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Top DEP Stories

Beaver County Radio: DEP Holds Hearings on Joining Climate Program

<https://beavercountyradio.com/news/dep-holds-hearings-on-joining-climate-program/>

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Tribune-Review: Audubon Society's Christmas bird count still on, but things will be different this year
<https://triblive.com/local/regional/christmas-bird-count-still-on/>

Tribune-Review: Seven Springs prepping for 'mid-December' opening amid new covid restrictions
<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/seven-springs-prepping-for-mid-december-opening-amid-new-covid-restrictions/>

Post-Gazette: Winter ticks in Pennsylvania could pose risk for deer, elk
<https://www.post-gazette.com/life/outdoors/2020/12/04/Winter-ticks-Pennsylvania-hunters-hikers-deer-elk-moose/stories/202012040123>

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<https://pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/2020/12/07/robena-mine-explosion-memorial/>

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