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## Top DEP Stories

Pocono Record: Volunteers sought for 'Pick Up Pennsylvania'

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Erie Times: Bluffs policy protects stability, views of Erie's bayfront

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Tribune-Review: Rare catch: Wild brown trout discovered in Roaring Run in Armstrong County

<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/rare-catch-wild-brown-trout-discovered-in-roaring-run-in-armstrong-county/>

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<https://triblive.com/local/pittsburgh-allegheny/spotted-lanternfly-in-swissvale-avalon-and-pittsburgh-147-surge-in-reports-statewide/>

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Times Observer: New tech aimed at limiting power outages

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<https://triblive.com/opinion/editorial-utility-bills-will-come-due/>

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