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Top DEP Stories

WITF/WVIA: Burning rubber: residents fight power plant planning to burn tires for cryptocurrency
<https://www.witf.org/2023/12/26/burning-rubber-residents-fight-power-plant-planning-to-burn-tires-for-cryptocurrency/>

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<https://www.fox43.com/article/weather/drought-watch-remains-13-pennsylvania-counties-franklin-county-drought-warning/521-fcec03ef-17ee-4bd0-81ca-09f24a67deed>

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<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/breakingnews/tanker-overturns-near-southern-columbia-spills-fuel-into-drainage-ditch>

Air

Standard Speaker: Fires burning in Canada cause smoke, air quality issues in Hazleton area
https://www.standardspeaker.com/news/fires-burning-in-canada-cause-smoke-air-quality-issues-in-hazleton-area/article_c5c74d33-61f0-5be0-ba33-75e43ef86065.html

Post-Gazette: Throughout the ages: A look back on U.S. Steel ahead of Nippon acquisition
<https://newsinteractive.post-gazette.com/photos/2023/12/23/us-steel-history/>

Climate Change

The Guardian: New breed of climate protesters vows to take fight to 'cowards' of US politics
<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2023/dec/26/climate-defiance-change-protesters-confrontation>

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Bradford Era: First Day Hike at Kinzua Bridge State Park
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<https://www.goerie.com/story/sports/outdoors/2023/12/27/pa-endangered-species-act-1973-bald-eagle-osprey-peregrine-falcon-50th-anniversary/71998961007/>

Clarion News: First day hikes scheduled for Pa. State Parks

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Lehigh Valley Live: Solar eclipse 2024 expected to draw travelers to 'totality' states, including part of Pa.
<https://www.lehighvalleylive.com/news/2023/12/solar-eclipse-2024-expected-to-draw-travelers-to-totality-states-including-part-of-pa.html>

Tri- County Independent: Honesdale OKs easement for pedestrian pathway to Lackawaxen River trail
<https://www.tricountyindependent.com/story/news/local/2023/12/21/honesdale-easement-approved-for-pedestrian-river-trail-access/71988161007/>

Pittsburgh Union Progress: Start 2024 with a First Day Hike in one of Pennsylvania's state parks
<https://www.unionprogress.com/2023/12/27/start-2024-with-a-first-day-hike-in-one-of-pennsylvanias-state-parks/>

Post-Gazette: Want to be a citizen scientist? Western Pa. volunteers survey birds and waterways for national studies
<https://www.post-gazette.com/life/outdoors/2023/12/26/citizen-scientist-christmas-bird-count/stories/202312190094>

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<https://www.timesonline.com/story/sports/outdoors/2023/12/27/pa-endangered-species-act-1973-bald-eagle-osprey-peregrine-falcon-50th-anniversary/71998961007/>

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<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/powersource/2023/12/27/electric-vehicles-pennsylvania-public-utility-commission/stories/202312270055>

Pittsburgh Union Progress: Pennsylvania Turnpike to begin testing electrified parking spaces to charge EVs
<https://www.unionprogress.com/2023/12/26/pennsylvania-turnpike-to-begin-testing-electrified-parking-spaces-to-charge-evs/>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Solar panel study costs \$66G; installation envisioned for two town buildings

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/122523/page/1/story/solar-panel-study-costs-66g>

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Fox56: Oil truck rollover on Route 487 in Columbia County

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Oil and Gas

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Mon Valley Independent: Christmas tree recycling programs open drop-off sites

<https://monvalleyindependent.com/2023/12/christmas-tree-recycling-programs-open-drop-off-sites/>

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Miscellaneous

LancasterOnline: Hanover eagles livestream goes back online in time for Christmas

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<https://www.readingeagle.com/2023/12/27/ask-the-master-gardener-should-you-water-garden-plants-in-the-winter/>

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