



September 7-13, 2018

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Session Status

At 12:17 p.m. on Wednesday, June 27, 2018 the Senate met briefly in non-voting session and now stands in recess until the call of the President Pro Tempore.

At 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 13, 2018 the House met briefly in non-voting session and now stands adjourned until Monday, September 24, 2018 at 12:00 p.m., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

Upcoming Session Days

House

September 25, 26
October 1 (NV), 2 (NV), 9, 10, 15, 16, 17
November 13

Senate

September 24, 25, 26
October 1, 2, 3, 15, 16, 17
November 14



WEEKLY TRANSPORTATION RECAP

Around the Rotunda

No Around the Rotunda this week.

Committee News

Independent Regulatory Review Commission

9/13/18, 10:00 a.m., 333 Market Street, 14th Floor Conference Room

By Jessica Richardson and Derek Snyder, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) met to consider regulations.

Chairman George Bedwick, Commissioner Murray Ufberg and Commissioner Dennis Watson were in attendance. Vice Chairman John Mizner and Commissioner Russell Faber participated via conference call.

Minutes from the August 16, 2018, meeting were unanimously **approved**.

3155 Department of Transportation #18-469: Hazardous Material Transportation was **deemed approved**.

Certain vouchers were unanimously **approved**.

Tentatively, the next IRRC meeting will be Thursday, October 18, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. in the 14th Floor Conference Room, 333 Market Street, Harrisburg.

For more information on IRRC and the regulations, please visit IRRC's [website](#).

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Bullet.in.Points

IRRC: NOTICE OF COMMENTS ISSUED

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission issued comments on the following proposed regulations:

- No. 57-320: Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, *Minimum Insurance Requirements for Motor Carriers of Passengers*
- No. 16A-7022: State Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers, *Federally-Mandated Revisions*

Full comments can be viewed in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

Cosponsor Memos

HCO3738

Gillen, Mark(R)

Waives the driver vehicle registration fee for volunteer firefighters.



Bill Actions

HB 482 Roae, Brad(R)

(PN 3474) The State-Owned Vehicle Assignment Limitation Act provides that a state official may not be assigned a state-owned vehicle. Prohibits the use of Commonwealth funds to be used to lease a vehicle to or on behalf of a state official. The prohibition shall not apply to a state official whose official duties require assignment or lease of a vehicle for emergency response. A state official who has been assigned a state-owned vehicle or a vehicle leased by the Commonwealth before the effective date of this act may continue to use the vehicle under the same rules and procedures in effect before the effective date until the state official is no longer a member of the General Assembly, relinquishes control of the vehicle back to the Commonwealth or is otherwise no longer eligible to use the vehicle. Further provides a state official who has been assigned a state-owned vehicle or a vehicle leased by the Commonwealth before the effective date of this act may not be assigned a different vehicle after the state official ceases using the assigned vehicle. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 506)

Bill History:

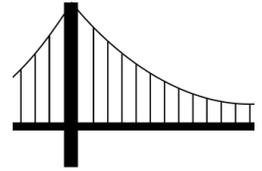
06-22-18 H Removed from the table
06-22-18 H Laid on the table
09-13-18 H Set on the Tabled Calendar
09-13-18 H Removed from the table
09-24-18 H Set on the House Calendar

HB 652 Emrick, Joe(R)

(PN 2868) Amends the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Compact further providing for audits by establishing the auditor general of Pennsylvania and state auditor of New Jersey shall jointly conduct annual financial and management audits of expenditures and operations of the commission and submit a report to the governors and legislatures of each state; and providing the governor of each state with power to ratify or veto actions taken by commissioners from that state within ten days after receipt. Effective immediately.

Bill History:

06-25-18 H First consideration
06-25-18 H Rereferred to House Rules
09-12-18 H Reported as committed from House Rules
09-12-18 H Laid on the table
09-24-18 H Set on the Tabled Calendar



HB 1576 Pickett, Tina(R)

(PN 2064) Amends the Insurance Department Act adding an article providing for limited lines travel insurance. A limited lines travel insurance producer is required to hold a limited lines travel insurance license to sell, solicit or negotiate coverage under a policy of travel insurance. A limited lines license shall authorize a travel retailer registered under the license of the limited lines insurance producer, and each employee or authorized representative of the travel retailer, to: (1) Offer and disseminate coverage under a policy of travel insurance to a customer when the licensed limited lines travel insurance producer is physically present in the location where the travel retailer or authorized representative engages in travel insurance transactions; and (2) Receive compensation from the limited lines travel insurance producer for those activities. A fee of \$400 shall accompany an application for a limited lines travel insurance producer license and a license renewal, which may be adjusted annually by the commissioner. Effective in 120 days. (Prior Printer Number: 2054)

Bill History:

05-22-18 H Removed from the table
09-12-18 H Set on the House Calendar
09-12-18 H Laid on the table
09-12-18 H Removed from the table
09-24-18 H Set on the House Calendar

HB 2426 Staats, Craig(R)

(PN 3559) Act designating a portion of Pennsylvania Route 563 in Bucks County as the PFC John Rivers Way. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

06-25-18 H First consideration
06-25-18 H Rereferred to House Rules
09-12-18 H Reported as committed from House Rules
09-12-18 H Laid on the table
09-24-18 H Set on the Tabled Calendar

HB 2632 Dush, Cris(R)

(PN 3978) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in licensing of drivers, stipulating that an occupational limited license shall expire 21 days after restoration of a driver's operating privilege. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

09-10-18 H Filed
09-11-18 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

HB 2638 Stephens, Todd(R)

(PN 3984) Amends the Transit Revitalization Investment District Act, in general provisions, further providing for declaration of policy and for definitions; and adding provisions relating to military installation remediation. Effective immediately.

Bill History:

09-12-18 H Filed
09-12-18 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Commerce



Upcoming Events

PA Turnpike Commission

***Rescheduled from 9/18/18** September 17, 2018 - 10:00 a.m., Turnpike Admin. Bldg, Large Board Room, 700 S. Eisenhower Blvd., 3rd Fl., Middletown*
Commission Meeting. For additional information: (717) 831-7333

PA Public Utility Commission

September 18, 2018 - 1:00 p.m., New Franklin Volunteer Fire Department Social Hall, 3444 Wayne Rd., Chambersburg
Public Input Hearings for Transource Transmission Line Case. For additional information: (717) 783-6152

PA Public Utility Commission

September 18, 2018 - 6:00 p.m., New Franklin Volunteer Fire Department Social Hall, 3444 Wayne Rd., Chambersburg
Public Input Hearings for Transource Transmission Line Case. For additional information: (717) 783-6152

State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons

September 18, 2018 - 9:00 a.m., 2601 North Third Street, Harrisburg
Board Meeting. For additional information: (717) 783-1697

Delaware River Port Authority/PATCO

September 20, 2018 - 9:00 a.m., 2 Riverside Drive, Camden NJ
Board Meeting. For additional information: (856) 968-2253

Pittsburgh Port Authority

September 20, 2018 - 8:30 a.m., Neal N. Holmes Board Room, 5th Floor, 345 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh
Planning & Stakeholder Relations Committee Meeting. For additional information: (412) 566-5137

