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Top DEP Stories

WNEP: Gov. Shapiro speaks at Sanofi Pasteur, highlighting RISE PA grant to lower emissions across the Commonwealth

<https://www.wnep.com/article/news/local/monroe-county/gov-shapiro-speaks-at-sanofi-pasteur-highlighting-grant-to-lower-emissions-across-the-commonwealth-monroe-county-swiftwater/523-e8f84244-2e8d-4fd5-95e8-3acd683ddda3>

Pocono Record: “No reason: budget can’t get done soon”, Shapiro says in Monroe County

<https://www.pocorecord.com/videos/news/politics/state/2026/06/26/josh-shapiro-pennsylvania-budget-status/90711678007/>

WBRE: Gov. Shapiro visits Monroe County to highlight grant

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/money/general/gov-shapiro-visits-monroe-county-to-highlight-grant/ar-AA26EtF8?ocid=BingNewsSerp>

Times Leader: Capitol Roundup: Shapiro announces new RISE PA grant for Sanofi Pasteur in Monroe County

<https://www.timesleader.com/news/1747251/capitol-roundup-shapiro-announces-new-rise-pa-grant-for-sanofi-pasteur-in-monroe-county>

MonroeCountytpa.com: Gov. Shapiro visits Monroe County to highlight grant

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USA Today: Josh Shapiro visits Sanofi to highlight emissions reduction grant

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/local/2026/06/27/josh-shapiro-visits-sanofi-emissions-reduction-grant/90713215007/?gnt-cfr=1&gca-cat=p>

Mentions

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Meadville Tribune: 'Do not drink the water': Arsenic concerns in Conneaut Lake borough water supply

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Morning Call: Dangerous, near record-breaking heat is on the way. Here's what to expect this week in the Lehigh Valley

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Conservation and Recreation

Times-Tribune: Fishing derby brings families, community together in Abingtons

<https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/2026/06/27/fishing-derby-brings-families-community-together-in-abingtons/>

Pennlive: Have a Pennsylvania trail you love? Nominate it for this 2027 statewide honor.

<https://www.pennlive.com/outdoors/2026/06/have-a-pennsylvania-trail-you-love-nominate-it-for-this-2027-statewide-honor.html>

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<https://www.goerie.com/story/opinion/2026/06/26/it-is-time-for-people-of-penns-wood-to-rally-for-the-public-lands-opinion/90707396007/>

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Data Centers

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Republican Herald: AI company starts development at Highridge Business Park

<https://www.republicanherald.com/2026/06/26/ai-company-starts-development-at-highridge-business-park/>

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<https://www.yourerie.com/news/data-center-pause-button-bill-passes-pennsylvania-house-nearly-unanimously/>

Cameron Echo: County enacts data center ordinance
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<https://www.wkok.com/solar-project-could-draw-crowd-in-freeburg/>

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<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/news/2026/06/27/1/solar-project-may-cut-parking>

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Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Williamsport's plan to tackle the worst blighted properties in motion
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Lebtown: South Lebanon approves bond release, receives mosquito update

<https://lebtown.com/2026/06/29/south-lebanon-approves-bond-release-for-laserfab/>

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Waste

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Sprucing up the Susquehanna; Creek clean-up crew focuses on part of river in monthly outing

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