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***VIA ELECTRONIC FILING***

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Re: **Application Of Mid-Atlantic Interstate Transmission, LLC filed Pursuant to 52 PA. Code Chapter 57, Subchapter G, For Approval Of The Siting And Construction Of The Piney, Monroe, Limestone, Porter, Redbank, RingGold, Timblin, West Mahoning, North, Mahoning, East Mahoning, Rayne, Green, Pine, Buffington, East Wheatfield And St. Clair Townships In Westmoreland, Indiana, Jefferson, Armstrong, And Clarion Counties Pennsylvania**  
**Docket No. A-2025-3054924**

Dear Secretary Homsher:

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

- June 20, 2025 – *Indiana Gazette, Greensburg Tribune, Kittaning Leader, Punxsutawney Spirit, and Oil City.*
- June 25, 2025 – *Indiana Gazette, Greensburg Tribune, Kittaning Leader, Punxsutawney Spirit, and Oil City.*

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Matthew Homsher, Secretary  
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cc: The Honorable Chad Allensworth (*via email; w/attachment*)  
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DEAR ABBY

# Divorcee has no desire to walk down aisle again



Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am twice divorced and recently celebrated my 61st birthday. I look pretty fantastic, and I'm in great health. My husbands were really great guys, and I have maintained positive relationships with both. My first marriage lasted 20 years; the second lasted 10. I have been flying solo for the last five years. I love my life and lifestyle and have no desire to marry again. I like having my own space and the freedom to do as I please.

My dilemma is, while I'm open to dating and having companionship, the men I connect with online all want to be married! As soon as I

tell them I'm not looking for marriage, they disappear. Recently, I was literally hung up on in mid-conversation because of my response to the marriage question. How can I get to the "let's meet in person" part if the first or second phone conversation ends things because I'm being honest? I don't want to lie.

It's challenging trying to explain that I no longer believe I must be married in order to feel fulfilled. I have family and wonderful friends in my life, plus I'm very outgoing. I admit that I do miss some aspects of being in an exclusive relationship. It's just that I'm not trying to be a Mrs. any-

more. Third time's the charm ... *no!* Please advise. —STOPPING AT TWICE IN TEXAS

**DEAR STOPPING:** I hear from so many women who have the opposite problem that you are having. As soon as they indicate that they *are* interested in marriage, the men head for the hills. You either haven't met the right men yet, or you may be delivering your disinterest in marriage message too strongly. You might have better luck if you specify what you *do* want — which appears to be companionship and a monogamous relationship.

**DEAR ABBY:** I need advice about my daughter. She is in

an abusive marriage. Her four boys, aged 3 to 12, have been affected by what is going on. They are not properly disciplined and are being abused as well. Her husband is on drugs and abuses my daughter mentally and physically in front of the children.

Should I keep letting her take my grandsons back to a bad situation, or should I call child protective services? This is tearing me up inside. We are not young enough to handle caring for the kids full time because they're so messed up. They'd end up in foster care. What should I do? My daughter would probably lose her mind if she lost them,

but I can't stand to see them suffer. —ALARMED IN MISSOURI

**DEAR ALARMED:** There may be a less drastic solution than calling child protective services. The next time the husband acts out, call the police. Once he's out of the house, help your daughter find a battered women's shelter that will accept her and her children until she can become independent. The National Domestic Violence Hotline (800-799-7233; thehotline.org) may be able to help you locate one. This would be better than turning your grandchildren over to strangers.

# Perry sued by actor on 'The Oval' for sexual assault, harassment

By **ANDREW DALTON**  
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — An actor who worked on the Tyler Perry-created TV drama "The Oval" has filed a lawsuit alleging Perry leveraged his industry power to repeatedly sexually assault and harass him while keeping him quiet.

The lawsuit filed in Los Angeles Superior Court by actor Derek Dixon, who appeared on 85 episodes of the BET series, seeks at least \$260 million in damages.

"Mr. Perry took his success and power and used his considerable influence in the entertainment industry to create a coercive, sexually exploitative dynamic with Mr. Dixon — initially promising him career advancement and creative opportunities, such as producing his pilot and casting him in his show, only to subject him to escalating sexual harassment, assault and battery, and professional retaliation," the lawsuit says.

The lawsuit was filed June 13 and first reported this week by TMZ.

Perry's attorney, Matthew Boyd, said its allegations are false.

"This is an individual who got close to Tyler Perry for what now appears to be nothing more than setting up a scam," Boyd said in a statement Tuesday. "But Tyler will not be shaken down, and we are confident these fabricated claims of harassment will fail."

The lawsuit says that Perry first noticed Dixon in 2019 when Dixon was part of the event staff at a Perry party, and later offered an audition.

Dixon would first appear in a small role on the Perry series "Ruthless" before getting the bigger role on the political drama "The Oval."

Perry soon began sending unwanted sexual text mes-

sages to Dixon, according to the lawsuit, which includes screenshots of several of them.

"What's it going to take for you to have guiltless sex?" one of the messages says.

The lawsuit says Perry offered Dixon an increasingly prominent role on the show as his sexual advances became more aggressive.

The actor says he tried to remain friendly while maintaining boundaries.

"Dixon did his best to tip-toe around Mr. Perry's sexual aggression while keeping on Mr. Perry's good side," the lawsuit says. "Mr. Perry made it clear to Dixon that if Dixon ignored Perry or failed to engage with the sexual innuendoes, Dixon's character would 'die.'"

The lawsuit says Perry eventually sexually assaulted Dixon on "multiple occasions," including an instance where he "forcibly pulled off Mr. Dixon's clothing, groped his buttocks, and attempted to force himself on Dixon."

Dixon clearly told Perry "No," but was initially ig-

nored until he was able to de-escalate the situation and change the subject, according to the lawsuit.

The following day, Perry apologized, and told Dixon he would work with Dixon on a TV pilot Dixon was seeking to produce.

Dixon later received a raise that the lawsuit suggests was part of an attempt to keep him quiet.

He said the fear of his character dying kept him quiet as intended.

Perry also produced and bought the rights to the pilot, called "Losing It," but the lawsuit alleges Perry had no intention of selling the show and was using it only for leverage over Dixon.

The lawsuit describes several other assaults, including one where Dixon was staying in a guest room of Perry's house when Perry climbed into bed with him uninvited and began groping him, the lawsuit alleges.

Dixon would eventually move from Atlanta, home to Perry's production studio, to Los Angeles to put

distance between the two of them.

Dixon in 2024 filed a complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and when that didn't result in any action from the show's producers, he quit.

The Associated Press does not typically name people who say they have been sexually abused unless they come forward publicly as Dixon has.

"The Oval" is one of many television series executive produced by, written by and directed by the 55-year-old Perry, who first became known as creator and star of the "Madea" films and has since built a major production empire in TV and movies. As an actor he has also appeared in the films "Gone Girl" and "Don't Look Up."

## TODAY IN HISTORY

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, June 20, the 171st day of 2025. There are 194 days left in the year. Summer begins today.

**Today in history:**  
**On June 20, 1967,** boxer Muhammad Ali was convicted in Houston of violating Selective Service laws by refusing to be drafted and was sentenced to five years in prison. Ali's conviction would ultimately be overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court.

**Also on this date:**  
**In 1782,** the Continental Congress approved the Great Seal of the United States, featuring the emblem of the bald eagle.

**In 1837,** Queen Victoria acceded to the British throne following the death of her uncle, King William IV.

**In 1893,** a jury in New Bedford, Mass., found Lizzie Borden not guilty of the ax murders of her father and stepmother.

**In 1943,** race-related rioting erupted in Detroit. Federal troops were sent in by President Franklin D. Roosevelt to quell the violence that resulted in more than 30 deaths.

**In 1947,** gangster Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel was shot

dead at the Beverly Hills, Calif., home of his girlfriend, Virginia Hill, likely at the order of mob associates.

**In 1972,** three days after the arrest of the Watergate burglars, President Richard Nixon met at the White House with his chief of staff, H.R. Haldeman. The secretly made tape recording of this meeting ended up with a notorious 18 1/2-minute gap.

**In 2002,** in the case Atkins v. Virginia, the Supreme Court ruled in a 6-3 decision that executing people with intellectual disabilities qualified as cruel and unusual punishment and was therefore in violation of the Eight Amendment.

**Today's Birthdays:** Filmmaker Stephen Frears is 84. Singer Anne Murray is 80. TV personality Bob Vila is 79. Musician Lionel Richie is 76. Actor John Goodman is 73. Rock bassist Michael Anthony (Van Halen) is 71. Rock bassist John Taylor (Duran Duran) is 65. Actor Nicole Kidman is 58. Filmmaker Robert Rodriguez is 57. Actor Josh Lucas is 54. Sen. Eric Schmitt, R-Mo., is 50. Actor Christopher Mintz-Plasse is 36.

# NOTICE OF PROPOSED UTILITY FACILITY

Re: Application Of Mid-Atlantic Interstate Transmission, LLC Filed Pursuant To 52 Pa. Code Chapter 57, Subchapter G, for Approval of the Siting and Construction of the Piney-Seward 115 kV Transmission Line Project Located in Piney, Monroe, Limestone, Porter, Redbank, Ringgold, Timblin, West Mahoning, North Mahoning, East Mahoning, Rayne, Green, Pine, Buffington, East Wheatfield, and St. Clair Townships in Westmoreland, Indiana, Jefferson, Armstrong, and Clarion Counties, Pennsylvania, Docket Number: A-2025-3054924

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that on April 11, 2025, Mid-Atlantic Interstate Transmission, LLC ("MAIT") filed an Application with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("PUC") requesting all necessary authority and approvals to locate and construct a 115 Kilovolt ("kV") transmission line. The proposed Piney-Seward 115 kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project ("Project"), situated in Piney, Monroe, Limestone, Porter, Redbank, Ringgold, Timblin, West Mahoning, North Mahoning, East Mahoning, Rayne, Green, Pine, Buffington, East Wheatfield, and St. Clair Townships in Indiana, Westmoreland, Armstrong, Jefferson, and Clarion counties, Pennsylvania will be approximately 66 miles in length. The Project will originate at the existing Seward Substation and extend northwest toward the existing Piney Substation, where it will be constructed as a single circuit, 6-wire 115 kV configuration utilizing steel structures and will require the installation of approximately 336 new structures. The Project will be constructed within new and existing transmission line right-of-way.

A Telephonic Prehearing Conference for this Application will be held on Monday, August 4, 2025, at 10:00 AM before Administrative Law Judge Chad Allensworth. The purpose of the Prehearing Conference generally will be to identify the relevant issues and interested parties, if any, and to establish a schedule for the submission of evidence, hearings, and other procedural matters. To participate in the Telephonic Prehearing Conference you must use this information to call in to the conference bridge:

- Toll-free Bridge Number: 888.537.9826
- PIN Number: 59951562

You must dial the toll-free conference number above. You must enter the PIN number above when instructed. You must speak your name when prompted, and press #. Then, the telephone system will connect you to the hearing.

If you wish to participate in the process before the Commission, you must file a protest or petition to intervene by July 31, 2025, with: **Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission**, Attn: Matt Homsher, Secretary, Commonwealth Keystone Building, 400 North Street, Second Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17120

As a reference aid, be sure to include the "docket number," which is A-2025-3054924. You should also provide a copy of any protest or petition to intervene to MAIT's counsel, whose names and addresses are provided below:

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David B. MacGregor, Esq., Garrett P. Lent, Esq., Megan E. Rulli, Esq., Post & Schell, P.C., 17 North Second Street, 12th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17101-1601

A complete copy of the Application is available for public inspection weekdays during normal business hours at: (i) Post & Schell P.C.'s offices at 17 North Second Street, 12th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17101-1601, (ii) at the Office of the Secretary of the Commission (Commonwealth Keystone Building, 400 North Street, Harrisburg, PA), or (iii) the Commission's website at <https://www.puc.pa.gov/pdocs/1877983.pdf>.

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# ICTC adopts final budget for 2025-26 without RV input

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Valley School District students to participate in our programs and hope that we can continue servicing their school district as we do all the other school districts.”

River Valley School District met Tuesday evening, and more information will be published in Thursday's edition of the Indiana Gazette.

In other news, ICTC Prin-

cipal Michael Worthington gave an update on the career and technical education school's enrollment, specifically with its recently approved Rising Educators program.

ICTC will expect up to 560 students in the 2025-26 school year, which remains steady from last school year, according to Worthington.

The new program currently has 17 students enrolled for next year.

“I'm pretty pleased with that for its first year and the timing in which we started that program,” he said.

According to the program's website, the Rising Educator Program, approved in March, is a collaboration between ICTC and Indiana Area School District. Participating students will learn methods and practices in education and working with children through preschool up to

high school age students. Unlike most ICTC programs, students will attend half of the day at Indiana Area High School, instead of at the ICTC facility.

“We're really pleased that we can launch a new program, get it off the ground and a majority of those students would be considered first-year students.

“If we would get 17 students enrolled each year, then we have a very strong,

viable program.”

Other business discussed at Tuesday's meeting include hiring Ken Wargo as a new carpentry and construction trades instructor starting Aug. 19; increasing wages for various staff, including security officers and part-time post-secondary instructors; approving an agreement with Commonwealth Charter Academy to send students to ICTC for career and tech-

nical education at a rate of \$10,000 per students; accepting a donation for a three-transformer training pole from REA; and discussing a possible articulation agreement with Commonwealth Technical Institute, though no action was immediately taken.

The ICTC Joint Operating Committee will next meet noon Aug. 26 at the ICTC, 441 Hamill Road, White Township.

# Heat advisory continues through tonight

By **PATRICK CLOONAN**  
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Depending on which side of the Kiskiminetas River you're on, there either is a heat advisory or an extreme heat warning that remains in effect until 8 p.m. today.

