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Top DEP Stories

Indiana Gazette: Search extends into the night for Pennsylvania woman who may have fallen into sinkhole

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Mentions

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Westmoreland County Sinkhole

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