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Top DEP Stories

The Mercury: Rhoads Energy gets PA grant to expand propane-powered fleet

<https://www.pottsmmerc.com/2025/08/06/rhoads-energy-gets-pa-grant-to-expand-propane-powered-fleet/>

Lock Haven Express: West Nile reports expand in Centre County

<https://www.lockhaven.com/news/local-news/2025/08/west-nile-reports-expand-in-centre-county/>

Sunbury Daily Item: West Nile detected in Buffalo Twp. and Lewisburg

https://www.dailyitem.com/news/west-nile-detected-in-buffalo-township-and-lewisburg/article_ac6ae0bf-7bec-4c5e-945e-b23ce0a9bda8.html

Sunbury Daily Item: Air quality alert in place through Thursday morning

https://www.dailyitem.com/news/air-quality-alert-in-place-through-thursday-morning/article_98bcb4b6-eae2-439a-ad06-c3b69df41e0f.html

Centre Daily Times: Air quality alert issued for Centre County due to smoke from Canadian wildfires

<https://www.centredaily.com/news/weather-news/article311586100.html>

Air

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: New report shows how health outcomes improved after 2016 Shenango Coke Works closure

<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/powersource/2025/08/06/shenango-coke-works-asthma-pollution-pittsburgh/stories/202508070016>

Pennlive: Air quality problems continue in central Pa. on hazy, warm Wednesday

<https://www.pennlive.com/weather/2025/08/air-quality-problems-continue-in-central-pa-on-hazy-warm-wednesday.html>

FOX56: Archbald Borough eyes zoning changes ahead of data center applications

<https://fox56.com/news/local/archbald-borough-eyes-zoning-changes-ahead-of-data-center-applications>

FOX56: Air quality alert issued for wildfire smoke in our area

<https://fox56.com/news/local/air-quality-alert-issued-for-wildfire-smoke-in-our-area>

Standard Speaker: DEP extends wildfire health warnings Wednesday in NEPA

<https://www.standardspeaker.com/2025/08/04/dep-extends-health-warnings-due-to-canadian-wildfires/>

Climate Change

Inquirer: America under Trump is surrendering to the climate crisis

<https://www.inquirer.com/opinion/commentary/climate-change-epa-clean-air-regulations-20250806.html>

Conservation and Recreation

Axios: Ohiopyle named best affordable state park option in U.S.

<https://www.axios.com/local/pittsburgh/2025/08/06/ohiopyle-state-park-best-us>

Reading Eagle: Reading's Riverzilla community day, park cleanup set for Saturday

<https://www.readingeagle.com/2025/08/06/readings-riverzilla-community-day-park-cleanup-set-for-saturday/>

The Daily News: H&BT trail open to public

https://www.huntingdondailynews.com/news/local/h-bt-trail-open-to-public/article_210a791d-14ba-4e78-bb21-07ea4af430f8.html

Meadville Tribune: Access to Ernst Trail's western end at stake in lawsuit

https://www.meadvilletribune.com/news/access-to-ernst-trails-western-end-at-stake-in-lawsuit/article_d1bfedce-fa5e-4b06-b7a5-e2c069dfcc4f.html

LehighValleyNews: Sustainability Movie Night in Easton is back for another screening

<https://www.lehighvalleynews.com/environment-science/eastons-sustainability-movie-night-is-back-for-another-screening-this-time-with-talking-trees>

Times Leader: Food Dignity program at WBACTC a 'win for families, students, local farmers'

<https://www.timesleader.com/news/1711875/food-dignity-program-at-wbactc-a-win-for-families-students-local-farmers>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: A look at the latest PFBC board meeting in late July

<https://www.sungazette.com/news/outdoors/2025/08/a-look-at-the-latest-pfbc-board-meeting-in-late-july/>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Will allowing hunting on Sundays save hunting?