The heat advisory, described by the National Weather Service as a situation where heat index values (what AccuWeather calls RealFeel conditions) are around 100, is in effect locally in Clarion, Jefferson, Armstrong, Indiana and the higher elevations of Westmoreland counties, as well as such municipalities as Indiana, Kittanning and Punxsutawney.

The extreme heat warning, where the NWS calls dangerously hot conditions exist, with heat index values around 105, locally affects Beaver, Fayette, Washington, Allegheny, Butler and most of Westmoreland counties, including Pitts-

burgh and Latrobe. Amid those conditions, part of a larger system of extreme temperatures stretching across the East Coast, the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission is urging residents to help themselves and their communities through #WaysToStayCool and #SaveInPA, what it describes as simple, everyday steps not only help keep households safe and comfortable but also reduce stress on the electric grid and support the reliability of essential services.

“From small energy-saving habits to checking in on neighbors, we all have a role to play in keeping our communities cool and safe during this record-setting weather,” said PUC Chairman Stephen M. DeFrank.

A PUC spokesman said his agency is closely monitoring electric utility operations across the Commonwealth and remains in regular contact with utilities to

help identify and address any issues that may arise as the heat continues.

At the same time, he said, individual consumers can make meaningful choices — protecting their health, conserving energy, managing bills, and helping reduce overall demand, especially during peak hours.

Under #WaysToStayCool the PUC suggests:

- Using fans — Circulating air can make you feel several degrees cooler.
- Following the shade — Spend time in cooler rooms away from direct sunlight.
- Blocking the heat — Use blinds or curtains to block the sun and reduce indoor heat.
- Skipping the heat — Postpone use of stoves, ovens, dryers and dishwashers until cooler hours. Consider grilling outdoors or using a microwave instead.

Under #SaveInPA the PUC suggests reducing energy

use during peak hours to help manage electric bills and supports grid reliability across the state:

- Adjust the thermostat — Raising it a degree or two can lead to significant savings.
- Clean is “green” — Keep filters clean and vents clear to maintain efficiency.
- Turn it off — Switch off unnecessary lights and electronics to reduce heat and usage.
- Cool what you use — Close off unused rooms and focus cooling where it's needed most.
- Seal it up — Prevent hot air from entering by sealing cracks around windows and doors.

The commission also suggests steps one can reserve for late afternoon and early evening hours when the highest electricity demand occurs. The PUC said collective efforts during these times can make a meaningful impact:

• Delay laundry and dishwashing — Run large appliances late-evenings or early-mornings.

• Limit high-energy use — Avoid using multiple energy-heavy devices at once.

• Use smart thermostats — Program slight temperature increases during peak hours.

Additionally, especially during heat events, the commission urged:

- Checking on neighbors — Especially older adults, children or individuals with health issues.
- Staying hydrated — Drink plenty of fluids and avoid strenuous activity during peak heat.
- Knowing where to go — Check for community cooling centers and/or public

buildings like libraries or community centers for relief from extreme temperatures.

The PUC offers more summer energy tips and links to utility programs and tools at [www.PAPowerSwitch.com](http://www.PAPowerSwitch.com).

While the heat advisory and warning is to expire tonight, things will remain very warm and very humid through the weekend.

AccuWeather forecasts thunderstorms are possible each day through Tuesday, while daytime RealFeel indexes drop into the 90s and actual highs drop into the 80s and remain through Monday. The long-range forecast calls for a high of 78 and periods of rain Tuesday.

# Early U.S. intelligence report suggests strikes only set back Iran's nuclear program by months

By **MICHELLE L. PRICE, MARY CLARE JALONICK, STEPHANIE LICHTENSTEIN** and **SAM MCNEIL**  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A U.S. intelligence report suggests that Iran's nuclear program has been set back only a few months after U.S. strikes and was not “completely and fully obliterated” as President Donald Trump has said, according to two people familiar with the early assessment.

The report issued by the Defense Intelligence Agency on Monday contradicts statements from Trump and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu about the status of Iran's nuclear facilities. According to the people, the report found that while the Sunday strikes at the Fordo, Natanz and Isfahan nuclear sites did significant damage, the facilities were not totally destroyed. The people were not authorized to address the matter publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

The U.S. has held out hope of restarting negotiations with Iran to convince it to give up its nuclear program entirely, but some experts fear that the U.S. strikes — and the potential of Iran retaining some of its capabilities — could push Tehran toward developing a functioning weapon.

The assessment also suggests that at least some of Iran's highly enriched uranium, necessary for creating a nuclear weapon, was moved out of multiple sites before the U.S. strikes and survived, and it found that Iran's centrifuges, which are required to further enrich uranium to weapons-grade levels, are largely intact, according to the people.

At the deeply buried Fordo uranium enrichment plant, where U.S. B-2 stealth bombers dropped several 30,000-pound bunker-buster bombs, the entrance collapsed and infrastructure was damaged, but the underground infrastructure was not destroyed, the assessment found. The people said that intelligence officials had warned of such an outcome in previous assessments ahead of the strike on Fordo.

## THE WHITE HOUSE PUSHES BACK

The White House strongly pushed back on the DIA assessment, calling it “flat-out wrong.”

“The leaking of this alleged assessment is a clear attempt to demean President Trump, and discredit the brave fighter pilots who conducted a perfectly executed mission to obliterate Iran's nucle-

ar program,” White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt said in a statement. “Everyone knows what happens when you drop fourteen 30,000 pound bombs perfectly on their targets: total obliteration.”

The CIA and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence declined to comment on the DIA assessment. ODNI coordinates the work of the nation's 18 intelligence agencies, including the DIA, which is the intelligence arm of the Defense Department, responsible for producing intelligence on foreign militaries and the capabilities of adversaries. The Israeli government also has not released any official assessments of the U.S. strikes.

Trump has said in comments and posts on social media in recent days, including Tuesday, that the strike left the sites in Iran “totally destroyed” and that Iran will never rebuild its nuclear facilities.

Netanyahu said in a televised statement on Tuesday that, “For dozens of years I promised you that Iran would not have nuclear weapons and indeed... we brought to ruin Iran's nuclear program.” He said the U.S. joining Israel was “historic” and thanked Trump.

The intelligence assess-

ment was first reported by CNN on Tuesday.

Outside experts had suspected Iran had likely already hidden the core components of its nuclear program as it stared down the possibility that American bunker-buster bombs could be used on its nuclear sites.

Bulldozers and trucks visible in satellite imagery taken

just days before the strikes have fueled speculation among experts that Iran may have transferred its half-ton stockpile of enriched uranium to an unknown location. And the incomplete destruction of the nuclear sites could still leave the country with the capacity to spin up weapons-grade uranium and develop a bomb.

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# Nippon worked to earn trust of employees

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to be. “At that point in time, I knew it was going to get done,” said Clairton Mayor Rich Lattanzi, who was at the table with Kelly and North Braddock Mayor Cletus Lee. “It was just a matter of how much fight or how much pushback.”

Though then-President Joe Biden would block the deal on national security grounds in January, Donald Trump and his “Art of the Deal” ethos were poised to return to the White House.

What’s more, a significant number of rank-and-file workers had broken from union leadership on the issue, and proponents of the deal had found influential allies in a contingent of politicians, including Republicans such as state Sen. Kim Ward of Hempfield and U.S. Rep. Dan Meuser of Schuylkill County.

The saga finally came to a close Wednesday after the companies announced a \$14.9 billion merger as well as a national security agreement meant to mitigate concerns about a foreign company controlling a domestic steelmaker.

A “golden share” held by the U.S. government can stop Nippon from closing U.S. Steel plants, offshoring jobs or moving the headquarters from Pittsburgh, among other major business decisions.

Getting to this point took a year and a half. Along the way, loyalties

frayed, strange alliances formed and uncertainty reigned supreme.

When U.S. Steel and Nippon first announced their plans to link up in December 2023, few could imagine there would be so much drama.

## Enter Nippon

In August 2023, U.S. Steel rejected a \$7.3 billion buyout offer from rival Cleveland-Cliffs, despite the Ohio-based steelmaker having the support of the United Steelworkers.

When Nippon followed up with a more lucrative offer of its own, union leadership staked out a position from which they never really wavered — vehement opposition to the deal.

There were promises early on from Nippon, such as a \$1.4 billion investment pledge and promises of no layoffs at least through September 2026, when the current union contract expires. But a lot of workers were spooked.

“I was nervous for the fate of my pension because I had 27 years tied up there,” said Mike Evanovich, the former president of United Steelworkers Local 1219, representing the Edgar Thomson Works in Braddock and North Braddock. “If they would take that money ... and take it to Japan, I don’t know if there’s an international law to bring it back here.”

That fear partly led Evanovich to leave the company in May 2024.

Nippon remained determined to earn the trust of workers.

Its \$1.4 billion pledge was nearly

doubled to \$2.7 billion in August. By May, it had swelled to \$14 billion for major plant upgrades and a new facility at a location yet to be determined.

Even knowing what he knows now — that the U.S. government can block Nippon from reneging on \$11 billion of these investments — Evanovich said he still wouldn’t be comfortable working under the Japanese company.

Plenty of his colleagues came around to the idea, though.

In September, a sea of orange U.S. Steel jackets filled the courtyard outside the company’s namesake tower in Downtown Pittsburgh to rally in support of the deal. A similar, well-attended event took place at the Clairton Coke Works in December.

Employees said at the time support for the deal at their plants ranged from 50% to 90%.

## Election-year drama

With Nippon being a Japanese company, the sale became subject to review for national security risks. That meant the federal government, and ultimately Biden, could get a say on whether a major employer in a politically vital state during an election year would be sold.

In March 2024, Biden declared U.S. Steel must remain American-owned, suggesting Nippon’s effort was doomed. Trump staked out that same position a couple of months earlier.

A trio of Pennsylvania Democrats

— U.S. Rep. Chris Deluzio of Fox Chapel, U.S. Sen. John Fetterman and then-Sen. Bob Casey — would all go on to express doubt. Advocates at the state or federal level were practically nonexistent.

“The problem was, on the surface, this deal sounded un-American,” said Paul Sracic, an adjunct fellow at the Hudson Institute with expertise in U.S.-Japan relations. “It’s the sort of thing you can imagine working-class voters being viscerally against.”

In the background, for several months leading up to and after the election, the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States was analyzing the proposed corporate marriage for national security risks. The panel sees tens of thousands of transactions a year and takes in-depth looks at several hundred, according to Stephen Heifetz, a lawyer at Wilson Sonsini and former U.S. national security official.

Only a few ever make it to the president’s desk, but Biden wanted a report. The recommendation was split, and Biden went ahead with blocking the deal in January, weeks before Trump returned to the White House.

## Trump’s flip-flop

Trump opposed U.S. Steel and Nippon merging — until he didn’t.

In February, during a news conference with Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba, Trump said Nippon

would invest in U.S. Steel instead of buying it outright.

“That really sent the signal for the parties to come in and restructure the deal,” said Chester Spatt, a finance professor at Carnegie Mellon University who has followed closely the U.S. Steel-Nippon saga.

Then, in April, Trump ordered a second national security review, essentially throwing out all the analysis done under the Biden administration.

The sale saga will have several lasting legacies, among them the further politicization of the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, Heifetz said.

The report landed on Trump’s desk in late May. Shortly after, the president took to social media to announce a “planned partnership” between U.S. Steel and Nippon. The post was short on details.

It was only Wednesday that the companies confirmed the partnership does, in fact, refer to a merger plus a national security agreement.

For the first time in a while, it’s possible to know what’s next for the Mon Valley’s most crucial employer.

“It was like being on a roller coaster for two years,” said Kelly, the West Mifflin mayor. “Like you’re at Kenywood.”

*Jack Troy is a TribLive staff writer. He can be reached at jtroy@triblive.com.*

# Iran says it didn’t intend to strike hospital

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Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said he trusted that Trump would “do what’s best for America.”

“I can tell you that they’re already helping a lot,” Netanyahu said from the rubble and shattered glass around the Soroka Medical Center in Israel’s southern city of Beersheba.

The open conflict between Israel and Iran erupted last Friday with a surprise wave of Israeli airstrikes targeting nuclear and military sites, top generals and nuclear scientists. At least 639 people, including 263 civilians, have been killed in Iran and more than 1,300 wounded, according to a Washington-based Iranian human rights group.

Iran retaliated by firing 450 missiles and 1,000 drones at Israel, according to Israeli army estimates. Most were shot down by Israel’s multi-tiered air defenses, but at least 24 people in Israel have been killed and hundreds wounded.

## Many hospitals transferred patients underground

Israel’s Home Front Command said one of the Iranian ballistic missiles fired Thursday morning had been rigged with fragmenting cluster munitions. Rather than a conventional warhead, a cluster munition warhead carries dozens of submunitions that can explode on impact, showering small bomblets around a large area and posing major safety risks on the ground. The Israeli military did not say where that missile had been fired.

At least 80 patients and medical workers were wounded in the strike on Israel’s Soroka Medical Center. The vast majority were lightly wounded, as much of the hospital building had been evacuated in recent days.

Iranian officials insisted they had not sought to strike the hospital and claimed the attack hit a facility belonging to the Israeli military’s elite technological unit, called C4i. The website for the Gav-Yam Negev advanced technologies park, some 2 miles from the hospital, said C4i had a branch campus in the area.

The Israeli army did not respond to a request for comment. An Israeli military official, speaking on condition of anonymity in line with regulations, acknowledged there was no specific intelligence that Iran had planned to target the hospital.

Many hospitals in Israel, including Soroka, had activated emergency plans in the past week. They converted parking garages to wards and transferred vulnerable patients underground. Israel also has a fortified, subterranean blood bank that kicked into action after Hamas’ Oct. 7, 2023, attack ignited the ongoing war in the Gaza Strip.

