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Top DEP Stories

Tribune-Democrat: Prince Gallitzin tour highlights solar power savings, potential to lower energy costs
https://www.tribdem.com/news/prince-gallitzin-tour-highlights-solar-power-savings-potential-to-lower-energy-costs/article_3e8bf21b-5e25-416c-ae1b-0da94df8b9ee.html

WTaj: Prince Gallitzin State Park showcases new solar arrays, EV chargers
<https://www.wtaj.com/news/local-news/prince-gallitzin-state-park-showcases-new-solar-arrays-ev-chargers/>

Altoona Mirror: Shining a light on solar: Students get a close-up look at array responsible for cutting electricity costs at Prince Gallitzin State Park
<https://www.altoonamirror.com/news/local-news/2025/10/solar-power-princegallitzin-students-get-close-look/>

Clairton Coke Works Explosion

Allegheny Front: High-pressure maintenance procedure led to valve rupture in fatal US Steel blast
<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/high-pressure-maintenance-procedure-valve-rupture-fatal-us-steel-blast/>

Conservation and Recreation

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: City of Pittsburgh to take over North Shore Riverfront Park to address abandoned boats
<https://www.post-gazette.com/local/city/2025/10/20/pittsburgh-north-shore-riverfront-park-abandoned-boats/stories/202510200066>

WFMZ: National Apple Day: Lehigh County orchard could be perfect pick amid peak apple picking season
https://www.wfmz.com/news/area/lehighvalley/lehigh-county/southern-lehigh-county/national-apple-day-lehigh-county-orchard-could-be-perfect-pick-amid-peak-apple-picking-season/article_1410633b-c8be-4836-9b4b-a5f248e7d138.html#tncms-source=Homepage-Top-Stories

Lehighvalleylive: 9/11 Trail aims to connect these Pa. communities: 2 public meetings set this week
<https://www.lehighvalleylive.com/outdoors/2025/10/911-trail-aims-to-connect-these-pa-communities-2-public-meetings-set-this-week.html>

FOX56: A new connection for Honesdale and Hawley: Indian Orchard Boat Launch opens
<https://fox56.com/news/local/a-new-connection-for-honesdale-and-hawley-indian-orchard-boat-launch-opens>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: PA is growing outdoor economy, and helping businesses thrive
<https://www.sungazette.com/news/outdoors/2025/10/pa-is-growing-outdoor-economy-and-helping-businesses-thrive/>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Hughesville Borough Council mulls removal of trees
<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2025/10/hughesville-borough-council-mulls-removal-of-trees/>

Data Centers

WESA: Washington County acreage pitched as 'carbon-neutral' data center development
<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2025-10-21/washington-county-carbon-neutral-data-center-development>

KDKA: Pittsburgh-area residents push back against proposed data centers over energy and environmental risks
<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/artificial-intelligence-concerns-pittsburgh-region/>

KDKA: Large piece of land in South Strabane Township being marketed for potential data center use
<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/south-strabane-township-zediker-station-data-center/>

Scranton Times: Moosic to work on ordinance regulating data centers
<https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/2025/10/19/moosic-to-work-on-ordinance-regulating-data-centers/>

York Dispatch: Hearing to resume at fire hall about East Manchester data centers
<https://www.yorkdispatch.com/story/news/local/2025/10/21/east-manchester-township-york-county-pennsylvania-ai-zoning-data-centers/86804192007/>

ABC27: Data centers have to go somewhere, state utility chair says: This Week in Pennsylvania
<https://www.abc27.com/pennsylvania-politics/data-centers-have-to-go-somewhere-state-utility-chair-says-this-week-in-pennsylvania/>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Work sessions on data center ordinance to omit public
<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/101725/page/1/story/work-sessions-to-omit-public>

Energy

Tribune-Review: Eos Energy to announce \$350M expansion including Pittsburgh HQ for zinc battery operation
<https://triblive.com/news/pennsylvania/eos-energy-to-announce-350m-expansion-including-pittsburgh-hq-for-zinc-battery-operation/>

Pittsburgh Business Times: Eos Energy to move headquarters to Pittsburgh, add factory
<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2025/10/21/eos-energy-pittsburgh-region.html>

New Castle News: How Shapiro wants to reshape the region's power grid operator as prices rise
https://www.ncnewsonline.com/news/local_news/how-shapiro-wants-to-reshape-the-region-s-power-grid-operator-as-prices-rise/article_21198180-9b04-5408-bca1-16253b88252e.html

NorthcentralPA.com: Over \$1.7B in federal funding for
https://www.northcentralpa.com/news/over-1-7b-in-federal-funding-for-pa-hydrogen-projects-at-risk/article_9659de6c-51a6-4d2b-95c4-83399c87fa83.html

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Hemlock Oks huge solar field; residents oppose 595 acre project
<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/102125/page/1/story/hemlock-oks-huge-solar-field>

Waste

Bucks County Today: Plumstead Community Rallies to Protect Township from Food Waste Recycling Company3
<https://bucksco.today/2025/10/friends-against-bright-feeds-plumstead/>

York Daily Record: See how the new York Community Compost Co-Op works at the Horn Farm
<https://www.ydr.com/videos/news/local/2025/10/20/high-school-student-builds-community-effort-to-help-environment/86802820007/>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Nineteen year old employee of Fought's Disposal charged with taking signs opposing transfer station
<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/101725/page/1/story/man-19-charged-with-taking-signs-opposing-transfer-station>

Water

WJAC: Johnstown Water Authority approves rate increase; cites rising costs, local projects
<https://wjactv.com/news/local/johnstown-water-authority-approves-rate-increase-due-to-rising-costs-local-projects#>

KDKA: Water service restored to Dravosburg Borough following outage, water main break
<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/dravosburg-water-outage-early-morning-water-main-break/>

Observer-Reporter: PAWC receives PENNVEST funds for lead pipeline removal projects in Fayette County
<https://www.observer-reporter.com/news/local-news/2025/oct/21/pawc-receives-pennvest-funds-for-lead-pipeline-removal-projects-in-fayette-county/>

Butler Eagle: Jackson Township officially acquires 132-acre reservoir property from Evans City
<https://www.butlereagle.com/20251021/jackson-township-officially-acquires-132-acre-reservoir-property-from-evans-city/>

Meadville Tribune: MAWA approves extension, nixes college's solar proposal

https://www.meadvilletribune.com/news/mawa-approves-extension-nixes-colleges-solar-proposal/article_e0786bb2-6989-4707-b719-564a168c0fef.html

Reading Eagle: 8 sanitary sewer mains replaced in Exeter Township

<https://www.readingeagle.com/2025/10/21/8-sanitary-sewer-mains-replaced-in-exeter-township/>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Culver announces \$25.4M water grant

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/101625/page/4/story/culver-announces-254m-water-grant>

Miscellaneous

Tribune-Review: Hempfield Area aims to add composting, hydroponics to STEM curriculum

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Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: The Orionid meteor shower is set to light up the Pittsburgh sky. Here's what to know and when to watch.

<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/environment/2025/10/20/orionid-meteor-shower-pittsburgh/stories/202510200060>

Morning Call: Plans for a historic Lehigh Valley hotel property have fallen through. Here's what's happening

<https://www.mcall.com/2025/10/21/lehigh-valley-affordable-housing/>

WHYY: Philadelphia mayor and council members at odds over 10-cent paper bag fee bill

<https://whyy.org/articles/paper-bag-fee-bill-philadelphia/>