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Top DEP Stories

NorthcentralPA.com: PA secures federal funding to plug abandoned oil and gas wells

https://www.northcentralpa.com/news/pa-secures-federal-funding-to-plug-abandoned-oil-and-gas-wells/article_cb2ac0b8-6bd4-11ef-bb81-7f37a4cf36d3.html

Sayre Morning Times: Pennsylvania gains \$76 million in federal funds to plug abandoned, orphaned gas wells

https://www.morning-times.com/news/article_2ab3f0d4-6bc3-11ef-89b5-6b4ca3aa1fcf.html

Mentions

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Fuel found after home razed; Scott Township working with DEP to remove petroleum-plagued soil

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/090924/page/1/story/fuel-found-after-home-razed>

Williamsport Sun-Gazette: Fluoride in water is playing with fire (LTE)

<https://www.sungazette.com/opinion/letters/2024/09/playing-with-fire/>

Lock Haven Express: Mosquitos test positive for West Nile Virus in Spring Township

<https://www.lockhaven.com/news/local-news/2024/09/mosquitoes-test-positive-for-west-nile-virus-in-spring-township/>

Climate Change

Allegheny Front: Is climate change to blame for the high cost of potato chips? We crunched the numbers

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/pennsylvania-climate-change-agriculture-potato-chips/>

Conservation and Recreation

Butler Eagle: Wings, Water & Wildlife coming to Buffalo Creek

<https://www.butlereagle.com/20240909/wings-water-wildlife-coming-to-buffalo-creek/>

Times Observer: Bill banning abandoned boats introduced

<https://www.timesobserver.com/news/local-news/2024/09/bill-banning-abandoned-boats-introduced/>

Times Observer: Economic benefits of TAJR highlighted

<https://www.timesobserver.com/news/local-news/2024/09/economic-benefits-of-tajr-highlighted/>

Erie Times: Kinzua Bridge State Park skywalk maintenance closures start in fall 2024. Check the dates.
<https://www.goerie.com/story/sports/outdoors/2024/09/07/kinzua-bridge-skywalk-closure/75107998007/>

Philly Burbs: When will hummingbirds leave Bucks County area? Time running out on hummingbird season
<https://www.phillyburbs.com/story/news/local/2024/09/06/time-is-running-out-for-hummingbird-peeping-bucks-county-birdwatch-pa>

Philly Burbs: Check out fall foliage by boat, including this top ranked destination in Bucks County, PA
<https://www.phillyburbs.com/story/entertainment/2024/09/07/bucks-county-fall-foliage-list-highlight-lake-nockamixon-boating-destinations-us-leaf-peeping-2024>

Philadelphia Inquirer: Foliage forecasts are bullish, despite summer's heat. Here's what leaf peepers in Philly and elsewhere can expect.
<https://www.inquirer.com/news/fall-foliage-forecast-weather-temperatures-20240908.html>

WESA: Why an at-risk butterfly hunkers down at Pennsylvania's biggest bombing range
<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2024-09-07/pennsylvania-endangered-butterfly-fort-indiantown-gap-bombing-range>

Lancaster Online: \$1M in federal grants for trees, fencing on farms in Lancaster and other local counties
https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/1m-in-federal-grants-for-trees-fencing-on-farms-in-lancaster-and-other-local-counties/article_28474884-6c61-11ef-a299-c78c314286a9.html

Carlisle Sentinel: Cumberland County plans farmland preservation meeting for local farmers
https://cumberlink.com/news/local/cumberland-county-farmland-preservation-community-meeting-farmers/article_22121d54-6c66-11ef-b303-07c1b080e01f.html

Sunbury Daily Item: Hess Recreation Area access road expected to be closed for several weeks
https://www.dailyitem.com/news/hess-recreation-area-access-road-expected-to-be-closed-for-several-weeks/article_b4c7ef9c-6c71-11ef-8337-cf814534081c.html

Energy

Scranton Times: South Scranton will come home to innovative housing project
<https://www.wvia.org/news/local/2024-09-05/south-scranton-will-become-home-to-innovative-housing-project>

Meadville Tribune: Thiel College considers solar for curriculum, campus energy needs
https://www.meadvilletribune.com/news/thiel-college-considers-solar-for-curriculum-campus-energy-needs/article_eaf9b443-1ad4-5144-bce2-35bdd8f48a1e.html

Post-Gazette: With new multi-million dollar grants, two Pittsburgh nonprofits push to connect rural areas with job opportunities
<https://www.post-gazette.com/business/career-workplace/2024/09/06/pittsburgh-nonprofits-federal-grants-clean-energy/stories/202409050118>

