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Top DEP Stories

WJAC: How Bellefonte food bank is using DEP funding to expand fresh food access to those in-need
<https://wjactv.com/news/local/how-bellefonte-food-bank-is-using-dep-funding-to-expand-fresh-food-access-to-those-in-need>

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<https://www.centredaily.com/news/local/community/bellefonte/article316870922.html>

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<https://metrophiladelphia.com/stories/philadelphia-waterways-fecal-contamination-e-coli,151688>

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Conservation and Recreation

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<https://wjactv.com/news/local/rock-run-summer-blast-returns-to-cambria-co-regular-riding-to-be-closed-for-event>

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Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Where governor candidates Garrity and Shapiro stand on data centers

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WHYY: Opposition to data center construction is rising sharply, survey says

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