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Top DEP Stories

Herald-Standard: New state methane rules being developed for oil and gas operations

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Mentions

Observer-Reporter: DEP and Conservation District visit West Pike Run Township

<https://www.observer-reporter.com/uncategorized/2026/jul/28/dep-and-conservation-district-visit-west-pike-run-township/>

NBC10: West Nile virus detected in mosquito sample near Mount Sharon Cemetery

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Air

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Letter to the editor: Air quality is life quality

<https://www.post-gazette.com/local/2026/07/27/air-quality-pittsburgh-smog-wildfire-smoke-pa/stories/202607270003>

Pennlive: Wildfire smoke coming back ‘across pretty much all of Pa.’ How bad will it get?

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Climate Change

Centre Daily Times: The National Climate Assessment is broken – appointing Matthew Wielicki to lead it won't help (Opinion)

<https://www.centredaily.com/opinion/us-viewpoints/article316609479.html>

Centre Daily Times: 5 lessons from 20 years of climate surveys: Political party matters, but it doesn't explain everything (Opinion)

<https://www.centredaily.com/opinion/us-viewpoints/article316592856.html>

Conservation and Recreation

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Birdwatchers flock to Presque Isle for a glimpse of Alaska's state bird, the willow ptarmigan

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Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Brandon McGinley: What city gardens teach us about life, land and the future

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Allegheny Front: Discover the carnivorous plants of Spruce Flats Bog, a gem of the Laurel Highlands

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Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Learning about our birds, contributing to science

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Centre Daily Times: Will Penn's Cave become PA's 126th state park? Here's the latest on the effort

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TribLive: Gilpin Township weighs zoning changes targeting future data centers

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Patch.com: Blasting Scheduled At Warrington Township Quarry

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