Pittsburgh Port Authority

September 20, 2018 - 9:00 a.m., Neal N. Holmes Board Room, 5th Floor, 345 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh
Performance Oversight Committee Meeting. For additional information: (412) 566-5137

PA Public Utility Commission

September 20, 2018 - 10:00 a.m., Commonwealth Keystone Building, Hearing Room 1, 400 North St., Harrisburg
Public Meeting. For additional information: (717) 783-1740

PA Public Utility Commission

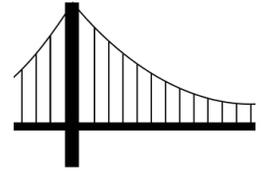
September 20, 2018 - 1:00 p.m., Airville Volunteer Fire Department, 3576 Delta Rd., Airville
Public Input Hearings for Transource Transmission Line Case. For additional information: (717) 783-6152

PA Public Utility Commission

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Southeastern Pennsylvania Transit Authority (SEPTA) Board

September 20, 2018 - 12:00 p.m., SEPTA Headquarters, 1234 Market Street, Mezzanine Level, Philadelphia
Administration Committee meeting immediately followed by an Operations Committee meeting.
For additional information: (215) 580-7800



Press Conference

9/24/2018 - 12:00 p.m., Harrisburg Hilton, 1 North 2nd Street, Harrisburg

PA Press Club Luncheon with Guest Speaker Governor Tom Wolf. RSVP to info@papressclub.org; \$30/person; \$300/table of 10

Press Conference

9/25/2018 - 2:00 p.m., Main Capitol Rotunda, Harrisburg

Description: Rally for Legislation Around Loaded Guns in Cars (unconfirmed)

Southeastern Pennsylvania Transit Authority (SEPTA) Board

September 27, 2018 - 3:00 p.m., SEPTA Headquarters, 1234 Market Street, Mezzanine Level, Philadelphia

Board Meeting. For additional information: (215) 580-7800

Pittsburgh Port Authority

September 28, 2018 - 9:30 a.m., Neal N. Holmes Board Room, 5th Floor, 345 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh

Board Meeting. For additional information: (412) 566-5137

PA Turnpike Commission

October 2, 2018 - 10:00 a.m., Turnpike Admin. Bldg, Large Board Room, 700 S. Eisenhower Blvd., 3rd Fl., Middletown

Commission Meeting. For additional information: (717) 831-7333

Press Conference

10/2/2018 - 1:00 p.m., East Wing Rotunda, Capitol, Harrisburg

Hazardous Nuclear Waste Transportation Update for PA (unconfirmed)

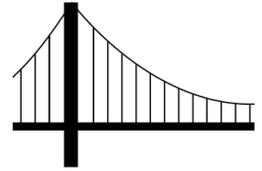
PA Public Utility Commission

October 4, 2018 - 10:00 a.m., Commonwealth Keystone Building, Hearing Room 1, 400 North St., Harrisburg

Public Meeting. For additional information: (717) 783-1740

In the News

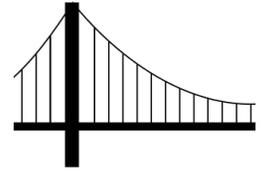
- 09-13-2018 [September 13, 2018 IRRC Public Meeting](#)
(Press Release)
- 09-13-2018 [PennDOT: Wolf Admin. Announces Second "Innovations Challenge" Contest...](#)
(Press Release)
- 09-13-2018 [Storm aftermath in S. Huntingdon includes landslide, washed-out bridge](#)
South Huntingdon motorists and residents on Wednesday were dealing with a landslide and a washed-out bridge in the wake of heavy rain and flooding that hammered the area on Monday. Two residents became isolated in their home along Huntingdon Road Monday when the storm washed out a private bridge over Lick Run that provided... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 09-13-2018 [Supervisors order ordinance on sidewalk maintenance in Strausstown](#)
The Upper Tulpehocken supervisors voted to have the township solicitor draft a sidewalk ordinance for the village of Strausstown. The proposed ordinance - part of an ongoing transition for the former borough that became part of the township on July 1, 2016 - will outline... - [Reading Eagle](#)



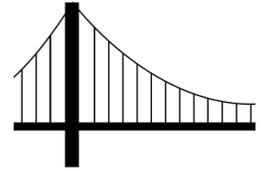
- 09-13-2018 **Bedford Heritage Trail gets funding**
The state will invest federal funding into the north extension of the Bedford Heritage Trail in Bedford County. "The Bedford Heritage Trail is an excellent example of what great things can be accomplished when officials, municipalities, agencies and citizens work together toward a common goal," PennDOT Secretary Leslie... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 09-13-2018 **EMTA board seats draw strong interest**
So far, 29 people have expressed interest in serving on the nine-member board. The list of potential replacements is growing fast. So far, 29 people have expressed interest in serving on the Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority's nine-member board of directors in the... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 09-13-2018 **Parents protest end of bus runs to day care at WWV**
KINGSTON — Stephanie Baumer was almost overlooked by the Wyoming Valley West School Board, standing on her toes to reach the podium microphone even as Board President Joe Mazur began regular board business. When Mazur noticed her, he apologized three times, and she spoke about the looming... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
- 09-13-2018 **Ex-Coughlin teacher gets house arrest for fifth DUI**
WILKES-BARRE — A former Coughlin High School teacher will be spending a month on house arrest after he pleaded guilty to his fifth DUI charge since 2002. Brian Hampel, 48, made headlines after he was fired by the Wilkes-Barre Area School District in 2016 when he was accused of acting as a lookout... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
- 09-13-2018 **Forecasting Florence: Storm's impact may be felt in the region next week**
As Hurricane Florence approaches the East Coast, area forecasters say the effects of that storm may not be felt locally until next week. The storm is projected to move inland late Thursday to Friday and could stay over North Carolina and South Carolina or shift north, according to... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)
- 09-13-2018 **Peters Township seeks approval for East McMurray Road design**
If the state Department of Transportation is agreeable, East McMurray Road will have a new configuration near the entrance to the former Rolling Hills Country Club property. Peters Township Council voted Monday to authorize Jim Berquist, council president, to sign an application to PennDOT for a highway occupancy permit... - [Washington Observer-Reporter](#)
- 09-13-2018 **Cumberland St. lanes near McDonald's may reopen by year's end**
PennDOT hopes to reopen both lanes of Cumberland Street by the end of the year near its intersection with Walnut and Eighth streets on Lebanon's east side – but construction still won't be complete. Some county residents were already growing impatient with the project at... - [Lebanon Daily News](#)
- 09-13-2018 **Boro Hears Plan To Revive Main Street**
Chris Boryan, Fulton County Medical Center Foundation assistant, and local business woman Helen Overly attended McConnellsburg Borough Council's September meeting last Wednesday evening to introduce Main Street McConnellsburg, a committee committed to the revitalization of the... - [McConnellsburg Fulton County News](#)



