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## Top DEP Stories

Wyoming County Press Examiner: \$471K heading to watershed  
<https://www.wcexaminer.com/news/471k-heading-to-watershed-1.2425433>

## Mentions

Danville News: Mahoning can cover Danville water rate hike, supervisors say  
[https://www.dailyitem.com/the\\_danville\\_news/news/mahoning-can-cover-danville-water-rate-hike-supervisors-say/article\\_388ec60c-e0a9-5d6e-a61f-0cddb8c976d7.html](https://www.dailyitem.com/the_danville_news/news/mahoning-can-cover-danville-water-rate-hike-supervisors-say/article_388ec60c-e0a9-5d6e-a61f-0cddb8c976d7.html)

## Climate Change

York Dispatch: U.S. fossil fuel exports spur growth, climate worries  
<https://www.yorkdispatch.com/story/news/2018/12/27/us-fossil-fuel-exports-spur-growth-climate-worries/38805355/>

## Conservation & Recreation

Clearfield Progress-News: Clearfield County approves \$35.2M budget with tax increase, staff layoffs; cuts funding to Conservation District; Black Fly spraying program eliminated  
[http://www.theprogressnews.com/news/local/clearfield-county-approves-m-budget-with-tax-increase-staff-layoffs/article\\_4ee4caa9-9190-5e83-8cde-ddceaa83857a.html](http://www.theprogressnews.com/news/local/clearfield-county-approves-m-budget-with-tax-increase-staff-layoffs/article_4ee4caa9-9190-5e83-8cde-ddceaa83857a.html)

Tribune-Review: Ohiopyle river guides recognized by Carnegie Hero Fund Commission  
<https://triblive.com/local/regional/14447109-74/ohiopyle-river-guides-recognized-by-carnegie-hero-fund-commission>

Morning Call: Outdoors: First Day Hikes growing in popularity across region  
<https://www.mcall.com/sports/outdoors/mc-spt-outdoors-hiking-20181226-story.html>

Pennlive: Best First Day Hikes to greet the new year  
<https://www.pennlive.com/expo/life-and-culture/erry-2018/12/87d52a34907437/best-first-day-hikes-to-greet.html>

Philadelphia Inquirer: In Bala Cynwyd, a centuries-old tree could be cut down - for an office building  
<http://www.philly.com/news/pennsylvania/bala-cynwyd-penn-tree-removal-pennsylvania-20181227.html>

AP News: Groups try to save historic tree from removal  
<https://apnews.com/a9a9fa33958947339dcbe5f9b1a91366>

Pennlive: Groups want to save 300-year-old 'Penn tree' from being chopped down for office building  
<https://www.pennlive.com/news/2018/12/groups-want-to-save-300-year-old-penn-tree-from-being-chopped-down-for-office-building.html>

Post-Gazette: New camera installed to spy on Hays bald eagles

<https://www.post-gazette.com/life/outdoors/2018/12/27/new-camera-tracks-bald-eagle-nesting-hays-audubon-society-pennsylvania-pittsburgh/stories/201812270124>

## **Energy**

Lock Haven Express: Report: Thousands in PA without safe electric heating

<http://www.lockhaven.com/news/local-news/2018/12/report-thousands-in-pa-without-safe-electric-heating/>

Olean Times Herald: Wind project underway in Potter County

[http://www.oleantimesherald.com/news/wind-project-underway-in-potter-county/article\\_a1503266-0a53-11e9-b555-b7646e162969.html](http://www.oleantimesherald.com/news/wind-project-underway-in-potter-county/article_a1503266-0a53-11e9-b555-b7646e162969.html)

## **Mining**

Scranton Times: Lackawanna River trail organization plans new section in Dickson City

<https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/news/lackawanna-river-trail-organization-plans-new-section-in-dickson-city-1.2426329>

Herald-Standard: Fired subcontractor accused of stealing items from employees at Harvey Mine

[https://www.heraldstandard.com/news/local\\_news/fired-subcontractor-accused-of-stealing-items-from-employees-at-harvey/article\\_e0edbef5-739b-5d08-b2c1-af4c2a3ef985.html](https://www.heraldstandard.com/news/local_news/fired-subcontractor-accused-of-stealing-items-from-employees-at-harvey/article_e0edbef5-739b-5d08-b2c1-af4c2a3ef985.html)

Observer-Reporter: Fired subcontractor accused of stealing items from employees at Harvey Mine

[https://observer-reporter.com/news/localnews/fired-subcontractor-accused-of-stealing-items-from-employees-at-harvey/article\\_8f157358-09ff-11e9-a86d-1f81b5c9b081.html](https://observer-reporter.com/news/localnews/fired-subcontractor-accused-of-stealing-items-from-employees-at-harvey/article_8f157358-09ff-11e9-a86d-1f81b5c9b081.html)

## **Oil and Gas**

Altoona Mirror: Peoples rates to rise

<http://www.altoonamirror.com/news/local-business/2018/12/peoples-rates-to-rise/>

Tribune-Review: State permits clear way for new pipelines to Beaver County 'cracker' plant

<https://triblive.com/local/alleggheny/14446759-74/state-dep-action-clears-way-for-construction-of-shell-falcon-ethane-pipeline>

Tribune-Review: Gas prices drop in Western Pa. but still among highest in the nation

<https://triblive.com/local/regional/14446856-74/gas-prices-drop-in-region-but-still-among-highest-in-the-nation>

Bradford Era: Gas prices drop

[http://www.bradfordera.com/news/gas-prices-drop/article\\_ae2f874c-0a45-11e9-9baa-cbf76274ef91.html](http://www.bradfordera.com/news/gas-prices-drop/article_ae2f874c-0a45-11e9-9baa-cbf76274ef91.html)

Pittsburgh Business Times: Newsmakers of the Year: EQT Corp.

