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400 North Street, 2nd Floor North
P.O. Box 3265
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**Re: Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, et al. v. UGI Utilities Inc. – Gas Division
Docket Nos. R-2024-3052716, et al.**

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed for filing are Proofs of Publication evidencing that notice of the base rate case filing in the above-captioned proceeding was published in the following newspapers on the dates indicated below:

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Respectfully submitted,

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cc: The Honorable Mark A. Hoyer (*via email; w/attachments*)
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REGIONAL NEWS

WINTER FEST AT BLUE MOUNTAIN



Reilly Kraus competes on a mechanical snowboard during Winter Fest on Saturday at Blue Mountain Ski Resort in Lower Towamensing Township.

More than just skiing, snowboarding



Finley Matthews, 5, creates his own snow cone on a water wheel during Winter Fest.

AMY SHORTELL/THE MORNING CALL PHOTOS

Norovirus

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can cause disease, and they change frequently, just like you've heard about respiratory viruses, this virus changes often," Knouse said. "It seems that we get immune to maybe one or two of the strains, yet another strain pops up and that's one of the reasons ... as to why it's so bad this last season."

He said when you combine the above factors with the fact norovirus can stick to surfaces for days or weeks, and someone only has to come in contact with a small amount of the virus to get infected, you get the results of the current norovirus season.

Cases of norovirus are rarely fatal, resulting in only about 900 deaths annually in the U.S. per year, primarily among adults 65 or older, according to the CDC. However, it does cause an average of 109,000 hospitalizations and 465,000 emergency room visits each year. In severe cases, dehydration caused by a norovirus infection can lead to hospitalization, particularly in those who have compromised immune systems or underlying heart or kidney disease.

"Although the vast majority of people never get admitted with norovirus, there are people who do because it's very difficult to maintain hydration when you literally lose total taste or appetite to keep anything down. You pretty much have to almost force yourself to take small sips of water or other kinds of liquids, because if you drink too much, you're going to throw up," Jahre said.

Knouse said if severe dehydration is ignored it can lead to abnormalities in the body and even kidney injury.

Jahre said the severity isn't the main problem for most people though. For them the issue is that the disease takes people out of action, whether it be from work or school, and leaves them feeling terrible for days, and infectious to those around them for potentially weeks. The CDC estimates each year that worldwide norovirus infections have an economic impact of \$60 billion due to health care costs and lost productivity.

Prevention and care

Norovirus doesn't affect everyone uniformly; some people are particularly resistant to norovirus infections, while others will experience the full suite of symptoms. Whether or not you are likely to get sick is believed to be related to blood type: People with B-type blood seem to be resistant to certain strains of norovirus. However, this quality may not be as useful this year.

"It seems likely there is enough strain circulating that no one can rely on blood type to protect them," Knouse said.

The virus can be acquired from numerous sources. Human-to-human transmission or contact with surfaces touched by sick people is a common vector but food is another common culprit. Norovirus can exist in or on unwashed leafy green vegetables or fresh fruits that have residual infected fecal matter on them, or in uncooked filter feeding shellfish such as clams and oysters. Since June the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has issued several advisories to restaurants and retailers to not serve oysters from certain sources in South Korea, British Columbia and Washington state.

Preventing infection can be difficult if you are in a space with someone who has a case of norovirus, as the virus clings to surfaces, sometimes up to weeks, and hand sanitizers are ineffective against it, Jahre said. Even being recently infected with a case of norovirus is not necessarily a good source of immunity to the illness, as the virus mutates frequently and there tend to be many variants in circulation at a given time.

However, it is not impossible to prevent norovirus infections. Though alcohol-based hand sanitizers are not effective at removing norovirus, thorough hand washing with soap and water for 20 seconds will remove the virus, Knouse said. Scrubbing hard surfaces thoroughly with diluted chlorine or bleach-based cleaning products is another way to ensure other people in your home do not get infected. Jahre added that clothes, linens

and bedsheets should be washed in a thorough hot water cycle.

Needless to say, the sick person shouldn't be sharing food with anyone while sick, but norovirus can spread even after an infected person is symptom free, so an infected or recently infected person shouldn't be engaging in any food preparation for other people until at least 48 hours after symptoms have resolved, Knouse said. He added those who engage in food preparation in a commercial setting may want to wait longer and should consult their workplace's policy.

When dealing with a norovirus infection, drinking plenty of fluids, especially water, is crucial as lots of bodily fluids tend to be expelled during the illness. However, not all drinks are equal. Caffeinated beverages such as coffee should be avoided, though low-caffeine or caffeine-free teas can be fine as well as relatively diluted juices. Milk or other dairy drinks may also be a bad choice when sick with norovirus, as your body may produce less of the enzyme that breaks down lactose.

Knouse added that although a diet of bananas, rice, applesauce and toast, called the BRAT diet, has been touted for people with nausea by some, there isn't any definitive evidence for it. Any diet of relatively bland, easily digested food that is consumed in small but relatively frequent intervals is best, he said.

Jahre said anyone with underlying vulnerabilities or who has children under age 5 with the disease should talk to their physician, as there may be additional treatment options to help them.

Due to the nature of norovirus, a vaccine has never been developed before but one may be on its way. Moderna, the company that developed the second mRNA COVID-19 vaccine in the U.S., is enrolling 25,000 people in a phase 3 trial for an mRNA norovirus shot.

"I would say stay tuned on that, it is promising. I know that there are some other companies that are working on a vaccine. Ultimately that may be the solution for those people who are particularly susceptible or at high risk," Jahre said.

Trans

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nity Center in Allentown, said in a statement. "No matter the obstacles, we are here for you — today, tomorrow, and always — with compassion, strength and unwavering support."

The Eastern PA Trans Equity Project stated in a release that "transgender people deserve the same rights and protections as any other resident of our country ... We will not flinch in the face of discrimination. We know that our visibility and our actions will ultimately win the day."

Corinne Goodwin, the organization's executive director, says they received 40 calls after Trump's executive order and communications increased by more than 200% after he was reelected in November.

During this time, Goodwin says transgender persons can best protect themselves by prioritizing their welfare, advocating, and making sure legal documents like a will, advanced medical directive, power of attorney and confirmatory adoptions are complete.

Rev. Elizabeth Goudy of Metropolitan Community Church of the Lehigh Valley in Allentown said the church "has affirmed and celebrated transgender people" since its inception in 1984. She said parishioners are concerned "about the potential erosion of rights" and "elected and appointed officials do not always understand the lived experiences of LGBT people so a lot of educating is ahead."

Keough says she is just like anyone else — paying taxes, taking care of a home and volunteering in the community.

"I'm just the person that most folks would love to have next door," she said.

At 61, she is a grandparent, homeowner, and has a small business. She lives in Eaton's West Ward with her wife, Jen Whitlock. They have been in a relationship for close to 11 years and have been married two-and-a-half years. In light of Trump's executive order, she is more worried



COURTESY

"I'm afraid that they're just warming up to make my life difficult."

— Liz Keough, pictured above with her wife, Jen Whitlock

about the "daily possibilities of assault and harassment."

"I'm also concerned that because I get my health insurance through the Affordable Care Act, that I may lose access to my physician, many of my medications, and basic life-saving screening like mammograms. I'm also afraid that they're just warming up to make my life difficult," she said.

Keough said her online community is preparing and "setting up underground railroads" to assist transgender persons in more conservative states, who she said are most susceptible. Plus, ad hoc networks are being formed quietly regarding housing, transportation, and employment, all in the name of safety, Keough said.

"Those who are paying attention to politics are particularly frightened of an administration that is openly hostile toward them," said Whitlock, a licensed professional counselor that has counseled over 300 transgender teens and adults and owns and operates True Colors Center for Creative Therapy LLC. "And because of the systematic demonization of transgender indi-

viduals, everyday people are emboldened to openly target this vulnerable group that isn't hurting anybody."

Goodwin said people can support the transgender community by becoming acquainted with transgender persons, and to "understand that we want the same things, the same rights that any other person in this country wants."

Additionally, she said standing up to discriminatory behavior, and writing legislators and local officials are some of the ways the public can help.

In addition, Whitlock advised not expecting or trying to persuade transgender people to identify with their birth gender, as it may cause more hurt and harm. Also, listening to the transgender community and posting messages of support on social media is helpful, too, she said.

"I can only imagine that, if anyone is afraid of transgender people, it's because they've never knowingly met transgender people," Keough said. "The fearful would worry an awful lot less if they spent a little time with transfolk, and found out how desperately ordinary our lives are."

Sunni Battin is a freelance writer.

Airport

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LVIA, with the Transportation Security Administration saying nine of its 10 busiest days ever for the airport were during June, July and August.

The airport also pointed out its accomplishments from the year, including being recognized as one of the best small airports in the U.S. in a

poll conducted by Newsweek magazine; launching nonstop flights to Orlando International Airport; and adding passenger amenities such as the opening of the Drafthouse at ABE and Which Wich Superior Sandwiches.

Air cargo was down 9.4% over the year to 249.6 million pounds processed.

However, Stoudt said the future Northside Logistics and Cargo Complex means LVIA has a bright future as

a cargo airport. The airport received a \$40 million federal grant to build the complex last year.

"Even as a slight decrease in air cargo snapped four consecutive record-breaking years of activity, we are confident that ABE will remain an integral part of the air cargo logistics supply chain," Stoudt said.

Morning Call reporter Evan Jones can be reached at ejones@mcall.com.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RATE CHANGES

To Our Customers:

UGI Utilities – Gas Division is filing a request with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) to increase your natural gas rates as of March 28, 2025. This notice describes the company's rate request, the PUC's role, and what actions you can take.

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The state agency which approves rates for public utilities is the PUC. The PUC will examine the requested rate increase and can prevent existing rates from changing until it investigates and/or holds hearings on the request. The company must prove that the requested rates are reasonable. After examining the evidence, the PUC may grant all, some, or none of the request or may reduce existing rates.

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There are ways to challenge a company's request to change its rates:

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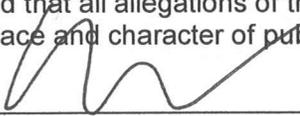
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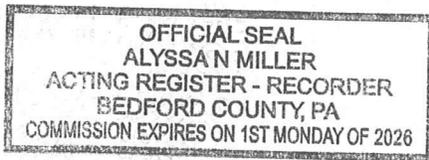
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DEAR CONFLICTED: If you do what you are contemplating, it will likely end your relationship with at least one of your brother's children. Before approaching your brother's widow, have a discussion with the adult child with whom you are close. Explain how watching your brother be verbally abused by his wife, even on his deathbed, made you feel. Say you do not wish to lose the close relationship you enjoy with him/her, but that now, for the sake of your own healing from the loss of your brother, you finally intend to air those feelings to their mother. Because you don't plan to have anything more to do with the woman, you can speak your mind.

DEAR ABBY: I am a gay man who has been having an affair with a married man for the last three years. They have been separated for a year, but no one has filed for divorce. I know he wants a future with me, but I'm not sure if he's brave enough to take the next step. His wife is still "praying the gay away" and still thinks the marriage can work. She sends him biblical verses and worship songs regularly.

He has always been gay, but because of how he was raised and his religious upbringing, he felt he had to live a fake life. Although his family isn't accepting, my family is, and they have met him. My question is, how long do I wait? I don't want to waste my life away waiting on someone else to determine my future. — CINDERFELLA IN PENNSYLVANIA

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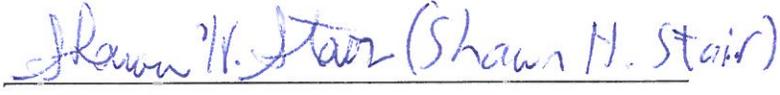
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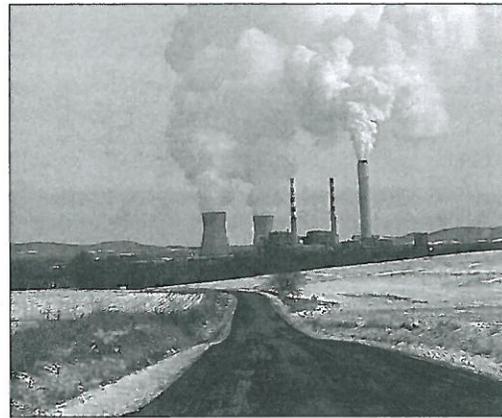
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Big Tech wants to plug data centers right into power plants. Utilities say it's not fair

By **MARC LEVY**
Associated Press

HARRISBURG (AP) — Looking for a quick fix for their fast-growing electricity diets, tech giants are increasingly looking to strike deals with power plant owners to plug in directly, avoiding a potentially longer and more expensive process of hooking into a fraying electric grid that serves everyone else.