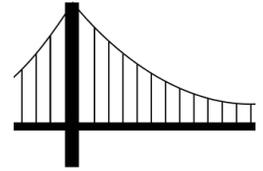
- 09-13-2018 **[\\$9 Million Improvement Project to Help University Park Airport Meet Growing Demand](#)**
As Centre County continues to grow in population and visitors, so too do its transportation infrastructure needs. That includes University Park Airport, which currently boards more than 140,000 passengers annually and is home to increasing number of commercial flights.... - [State College News](#)
- 09-13-2018 **[It's official: City, college are partners for Gateway project](#)**
Memorandums of understanding tend to be agreements between public entities that already are foregone conclusions. But the one approved between Williamsport City Council and Lycoming College recently is worth spotlighting. Council adopted a formal agreement on reinvesting in the college... - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)
- 09-13-2018 **[Township, fire department to collaborate on creating new position](#)**
Old Lycoming Township supervisors agreed Tuesday night to collaborate with the township's fire department on drafting job requirements and hiring an emergency services director, with the fire department paying for the majority of the position's salary and benefits and the township... - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)
- 09-13-2018 **[Education on 'Real ID' must become priority](#)**
Pennsylvania is gearing up to begin issuing Real ID-compliant driver's licenses and ID cards to people who want them, beginning in March. If you're not familiar with why this state will be making them available, you're not alone. It's safe to surmise that most... - [Lewistown Sentinel](#)
- 09-13-2018 **[Council backs effort to return rail to Phoenixville](#)**
PHOENIXVILLE — Borough Council voted unanimously Tuesday night to support the efforts of Mayor Peter Urscheler's task force to return passenger rail service to Phoenixville. The vote came after consultant Thomas Frawley presented his findings on the question which, simply put, would allow a "demonstration project" of three... - [Pottstown Mercury](#)
- 09-13-2018 **[Go-ahead given for North Wales 'Safe Routes' sidewalk project](#)**
NORTH WALES — The biggest milestone yet is now in the rearview mirror for a long-awaited sidewalk project in North Wales. A timeline has now been finalized for completion of the borough's Safe Routes to School sidewalk update program, according to Borough Manager... - [Lansdale Reporter](#)
- 09-13-2018 **[Desktop drill helps ready WV emergency personnel for Florence's arrival](#)**
As dozens of emergency response personnel gathered in Kanawha County's Metro 911 Center on Wednesday to hold a drill on planning for the arrival of 5 to 9 inches of rainfall from the remnants of a fictional tropical storm, they listened to the latest briefing on the arrival of the very real... - [Charleston Gazette-Mail](#)
- 09-13-2018 **[Don't let Jersey drivers make other states' roads more dangerous | Editorial](#)**
Gov. Murphy has been working on getting five states and Puerto Rico to share crime gun information. Meanwhile, a pair of New Jersey legislators want to hide information about another deadly weapon, the motor vehicle. That's both ironic and misguided. State Sens. Nicholas Scutari (D., Union) and Nicholas Sacco (D., Bergen)... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)



- 09-13-2018 **Noblestown Road in Elliott to remain closed through weekend after landslide**
Noblestown Road in Elliott will remain closed through the weekend after a landslide Tuesday , according to Pittsburgh officials. Soil continued to fall from a hillside two days later between Obey and Weaver streets. City workers removed trees and other debris from the area... - *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*
- 09-13-2018 **After OneJet issues, new policies would ban investments by airport authority board members**
Two Allegheny County Airport Authority board members may have to give up their investments in OneJet or resign under a new policy to be considered later this month. Based on a statement released Wednesday, the authority's board will entertain a proposal at its Sept. 21 meeting requiring any member who... - *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*
- 09-13-2018 **Hurricane Florence already canceled some flights, many more possible in coming days**
Some flights have already been canceled or postponed as Hurricane Florence makes its approach on the Carolina coast, but passengers won't begin to see the full impact of the storm on their travel until tomorrow. At the Harrisburg International Airport Wednesday, the only canceled... - *Penn Live, Patriot-News*
- 09-13-2018 **Saturday night travelers will have to get off Pa. turnpike**
A bridge that passes over the Pennsylvania Turnpike between the Breezewood and Bedford interchanges will be removed beginning late Saturday, requiring travelers to find a bypass around the approximately 20-mile stretch of the turnpike. The work is expected to finished in about 6 hours, allowing the... - *Penn Live, Patriot-News*
- 09-13-2018 **Hurricane Florence won't cause widespread gasoline price spikes, analyst says**
Hurricane Florence will not cause widespread spikes in gasoline prices, an analyst says. Supply continues to flow out of refineries at normal levels, said Patrick DeHaan, senior petroleum analyst at GasBuddy. No refineries have shut down because of Florence.... - *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*
- 09-13-2018 **Officials submit new application for federal Bus Rapid Transit funding**
Officials have submitted a revised application seeking federal funding for Pittsburgh's Bus Rapid Transit to connect Downtown and Oakland with electric buses. Pittsburgh's Urban Redevelopment Authority submitted the application last week seeking nearly \$100 million from the Federal Transit... - *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*
- 09-13-2018 **\$10 million plan for affordable housing in Pittsburgh gets URA approval**
Pittsburgh's Urban Redevelopment Authority on Thursday approved an allocation plan for the city's \$10 million affordable housing trust fund for the remainder of the year. The plan calls for allocating: •\$750,000 for homeless rental assistance for short-term rental... - *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*
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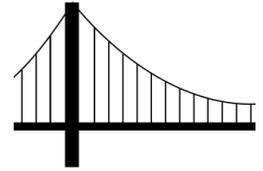
- 09-12-2018 **[Allegheny Institute Policy Brief: Steelers want to dip into taxpayer pockets...](#)**
(Press Release)
- 09-12-2018 **[Tours will showcase region's railroad history](#)**
Tours showcasing the region's railroad history through visits to several area sites will once again be offered by the Johnstown Area Heritage Association. The Pennsylvania Railroad Heritage Train and Bus Tours will visit locations such as the Johnstown Railroad Station, Railroaders Memorial Museum and... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)
- 09-12-2018 **[Lawrence-Butler boundary line to be resolved soon](#)**
A disparity over a boundary line dividing Lawrence and Butler counties could be resolved soon, possibly as early as this week. Questions about the Lawrence/Butler county boundary line location in Plain Grove and Slippery Rock townships arose two years ago when Love's Travel... - [New Castle News](#)
- 09-12-2018 **[State orders Allen Township to set aside land for park](#)**
Recent drainage improvements tied to the widening of Route 329 in Allen Township have prompted a state agency to ask for land to be set aside for park use to replace the affected property. The PennDOT work at Route 329 and the intersection of Howertown and Weaversville roads this summer, including widening the bridge over the Dry... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 09-12-2018 **[LVIA airlines prepare as Florence bears down on East Coast](#)**
As Hurricane Florence barrels toward the coasts of the Carolinas and Virginia, two of Lehigh Valley International Airport's carriers are encouraging customers to change their plans and stay out of the storm's path. Both Allegiant Airlines and American Airlines are offering flyers heading... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 09-12-2018 **[Bethlehem Area looks to outside help for transportation](#)**
The Bethlehem Area School District is seeking outside help to transport the number of students it takes to public, private and charter schools every morning. At Monday's school board meeting, the district discussed using the California-based American Logistics Company, which provides vans, SUVs and... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 09-12-2018 **[Blair airport authority seeks county backing for a loan](#)**
The Blair County Airport authority asked county commissioners Tuesday to be the guarantor of a \$1 million bank loan needed for a construction project that authority officials say will help the airport avoid insolvency. The commissioners, recognizing there is risk either way, decided to wait a... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 09-12-2018 **[Three Beaver County roads still closed following near-record rainfall](#)**
BEAVER — Three Beaver County roads remain closed due to flooding and landslides from this weekend's torrential rainstorms. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation closed more than a dozen roads Sunday and Monday after portions of Beaver County received in excess... - [Beaver County Times](#)
- 09-12-2018 **[Wilmington busing program questioned](#)**
Parents of Wilmington Area elementary students may soon get the times of arrival, boarding and departure of their child's school bus. They will not, however, be able to track the bus as it proceeds along its route. Dr. Jeffrey Matty, district superintendent, explained the new busing system... - [New Castle News](#)



