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Top DEP Stories

Centre Daily Times: After more than 3 months, Centre County is no longer under a drought watch
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Sunbury Daily Item: Drought watch lifted for 4 Valley counties
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<https://fox56.com/news/local/drought-watch-lifted-for-multiple-counties>

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<https://www.mytwintiers.com/news-cat/pennsylvania-news/drought-watch-remains-for-5-counties-in-pennsylvania-lifted-for-15/>

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<https://www.pahomepage.com/news/pa-drought-watch-remains-in-5-counties-lifted-for-15/>

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Mentions

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Conservation and Recreation

NorthcentralPA.com: North Branch of Susquehanna River named finalist for PA River of the Year
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Wyalusing Rocket-Courier: Susquehanna's North Branch vying for River of the Year
<https://www.rocket-courier.com/articles/susquehannas-north-branch-vying-for-river-of-the-year/>

Tioga Publishing: Commissioners express concerns about Denton Hill rebuild funds
https://www.tiogapublishing.com/free_press_courier/news/local/commissioners-express-concerns-about-denton-hill-rebuild-funds

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<https://www.statecollege.com/centre-county-gazette/outdoor-recreation-has-huge-financial-impact-in-state/>

Clearfield Progress-News: Busy as a beaver: Borough has problem with destruction of trees
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<https://www.lehighvalleylive.com/weather/2022/12/5-pa-counties-including-northampton-remain-under-drought-watch-declared-in-august.html>

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Energy

Milton Standard-Journal: Yaw to reintroduce solar legislation

https://www.standard-journal.com/news/local/article_9925752c-8246-58c0-9966-1eaba02bf702.html

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Pittsburgh Business Times: PUC puts to public comment on settlement over Duquesne Light mailing

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Pittsburgh Business Times: PUC cuts Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania rate request

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Next Pittsburgh: Former coal-fired power plant in New Castle ranked among nation's worst for leaking ash into groundwater

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Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields

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Reading Eagle: Gas prices continue to fall, with the national average now less than a year ago

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Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Heating oil costs on the rise

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/120922/page/1/story/heating-oil-costs-on-the-rise>

Pocono Record: What the Delaware River Basin Commission ban allows under new rules

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<https://www.rocket-courier.com/articles/litter-hawk-youth-award-program-accepting-projects/>

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<http://almanac.tubecityonline.com/almanac/?e=2930>

Water

Butler Eagle: Boil water advisory in place after water main break on Delwood Road

<https://www.butlereagle.com/20221209/boil-water-advisory-in-place-after-water-main-break-on-delwood-road/>

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