<https://www.sungazette.com/news/outdoors/2025/08/will-allowing-hunting-on-sundays-save-hunting/>

Energy

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: EV truck blast shook neighbor

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/080625/page/1/story/ev-truck-blast-shook-neighbor>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Montour Twp. mulls zoning fix; Township may consider ordinance allowing data processing centers

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/080225/page/1/story/montour-mulls-zoning-fix>

Mining

Pittsburgh Business Times: Core Natural Resources cuts back on met coal operations, lays off workers amid market downturn

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2025/08/05/core-natural-resources-met-coal-mining.html>

Radiation Protection

Sunbury Daily Item: Hiroshima survivors fear rising nuclear threat on the 80th anniversary of atomic bombing

https://www.dailyitem.com/wire/hiroshima-survivors-fear-rising-nuclear-threat-on-the-80th-anniversary-of-atomic-bombing/article_f20cdae3-5a2f-597c-a332-3777a9260548.html

Vector Management

New Castle News: West Nile found in mosquitoes in four city locations

https://www.ncnewsonline.com/news/local_news/west-nile-found-in-mosquitoes-in-four-city-locations/article_2713a13f-f6e4-44e0-b30e-3a2afeb51190.html

Waste

Daily Courier: Saltlick resident voices concerns on dumping

https://www.dailycourier.com/news/saltlick-resident-voices-concerns-on-dumping/article_b93f007c-f28f-4789-a4fe-753c144ccb81.html

EHN: DuPont letter shows plastics industry dismissed recycling as viable solution in 1974

<https://www.ehn.org/duPont-letter-shows-plastics-industry-dismissed-recycling-as-viable-solution-in-1974>

Water

WPXI: Water main break causes road to buckle in Pittsburgh's Beltzhoover neighborhood

<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/water-main-break-causes-road-buckle-pittsburghs-beltzhoover-neighborhood/S6G4SN3OJBGURN4XA74BALH3NA/>

WJPA: Boil Water Advisory Lifted

<https://wjpa.com/news-archive/boil-water-advisory-issued-for-areas-surrounding-avella/>

Renovo Record: City Council Urges: Keep City Streets and Stormwater Drains Clear of Grass, Yard Clippings and Trim Trees Regularly

<https://therecord-online.com/site/archives/128119>

Lock Haven Express: City urges residents to follow ordinance, keep grass trimmings off roadways

<https://www.lockhaven.com/news/local-news/2025/08/city-urges-residents-to-follow-ordinance-keep-grass-trimmings-off-roadways/>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Odor, light, water runoff among concerns about egg farm in Muncy Creek Township

<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2025/08/odor-light-water-runoff-among-concerns-about-egg-farm-in-muncy-creek-township/>

Miscellaneous

Observer-Reporter: Lighthouse Electric opens new plant at former Brockway Glass site in Canton Township

<https://www.observer-reporter.com/news/local-news/2025/aug/06/lighthouse-electric-opens-new-plant-at-former-brockway-glass-site-in-canton-township/>

Tribune-Democrat: Decision for Md. extends Somerset County disaster loan deadline

https://www.tribdem.com/news/decision-for-md-extends-somerset-county-disaster-loan-deadline/article_38d9de67-428d-4216-8aaa-ea2aafc595f0.html

Lancaster Online: Here's what a data center community benefits agreement could include for Lancaster city

https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/heres-what-a-data-center-community-benefits-agreement-could-include-for-lancaster-city/article_02064716-82f8-4dc8-9b98-907c29027c49.html

Morning Call: Developer buys land to build 100 homes in Whitehall Township

<https://www.mcall.com/2025/08/06/developer-buys-land-for-nearly-4-million-to-build-more-than-100-homes-in-lehigh-valley/>

Tri-County Independent: Ag Award given to Wayne County Farmers Market for 50th anniversary

<https://www.tricountyindependent.com/story/news/local/2025/08/06/ag-award-wayne-county-farmers-market-50th-anniversary/85509213007/>

Pennlive: Pa. agency orders 1000s of state workers back to offices more often

<https://www.pennlive.com/news/2025/07/pa-agency-pulls-plug-on-full-time-remote-work-orders-1000s-of-state-workers-back-to-offices.html>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Public notices must remain accessible (Editorial)

<https://www.sungazette.com/opinion/editorials/2025/08/public-notice-must-remain-accessible/>