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The Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania recently upheld Luzerne County's decision to charge Zillow a \$10,000 duplication fee for the county's property tax records. The company had appealed two decisions from the Office of Open Records and the Luzerne County Court of Common pleas, claiming that the state's law does not allow counties to charge a fee when data is requested. Seven judges ruled in agreement with the county, adding that the fee is reasonable relative to the market value of similar records.

MANUFACTURING BOOST

Curtiss-Wright will invest \$80 million towards expanding its manufacturing and testing capabilities in the Commonwealth, supported by an additional \$1.2 million investment from the state. The project includes the construction of two new buildings at the company's campus in Allegheny County, where it engineers innovative technologies for commercial nuclear and naval defense applications. The project is expected to create 150 jobs in Pennsylvania while supporting the state's manufacturing sector.

WORLD CUP COMEBACK

A Dauphin County family finally got its World Cup moment after StubHub provided six tickets to a match in Philadelphia and refunded the tickets that never arrived for a previous game. The Fullmer family had spent months planning a trip to see a match in New Jersey, just to be left outside the stadium when their tickets never showed up. This weekend, however, three generations of the family were able to attend a World Cup match together, turning a frustrating experience into a memorable one.

DOGED

On July 4th, the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), the temporary government agency once helmed by *Elon Musk*, officially closed shop, in line with President *Donald Trump's* 2025 executive order which created the agency and set an 18-month lifespan. The Office of Management and Budget did not issue a closing report for DOGE, so there are no official numbers on money it saved, but DOGE officials claimed savings of \$250 billion in taxpayer dollars. DOGE became a

contentious agency in the early months of Trump's second term but began to fade from public view when Musk departed the government in May 2025.

RED CARD RED CARDED

Folarin Balogun played in the United States's match last night, ending days of debate over his eligibility following a red card he received on Wednesday against Bosnia and Herzegovina. Per the rules of the World Cup, a player who receives a red card also receives a one-game suspension. However, FIFA ruled Balogun eligible for the United States's next match. FIFA did not outline a specific reason for their reversal, though controversy increased when news broke that President **Donald Trump** personally called FIFA President **Gianni Infantino** to protest the initial red card. Balogun's overturned red card ended up not helping the USA, as they fell to Belgium 4-1 in the Round of 16. The USA is 1-7 overall against Belgium and hasn't beaten them since 1930.

Happy Birthday

- State Representative **Rich Irvin**
- State Representative **Martina White**
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- **Allison McFadden***, Communications Strategist, Members 1st Federal Credit Union
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