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Top DEP Stories

WGAL: Pennsylvania plugs 400th abandoned gas well in Allegheny County

<https://www.wgal.com/article/pennsylvania-plugs-400th-abandoned-gas-well-allegheny-county/71565267>

AXIOS: Jerome Bettis helps plug abandoned gas wells

<https://www.axios.com/local/pittsburgh/2026/06/12/jerome-bettis-plugging-abandoned-gas-wells>

Times Observer: Well plugging begins in ANF as state hits milestone

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Mentions

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Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Data centers allowed as conditional use in township; DEP to hold hearing on transfer station Monday

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/news/2026/06/12/1/data-centers-allowed-conditional-use-township>

Climate Change

Lehighvalleylive: Lehigh Valley weather: Dangerous heat and severe thunderstorm risk through Friday

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NEXTpittsburgh: What happens at a firefly festival?

<https://nextpittsburgh.com/environment/this-firefly-festival-about-100-miles-from-pittsburgh-sells-out-every-year/>

TribLive: Masters of the Sky: At National Aviary this summer, meet ‘Remarkable Raptors’

<https://triblive.com/news/partner-news/masters-of-the-sky-at-national-aviary-this-summer-meet-remarkable-raptors/>

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WJAC: Is Johnstown Central Park project ahead of schedule? City leaders say yes!

<https://wjactv.com/news/local/johnstown-central-park-project-ahead-of-schedule-but-wont-open-in-june>

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Cozy up to ‘murder hornets’ and death’s-head moths at this Penn State bug museum

<https://www.post-gazette.com/life/goodness/2026/06/10/frost-entomological-museum-penn-state-insects/stories/202606030072>

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Wyalusing Rocket-Courier: Conservation District hosting funding meeting

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Herald-Standard: South Strabane adopts data center, noise ordinances

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