It's raising questions over whether diverting power to higher-paying customers will leave enough for others and whether it's fair to excuse big power users from paying for the grid. Federal regulators are trying to figure out what to do about it, and quickly.

Front and center is the data center that Amazon's cloud computing subsidiary, Amazon Web Services, is building next to the Susquehanna nuclear plant in eastern Pennsylvania.

The arrangement between the plant's owners and AWS — called a "behind the meter" connection — is the first such to come before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. For now, FERC has rejected a deal that could eventually send 960 megawatts — about 40% of the plant's capacity — to the data center. That's enough to power more than a half-million homes.

That leaves the deal and others that likely would follow in limbo. It's not clear when FERC, which blocked the deal on a procedural ground, will take up the matter again or how the change in presidential administrations might affect things.

"The companies, they're very frustrated because they have a business opportunity now that's really big," said Bill Green, the director of the MIT Energy Initiative. "And if they're delayed five years in the queue, for example — I don't know if it would be five years, but years anyway — they might completely miss the business opportunity."

WHAT'S DRIVING DEMAND FOR ENERGY-HUNGRY DATA CENTERS

The rapid growth of cloud computing and artificial intelligence has fueled demand for data centers that need power to run servers, storage systems, networking equipment and cooling systems.

That's spurred proposals to bring nuclear power plants out of retirement, develop small modular nuclear reactors

and build utility-scale renewable installations or new natural gas plants. In December, California-based Oklo announced an agreement to provide 12 gigawatts to data center developer Switch from small nuclear reactors powered by nuclear waste.

Federal officials say fast development of data centers is vital to the economy and national security, including to keep pace with China in the artificial intelligence race.

For AWS, the deal with Susquehanna satisfies its need for reliable power that meets its internal requirements for sources that don't emit planet-warming greenhouse gases, like coal, oil or gas-fueled plants.

Big Tech also wants to stand up their centers fast. But tech's voracious appetite for energy comes at a time when the power supply is already strained by efforts to shift away from planet-warming fossil fuels.

They can build data centers in a couple years, said Aaron Tinjun of the Data Center Coalition. But in some areas, getting connected to the congested electricity grid can take four years, and sometimes much more, he said.

Plugging directly into a power plant would take years off their development timelines.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR POWER PROVIDERS

In theory, the AWS deal would let Susquehanna sell power for more than they get by selling into the grid. Talen Energy, Susquehanna's majority owner, projected the deal would bring as much as \$140 million in electricity sales in 2028, though it didn't disclose exactly how much AWS will pay for the power.

The profit potential is one that other nuclear plant operators, in particular, are embracing after years of financial distress and frustration with how they are paid in the broader electricity markets. Many say they have been forced to compete in some markets against a flood of cheap natural gas as well as state-subsidized solar and wind energy.

Power plant owners also say the arrangement benefits the wider public, by bypassing the costly buildout of long power lines and leaving more transmission capacity on the grid for everyone else.

FERC'S BIG DECISION

A favorable ruling from FERC could open the door to many more huge data centers and

other massive power users like hydrogen plants and bitcoin miners, analysts say.

FERC's 2-1 rejection in November was procedural. Recent comments by commissioners suggest they weren't ready to decide how to regulate such a novel matter without more study.

In the meantime, the agency is hearing arguments for and against the Susquehanna-AWS deal.

Monitoring Analytics, the market watchdog in the mid-Atlantic grid, wrote in a filing to FERC that the impact would be "extreme" if the Susquehanna-AWS model were extended to all nuclear power plants in the territory.

Energy prices would increase significantly and there's no explanation for how rising demand for power will be met even before big power plants drop out of the supply mix, it said.

Separately, two electric utility owners — which make money in deregulated states from building out the grid and delivering power — have protested that the Susquehanna-AWS arrangement amounts to freeloading off a grid that ordinary customers pay to build and maintain. Chicago-based Exelon and Columbus, Ohio-based American Electric Power say the Susquehanna-AWS arrangement would allow AWS to avoid \$140 million a year that it would otherwise owe.

Susquehanna's owners say the data center won't be on the grid and question why it should have to pay to maintain it. But critics contend that the power plant itself is benefiting from taxpayer subsidies and ratepayer-subsidized services, and shouldn't be able to strike deals with private customers that could increase costs for others.

FERC's decision will have "massive repercussions for the entire country" because it will set a precedent for how FERC and grid operators will handle the waiting avalanche of similar requests from data center companies and nuclear plants, said Jackson Morris of the Natural Resources Defense Council.

Stacey Burbure, a vice president for American Electric Power, told FERC at a hearing in November that it needs to move quickly.

"The timing of this issue is before us," she said, "and if we take our typical five years to get this perfect, it will be too late."

All about manufacturing



Bradford Area High School

Micah Hollebeke, a plant superintendent at Georgia-Pacific's facility in Bradford, explains the corrugated board manufacturing process to Engineering Technology and Machine Technology students from the Parkway Industrial manufacturing program at Bradford Area High School.

What to know about Punxsutawney Phil's next prediction

(TNS) — Groundhog Day falls on Sunday, Feb. 2, and this year will see another crowd of revelers making their way to Punxsutawney to see the big event.

As is tradition, the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club will consult with the one and only Punxsutawney Phil, their official Groundhog Day groundhog, to determine whether or not he saw his shadow.

According to folklore, if the groundhog can see his shadow on Groundhog Day, it's a signal of six more weeks of winter. If he doesn't, then an early spring is on the way.

And speaking of

the prediction happens around 7:20 a.m. in Punxsutawney every year. But celebrations start in the wee hours of the mornings that day, well before sunrise. And of course, there are many events in the days leading up to Groundhog Day throughout Punxsutawney. A full list of official events can be found here.

While Punxsutawney Phil is the official groundhog for Punxsutawney's event — and to many, the official groundhog for Groundhog Day, period — he's not the only groundhog in the town.

In fact, Phil's family has gotten bigger recently: his "wife," Phyllis, recent-

ly gave birth to two new Punxsutawney groundhogs. Congratulations to the whole happy rodent family!

But when how accurate are Phil's predictions, anyway? Well, we've looked at the results before. And judging by his track record over the years the predictions are about as accurate as a coin toss.

That said, the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club insists that Phil is always right in his predictions. Indeed, they take the blame, as members of the club are the ones who have to translate Phil's prediction into English. At least, that's the story.

Why the penny could go away forever

(TNS) — Donald Trump is in office, and he has signed an executive order to create DOGE — the Department of Government Efficiency — with Elon Musk leading the way.

The purpose of DOGE is, supposedly, to cut away the excess spending in government, and there are a lot of programs and job positions that have reportedly already been added to the chopping block.

And, per Fortune, Trump and Musk could also change the way you count your money or, at least, the look of your

change jar. And that is because, per the site, the penny could be on the list of things they are planning on getting rid of.

In fact, the DOGE account on X, has already posted about the penny.

"The penny costs over 3 cents to make and cost US taxpayers over \$179 million in FY2023," the post read. "The Mint produced over 4.5 billion pennies in FY2023, around 40% of the 11.4 billion coins for circulation produced. Penny (or 3 cents!) for your thoughts."

Fortune reported that the U.S. Mint said the cost to produce a single penny

rose to 3.69 cents last year, and that it cost 13.78 cents to make a nickel. It is reportedly the 19th consecutive year it cost more to make one of those coins than the actual face value of the coin was worth.

Per Fortune, DOGE incorrectly attributed the \$179 million loss to just the penny when it was, in fact, the combined loss of making both the penny and the nickel.

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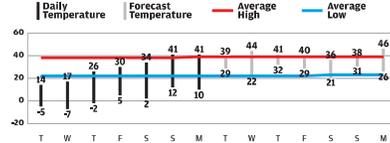
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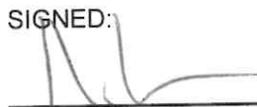
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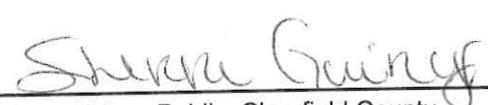
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2025 MEETING SCHEDULE CLEARFIELD COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

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January 22, 2025	July 23, 2025
February 26, 2025	August 27, 2025
March 26, 2025	September 24, 2025
April 23, 2025	October 22, 2025
May 28, 2025	November 19, 2025
June 25, 2025	December 17, 2025

Public Notices

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Burnside Borough Council, Clearfield County, shall consider for adoption an Ordinance at its meeting location, the Burnside Bible Church, located at 65 E. Third Street, Burnside on February 12, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. A summary of the ordinance is as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF BURNSIDE BOROUGH, CLEARFIELD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA PERMANENTLY DE-CERTIFYING AND NO LONGER PROVIDING LEGAL RECOGNITION TO SENTRY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY OF BURNSIDE, PENNSYLVANIA AND APPOINTING COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OF MAHAFFEY TO PROVIDE FIRE PROTECTION AND RELATED SERVICES TO THE BOROUGH.

A complete copy of the proposed Ordinance is on file and available for inspection at the foregoing address. Any and all interested or affected parties are invited to attend and/or present comment on the proposed Ordinance.

Public Notices

Notice of Lawrence Township's intent to adopt the following ordinance:

Ordinance 2025-01

Lawrence Township, Clearfield County Pennsylvania

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND SETTING FORTH REQUIREMENT FOR MECHANICAL AMUSEMENT DEVICE AND LICENSING TAX, TO BE CODIFIED WITHIN CHAPTER 111 TAXATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE ORDINANCES AS ARTICLE V AMUSEMENT DEVICE TAX.

WHEREAS, Township of Lawrence has deemed it necessary to make certain clarifications and updates to the Taxation Code provisions based on current law, and in doing so has seen fit to repeal the provisions of the previous Chapter 111 Article V Amusement Device Tax, entitled Amusement Device Tax.

Full Ordinance can be reviewed at the Lawrence Township Municipal Building at 9120 Clearfield/Curwensville Hwy., Clearfield, PA 16830.

Public Notices

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Separate sealed BIDS for the following contract:

COOPER TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY CONTRACT NO. CTMA 24-01 WATER METER REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Will be received by the Cooper Township Municipal Authority at the COOPER TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY OFFICE

U.S. Mail - Cooper Township Municipal Authority, P.O. BOX 446, WINBURNE, PA 16879

Physical Address (Hand Deliver, UPS, FedEx, Etc.) 4596 WINBURNE-MUSON ROAD, WINBURNE, PA 16879

NO LATER THAN 3:00 PM prevailing time on February 12, 2025

OR

Bids may be hand delivered between 5:45 and 6:00 PM prevailing time on February 12, 2025 at the COOPER TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL OFFICE, 3924 KYLERTOWN DRIFTING HIGHWAY, KYLERTOWN, PA 16847, at such time all bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud.

THIS PROJECT CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING:

-Coordination and scheduling of the replacement of approximately 850 residential water meters.

-Installation of approximately 850 residential radio read water meters in residences connected to the Cooper Township Municipal Authority's water distribution system and residential meter pits serving residences connected to the Cooper Township Municipal Authority's water distribution system, including installation of remote antennas on all pit meters.

-Logging the location, serial number, photograph and other pertinent information pertaining to the installed meters into a web based GIS database, or providing all data in a format which may be directly uploaded to the GIS database.

-Provide all data in a suitable format for input into a billing software database

-Complete a verification read of all installed water meters to assure that all meters are properly installed and reading.

-In addition to the Equal Employment requirements of Executive Order 11246 regarding discrimination, the CONTRACTOR shall strive to meet the MBE goal of 5% and the WBE goal of 3% for contracts of \$25,000 or more. The bidders/offers must submit documentary evidence of minority and women business enterprise who have been contacted and to whom commitments have been made. Documentation of such solicitations and commitments shall be submitted with the bid.

-Pennsylvania prevailing wage rates apply to this project.

-Bids may be held by Cooper Township Municipal Authority for up to 60 days from the date of opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of bidders prior to awarding the contract. The Cooper Township Municipal Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any irregularities, or to negotiate contract amounts.

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following location:

-KERRY A. UHLER & ASSOCIATES, INC., 140 REAR WEST HIGH STREET, BELLEFONTE, PA 16823, (814) 355-0432.