- 09-12-2018 **High-speed chases in Lebanon County lead to dangerous crashes**
The driver of a Nissan Sentra didn't have his headlights on during rainy weather on Nov. 16, 2016, so North Cornwall Township Patrolman Joseph Fischer pulled over driver Marvin Rosa for what he probably thought was a routine traffic stop. But when Fischer approached, Rosa started driving again, this time with a... - [Lebanon Daily News](#)
- 09-12-2018 **Hurricane Florence to hit as category 4: Will path cause rain in Pa.?**
There's still water floating on front lawns in parts of York County, so news of more rain is mostly unwelcome here. But county and state officials are bracing for remnants of Hurricane Florence - even before the life-threatening, category 4 storm slams into North Carolina.... - [York Daily](#)
- 09-12-2018 **Fatal wreck slows Northeast Extension north of Valley**
Traffic was slowed Wednesday morning by a fatal crash on the Northeast Extension of the Pennsylvania Turnpike in Carbon County, state police report. A 30-year-old man crashed a Chrysler Sebring under the rear of a tractor trailer just after 5:30 a.m. at mile marker 89.3 of I-476 South in Kidder... - [Easton Express-Times](#)
- 09-12-2018 **9/11 Rolling memorial recalls lives lost in attacks**
It was a sea of motorcycles as far as you could see as the riders in the 9/ 11 Memorial Motorcycle Ride gathered at the Clinton Township Volunteer Fire Co. in Montgomery for a service before heading out on their route through the county. Young and not-so-young riders participated in the 17th annual ride to... - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)
- 09-12-2018 **Brownfield morphing to trails in region a win-win proposition**
A pilot program from the state Department of Environmental Protection presents a win-win proposition for the area. The program calls for the restoration and repurposing of Brownfield sites and includes remedial work needed to connect walking and bicycle trails in... - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)
- 09-12-2018 **Berks County bus company part of FEMA hurricane response in Carolinas**
DOUGLASSVILLE — A Berks County company will be on the front lines of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's response to Hurricane Florence. The powerful storm is expected to make U.S. landfall along the southeastern coast later this week. Klein Transportation, which is also known as Klein's Bus Service, is... - [Pottstown Mercury](#)
- 09-12-2018 **Rising waters close roadways**
MILTON — For the second time in two days, inclement weather forced the postponement of an event associated with the Milton Harvest Festival. - [Milton Standard](#)
- 09-12-2018 **Retired air traffic controller details his Sept. 11 experience for local school**
In commemoration of the 17th anniversary of the terrorist attack in America on Sept. 11, 2001, the Apollo-Ridge School District on Tuesday honored the tragic day with an assembly dedicated to remembrance and education for their students. - [Kittanning Leader-Times](#)
- 09-12-2018 **Bradigan's goes electric — local business now offers Tesla charging station**
When Armstrong County residents hear "Bradigan's," a few words likely come to mind — petroleum, heating and air conditioning. - [Kittanning Leader-Times](#)



- 09-12-2018 **[County assesses damage from flooding](#)**
Rain that fell almost continually for several days has had a significant impact across Indiana and nearby counties. From an overflowing Two Lick Creek in Clymer to flooded farms in the Crooked Creek Valley, the rain left its mark — and could be a foretaste of more to come after Hurricane Florence arrives in the Carolinas later... - [Indiana Gazette](#)
- 09-12-2018 **[Dunbar Township residents ask supervisors to reopen Hollow Road](#)**
Residents in the area of Dunbar Township's Hollow Road came to the township supervisors last week asking that a way be found to reopen the road. What started as about 30 feet worth of slide has roughly doubled and the cost to clear the slide is estimated at between \$400,000 and \$500,000,... - [Connellsville Daily Courier](#)
- 09-12-2018 **[Section of Route 53 to be closed in Cooper Township](#)**
KYLERTOWN — The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation is alerting motorists that a section of Route 53 in Cooper Township was closed late Tuesday night. The section to be closed runs from Kylertown at Interstate 80 to the Clearfield/Centre County line. The closure was made necessary due to a... - [Clearfield Progress](#)
- 09-12-2018 **[Resident makes accusation over FAA investigation](#)**
Area resident Kenneth Hartley accused Titusville Airport Interim Manager Keith Bromley of being the object of a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) investigation, the details of which have not yet been released by the agency, over a low-flying plane which was allegedly spotted above... - [Titusville Herald](#)
- 09-12-2018 **[To Fix the Subway, Vote in State Elections](#)**
It is an infuriating paradox. Each day, more than five million people suffer the frustrations, delays, the municipal insult of riding the subway in New York City. Yet the power to bring the city's transit morass into the modern era lies in Albany, with the governor — who controls the... - [New York Times](#)
- 09-12-2018 **[Brown, Renacci: Health care, auto bailout prominent in pivotal Senate race](#)**
Jim Renacci and Sen. Sherrod Brown traded shots over health care, the auto bailout and an old scandal during separate meetings this week with the Dispatch editorial board. Renacci, a Republican congressman from Wadsworth, is challenging Brown, an 11-year-plus incumbent.... - [Columbus Dispatch](#)
- 09-12-2018 **[Register to vote and plan ahead for absentee ballots for midterm election](#)**
THE ISSUE Election Day is still nearly two months away, on Nov. 6. But there are some crucial things that voting-age Pennsylvania citizens should know right now in order to fulfill their pivotal role in our democracy. The last day you can register to vote in Pennsylvania is Oct. 9. And the deadline to apply... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 09-12-2018 **[I lost my infant son to a drunk driver. This change could save countless lives.](#)**
Sept. 12 marks two years since the funeral of my 15-month-old son, Liam. He had been in a stroller, being pushed through a pedestrian crosswalk in suburban Los Angeles by my sister-in-law, who was 15 years old at the time. She had done everything right: pressed the button, waited for the lights to... - [Washington Post](#)



