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NEW DETAILS

Residents who oppose data center pack meeting

Locals have expressed concerns about higher water, energy bills.

By **Bryn Dippold**
Staff Writer

A lot of people showed up to the Trenton council chambers Thursday during a more than four-hour public meeting, speaking against a planned data center.

What to know about the data center:

- Trenton completed a \$7.7 million deal in mid-October with real estate company Prologis on 141 acres of land in the city
- The purchase agreement detailed plans to develop a 1 million-square-foot data center on the property, though no site plan with final specifications has been submitted
- The land lies within the Tren-

ton Industrial Park near Kennel and Woodsdale roads and is just east of Molson Coors Beverage Company

- Environmental and traffic impact studies have not been completed
- No tax abatements have been decided on
- The operator of the data center is not known at this time

When news of the sale hit the community, people were quick to

speak against it – citing concerns of higher energy and water bills, noise and light pollution, emergency response times, and worries the community was left in the dark about the plans.

“On council, we read all of (these plans) numerous times, and we had nobody at the council meetings and no one spoke up and said anything until we were done,” Mayor Ryan Perry said.

Perry said the city will work

on improving communications, which will include newsletters, live Q&As with the mayor, monthly roundtables on the last Thursday of the month and the movement of council and work session recordings from Facebook – which deletes videos after 30 days – to a permanent home on YouTube.

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Local Navy veteran gets preview of sub memorial

Former USS Cincinnati crew member says site will be busy on future Veterans Days.

By **Michael D. Clark**
Contributing Writer



Former USS Cincinnati nuclear submarine veteran Scott Lucas recently got to “come aboard” again at the construction site of the attack sub’s coming \$9.5 million Cold War memorial in Butler County. The local U.S. Navy veteran said it was emotional and special to see up close the reassembling of the submarine he spent years on as a radio crew member. MICHAEL D. CLARK / STAFF

ilton County, the 62-year-old veteran was recently invited to preview the memorial construction site adjacent to the grounds of another nationally unique, Cold War memorial, the Voice of America National Museum of Broadcasting.

When completed and opened in May 2026, the \$9.5 million memorial will feature walk-through spaces of the submarine’s skeleton frame and historical, educational kiosks on the historical vessel – which was launched in 1977 and decommissioned in 1996 – and its global impact on patrolling international waters.

“The longest I was underwa-

ter in my service was 32 straight days,” said Lucas, whose voyages on the submarine included patrolling of the Atlantic Ocean and the Caribbean Sea.

Bob Viney, vice president and program executive of the Submarine Cincinnati Memorial Association, said the memorial project construction, which is visible from Tylersville Road, is on schedule though falling short so far in parts of its fundraising campaign.

“We are still fundraising for all the big projects we want to include here,” said Viney, referring to educational features planned for students and others involving both Cold War history

and STEM learning components of the submarine’s construction and operation.

In the future, said Viney, “I think this will be the major place people come to celebrate Veterans Day, Memorial Day and other national holidays because of the land around here,” referring to the spacious VOA park acreage surrounding the memorial site.

“We can have 5,000 people here,” said Viney.

The fundraising campaign continues as memorial officials strive to cover all the site’s costs. For more information and donation options to the memorial fund see the Submarine Cincinnati Memorial Association website.

CLOSER LOOK

Insurance premiums from employers continue to rise

Average employee contribution tops \$6,800 annually for family coverage.

By **Michael Kurtz**
Staff Writer

Family premiums for employer-sponsored health insurance coverage are up 6% from last year and are expected to rise again next year, according to an annual survey from the health policy analysis organization KFF, previously known as the Kaiser Family Foundation.

The average annual premiums for employer-sponsored health insurance in 2025 are \$9,325 for single coverage and \$26,993 for family coverage, according to the survey.

On average, employees contribute \$6,850 annually to the cost of family coverage, with employers paying the rest.

“There is a quiet alarm bell going off. With GLP-Is, increases in hospital prices, tariffs and other factors, we expect employer premiums to rise more sharply next year,” KFF President and CEO Drew Altman said. “Employers have nothing new in their arsenal that can address most of the drivers of their cost increases, and that could well result in an increase in deductibles and other forms of employee cost charging again, strategy

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