Doctors at Soroka said the

## Hackers steal \$90M from cryptocurrency exchange in Iran

Hackers with possible links to Israel drained more than \$90 million from Nobitex, Iran’s largest cryptocurrency exchange, according to blockchain analytics firms.

The group that claimed responsibility for the hack leaked Thursday what it said was the company’s full source code. “ASSETS LEFT IN NOBITEX ARE NOW ENTIRELY OUT IN THE OPEN,” the group wrote on its Telegram account.

The stolen funds were transferred to addresses bearing messages that criticized Iran’s Revolutionary Guard. Blockchain analytics firm Elliptic wrote in a blog post. It said the attack likely was not financially motivated as the wallets the hackers had poured the money into “effectively burned the funds in order to send Nobitex a political message.”

— AP

Iranian missile struck almost immediately after air raid sirens went off, causing an explosion that could be heard from a safe room. The strike inflicted the greatest damage on an old surgery building and affected key infrastruc-



Smoke rises from a building of the Soroka hospital complex Thursday after it was hit by a missile fired from Iran in Beersheba, Israel.

ture, including gas, water and air-conditioning systems, the medical center said.

The hospital, which provides services to about 1 million residents, had been caring for 700 patients at the time. After the strike, the hospital closed to all patients except for life-threatening cases.

## Iran rejects calls to surrender or end its nuclear program

Iran has long maintained its nuclear program is for peaceful purposes. But it is the only non-nuclear-weapon state to

enrich uranium up to 60%, a short, technical step away from weapons-grade levels of 90%.

Israel is widely believed to be the only country with a nuclear weapons program in the Middle East but has never acknowledged the existence of its arsenal.

The Israeli air campaign has targeted Iran’s enrichment site at Natanz, centrifuge workshops around Tehran, a nuclear site in Isfahan and what the army assesses to be most of Iran’s ballistic missile launchers. The destruction of those launchers has contributed to the steady decline in Iranian

attacks since the start of the conflict.

On Thursday, anti-aircraft artillery was audible across Tehran, and witnesses in the central city of Isfahan reported seeing anti-aircraft fire after nightfall.

Trump’s announcement of a decision in the next two weeks opened up diplomatic options, with the apparent hope Iran would make concessions after suffering major military losses.

A new diplomatic initiative seemed to be underway as Iran’s Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi prepared to travel

Friday to Geneva for meetings with the European Union’s top diplomat, and with counterparts from the United Kingdom, France and Germany.

But at least publicly, Iran has struck a hard line.

Iran’s supreme leader on Wednesday rejected U.S. calls for surrender and warned that any U.S. military involvement would cause “irreparable damage to them.”

Parliament speaker Mohammad Bagher Qalibaf on Thursday criticized Trump for using military pressure to gain an advantage in nuclear negotiations. The latest indirect talks between Iran and the U.S., set for last Sunday, were canceled.

“The delusional American president knows that he cannot impose peace on us by imposing war and threatening us,” he said.

## Israeli fighter jets target heavy water reactor

Israel’s military said its fighter jets targeted the Arak heavy water reactor, some 155 miles southwest of Tehran, to prevent it from being used to produce plutonium.

Iranian state TV said there was “no radiation danger whatsoever” around the Arak site, which it said had been evacuated ahead of the strike.

Heavy water helps cool nuclear reactors, but it produces plutonium as a byproduct that potentially can be used in nuclear weapons. That would provide Iran another path to the bomb beyond enriched uranium, should it choose to pursue the weapon.

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**DEATH NOTICES**

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**Helen M. (Yencho) Raneri**  
GREENSBURG

Helen M. (Yencho) Raneri, 95, of Greensburg, died Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at home. She was born Aug. 8, 1929, in Greensburg, a daughter of the late John and Mary Mitrik Yencho. Helen's kitchen was a haven of Slovak and

Italian aromas where she crafted hearty breads and delicious biscotti, bringing family and friends together around her table. A devout woman, her faith guided her generous spirit, always with an open heart to those she cherished. Helen's unwavering devotion to family and her welcoming embrace will live on in the countless memories over her lovingly prepared meals. Helen was a member of St. Bartholomew Church and had been active with the Rosary Altar Society at former St. Bede's Church as well as helping with their festivities and spaghetti dinners. She had been a manager for food service at the former Bovard Elementary School with the HASD. She loved going to casinos, but her greatest joy came from traveling to Naples, FL, with her children and grandchildren and cooking and baking for her family and friends.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, A. Joseph Raneri; daughter, Fran Dott; son-in-law, Joseph Neurohr; grandson, Joey Casagrande; brother, John Yencho; and sister, Margaret Miller. She is survived by her five children, Mary Kay Neurohr (fiancé, Art Gardner), Joyce Casagrande (Rich), Rose Marie Moffa (David), Sandy DeFrancesco (Charlie) and Jennine Raneri; son-in-law, Jim Dott; 12 grandchildren, Tracey Gaskey (Bart), Karen Scarton (Ryan), Katie Aretta (Chris), Kristi Rose (Justin), Joseph Neurohr Jr., Jeffrey Neurohr (Katie Hedman), Richie and Danny Casagrande, David Moffa, Carmelina Brunner (Paul), Charlie DeFrancesco and Gina Savino (Nick); 11 great-grandchildren, Vincent and Aaron Gaskey, Anthony, Marco and Dominic Scarton, Natalie and Nathan Rose, Olivia and Tyler Aretta, Josef Brunner; and a highly anticipated great-grandson in December; brother, George Yencho of Massachusetts; and several nieces and nephews. **Relatives and friends of Helen will be received from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 26, 2025, in CLEMENT L. PANTALONE FUNERAL HOME INC., 409 W. Pittsburgh St., Greensburg, 724-837-0020. Prayers of transfer will be said in the funeral home at 9:15 a.m. Friday, June 27, 2025, followed by a funeral Mass to be celebrated at 10 a.m. in the St. Bartholomew Church, Crabtree, with Father Justin Matro, OSB, celebrating. Entombment will follow in Greensburg Catholic Cemetery Mausoleum.** The family would like to express their extreme gratitude to the staff of Redstone Hospice for their love, support, and care that they provided over the past year. Helen's family has entrusted her care to PANTALONE FUNERAL HOME INC., Greensburg. For online condolences/directions, visit us at pantalone.com. Natalie N. Pantalone, supervisor.

to The Dogtopia Foundation, 131 Donohoe Road, Greensburg, PA 15601. Mark's family has entrusted his care to PANTALONE FUNERAL HOME INC., Greensburg. For online condolences, visit us at pantalone.com. Natalie N. Pantalone, supervisor.

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**Annette Mary Stahl**  
SMITHTON

It is with great sadness that we announce the unexpected passing of Annette Mary Stahl on June 22, 2025. Annette was born Dec. 25, 1966, in Mt. Pleasant. Annette was known for her strong will, generosity, outgoing nature, and doing things her way. She enjoyed hosting parties, going to concerts, and cooking, and she loved spending time with her family. She was preceded in death by her parents, Jay Sethman and Dorothy Alford. She is survived by her beloved husband of 40 years, Ron Stahl; her two daughters, Miranda Stahl (fiancée, Justin Trayter) and Mirissa Keefer (husband, David Keefer); five grandchildren, Dayton, Cassidy, Kenzie, Malayna and Cam; her brothers, Jay Sethman and Donald Alford (fiancée, Gena); as well as many friends and extended family members. **Family and friends are invited to attend a celebration of life gathering from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, July 6, 2025, at Harvest Hills Venue, 699 Mt. Pleasant Road, West Newton.**

**Lawrence "Larry" James White**  
DUQUESNE

Lawrence "Larry" James White, of Duquesne, passed away Sunday, June 22, 2025, in Monroeville at the age of 64. He was born Aug. 4, 1960, in Fort Benning, GA; Larry brought light and laughter wherever he went. Larry is survived by his loving wife of 29 years, Sherry (Oslosky) White, and his two daughters, Bailey (Raul) and Delaney (Brian) White, who were the pride and joy of his life. He is also survived by his mother, Marjorie (Vukelja) White; two brothers, David White and Richard White (Michele); and one sister, Donna (White) Wilhoit (Douglas). Larry considered his in-laws as his own. He is also survived by Edward and Judy Oslosky, Susan (Oslosky) Kresic (Randolph), Edward Oslosky Jr., and Lori Oslosky. He was preceded in death by his father, Richard Blaine White. To know Larry was to know a man who loved to live life fully. Whether dancing on a cruise ship, sharing stories at a backyard gathering or cheering proudly from the stands at a cheer-leading competition, Larry was always the life of the party. His happiest moments were the simple ones spent

with "his girls," laughing, loving and maybe doing a little shopping. Larry's humor, generosity and warmth will be deeply missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. As he would often say, he lived "one pizza at a time," a phrase that captured his love for the good things in life and his ability to bring people together with ease. **Family and friends will be received from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, June 27, 2025, and from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 28, 2025, at OTT FUNERAL HOME INC., 805 Pennsylvania Ave., Irwin, 724-863-8900. A service will follow at noon Saturday, June 28, 2025, at the funeral home chapel. A luncheon and celebration of Larry's life will take place at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 28, 2025, at Core Event Center, 100 Colony Drive, North Huntingdon. All are welcome. To leave an online condolence or to get directions, please visit www.ottfuneralhome.com.**

**Rachel Susan (Harshman) Wiggins**  
LATROBE

Rachel Susan (Harshman) Wiggins of Latrobe, passed away Friday, June 20, 2025, surrounded by her family. Rachel lived her life on the motto that we are not called to hide our lights under a bushel basket, but rather to shine that light for all to see. (Matthew 5:15). It was with this approach that she was able to touch lives, shining God's light through dark times. Rachel loved tent camping with her family in the Laurel Highlands, reading historical fiction, and gardening with herbs and "riotous vines." When she wasn't doing these things, she enjoyed spending time watching soccer and dabbling in arts and crafts. Rachel was raised in Tipton. She later moved to Texas, where she met the love of her life, Brandon Wiggins, and they were blessed with the births of their daughter, Dakota; and son, Cooper. In addition to her husband and children, Rachel is survived by her beloved parents, Bill and Anne Harshman; sister, Becki (Joe) Maurio; brother, Jason (Sarah, Georgia, James) Harshman; and sister, Sarah (Drew) James. She was preceded in death by her brother, Billy Harshman. She is also survived by a loving extended family. In lieu of flowers, Rachel asked that you consider a donation to the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy (www.waterlandlife.org) and a kind deed for a stranger. Contributions to support her children's future endeavors can be directed to Brandon Wiggins. **Family and friends will be received for a memorial visitation from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 25, 2025, at FREDERICK FUNERAL HOME INC., 1543 Ligonier St., Latrobe. A funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 26, 2025, at Holy Family Church, 1200 Ligonier St., Latrobe, with Father George Saletrik as celebrant. EVERYONE IS ASKED TO GO DIRECTLY TO THE CHURCH. Private burial will follow at St. Mary Cemetery, Latrobe. To send condolences, please visit www.FrederickFuneralHome.com.**

**'I plan on never doing drugs again'**

OVERDOSE · FROM A3

evidence that he bought the drugs. Witnesses testified Rebosky failed to initially seek help for his nephew. As the younger man lay unresponsive, Rebosky dragged him to a shower in a failed attempt to help him regain consciousness rather than immediately call for assistance or administer an antidote for the overdose.

**Forgiveness sought**

Rebosky did not testify during his trial but Tuesday begged his family for forgiveness and pleaded

for leniency. "I am very sorry for what occurred in my home," he said. "I didn't do the right thing, and I should have been looking out for my nephew. I lost my family that night, and I am trying now to do the right thing. I plan on never doing drugs again," Rebosky said. Reddy said Rebosky's criminal past dates back to the 1980s and includes a 2015 conviction for drug offenses in connection with another fatal overdose, warranting a lengthy sentence. "This is a pattern of conduct, and other people have suffered at his hand. There

has to be accountability," Reddy argued. Westmoreland County Common Pleas Judge Michael Stewart II ordered Rebosky to serve a minimum of 45 months in prison. Rebosky has already served more than three years behind bars since his arrest and will be eligible for parole next year. "Nothing I can do can bring your son back, but hopefully this trial and sentence will bring you closure," Stewart said.

Rich Cholodofsky is a TribLive staff writer. He can be reached at rcholodofsky@triblive.com.

**Program follows similar initiatives**

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"When Jeff introduced the opportunity to join the recycling program, we eagerly accepted," Smith said. "It aligns with our commitment to sustainability." Pepper's program follows similar initiatives across the country. The Texas-based RePickle Project is on a mission to see the plastic pickleballs transform into art, birdhouses, jewelry and furniture. The group was founded when its executive director, Laura Thompson, collected and stored more than 3,000 broken pickleballs in her garage while figuring out how to recycle them. In Pittsburgh's East End,

**Pickleball popularity**

- Pickleball has been named the fastest growing sport for four years.
- About 19.8 million people played pickleball in the U.S. last year, up 46% from 2023, according to the Sports & Fitness Industry Association.
- Pickleball has had an average growth of 311% over the past three years, according to Pickleheads.com.
- The sport has amassed a \$1.5 billion market.

the Pickleball Warehouse has signed on as the central collection site for Pepper's program. "I asked them how many balls they could hold for us, and they have bins big enough to hold a Volkswagen," Pepper said of the 80,000-square-foot indoor facility.

"We could recycle an infinite number of pickleballs if everyone does their part." To order a pickleball recycling bin, email veronapickleball@gmail.com.