- 09-12-2018 **[South Carolina governor candidate James Smith halts campaign for hurricane prep](#)**
With Hurricane Florence, a Category 4 storm, expected to make landfall in the Carolinas this week, South Carolina's candidates for governor suspended their campaigns indefinitely Monday. Instead, both men — the challenger, Democratic state Rep. James Smith, and Republican Gov. Henry McMaster — are at South Carolina emergency... - [Washington Post](#)
- 09-12-2018 **[Group continues Bicycle Friendly Shippensburg initiative](#)**
The Shippensburg Borough Office on North Fayette Street may soon be the next bicycle-friendly area in the borough. - [Shippensburg News-Chronicle](#)
- 09-12-2018 **[Public Meeting Set For Traffic Light](#)**
The public is encouraged to attend Thursday evening's meeting of the Emporium Borough Streets Committee for a discussion on the traffic light at the intersection of Routes 120 and 46. The meeting will be in the Borough Council Room starting at 6 p.m. Committee members will review a PennDOT traffic study, photographs of the... - [Emporium Cameron County Echo](#)
- 09-12-2018 **[Irish airline decides not to add Pittsburgh to its flight list](#)**
The luck of the Irish — or at least the decision-making of one of its top airlines — wasn't with Pittsburgh on Wednesday. Aer Lingus, one of Ireland's largest airlines, bypassed the Steel City in favor of Montreal and Minneapolis for a nonstop flight to Dublin.... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 09-12-2018 **[Will Hurricane Florence affect Pa. gas prices?](#)**
Yes, gas prices are on the rise, just shy of the \$3 per gallon mark in Harrisburg. But with Hurricane Florence on the way, motorists in central Pa. won't see much of an impact the next time they fill up. "It shouldn't make a big difference this time, compared to Harvey and... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
- 09-12-2018 **[Pa. is No. 7 in aerospace manufacturing rankings](#)**
Pennsylvania ranks seventh in a new survey of aerospace manufacturing attractiveness released this week by PwC (PricewaterhouseCoopers). The state rankings were based on quality of labor; union flexibility and education; quality of roads; railroads and internet usage; industry size;... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 09-11-2018 **[#YouMatter: SEPTA and Regional Suicide Prevention Task Force](#)**
(Press Release)
- 09-11-2018 **[Latrobe moves forward with curb ramp improvements](#)**
Latrobe Council is moving forward with a temporary fix for handicapped-access curb ramps at two downtown intersections. Council on Monday authorized its public works department to regrade seven ramps, some near the city municipal building at Jefferson and Main streets... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 09-11-2018 **[A Dublin flight on the horizon for Pittsburgh?](#)**
Erin go Bragh — or at least nonstop? Travel Extra, which bills itself as Ireland's premier source of travel information, is reporting on its website that Aer Lingus will announce a new flight between Pittsburgh and Dublin on Wednesday. It's the second publication to speculate that Pittsburgh has a shot at... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)



- 09-11-2018 **Exeter Township roads generally in good shape, analysis says**
The roads in Exeter Township are generally in good shape, according to a recent road analysis by Pennoni Associates. The multidisciplinary civil engineering firm is headquartered in Philadelphia. Joe Viscuso, senior vice president of the firm, presented the findings... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 09-11-2018 **Erie mayor, county exec ask all EMTA members to resign**
News conference scheduled for Tuesday on the effort to reshape transit authority's board of directors after weeks of turmoil. More changes are coming to the Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority, and they are designed to be sweeping. Mayor Joe Schember and Erie County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper have asked... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 09-11-2018 **You asked: Why does Perry Square traffic go the wrong way?**
Local architect Jason Wieczorek has long wondered why traffic flows in the wrong direction around Perry Square. He asked the Erie Times-News for an answer. Perry Square — Erie's first-class downtown greenspace — has undergone several improvements in recent years.... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 09-11-2018 **Bethlehem Area looks to outside help for transportation**
The Bethlehem Area School District is seeking outside help to transport the number of students it takes to public, private and charter schools every morning. At Monday's school board meeting, the district discussed using the California-based American Logistics Company, which provides vans, SUVs and... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 09-11-2018 **Repeat flooding on West Chestnut Street blamed on crushed private sewer**
A crushed underground storm sewer on private property is believed to be the cause of repeated flooding during heavy rain on West Chestnut Street in North Franklin Township. The state Department of Transportation and North Franklin Township officials have been meeting with three property owners where the street... - [Washington Observer-Reporter](#)
- 09-11-2018 **As rain pounds the region, communities report flooding, evacuation warnings**
Heavy rains pounded the region over the weekend and into Monday, causing flooding, downed trees and wires, and power outages for many area residents. It prompted officials in Connellsville to issue an evacuation warning for the west side of the city near Yough River Park, fearful that the... - [Uniontown Herald-Standard](#)
- 09-11-2018 **Deluge of downpours this weekend pushes region over average rainfall for year, leaves roads across Beaver County flooded**
More than a day of consecutive rain caused flooding, downed trees and pushed the annual rainfall total above the average. When it rains, it pours — especially in 2018. A deluge of downpours this weekend pushed the region over the average rainfall for the year and left roads across Beaver County flooded. Sunday... - [Beaver County Times](#)
- 09-11-2018 **Diesel spill impacts Brandywine, roads in north Lebanon**
Emergency crews scrambled Monday morning to contain a diesel fuel spill that stretched for more than a mile along Lebanon's northside, West Lebanon Township, and North Lebanon Township and entered the Brandywine Creek. Fire crews were dispatched at 8:38 a.m. and determined that the spill... - [Lebanon Daily News](#)



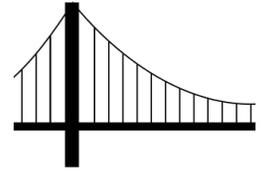
- 09-11-2018 **Overabundance of rain keeps Cumberland County companies busy, basements flooded**
At the start of September, the area saw the end to the second wettest meteorological season since 1972, when Hurricane Agnes hit Pennsylvania. Since then, there have been high dewpoints and more rain, with some areas to the south of the Pennsylvania Turnpike getting 5 and 6 inches between... - [Carlisle Sentinel](#)
- 09-11-2018 **Meteorologists: Florence could be 'disaster' for Pennsylvania**
Pennsylvania meteorologists say York County could be in trouble if Hurricane Florence moves northward this week. Florence is predicted to make landfall Thursday, Sept. 13, on the coast of North and South Carolina as a Category 3 storm. Barry C. Lambert, meteorologist with the National Weather Service in State... - [York Dispatch](#)
- 09-11-2018 **County's one-of-a-kind transit system honored**
An award announced last week suggests that Crawford County residents benefit from a one-of-a-kind transit system. Crawford Area Transportation Authority has capped what its executive director, Tim Geibel, called a "transformational year" by winning the Administrator's Award for Outstanding Public Service in Rural Public... - [Meadville Tribune](#)
- 09-11-2018 **Cul-de-sac change wouldn't affect approved roads in East Buffalo Twp.**
LEWISBURG — Housing developments with cul-de-sacs or dead end roads already approved for construction in East Buffalo Township still would turn those roads over to the township for maintenance, under a proposed ordinance the township supervisors are planning.... - [Sunbury Daily Item](#)
- 09-11-2018 **Flooding continues throughout Somerset County**
Flooding continued throughout Somerset County with another severe rainstorm rolling through the area. Somerset County Control reported 100 weather-related incidents involving flooded roads and basements and downed trees from Sunday morning until Monday afternoon.... - [Somerset Daily](#)
- 09-11-2018 **Christy search focuses on area near interstate**
Law enforcement searched in a cold, relentless rain Sunday night in Hazle Twp. as the pursuit of a wanted fugitive from McAdoo continues. U.S. Marshals and other law enforcement could be found on Interstate 81 in the area of mile marker 141 following up on leads and searching terrain... - [Hazleton Standard-Speaker](#)
- 09-11-2018 **5 things to know about why Baltimore's bike lane dispute stirs such passions**
A City Council bill that would repeal part of Baltimore's fire code to allow new bike lanes and encourage development projects is awaiting Mayor Catherine Pugh's signature. The civic debate around the proposal has been marred by uncivil reactions, including physical altercations and nasty comments. An essay in The... - [Baltimore Sun](#)
- 09-11-2018 **Brockway agrees to Sheetz beer sales, sets trick-or-treat**
BROCKWAY — The Brockway Borough Council got started a half-hour early so it could hear from Mark Kozar, representing Sheetz. Brockway Sheetz is planning on adding beer sales to its services. Kozar explained that a liquor license was already in the works for the Brockway... - [DuBois Courier-Express](#)



