) to capture the beauty of an autumn trip as northern PA mountainsides begin to turn from lush green to crimson, orange and gold. Areas in and around the [PA Grand Canyon](#), [Pine Creek Rail Trail](#), and thousands of acres of lakes and waterways will be