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**Removal gives 'appearance of impropriety'**

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leaving only 2025 'new board' videos." Melissa Melewsky, media law counsel for the Pennsylvania NewsMedia Association, said that while a district-created meeting video is a public record, the school board "has a lot of flexibility with what they can do." "Removing them from YouTube is one thing," Melewsky said. "But if someone is hitting the 'delete' button, that's a different story." District Solicitor Russell Lucas said the district is under no legal obligation to keep the videos online. "There's a difference between saying a meeting recording is a public record, and saying the district has to maintain it," Lucas said. "Obviously, if the district received an RTK request for these, and then deleted them, that would be in bad faith. But if they were deleted in the normal course of events before an RTK request was received, there's no wrongdoing here." Lucas said school districts and other public entities regularly purge older records as part of their records retention policies.

"Emails between school officials are public record," Lucas said. "But if part of your routine record maintenance includes deleting those every so often, and you're not doing it to evade a Right-To-Know request, there's no violation there." DetSchelt disagreed. "The Office of Open Records is saying a record is anything that documents the activity of an agency — what is more connected to the business of this agency than the exact record of what transpired?" he said. Melewsky agreed with Lucas to the extent that school records are subject to the district's records retention policy, but also advised against getting rid of them in the case of school board meeting videos. "It gives the appearance of impropriety, which no school board should want to create," she said. "They should be taking the wishes of their constituents into account." District resident Nicholas Carozza, who manages the "Accountability Now: Norwin" Facebook page, criticized the decision. "Videos of meetings covering (recent) controversial projects were pulled

offline," Carozza said. "Deleting videos of public meetings, especially discussions of construction projects costing millions of dollars, is poor practice." Ilagan said she regularly sought out the archived meeting recordings to prepare for upcoming school board business. "There's a whole lot of discussion that takes place on those recordings that is not in the minutes or in the attachments," she said. "Someone asked me about the April 2024 meeting where our fiscal auditor was here, and I was shocked when it (the YouTube video) wasn't there. I've advocated for fiscal transparency in all our governance, and that's why I was disheartened to find that the prior meetings were deleted." McCracken said district administrators will look into the decision to remove the meeting recordings, and board President Bill Bojalad said the topic will be revisited when the school board updates its records retention policy.

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**Mark S. Schropp**  
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Mark S. Schropp, 68, of South Greensburg, passed away Sunday, June 22, 2025. He was born Sept. 24, 1956, a son of the late Charles and Norma

J. Love Schropp. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Ricky Schropp. Mark leaves behind his wife, Sue; three sons, Chad (Lisa) of Crozet, VA, Matthew (Angela) of Greensburg and Michael of Arlington, VA; three grandkids, Jackson, Maura and Ava; two brothers, Chuck (Carol) and David; and two sisters, Kellie (Kevin) and Sandy. He also leaves behind his "bonus" family, Colton, Grant and Lori, and of course, his loyal and favorite furry friends, Buddy and Charlie. **Mark requested no visitation or service. Instead, his family will celebrate him with his favorite things — a driveway party, a toasty fire and good food and drinks with family and friends. We love you and will miss you!** In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made

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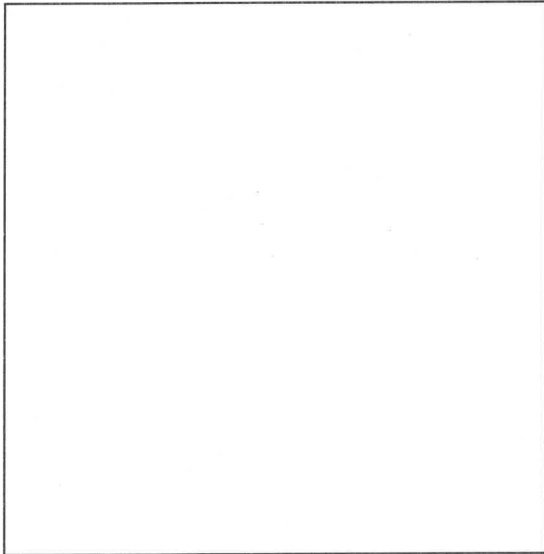
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## OBITUARIES

## Kenneth Ray Moorhead

KITTANNING, PA

Kenneth Ray Moorhead  
Kittanning, PA

Kenneth Ray Moorhead, 83, of Kittanning, PA, passed through Heaven's Gate on Saturday, June 14, 2025, surrounded by his loving family. Born on January 30, 1942, Ken graduated from Worthington High School and then answered his call to be a United States Marine. Ken proudly served his country at both Camp Lejeune, NC, and Naples, Italy. As a Marine, Ken presented Christmas gifts through Toys for Tots to young boys and girls at local orphanages in Italy. As Corporal, he received an Honorable Discharge with two medals, Expert in shooting accurately and Good Conduct.

Returning from service in 1963, Ken married Darlene Gaiser, his wife of 62 years, and together raised three daughters. Ken's drive to provide for his family led him to work in various organizations, including Metropolitan Life and UPS, before spending most of his career in the gas and oil drilling industry, retiring with Range Resources.

Ken enjoyed hunting with family during white tail deer season with a true passion for his yearly trip out West with family members and friends to hunt Elk in the snowy mountains of Colorado. Ken's most proud hunting trip included shooting a 6 x 6 Elk at 700 yards with one shot.

He also enjoyed spending his leisure time with his wife traveling to various auctions and bidding on treasures from the past. His love for trains and the great outdoors took him on a trip to Alaska with his family where he spent the entire trip standing on the back deck of the caboose as it traveled the Skagway White Pass Summit. In his younger years, Ken and Darlene belonged to a Square Dance Club, Naughty Pines, in Indiana, PA, and do-si-doed in matching outfits.

As a member of the Sen-



Kenneth Ray Moorhead

eca Lodge No. 805 Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania Kittanning, Pennsylvania and Elks Lodge 203 of Kittanning. Ken also had a passion for animals and was greatly involved with the Orphans of the Storm and Kittanning Kennel Club and supported the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

All loved Ken's sense of humor, quick wit, and facial expressions. Gatherings with family and friends always included laughter, love, and smiles.

Ken was preceded in death by his parents, Kenneth and Grace Moorhead. He is survived by his wife, Darlene Moorhead; three daughters and sons-in-law, Stacy and Lawrence Infantozzi, Jr., Dyan and Edwin Rachuba, Jr., and Kristen and Joshua Lewis; three grandchildren, Ryan Infantozzi, Trevor Infantozzi, and MacKenna Lewis; and three sisters, Luana McKee, Darla Mechling, and Cathy Seniow.

Family and friends will be invited to a service at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies in Bridgeville, PA, and a Celebration of Life Service in Freepport, PA.

Contributions may be made in Ken's memory to Orphans of the Storm, 11878 State Route 85, Kittanning, PA 16201 or online at [www.orphansofthestorm-pa.org](http://www.orphansofthestorm-pa.org). To share a memory or offer condolences, please visit: [www.mastrofrancescofuneralhome.com/tributes](http://www.mastrofrancescofuneralhome.com/tributes).

No viewing will be held.

## President Donald Trump's latest judicial pick is someone that Joe Biden almost nominated

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump says he plans to tap Chad Meredith, a former state solicitor general in Kentucky, for a federal judgeship in the state — and this time, he is facing no objections from Sen. Rand Paul, who opposed his nomination three years ago.

Meredith was the starring player in a bit of judicial nominations drama in the previous administration, when then-President Joe Biden had agreed to nominate Meredith, who was enthusiastically supported by Sen. Mitch McConnell, the former Senate majority leader. It was a curious move at the time, because Meredith had a track record of defending Kentucky's anti-abortion laws and the nomination would come in the immediate aftermath of the 2022 Supreme Court decision that eliminated a constitutional right to the procedure.

But Paul indicated to the Biden White House at the time that he would block Meredith's confirmation proceedings from moving forward, so the former president never formally nominated him. Biden's decision to back off Meredith was also a relief to Democrats and abortion rights groups who had been enraged at the prospect of Biden tapping an anti-abortion lawyer for a lifetime judiciary seat.

This time, Paul recommended Meredith for the judgeship to the White House, and plans to support his confirmation, Paul's office said Thursday.

In his social media post Wednesday announcing the nomination, Trump called Meredith "highly experienced and well qualified."

"Chad is a courageous Patriot who knows what is required to uphold the Rule of Law, and protect our Constitution," Trump wrote on Truth Social Wednesday night.

McConnell said in a statement Wednesday that Trump made an "outstanding choice" in choosing Meredith, who also served as chief deputy general counsel for former Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin.

"His demonstrated devotion to the rule of law and the Constitution will serve the people of Kentucky well on the federal bench," McConnell said. "I look forward to the Senate confirming his nomination."

Three years ago, Paul accused

McConnell of cutting a "secret deal" with the White House as a reason why Meredith's nomination never moved forward under Biden. Paul never made any substantive objections about Meredith himself at the time.

"Unfortunately, instead of communicating and lining up support for him, Senator McConnell chose to cut a secret deal with the White House that fell apart," Paul said at the time.

Paul had effective veto power over a judicial pick in his home state because the Senate continues to honor the so-called blue slip rule, a decades-old custom that says a judicial nominee won't move forward if there is opposition from his or her home-state senator.

## Kenneth T. Rupp

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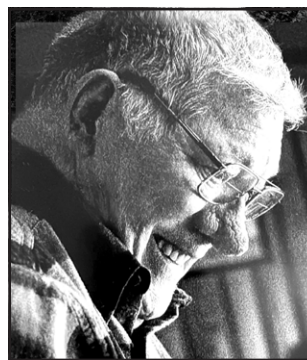
Kenneth T. Rupp, 82, of Templeton, Pa., passed away Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at Butler Memorial Hospital.

He was born March 30, 1943, in Boggs Township, Armstrong County, Pa., the son of Kenneth M. "Jack" Rupp and Bessie E. (Oliver) Rupp.

Ken lived in Armstrong County for most of his life and graduated from Dayton High School in 1961. He honorably served in the U.S. Army in Germany during the Vietnam War and later was employed as a truck driver for 25 years. Following his retirement in 1995, Ken worked in Valray Nurseries, Inc. in Kittanning and Shannock Hardware in Rural Valley, Pa.

He attended Oakland Church of God in Distant and enjoyed being involved with the congregation. Ken loved taking trips to Lancaster, Pa., with his wife, Mary. They traveled to the area more than 30 times during their 51 years of marriage and especially looked forward to visiting the Sight and Sound Theater. Ken also liked vacationing at the North Carolina beaches with his family.

Ken will be remembered by his son, Bruce R. Rupp, of Smithfield, N.C.; daughters, Karen M. Rupp and fiancé, John Toperzer and Dianne R. Morris and husband, Todd, all of Kittanning; grandchildren: Philip and fiancée, Misty, Rebecca and husband, Rich and Nicholas; great-grandchild, Carter; daughter-in-law, Patty Rupp, of Goehenville; and sisters, Joan B. Flick and husband, Wendall, of Ford Cliff, and Cathy B. Shaw, of Ford City.



Kenneth T. Rupp

He was preceded in death by his parents; loving wife, Mary L. (Guntrum) Rupp, whom he married June 25, 1966 and who died Oct. 2, 2017; son, Mark A. Rupp, who died Nov. 21, 2024; brother, Homer J. Rupp; and sisters, Rosalie A. Rupp and Constance "Connie" Wilson.

The family will receive friends from noon until the time of services at 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 22, 2025, at the Bauer Funeral Home, 515 N. McKean St., Kittanning, Pa., with the Rev. James Swogger officiating.

Interment will be privately held at Lawn Haven Burial Estates, Worthington, Pa.

The family would like to thank Butler Memorial Hospital for the outstanding care provided from the doctors, nurses and staff members.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given in Ken's memory to the Oakland Church of God Building Fund, PO Box 40, Distant, PA 16223.

Arrangements are being handled by the Bauer Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc.

To send a condolence to Ken's family or view a tribute honoring his life, visit: [www.bauerfuneral.com](http://www.bauerfuneral.com)

## Trump extends TikTok ban deadline for a third time, without clear legal basis

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump on Thursday signed an executive order to keep TikTok running in the U.S. for another 90 days to give his administration more time to broker a deal to bring the social media platform under American ownership.

Trump disclosed the executive order on the Truth Social platform Thursday morning.

"He's making an extension so we can get this deal done," White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt told reporters on Thursday. "It's wildly popular. He also wants to protect Americans' data and privacy concerns on this app. And he believes we can do both at the same time."

It is the third time Trump has extended the deadline. The first one was through an executive order on Jan. 20, his first day in office, after the platform went dark briefly when a national ban — approved by Congress and upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court — took effect.

The second was in April when White House officials believed they were nearing a deal to spin off TikTok into a new

company with U.S. ownership that fell apart after China backed out following Trump's tariff announcement.

It is not clear how many times Trump can — or will — keep extending the ban as the government continues to try to negotiate a deal for TikTok, which is owned by China's ByteDance. While there is no clear legal basis for the extensions, so far there have been no legal challenges to fight them. Trump has amassed more than 15 million followers on TikTok since he joined last year, and he has credited the trendsetting platform with helping him gain traction among young voters. He said in January that he has a "warm spot for TikTok."

TikTok praised Trump for signing an extension Thursday.

"We are grateful for President Trump's leadership and support in ensuring that TikTok continues to be available for more than 170 million American users and 7.5 million U.S. businesses that rely on the platform as we continue to work with Vice President Vance's Office," the company said in a statement.

## Janet Joann John

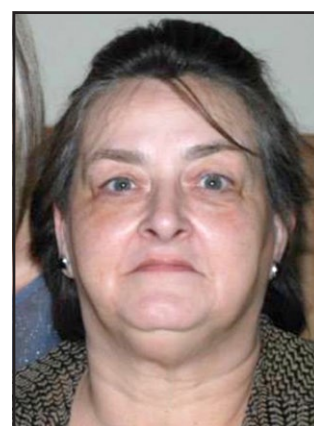
KITTANNING

Janet Joann John, 64, of Kittanning, passed away Tuesday, June 17, 2025.

