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Top DEP Stories

Lock Haven Express: DEP declares drought in Clinton, other counties

<https://www.lockhaven.com/news/local-news/2025/10/dep-declares-drought-in-clinton-other-counties/>

Mentions

Sunbury Daily Item: Sunbury Municipal Authority still gathering public input on fluoride removal

https://www.dailyitem.com/news/sunbury-municipal-authority-still-gathering-public-input-on-flouride-removal/article_d49d004b-9270-4d8d-b614-6732af4b16e7.html

Air

Penn State News: Power plants may emit more pollution during government shutdowns, study shows

<https://www.psu.edu/news/agricultural-sciences/story/power-plants-may-emit-more-pollution-during-government-shutdowns>

Conservation and Recreation

Tribune-Review: Greater Latrobe, Burrell high schoolers take science class outdoors

<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/greater-latrobe-burrell-high-schoolers-take-science-class-outdoors/>

Public Source: Pittsburgh's pawpaw revival takes root —and could bring a rare butterfly back to town

<https://www.publicsource.org/pawpaw-native-fruits-butterfly-revival/>

Bradford Era: Byway bound; four-county section of Route 6 earns Scenic Byway status

<https://www.bradfordera.com/2025/10/09/byway-bound-four-county-section-route-6-earns-scenic-byway-status/>

Republican Herald: Emu running loose in Schuylkill is drawing attention

<https://www.republicanherald.com/2025/10/09/emu-running-loose-in-schuylkill-is-drawing-attention/>

Republican Herald: Some Pa. state parks are getting 'glamping' spots.

<https://www.republicanherald.com/2025/10/09/pa-state-parks-glamping-spots/>

Shamokin News-Item: "Glamping" comes to eight state parks

https://www.newsitem.com/news/local/glamping-comes-to-eight-state-parks/article_c6073de9-8968-42e7-80ec-e27fc6c803c8.html

Centre Daily Times: Eight state parks get glamping experience

https://www.centredaily.com/news/local/community/article312429194.html#storylink=latest_side

Shamokin News-Item: Energy and sustainability coalition working to spruce up city's trees

https://www.newsitem.com/news/local/energy-and-sustainability-coalition-working-to-spruce-up-city-trees/article_9b541bb6-de32-414e-b042-e4012e0c0ae3.html

Data Centers

WTAE: Springdale planning commission delays data center decision

<https://www.wtae.com/article/springdale-data-center-planning-commission/68962375>

The Philadelphia Inquirer: The AI industrial revolution has begun. History suggests it won't be positive for the middle class

<https://www.inquirer.com/economy/economy-artificial-intelligence-job-growth-slow-20251010.html>

Drought

Butler Eagle: Lack of water hampers firefighters in Washington Twp.

<https://www.butlereagle.com/20251009/fire-departments-called-to-garage-fire-in-washington-township-2/>

Energy

Pittsburgh Business Times: Uncertainty looms over clean energy projects as DOE reviews previous administration's funding

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2025/10/09/clean-energy-projects-department-of-energy.html>

WHYY: Trump administration could pull funding for 2 hydrogen hubs based in Philly and Pittsburgh

<https://whyy.org/articles/trump-administration-mach-2-hydrogen-hub-potential-cut/>

Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields

Shamokin News-Item: Kulpmont Council discusses blight, illegally operated vehicles

https://www.newsitem.com/news/local/kulpmont-council-discusses-blight-illegally-operated-vehicles/article_ce898ab5-2a7e-446e-8280-296ad018edd7.html

Shamokin News-Item: Mayor's blight task force looking at commercial and residential violators

https://www.newsitem.com/news/local/mayors-blight-task-force-looking-at-commercial-and-residential-violators/article_d8339507-3928-4211-a4b3-83126bd142c1.html

Mining

Standard Speaker: State grant of \$8 million boosts next phase of Hazle Twp. growth

<https://www.standardspeaker.com/2025/10/09/state-grant-of-8-million-boosts-next-phase-of-hazle-twp-growth/>

Vector Management

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Wyalusing Rocket-Courier: Lanternfly spread in Bradford County discussed at townships convention

<https://www.rocket-courier.com/articles/ambulance-crisis-lanternfly-spread-highlight-convention/>

Waste

The Mon Valley Independent: Donora considers hike in sewer line maintenance fee

<https://www.monvalleyindependent.com/2025/10/10/donora-considers-hike-in-sewer-line-maintenance-fee/>

Shamokin News-Item: Fire Prevention Week addresses lithium ion battery risks

https://www.newsitem.com/news/local/fire-prevention-week-address-lithium-ion-battery-risks/article_6a59f891-4e4e-4707-ad51-e0317a1b5cbb.html

Water

Tribune-Democrat: Funding approval sought to preserve Somerset landmarks, start stormwater projects

https://www.tribdem.com/news/funding-approval-sought-to-preserve-somerset-landmarks-start-stormwater-projects/article_9c8a9d5f-13b2-4cf0-afb1-741139e01c01.html

Tube City Almanac: Duquesne Seeks Price on Water System

<http://almanac.tubecityonline.com/almanac/?e=3905>

New Castle News: Water company introduces \$21 million in upgrades

https://www.ncnewsonline.com/news/water-company-introduces-21-million-in-upgrades/article_25f3ce9c-3c58-42aa-a3fb-05d24844c112.html

The Derrick: Cranberry hears updates on bridge, water treatment

https://www.thederrick.com/news/front_page/cranberry-hears-updates-on-bridge-water-treatment/article_e8d01c9b-d257-4662-8504-508ee0cf2be0.html

Coal Region Canary: Pottsville Sewer Authority Approves Emergency Spending to Alleviate Downtown Flooding

<https://coalregioncanary.com/2025/10/10/pottsville-sewer-authority-approves-emergency-spending-alleviate-downtown-flooding/>

Delaware Currents: Parade of Ships on the Delaware River honors 250th anniversary of the U.S. Navy

<https://delawarecurrents.org/2025/10/09/parade-of-ships-on-the-delaware-river/>

Wyalusing Rocket-Courier: Laceyville raises water rates, adds capital improvement fee

<https://www.rocket-courier.com/articles/laceyville-raises-water-rates/>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: "Serious concerns:" Opponents of solar egg farm proposal offer testimony of possible effect on residents' water

<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2025/10/serious-concerns-opponents-of-egg-farm-proposal-offer-testimony-of-possible-effect-on-residents-water/>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: New Chik-Fil-A breaks ground at Lycoming Crossing; other water projects discussed at LCWSA meeting

<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2025/10/new-chick-fil-a-breaks-ground-at-lycoming-crossing-shopping-mall/>

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<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/weather-news/2025/10/09/pittsburgh-frost-freeze-western-pa/stories/202510090110>

WJAC: Pitt-Johnstown students gear up for regional soil testing competition

<https://wjactv.com/news/local/pitt-johnstown-students-gear-up-for-regional-soil-testing-competition#>

Tribune-Review: Redesign in the works for office, retail space along Route 28 in Harrison

<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/redesign-in-the-works-for-office-retail-space-along-route-28-in-harrison/>

Lehighvalleylive: Wilson Area's \$40M stadium, athletic and academic complex is coming together

<https://www.lehighvalleylive.com/easton/2025/10/wilson-areas-40m-stadium-athletic-and-academic-complex-is-coming-together.html>

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<https://www.fox29.com/news/noreaster-philadelphia-weather-east-coast-rain-wind>