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### **Top DEP Stories**

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<https://www.timesleader.com/uncategorized/1603059/north-branch-land-trust-celebrating-30-years-of-conservation-in-nepa>

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### **Train Derailment**

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Delco Times: Gas prices dip with oil during week of bank worries, GasBuddy says

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