-COOPER TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY OFFICE, 4596 WINBURNE-MUSON ROAD, WINBURNE, PA 16879, (814) 345-5673.

Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained at the office of KERRY A. UHLER & ASSOCIATES, INC. located at 140 WEST HIGH STREET, BELLEFONTE, PA 16823 upon payment of \$75.00 per each set. Bids received from firms which do not appear on the bid register maintained by Kerry A. Uhler & Associates, Inc. will not be accepted. There will be no refund for sets returned.

Cooper Township Municipal Authority

1/22/25 & 1/28/2025

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NOTICE

Bloom Township Auditors will present the 2024 Audit at the monthly meeting on February 4, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

1/28/2025

Sail into savings, Classifieds.

Public Notices

Public Notice

Pursuant to the Surface Mining Conservation and Reclamation Act, and the Clean Streams Law, notice is hereby given that RES Coal LLC, 51 Airport Road, Clearfield, PA 16830 has made application to the PA Department of Environmental Protection to transfer the following three surface coal mining permits and related NPDES permits from Bell Resources, Inc., 1340 Hoyt Road, Curwensville, PA 16833.

The 146.2-acre Area 51 Operation, SMP #17180101, is located on the east side of State Route 3011 (Irishtown Road) beginning approximately 1,170 feet south of the intersection of SR 3011 and Township Road T-356 (Ridge Road) and extending toward the south approximately 4,600 feet on the properties of Barbara J. Beish et al, the PA Game Commission, James A. Rafferty et al, Ida Haag Heirs et al and Lucas Michael Coudriet in Penn Township, Clearfield as shown on the Mahaffey and Luthersburg 7.5' USGS topographic maps. Treated wastewater from this operation will be discharged to unnamed tributaries to Bell Run under Individual NPDES permit #PA0269891.

The 361.9-acre Marshall Ridge Operation, SMP #17060110, is located on the east side of SR 3011 (Irishtown Road) beginning 600 feet south of its intersection with T-360 (Hatten Road) and extending toward the south approximately 3,800 feet on the properties of PA Game Commission and Barbara J. Beish et al in Bloom & Penn Townships, Clearfield County as shown on the Mahaffey and Luthersburg 7.5' USGS topographic maps. Treated wastewater from this operation is discharged to unnamed tributaries to Bell Run under Individual NPDES permit #PA0256421.

The 76.2-acre Marshall Ridge #2 Operation, SMP #17110107, is located on the east side of State Route 3011 (Irishtown Road) beginning 750 feet south of the intersection of SR 3011 and Township Road T-360 (Hatten Road) and extending toward the south approximately 2,000 feet on the properties of Lori A. & James R. Barber, Russell E. Perks, Jr. and Tina M. Bush, PA Game Commission, James A. Rafferty et al and Bell Resources, Inc. in Bloom, Brady & Penn Townships, Clearfield County as shown on the Luthersburg 7.5-minute USGS topographic map. Treated wastewater from this operation is discharged to unnamed tributaries to Bell Run under Individual NPDES permit #PA0257699.

The applications, plans and other data concerning these operations are available for public inspection at the Department of Environmental Protection, Moshannon District Mining Office, 186 Enterprise Drive, Philipsburg, PA 16866. Written comments, objections and requests for a public hearing or informal conference may be submitted to the same office within thirty (30) days from the date of the final (4th) publication of this notice and must include the person's name, address, telephone number and a brief statement as to the nature of the objection(s).

1/28/25, 2/4/25, 2/11/25 & 2/18/2025

Public Notices

ESTATE NOTICE

ESTATE OF Donald C. Ardary, late of Clearfield, Pennsylvania, deceased. Letters of Administration on the estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent are requested to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the said decedent to make payment without delay to:

Administrator:
Bryan C. Ardary

Attorney:
Heather L. Bozovich,
Esquire
114 South 2nd Street
Clearfield, PA 16830

1/14/25, 1/21/25 & 1/28/2025

EXECUTRIX'S NOTICE

Letters Testamentary in the Estate of RANDALL L. KURTZ, late of Clearfield Borough, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, have been granted to the undersigned and all persons indebted to the said Estate are required to make payment and those having claims to present the same, without delay, to:

Emily Brooke Bolasky
3176 Mayflower Road
Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462

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Or her attorney:
TIMOTHY E. DURANT,
ESQUIRE
201 North Second Street
Clearfield, PA 16830

1/14/25, 1/21/25 & 1/28/2025

ESTATE NOTICE

SCAIFE, RICHARD H., a/k/a SCAIFE, RICHARD, deceased, Late of Decatur Township, Clearfield County, 1668 Walton Street, Philipsburg, Pennsylvania 16866; Executrix: Janelle Rojik, 3586 Charter Oak Rd., Petersburg, Pennsylvania 16669; Attorney: David R. Thompson, Esquire, 1216 Walton Street, P.O. Box 587, Philipsburg, Pennsylvania 16866.

1/14/25, 1/21/25 & 1/28/2025

NOTICE

Sealed proposals will be accepted by Boggs Township, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania at 150 Blue Ball Road, P.O. Box 69, West Decatur, PA 16878 until 4:00 p.m. on February 10, 2025 for the following:

Hilltop Road Daylighting approximately 6/10th of a mile

Proposals will be opened on February 10, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the regular scheduled meeting.

1/23/25 & 1/28/2025

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Employment

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- Volleyball Assistant Coach Varsity
- Summer Marching Band Director
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- Fall Marching Band Front Advisor

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Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled and are kept for one year from date of receipt. E.O.E.

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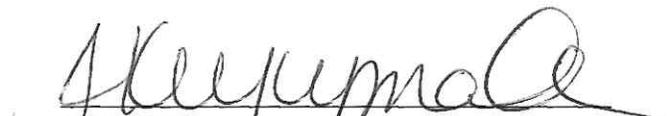
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STATE

ELECTION 2025

Battlegrounds Pa., Wis. return to spotlight with high-stakes court elections

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Marc Levy and Scott Bauer
Associated Press

Republicans put Pennsylvania and Wisconsin back in the win column in the 2024 presidential race, and they're hoping that momentum carries over to contests this year that will determine whether their state Supreme Courts retain left-leaning majorities or flip to conservative control.

The outcome can be pivotal in deciding cases related to abortion, election disputes, voting laws and redistricting for Congress and their state legislatures.

Money is pouring in and expected to eclipse the \$70 million-plus combined spent on the states' Supreme Court races two years ago.

The Wisconsin race has caught the attention of Elon Musk, the SpaceX and Tesla CEO who is a close ally of President Donald Trump, and has surfaced tensions related to Trump's pardons of his supporters who stormed the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021.

"For both sides, these races seem much, much higher profile than they used to be," said J.J. Abbott, who runs Commonwealth Communications, a progressive advocacy group in Pennsylvania.

State Supreme Court races have become some of the most expensive and bitterly fought over the past few years, given how central those courts are in deciding divisive issues.

REPUBLICANS ARE INTENT ON FLIPPING THE COURTS

Republicans are optimistic after Trump won both states in November.

The courts there have played major roles since both states have divided governments, with Democratic governors and legislatures that are either fully or partially under Republican control.

In the past couple of years alone, liberal majorities on both states' high courts handed victories to Democrats in cases involving the boundaries of Wisconsin's legislative districts and Pennsylvania's congressional districts.

Victories for Democrats or their allies in voting rights cases also included overturning Wisconsin's ban on absentee ballot drop boxes and ensuring Pennsylvanians can vote by provisional ballot if their mail ballot is rejected.

Musk cited the Wisconsin drop box ruling, which came last July, in a message posted this past week on his social platform X: "Very important to vote Republican for the Wisconsin Supreme Court to prevent voting fraud!"

A recount, nonpartisan audit and report by a conservative law firm all affirmed that there was no widespread fraud in Wisconsin in 2020, when absentee ballot boxes were in use, and that Democrat Joe Biden won the state's presidential contest.

The Democratic-supported candidate in Wisconsin's officially nonpartisan race quickly seized on Musk's involvement to make a fundraising pitch.

Liberals also were highlighting comments from the Republican-backed candidate earlier this month saying those who stormed the U.S. Capitol never got "a fair shot" in court. Harry Dunn, a former U.S. Capitol Police officer who was on duty during the attack, plans news conferences



A sign marks the door at The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania at the Capitol in Harrisburg. Associated Press file photo

in Wisconsin on Tuesday to criticize the remarks critical of the prosecutions.

In the upcoming races, Democrats say they will portray the state high courts as a bulwark against the conservative majority on the U.S. Supreme Court, the Trump administration and a GOP-controlled Congress.

The issue of abortion rights is expected to play a major role this year, as it did in high court races last year and in 2023's state Supreme Court campaigns in Wisconsin and Pennsylvania. Those races took place the year after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade and ended nearly a half-century of a constitutional right to abortion.

EARLY WISCONSIN RACE WILL TEST NATION'S POLITICAL MOOD

Wisconsin's election is April 1 to replace a retiring liberal justice and will decide whether liberals or conservatives will control a 4-3 majority.

Nick Ramos, executive director of the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign, which tracks spending in elections, said the race could go either way in a state where voters handed narrow victories in November to Trump, a Republican, and U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin, a Democrat.

"After the presidential election season, people around the country are going to be looking at Wisconsin as a bellwether, as a litmus test of what the mood of the country is," Ramos said.

The Wisconsin Democratic Party has endorsed Dane County Circuit Judge Susan Crawford. Waukesha County Circuit Judge Brad Schimel, a former Republican attorney general, is endorsed by various conservative officeholders and groups.

Significant cases looming in Wisconsin's courts include challenges to the state's 1849 abortion ban and a 2011 law that all but ended collective bargaining for teachers and other public sector workers.

BIG SPENDING EXPECTED FROM OUTSIDE GROUPS

In Pennsylvania, November's general election will feature three Democrats running to retain their seats, putting Democrats' 5-2 majority on the line. All three justices — Christine Donohue, Kevin Dougherty and David Wecht — face a "yes" or "no" vote to win another 10-year term.

Pending in Pennsylvania courts are cases that challenge laws limiting the use of Medicaid to cover the cost of abortions

and requiring certain mail-in ballots to be disqualified.

In 2023, business associations, political party campaign arms, Planned Parenthood, partisan advocacy groups, labor unions, lawyers' groups, environmental organizations and wealthy GOP donors, including Richard Uihlein and Jeffrey Yass, pushed spending above \$70 million in Wisconsin and Pennsylvania.

The Wisconsin race alone topped \$51 million, breaking national records for spending on a judicial race.

Abortion rights were the dominant theme in that contest, won by a Democratic-backed judge whose victory gave liberals majority control of the court for the first time in 15 years.

Wisconsin's race this year is expected to cost even more, with the two candidates already raising more than was brought in at this point in 2023.

Schimel, in an interview last year on WISN-AM, said outside groups "are committed to making sure we take back the majority on this court" and that he was

confident "we're going to have the money to do the things we have to do to win this."

He recently launched a \$1.1 million television ad buy statewide, marking the first spending on TV ads in the race. Crawford went on the air a week later.

Spending exceeded \$22 million in Pennsylvania's 2023 contest won by the Democrat, whose campaign focused on attacking rulings by the U.S. Supreme Court's conservative majority.

BOTH SIDES STRATEGIZE ON OVERCOMING VOTER FATIGUE

Wisconsin Democratic strategist Melissa Baldauff said she thinks voter fatigue is a concern for both sides in the Supreme Court race there, with the election coming just months after the state was inundated with TV ads, candidate appearances, direct mail and phone calls in the presidential race.

The best strategy is for their candidate to travel the state and meet directly with voters, Baldauff said.

"You can't ever underestimate the power of getting around and talking to people and literally meeting people where they are," she said.

Michelle McFall, the Democratic Party chair in Pennsylvania's Westmoreland County, said the coming retention races dominated talk at a recent meeting of the state Democratic Party.

She said Democrats were concerned their voters will become distracted by Trump's actions as president — "because it's what we do" — and that party leaders need to keep the focus on defending their court majority.

They need to boost efforts to reach both urban and rural voters and take lessons from Trump's winning campaign to use new and unconventional pathways to get their message out, McFall said.

Republicans say it's too early to know how much money will arrive to boost any campaign to contest the retention races. The success of a "No" campaign could depend on whether the GOP marshals high-level support.

"One question," said GOP insider Charlie Gerow, "is how big will President Trump weigh in on this issue."

