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Top DEP Stories

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Crews find body of missing Westmoreland County grandmother at bottom of sinkhole

<https://www.post-gazette.com/local/westmoreland/2024/12/06/sinkhole-unity-rescue-updates-westmoreland/stories/202412050133>

Tribune-Review: Coroner: Unity woman died of head, torso injuries after fall into sinkhole

<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/coroner-unity-woman-died-of-head-torso-injuries-after-fall-into-sinkhole/>

Sunbury Daily Item: Agency gives Valley organizations \$2 million to reduce pollution in Chesapeake Bay watershed

https://www.dailyitem.com/news/agency-gives-valley-organizations-2-million-to-reduce-pollution-in-chesapeake-bay-watershed/article_ff4b2698-b66c-11ef-8b34-2fda47faf848.html

Mentions

WPXI: Some Unity Township residents invest in mine subsidence insurance after grandmother dies in sinkhole

<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/some-unity-township-residents-invest-mine-subsidence-insurance-after-grandmother-dies-sinkhole/LC7PON5ESFH2PN72V5S2UFNSMY/>

Avian Influenza

Clarion News: PA requiring bulk milk testing to prevent Avian Influenza

https://www.theclarionnews.com/news/local/pa-requiring-bulk-milk-testing-to-prevent-avian-influenza/article_de685f4e-b65e-11ef-a228-4b38f878847a.html

Climate Change

Huntingdon Daily News: Second-warmest November on record means that 2024 is likely to be Earth's hottest year, report says

https://www.huntingdondailynews.com/ap/national/second-warmest-november-on-record-means-that-2024-is-likely-to-be-earths-hottest-year/article_e4d66f69-9184-5b99-aebe-d4731b8898a2.html

Conservation and Recreation

The Latrobe Bulletin: Westmoreland County Tourism grant gifts half million dollars to area organizations and businesses

https://www.latrobebulletinnews.com/news/local/westmoreland-county-tourism-grant-gifts-half-million-dollars-to-area-organizations-and-businesses/article_40f26b46-b69b-11ef-85f3-cfe0e1a00843.html

The Observer Reporter: Historical foundation supports growth and success in Greene County

https://www.observer-reporter.com/editors_pick/2024/dec/10/historical-foundation-supports-growth-and-success-in-greene-county/

Pittsburgh Union Progress: Conservancy events aim to ensure all ages can enjoy winter activities in Pittsburgh's parks

<https://www.unionprogress.com/2024/12/10/conservancy-events-aim-to-ensure-all-ages-can-enjoy-winter-activities-in-pittsburghs-parks/>

WPXI: Youghiogheny River nominated for Pennsylvania's 2025 River of the Year

<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/youghiogheny-river-nominated-pennsylvanias-2025-river-year/F26RU5JE7RAYJGDSEXWFRPRELY/>

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Meadville Tribune: Voting begins for Pennsylvania's River of the Year

https://www.meadvilletribune.com/news/voting-begins-for-pennsylvania-s-river-of-the-year/article_7b8dcbc0-b654-11ef-abed-9b351a8fd55e.html

Energy

Tribune-Democrat: Conemaugh Valley School Board approves energy savings project

https://www.tribdem.com/news/conemaugh-valley-school-board-approves-energy-savings-project/article_13dab08a-b670-11ef-aa74-ff6bd8add122.html

Inside Climate News: Clean Energy Industry Questions a New PJM Proposal That Could Move Fossil Fuel Projects to the Front of the Interconnection Queue

<https://insideclimatenews.org/news/08122024/grid-operator-pjm-proposal-could-prioritize-fossil-fuel-projects/>

PA Environmental Digest: PA Solar Center: Whitehall Borough, Allegheny County To Install Solar Energy Facility In Early 2025

<https://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2024/12/pa-solar-center-whitehall-borough.html>

York Dispatch: Cuffs Run overlooking the Susquehanna in Chanceford Township under threat from development

<https://www.yorkdispatch.com/picture-gallery/news/local/2024/12/09/cuffs-run-in-chanceford-township-under-threat-from-development/76830428007/>

Central Penn Business Journal: Union Energy's founding meeting focuses on jobs, sustainable energy
<https://www.cpbj.com/union-energys-founding-meeting-focuses-on-jobs-sustainable-energy/>

Bradford Era: Grants open for state's Solar for Schools program
https://www.bradfordera.com/news/grants-open-for-states-solar-for-schools-program/article_e2690e44-b3ee-11ef-91cb-9b2014d573eb.html

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Grants open for state's Solar for Schools program
<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2024/12/grants-open-for-states-solar-for-schools-program/>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Reflections in nature: Coal oil and kerosene
<https://www.sungazette.com/news/outdoors/2024/12/reflections-in-nature-coal-oil-and-kerosene/>

Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields

6 ABC: Cancer-causing chemicals used in homes and workplaces banned by EPA
<https://6abc.com/post/epa-bans-2-cleaning-product-chemicals-both-known-potentially-cause-types-cancer>

Mining

Tribune-Democrat: Ribbon-cutting marks another step forward for Ghost Town Trail expansion
https://www.tribdem.com/news/ribbon-cutting-marks-another-step-forward-for-ghost-town-trail-expansion/article_4cdb0a08-b669-11ef-98d7-d3d22c4639cd.html

WJAC: Cambria County officials celebrate latest upgrades in Ghost Town Trail project
<https://wjactv.com/news/local/cambria-county-officials-celebrate-latest-upgrades-in-ghost-town-trail-project#>

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Tribune-Review: Sewickley Heights homeowner plans to rebuild on site of 2023 house explosion
<https://triblive.com/local/sewickley/sewickley-heights-homeowner-plans-to-rebuild-on-site-of-2023-house-explosion/>

Potter Leader-Enterprise: Republicans demand to see science behind DOE ban on natural gas exports
https://www.tiogapublishing.com/news/nation/republicans-demand-to-see-science-behind-doe-ban-on-natural-gas-exports/article_2b4b5040-7821-5202-8b29-18bb1a4162a1.html

PFAS

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: EPA bans cancer-causing chemicals used in dry cleaning
<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/environment/2024/12/09/epa-chemical-ban-perc-tce-nyt/stories/202412090064>

Waste

LehighValleyNews.com: Residents trash 86% garbage fee hike in Whitehall Township
<https://www.lehighvalleynews.com/lehigh-county/residents-trash-86-garbage-fee-hike-in-whitehall-township>

Lebtown.com: Jonestown Borough will ask for more grant funding for costlier leaf vac
<https://lebtown.com/2024/12/10/jonestown-borough-will-ask-for-more-grant-funding-for-costlier-leaf-vac/>

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Water

Tribune-Review: Morning Roundup: Sinkhole opens up in East Liberty; man charged in stabbing; person flown to hospital following crash
<https://triblive.com/local/regional/morning-roundup-sinkhole-opens-up-in-east-liberty-man-charged-in-stabbing-person-flown-to-hospital-following-crash/>

WPXI: Family cleaning up after water main break floods basement of Pittsburgh home
<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/family-cleaning-up-after-water-main-break-floods-basement-pittsburgh-home/YKHNE2ZKVJE7NLLAJHRF45I2OM/>

WTAE: Sinkhole opens on East Liberty neighborhood street; Pittsburgh water investigating
<https://www.wtae.com/article/sinkhole-east-liberty-neighborhood-pittsburgh-water/63140032>

Post-Gazette: Pa. lawmakers protest Coast Guard cuts in Pittsburgh
<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/politics-nation/2024/12/09/coast-guard-pittsburgh-congress/stories/202412090085>

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Standard Speaker: Here's how your school, child care facility can get lead testing funds

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https://www.thederrick.com/free/aqua-lifts-boil-water-advisory-in-cooperstown/article_2b52262a-b676-11ef-b872-cbaca0fa76dc.html

WHYY: Conservationists celebrate more than 200 federally funded projects to restore waterways in Delaware watershed

<https://whyy.org/articles/delaware-river-watershed-fund-grants-conservation-environment/>

DV Journal: Vote for PA's River of the Year

<https://delawarevalleyjournal.com/vote-for-pas-river-of-the-year/>

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Miscellaneous

The Beaver County Times: Freedom-Crider Road in Beaver County has reopened to traffic

<https://www.timesonline.com/story/news/local/2024/11/27/freedom-crider-road-in-new-sewickley-twp-has-reopened-to-traffic/76619631007/>

The Mon Valley Independent: Layoffs pushed back at Corelle plant

<https://www.monvalleyindependent.com/2024/12/10/layoffs-pushed-back-at-corelle-plant/>

The Observer Reporter: Officials celebrate completion of 'Waynesburg Betterment' streetscape project

<https://www.observer-reporter.com/news/local-news/2024/dec/10/officials-celebrate-completion-of-waynesburg-betterment-streetscape-project/>

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: An 'accidental environmentalist' shows us the global food chain in vivid pictures

<https://www.post-gazette.com/life/food/2024/12/10/george-steinmetz-feed-planet-book-global-food-chain-photos/stories/202412050131>

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<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/historic-north-huntingdon-bridge-in-poor-condition-slated-for-replacement/>

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KDKA: McKnight Road to see lane restriction while crews conduct signal upgrades

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/mcknight-road-lane-restriction-signal-upgrades-pennDOT/>

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Lancaster Farming: Maryland to Offer Farm Environmental Scoring

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