She was born Jan. 18, 1961.

She retired from the Armstrong County Court House, where she made many friends. She was also a CNA for many years at the Armstrong County Health Center. She enjoyed first and foremost, spending time with her husband, children, grandchildren and her two fur babies, Jessie and Paul, Wal-Mart runs with her husband and shopping and coffee runs with her two daughters. She looked forward to Christmas and would buy gifts for everyone all year long.

Survivors include her loving husband of 46 years, Charles John; two daughters, Tina John, of Kittanning and April (Timothy) Bowser, of Ford City. Also surviving are four grandchildren: Michael Sloan, Ethan McNabb, Olivia Bowser and Jacob Bowser; sister, Diane (Clarence) John; and a brother, Raymond (Norma Jean) Snyder.



Janet Joann John

She was preceded in death by her parents, Clair and Virginia Snyder; and her brother, Robert Snyder.

Family and friends will be received from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, June 21, 2025, at the Snyder-Crissman Funeral Home, 200 S. McKean St., Kittanning, with the funeral service to immediately follow at 4 p.m. with Pastor Mike Bobbitt officiating.

For more information or to express condolences to the family, please visit: [www.snydercrissman.com](http://www.snydercrissman.com)

## ICE raids and their uncertainty scare off workers and baffle businesses

WASHINGTON (AP) — Farmers, cattle ranchers and hotel and restaurant managers breathed a sigh of relief last week when President Donald Trump ordered a pause to immigration raids that were disrupting those industries and scaring foreign-born workers off the job.

"There was finally a sense of calm," said Rebecca Shi, CEO of the American Business Immigration Coalition.

That respite didn't last long.

On Wednesday, Assistant Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security Tricia McLaughlin declared, "There will be no safe spaces for industries who harbor violent criminals or purposely try to undermine (immigration enforcement) efforts. Worksite enforcement remains a cornerstone of our efforts to safeguard public safety, national security and economic stability."

The flipflop baffled businesses trying to figure out the government's actual policy, and Shi says now "there's fear and worry once more."

"That's not a way to run business when your employees are at this level of stress and trauma," she said.

Trump campaigned on a promise to deport millions of immigrants working in the United States illegally — an issue that has long fired up his GOP base. The crackdown intensified a few weeks ago when Stephen Miller, White House deputy chief of staff, gave the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement a quota of 3,000 arrests a day, up from 650 a day in the first five months of Trump's second term.

Suddenly, ICE seemed to be everywhere. "We saw ICE agents on farms, pointing assault rifles at cows, and removing half the workforce," said Shi, whose coalition represents 1,700 employers and supports increased legal immigration.

One ICE raid left a New Mexico dairy with just 20 workers,

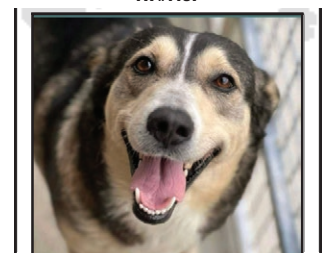
down from 55. "You can't turn off cows," said Beverly Idsinga, the executive director of the Dairy Producers of New Mexico. "They need to be milked twice a day, fed twice a day."

Claudio Gonzalez, a chef at Izakaya Gazen in Los Angeles' Little Tokyo district, said many of his Hispanic workers — whether they're in the country legally or not — have been calling out of work recently due to fears that they will be targeted by ICE. His restaurant is a few blocks away from a collection of federal buildings, including an ICE detention center.

"They sometimes are too scared to work their shift," Gonzalez said. "They kind of feel like it's based on skin color."

In some places, the problem isn't ICE but rumors of ICE. At cherry-harvesting time in Washington state, many foreign-born workers are staying away from the orchards after hearing reports of impending immigration raids. One operation that usually employs 150 pickers is down to 20. Never mind that there hasn't actually been any sign of ICE in the orchards.

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# Armstrong High School Top 10 graduates spotlighted



Cameron McCorkle



Isabella Gaiser



Avary Jack



Ava Schrecengost



Autumn Tutak



Kiefer Riskosky



Gianna Dobransky



Jocelyn Appleman



Conner Lipovsik



Wyatt Prunty

The following are the top 10 seniors of the Class of 2025 of Armstrong High School:

#### Class Rank #1 —

##### Valedictorian

**Cameron McCorkle** — Cameron McCorkle of North Buffalo Township is son of Jamie and Thomas McCorkle. Cameron is an active member in the Social Studies Activities Club, Spanish Club, Quiz Bowl, and Culture Club. He has been on the Distinguished Honor Roll for his high school career and is the valedictorian for the graduating class of 2025. Cameron will be attending Penn State University to obtain a degree in mechanical engineering.

#### Class Rank #2 —

##### Salutatorian

**Isabella Gaiser** — Isabella Gaiser of Kittanning is the daughter of Christopher Gaiser. She is corresponding secretary of LEO club and president of culture club. She is also a member of varsity golf, yearbook, robotics, social studies activities club and National Honor Society. Isabella is the salutatorian for the graduating class of 2025, TCP Student of the Year top 7 and on distinguished honor roll. She received the Marci Rogalski Pawk Scholarship and the Jack Bennet Scholarship. Isabella will be attending the University of Pittsburgh on a pre-med track to become a Dermatologist.

#### Class Rank #3

**Avary Jack** — Avary is the daughter of Jason and Loreta Jack. She is a member of varsity Track and Field, Yearbook Club, Robotics Club, LEO Club, SADD and Key Club and National Honor Society. Avary holds the girls pole vault school record at 10'4" and is graduating with distinguished honors. Avary received the President's achievement award and The Gold Flash Scholarship for Kent State University where she will be attending this fall to major in Aerospace Engineering.

#### Class Rank #4

**Ava Schrecengost** — Ava is the daughter of Tyce and Tonia Schrecengost. She is the President of LEO Club and Treasurer of Robotics Club. She is also a member of Varsity Tennis, Student Council, National Honor Society, Newspaper, Key Club, Students Against Destructive Decisions, Social Studies Activities Club and First Baptist Church Choir. Ava has earned the following awards: Most Community Service Hours in Class Award from the Challenge Program (2023 and 2025), Women in STEM Award from Seton Hill (2023), Outstanding Young Citizen Award from Trib Total Media (2023-2024), Rotary Youth Leadership Award at Westminster (2024), First Place Overall in the Sea division of the Sea, Air, Land Robotics Competition (2024), Top

5,000 SAT Scores in the Nation from Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (2024), Teen of the Week by Rosebud Mining Company and Leader Times (2024), Distinguished Honor Roll, Third Place in the Penn State New Kensington Math League Competition (2024-2025), Senator Pittman Good Citizen Award (2025) and Biology Student of the Year. Ava is the recipient of the following scholarships: Dr. Paul Opalka Scholarship (Ford City Lions Club), Worthington Lions Club Scholarship, River Hawks Faculty Scholarship, Armstrong School District Foundation Scholarship, Bruno-Higginson Medical Trust Scholarship, Dr. Henry E. & Victoria B. (Halas) Reich Memorial Scholarship, Joseph and Judith Nickleach Scholarship, Shawna Petrosky Memorial Scholarship, The Kittanning Elks Local Scholarship, Armstrong Center for Community Learning Postsec-

ondary Scholarship, Barbara A. Snyder Scholarship and St Vincent de Paul Scholarship. Ava will be attending Duquesne University to major in Biochemistry.

#### Class Rank #5

**Autumn Tutak** — Autumn is the daughter of Marcia and Chris Tutak. Autumn is a member of National Honor Society, Armstrong Arrows Hockey, Golf, Lacrosse, Student Council and LEO Club. Autumn is Captain of Armstrong Arrows 19u Hockey Team and graduated with Distinguished Honor. She is the recipient of Bucknell Engineering Merit Scholarship. This fall, Autumn will be attending Bucknell University for biomedical engineering.

#### Class Rank #6

**Kiefer Riskosky** — Kiefer is the son of Joseph and Amanda Riskosky. He is a member of Track and Field, Cross Country, Spanish Club, Social Studies Activities Club, Culture Club, Quiz

Bowl and Yearbook Club. Kiefer graduated with Distinguished Honor. He also earned the Governor's Civic Engagement Award and he is a 2x Indiana County Academic League Quiz Bowl Champion. Kiefer is the recipient of the National Police and Fire Scholarship and a Merit Scholarship at the University of Chicago where he will be majoring in Business Economics.

#### Class Rank #7

**Gianna Dobransky** — Gianna is the daughter of Stephen and Michelle Dobransky. Gianna is a member of Student Council, LEO Club, SADD Club, Key Club, Robotics Club, Yearbook, Newspaper, Class Cabinet, Math League, Tennis, and Program Coordinator of Teen Tuesday at the Ford City Library. Gianna graduated with Distinguished Honor Roll and is a member of National Honor Society. She earned the McAllister Scholarship

and the Wolsonovich Family Scholarship. Gianna will be attending Penn State University to major in science.

#### Class Rank #8

**Jocelyn Appleman** — Jocelyn is the daughter of Jessica and Jeremy Appleman. She is a member of LEO Club, National Honor Society, Yearbook, Culture Club, Social Studies Activities Club, Girls Varsity Golf. Jocelyn earned a Varsity Letter, Governor's Civic Engagement Award and graduated with distinguished honors. Jocelyn is the recipient of Pitt Panther Pride Award, Pitt Panther Book Award, McAllister Scholarship and Armstrong School District Education Foundation Scholarship. Her future plans are to the University of Pittsburgh for Nursing with plans to become a CRNA.

#### Class Rank #9

**Conner Lipovsik** — Conner is the son of Brian and Joelleen Lipovsik. He is a mem-

ber of Quiz Bowl, Newspaper and Social Studies Activities Club. Conner graduated with Distinguished Honors. He is the recipient of the IUP Honors College Scholarship. Conner will be attending IUP for 2 years and then transfer to Pitt for Mechanical Engineering.

#### Class Rank #10

**Wyatt Prunty** — Wyatt is the son of Lisa Kutch, Robert and Liz Prunty. He is a member of Quiz Bowl, Newspaper, Marching Band, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Yearbook, Leo Club, Student Council and National Honor Society. Wyatt was awarded Quiz Bowl MVP, American History Award, English Department Award and Social Sciences Department Award. He is the recipient of Saint Vincent Wimmer Scholarship and Armstrong Concert Band Scholarship. Wyatt will be attending St. Vincent College to major in Economics.

## US stocks leap within a decent day of their all-time high as oil prices tumble

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. stocks are leaping nearly to their all-time high Tuesday after oil prices eased further on hopes that Israel's war with Iran will not damage the global flow of crude. The S&P 500 was 1.2% higher in late trading, following up on big gains for stocks across Europe and Asia, after President Donald Trump said late Monday that Israel and Iran had agreed to a "complete and total ceasefire." The main measure of Wall Street's health is back within 0.8% of its record set in February after falling roughly 20% below during the spring.

The Dow Jones Industrial

Average was up 539 points, or 1.3%, with an hour remaining in trading, and the Nasdaq composite was 1.6% higher.

The strongest action was again in the oil market, where a barrel of benchmark U.S. crude fell 6% to settle at \$64.37. Brent crude, the international standard, had a similar drop.

The fear throughout the Israel-Iran conflict has been that it could squeeze the world's supply of oil, which would pump up prices for gasoline and hurt the global economy. Iran is a major producer of crude, and it could also try to block the Strait of Hormuz off its coast, through

which 20% of the world's daily oil needs passes on ships.

Oil prices began falling sharply on Monday after Iran launched what appeared to be a limited retaliatory strike to the United States' entry into the war, one that did not target the production or movement of oil. They kept falling even after attacks continued past a deadline to stop hostilities early Tuesday. Trump later said that the ceasefire was "in effect."

Oil prices have dropped so much in the last two days that they're below where they were before the fighting began nearly two weeks ago. With the global

oil market well supplied and the OPEC+ alliance of producing countries steadily increasing production, oil prices could be headed even lower as long as the ceasefire holds and a lasting peace solution can be found, said Carsten Fritsch, commodities analyst at Commerzbank.

Falling oil prices should take some pressure off inflation, and that in turn could give the Federal Reserve leeway to resume cutting interest rates.

Wall Street loves lower rates because they can give the economy a boost by making it cheaper for U.S. households and businesses to borrow money to buy

a car or build a factory. But they could also give inflation more fuel. That threat is why the Fed has been hesitant to cut rates this year after lowering them through the end of last year.

The Fed has said repeatedly that it wants to wait and see how much Trump's tariffs will hurt the economy and raise inflation before committing to its next move. So far, the economy seems to be holding up OK, though a report on confidence among U.S. consumers came in weaker than economists expected on Tuesday, while inflation has remained only a bit above the Fed's 2% target.

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# ICE raids and their uncertainty scare off workers and baffle businesses

By Paul Wiseman  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Farmers, cattle ranchers and hotel and restaurant managers breathed a sigh of relief last week when President Donald Trump ordered a pause to immigration raids that were disrupting those industries and scaring foreign-born workers off the job.

“There was finally a sense of calm,” said Rebecca Shi, CEO of the American Business Immigration Coalition.

That respite didn't last long.

On Wednesday, Assistant Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security Tricia McLaughlin declared, “There will be no safe spaces for industries who harbor violent criminals or purposely try to undermine (immigration enforcement) efforts. Worksite enforcement remains a cornerstone of our efforts to safeguard public safety, national security and economic stability.”

The flipflop baffled businesses trying to figure out the government's actual policy, and Shi says now “there's fear and worry once more.”