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Qatar says a deal is reached to release an Israeli hostage and allow Palestinians into northern Gaza

By WAFAA SHURAF, SAMY MAGDY and JOSEPH KRAUSS

Associated Press

DEIR AL-BALAH, Gaza Strip — Qatar announced early Monday that an agreement has been reached to release an Israeli civilian hostage and allow Palestinians to return to northern Gaza, easing the first major crisis of the fragile ceasefire between Israel and Hamas.

The statement from Qatar, a mediator in ceasefire talks, said Hamas will hand over the civilian hostage, Arbel Yehoud, along with two other hostages before Friday. And on Monday, Israeli authorities will allow Palestinians to return to northern Gaza.

The office of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in a statement said the hostage release — which will include soldier Agam Berger — will take place on Thursday, and confirmed that Palestinians can move north on Monday. Israel's military said people can start crossing on foot at 7 a.m.

Under the ceasefire deal, Israel on Saturday was to begin allowing Palestinians to return to northern Gaza. But Israel put that on hold because of Yehoud, who Israel said should have been released on Saturday. Hamas accused Israel of violating the agreement.

The release of Yehoud and two others is in addition to the one already set for next Saturday, when three hostages should be released.

In addition, Hamas in a statement said the militant group had handed over a list of required information about all hostages to be released in the ceasefire's six-week first phase. The Israeli prime minister's office confirmed it had received it.

Thousands of Palestinians have gathered, waiting to move north through the Netzarim corridor bisecting Gaza, while local health officials on Sunday said Israeli forces



Associated Press

Displaced Palestinians gather with their belongings near a roadblock on the al Rashid Street, as they wait to return to their homes in the northern part of the Gaza Strip on Sunday, days after the ceasefire deal between Israel and Hamas came into effect.

fired on the crowd, killing two people and wounding nine.

U.S. President Donald Trump meanwhile suggested that most of Gaza's population be at least temporarily resettled elsewhere, including in Egypt and Jordan, to "just clean out" the war-ravaged enclave. Egypt, Jordan and the Palestinians rejected that, amid fears that Israel might never allow refugees to return.

Senior Hamas official Bassem Naim said Palestinians would never accept such a proposal, "even if

seemingly well-intentioned under the guise of reconstruction." He said the Palestinians can rebuild Gaza "even better than before" if Israel lifts its blockade.

DISPUTE AND SHOOTINGS TEST FRAGILE CEASEFIRE

Israeli forces fired on the waiting crowds on three occasions overnight and into Sunday, killing two people and wounding nine, including a child, according to Al-Awda Hospital, which received the casu-

alties.

Israel's military in a statement said it fired warning shots at "several gatherings of dozens of suspects who were advancing toward the troops and posed a threat to them."

Israel has pulled back from several areas of Gaza under the ceasefire, which came into effect last Sunday. The military has warned people to stay away from its forces, which still operate in a buffer zone inside Gaza along the border and in the Netzarim corridor.

Hamas freed four female Israeli

soldiers on Saturday, and Israel released some 200 Palestinian prisoners, most of whom were serving life sentences after being convicted of deadly attacks. But Israel said Yehoud should have been released ahead of the soldiers.

Hamas said it had told mediators — the United States, Egypt and Qatar — that Yehoud was alive and provided guarantees that she would be released.

Frustration grew among the Palestinians waiting to go north as some warmed around bonfires against the winter cold.

"We have been in agony for a year and a half," said Nadia Qasem.

Fadi al-Sinwar, also displaced from Gaza City, said "the fate of more than a million people is linked to one person," referring to Yehoud.

"See how valuable we are? We are worthless," he said.

ENDING THE WAR WILL BE DIFFICULT

The ceasefire is aimed at ending the 15-month war triggered by Hamas' Oct. 7, 2023, attack and freeing hostages still held in Gaza in return for hundreds of Palestinian prisoners. Around 90 hostages are still in Gaza, and Israeli authorities believe at least a third, and up to half, have died.

Itzik Horn, the father of hostages Iair and Eitan Horn, called any resumption of fighting "a death sentence for the hostages" and criticized government ministers who want the war to go on.

The ceasefire's first phase runs until early March and includes the release of 33 hostages and nearly 2,000 Palestinian prisoners. The second — and far more difficult — phase, has yet to be negotiated. Hamas has said it will not release the remaining hostages without an end to the war, while Israel has threatened to resume its offensive until Hamas is destroyed.

Trump wants neighbors to take in Palestinians to 'clean out' Gaza

By WILL WEISSERT and ZEKE MILLER

Associated Press

ABOARD AIR FORCE ONE — President Donald Trump said he would like to see Jordan, Egypt and other Arab nations increase the number of Palestinian refugees they are accepting from the Gaza Strip, potentially moving out enough of the population to "just clean out" the war-torn area to create a virtual clean slate.

During a 20-minute question-and-answer session Saturday with reporters aboard Air Force One, Trump also said he has ended his predecessor's hold on sending 2,000-pound bombs to Israel. That lifts a pressure point meant to reduce civilian casualties during Israel's war with Hamas in Gaza, which is now halted by a tenuous ceasefire.

"We released them today," Trump said of the bombs. "They've been waiting for them for a long time." Asked why he lifted the ban on those bombs, Trump responded, "Because they bought them."

Trump has built his political career around being unapologetically pro-Israel. On his larger vision for Gaza, Trump said he had call earlier in the day with King Abdullah II of Jordan and would speak Sunday with President Abdel Fattah el-Sissi of Egypt.

"I'd like Egypt to take people, and I'd like Jordan to take people," Trump said. "You're talking about probably a million and a half people, we just clean out that whole thing."

Trump said he complimented Jordan for having successfully accepted Palestinian refugees and that he told the king, "I'd love for you to take on more, cause I'm looking at the whole Gaza Strip right now, and it's a mess. It's a real mess."

Such a drastic displacement of people would openly contradict Palestinian identity and deep connection to Gaza. Still, Trump said the part of the world that

encompasses Gaza, has "had many, many conflicts" over centuries. He said resettling "could be temporary or long term."

"Something has to happen," Trump said. "But it's literally a demolition site right now. Almost everything's demolished, and people are dying there." He added: "So, I'd rather get involved with some of the Arab nations, and build housing in a different location, where they can maybe live in peace for a change."

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, in a statement Sunday, thanked Trump for "keeping your promise to give Israel the tools it needs to defend itself." He did not mention Trump's suggestion on Palestinian refugees.

But Jordan's foreign minister, Ayman Safadi, told reporters that his country's rejection of the proposed transfer of Palestinians was "firm and unwavering."

Sen. Lindsay Graham, a Trump ally, was asked on CNN's "State of the Union" about what Trump meant with his remark about Pal-

estinians. "You know, I really don't know," said Graham, R-S.C.

"The idea that all the Palestinians are going to leave and go somewhere else, I don't see that to be overly practical," Graham said. He added, though, that Trump should keep talking to Middle East leaders, including Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman and officials in the United Arab Emirates and Egypt.

"I don't know what he's talking about. But go talk to MBS, go talk to UAE, go talk to Egypt," Graham said. "What is their plan for the Palestinians? Do they want them all to leave?"

Trump has offered non-traditional views on the future of Gaza in the past. He suggested after he was inaugurated on Monday that Gaza has "really got to be rebuilt in a different way."

The new president added then, "Gaza is interesting. It's a phenomenal location, on the sea. The best weather, you know, everything is good. It's like, some beautiful things could be done with it, but it's very interesting."

South Korean prosecutors indict impeached President Yoon Suk Yeol over his martial law edict

By HYUNG-JIN KIM

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korean prosecutors on Sunday indicted impeached President Yoon Suk Yeol on rebellion in connection with his short-lived imposition of martial law, a criminal charge that could incur the death penalty or life imprisonment if convicted.

This is the latest blow to Yoon, who was impeached and arrested over his Dec. 3 martial law decree that plunged the country into political turmoil, shook its financial markets and hurt its international image. Separate from criminal judicial proceedings, the Constitutional Court is now deliberating whether to formally dismiss Yoon as president or reinstate him.

Yoon has become South Korea's first president who has been indicted while in

office. He will remain jailed and be escorted from a detention facility to a Seoul court for hearings in the trial, which is expected to last about six months.

Prosecutors said in a statement that they indicted Yoon on charges that he directed a rebellion when he imposed martial law. Investigative authorities have earlier alleged that Yoon's imposition of martial law amounted to rebellion, because he staged riots with the purpose of undermining the constitution.

Yoon's defense team lashed out at the indictment, calling it "the worst decision" by prosecutors who they say are trying to curry favor with political forces who want Yoon's exit.

"Today's indictment of the president will remain as a shame in the history of South Korean prosecutors that they cannot erase," Yoon's defense team said in

a statement. "We stress once again that a president's declaration of martial law can never be rebellion."

Yoon has presidential immunity from most criminal prosecutions, but the privilege doesn't extend to allegations of rebellion or treason. By law in South Korea, the leader of a rebellion can face a life sentence or capital punishment.

Yoon, a conservative, has steadfastly denied any wrongdoing, describing his declaration of martial law as a legitimate act of governance meant to raise public awareness of the danger of the liberal-controlled National Assembly, which obstructed his agenda and impeached top officials. During his announcement of martial law, Yoon called the assembly "a den of criminals" and vowed to eliminate "shameless North Korea followers and anti-state forces."

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Can an ‘AI-driven’ cyber charter school operate in Pa.?

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One of them, Andrew Price, is married to MacKenzie Price, the head of the AI company Unbound wants to work with. A quote provided with the application says Unbound would pay the company \$2.75 million over the first year.

Andrew Price is chief financial officer of Trilogy Enterprises, according to his LinkedIn profile. The company would handle financial services for the school, according to the application, and receive up to \$350,000.

The application says Unbound currently seeks trustees who do not have conflicts of interest with vendors.

GROWING ENROLLMENT, GROWING CONCERNS

All of this was a red flag for lawmakers and public school advocates who are skeptical of the growing use of alternative schooling models in Pennsylvania, particularly cyber charter schools.

In a recent bill memo, state Sen. Lindsey Williams, D-Allegheny County, noted that Unbound exemplifies her most serious cyber charter concerns: that they don’t work, and that they “perceive our state as ripe for profiteering off of Pennsylvania’s children and taxpayers.”

Anna Davlantes, a spokesperson for Unbound, said in an email that the company sees evidence that its AI-driven model is different — and better — because it “adapts around each student’s needs, pace, level and produces outcomes we’re not seeing in any other traditional school model.”

It remains to be seen if the state will buy the argument.

But Williams, who is minority chair of the state Senate’s Education Committee and a longtime critic of the state’s oversight of charter schools, argues that the problem is also much bigger than Unbound alone.

Fourteen cyber charter schools operate in Pennsylvania, and the number of students attending them has ballooned since the pandemic.

Critics point to studies showing worse outcomes from cyber charters than both public schools and brick-and-mortar charters. A report prepared for the Pennsylvania Department of Education in 2019 found that compared to other schools, “cyber charter schools have a consistent negative effect across all outcomes except graduation.”

In the 2023-24 school year, data from all of Pennsylvania’s school districts show an average of 40% of students statewide who were taking Algebra 1 were assessed as proficient or advanced. But in the 13 cyber charters that were operating in the commonwealth that year, just under 10% of Algebra 1 students were proficient or advanced, on average.

Anne Clark, who runs a consulting firm for charter schools and previously headed the Pennsylvania Coalition of Public Charter Schools, argued other factors can depress test scores. Pennsylvania allows parents to opt their kids out of standardized testing, she noted, and cyber charter students are more likely to skip them.

“We’re just not measuring student outcomes well enough,” she said. “What is beyond that grade? What is beyond that test score?”

Beyond the cost to public school districts, which topped \$1 billion a few years ago, critics of cyber charters note that the current system lacks financial transparency. These schools can carry an unlimited



State Sen. Lindsey Williams, D-Allegheny County, wrote in a recent bill memo that an application from a cyber charter network that uses artificial intelligence exemplifies her most serious concerns about cyber charter schools. *Commonwealth Media Services*

financial surplus, acquire millions of dollars in assets and spend big on marketing.

In its application, Unbound says it has budgeted \$1,000 on marketing per student acquisition, up to \$350,000 in a year.

“They have virtually zero financial accountability to the state, or any kind of accountability for how they operate,” said Susan Spicka, an advocate for traditional public schools with the group Education Voters PA who aligns closely with Williams on this issue.

IS LEGISLATIVE ACTION COMING?