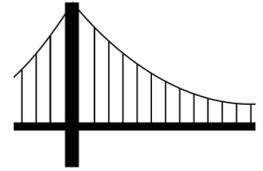
- 09-11-2018 **Franklin OKs liquor license transfer**
Franklin City Council unanimously approved at its Monday meeting a liquor license transfer to the Sheetz location at 1107 Liberty St. The transfer is the second of its kind in Venango County, with the Cranberry Sheetz preparing to reopen in several weeks with a walk-in beer... - [Oil City Derrick](#)
- 09-11-2018 **Penn Twp. board shuns AT conservancy grants**
The Penn Twp. supervisors didn't show much interest in grant opportunities for zoning and planning documents from the Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC), the nonprofit group that helps manage and maintain the trail. During the supervisors' Aug. 29 meeting, two prominent township residents... - [Penn Live](#), [Patriot-News](#)
- 09-11-2018 **Flooding prompts some road closures in central Pa.**
Flooding has prompted a few road closures throughout central Pennsylvania. Here's a look at some of the road closures reported by 511PA.com: Cumberland County SUNNY SIDE DR / LOCUST POINT RD / PARK PL both directions between (YORK County Line) and LOCUST POINT RD near Dillsburg.... - [Penn Live](#), [Patriot-News](#)
- 09-11-2018 **Seventeen years later, Pa. marks the 9/11 anniversary | Tuesday Morning Coffee**
Good Tuesday Morning, Fellow Seekers. The politics, the campaigns, the sparring and the bickering will all be there when we get back tomorrow. Today, on this day of days, it's a good time to remember that we're all Americans; and to pause to remember - and mourn - those we lost.... - [Penn Live](#), [Patriot-News](#)
- 09-11-2018 **Philly NAACP chapter accuses SEPTA of 'toxic' work culture**
Over the weekend, the Philadelphia chapter of the NAACP accused SEPTA management of creating a "toxic" work environment among lower-level management of union-represented employees. "Of course, their cases are all different," said local NAACP President Rodney Muhammad. "But the one thing that seemed common to all... - [WHYY](#)
- 09-11-2018 **LVIA airlines prepare as Florence bears down on East Coast**
As Hurricane Florence barrels toward the coasts of the Carolinas and Virginia, two of Lehigh Valley International Airport's carriers are encouraging customers to change their plans and stay out of the storm's path. Both Allegiant Airlines and American Airlines are offering flyers heading... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 09-10-2018 **Gov. Wolf Provides Update on Weather-Related Flooding Response**
(Press Release)
- 09-10-2018 **Weekly Update: Investing in Education, Developing our Workforce, Protecting...**
(Press Release)
- 09-10-2018 **Despite Trump's tweet, Ford says it won't bring production of the Focus Active to the U.S.**
Ford won't be moving production of a hatchback wagon to the United States from China — despite President Donald Trump's claim Sunday that his taxes on Chinese imports mean the Focus Active can be built in America... - [AP](#)



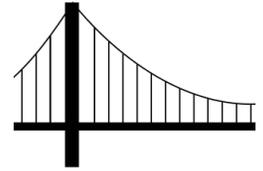
- 09-10-2018 **'Bathtub' on westbound 376 to close Monday**
The "Bathtub" area of westbound I-376 in Pittsburgh will close to traffic at approximately 2 a.m. Monday because of anticipated flooding, a PennDOT spokeswoman said. In the event of faster rising levels of water, the corridor will close to traffic earlier. All traffic approaching this section of I-376, located between Grant Street... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 09-10-2018 **Much of region remains under a flash flood warning with numerous roads closed**
The remnants of Tropical Storm Gordon dumped 4 inches of rain over the weekend flooding roads and basements across the region with more rain expected throughout Sunday night and Monday morning. Allegheny and Westmoreland counties remain under a flash flood warning... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 09-10-2018 **N.J. lawmakers want to protect residents from other states' red-light camera fines**
Jay Lassiter drove back home to Cherry Hill last month after burying his Marine Corps veteran father at Arlington National Cemetery. A few days later, he got a surprise in the mail. It was a message from Washington. And it wasn't a sympathy card. It was a speeding ticket. Two more had come by the end of the week. The... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 09-10-2018 **You asked: Perry Square proposal piques architect's curiosity about park's traffic pattern**
Local architect Jason Wieczorek has long wondered why traffic flows in the wrong direction around Perry Square. He asked the Erie Times-News for an answer. Perry Square — Erie's first-class downtown greenspace — has undergone several improvements in recent years.... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 09-10-2018 **Region sees heavy rain, wind, flooding from remnants of Gordon**
Remnants of the tropical storm Gordon continued to keep first responders in Fayette, Westmoreland and Washington counties busy Sunday with frequent calls for trees and utility wires brought down by a combination of saturated ground, high winds and rain. Reports of downed trees and wires were a constant all day Sunday as crews... - [Uniontown Herald-Standard](#)
- 09-10-2018 **Some road closures, minor flooding reported around region**
Some roads in the region are closed as creeks and streams rise and low-lying areas become inundated with the heavy rains that are the remnants of Tropical Storm Gordon. In Cumberland County, there are several road closures this morning. In South Middleton Township, Zion Road is closed between Route 74 and Park... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
- 09-10-2018 **NAACP Boss Calls SEPTA "Toxic Environment", Agency Responds**
Former SEPTA employees are crying foul at the transportation agency, alleging unfair business practices. "The NAACP is convinced that SEPTA has a very toxic environment for its employees and staff," said Rodney Muhammad, President of the NAACP's Philadelphia chapter.... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)