“That's not a way to run business when your employees are at this level of stress and trauma,” she said.

Trump campaigned on a promise to deport millions of immigrants working in the United States illegally — an issue that has long fired up his GOP base. The crackdown intensified a few weeks ago when Stephen Miller, White House deputy chief of staff, gave the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement a quota of 3,000 arrests a day, up from 650 a day in the first five months of Trump's second term.

Suddenly, ICE seemed to be everywhere. “We saw ICE agents on farms, pointing assault rifles at cows and removing half

the workforce,” said Shi, whose coalition represents 1,700 employers and supports increased legal immigration.

One ICE raid left a New Mexico dairy with just 20 workers, down from 55. “You can't turn off cows,” said Beverly Idsinga, the executive director of the Dairy Producers of New Mexico. “They need to be milked twice a day, fed twice a day.”

Claudio Gonzalez, a chef at Izakaya Gazen in Los Angeles' Little Tokyo district, said many of his Hispanic workers — whether they're in the country legally or not — have been calling out to fears that they will be targeted by ICE. His restaurant is a few blocks away from a collection of federal buildings, including an ICE detention center.

“They sometimes are too scared to work their shift,” Gonzalez said. “They kind of feel like it's based on skin color.”

In some places, the problem isn't ICE but rumors of ICE. At cherry-harvesting time in Washington state, many foreign-born workers are staying away from the orchards after hearing reports of impending immigration raids. One operation that usually employs 150 pickers is down to 20. Never mind that there hasn't actually been any sign of ICE in the orchards.

“We've not heard of any real raids,” said Jon Folden, orchard manager for the farm cooperative Blue Bird in Washington's Wenatchee River Valley. “We've heard a lot of rumors.”

Jennie Murray, CEO of the advocacy group National Immigration Forum, said some immigrant parents worry that their workplaces will be raided and they'll be hauled off by ICE while their kids are in school. They ask themselves, she said: “Do I show up and then my second-grader gets off the

school bus and doesn't have a parent to raise them? Maybe I shouldn't show up for work.”

The horror stories were conveyed to Trump, members of his administration and lawmakers in Congress by business advocacy and immigration reform groups like Shi's coalition. Last Thursday, the president posted on his Truth Social platform that “Our great Farmers and people in the Hotel and Leisure business have been stating that our very aggressive policy on immigration is taking very good, long time workers away from them, with those jobs being almost impossible to replace.”

It was another case of Trump's political agenda slamming smack into economic reality. With U.S. unemployment low at 4.2%, many businesses are desperate for workers, and immigration provides them.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, foreign-born workers made up less than 19% of employed workers in the United States in 2023. But they accounted for nearly 24% of jobs preparing and serving food and 38% of jobs in farming, fishing and forestry.

“It really is clear to me that the people pushing for these raids that target farms and feed yards and dairies have no idea how farms operate,” Matt Teagarden, CEO of the Kansas Livestock Association, said Tuesday during a virtual press conference.

Torsten Slok, chief economist at Apollo Global Management, estimated in January that undocumented workers account for 13% of U.S. farm jobs and 7% of jobs in hospitality businesses such as hotels, restaurants and bars.

The Pew Research Center found last year that 75% of U.S. registered voters — including 59% of Trump supporters — agreed that undocumented immigrants mostly fill

jobs that American citizens don't want. And an influx of immigrants in 2022 and 2023 allowed the United States to overcome an outbreak of inflation without tipping into recession.

In the past, economists estimated that America's employers could add no more than 100,000 jobs a month without overheating the economy and igniting inflation. But economists Wendy Edelberg and Tara Watson of the Brookings Institution calculated that because of the immigrant arrivals, monthly job growth could reach 160,000 to 200,000 without exerting upward pressure on prices.

Now Trump's deportation plans — and the uncertainty around them — are weighing on businesses and the economy.

“The reality is, a significant portion of our industry relies on immigrant labor — skilled, hardworking people who've been part of our workforce for years. When there are sudden crackdowns or raids, it slows timelines, drives up costs, and makes it harder to plan ahead,” says Patrick Murphy, chief investment officer at the Florida building firm Coastal Construction and a former Democratic member of Congress. “We're not sure from one month to the next what the rules are going to be or how they'll be enforced. That uncertainty makes it really hard to operate a forward-looking business.”

Adds Douglas Holtz Eakin, former director of the Congressional Budget Office and now president of the conservative American Action Forum think tank: “ICE had detained people who are here lawfully and so now lawful immigrants are afraid to go to work ... All of this goes against other economic objectives the administration might have. The immigration policy and the economic policy are not lining up at all.”

# Heat dome will blanket much of the US, with worrisome temperatures in Midwest

By Isabella O'Malley  
Associated Press

Summer will make a dramatic entrance in the U.S. this week with a heat dome that will bring stifling temperatures and uncomfortable humidity to millions.

The heat will be particularly worrisome this weekend across wide stretches of Nebraska, Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa, where forecasters are warning of extreme temperature impacts.

This will be the first stretch of true summertime weather for many from Midwest to the East Coast, said Tom Kines, a meteorologist at the private weather company AccuWeather.

“A lot of those folks have been saying, where's summer? Well, buckle up, because it's coming,” said Kines. The humid conditions will make places that exceed 90 degrees Fahrenheit feel as much as 20 degrees hotter, said Kines.

## Heat dome forming:

A heat dome occurs when a large area of high pressure in the upper atmosphere acts as a reservoir that traps heat and humidity, said Ricky Castro, a National Weather Service meteorologist in Illinois. According to the NWS Weather Prediction Center, daytime temperatures will be in the 90s Fahrenheit and overnight temperatures will only drop to the mid-70s Fahrenheit from the Great Lakes to the East Coast during the heat wave that's expected to last into next week.

Moisture blown northward from the Gulf of Mexico is fueling the muggy weather, said Jacob Asherman, a Weather Prediction Center meteorologist. This influx of moisture is fairly typical during late spring and summer, he said. The Gulf, which shares borders with Mexico and the U.S., was renamed by President Donald Trump to the Gulf of America.

The heat will be widespread into next week. On Friday, Denver could reach 100°F, according to the weather service. Chicago temperatures could reach 96 degrees on Sunday. On Tuesday, Washington, D.C., could see a high of 99°F and New York Central Park could reach 96°F.

Several states in the Midwest could see dangerous temperature impacts over the weekend, according to a weather service measure that rates the risk from zero to four. Parts of Nebraska and Kansas will

be in the highest category on the scale on Saturday, meaning that anyone without effective cooling or sufficient hydration could face health risks. On Sunday, Iowa, Wisconsin, Missouri and Illinois also see a category 4 rating.

## High humidity makes it hard to cool down:

Humidity is the amount of water vapor in the air, and the heat index is what the temperature feels like when the humidity outside is factored in, according to the weather service.

When humans sweat, it cools the body down because it absorbs and removes heat as it evaporates off the skin. The air is saturated with water on humid days, which makes it harder for sweat to evaporate. Hot and humid days can be dangerous when the body is unable to cool itself off and can exacerbate pre-existing health conditions and even lead to heat stroke.

Minimizing direct sun exposure, wearing loose and light-colored clothing, staying hydrated and spending time in air-conditioned spaces are ways to cool down during extreme heat, according to the NWS.

Some parts of the U.S., such as Phoenix, Arizona, are famously hot without the mugginess. Phoenix and nearby desert regions experience this so-called “dry heat” due to being located far away from large water bodies, mountains that block moist air masses and weather patterns that bring scarce precipitation.

Sweat evaporates faster in dry climates compared to humid ones. This can be dangerous because it is easy to underestimate how dehydrated you are, according to Johns Hopkins University and Johns Hopkins Health System.

## Even the crops “sweat”:

In places such as Iowa, crops can affect the humidity in summer months. Plants feel the effects of hot weather and some people in the Midwest are familiar with “corn sweat,” which is when crops move water to their leaves and other surfaces so it can evaporate, according to the Ohio State University.

Madison County, Iowa, farmer Ryan Marquardt said corn sweat is “not as bad as a sauna, but it definitely would have a sauna effect. It's humid in there (the cornfield), so you're gonna sweat.”

Cornfield contributions to the overall humidity are much lower compared to the humidity winds carry from the Gulf, according to OSU.

# Trump extends TikTok ban deadline for a third time, without clear legal basis

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump on Thursday signed an executive order to keep TikTok running in the U.S. for another 90 days to give his administration more time to broker a deal to bring the social media platform under American ownership.

Trump disclosed the executive order on the Truth Social platform Thursday morning.

“He's making an extension so we can get this deal done,” White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt told reporters on Thursday. “It's wildly popular. He also wants to protect Americans' data and privacy concerns on this app. And he believes we can do both at the same time.”

It is the third time Trump has extended the deadline. The first one was through an executive order on Jan. 20, his first day in office, after the platform went dark briefly when a national ban — approved by Congress and upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court — took effect. The second was in April when White House officials believed they were nearing a deal to spin off TikTok into a new company with U.S. ownership that fell apart after China backed out following Trump's tariff announcement.

It is not clear how many times Trump can — or will — keep extending the ban as the government continues to try to negotiate a deal for TikTok, which is owned by China's ByteDance. While there is no clear legal basis for the extensions, so far there have been no legal challenges to fight them. Trump has amassed more than 15 million followers on TikTok since he joined last year, and he has credited the trendsetting platform with helping him gain traction among young voters. He said in January that he has a “warm spot for TikTok.”

TikTok praised Trump for signing an extension Thursday.

“We are grateful for President Trump's leadership and support in ensuring that TikTok continues to be available for more than 170

million American users and 7.5 million U.S. businesses that rely on the platform as we continue to work with Vice President Vance's Office,” the company said in a statement.

As the extensions continue, it appears less and less likely that TikTok will be banned in the U.S. any time soon. The decision to keep TikTok alive through an executive order has received some scrutiny, but it has not faced a legal challenge in court — unlike many of Trump's other executive orders.

Jeremy Goldman, analyst at Emarketer, called TikTok's U.S. situation a “deadline purgatory.”

The whole thing “is starting to feel less like a ticking clock and more like a looped ringtone. This political Groundhog Day is

starting to resemble the debt ceiling drama: a recurring threat with no real resolution.”

That's not stopping TikTok from pushing forward with its platform, Forrester analyst Kelsey Chickering says.

“TikTok's behavior also indicates they're confident in their future, as they rolled out new AI video tools at Cannes this week,” Chickering notes. “Smaller players, like Snap, will try to steal share during this ‘uncertain time,’ but they will not succeed because this next round for TikTok isn't uncertain at all.”

For now, TikTok continues to function for its 170 million users in the U.S., and tech giants Apple, Google and Oracle were persuaded to continue to offer and support the

app, on the promise that Trump's Justice Department would not use the law to seek potentially steep fines against them.

Americans are even more closely divided on what to do about TikTok than they were two years ago.

A recent Pew Research Center survey found that about one-third of Americans said they supported a TikTok ban, down from 50% in March 2023. Roughly one-third said they would oppose a ban, and a similar percentage said they weren't sure.

Among those who said they supported banning the social media platform, about 8 in 10 cited concerns over users' data security being at risk as a major factor in their decision, according to the report.

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# Powell

(Continued from Page One) both sports while being a three-time letter winner in each as well.

In school, she participated in a variety of clubs and activities, including Student Council, Bible Club, Varsity Club, Ambassadors, Weather Capital Robotics and National Honor Society. She was named to the high honor roll in grades 7-12. She was both a Powder Puff player and a Powder Buff cheerleader.

Her other honors include being named October's Leader of the Month,

receiving the DAR Good Citizenship Award in her senior year, receiving the Biggest Heart Award in May 2024, and was the lieutenant governor of the 2024 Keystone Girls State.

Powell attended the Chestnut Grove Independent Church and the Way Youth Group. Her hobbies and other activities include reading her Bible, lifting, horseback riding with her mom and sister, and spending time with family.

Powell is striving to become a marine aviator at the Naval Academy.

Chestnut Grove Independent Church Pastor Joe Spack spoke words of encouragement to Powell regarding her future endeavors.

"I am pleased to see Avary following the leading of the Lord in her life. I am confident that she will accomplish all that the Lord has for her in serving our nation as she keeps her eyes upon him," he said.

Jefferson County Commissioners Scott North and Mark Humes also wished Powell farewell and good luck.

"I would like to wish her the best of luck. She is a very intelligent young lady and she will go far," Humes said.

"Anytime, in whatever capacity, a member of our community chooses to serve our country and is willing to step forward to serve the country and the community, it is a source of pride for our community. I certainly wish Avary every bit of good luck and wish her well in her endeavor, and thank her for making herself available to serve the country," North said.

# Camp

(Continued from Page One) this week. Both camps ran very smoothly, and to say our campers had loads of fun is truly an understatement," she said.

"This year will be our 46th year of providing free camps for our super special friends," she added. "Our camps are designed for school-age kids. However, we have many friends who have graduated and still return to a place they often refer to as their favorite vacation spot."

The camps are free

of charge and funded through our Run/Walk for Someone Special fundraiser. Ferko thanked Run/Walk supporters again for their help.

"I also want to take the time to thank our amazing staff, who are running such a well organized, very safe, and super fun week for our campers," she said. "And I cannot forget to thank all of our volunteers who give freely of their time to help at camp. We are just a truly great team who are truly blessed in so many ways."

This year, Camp Friendship has a new swing set thanks to the Punxsutawney Rotary Club, which recently completed its 2024/2025 Rotary Matching Grant Project.