There is a growing consensus among Pennsylvania Democrats — and some Republicans — that the state needs to better oversee cyber charters. They are governed under the same 20-year-old law as brick-and-mortar charter schools and get almost the same amount of money from the state, despite their vastly different structures.

Last year’s state budget made tweaks, slightly reducing the amount of tuition that public schools send to cybers for students with disabilities and creating new oversight requirements, like mandating dismissal of administrators convicted of felonies, fraud or theft — things that Williams called “the lowest of the low-hanging fruit.”

Bigger overhaul pitches have included setting a flat rate for the tuition dollars public schools have to send to cyber charters, which many lawmakers believe are currently inflated, and capping the massive reserves some of the schools have been able to stockpile.

Advocates for cyber and brick-and-mortar charters have pushed back on those efforts. Clark said that while the charter law may be outdated, the conversation shouldn’t revolve around reducing funding for any students.

Cyber charters spend good money in Harrisburg promoting that point of view. One cyber charter, Harrisburg-based Commonwealth Charter Academy, spent more than \$200,000 on lobbying last year alone.

Even if those reforms were to succeed, Williams argues they don’t fix another issue she sees as fundamental to Pennsylvania’s cyber charter landscape: the way the state oversees the schools.

More than half of the 14 existing cyber charters, she said, operate under charters that have expired, and the state’s process

for renewing them is old, slow and not adequate for the number of students being served by these schools. And further, she said, the existing cyber charters have “unlimited seats,” so while the state figures out how to best oversee them, there’s no need to add more.

“Here in Pennsylvania, there are plenty of options,” she said. “And they are all bad.”

The memo that Williams issued criticizing Unbound is her second attempt at a bill that would impose a moratorium on the state approving new cybers, a move she says is necessary to give the state time to rethink its policies.

She told Spotlight PA the issue is especially pressing right now: At the beginning of 2024, the state Department of Education, under Gov. Josh Shapiro’s administration, approved a new cyber charter for the first time in eight years. Under his predecessor, fellow Democratic Gov. Tom Wolf, the state approved none.

To get approved for operation, a cyber charter submits an application to the Department of Education, the agency holds a public hearing, and then it either accepts or rejects the application, after which the cyber charter can revise and resubmit it.

A spokesperson for the department told Spotlight PA that under the law, there is “no limit as to the number of applications to operate a cyber charter school that may be submitted.” Applicants can also appeal rejections to the Charter School Appeal Board, a separate entity.

Applications include a long list of required information, such as descriptions of curricula and the ways they meet state standards; explanations of the way teachers will deliver instruction and assess progress; and a list of the standardized tests schools will use.

The state’s newest cyber charter, Pennwood, first applied in 2022 and the state rejected it twice, before accepting another amended application in early 2024.

In that acceptance letter, the state listed several things Pennwood had to fix, including providing more evidence that its courses align with state standards, demonstrating that it meets Safe Schools requirements and adopting a professional development plan that meets state regulations.

Spicka, the advocate with Education Voters PA, said that in general, if a charter operator can “write an application that crosses all the T’s and dots all the I’s and there is no legal reason within the confines of the charter law to deny the application, absolutely it can get approved.”

That’s the underlying fear for people like Williams and Spicka when they see an application for a school like Unbound.

They don’t necessarily expect the state to approve it right away. But they think with several years of patient finessing of its application, Unbound may get through, even if its model is flawed.

“This isn’t the first time lawmakers have revisited cyber charter policy in recent years.

State House Democrats, who control their chamber, held hearings that involved a discussion of revising the charter law last year. In his 2024 budget address, Shapiro included a call to update “antiquated state laws that cost our school districts too much money,” and specifically noted that cybers were getting too much.

Spokespeople for state House Democrats, Senate Republicans, and Shapiro did not comment on their plans for this session.

Williams is keeping her expectations modest.

“There’s a lot of people who talk about the cyber charter stuff,” she said. “But then when push comes to shove, we’ve not been able to accomplish any reforms that make a meaningful impact.”

“There’s still a lot of money to be had,” she said. “They still control a lot of power within the building.”

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DAUPHIN COUNTY

Seniors fear property tax hike will force them out of their homes

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frugal with their money. But when you add these on ... we keep getting all these taxes, but they don’t get enough in their Social Security to compensate for the difference in the taxes that we have to pay.”

“(My Social Security payment is) not going to go up,” said Barbara Mihalik, 73, another retired Lower Paxton Township resident who also lives on a fixed income.

Mihalik said that the 2.5% cost of living increase for Social Security in 2025 works out to about \$40 more dollars a month.

“Is it going to be more than \$40 on my taxes?” she asked. “I can’t just work overtime like I used to.”

“We got what, \$38 in Social Security increase (per month) this year. Well, whoop de doo,” Krape said. “What am I going to do with \$38?”

Krape noted that she’s also been receiving chemotherapy treatments for the last five years — something she said she couldn’t afford without a grant from the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

“Otherwise I wouldn’t be able to get treatments,” she said. “(The county commissioners) don’t think about things like this, and I’m sure I’m not the only one that’s in that predicament.”

“If they’re insisting (property taxes) must go up, gradually do it,” Mihalik said. “Or maybe even for some people, make it longer to be able to pay it. Make it a monthly fee or whatever it might be. Because they penalize you if you don’t pay it by a certain time. It’s damned if you do, damned if you don’t.”

The tax increase is only one of many increasing bills lately, she added.

“Everything has gone up,” she said. “Light bill, gas bill, food. ... That’s outrageous. We can’t handle it if we can’t get more money. It’s everything.”

Mihalik said that her current plan is to cut back on “impulse” purchases, such as the occasional online Amazon order or picking up something new at the grocery store.

“I’m going to have to stop that kind of stuff,” she said. “Get only what’s on the list, that kind of thing.”

And while Mihalik said she will ultimately “wait until I see the bill” before she gets too concerned, her only alternative is to tap into savings.

“I don’t want to touch that — they’re in CDs and stuff like that, where you can get penalized if you take your money out,” she said. “It’s there if I have to, but I’m going to take a hit.”

“It’s a domino effect,” Dougherty said, adding concerns about how landlords will also likely raise rents in the county to make up for the new property tax. “I really think they needed to sit on this a little bit longer, and find other ways to cut. Because they screwed up, we have to pay the price.”

Dauphin County commissioners Justin Douglas and George Hartwick both voted for the increase — something that Douglas, who was elected in 2023, said he wished had been done sooner.

“I believe that more gradual increases over time would have made balancing the budget easier and potentially reduced or even eliminated the need for this increase,” Douglas said in a statement to PennLive.

Douglas said that while other steps were taken to make up for the county’s budget shortfall, including budget cuts, “property tax is the only tax we have the authority to levy.”

“We carefully considered all residents, especially our most vulnerable populations,” Douglas said in the statement. “While we initially faced the need for a significantly higher increase, we worked to minimize the impact. We recognize the challenges this may create for residents, but a portion of the additional revenue will help fund programs that support seniors.”

Douglas suggested that senior residents struggling with the increase reach out to the Dauphin County Area Agency on Aging for resources and assistance, as well as the state’s Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program for those operating on fixed incomes.

“We understand the challenges this places on residents during an already difficult time, but we remain committed to delivering quality services to our community, and this budget will allow us to do so,” he said.



POLITICS

Shapiro says he got stuff done these first 2 years

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a GOP-controlled Senate and a narrow Democratic majority in the state House, requiring both parties to agree on any legislation. He will face the same legislative makeup in the second half of his term, just as he gears up for his reelection campaign in 2026.

“I’m only two years in,” Shapiro said in an interview. “I’m hungrier than ever. We’ve got more ideas than ever, and we know that we can work with Democrats and Republicans alike to advance our common-sense agenda.”

And only two years in, Shapiro’s biggest tests as a dealmaker are yet to come.

This spring, he will need to negotiate a state budget with leaders in the split Legislature, with spending set to outpace revenue by \$4.5 billion, according to projections from the Independent Fiscal Office. Pennsylvania needs to lean on a previous budget surplus and remaining federal COVID-19 relief savings in the rainy day fund — which will be empty by 2027-28 if spending and revenue keep at the same rate.

He will need to manage his sometimes strained relationships with a GOP Senate and navigate working with President Donald Trump’s new administration to ensure Pennsylvania gets all of its federal funding it relies on — approximately half of the state’s spending each year.

All the while, Shapiro, who boasts continually high approval ratings, will need to convince voters he should be reelected as governor in 2026, as Republicans strategize to put up a stronger candidate against him. (Shapiro has not yet formally announced his reelection bid.)

A \$4.5 BILLION SHORTFALL AND A BOOMING RAINY DAY FUND

Pennsylvania is on track to spend nearly \$49.8 billion in the next fiscal year, but bring in only \$45.1 billion, producing a shortfall, with budgetary adjustments, of \$4.5 billion. That deficit is on track to continue to grow through the 2029-30 fiscal year to more than \$6.6 billion, if spending continues to outpace the revenue the state brings in each year.

So leaders need to find new revenue generators, cutting spending in order to bridge the gap or tap into the more than \$7 billion still in the state’s rainy day fund — as Democrats want to do — as an investment in the state’s economic growth.

Just as he did in last year’s budget pitch, Shapiro said he will again propose at his budget address early next month that the state legalize recreational marijuana and regulate skill games as new tax opportunities. Shapiro proposed last year that setting the state tax on adult-use cannabis sales at 20% would bring in an estimated \$14.8 million. He noted that all of Pennsylvania’s surrounding states except West Virginia have legalized recreational marijuana and are benefiting from Pennsylvanians traveling to their states to buy it. By taxing skill games, Shapiro estimated last year that the gambling doppelgängers would bring in more than \$150 million in the levy’s first year.

The creation of revenue generators would be a major win for Shapiro and a credit to his dealmaking skills but would likely require major compromise from him and House Democrats.

Senate Majority Leader Joe Pittman, R-Indiana County, said there is still not broad support for legalizing recreational marijuana among Senate Republicans. However, this year, it looks more promising that GOP senators will support regulating skill games in budget negotiations. Pittman recently authored a co-sponsorship memo detailing his intention to introduce legislation to regulate skill games, which are slot machine look-alikes that have proliferated in bars and convenience stores around the state without any state regulation or taxation. Senate Republicans have talked about regulating the machines for years but have not advanced legislation to do so.

Shapiro will also propose that the state tap into its savings to make up the difference between revenue and spending, as leaders agreed to do in the 2024-25 state budget. However, Pittman said Republicans won’t be willing to dip into those savings again this year.

“There’s this fixation on the fund balance and this belief that we have infinite



Gov. Josh Shapiro will propose his budget early next month. *File photos by Commonwealth Media Services*



“I would argue, from a fiscal standpoint, this is the strongest the commonwealth has been in probably over a decade,” says House Majority Leader Matt Bradford.

pots of money to be all things to all people, and it’s just not the case,” Pittman said. “At the end of the day, the budget that we enacted last year was a solid product. ... But I will be the first to say that we can’t repeat that type of increase year over year, or we’re going to have a real problem in a few short years.”

Shapiro said he hopes to sway them. “When you look at what I’m going to propose, and when you look at hopefully being able to get those two new revenue sources, we are on pace to continue to have strong budgets, balanced budgets and live within our means,” he said.

Shapiro and other Democrats do not agree that there is a budget shortfall due to the surplus of available funds elsewhere, and believe the state should invest some of its savings back into state programs to encourage economic growth that they say would translate into more revenue earnings.

“I would argue, from a fiscal standpoint, this is the strongest the commonwealth has been in probably over a decade,” said House Majority Leader Matt Bradford, D-Montgomery County. “But I would concede that, long term, we must grow this economy.”

CHALLENGING RELATIONSHIPS

While Shapiro’s national profile skyrocketed last year, one rare misstep in his first year as governor continues to haunt him.

Shapiro, who said on the campaign trail that he would support school vouchers for students in low-performing schools, negotiated a deal in his first budget with Senate Republicans to create such a program. But when he approached House Democrats, who hold a one-seat majority, they refused the deal. To avoid a lengthy bud-

get impasse, Shapiro line-item vetoed the voucher program he helped create and pledged to work on the issue in the future, leaving some GOP senators feeling blindsided.

The about-face “still stings within our caucus,” Pittman said. “That has continued to be an obstacle in moving forward on some other bigger issues, just because of the trust factor that has come along with that.”

But the move hurt no one more than President Pro Tempore Kim Ward, R-Westmoreland County, the top Republican in the Senate, who saw Shapiro’s decision to undo the long-sought Republican priority as a betrayal and the beginning of a splintered relationship between the two top politicians.

