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THE REEL DEAL



Mirror photo by Patrick Waksmundski

Kerry Martin of Bedford Township fly fishes the Raystown Branch of the Juniata River near Fort Bedford Park in Bedford on Tuesday afternoon.

Man gets 7.5-20 years in UPMC attack

Lloyd found guilty
of brutal assault
on hospital staffer

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HOLLIDAYSBURG — A Tyrone man who left a UPMC Altoona ER technician with a fractured skull and brain bleed was sentenced Thursday morning to 7.5- to 20-years' incarceration.

A Blair County jury deliber-

ated about 20 minutes before finding Bradley Scott Lloyd, 41, guilty of three felony counts of aggravated assault and single misdemeanor counts of simple assault and disorderly conduct for attacking Travis Dunn, who was acting as Lloyd's safety sitter, on Nov. 1, 2025.

Before handing down Lloyd's sentence, President Judge Wade A. Kagarise, who presided over Lloyd's two-day trial in late July, heard an impact statement from Dunn.

"I'm lucky to be alive."

Travis Dunn,
UPMC employee
injured in assault

Dunn told Kagarise that he didn't believe leniency would be appropriate in the case and asked him to consider the impact of Lloyd's actions. He said Lloyd took his health and his career.

"I'm lucky to be alive," Dunn said.

After being attacked by Lloyd, Dunn was assessed in the hospital's trauma bay before being flown by helicopter to UPMC Presbyterian in Pittsburgh, where he underwent emergency neurosurgery. Dunn spent three days in the hospital, with the following month spent traveling back and forth between Altoona and Pittsburgh for follow-up appointments.

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House targets e-scooter regulations

Lawmakers approve
measure to mandate
helmets, ban children
under 16 from riding

By JOHN FINNERTY
CapitolWire

Legislation barring youth under 16 from riding e-scooters and mandating helmets for riders under 18 was approved by the state House on Tuesday.

House Bill 1633 would also cap

e-scooter speeds at 25 mph and allow local officials to enact ordinances with stricter limitations than those in the state law, though fines are capped at \$100.

"If you love e-scooters, this bill is for you," said Rep. Emily Kinkead, D-Allegheny, the prime sponsor of HB 1633.

Kinkead said the legislation sets "reasonable restrictions" and creates rules of the road for e-scooters as they become increasingly common.

"Doing nothing only means things stay as they are. Not get

any better," she said.

Rep. Jennifer O'Mara, D-Delaware, spoke in favor of the legislation, saying that the community in her district was "rattled" by an e-scooter crash that claimed the life of a 12-year-old girl. And when parents began calling her office to ask what the rules for e-scooter use are in Pennsylvania, they were astounded to learn that there are none in place yet.

The measure was approved by a vote of 176-27 and now goes to the state Senate. The House and Senate are both in session Wednesday and only have two lame-duck ses-

sion days scheduled after midterm elections, making it unlikely that the legislation will make its way to Gov. Josh Shapiro this year.

The legislation does not cover electric bicycles or other forms of electric mobility devices. Two lawmakers — Reps. Eddie Pashinski, D-Luzerne, and Joe McAndrew, D-Allegheny — have announced plans for legislation setting rules for e-bike use but neither measure has been introduced and Pashinski is retiring at the end of the legislation session.

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Resident seeks help with sewer line collapse damage

City home damaged
after water authority
replaced faulty pipe

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An Altoona man asked the Altoona Water Authority board Thursday for help dealing with

damage that occurred in July after a terra cotta sewer line running under his house collapsed, coupled with further damage that occurred when the authority replaced the collapsed line.

"We will talk about it and let you know what we come up with," board Chairman Bill Neugebauer told Stephen Shortsleeve of the 1100 block of 23rd Avenue.

Water pressure in the collapsed line from a storm disturbed the house foundation and "exploded" the basement floor, flooding the basement nearly to the ceiling and destroying the furnace and other appliances — everything in the basement but a handful of ceramic items, Shortsleeve said.

An excellent authority crew cleaned up the mess, but when authority workers pushed a steel

replacement pipe under the house from a hole in the back yard toward a connection in front, the new pipe emerged a foot too low and off to the side, leading workers to lift and shift that end with a chain hooked to a loader, possibly disturbing the ground under the house — because immediately afterward, the front door wouldn't open without a shoulder push, the side door wouldn't close

and the back door wouldn't open, Shortsleeve said.

Since then, the Shortsleeve family has been living at a relative's house; they've discovered their homeowner's insurance won't cover the damage and they've been dealing with the authority's insurance company — without satisfactory results so far.

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TAYLOR TOWNSHIP

Taylor OKs ordinance to regulate data center

Some residents say new rules don't go far enough to prevent proposed project

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ROARING SPRING — After more than a dozen residents voiced their opposition to an incoming data center, Taylor Township officials on Thursday unanimously approved an amended Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance that they hope will better protect the township's citizens.

The special meeting was held at 11 a.m. in the Taylor Township municipal building to accommodate residents who work late, said board Chairman Jerome Dodson.

Talks about a possible data center being built in Taylor Township have been ongoing since September, with TerraWatt of New York City eyeing the former Appvion Paper Mill site.

Armed with that information, township officials began looking at amending the subdivision and land development ordinance to protect the community from the data center's negative effects.

While township officials voted on the amended SALDO, "there are many steps after this," Dodson said.

Public comment

Despite some updates from a draft ordinance presented earlier this month, many residents said the new ordinance doesn't go far enough to protect the community. Standing before township officials and a crowd of concerned residents, Amy Langer acknowledged an improvement in the SALDO, compared to the first draft, such as the sound not exceeding 50 decibels. But she still has concerns.

"In too many areas, this ordinance is still written more for the convenience of the developer than for the protection of the people who already live here," she said.

Big issues still exist in the revised SALDO, she said, including a proposed data center located no closer than 300 feet to an existing structure, which she said contradicts other state ordinances that propose 1,000 feet.

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