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Top DEP Stories

Pennlive: Search resumes for Pa. woman in sinkhole above old coal mine

<https://www.pennlive.com/news/2024/12/search-resumes-for-pa-woman-in-sinkhole-above-old-coal-mine.html>

Pittsburgh Post Gazette: Authorities make progress reaching area where missing Westmoreland County woman fell into sinkhole

<https://www.post-gazette.com/local/westmoreland/2024/12/05/sinkhole-westmoreland-search-updates/stories/202412050089>

CBS News: Crews fear abandoned Pennsylvania mine could collapse amid recovery efforts for woman swallowed by sinkhole

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/pennsylvania-mine-sinkhole-collapse-missing-woman-elizabeth-pollard/>

Tribune Review: Unity sinkhole search for Elizabeth Pollard enters 4th day

<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/unity-sinkhole-search-for-elizabeth-pollard-enters-4th-day/>

Mentions

Pittsburgh Post Gazette: Higher air quality permit fees could be coming for U.S. Steel and others in Allegheny County

<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/health/2024/12/06/allegheny-county-air-quality-permit-fees/stories/202412050132>

Pittsburgh Post Gazette: CNX to buy Apex Energy for \$505 million, expanding Westmoreland County presence

<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/powersource/2024/12/05/cnx-apex-natural-gas-utica-shale/stories/202412050118>

Westmoreland County Sinkhole

WTAE: Recovery effort continues for Pennsylvania woman who police believe fell in sinkhole: Day 4

<https://www.wtae.com/article/pennsylvania-sinkhole-recovery-continues-elizabeth-pollard/63113427>

Climate Change

Reading Eagle: November, fall weather in Berks rank high for warm and dry

<https://www.readingeagle.com/2024/12/06/november-fall-weather-in-berks-rank-high-for-warm-and-dry/>

Conservation and Recreation

Lebtown.com: Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area building new wildlife viewing platform
<https://lebtown.com/2024/12/06/middle-creek-wildlife-management-area-building-new-wildlife-viewing-platform/>

Times Herald: Friends of the Wissahickon accepting applications for Trail Ambassadors
<https://www.timesherald.com/2024/12/06/friends-of-the-wissahickon-accepting-applications-for-trail-ambassadors/>

Sunbury Daily Item: New interactive GIS map plots more than 22,000 bird detections, 170 species from 24-day West Branch kayaking trip
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Allegheny Front: Common terns successfully breed at Presque Isle State Park for the first time in 60 years
<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/common-terns-breed-presque-isle-state-park-pennsylvania-lake-erie-endangered/>

Energy

Pennlive: Dauphin County agency agrees to sell its solar farm, but details remain secret
<https://www.pennlive.com/news/2024/12/dauphin-county-agency-agrees-to-sell-its-solar-farm-but-details-remain-secret.html>

York Dispatch: Ohio company behind failed York County transmission lines plans new substation
<https://www.yorkdispatch.com/story/news/local/2024/12/05/ohio-company-behind-failed-york-county-transmission-lines-plans-new-substation/76796723007/>

Altoona Mirror: Portage tables solar agreements
<https://www.altoonamirror.com/news/local-news/2024/12/portage-tables-solar-agreements/>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Solar project approved in Scott Township
<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/120624/page/1/story/solar-project-approved-in-scott-township>

Pittsburgh Business Times: PPG finishes solar array at Italian manufacturing plant
<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2024/12/05/ppg-finishes-solar-array-at-manufacturing-plan.html>

WESA: Pittsburgh-area battery plant Eos Energy secures \$303M loan to scale up clean energy storage

<https://www.wesa.fm/economy-business/2024-12-06/pittsburgh-area-battery-plant-clean-energy-storage>

Mining

Sunbury Daily Item: Authorities say Pa. woman who fell into sinkhole likely is not alive

https://dailyitem-cnhi.newsmemory.com/?token=77eb5098c1bbce91a93f67a63d7bbf94_6753137e_1406033&selDate=20241206&goTo=A001&artid=7

Herald-Standard: Center for Coalfield Justice protects coal miners, environment

https://www.heraldstandard.com/editors_pick/2024/dec/06/center-for-coalfield-justice-protects-coal-miners-environment/

Oil and Gas

Philly Voice: Leaded gas led to mental health issues for millions of Americans, study finds

<https://www.phillyvoice.com/leaded-gas-mental-health-depression-adhd-anxiety/>

Lock Haven Express: Burgum charts his path to Interior with a rosy state oil and gas outlook

<https://www.lockhaven.com/news/local-news/2024/12/burgum-charts-his-path-to-interior-with-a-rosy-state-oil-and-gas-outlook/>

Waste

Shamokin News-Item: Majority of Coal Township commissioners approve charging \$1 fee to enter recycling center

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<https://www.pottsmmerc.com/2024/12/05/breaking-pottstown-enduring-multiple-water-main-breaks-with-video/>

DV Journal: Pa. Supreme Court to Decide Chester Water Authority's Future

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<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/120624/page/1/story/church-razed-in-flood-buyout>

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WTAE: Water main break impacting busy intersection in several Pittsburgh neighborhoods

<https://www.wtae.com/article/pittsburgh-water-main-break/63113514>

WPXI: Water main break floods busy intersection, shuts down road in Pittsburgh's Greenfield neighborhood

<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/water-main-break-causes-flooding-road-closure-pittsburghs-greenfield-neighborhood/CETKVH6XD5HCDL55PLQAJRUN2E/>

Miscellaneous

WJET-TV: Spilled metal shavings litter Crawford Co. road to Mercer Co. line

<https://www.yourerie.com/news/local-news/spilled-metal-shavings-litter-crawford-co-road-to-mercerc-co-line/>

Beaver County Times: Shell Polymers to host smoke detector distribution Thursday

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Beaver County Times: Freedom-Crider Road in Beaver County has reopened to traffic

<https://www.timesonline.com/story/news/local/2024/11/27/freedom-crider-road-in-new-sewickley-twp-has-reopened-to-traffic/76619631007/>

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<https://www.monvalleyindependent.com/2024/12/06/opposition-to-u-s-steel-sale-no-surprise/>

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<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/downtown-pittsburghs-market-square-receive-upgrades-part-600m-investment/PNPD4G5Z2FDA3O5EXIKY7RGKR4/>

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<http://almanac.tubecityonline.com/almanac/?e=3623>

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<https://www.thealmanac.net/news/2024/oct/29/peters-township-oks-ordinance-amending-zoning-code/>

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Tribune Review: Market Square facelift pitched by urban design group behind NYC's High Line

<https://triblive.com/local/urban-design-group-behind-nycs-high-line-pitches-facelift-for-market-square/>