“Throughout my tenure in the Senate, I have had productive working relationships with Governors Rendell, Corbett, and Wolf,” Ward said in a statement.

“Particularly, I enjoyed my relationship with Governor Wolf,” Ward added, though she frequently attacked Wolf, Shapiro’s Democratic predecessor, during his tenure for his approach to the COVID-19 pandemic. “When Governor Wolf gave me his word it meant something, and we were able to compromise and actually ‘get stuff done.’ ... I don’t have that type of relationship with Governor Shapiro.”

In addition to his state-level conflicts, Shapiro will need to navigate a new relationship with Trump. He served as a foil to Trump in his first term, when Shapiro was Pennsylvania’s attorney general. He often joined other Democratic attorneys general in suing the Trump administration and boasts more than 40 courtroom wins over Trump during the 2020 election, when

Trump tried to overturn the state’s results.

New state Attorney General Dave Sunday, a Republican, has said he would take a conservative approach to his job, but it’s still undermined how frequently he will litigate national policies. As chief executive of Pennsylvania, Shapiro has pledged to work with Trump when it will help the state, which proved key to Trump’s second victory, and stand up to him if his policies will hurt Pennsylvanians.

‘GETTING STUFF DONE’

Shapiro has committed himself to “getting stuff done” — or “getting (expletive) done,” depending on the crowd — in his first two years. He has boasted major legislative wins passed by the General Assembly, including \$1.5 billion in education funding increases, a new public education funding system intended to more equitably fund schools no matter their property tax abilities and creating a state tax deduction of \$2,500 on student loan interest.

He has also set out a 10-year economic development strategy and has taken a number of executive actions to improve state government’s customer service for business owners and employees by cutting wait times and backlogs for permits and certifications, such as turning around cosmetology and barbershop licenses in the same day instead of two weeks, or certifying teachers in two weeks instead of 12 weeks. He still gets credit nationally for his 12-day rebuild of a collapsed part of Interstate 95 in Philadelphia in June 2023 that would otherwise have taken months to reopen, and brags about Pennsylvania repairing more roads and bridges than any other state last year.

“I’m just proud that we were able, in a divided legislature, to bring Democrats and Republicans together to solve some of these problems that folks have been talking about in the Capitol for 20, 30, 40 years,” Shapiro said. “We’ve made great strides in a really challenging political environment, and we’re going to keep working at it.”

Pittman described the governor’s first two years as “tumultuous” — marked by his budget blunder over school vouchers and his handling of sexual harassment allegations against a former top aide — but credited Shapiro for his talents as a politician and public servant and for where they have been able to make compromises.

Shapiro’s detractors say he has not been productive as governor, having signed among the fewest number of bills (217 laws for the 2023-24 two-year legislative session) of any Pennsylvania governor in the last two decades.

Ward, the top Republican in the state Senate, who is frequently at odds with the governor, said in a statement that she hopes Shapiro’s “getting stuff done” motto this year “is more productive than the first two,” asserting that his national ambitions have gotten in the way of taking on major issues in the state.

“That will require the governor to stop riding down the middle of the road and pick a lane when it comes to making decisions on the big issues facing Pennsylvania,” added Ward, who has been critical of Shapiro for his hands-off approach to the potential sale of Pittsburgh’s U.S. Steel and his decision to try to keep Pennsylvania in the regional greenhouse gas initiative, among other issues.

Bradford, the House majority leader, however, said Shapiro’s willingness to work across the aisle is why he has risen to the national stage as an effective leader.

“Everyone can see what a lot of us in Montgomery County already know, that he’s highly effective, he’s very efficient, and he works long hours,” Bradford said. “He’s been able to bridge the partisan divide where necessary, which is an accomplishment demonstrated by the fact that 18 months into office that he was already rumored for national office.”

Shapiro noted his good working relationships with Bradford and Pittman, who are the main negotiators at the table in budget talks — a sentiment both leaders echoed. And he said he hopes the goodwill continues into 2025.

“We know how to work together to help give each side some wins and, most importantly, give Pennsylvania a big win,” Shapiro said.

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- **Teen Time Board Game Night:** 6 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3. Open to students in grades 6–12, this event promises an evening of board games, snacks, and great company. Registration begins on Jan. 27; call the youth services department.
- **Winter Storytime Session:** 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesdays, through Feb. 13. Geared toward kids ages 2 to 5, but children of all ages and their families are welcome to listen to engaging stories, sing and dance through fun songs, and complete simple crafts. Registration not required.
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- **Socrates Café:** 6 p.m. Fourth Wednesday of the month. Reading room. Individuals with inquisitive minds are welcome to join in lively conversation by attending the Marian Sutherland Kirby Library Socrates Café meetings. New members always welcome. Socrates Café is a gathering where people from different backgrounds get together and exchange thoughtful ideas and experiences while embracing the Socratic Method. The topics to be discussed are chosen by the participants. Facilitated by Steve Wallace. Call the library for information.
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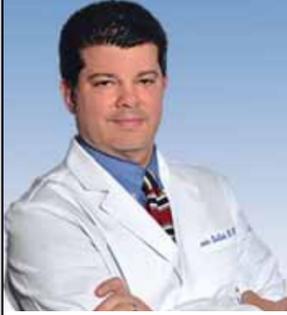
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- **Mother Goose on the Loose:** 10:30 a.m. first Thursday and fourth Saturday of the month. Senior citizens building, Ringtown. For babies, infants and toddlers from birth to age 3. All children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. Registration not required.
- **Harmony Book Club:** Meets 7 p.m. every other Tuesday at the library. For information, contact harmonybookclub444@gmail.com.
- **Weatherly Area Community Library:** 1518 Brenkman Drive, Weatherly; 570-427-5085; weatherlylibrary.org
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- **Storytime:** 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14. Call the library to register.
- **Wine and cheese pairing:** 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 23. Cost, \$25 per couple; \$13 per person. Limit 20 people. Call the library to register.
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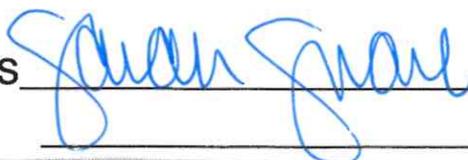
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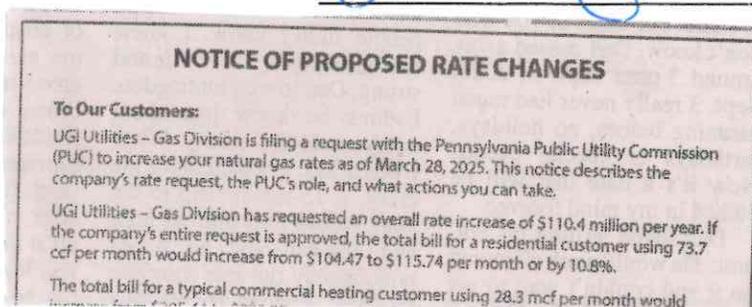
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EXECUTRIX NOTICE

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Barbara A. Stains, Executrix 22120 Owl Hollow Road Three Springs, PA 17264

David A. Ody, Esquire Ody & Wilson, P.C. 222 Penn Street Huntingdon, PA 16652 Springfield Township

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

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Gary G. Harbst, Jr. Administrator 7164 John Bum Road Huntingdon, PA 16652

David A. Ody, Esquire Ody & Wilson, P.C. 222 Penn Street Huntingdon, PA 16652 Union Township

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John D. Hess 5743 Old Plank Road James Creek, PA 16657

Ray A. Ghaner, Esquire Gill, McManamon & Ghaner 200 Penn Street Huntingdon, PA 16652 Smithfield Township

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Jeffrey Wilson, Executor 1020 Washington Street Huntingdon, PA 16652

Gregory A. Jackson, Esquire 504 Law, P.C. 504 Penn Street Huntingdon, PA 16652 Huntingdon Borough

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Shannon G. Snyder Administratrix 1424 N Cedar Point Dr Mannford, OK 74044

Gregory A. Jackson, Esquire 504 Law, P.C. 504 Penn Street Huntingdon, PA 16652 Huntingdon Borough

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— T S L S V H S

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: MY FAITH DEMANDS THAT I DO WHATEVER I CAN, WHEREVER I CAN, WHENEVER I CAN ... TO TRY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. — JIMMY CARTER

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Manson won't be charged after LA officials' probe into assault claims

The Los Angeles district attorney is declining to press charges against Marilyn Manson after a yearslong investigation into claims of sexual assault and domestic violence made against the controversial musician.

"We have determined that allegations of domestic violence fall outside of the statute of limitations, and we cannot prove charges of sexual assault beyond a reasonable doubt," the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office wrote in a release announcing the decision Friday.

"We recognize and applaud the courage and resilience of the women who came forward to make reports and share their experiences, and we thank them for their cooperation and patience with the investigation," the release states. "While we are unable to bring charges in this matter, we recognize that the strong advocacy of the women involved has

helped bring greater awareness to the challenges faced by survivors of domestic abuse and sexual assault."

In recent years, more than a dozen women, including ex-fiancee Evan Rachel Wood and "Game of Thrones" actor Esme Bianco, have publicly accused Manson – born Brian Warner – of sexual assault and abuse. One ongoing legal case accuses the singer of sexually assaulting a woman when she was 16.

"We are very pleased that, after a thorough and incredibly lengthy review of all of the actual evidence, the District Attorney has concluded what we knew and expressed from the start," Manson's attorney Howard King told USA TODAY in an email Friday. "Brian Warner is innocent."

Bianco's lawsuit was settled in January 2023, and several other lawsuits have been settled or dismissed. Wood never officially filed a lawsuit, and in November, Manson dropped his defamation lawsuit against her following a two-year legal battle where he accused her of inflicting emotional distress and



Baldoni

spreading the "malicious falsehood" that "publicly cast" him as a "rapist and abuser."

Baldoni's legal team blasts Lively, Reynolds' request for gag order

In a new legal letter, attorneys for actor Justin Baldoni are condemning Blake Lively and Ryan Reynolds' recent request for a gag order.

In a court filing obtained by USA TODAY on Friday, Baldoni's legal counsel asked U.S. District Court Judge Lewis Liman to deny Lively and Reynolds' request for an "appropriate protective or-

der" that would prevent Baldoni's legal team from issuing public statements on the case.

The letter, filed Thursday, calls the allegations in the actors' letter to the judge "inflammatory" and also denies violating any court rules with "extrajudicial statements" that would "materially" influence the case.

The letter also notes that court rules allow lawyers "to make statements 'required to protect a client from the substantial prejudicial effect of recent publicity not initiated by the lawyer or the lawyer's client.'"

This is applicable, Baldoni's team says, because of the aftermath of a New York Times article that publicized Lively's workplace harassment complaint filed in the California Civil Rights Department. Lively's complaint has been "utterly calamitous for" Baldoni and the other plaintiffs, "who instantly became objects of public scorn and contempt," Baldoni's lawyers say.

USA TODAY has reached out to Lively's representatives for comment.

Clock

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and disinformation.

Each year, the members of the Science and Security Board are asked two questions:

- Is humanity safer or at greater risk this year than last year?
- Is humanity safer or at greater risk compared to the 78 years the clock has been set?

Their answers set the clock for the coming year.

The clock is set by the Science and Security Board in consultation with its Board of Sponsors, which includes nine Nobel laureates. This year's board included 18 members.

The group is given dense reading material over the course of the year to keep up on trends and threats. They meet virtually multiple times and twice in person in Chicago where the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists is still based.

Neither the U.S. government, nor any other government, is involved in the setting of the clock – it is entirely the work of scientists and world experts.

In 1945, on the anniversary of the

bombing of Pearl Harbor, scientists who had worked on the Manhattan Project, which built the world's first atomic bombs, began publishing a mimeographed newsletter called The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists.

Two years later, as those same scientists contemplated a world in which two atomic weapons had been used in Japan, they gathered to discuss the threat to humanity posed by nuclear war.

"They were worried the public wasn't really aware of how close we were to the end of life as we knew it," said Rachel Bronson, current president and CEO of the Bulletin.

Martyr Langsdorf, an artist and wife of Manhattan Project physicist Alexander Langsdorf Jr., came up with the idea of a clock showing just how close things were.

"It gave the sense that if we did nothing, it would tick on toward midnight, and we could experience the apocalypse," Bronson said.

In 2024, the experts who maintain the Doomsday Clock said humanity was as close as ever to global catastrophe. The time on the symbolic clock was set at 90 seconds to midnight, the same as in 2023.

