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Mentions

Standard Speaker: State to hold meeting on Hazleton trash transfer station April 8

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Air

TribLive: Letter to the editor: Shell plant continues to pollute

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ut-6on6R7g>

Conservation and Recreation

WJAC: Community comes together for first day of trout fishing

<https://wjactv.com/news/local/community-comes-together-for-first-day-of-trout-fishing>

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<https://www.lockhaven.com/news/local-news/2026/04/union-county-business-park-may-see-up-to-four-data-centers/>

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<https://www.inquirer.com/news/pennsylvania/strasburg-landfill-contaminated-water-well-public-20260403.html>

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