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Top DEP Stories

Clearfield Progress-News: Public Notice: District Mining Operations

https://www.theprogressnews.com/classifieds/community/public_notices/public-notice-district-mining-operations/ad_6a50397f-bdec-5428-bdf5-894bafcbce90f.html

WETM: Local electric company aims to reduce power outages with \$500k grant in Tioga County

<https://www.mytwintiers.com/tioga-county-pa/local-electric-company-aims-to-reduce-power-outages-with-500k-grant-in-tioga-county-pa/>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Mosquito samples collected in Lycoming County test positive for West Nile Virus

<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2024/08/mosquito-samples-collected-in-lycoming-county-test-positive-for-west-nile-virus/>

Mentions

Butler Eagle: Be careful — the green stuff in the water may make you sick

<https://www.butlereagle.com/20240805/be-careful-the-green-stuff-in-the-water-may-make-you-sick/?>

Meadville Tribune: Legal bills top \$4.2M in fight over key climate change program

https://www.meadvilletribune.com/pennsylvania/news/legal-bills-top-4-2m-in-fight-over-key-climate-change-program/article_bee1adef-cf65-5181-a072-6bdc5671454c.html

Allegheny Front: Green groups, oil and gas industries praise new policies in Pa.'s state budget

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/pennsylvania-budget-environment-renewable-energy-hydrogen/>

Bucks County Herald: Dangerous algal blooms found at 2 Bucks County parks

<https://buckscountyherald.com/stories/dangerous-algal-blooms-found-at-2-bucks-county-parks,57544>

Marcellus Drilling News: Eureka Resources cancels shale wastewater plant planned for Dimock

<https://marcellusdrilling.com/2024/08/eureka-resources-cancels-shale-wastewater-plant-planned-for-dimock/>

Climate Change

New Castle News: Legal bills top \$4.2M in fight over key climate change program

https://www.ncnewsonline.com/pennsylvania/news/legal-bills-top-4-2m-in-fight-over-key-climate-change-program/article_2d099310-e591-5fb1-8184-cb0ebef62333.html

Lancaster Online: College Park Climate Action organizers to host art, science event in Lancaster
https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/college-park-climate-action-organizers-to-host-art-science-event-in-lancaster/article_264e8a44-5341-11ef-bc8f-3fb62377c81d.html

Conservation and Recreation

WESA: Pittsburgh-area arborist: Lanternfly populations may be waning, but residents should remain vigilant
<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2024-08-06/pittsburgh-lanternfly-populations-invasive-insect>

WESA: Pittsburgh environmental activist's 'Sustainability Salons' foster community
<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2024-08-06/pittsburgh-environmental-activist-maren-cooke-sustainability-salons>

Daily Courier: Tree inventory starts in city
https://www.dailycourier.com/news/tree-inventory-starts-in-city/article_64272504-5370-11ef-9b26-b3601fa634f5.html

Beaver County Times: Native Tree Nursery and Forest Education Center opening this week in Bradys Run Park
<https://www.timesonline.com/story/news/local/2024/08/05/when-does-native-tree-nursery-and-forest-education-center-open-beaver-county/74648601007/>

PennLive: Rare insect that calls central Pa. military base home is poised to make endangered list
<https://www.pennlive.com/nation-world/2024/08/rare-insect-that-calls-central-pa-military-base-home-is-poised-to-make-endangered-list.html>

York Daily Record: York County Heritage Rail Trail parking lot closes to the public until further notice
<https://www.ydr.com/story/news/local/2024/08/06/glatfelter-station-parking-lot-along-york-county-rail-trail-closed/74684017007/>

Energy

Tribune-Review: Ralph J. Cecere Jr.: Solar for Schools can power — and empower — school districts
<https://triblive.com/opinion/ralph-j-cecere-jr-solar-for-schools-can-power-and-empower-school-districts/>

Post-Gazette: Terry Fitzpatrick: Pennsylvania may not be able to keep all the lights on in four years
<https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/guest-columns/2024/08/06/terry-fitzpatrick-pennsylvania-power-shortage-electricity-natural-gas-pjm/stories/202408060017>

Oil and Gas

Bradford Era: BLM seeks input for plans to plug orphaned wells in Pennsylvania and West Virginia

https://www.bradfordera.com/news/blm-seeks-input-for-plans-to-plug-orphaned-wells-in-pennsylvania-and-west-virginia/article_89d1cb36-5368-11ef-9277-af9e9fefaee8.html

AP: Harris once wanted to ban fracking. Trump wants voters in energy-rich Pennsylvania to remember
<https://apnews.com/article/fracking-pennsylvania-president-campaign-donald-trump-kamala-harris-104f3f051df4d28e4645f05051eb6cff>

Tribune-Review: West Deer to take comments on well pad proposal Tuesday
<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/west-deer-to-take-comments-on-well-pad-proposal-tuesday/>

Lock Haven Express: Harris once wanted to ban fracking; Trump wants voters in energy rich PA to remember
<https://www.lockhaven.com/news/local-news/2024/08/harris-once-wanted-to-ban-fracking-trump-wants-voters-in-energy-rich-pa-to-remember/>

Abc27 News: Elizabethtown gas leak closes local roads for several hours
<https://www.abc27.com/local-news/lancaster/elizabethtown-gas-leak-closes-local-roads-for-several-hours/>

Vector Management

Reading Eagle: Areas of Reading sprayed to control mosquitos. The spraying targeted the adult mosquito species that can transmit West Nile virus.
<https://www.readingeagle.com/2024/08/06/areas-of-reading-sprayed-to-control-mosquitos/>

Waste

Around Ambler: Whitpain’s supervisors to consider advertising single-use plastic bag regulations, plus hear “informal presentation” from homebuilder involving Skippack Pike property
<https://aroundambler.com/whitpains-supervisors-to-consider-advertising-single-use-plastic-bag-regulations-plus-hear-informal-presentation-from-homebuilder-involving-skippack-pike-property/>

Water

Erie Times: Dog owners deal with harmful algal blooms at Erie waterfront spots
<https://www.goerie.com/story/news/healthcare/2024/08/06/harmful-algal-blooms-found-at-presque-isle-state-park-erie-waterfront-dogs/74675259007/>

Observer-Reporter: Boil water advisory lifted for Davistown customers
<https://www.observer-reporter.com/news/local-news/2024/aug/06/boil-water-advisory-lifted-for-davistown-customers/>

Around Ambler: Emergency repairs at PA American Water treatment plant impacting Whitpain and nearby municipalities

<https://aroundambler.com/emergency-repairs-at-pa-american-water-treatment-plant-impacting-whitpain-and-nearby-municipalities/>

Bucks Co. Today: Bensalem to Receive Funding for Water Main Replacement Project
<https://bucksco.today/2024/08/bensalem-water-replacement/>

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Butler Eagle: Microplastics are everywhere, but are they harming us?
<https://www.butlereagle.com/20240805/microplastics-are-everywhere-but-are-they-harming-us/>

AP: Microplastics are everywhere, but are they harming us?
<https://apnews.com/article/microplastics-human-health-9cac65b9ac32d7ef5830360b7bde2985>

Lebanon Daily News: In light of RFK Jr.'s bear story, are you permitted to keep road-killed animals in Pa.?
<https://www.ldnews.com/story/sports/outdoors/2024/08/06/are-you-allowed-to-keep-road-killed-deer-bear-elk-turkey-in-pa-game-commission/74688100007/>