"Each year, the Punxsutawney Rotary Club takes on a local project that impacts a local non-profit organization or the Punxsy community in collaboration with the Rotary District 7280 Foundation" said club President Roque Carrasco. "This year, the club

purchased and installed a new swing set for the Arc of Jefferson and Clearfield Counties Camp Friendship location" he added. "The local Rotary District Foundation does a match of up to \$1,500 with each club that qualifies for the grant project."

In addition to purchasing and installing the new swing set, Rotarians and other volunteers painted some other already existing playground equipment at the camp, including a seesaw and merry-go-round.

# Police

(Continued from Page One) minors and criminal use of a communication facility, all felonies, as well as a misdemeanor count of indecent assault.

814 Pred Hunters is a private local organization that runs decoy social media accounts purported to belong to juveniles in an attempt to catch online predators. The organization reached out to borough police on Tuesday, indicating one of its decoys had been in contact with Bollinger.

Police were provided with a copy of messages allegedly exchanged between Bollinger and the decoy. Police wrote in the criminal complaint that Bollinger was informed early on that the account belonged to a juvenile, to which he reportedly acknowledged that she was "way too young," but "we can talk, I guess." The conversation began sexual, with Bollinger allegedly directly telling the decoy he wanted to have sex with her.

Police said Bollinger

continued to "aggressively and graphically" communicate with the juvenile about sexual activity. He reportedly sent explicit photos of other women and of himself. Eventually, he began making arrangements to meet the juvenile, allegedly for the stated purpose of sexual activity.

814 Pred Hunters told police Bollinger would be traveling to the Carter Avenue Playground at approximately 12:30 p.m. Around that time, his

vehicle was observed at Sheetz. When he turned into the playground, police stopped him and took him into custody.

During interview, Bollinger reportedly admitted to police that he had engaged in the conversations, sent adult photos and intended to have sex with the juvenile.

Bollinger was committed to the Jefferson County Jail in lieu of posting \$50,000 bail. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for July 23.

# Wages

(Continued from Page One) and are making \$13.68 per hour. For HVAC, the average is \$13.63 per hour for four students, one in Clearfield and three in Jefferson County.

Welding students are making \$11.90 per hour, with four in Jefferson and one in Clearfield.

The average wage by

shop for the 2024-2025 school year for 72 students was \$12.40 per hour.

"We have 15 students on co-op for summer, which is a great kickoff for the 2025-2026 school year, with phone calls and training agreements at different levels as we continue into August," Hathorn said.

Bob Wachob, JOC chair,

said that he would like to track these same people a year later to see if they stayed at their jobs and what they're getting paid.

"One of the things that we want to try and promote in this building is that they are staying in the area and make good wages," Wachob said. "These are great training wages, there's no doubt, but

where are they a year later? Are they being successful; are they being paid a livable wage? Let's see if we can make that happen."

Hathorn said they would absolutely like to do that, and they've already had discussion on how they are going to survey the 2025 graduates for next school year.

# Trump administration postpones classified briefings for lawmakers on Iran

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Trump administration on Tuesday postponed classified briefings for Senate and House members as lawmakers look for more answers about President Donald Trump's directed strikes on Iranian nuclear facilities over the weekend and his announcement on Monday that the two countries had reached a ceasefire agreement.

The Senate briefing has been rescheduled for Thursday so that Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth and Secretary of State Marco Rubio can attend, according to multiple people with knowledge of the scheduling change who would only discuss it on the condition of anonymity. House Speaker Mike Johnson, R-La., said on social media that the House briefing will now be held on Friday, "details to follow."

Trump proclaimed on social media that Israel and Iran had agreed that there will be an "Official END" of their conflict. That tentative truce briefly faltered Tuesday when Israel accused Iran of launching missiles into its airspace, but Trump later declared it was "in effect!"

The separate briefings for the House and Senate were to be led by CIA Director John Ratcliffe and Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard, along with Gen. Dan Caine, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and deputy secretaries of state Christopher Landau and Steve Feinberg.

Democrats in Congress, along with some Republicans, have many questions about Trump's unilateral decision to launch military action, arguing he should have gone to Congress for approval — or at least provided more justification for the attacks. Congress has not received any new intelligence since Gabbard told lawmakers in March that the U.S. believed Iran was not

building a new nuclear weapon, according to two people familiar with the intelligence. The people insisted on anonymity to share what Congress has been told.

Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer said it is "outrageous" that the administration postponed the briefings.

"There is a legal obligation for the administration to inform Congress about precisely what is happening," Schumer said. "What are they afraid of? Why won't they engage Congress in the critical details?"

California Rep. Pete Aguilar, chair of the House Democratic caucus, said that lawmakers "need evidence, we need details and we need to know them now."

House Majority Leader Steve Scalise, R-La., defended the administration's handling of the information, saying the briefings were postponed because "the situation is still developing" amid the recent ceasefire announcement.

Many lawmakers feel they have been left in the dark on what led to the strikes and amid escalating tensions between the White House and Congress over the role of the United States internationally — disagreements that don't always fall along party lines.

Democrats have been generally suspicious of the Republican president's strategy, and his motives abroad, but some believe the U.S. could have a role in supporting Israel against Iran. Others strongly believe the U.S. should stay out of it.

Some of Trump's strongest Republican supporters agree with the Democrats who oppose intervention, echoing the president's years of arguments against "forever wars." But most Republicans enthusiastically backed the strikes, saying Trump should have the power to act on his own.

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# ► Organ

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The toy counter on the museum's theater organ includes sound effects like a car horn, drum, cymbal, xylophone, orchestra bells, chimes, sleigh bells, castanets and glockenspiel, Lent said.

The technology in the toy counter came into use in the 1910s for theater organs to provide sound effects for silent films, Lent added.

The Wurlitzer organ now at the museum got its start nearly 100 years at the grand old Latonia Theatre that stood at the corner of Central Avenue and East First Street on Oil City's South Side.

"Organists often didn't see the pictures ahead of time, so they had to think fast," Lent said of the theater organists in the 1920s who played for silent films.

He added that the organs were designed to mimic the sounds of a variety of instruments in orchestras, including strings and horns.

The smallest pipes on the 1928 Wurlitzer are about the size of a pencil and the largest is 16 feet in length, Lent said. He added that the organ in Oil City is small for an organ.

Lent said he learned how to repair organs from his father, who was a professional organ player in addition to fixing organs.

Lent's own five-year-old son, also Robert Lent, and his wife, Lynne, accompanied him on this trip to Oil City and were hard at work cleaning part of the organ on Thursday.

Brandon Boocks, the Venango Museum executive director, said that in addition to the room housing the pipes, there are two rooms in the basement of the museum holding the fan and other organ components.

"It's built into this building," Boocks said.

The last time the organ saw



By Kara O'Neil

## Organ restorer Andrew Moore works on the cymbal for the toy counter on the Wurlitzer pipe organ in the Venango Museum on Thursday.

significant repairs was in the 1990s when it was repaired by volunteers, Lent said.

Lent explained that while the repairs done in the 1990s "didn't do any harm," the volunteers doing the work didn't have access to some of the proper materials so now some additional restoration work is needed.

Lent is making historically accurate repairs to the organ down to the color of the felts in the organ that nobody sees and the lamp for the organist to see by.

He said Boocks is very dedicated to taking care of and showing off the organ and has been a pleasure to work with.

"When everything is done, it will look and sound like it did when it was in the Latonia," Lent said of the multi-phase restoration project.

Another upgrade, Lent said, will be adding updated technology so organists can record songs on the organ and the songs can later be played back on the organ, enabling museum patrons to listen to

the organ even when no organist is present.

The current playback system still uses floppy discs, and the new system will be connected to a laptop, Lent said. It will also have the capacity to generate sheet music for whatever was played on the organ as well as creating the roles for a player piano from the recordings, he added.

Andrew Moore, who was assisting Lent on Thursday, noted that it is a rare thing that the Latonia's organ is still in the same town 100 years later, just across the river from the theater it was built for. Lent added it is also unusual for a museum to have a theater organ.

Members of the public will get to hear the restored toy counter in action tonight during a showing of "Three Ages," a silent Buster Keaton film.

The museum will host five showings of silent films from the 1920s in the coming months with live accompaniment on the organ.

Boocks said Thursday a few tickets were still available for tonight's film, but space is limited to 90 people.

Tickets are \$10 a person and the funds raised will go toward the multi-phase organ restoration project.

The tickets may be purchased on the museum's website, [venangomuseum.org](http://venangomuseum.org), or by calling the museum at 814-676-2007.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. tonight and the film begins at 7 p.m.

The other four films showing later this year will be "Grandma's Boy" starring Harold Lloyd on July 22; "The Black Pirate" starring Douglas Fairbanks on Sept. 13; "Two Tars," a Laurel and Hardy film, on Oct. 4; and John Barrymore in "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" on Oct. 17.

**KARA O'NEIL**, reporter for The Derrick and The News-Herald, can be reached at [karaoe@thederrick.com](mailto:karaoe@thederrick.com) or 814-677-8369.



By Joshua Sterling

## Titusville Public Safety Commissioner Dustin LeGoullon describes to City Council the need to replace the fire department's pumper truck. He suggested utilizing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

# ► Titusville

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"With something like CDBG, we will all feel it." Defending the program "will result in very real, actionable changes to our communities."

CDBG funds are used to fund a wide array of local projects, such as housing rehabilitation, public facilities and infrastructure, economic development, public services, blight remediation, and park improvements.

Griffin explained without CDBG funding for these services and asset maintenance, the result of defending the program will be a reduction in such services or the cost will fall on the local population.

Council members unanimously approved Resolution 13 of 2025, which authorizes sending a letter to the city's congressional representatives in support of the CDBG program.

For Titusville's demographics, the funding also can be used to purchase city emergency response assets as critical as fire trucks.

Public Safety Commissioner Dustin LeGoullon approached council during the meeting to make a request that, if the CDBG program were to survive its current path through both chambers of Congress and the White House, the city allocate portions of its 2026 funding toward the purchase of a new mini-pumper fire truck.

LeGoullon said the mini-pumper would replace the city's current 1998 Class A pumper, which is nearing the end of its service life.

City Manager Neil Fratus said the replacement of the 1998 truck is "necessary to maintain efficient emergency response capabilities and ensure public safety."

He said "utilizing CDBG funds for fire apparatus replacement is consistent with federal guidelines, as it supports critical public safety infrastructure, particularly when serving areas that meet HUD's low- and moderate-income thresholds."

LeGoullon noted replacing the full-size Class A pumper with a mini-pumper is a strategic move for Titusville. He called the mini-pumper's four-wheel drive capabilities

"the most important aspect," as trucks often respond to outlying areas with difficult terrain.

These vehicles, he explained, are built on Ford chassis, making them easier and more affordable to maintain.

He said a mini-pumper would become Titusville Fire Department's first-due vehicle, which is the first dispatched to an emergency scene.

LeGoullon estimates replacing the Class A pumper with a similar model would cost between \$800,000 and \$1 million. A new mini-pumper, he said, starts at \$368,000, with a price tag between \$375,000 and \$380,000 to get it fully equipped with necessary equipment and capabilities.

Since the cost will exceed a single year's allocation of CDBG funds, he suggested splitting it over the course of two or three years of grant funding.

Fratus also noted a pre-construction conference with contractor AMP Electric was scheduled for the following day to prepare for another CDBG-funded infrastructure upgrade. A project funded with recent years' allocation of the grant program will upgrade the electric systems at the centrally located Scheide Park.

On the agenda for that meeting, he said, is a review of the entire project scope, key milestones and establishing a detailed timeline for the work.

### Street paving

Titusville's annual paving program is underway, as milling has begun on sections of Dillon Drive, Maxwell Drive and Meadow Lane.

Once that initial work is completed on those streets, milling will move into the central areas of the city — along Main, Monroe, Washington, First and East Oak streets. Milling also is scheduled for a length of Overlook Drive and Caldwell Street.

"Looking ahead to next week," Fratus said, "the Ed Myer Complex is scheduled to be milled" prior to paving beginning the following week.

The low bidder for the work was Cross Paving, at a cost of \$262,292.36. The Ed Myer Complex portion of the citywide paving program is funded with CDBG money.

## Federal immigration agents asked to leave Dodger Stadium parking lot, team says

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Los Angeles Dodgers organization said Thursday that it asked federal immigration agents to leave the Dodger Stadium grounds after they arrived at a parking lot near one of the gates.

Dozens of federal agents with their faces covered arrived in SUVs and cargo vans to a lot near the stadium's Gate E entrance. A group of protesters carrying signs against U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement started amassing shortly after, local media reported.

"This morning, ICE agents came to Dodger Stadium and requested permission to access the parking lots. They were denied entry to the grounds by the organization,"

the team said in a statement posted on X.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement posted on X that its agent were never there.

Tricia McLaughlin, a spokesperson for the Department of Homeland Security, said the agents were with Customs and Border Protection and that they were not trying to enter the stadium.

"This had nothing to do with the Dodgers. (Customs and Border Protection) vehicles were in the stadium parking lot very briefly, unrelated to any operation or enforcement," she said in an email.

The team said the game against the San Diego Padres later Thursday was to be played as planned.

## ► Flooding

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There were a total of 18 calls to emergency personnel to report flooding, along with 17 calls to report downed trees or power lines, according to Venango County 911.

All told, there were 28 calls to report flooding as a result of the weather on both Tuesday and Wednesday, 911 said.

In Clarion County, there was no flooding or closed roads that were reported as a result of Wednesday's weather, according to Clarion County 911, but there were four reports for either downed trees or power lines.

Clarion County 911 on Wednesday told the newspaper that it received no reports of flooding as a result of Tuesday's weather, but that one tree had been reported as down.

National Weather Service meteorologist Liana Lupo told

the newspaper that three-quarters of an inch to 1.2 inches of rain fell throughout the day and evening on Wednesday.

