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Top DEP Stories

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: State assesses spill in Williamsport, instructs company on corrective measures

<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2025/08/state-assesses-spill-in-williamsport-instructs-company-on-corrective-measures/>

Mentions

WENY: DEP water tests show bacteria in water after loss of water pressure in Elkland Borough

<https://www.weny.com/story/53033999/dep-water-tests-show-bacteria-in-water-after-loss-of-water-pressure-in-elkland-borough>

Clairton Coke Works Explosion

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Clairton batteries involved in explosion will be inspected for damage starting Wednesday

<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/powersource/2025/08/26/clairton-batteries-explosion-inspected-damage-ussteel/stories/202508260094>

Tribune-Democrat: State planning High Point Lake meeting Wednesday

https://www.tribdem.com/news/cambria_county/state-planning-high-point-lake-meeting-wednesday/article_749f77d6-caf7-4b4f-b488-4f73ffe0a7c9.html

WTAE: U.S. Steel to begin coke removal from ovens after fatal Clairton plant explosion

<https://www.wtae.com/article/us-steel-coke-removal-ovens-fatal-clairton-plant-explosion/65904211>

WTAE: How PA plans to balance expanded Sunday hunting with state park visitation, outdoor rec

<https://wjactv.com/news/local/how-pa-plans-balance-expanded-sunday-hunting-with-state-park-visitation-outdoor-recreation-pennsylvania#>

WESA: U.S. Steel begins work to salvage Clairton Coke Works batteries after explosion

<https://www.wesa.fm/economy-business/2025-08-26/us-steel-salvage-clairton-coke-works-batteries>

Beaver County Radio: U.S. Steel will start to get rid of the coke from Batteries 13 and 14 of the U.S. Steel Clairton Coke Work plant because of the explosion that happened there on August 11th, 2025

<https://beavercountyradio.com/news/u-s-steel-will-start-to-get-rid-of-the-coke-from-batteries-13-and-14-of-the-u-s-steel-clairton-coke-work-plant-because-of-the-explosion-that-happened-there-on-august-11th-2025/>

Allegheny Front: U.S. Steel begins work to salvage Clairton Coke Works batteries after explosion

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/us-steel-clairton-coke-works-explosion-hot-idle/>

Tribune-Review: U.S. Steel to begin coke removal process in Clairton Coke Work ovens that exploded, killing 2, injuring others

<https://triblive.com/local/u-s-steel-to-begin-coke-removal-process-in-clairton-coke-work-ovens-that-exploded-killing-2-injuring-others/>

KDKA: U.S. Steel to remove coke from 2 batteries after deadly Clairton plant explosion

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/us-steel-coke-removal-deadly-clairton-plant-explosion/>

Conservation and Recreation

Daily American: Somerset County receives \$930,000 for work related to Sept. 11 memorial trail

<https://www.dailyamerican.com/story/news/local/2025/08/27/september-11-memorial-trail-improvements-funded-somerset-county/85839769007/>

Tribune-Review: Pine-Richland junior to revitalize historic tree site in Richland Community Park

<https://triblive.com/local/pine-richland-junior-to-revitalize-historic-tree-site-in-richland-community-park/>

NEXTpittsburgh: We visited the Ohio River's uninhabited islands

<https://nextpittsburgh.com/yinzer-backstage-pass/we-visited-the-ohio-rivers-uninhabited-islands/>

LehighValleyNews: Cracking up the crowds: Chick hatching exhibit returns to Allentown Fair after 3-year avian flu hiatus

<https://www.lehighvalleynews.com/environment-science/chick-hatching-at-the-allentown-fair-baby-chickens-born>

WHYY: Walk Around Philadelphia's fall cycle begins

<https://whyy.org/articles/walk-around-philadelphia-2025/>

Data Centers

Pittsburgh Business Times: Essential Utilities announces \$26M investment in Greene County data center

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2025/08/27/essential-utilities-data-center-greene-county.html>

Standard Speaker: County council asks PPL to consider alternatives to transmission line proposed in the Sugarloaf Valley

<https://www.standardspeaker.com/2025/08/26/county-council-asks-ppl-to-consider-alternatives-to-transmission-line-proposed-in-the-sugarloaf-valley/>

