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Mentions

Latrobe Bulletin: UTMA could see increased rates under new DEP proposal

https://www.latrobebulletinnews.com/news/utma-could-see-increased-rates-under-new-dep-proposal/article_8252d21f-bcb4-44a4-b200-427901b513af.html

WJAC: Spring Farms Elementary School still remains closed three years after fuel spill

<https://wjactv.com/news/local/spring-farms-elementary-school-remain-closed-three-years-after-fuel-spill-southern-huntingdon-county-district-officials-dep-pennsylvania>

Conservation and Recreation

Tribune-Democrat: Engineer that helped plan prominent ATV trails picked to guide Somerset project

https://www.tribdem.com/news/local_news/engineer-that-helped-plan-prominent-atv-trails-picked-to-guide-somerset-project/article_13992862-fe60-4302-997e-e165c1b95bbd.html

Data Centers

WOLF: Sugarloaf town hall draws panel, residents to strategize against proposed data centers

<https://fox56.com/news/local/sugarloaf-town-hall-draws-panel-residents-to-strategize-against-proposed-data-centers>

Energy

WESA: Pennsylvania moves to build more EV chargers in neighborhoods

<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2026-02-25/pennsylvania-ev-community-charger>

Appeals court questions shifting reasons for Trump's EPA killing clean energy contracts

<https://www.dailylocal.com/2026/02/24/trump-epa-grants-appeals/>

Waste

TribLive: Pittsburgh City Council bans waste transfer stations within 500 feet of homes, schools, parks

<https://triblive.com/local/pittsburgh-city-council-bans-waste-transfer-stations-with-500-feet-of-homes-schools-parks/>

Lehighvalleylive: ICE detention centers in Berks, Schuylkill could overwhelm sewer, other services, officials warn

<https://www.lehighvalleylive.com/elections/2026/02/ice-detention-centers-in-berks-schuylkill-could-overwhelm-sewer-other-services-officials-warn.html>

Water

WNEP: Watching the water: Officials monitoring ice-covered Susquehanna River in Wilkes-Barre
<https://www.wnep.com/article/news/local/luzerne-county/watching-the-water-ice-builds-up-on-susquehanna-river-in-wilkes-barre-luzerne-county-ema/523-f2dea9d5-483b-4e5d-97f1-396cc7763f4e>

Miscellaneous

WJAC: Pennsylvania officials warn of avian flu threat as migrating birds return
<https://wjactv.com/news/local/pennsylvania-officials-warn-of-avian-flu-threat-as-migrating-birds-return>
Meadville Tribune: Bird flu vax not expected soon as virus ravages state
https://www.meadvilletribune.com/news/shapiro-bird-flu-vax-not-expected-soon-as-virus-ravages-state/article_16cb0115-e413-529c-a6c0-5f19fc4c7572.html

Record-Argus: Pa. Game Commission monitoring avian flu among wild birds
https://www.recordargusnews.com/news/pa-game-commission-monitoring-avian-flu-among-wild-birds/article_6ff55077-9a3f-4669-a735-3b844dcc57cf.html

Standard Speaker: First steel in place for Geisinger's new \$900M tower in Plains Twp.
<https://www.standardpeaker.com/2026/02/24/first-steel-in-place-for-geisingers-new-900m-tower-in-plains-twp/>

Times Leader: Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center expansion construction underway
<https://www.timesleader.com/news/1733694/geisinger-wyoming-valley-medical-center-expansion-construction-underway>

Wyoming County Examiner: Revised plan for Tunk Area's Mehoopany campus solar project submitted
<https://www.wcexaminer.com/2026/02/20/971196/>