

CONTINUING THE FIGHT FOR **LOCAL CONTROL OVER CREEKS, STREAMS**

Seeing the devastation caused by the California wildfires earlier this year took me back to last August when several communities in our area were ravaged by flooding.

After every natural disaster there must be a concerted effort to reevaluate the decisions leading up to the event. I firmly believe the people “on the ground” in our communities know what needs to be done to help at least minimize the damage caused by these disasters.

That’s why I am reintroducing three bills designed to give local officials and landowners the tools they need to better maintain our creeks and streams and help prevent flooding.

House Bill 88 would address funding shortfalls by requiring certain royalty payments to the Commonwealth for oil and gas production to be used for creek and stream maintenance.

House Bills 327 and 328 would address permitting challenges by allowing local government organizations to apply for permits for continuing maintenance for a period of at least 10 years and requiring an expansion of the work area associated with emergency permits for stream clearing activities.



You can read more about my thoughts on the need for local control in combatting natural disasters in an op-ed I wrote last month that is posted on my website, www.RepOwlett.com.

HELPING TO GUIDE OUR **COMMONWEALTH’S FUTURE**



I am both humbled and excited to share that I have been elected by my peers in the House Republican Caucus to serve as caucus secretary for the 2025-26 Legislative Session.

The formal role of the secretary is to record all official legislative activities in the House, but the secretary also takes on the responsibility of helping to mentor newly elected members, of which we have 11 this session.

I ran for office to advocate, first and foremost, for the people of Tioga and Bradford counties, but for us to be successful, the entire Commonwealth must be also. I am honored by the opportunity to help lead the House Republican Caucus in advancing policies that support our children, our families and our job creators here and throughout Pennsylvania

JOIN THE FIGHT AGAINST **DIGITAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING**



Human trafficking is one of the fastest-growing crimes in our country, but we have little chance of stopping it if we don’t learn about what the crime actually looks like.

While we often equate kidnapping and smuggling of a person with human trafficking, the increasingly common scenario is a young person who is living what appears to be a “normal” life but is also being groomed, sometimes by people they know but also by people they meet over the internet.

Last fall, I hosted a legislative hearing in Tioga County about the crime. The testimony we received from Korrin

Moon, founder of Lantern Rescue; law enforcement officers; and others was eye opening.

To help parents and other loved ones protect our children from this hideous crime, I will be hosting two Human Trafficking Awareness events on April 2 in Towanda and April 3 in Wellsboro. The content is geared to parents and grandparents of young kids and teens. It is not recommended that young children attend due to the nature of the issues being discussed. Watch my weekly Community Connection email for more details.

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We recently celebrated the one-year anniversary of Community Connection, our weekly email that aims to share stories that bring us together as a community and connect us to one another in ways that demonstrate there are so many more things that unite rather than divide us. The email also includes important news from your state Capitol. Thank you for reading!

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GAME COMMISSION NIGHT: BRADFORD COUNTY

Co-sponsored with Leroy Sportsman's Association

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 6-8 P.M.

Peppers Auction Barn

13580 State Route 414, East of Canton

The presentation will focus on the status of the deer herd and how people can make their property good for deer. Admission is free. To RSVP, visit www.RepOwlett.com/events or call the Wellsboro office at 570-724-1390 or the Troy office at 570-297-3045.

BREAKFAST MEETING ON AGRICULTURE

with Sen. Gene Yaw and Rep. Tina Pickett

THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 10 A.M. TO NOON

Tioga County Fairgrounds

Main Building, 2258 Charleston Road, Wellsboro

The free breakfast is open to farmers and members of the agriculture community in Tioga and Bradford counties. Seating is limited, and registration is required by visiting www.senatorgeneyaw.com/ag-breakfast-reg/. The deadline to RSVP is Monday, March 3.

COMING SOON...

Watch my weekly Community Connection email for more information about these events and more!

APRIL

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS FOR PARENTS, GUARDIANS

Learn more about how to protect our children from this horrible crime. Geared to parents and grandparents; not recommended for young children.

- **TOWANDA HIGH SCHOOL**
Wednesday, April 2, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- **WELLSBORO FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNEX**
Thursday, April 3, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

RSVPs requested at www.RepOwlett.com or call the Wellsboro office at 570-724-1390.

ILLEGIBLE LICENSE PLATE REPLACEMENT EVENTS

- **TROY SALE BARN**
Tuesday, April 15, 4-7 p.m.
- **WELLSBORO FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNEX**
Wednesday, April 16, 4-7 p.m.

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FUTURE ENTREPRENEUR SUMMIT

Join us for this informative event geared to everyone from high school juniors and seniors interested in business to those in the community looking to start or in the early stages of growing their business. Watch my weekly Community Connection email for more information.