Before that, it had stood at 100 sec-

onds to midnight, closer to destruction than at any point since it was created in 1947.

Midnight represents end

The clock only looks at things humanity could do to itself. A meteor hurtling toward earth wouldn't count, while tinkering with viruses to make them more dangerous would count.

From the 1950s through the 1980s the threat of nuclear war felt imminent. Though it feels less real now, the risk hasn't gone away, said Robert Socolow, an environmental scientist, theoretical physicist and professor emeritus of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering at Princeton University who is on the board.

"The nuclear threat is one that young people can't believe their grandparents and parents lived with, but now their working assumption is 'I don't need to worry about it.' But they do," he said.

Today's dangers are somewhat different than they were when the threat was mainly from the Soviet Union, because there are now nonstate actors such as terrorists, and countries like North Korea that are not part of the global order, who might have access to

dangerous weapons and pathogens.

"We have hair trigger alerts, many nuclear weapons around the globe and a nuclear doctrine that if someone attacks us, we must reciprocate," Socolow said.

Minute, second hands can swing both ways

The setting of the clock has jumped forward and back over the past 78 years, depending on world events.

The furthest from midnight it has ever been was in 1991, when it was set at 17 minutes to midnight after the U.S. and the Soviet Union signed the first Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty, followed by the dissolution of the USSR.

The most pessimistic years have been the last two, when it was set at 90 seconds to midnight, in part because of global nuclear and political tensions, COVID-19, climate change and the threat of biological weapons.

"It was because something qualitatively new had happened," Socolow said.

"Putin was threatening to use nuclear weapons (in Ukraine)."

The first clock, announced in 1947, was set a full 7 minutes to midnight.

TikTok

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show mercy on people who are "scared."

Danisha Carter, 27, said her account, which has 2 million followers, was permanently suspended shortly after TikTok went dark on Saturday. She was told it was due to "multiple policy violations" when she tried to log in after the ban was lifted.

"This has been very politically targeted," said Carter, a political and social commentator, who said TikTok won't

explain its decision, which it said was final. Her final livestream called out wealthy tech executives for their influence over the American presidential campaign and U.S. businesses.

Others say they are getting flagged for comments unrelated to politics, sparking concerns that users are being targeted based on other criteria including identity or previous content.

Ada "Mila" Ortiz, a data analyst and content creator, said she received strikes after leaving innocuous comments on other videos, with a warning that another violation would prevent her from accessing some features.

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January 27, 2025

Scott A. Masenheimer

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For the birds: Families make pine cone feeders

BY LORI R. COOPER
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For those birds who don't fly south, they'll have a special treat courtesy of Chestnuthill Township Park. Steve Baade, project coordinator who is in charge of park programming, led a bird feeder making event Saturday.

"We try to get families involved in winter activities and it's a great opportunity to come and make a bird feeder as lots of birds are looking for winter food," Baade said.

Twenty-seven people signed up for the first morning session and 15 for session two.

Baade presented a slideshow identifying birds and their sounds. He explained that you can tell what a bird eats by identifying their beak. Birds shift their eating habits in the winter.

Some of the non-migratory birds in our area include blue jays, cardinals, black capped chickadees, wrens and sparrows.

Rachel Volvo of Henryville brought her 7-year-old Lily and 4-year-old Teddy to make feeders. Volvo said, "We're trying to find cold weather activities. I home-school, so we look for activities we can do at home."

Five-year-old Alex Metz was happy to answer questions about birds and when a woodpecker picture was shown, he enthusiastically proceeded to mimic a woodpecker pecking at a tree.

In addition to the slideshow about birds, coloring sheets and pamphlets were offered. Baade also spoke about the Avian virus.

Lisa Metz of Henryville said she brought the family because, "We look for stuff to do on the weekend, and the kids can get out and do something nature related."

In addition to regular bird seed, everyone learned that Cheerios also can be used. This simple project can be done at home by collecting pine cones, peanut butter, string and bird food.



Addison, 2, with Rebecca and Reuben Stanford of Chestnuthill Township make pine cone bird feeders Saturday at the Chestnuthill recreation building. LORI R. COOPER/SPECIAL TO THE TIMES NEWS



Above: Lily Volvo, 7, of Henryville, puts peanut butter on a pine cone to make a bird feeder at the Chestnuthill Township recreation building.

Left: Emma Hettler, 10, with David Hettler of Chestnuthill Township making bird feeders Saturday.

Pl. Vy. honors staff, students

BY KRISTINE PORTER
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The Pleasant Valley school board recognized the accomplishments of the January Students of the Month during their meeting on Thursday evening, as well as honoring specific employees. The students and employees include:

- Kindergarten — Adeline Gerstner;
- First grade — Brynley Keegan;
- Second grade — Archer Franklin;
- Third grade — Noah Coogan;
- Fourth grade — Melinda Elston;
- Fifth grade — Chelsea Salerno;
- Sixth grade — Quinn Randis;
- Seventh grade — Joslyne Franco;
- Eighth grade — Ethan Sealy;
- Ninth grade — Asher Nikoden;
- Tenth grade — George Massi;
- Eleventh grade — Brian Correia;
- Twelfth grade — Noah Dolan;
- Bears Academy fifth-grader — Amelia Bentzoni.

December faculty and staff employees of the month were:

- PVES — Alison Hudzinski and Kelly Collins;
- PVIS — Thomas Dudley and Gina Belanger;
- PVMS — Melanie Bankus and Doreen Dunlap;
- PVHS — Timothy Hinton and Scott Lee;
- District support staff — Holly Wilds;
- District administration — Timothy McCutchan.

January faculty and staff employees of the month were:

- PVES — Rheannon Parker and Karina Martin;
- PVIS — April Evans and Kyle Earling;
- PVMS — Roxanne Scott and David Diehl;
- PVHS — Amanda Altemose and Sharon Graver;
- District support staff — Cindy Johnson;
- District administration — Marcia Taylor.

Wildlands Conservancy lists February nature activities

The Wildlands Conservancy, Lehigh County, has announced its calendar of events for February:

• Feb. 1 — Flying Squirrels at Thomas Darling Preserve — 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Thomas Darling Preserve, Route 940 Entrance, 606 Route 940, Pocono Lake. The conservancy has flying squirrel nest boxes throughout this 1,300-acre preserve.

Visitors can explore this unique habitat and check the nest boxes for flying squirrels.

For information, contact Haley D'Agostino at HDAgostino@wildlandspa.org. There is a fee. Interested people can register online at <https://engage.wildlandspa.org/calendar/event/195>.

• Feb. 8 — Winter Wildlife Meet and Greet — 10 a.m. to noon at Trexler Nature Preserve, Environmental Education Center, 4935 Orchard Road, Schnecksville.

Guests are welcome to join in for a look into wild-life during the winter, and

to meet the animal ambassadors before heading outdoors to look for evidence of life. In the case of snow, snowshoes will be available for use during the short walk. For information, contact Arianna Kohler, AKohler@wildlandspa.org. The event is free. Interested people can register online at <https://engage.wildlandspa.org/calendar/event/194>.

• Feb. 11 — Pre-K Pathfinders: Happy Camper, Trexler Nature Preserve — 10 to 11 a.m. at Trexler Environmental Center, 4935 Orchard Road, Schnecksville. PreK Pathfinders is a series of programs for 3 to 5-year-olds and their grown-ups who can join in the indoor base camp experience, complete with stories, songs, hot chocolate and live animals.

Teams will venture outside for a campground scavenger hunt. For information, contact Arianna Kohler, AKohler@wildlandspa.org. The program is free. Interested people can register online

at <https://engage.wildlandspa.org/calendar/event/193>.

• Feb. 14 — Snowshoe with Your Sweetheart at DRPWS — 6 to 8 p.m. at Dorothy Rider Pool Wildlife Sanctuary, 3701 Orchid Place, Emmaus. Guests are invited to join in as an environmental educator will lead the group on a leisurely snowshoe trek, sharing insights about local wildlife, winter ecosystems, and the natural history of the area. Snowshoes are provided, and no prior experience is necessary.

The visitors will end their journey with a warm drink and a sweet treat. The program is "best for 6 and up." For information, contact Haley D'Agostino at HDAgostino@wildlandspa.org. There is a fee per person. Preregister online at <https://engage.wildlandspa.org/calendar/event/208>.

• Feb. 16 — Snowshoe with Your Sweetheart at Louise Moore Park — 1 to 3 p.m. at Louise Moore Park, 151 Country Club

Road, Easton.

Participants can enjoy the beauty of winter as they stroll through the trails of the park, guided by our expert educators. Along the way, they will learn about the conservancy's conservation efforts to preserve this natural space.

The event is appropriate for all ages. For information, contact Nicole Landis at Nlandis@wildlandspa.org. The event is free. Interested people can register online at <https://engage.wildlandspa.org/calendar/event/196>.

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Weatherly recognizes school board members

BY JIM DINO
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Since January is designated School Directors Month in Pennsylvania, Daniel Malloy, Superintendent of the Weatherly Area School District, took the opportunity at Wednesday night's board meeting to recognize Weatherly's nine directors.

"More than 85% of Pennsylvania's students attend public schools, including the 669 in the Weatherly Area School District," Malloy said. "Along with district administration, the nine members of each school board make complex decisions to guide public schools and provide an educational environment where every student can find a path to success."

To recognize Weatherly Area's nine

directors, each was awarded a certificate that read:

"School board directors are a vital component of our educational system, working tirelessly to ensure all students have access to a quality education. They volunteer their time and effort to the challenging and complex responsibilities of board business, such as voting on budgets, adopting policy, and conducting comprehensive planning. Their dedication and passion for their communities are truly inspiring."

The Weatherly Area School Board is made up of: Nancy Mulvaney, president; Barbara Sipler, vice-president; and members Tom Connors Jr., April Walters, Tyree Harris, William Knepper, Kenneth Jacoby III, Bonita Barbush, and Ryan Binder.

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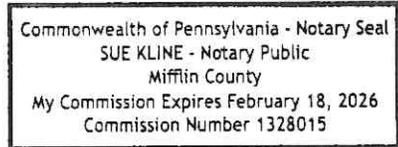
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Matthew Bolich

Sworn to and subscribed before me

This 27 day of January 2025
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DAY AT THE DERBY



Photo courtesy of JUNIATA VALLEY COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS

More than 500 scouts, leaders and staff attended the annual Juniata Valley Council Boy Scout Klondike Derby at the Seven Mountains Scout Camp in Spring Mills, Centre County, on Saturday. Patrols pulled customized sleds around the camp to compete in various scout skills challenges, including axe throwing. Two troops came from the Baltimore area, another from Washington, D.C. and one from Elizabethtown, Lancaster County.



Sentinel photos by MIKE GOSS

Above: Haylee Wian, age 7, of Reedsville, gets her face painted with an "Anastasia" design during the Mifflin County High School Drama Club's Meet and Greet on Sunday afternoon.



Below: Actors Brennan Hancock, Carter Bratton, Dakota Schulz and other members of the cast perform a number during the Mifflin County High School Drama Club's Meet and Greet for "Anastasia," the Musical."

King

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Introducing this year's Snow King candidates:

WYATT ENRENZELLER

Selected by FFA, HOSA and Building Trades, Enrenzeller is the son of Scott and Becky Enrenzeller, of Mifflintown. His future plans are working in carpentry. Enrenzeller's school activities include Building Trades, National Honor Society and playing football and track. His escort is Madison Leach, daughter of Carey Leach, of Port Royal, and DJ Leach, of Levittown.

GAGE HARLON

Selected by the winter sports teams, Harlon is the son of Rich and Kelly Harlon, of Port Royal. His future plans are to attend Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology in Lancaster and major in HVAC. Harlon's school activities include Student Council, Varsity J and playing Baseball, football and baseball. Outside of school, Harlon serves as an assistant coach for Babe Ruth baseball and umpires for Little League Softball. His escort is Savannah Marshall, daughter of Justin and Crystal Marshall, of Thompson town.

LUKE FOWLER

Chosen by the National Honor Society, Fowler is the son of Shawn and Traci Fowler, of Honey Grove. His future plans are to attend a four-year college. Fowler's school activities include National Honor Society, Student Council and participating in cross country and track and field. Outside of school, Fowler attends South Juniata Baptist Church and he is employed at Tussey Mountain Ski Resort. His escort is Fiorella Berbergi, daughter of Alex and Lilliana Espitia, of Mifflintown.

