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## **Top DEP Stories**

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WOLF: Greenhouse Project and Penn State Master Gardeners lead potato-growing workshop  
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WFMZ: Local business welcomes thrill-seekers to Lehigh River for whitewater rafting  
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