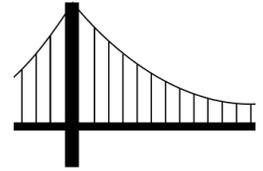
- 09-10-2018 **TRAFFIC: Flooding closes local roadways, 10th Street Bypass, parts of Parkway East**
The deluge of rain has flooded several major arteries in and around the Pittsburgh area, closing many of them for the Monday morning rush hour. The following highways, roads and parking areas are closed: ? Mon Wharf parking area — Closed due to flooding. Additional parking... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 09-10-2018 **U.S.-European Trade Talks Resume, and New Apple Devices Are Unveiled**
U.S. and European officials seek a trade pact. Senior trade officials from the United States and the European Union will meet on Monday in Brussels in an effort to avert an all-out trade war. Robert Lighthizer, the United States trade representative, and Cecilia... - [New York Times](#)
- 09-10-2018 **Tesla Needs to Build Investor Trust. The Exit of Its Accountant Won't Help.**
Companies can have unconventional chief executives, but not eccentric accounting. Tesla, the electric-car maker, on Friday disclosed that its chief accounting officer had resigned and was leaving just weeks after his arrival. The announcement came hours after Elon Musk, Tesla's chief... - [New York Times](#)
- 09-10-2018 **Pa. suspends driver's licenses for some non-driving drug offenses**
Mike Autry was walking and shopping with his girlfriend on West Market Street in York on March 9, 2017, when a police officer recognized him. Autry had a warrant out for his arrest because he'd failed to show up to a court hearing about owing money on older cases, including a DUI from... - [York Daily](#)
- 09-10-2018 **Trump Says Tariffs Mean Ford Can Make New Model at Home. Ford Says It Won't.**
President Trump on Sunday suggested Ford Motor could begin making a small car in the United States instead of importing it from China. But the automaker quickly issued a statement saying it has no such plans. In August, Ford announced it had killed a plan to import the Focus Active,... - [New York Times](#)
- 09-10-2018 **An 'Inappropriate' Mailer and a Delayed Bridge Opening Put Cuomo on the Defensive**
ALBANY, N.Y. — It must have seemed like such a fine idea. On Friday, Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo was standing alongside his mother, Matilda, and Hillary Clinton celebrating the “grand opening” of the eastbound span of a gleaming bridge bearing his father's name. Emotional words were spoken; selfies were taken.... - [New York Times](#)
- 09-10-2018 **A Scourge for California Drivers: Hours on a Sidewalk to Renew a License**
LOS ANGELES — They were lined up by the dozens clear down the street on a recent afternoon — hot and frustrated in the sun, trying to attend to the most routine (and unavoidable) encounters with local government: renewing a driver's license. Inside the Hollywood office of the California Department of Motor Vehicles,... - [New York Times](#)
- 09-10-2018 **Volkswagen Trial Offers Hedge Funds a Chance to Settle Old Scores**
FRANKFURT — A decade ago, an epic stock market battle between Volkswagen's biggest shareholder and a group of mostly American hedge funds ended badly for the investors. Now, for at least one of those funds, it's payback time. Elliott Management, the hedge fund founded by Paul E. Singer, was among the... - [New York Times](#)



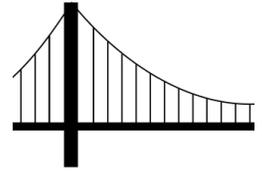
- 09-10-2018 **C.I.A. Drone Mission, Curtailed by Obama, Is Expanded in Africa Under Trump**
DIRKOU, Niger — The C.I.A. is poised to conduct secret drone strikes against Qaeda and Islamic State insurgents from a newly expanded air base deep in the Sahara, making aggressive use of powers that were scaled back during the Obama administration and restored by President Trump.... - [New York Times](#)
- 09-10-2018 **'Fiercer than fierce, raging': Gas explosion destroys home, cars in Beaver County**
Officials said a massive gas explosion shook parts of Beaver County early Monday, destroying a house, garages and multiple vehicles, and bringing down six high-tension electric towers. Emergency crews responded to the explosion of the 24-inch methane line shortly after it was reported at 4:54 a.m. near Ivy Lane in Center... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 09-10-2018 **Western Pa. roads closed from flooding issues**
Continuing rain from remnants of Tropical Storm Gordon forced PennDOT and other authorities to close numerous roadways around Western Pennsylvania on Monday. The Tribune-Review will update the following list, broken down by county, as more information is released.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 09-10-2018 **Hurricane Florence could cause East Coast gasoline supply problems**
Hurricane Florence is unlikely to affect the national average price of gasoline, but could create supply problems for some states, a gas analyst says. "While Hurricane Florence may pose fuel-related challenges for areas of the East Coast, there is little to no threat to refineries at this time and... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 09-09-2018 **Bridge project in Jeannette delayed until Sept. 17, PennDOT says**
PennDOT said construction on the North 4th Street bridge in Jeannette has been delayed for the second time this month until the week of Sept. 17. Construction on the bridge that spans Bull Run was scheduled to begin Monday. The project is slated to be completed in late October, PennDOT said... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 09-09-2018 **Penn Township, local councils call for new turnpike ramp**
A crowded field is now calling for a new turnpike interchange between the Monroeville and Irwin exits. Jeannette, Manor and Murrysville councils over the summer each passed resolutions supporting the project and joining Penn Township, which passed a similar measure in April.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 09-09-2018 **Cheers and Jeers**
CHEERS to the Luzerne County Transportation Authority for expanding its hours to provide night bus service to five major employment and commerce hubs beginning later this month. Local shift workers and late-night shoppers will finally have low-cost public transit options after dark.... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)
- 09-09-2018 **Letters to the Editor 9/8/2018**
Editor: Caught up in the stress of life and always being in a hurry, I was driving along Viewmont Drive in Dickson City and the most striking visual took my breath away, giving me a sense of calm. There, in exceptional size, waving in glory and freedom, was the flag of... - [Scranton Times](#)