WYATT STROUP

Selected by the service organizations student council, Key Club, SADD and newspaper club, Stroup is the son of Matt and Kathy Stroup, of Port Royal. His future plans are to attend Washington and Jefferson College in Washington, Pa. Stroup's school activities include Student Council treasurer, senior class president and participating in band, chorus, cross country and track and field. Outside of school, he is a member of Browns Global Methodist Church and sings in the church choir. Stroup is employed at The Crème Shop in McAlisterville. His escort is Isabella Armstrong, daughter of Shane and Elizabeth Armstrong, of Port Royal.

LANE PEIPER

Chosen by the senior class Peiper is the son of Rena Dysinger of Thompson town, and Zach Peiper, of Mount Holly Springs. His future plans are to attend Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology in Lancaster and major in welding and continue his football career. Peiper's school activities include football and FFA. Outside of school, he works at Locust Run Farm and helps Dysinger Custom Works. His escort is Victoria Moore, daughter of Jeremy and Amanda Moore, of Port Royal.

TEAGAN TROUT

Chosen by the music, art and yearbook programs, Trout is the son of Jerry and Destiny Trout, of Mifflintown. His school activities include Jazz Band, Key Club, SADD, National Honor Society and participating in cross country and track and field. Outside of school, he is a member of the Westminster Presbyterian Church and YMCA volleyball team. His escort is Jessica Mahen, daughter of Craig and Jeanette Mahen, of Thompson town.

The Snow King Dance will be held on Saturday in the high school gymnasium.

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Solar

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When the topic of solar energy also came up at the school board's regular meeting on Jan. 16, Holderman offered a similar response stating the issue is not being discussed. Holderman elaborated that the application for an available grant was due this month, but it would have required some advance preparation by the district so they decided not to pursue it.

According to statistics released by Generation 180, a clean energy non-profit, the number of K to 12 schools using school power doubled from 2020 to 2021. The 108 schools using solar energy in the state represent nearly five percent of all K to 12 students in the state, about 90,000 students. That equates to about two percent of all Pennsylvania schools.

Locally, Mifflin County and Midd-West school districts use solar energy.

In 2021, Mifflin County school officials gave the greenlight to a solar plan that is expected to save the district around \$8.9 million over 30 years.

There was an upfront cost to the project, which was paid out of the district's capital reserve fund. The estimated \$1.5

million investment does not include the solar panels, which will cost the district nothing. Mifflin County School District Superintendent of Schools Vance Varner said during a 2021 interview.

In June 2024, Varner sent a letter home to parents stating after the first full year of having solar projects at Mifflin County High School and East Derry Elementary School in operation, the district has seen annual energy savings of \$379,518. The letter also said the district expects to save \$3.38 million dollars over the first 10 years of solar use.

Since the Midd-West system went online in 2020, the district has generated 90 to 95 percent of the school district's power, which is expected to reduce its electricity bill by \$9 million over 40 years.

Most of the schools that have installed solar panels are in the central and eastern parts of the state, with

just a handful of projects in western Pennsylvania.

Pennsylvania is one of 29 states that allows third-party ownership of solar arrays, which enables a solar developer to pay for, install and maintain a solar energy system on a property owned by a school district, then sell the property owner the power generated at a discounted price.

Most school districts aren't eligible for clean energy tax incentives because they're public entities, but privately owned solar companies that install solar panels on schools receive substantial tax credits, making the relationship beneficial for both parties.

Midd-West School District used third-party ownership, using Greenworks. The district didn't pay anything for the installation, and will instead pay Greenworks a set rate for the power generated by the panels for the next five years.

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Ed Gower, from left, Bob Redcay, Dan Steinbacher and Gary Musser pose with their bicycles outside the Jacksonville Florida Amtrak station. **BELOW:** The group bikes in Durham, North Carolina.

Trek

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"I said to Dan, I don't think we got seven years, let's do two weeks a year and finish this thing up in four years," Gower said, referring to the age of the participants and the length of time to complete the ride.

Gower, chief planner of the group, would figure out each year's route in advance with the Ride with GPS app, finding hotels and restaurants along the way. Steinbacher said the group's expectation was to ride between 60 and 80 miles a day during each day of the trail ride. The group would often get into riding shape with the help of the Lancaster Cycling Club's annual Covered Bridge Classic, which features routes between 25 and 100 miles long over the course of one day.

"There's an aspect that you can't train your body to ride 10 consecutive days, so you're really getting acclimated those first three or four days to the endurance," Redcay said.

East Coasting

The riders decided early on that they would pack light, bringing along both riding clothes and clothes for evening dinners and get-togethers with friends and family along the way.

"I like the brilliance, or maybe the necessity, of doing laundry every other day," Redcay said. "We could pack two kits, or suits for riding and clothes for the evenings, but we packed pretty light, as light as we could." The riders' bags were attached to the front and back of the bicycles.

The East Coast Greenway Trail winds through both desolate paths surrounded by wildlife, but also many of the biggest cities on this side of the country, including Boston, Philadelphia and Baltimore.

"I was pleasantly surprised and enjoyed going through New York City," Steinbacher said. "Other than the speeding scooters, it was a pleasant experience and very bike friendly. Similarly, going through Washington, D.C., evoked some emotions, walking past the capital and the Washington Monument. You see things a little differently from a bicycle's perspective."

Riding conditions were not limited to perfectly paved asphalt, as the trail has gravel, sand and other surfaces over the course of its 3,000 miles.

"We did take time to go to a Civil War battlefield in the south of Richmond. And also I just enjoyed the different scenery — the cotton fields, the peanut farms and the Spanish moss hanging on these live oak trees were just beautiful and unique," said Gower, who detailed many of the group's experiences on a daily blog throughout the multi-year journey that can be seen at pa-ecg-team.blogspot.com.

Each rider brought with them vastly different gear in terms of bicycles: from Redcay's new Cinelli brand



Hobotleg steel frame triple crank 27-speed bike, purchased in 2023 for the last two legs of the trip, to Musser's 35-year-old Cannondale, used during the first two legs. Only Gower and Steinbacher used the same bike during each year of the trail — the former on a Surly Long Haul Trucker, and the latter on a 2006 Cannondale touring bike.

Even the usually dreaded dance between cyclists and drivers of large automobiles on the open roads didn't affect the group too much.

"I think 98% of the people are great, but there's always that 2% that think you shouldn't be on 'their' roads," Steinbacher said. "I don't think we saw a disproportionate number in any states."

Each new year brought a new experience to each aspect of the leg. Year two brought out a newly retired Redcay, completing the riding quartet. The timing of year three, from Durham, North Carolina, to Jacksonville, Florida, allowed for short tours of North Carolina State University and a replica of the H.L. Huntley submarine in Charleston, South Carolina, among others.

Sunshine Riding

The final leg, entirely in

the Sunshine State, brought its own highs and lows. Due to a shoulder injury early in 2024 that hadn't fully healed by November, Steinbacher determined that it wouldn't be safe for him to ride the final leg. However, he would end up renting a bike to ceremoniously complete the final part of the final day's journey, a 59-mile ride from the nearby Fairfield Inn to Pigeon Key. At the ending point, a group of more than a dozen friends and family members of the group made the journey — albeit not by bicycle — to cheer on the riding quartet as they reached the final mile.

"Wherever we had friends or family, we would make arrangements to meet them," Steinbacher said of the group's support system. "That was convenient, as they usually had vehicles and could take us to dinner. On each of the legs, we had at least two days where we were meeting with old friends and family."

With the long journey now behind them, the quartet is not planning on staying sedentary for too long. Both Redcay and Steinbacher still have legs of this journey to continue, as the former missed the beginning leg and the latter missed the final leg. Gower is eyeing this coming September's Bour-

BY THE NUMBERS

4

• Total years

52

• Total travel days

3

• Total rainy days

7

• Total Amtrak rides to and from Mount Joy

6 or more

• Total flat tires

14

• Total states traveled through, along with Washington, D.C.

3,124

• Total miles ridden

84,892

• Total elevation gain by feet

CHALLENGES AND TIPS

Each of the guys had different perspectives on the challenges that naturally come with cycling for thousands of miles over a series of years. Below, they share their experience and advice.

"The challenges of riding over the years are that your muscle mass and aerobic capacity reduce and your recovery time increases, making it harder to go fast and do prolonged climbs (I say ... 'the older I get the faster I was!'). It's gradual and more noticeable after 70 years old. For the ECG (East Coast Greenway) tours we had the advantage of the climbing becoming progressively easier as we went from the New England Coast to the coastal plains of the southeast. The physical limitations that creep up over the years require better planning and realization of what to expect. With a properly geared touring bike there were no routes, hills and climbs that were prohibitive, just a bit more tiring."

— Dan Steinbacher, 74, Mount Joy

"We don't ride quite as fast and our daily mileage has decreased somewhat over the years, but the cycling is still fun, and we still have our health."

— Gary Musser, 74, Mount Joy

"I can't really think of any (cycling) issues that I would relate to age. Maybe the fact that we are all 'seasoned' riders, we tended to ride a little slower and tried to keep our daily mileage in a more reasonable range. Tending to 60 to 80 miles, more toward the lower part of the range, versus younger riders that may have ridden faster and completed upwards of 100 per day."

"Not sure if it was due to age, but the first three years I came home with a significant cold! I attribute it to all the stuff we breathed in and also my body being weakened by the long days of riding thus unable to fight off the illness!"

— Ed Gower, 68, Mount Joy

"I did not seem to experience any age-related difficulty over my three years on the ECG (East Coast Greenway) tour. However, my new bike provided me with much lower gears. This did assist my aging leg muscles to climb any hills we approached during our last two tours."

— Bob Redcay, 70, Mount Joy

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RATE CHANGES

To Our Customers:

UGI Utilities – Gas Division is filing a request with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) to increase your natural gas rates as of March 28, 2025. This notice describes the company's rate request, the PUC's role, and what actions you can take.

UGI Utilities – Gas Division has requested an overall rate increase of \$110.4 million per year. If the company's entire request is approved, the total bill for a residential customer using 73.7 ccf per month would increase from \$104.47 to \$115.74 per month or by 10.8%.

The total bill for a typical commercial heating customer using 28.3 mcf per month would increase from \$305.44 to \$331.80 per month or by 8.6%.

The total bill for a typical industrial customer using 75.4 mcf per month would increase from \$765.99 to \$823.42 per month or by 7.5%.

To find out your customer class or how the requested increase may affect your gas bill, contact UGI Utilities – Gas Division at: 1-800-276-2722. The rates requested by the company may be found in proposed Supplement No. 55 to UGI Gas Tariff Numbers 7 & 7S. You may examine the material filed with the PUC which explains the requested increase and the reasons for it. A copy of this material is kept at UGI's office. Upon request, the company will send you the Statement of Reasons for proposed Supplement No. 55 to UGI Gas Tariff Numbers 7 & 7S, explaining why the rate increase has been requested.

The state agency which approves rates for public utilities is the PUC. The PUC will examine the requested rate increase and can prevent existing rates from changing until it investigates and/or holds hearings on the request. The company must prove that the requested rates are reasonable. After examining the evidence, the PUC may grant all, some, or none of the request or may reduce existing rates.

The PUC may change the amount of the rate increase requested by the utility for each customer class. As a result, the rate charged to you may be different than the rate requested by the company and shown above.

There are ways to challenge a company's request to change its rates:

1. You can file a formal complaint. If you want a hearing before a judge, you must file a formal complaint. By filing a formal complaint, you assure yourself the opportunity to take part in hearings about the rate increase request. All complaints should be filed with the PUC before March 28, 2025. If no formal complaints are filed, the Commission may grant all, some, or none of the request without holding a hearing before a judge. You can send the PUC a letter telling them why you object to the requested rate increase. Sometimes there is information in these letters that makes us aware of problems with the company's service or management. This information can be helpful when we investigate the rate request. Send your letter or request for a formal complaint form to The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, Post Office Box 3265, Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265. Forms may also be downloaded at: <https://www.puc.pa.gov/filing-resources/forms/complaint-forms/>.
2. You can be a witness at a public input hearing. Public input hearings are held if the Commission opens an investigation of the company's rate increase requested and if there is a large number of customers interested in the case. At these hearings you have the opportunity to present your views in person to the PUC judge hearing the case and the company representatives. All testimony given "under oath" becomes part of the official rate case record. These hearings are held in the service area of the company.

For more information, call the PUC at 1-800-692-7380. You may leave your name and address so you can be notified of any public input hearings that may be scheduled in this case.



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