Lancaster Online: Survey seeks input on electric vehicle chargers in Lancaster city

https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/survey-seeks-input-on-electric-vehicle-chargers-in-lancaster-city/article_27f6e346-6bb5-11ef-b7c6-fbc926fcff30.html

York Daily Record: Public hearing on TMI's damaged Unit 2 set as talk swirls that Unit 1 could be restarted

<https://www.ydr.com/story/news/local/2024/09/09/hearing-on-tmis-unit-2-set-amid-talk-unit-1-could-be-restarted/75100568007/>

Lebanon Daily News: New transformer installed in downtown Lebanon should alleviate chronic power outages

<https://www.ldnews.com/story/news/local/2024/09/06/met-ed-new-transformer-installed-in-downtown-lebanon-substation/75100555007/>

Lewistown Sentinel: Report sheds light on Pennsylvania's energy dilemma

<https://www.lewistownsentinel.com/opinion/editorials/2024/08/report-sheds-light-on-pennsylvanias-energy-dilemma/>

Lock Haven Express: KCSD board continues solar debate

<https://www.lockhaven.com/news/local-news/2024/09/kcsd-board-continues-solar-debate/>

Lock Haven Express: School districts race to invest in cooling solutions as classrooms and playgrounds heat up

<https://www.lockhaven.com/news/local-news/2024/09/school-districts-race-to-invest-in-cooling-solutions-as-classrooms-and-playgrounds-heat-up/>

Oil and Gas

Post-Gazette: Trump on oil

<https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/letters/2024/09/08/trump-on-oil/stories/202409080116>

Bloomsburg Press-Enterprise: Fuel tank farm delays cost contractor

<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/090724/page/1/story/fuel-farm-delays-cost-contractor>

Vector Management

Times Observer: Finding a positive buzz for mosquitoes

<https://www.timesobserver.com/news/community/2024/09/finding-a-positive-buzz-for-mosquitoes/>

Waste

Tribune-Review: Aging truck forces Vandergrift to can curbside recycling

<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/aging-truck-forces-vandergrift-to-can-curbside-recycling/>

Mon Valley Independent: McKeesport cleanup held as competition

<https://www.monvalleyindependent.com/2024/09/09/mckeesport-clean-up-held-as-competition/>

Carlisle Sentinel: Carlisle weighs in-house trash, recycling collection services

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Water

Times News: Township sewer plant targeted for 2028

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Bradford Era: Grant to fund team studying environmental DNA fate in streams

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Latrobe Bulletin: LTMA OKs purchase of a skid steer, provides pair of ongoing project updates

https://www.latrobebulletinnews.com/news/local/ltma-oks-purchase-of-a-skid-steer-provides-pair-of-ongoing-project-updates/article_cc323a26-6c57-11ef-848a-3332b0baf2ea.html

WESA: Report calls for tougher lead testing standards for Pa. school districts

<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2024-09-09/lead-testing-standards-pennsylvania-schools>

Lancaster Online: A new law limits grass fertilizer in Pennsylvania; this free session teaches how to feed your lawn

https://lancasteronline.com/features/home_garden/a-new-law-limits-grass-fertilizer-in-pennsylvania-this-free-session-teaches-how-to-feed/article_41f01b04-6c7e-11ef-83e6-279c42f5e204.html

Altoona Mirror: AWA receives biosolids permit

<https://www.altoonamirror.com/news/local-news/2024/09/awa-receives-biosolids-permit?>

Altoona Mirror: Clean and clear: AASD refutes study that claims district's drinking water may be unsafe for students

<https://www.altoonamirror.com/news/local-news/2024/09/clean-and-clear-aasd-refutes-study-that-claims-districts-drinking-water-may-be-unsafe-for-students/>

Sunbury Daily Item: Local experts: Hellbenders need better protections

https://dailyitem-cnhi.newsmemory.com/?token=2330c9885a1b90c5761c329a055f3f77_66def183_1406033&selDate=20240909&goTo=A001&artid=2

Sunbury Daily Item: Watershed Alliance showcases Buffalo Creek acid rain mitigation site

https://www.dailyitem.com/news/watershed-alliance-showcases-buffalo-creek-acid-rain-mitigation-site/article_7b813d40-6d45-11ef-b999-ab95917141ef.html

Miscellaneous

Pennlive: Massive 1.2-million-square-foot warehouse planned for Cumberland County

<https://www.pennlive.com/business/2024/09/massive-12-million-square-foot-warehouse-planned-for-cumberland-county.html>

Lancaster Online: Koi and goldfish rehomed after being dumped at Lititz Springs Park

https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/koi-and-goldfish-rehomed-after-being-dumped-at-lititz-springs-park/article_9b420db6-6d5f-11ef-ba0b-bf0c04d23f0e.html