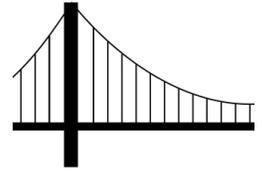
- 09-09-2018 **[Girard Route 20 bridge construction to begin this fall](#)**
Highway officials will share the project timetable during a public meeting Tuesday. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting Tuesday to share updated construction plans for the Route 20 bridge over Elk Creek in Girard Township.... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 09-09-2018 **[The gas-tax hike: Don't like high prices? Pump it yourself | Mulshine](#)**
I yield to no one in my criticism of the fiscal policies of Gov. Phil Murphy. But when it comes to this looming 4.3-cent hike in the gas tax, you can't blame the governor. Blame yourself - for two reasons. One reason is that for years you let politicians of both parties get away... - [Trenton Times](#)
- 09-09-2018 **['Potentially Dangerous Situation' on Tappan Zee Delays Opening of New Cuomo Bridge Span](#)**
The opening of the second span of the Mario M. Cuomo Bridge on Saturday was delayed after a piece of its predecessor, the old Tappan Zee Bridge, which is parallel to it, became destabilized and threatened to fall, officials said. The Tappan Zee was being disassembled when the "potentially dangerous... - [New York Times](#)
- 09-07-2018 **[Sixth man charged in scheme to tamper with devices on trucks at Marcellus Shale sites](#)**
WILLIAMSPORT - An inventory and logistics analyst is the latest to be charged in a scheme to tamper with emission control devices on heavy duty diesel trucks used at the Marcellus Shale natural gas fields. An indictment unsealed Thursday in U.S. Middle District Court charges Brian... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
- 09-07-2018 **[Accused State Sen. Daylin Leach lashes out at rape survivor who called on him to resign | Clout](#)**
Running as a Democrat for the GOP-dominated state Senate is hard enough, let alone when an incumbent Democratic senator appears to threaten to derail your campaign. That's where Katie Muth found herself recently. Muth is looking to unseat Republican Sen. John Rafferty in the Philadelphia... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 09-07-2018 **['Smart' signal system aims to optimize Monroeville traffic flow](#)**
A traffic signal on Route 22 in Monroeville that uses artificial intelligence was criticized during a citizens speak-out meeting with council, spurring explanations from municipal officials and the state Department of Transportation. "I had to wait three lights to make a left-hand turn into Lowes,"... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 09-07-2018 **[Bridge replacement over Canonsburg Lake one of county's most complicated](#)**
The McDowell Lane Bridge carries the designation Chartiers No. 12, but Lisa Cessna, who oversees the Washington County Bridge Department, calls it one of her two most complicated. Not only does the bridge span Canonsburg Lake, a 76-acre body of water, but construction of its replacement includes two townships, the state... - [Washington Observer-Reporter](#)
- 09-07-2018 **[Delta looks to sell stake in Trainer refinery](#)**
TRAINER — As reports that Delta Air Lines is looking for a partner for its Delaware County refinery, workers at the plant are concerned about how committed the company is to the facility. In 2012, Delta Air Lines purchased the refinery for \$150 million after... - [Primos Delaware County Daily and Sunday Times](#)



- 09-07-2018 **Plowing pact moves mega project forward**
LIMERICK — A majority of township supervisors reluctantly agreed Tuesday night to making the township responsible for plowing a traffic circle no one wants to ensure a massive 30-acre development project at the intersection of Ridge and Swamp pikes moves forward.... - [Pottstown Mercury](#)
- 09-07-2018 **Streets in downtown Johnstown to be resurfaced**
Resurfacing work will begin Monday on several streets near the Bedford Street gateway area in downtown Johnstown, PennDOT has announced. Areas to be resurfaced will be Vine Street, from Levergood Street to Bedford Street; Bedford Street, from CoGo's BP convenience store to... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)
- 09-07-2018 **Driver swerves to avoid herd of deer, hits pole**
The driver of a sport utility vehicle was slightly injured early this morning when involved in a crash along Route 443 in West Penn Township. The crash occurred at 3:30 a.m. as a man was traveling west when he said a herd of deer ran out in front of him. In an attempt to avoid hitting the... - [Lehighon Times News](#)
- 09-07-2018 **Housing complex plans revealed**
BUTLER TWP. — One hundred fifty-three apartments rise at Route 309 and Butler Drive in a plan that the township supervisors saw for the first time Thursday. Representatives of Legend Properties said the plan also allots 10,000 square feet for retail use on the 26-acre site across Butler Drive from the... - [Hazleton Standard-Speaker](#)
- 09-07-2018 **Commissioners unanimously vote down \$5 fee**
LOCK HAVEN — All three Clinton County commissioners voted “no” on adding a \$5 fee to motor vehicle registrations in the county to use for road and bridge projects. The decision came nearly a month after the Aug. 9 meeting where commissioners were originally supposed to take action on the fee.... - [Lock Haven Express](#)
- 09-07-2018 **Jaguar's Electric E-Type Marries '60s Sex Appeal and Tomorrow's Tech**
MONTEREY, Calif. — No less an authority on the subject of breathtaking automobiles than Enzo Ferrari described Jaguar's E-Type after its debut at the 1961 Geneva Motor Show as the most beautiful car in the world. Almost 60 years later, that assessment still rings true.... - [New York Times](#)
- 09-07-2018 **Senators want to know if CSX plans to revive Howard Street Tunnel project**
Maryland's U.S. senators asked CSX Corp. Thursday if it is considering reviving the long-awaited expansion of the aging Howard Street Tunnel. “As the Port of Baltimore continues to see record growth both of international cargo and volume, a solution to the Howard Street Tunnel... - [Baltimore Sun](#)
- 09-07-2018 **New documents released about Kavanaugh, but Trump's high court pick is on track for confirmation**
"Bring it," Sen. Cory Booker (D-N.J.) says to threat of expulsion for revealing confidential documents. Brett Kavanaugh, a lawyer for the George W. Bush White House, offered some advice 20 years ago to a judicial aspirant seeking Senate confirmation: Don't talk about your policy positions, show respect for Supreme Court... - [Los Angeles Times](#)



- 09-07-2018 **Route 322 at Speedwell Forge Road, closed since heavy flooding last week, reopens to traffic Friday morning**
Route 322, a portion of which has been closed since it flooded Sept. 1, reopened Friday morning. The area affected by the massive storm last week was in the area of Hammer Creek in Elizabeth Township, according to a statement Friday from the state Department of Transportation.... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 09-07-2018 **Officials unveil new facial recognition system at Dulles International Airport**
With much fanfare, officials on Thursday unveiled a new system that eventually will replace boarding passes with facial scans for international travelers at Washington Dulles International Airport. Instead of pulling out their passports and handing over a boarding pass,... - [Washington Post](#)
- 09-07-2018 **Scooter use is rising in major cities. So are trips to the emergency room.**
They have been pouring into emergency rooms around the nation all summer, their bodies bearing a blend of injuries that doctors normally associate with victims of car wrecks — broken noses, wrists and shoulders, facial lacerations and fractures, as well as the kind of blunt head trauma that... - [Washington Post](#)
- 09-07-2018 **Is a patch of hillside in West View the sorriest bus stop in North America?**
In a contest for North America’s sorriest bus stop, Pittsburgh keeps rolling over the competition. A bus stop along Center Avenue in West View, where riders must stand either on the shoulder-less road or on a weedy hillside, is in the Final Four of the annual “Sorriest Bus Stop” contest, up against bus stops in New... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 09-07-2018 **Delivery of large generator could cause traffic delays in central Fayette County**
The Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County is warning some central Fayette County residents that they could experience traffic delays early next week with preparation work and delivery of a 43-ton, 40-foot long generator to power an area water treatment plant.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 09-07-2018 **Cuomo Often Takes Taxpayer-Funded Planes and Helicopters, Far More Than Other Big State Governors**
On a hot July day in 2017, Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo visited a country club on Long Island to address business leaders about the future of rail lines that are the lifeblood of commerce and suburban commuters. “Today, we’re talking about transforming the Long Island Rail... - [New York Times](#)
- 09-07-2018 **Stretch of I-279 in Ross down to single lane next week for paving**
The southbound lanes of I-279 between the Camp Horne Road and Perrysville Avenue exits will be restricted to a single lane overnight next week for paving, PennDOT announced. The restrictions will occur between 7 p.m. and 6 a.m. Monday through Saturday, Sept. 10 to 15.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)



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