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2018/12/28/newsmakers-of-the-year-eqt-corp.html>

Pittsburgh Business Times: Viewpoint: What will 2019 be like for natural gas?

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2018/12/28/viewpoint-what-will-2019-be-like-for-natural-gas.html>

Observer-Reporter: Gas prices continue to drop in Washington, region

[https://observer-reporter.com/business/gas-prices-continue-to-drop-in-washington-region/article\\_fdf6d49e-0a07-11e9-8efb-d3afb8cdce0b.html](https://observer-reporter.com/business/gas-prices-continue-to-drop-in-washington-region/article_fdf6d49e-0a07-11e9-8efb-d3afb8cdce0b.html)

## **Waste**

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Here's another recycling option

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/122818/page/3/story/heres-another-recycling-option>

Sayre Morning-Times: Litchfield Township: Field cams to monitor illegal dumping

[http://www.morning-times.com/news/article\\_d6954b90-0a59-11e9-852f-cbd537700efb.html](http://www.morning-times.com/news/article_d6954b90-0a59-11e9-852f-cbd537700efb.html)

Post-Gazette: Starting Jan. 1, city residents can recycle TVs, e-waste, household chemicals -- for a fee

<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/environment/2018/12/27/Starting-Jan-1-city-residents-can-recycle-e-waste-hazardous-household-chemicals-for-a-fee/stories/201812270190>

Erie Times: Erie residents face new recycling rules

<http://www.goerie.com/news/20181228/erie-residents-face-new-recycling-rules>

Erie Times: What (and how) you can recycle during the holidays in Erie County

<http://www.goerie.com/news/20181226/what-and-how-you-can-recycle-during-holidays-in-erie-county>

Times Observer: Christmas tree-cycling for Kinzua Fish and Wildlife

<http://www.timesobserver.com/news/local-news/2018/12/christmas-tree-cycling-for-kinzua-fish-and-wildlife/>

Observer-Reporter: Firefighters at Monongahela scrap yard

[https://observer-reporter.com/news/localnews/firefighters-at-monongahela-scrap-yard/article\\_651f43b2-0ab3-11e9-ba87-87dca62be578.html](https://observer-reporter.com/news/localnews/firefighters-at-monongahela-scrap-yard/article_651f43b2-0ab3-11e9-ba87-87dca62be578.html)

## **Water**

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StateImpact PA: Bucks County congressman seeks allies in water contamination battle

<https://stateimpact.npr.org/pennsylvania/2018/12/27/bucks-county-congressman-seeks-allies-in-water-contamination-battle/>

Scranton Times: Scranton pension funds receive long-delayed sewer sale proceeds

<https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/news/scranton-pension-funds-receive-long-delayed-sewer-sale-proceeds-1.2426756>

Altoona Mirror: Boil water notice issued

<http://www.altoonamirror.com/news/local-news/2018/12/boil-water-notice-issued/>

Lancaster Newspapers: Flooding possible as heavy rains sweep through region

[https://lancasteronline.com/news/pennsylvania/flooding-possible-as-heavy-rains-sweep-through-region/article\\_b649f1a4-e1ae-5c4f-949e-20c634a8591d.html](https://lancasteronline.com/news/pennsylvania/flooding-possible-as-heavy-rains-sweep-through-region/article_b649f1a4-e1ae-5c4f-949e-20c634a8591d.html)

Pennlive: Up to an inch and a half of rain could fall in central Pa. before the weekend

<https://www.pennlive.com/news/2018/12/up-to-an-inch-and-a-half-of-rain-could-fall-in-central-pa-before-the-weekend.html>

WPXI: 9 water main breaks in the last month frustrate local community

<https://www.wpxi.com/news/top-stories/9-water-main-breaks-in-the-last-month-frustrates-local-community/894740851>

WNEP: Two Water Main Breaks Slow in Scranton

<https://wnep.com/2018/12/28/water-main-break-in-scranton-8/>

Beaver County Times: Sewer rates to increase for Aliquippa customers

<http://www.timesonline.com/news/20181227/sewer-rates-to-increase-for-aliquippa-customers>

### **Miscellaneous**

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Rainy summer challenged schools to reopen (look back on 2018)

<http://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2018/12/rainy-summer-challenged-schools-to-reopen/>

The Hill: EPA braces to run out of funds by week's end as shutdown continues

<https://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/423048-epa-braces-to-run-out-of-funds-at-midnight-as-shutdown-continues>

Pennlive: Ski resorts open despite the lack of snow

<https://www.pennlive.com/news/2018/12/ski-resorts-open-despite-the-lack-of-snow.html>