### What's ahead

Lupo said there was potential for more flooding on Thursday, as more storms had been expected in the afternoon. Beginning today, though, there is little to no chance of rain until Wednesday, according to Lupo.

The ground should have time to dry out during the next few days as the temperatures going into midweek will reach into the mid-90s, but could feel warmer due to the moisture in the air, she said.

With summer officially beginning today, Lupo said the long-range forecast for the season calls for a 30% to 40% chance that precipitation will be above normal, and "temperatures are also expected to be above normal over the summer this year."

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## POLICE & FIRE CALLS THURSDAY TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

### Eik

A single-vehicle crash occurred near 11142 Route 208 in Elk Township at about 6:53 a.m. Thursday, according to Clarion County 911. Clarion state police, Shippenville Volunteer Fire Department and Knox Area Volunteer Ambulance Company responded to the scene, which cleared at 7:50 a.m.

## WEDNESDAY TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

### Emlenton

A single-vehicle crash occurred near 1003 Kerr Avenue in Emlenton at about 6:09 p.m. Wednesday, according to Venango County 911. Emlenton police, Emlenton Volunteer Fire Department and Emlenton Area Ambulance Service responded to the scene, which cleared at 8:07 p.m.

# Weather

## Local forecast

**Today:** Thunderstorms likely. High 86. Low 69.

**Tonight:** Mostly cloudy. Low 67.

**Thursday:** Showers likely. High 86.

## Extended forecast

**Friday:** Thunderstorms. High 86. Low 69.

**Saturday:** Showers likely. High 84. Low 66.

**Sunday:** Mostly sunny. High 86. Low 67.

## Sun & moon

Sunset tonight: 8:56 p.m.  
Sunrise tomorrow: 5:46 a.m.

New moon: Tonight  
First quarter: July 2  
Full moon: July 10

# Temperature in New York City reaches 100 degrees

NEW YORK (AP) — Extensive triple digit heat, broken temperature records and oppressive humidity piled up into a steaming mess as the heat dome crushing the Eastern half of the nation sizzled to what should be its worst Tuesday.

New York City's John F. Kennedy Airport hit 100 degrees Fahrenheit a little after noon, the first time since 2013. Then Baltimore, Philadelphia and Boston joined the 100 club. More than 150 million people woke up to heat warnings and forecasters at the National Weather Service expected dozens of places to tie or set new daily high temperature records Tuesday. The dangerous heat sent people to the hospital, delayed Amtrak trains and caused utilities to urge customers to conserve power.

"Every East Coast state today from Maine to Florida has a chance of 100 degree actual temperature," said private meteorologist Ryan Mauc, a former National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration chief scientist.

Fryeburg, Maine, also hit 100, for the first time since 2011.

"Getting Maine to 100 degrees is infrequent," Mauc said.

Tuesday's heat came on top of 39 new or tied heat records Monday. But just as dangerous as triple digit heat is the lack of cooling at night, driven by the humidity.

"You get the combination of the extreme heat and humidity but no relief," said Jacob Asherman, a meteorologist at NOAA's Weather Prediction Center. "It's kind of been just everything stacked on top of itself... It just keeps to how strong this heat wave is. This is a pretty, pretty extreme event."

Asherman and Mauc said Tuesday is the peak of the high pressure system that sits on top of the Mid-Atlantic and keeps the heat and humidity turned up several notches.

"Nobody is immune to the heat," said Kimberly McMahon, the weather service public services program manager who specializes in heat and health.

### Heat turns dangerous

Dozens attending outdoor high school graduation ceremonies in a northern New Jersey city on Monday were treated for heat exhaustion and related problems, including 16 taken to hospitals. The Paterson school district held ceremonies in the morning and the afternoon as temperatures soared to nearly 100 degrees. Officials halted the second ceremony about an hour after it had started due to the heat.

## EDUCATION

### Academic honor roll

**Mahalia Campbell** of Titusville and **Fiona Shaffer** of Fairmount City, student-athletes at Thiel College in Greenville, were placed on the spring Presidents Athletic Conference academic honor roll.

Campbell is an early childhood special education major and a member of the softball team.

Shaffer is a health systems major and a member of the women's lacrosse team.

### Graduates

**Brenda Moore** of New Bethlehem graduated cum laude this spring from Commonwealth University-Lock Haven.

The following area students graduated this spring from Butler County Community College:

**Mattison Drake**, **Markelle Prueter**, **Katherine Simpson** and **Kelsey Warren**, Brookville; **Amanda Claypoole**, Clarion; **Nathaniel Amon**, **Allyson Long**, **Mark Russell** and **Levi Throckmorton**, Grove City; **Chloe Broyer**, **Nathan Massie** and **Breana Northcott** of Harrisville; **Kelly Forell** of Lucinda; **Aubrey Minich**, **Alexis Cole** and **Emma Johns**, Parker; **Holly Murray**, **Rimersburg**; **Raquel Frey**, **Sandy Lake**; and **Aimee Silva**, **Sigel**.

### Dean's list

**Macy Dinger** and **Coryna Thornton** of Brookville, **Brittney Downes** of Emlenton, **Skyler Lilly** of Grove City, **Breana Northcott** of Harrisville and **Autumn Rapp** of Parker were named to the spring 2025 dean's list at Butler County Community College.

# Franklin board modifies some district policies after discussion

BY HELEN FIELDING  
Staff writer

Policy updates were on the agenda at Monday's Franklin School Board meeting, and some of the policies were modified after discussion among the board.

The governance committee met before the board meeting to discuss three policies, including two of the ones voted on Monday, and after hearing the committee's recommendations the board voted to update one of the policies but didn't accept the updates to the other policy.

Policy 718, on service animals in schools, unanimously passed with changes that had been recommended by the governance committee.

Rather than listing specifics of certain service animals, including miniature horses, in the policy itself, the committee had recommended simply stating that the school district would comply with all Americans with Disabilities Act laws.

One of the reasons given was that the district wouldn't have to update its policy in the future if new animals are added to or taken away from ADA laws.

However, updates to policy 320, on freedom of speech by employees, failed to pass, in a tie vote of 4-4. The updates were recommended by the Pennsylvania

School Boards Association. Sabrina Backer, Cheryl Ferry, Ronald Richburg and Randy Stachelrodt voted in favor of the policy updates, while Andy Boland, Leslie Boyer, Alesha Hartsfield and Garrett Lowman voted no. Tracey Leyda was excused from Monday's meeting.

The policy states that it is intended to "clarify situations in which an employee's expression could conflict with the district's interests, when the employee is not engaged in assigned duties."

"In such instances," it continues, "the district, in coordination with the school solicitor, must balance the employee's interests regarding freedom of expression on issues of public concern as a private citizen against the interests of this district in promoting the efficient and effective functioning and educational purpose of the district."

The four-person governance committee had recommended 3-1 against the PSBA-recommended policy updates, although different reasons were given for committee members' opposition.

Lowman said he opposed any attempt to control employees' freedom of speech outside the district, while Boyer said she could "live with" the existence of the policy—a form of it already exists in the district — but

she felt some of the updates were "too vague" as to what qualified as speech that would disrupt the educational environment or functioning of the district.

"It's too subjective," Boyer said.

Hartsfield was concerned that with the updates, employees might not feel they could speak up if, at some point, anything was amiss within the district.

Stachelrodt and Superintendent Eugene Thomas noted that the policy also mandates consultation with a school solicitor as a safeguard.

Much of the policy content is already included in the Pennsylvania Code of Conduct and collective bargaining agreements, Thomas added, regardless of whether it is laid out verbatim in the district's policies.

"If it's outside of school and spills over and affects what happens in school, that's where the policy comes into play," he said.

Since the updates weren't approved, policy 320 will revert to its previous version, titled "Freedom of Speech in Nonschool Settings."

PSBA-recommended updates to Policy 317, on conduct and disciplinary procedures, were also passed on final reading Monday, while updates to policies 622, 626 and 827, on accounting and financial reporting, fiscal compliance and conflicts of

interest, were approved on first reading and will go on to their second and final reading next month.

### Governance committee

The governance committee also spent some time discussing the district's proposed policy to allow livestreaming of board meetings. The policy has not come before the school board as a whole for a vote yet.

And Stachelrodt asked if the governance committee, which has responsibility for reviewing and revising policies that pertain to the school board, could go through policies in that section and update items such as outdated addresses and grammatical or structural changes.

Thomas said if they were simple "wordsmithing" changes that did not change the substance of the policies, the committee could make those changes with a blanket approval from the board as a whole.

And Boyer said that after the November election, she would like the committee to meet with new board members to welcome them and give them orientation, since it is listed as one of the committee's functions.

**HELEN FIELDING**, reporter for The Derrick and The News-Herald, can be reached at helenfielding@thederrick.com or 614-877-8374.

## Astronomical society to hold public night Saturday

The Oil Region Astronomical Society will host a public night at 8 p.m. Saturday at the society's learning center and Bedow Memorial Observatory.

The learning center is located about 1,500 feet north of Camp Coffman in Cranberry.

Richard Lloyd, who teaches math, chemistry and physics at PennWest-Edinboro, will present some facts about the cosmic microwave background.

Afterward, the observatory's telescope will be available for

observing, weather permitting.

A simultaneous live version of the education program will be available via Zoom for those who can't make it to the observatory.

Those who will attend via Zoom must register before midnight Thursday at <https://forms.gle/A5kE1nSIPU2vN95B8> and a link will be emailed prior to the event.

The public nights are free. More information about the astronomical society and its events is available at [oras.org](http://oras.org).

## Why West Park Physical Therapy & Diagnostics?



Katie Wilkinson, PTA was born and raised in Franklin, Pa. She has a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology and received her Associates of Sciences as a Physical Therapist Assistant from Penn State Shenango in 2013. Katie has completed certification in instruction of "Delay The Disease" and LSVT Big, both are exercise-based programs designed to delay progression of and symptoms of Parkinson's disease. In her free time, Katie enjoys camping, kayaking, and being with her family. Katie is the lead PTA on the lower extremity team in Franklin. Here is just one of hundreds of 5-star ratings on Google: "Had a knee replacement, first surgery of any kind. The therapists that work with me are great, compassionate and helpful. They explain why you are doing the exercises and their end result. If I ever need PT again, I would definitely do a repeat performance there. Thanks girls!!" If you have a problem with pain, movement, balance or some other injury, call our office today to set up an initial evaluation or diagnostic testing. In most cases a prescription or referral is not needed. Franklin 814-437-6191 or Seneca 814-493-8631.

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If you see **Ann Adams** today wish her a **Happy 95th Birthday!**

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED UTILITY FACILITY

Re: Application Of Mid-Atlantic Interstate Transmission, LLC Filed Pursuant To 52 Pa. Code Chapter 57, Subchapter G, for Approval of the Siting and Construction of the Piney-Seward 115 kV Transmission Line Project Located in Piney, Monroe, Limestone, Porter, Redbank, Ringgold, Timblin, West Mahoning, North Mahoning, East Mahoning, Rayne, Green, Pine, Buffington, East Wheatfield, and St. Clair Townships in Westmoreland, Indiana, Jefferson, Armstrong, and Clarion Counties, Pennsylvania, Docket Number: A-2025-3054924

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that on April 11, 2025, Mid-Atlantic Interstate Transmission, LLC ("MAIT") filed an Application with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("PUC") requesting all necessary authority and approvals to locate and construct a 115 kilovolt ("kV") transmission line. The proposed Piney-Seward 115 kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project ("Project"), situated in Piney, Monroe, Limestone, Porter, Redbank, Ringgold, Timblin, West Mahoning, North Mahoning, East Mahoning, Rayne, Green, Pine, Buffington, East Wheatfield, and St. Clair Townships in Indiana, Westmoreland, Armstrong, Jefferson, and Clarion counties, Pennsylvania will be approximately 66 miles in length. The Project will originate at the existing Seward Substation and extend northwest toward the existing Piney Substation, where it will be constructed as a single circuit, 6-wire 115 kV configuration utilizing steel structures and will require the installation of approximately 336 new structures. The Project will be constructed within new and existing transmission line right-of-way.

A Telephonic Prehearing Conference for this Application will be held on Monday, August 4, 2025, at 10:00 AM before Administrative Law Judge Chad Allensworth. The purpose of the Prehearing Conference generally will be to identify the relevant issues and interested parties, if any, and to establish a schedule for the submission of evidence, hearings, and other procedural matters. To participate in the Telephonic Prehearing Conference you must use this information to call in to the conference bridge:

- Toll-free Bridge Number: 888.537.9826
- PIN Number: 59951562

You must dial the toll-free conference number above. You must enter the PIN number above when instructed. You must speak your name when prompted, and press #. Then, the telephone system will connect you to the hearing.

If you wish to participate in the process before the Commission, you must file a protest or petition to intervene by July 31, 2025, with: **Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission**, Attn: Matt Homsher, Secretary, Commonwealth Keystone Building, 400 North Street, Second Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17120

As a reference aid, be sure to include the "docket number," which is A-2025-3054924. You should also provide a copy of any protest or petition to intervene to MAIT's counsel, whose names and addresses are provided below:

Joey T. Chen, Esquire, FirstEnergy Services Company, 341 White Pond Drive, Akron, OH 44320  
David B. MacGregor, Esq., Garrett P. Lent, Esq., Megan E. Rulli, Esq., Post & Schell, P.C., 17 North Second Street, 12th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17101-1601

A complete copy of the Application is available for public inspection weekdays during normal business hours at: (i) Post & Schell P.C.'s offices at 17 North Second Street, 12th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17101-1601, (ii) at the Office of the Secretary of the Commission (Commonwealth Keystone Building, 400 North Street, Harrisburg, PA), or (iii) the Commission's website at <https://www.puc.pa.gov/pdocs/1877983.pdf>.