WFMZ: Hanover Township advances zoning amendment for warehouse development proposal

https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/lehighvalley/hanover-township-advances-zoning-amendment-for-warehouse-development-proposal/article_22a0e382-2bdd-4ffb-a647-0869f1ed5e0e.html

Energy

WESA: Federal EV program back on, but Pittsburgh charging largely driven by private sector
<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2025-08-27/federal-ev-charging-pittsburgh-private-sector>

Altoona Mirror: Frankstown Township weighs changes to solar power zoning ordinance
<https://www.altoonamirror.com/news/local-news/2025/08/frankstown-township-weighs-changes-to-solar-power-zoning-ordinance/>

WFMZ: Pa. Utility Commission: State's power grid hit with record number of power outages last year
https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/pennsylvania/pa-utility-commission-states-power-grid-hit-with-record-number-of-power-outages-last-year/article_fc4be336-98cf-4f28-94bd-db0dbb499222.html

Republican Herald: PPL tops list in year for record power outages across Pa., PUC says
<https://www.republicanherald.com/2025/08/26/ppl-tops-list-in-year-for-record-power-outages-across-pa-puc-says/>

Mining

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: County Council calls on Congress to increase monthly benefits for coal miners with black lung
<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/politics-local/2025/08/26/county-council-wants-congress-to-increase-monthly-benefits-for-coal-miners-with/stories/202508260096>

WNEP: Blasting work causes temporary road closures in Dickson City
<https://www.wnep.com/article/news/local/lackawanna-county/blasting-work-causes-temporary-road-closures-in-dickson-city-lackawanna-county/523-d80638ca-75f8-48b9-9324-c179777240f4?tbref=hp>

Town & Country: Residents Repeat Quarry Concerns at DEP Hearing
<https://upvnews.com/news/article.ashx?article=31794>

Vector Management

FOX56: Lackawanna County reports six additional positive West Nile samples
<https://fox56.com/news/local/lackawanna-county-reports-six-additional-positive-west-nile-samples#>

WJET-TV: More mosquito samples test positive for West Nile Virus in Mercer Co.
<https://www.yourerie.com/news/local-news/more-mosquito-samples-test-positive-for-west-nile-virus-in-mercerc-co/>

WENY: West Nile Virus detected across PA, including Bradford and Tioga counties
<https://www.weny.com/story/53032369/west-nile-virus-detected-across-pennsylvania-including-in-bradford-and-tioga-counties>

Water

Huntingdon Daily News: Broad Top City sewage plant operating OK

https://www.huntingdondailynews.com/news/local/broad-top-city-sewage-plant-operating-ok/article_1ca96cfb-d27d-4cc1-b929-bb2eddf8fd52.html

Miscellaneous

Pennlive: Plan to build 600-unit housing development in Dauphin County gets lukewarm response

<https://www.pennlive.com/business/2025/08/developer-wants-to-build-600-unit-housing-development-in-dauphin-county-but-officials-arent-too-warm-to-that-idea.html>

The Morning Call: Norfolk Southern asks Bethlehem to remove homeless encampment along Lehigh River

<https://www.mcall.com/2025/08/26/norfolk-southern-asks-bethlehem-to-remove-homeless-encampment-along-lehigh-river/>

The Scranton Times: Scranton to improve streetscape near former railroad station

<https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/2025/08/26/scranton-to-improve-streetscape-near-historic-former-railroad-headquarters/>

Butler Eagle: Penn State Extension demonstrates cover crop seeding by drone

<https://www.butlereagle.com/20250826/penn-state-extension-demonstrates-cover-crop-seeding-by-drone/>

Fox29: Horsham Township unveils maps of redevelopment plans for former Willow Grove Naval Air Base

<https://www.fox29.com/news/horsham-township-unveils-maps-redevelopment-plans-former-willow-grove-naval-air-base>

Fox29: Philadelphia shipyard gets \$5B investment to ramp up U.S. shipbuilding

<https://www.fox29.com/news/philadelphia-shipyard-gets-5b-investment-ramp-up-u-s-shipbuilding>

Philly burbs: Shuttered Willow Grove Naval Air base has new official map for redevelopment

<https://www.phillyburbs.com/story/news/local/2025/08/27/willow-grove-base-map-approved-for-future-housing-retail-in-horsham-pa/85831450007/>