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Top DEP Stories

Milton Standard-Journal: DRIVE working to revitalize industry in Milton

https://www.standard-journal.com/news/local/drive-working-to-revitalize-industry-in-milton/article_144fd640-439b-4ed3-9352-11be86fc4bed.html

Mentions

Latrobe Bulletin: LTMA pays \$3,900 DEP penalty, weighs \$6 million water line project phases

https://www.latrobebulletinnews.com/news/ltma-pays-3-900-dep-penalty-weighs-6-million-water-line-project-phases/article_754a357d-5b88-4403-a173-27f3a3402d8e.html

Butler Eagle: Township schedules special meeting for sewer plan as open comment deadline looms

<https://www.butlereagle.com/20260805/connoquenessing-township-schedules-special-meeting-for-sewer-plan-as-open-comment-deadline-looms/>

Indiana Gazette: Amazon, HCR are conducting 'commercial discussions' on data center

https://www.indianagazette.com/news/local/amazon-hcr-are-conducting-commercial-discussions-on-data-center/article_733afa63-9d58-42d0-b16e-6dc61b71689b.html

Republican Herald: Environmental contrast: Teens honored by SKIP, residents continue to raise stink over biosolids

<https://www.republicanherald.com/2026/08/06/environmental-contrast-teens-honored-by-skip-residents-continue-to-raise-stink-over-biosolids/>

Wyalusing Rocket-Courier: Meuser to get involved with Laceyville water issues

<https://www.rocket-courier.com/articles/meuser-to-get-involved-with-laceyville-water-issues/>

Conservation and Recreation

York Daily Record: Construction on new Hanover Trolley Trail trailhead begins

<https://www.ydr.com/story/news/local/2026/08/06/york-county-rail-trail-authority-announces-new-trailhead-construction/91198692007/>

Standard Speaker: Plan outlines trail between parks in Conyngham and Sugarloaf

<https://www.standardspeaker.com/2026/08/06/plan-outlines-trail-between-parks-in-conyngham-and-sugarloaf/>

Data Centers

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Letter to the editor: Use river power for data centers
<https://www.post-gazette.com/local/2026/08/06/allegHENY-river-data-center-dam-hydroelectricity/stories/202608060041>

Pittsburgh Business Times: Amazon confirms talks for potential data center at Homer City
Redevelopment in Indiana County
<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2026/08/06/amazon-data-center-indiana-county.html>

Pittsburgh Business Times: Hanover Township data center hearing halted amid dispute over zoning process
<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2026/08/06/prime-data-center-public-hearing.html>

WESA: Washington County data center draws hundreds of concerned people to township meeting
<https://www.wesanews.org/environment-energy/2026-08-07/washington-county-data-center-draws-hundreds-hanover-township>

Pennlive: Developer of proposed Pa. data center campus offers to buy opponents' property
<https://www.pennlive.com/news/2026/08/developer-of-proposed-pa-data-center-campus-offers-to-buy-opponents-property.html>

Lewistown Sentinel: County sets guidelines for data centers
<https://www.lewistownsentinel.com/news/local-news/2026/08/county-sets-guidelines-for-data-centers/>

WFMZ: Interior Secretary Doug Burgum addresses AI growth, data center needs in Northampton County visit
https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/lehighvalley/lehigh-county/allentown-area/interior-secretary-doug-burgum-addresses-ai-growth-data-center-needs-in-northampton-county-visit/article_9b91157e-a539-4e16-9b3f-0e49002dd74e.html#tncms-source=Homepage-Top-Stories

Morning Call: Electricity prices will continue to rise through 2030 as regional grid strains to meet increased demand
<https://www.mcall.com/2026/08/06/electricity-prices-will-continue-to-rise-through-2030-as-regional-grid-strains-to-meet-increased-demand/>

WNEP: Data center company holds open house for Schuylkill County community
<https://www.wnep.com/article/news/local/schuylkill-county/data-center-company-holds-open-house-schuylkill-county-community/523-a776d46f-a7c4-4db4-9679-c55aff952d33>

Scranton Times: Residents implore commissioners to OK data center health impact study
<https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/2026/08/05/residents-implore-commissioners-to-ok-data-center-health-impact-study/>

WOLF: Tensions boil at Lackawanna Co. Commissioners meeting over Data Center Health Impacts
<https://fox56.com/news/local/tensions-boil-at-lackawanna-co-commissioners-meeting-over-data-center-health-impacts>

Wyalusing Rocket-Courier: Public hearing to be held on Wyoming County data center regs
<https://www.rocket-courier.com/articles/public-hearing-to-be-held-on-wyoming-county-data-center-regs/>

WKOK: Montour planners recommend data center rules
<https://www.wkok.com/montour-township-planners-recommend-data-center-rules/>

Energy

New Castle News: Mahoning zoning board holds hearing on data center application denial
https://www.ncnewsonline.com/news/local_news/mahoning-zoning-board-holds-hearing-on-data-center-application-denial/article_692c79df-e76f-42bb-bb32-47c3254fcc9e.html

Vector Management

Tribune-Democrat: Mount Aloysius and UPJ have teamed up for tick-borne disease prevention study
https://www.tribdem.com/news/mount-alloysius-and-upj-have-teamed-up-for-tick-borne-disease-prevention-study/article_7dba447b-f43b-4f80-8a25-93d0b7ab6eca.html

Altoona Mirror: Senators urge Spotted Lanternfly damage research legislation
<https://www.altoonamirror.com/news/local-news/2026/08/senators-urge-spotted-lanternfly-damage-research-legislation/>

Waste

Lebtown: Refuse Authority approves resolution terminating closure trust
<https://lebtown.com/2026/08/07/refuse-authority-board-approves-resolution-to-terminate-closure-trust/?lts=mkgte1pe2g>

Water

Gettysburg Times: Extension's pond walk to focus on water quality, management
https://www.gettysburgtimes.com/hanovertimes/extensions-pond-walk-to-focus-on-water-quality-management/article_9925158d-76a2-40ee-b64e-8667eff9a537.html

WKOK: Shamokin Dam lifts water conservation request
<https://www.wkok.com/shamokin-dam-lifts-water-conservation-request/>

Miscellaneous

The Beaver County Times: Free potassium iodide pills available for those near nuclear plant
<https://www.timesonline.com/story/news/local/2026/08/06/beaver-county-pa-residents-can-get-potassium-iodide-pills-for-radiation-protection/91203890007/>

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https://cumberlink.com/news/local/government-politics/article_74315de8-6de3-453e-8c4e-7a1a1570eb44.html

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<https://www.fox43.com/article/news/local/wildlife-experts-come-across-rare-birds-nest-in-michaux-state-forest-outdoors-people/521-0088f33f-9519-4ad0-b258-b2724ca96999>