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Top DEP Stories

WTAE: Rare freshwater jellyfish spotted at Presque Isle
<https://www.wtae.com/article/lake-erie-jellyfish/65550289>

WICU-TV: Rare Freshwater Jellyfish Spotted at Presque Isle State Park
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Mentions

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<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/west-nile-jamestown-canyon-viruses-found-in-westmoreland-mosquitoes-lyme-risk-high/>

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https://www.thederrick.com/news/front_page/gop-candidate-for-pa-court-seat-focuses-on-deregulation/article_237de32e-19c3-4884-bc40-d6088d5abdfb.html

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Air

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Climate Change

Pennlive: Will a catastrophic flood hit central Pa? It's only a matter of time, experts say

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<https://www.dailyamerican.com/story/news/local/2025/07/30/great-allegheny-passage-closure-extended-shuttle-service-continues/85426575007/>

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WJAC: Meet Pip! Huntingdon Co. environmental center welcomes rare Northern Hawk Owllet

<https://wjactv.com/newsletter-daily/meet-pip-huntingdon-county-conservation-center-welcomes-rare-northern-hawk-owllet-owl-animals-bird-nature-environmental-pennsylvania-chick-outdoors-wildlife#>

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<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/springdale-springdale-township-to-see-park-improvements-from-donations/>

WESA: \$20M trail project that would link Pittsburgh's eastern suburbs begins to take shape

<https://www.wesa.fm/development-transportation/2025-07-30/pittsburgh-verona-oakmont-plum-penn-hills-bike-pedestrian-trail-vopp>

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