

50TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

STATE REPRESENTATIVE BUD COOK

GREAT THINGS

ARE HAPPENING IN THE 50TH DISTRICT!

I have had the honor of participating in several ribbon-cutting ceremonies over the last several months for new or expanding businesses in the area. It's great to see these employers investing in our communities!







BLESSING OF THE BALERS

Highlights PA Agriculture



What an honor it was to host the Blessing of the Balers at the state Capitol in Harrisburg in May!

The very first Blessing of the Balers took place in Greene County last year, and I couldn't wait to bring it to Harrisburg to help celebrate our state's top industry and symbolically bless

our balers and farmers across the state in hopes of a productive hay season.

Since we couldn't bring a bunch of balers to the Capitol, folks brought their hitch pins instead to be blessed!

Greene County's own Rev. Donald Wilson offered the blessing in the company of Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding, Pennsylvania Farm Bureau President Chris Hoffman, lawmakers and farmers.

It was especially exciting to welcome Greene County farmers Joe Krampy and Mark Willis, who are the inspiration behind the event.

We had a New Holland Baler on-site that was manufactured just down the road from the Capitol in Lancaster County, as well as a



John Deere tractor brought in from Halifax in northern Dauphin County.

I'm so grateful to everyone who participated in this year's balers event, and I'm looking forward to it again next year. The exact date will depend on the legislative session schedule, but it will likely be in early May, so stay tuned!

Town Hall Meetings to Identify Activities, Assets and Attractions

We all know how blessed we are to live in southwestern Pennsylvania and especially in our little corner of it! Now we just need to educate others about the great things that await them here.

We are in the process of holding a



series of town meetings based on school districts to bring people together to talk about state and local issues, but also to identify activities, assets and attractions that make Greene and Washington counties such great places to live or even visit.

So far, we've had meetings in the Carmichaels Area, Jefferson Morgan Area and West Greene school districts. Stay tuned to my weekly email blasts for additional town meetings as they are scheduled.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Thursday, Oct. 5, 2-5 p.m.

Waynesburg University

Goodwin Performing Arts Center, 51 W. College St., Waynesburg Register online at www.RepBudCook.com/Events or call 724-929-2660.

STOP BY TO SEE US AT THESE COMMUNITY EVENTS

WAYNESBURG RAIN DAY: Saturday, July 29, at Fountain and Monument Park, Waynesburg. Visit *raindayfestival.com* for details.

GREENE COUNTY FAIR QUEEN CONTEST: Sunday, July 30, at 4 p.m., Greene County Fairgrounds, Waynesburg. Visit greenecountyfair.org for details.

GREENE COUNTY FAIR: Aug. 6-12, Greene County Fairgrounds, Waynesburg. Visit greenecountyfair.org for details.

NATIONAL PIKE STEAM GAS AND HORSE ASSOCIATION SUMMER SHOW: Friday to Sunday, Aug. 11-13, at 222 Spring Road, Brownsville. Visit *nationalpike.com* for details.

WASHINGTON COUNTY AGRICULTURAL FAIR: August 12-19, Washington County Fairgrounds, 2151 Main St., Washington. Visit washingtonfair.org for details.

PENNSYLVANIA BITUMINOUS KING COAL SHOW: Aug. 19, 20 and 23-26, at Carmichaels and Cumberland Township Volunteer Fire Co., 420 W. George St., Carmichaels. Visit www.facebook.com/kingcoalassociation for details.

HONOR & REMEMBER





Thank you to the Roscoe Sportsmen's Association in Coal Center for hosting the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall and 9/11 Memorial Traveling Exhibit in mid-June. I appreciate, and I know so many in the community appreciate, the opportunity to honor and remember the men and women who gave their lives for us.