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Top DEP Stories

Bradford Era: Funding to improve rural electrical grid; none for McKean County

https://www.bradfordera.com/news/funding-to-improve-rural-electrical-grid-none-for-mckean-county/article_121edb4a-4f91-11ef-99ea-6b7a8c8ac0df.html

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Newtown PA Now: NEARBY: County Issues Harmful Algal Bloom Watch For Lake Luxembourg

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WHYY: Philly area under Heat Advisory, with heat index values up to 103; Code Orange declared due to poor air quality

<https://whyy.org/articles/philadelphia-code-orange-poor-air-quality/>

SpotlightPA: Talks for a Pa. water authority to take over a small system plagued by leaks fell through. What happened?

<https://www.spotlightpa.org/statecollege/2024/07/rural-pennsylvania-rock-spring-water-company-state-college-centre-county/>

CDT: Talks for a Pa. water authority to take over a small system plagued by leaks fell through. What happened?

<https://www.centredaily.com/news/local/community/state-college/article290609479.html>

Centre County Gazette: Signs and prevention of West Nile virus

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Bartram's Garden / 51st Street Alliance Contamination

The Philadelphia Inquirer: Excessive levels of chromium, a toxin, were found along a now-closed part of Bartram's Mile Trail, tests show

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<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/derry-township-bans-open-burning/>

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Pittsburgh City Paper: To curb confusion, city plans to close Serpentine Dr. to cars
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<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/allegheny-land-trust-seeks-public-help-to-buy-and-preserve-280-acres-in-indiana-township/>

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<https://www.ydr.com/story/life/wellness/2024/07/30/new-lake-williams-dam-is-settling-into-a-new-hiking-experience/74591228007/>

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