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Top DEP Stories

Scranton Times: OPINION: Landfill natural gas project environmentally necessary

https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/opinion/gas-project-environmentally-necessary/article_4d9d4414-ed4c-5afb-9135-401c9f8e1979.html

Mentions

Tribune-Review: Lower body of Twin Lakes drained to fix retaining wall, to be refilled by trout season

<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/lower-body-of-twin-lakes-drained-to-fix-retaining-wall-to-be-refilled-by-trout-season/>

Air

WBRE: Hold onto your catalytic converter as multiple thefts occur in Montoursville

<https://www.pahomepage.com/news/hold-onto-your-catalytic-converter-as-multiple-thefts-occur-in-montoursville/>

Erie Times: Park official says Blue Streak coaster was being demolished before fire broke out

<https://www.goerie.com/story/news/local/crawford-county/2022/01/04/roller-coaster-fire-blue-streak-conneaut-lake-park-damaged/9095843002/>

Meadville Tribune: Fire claims fabled Blue Streak roller coaster

https://www.meadvilletribune.com/news/fire-claims-fabled-blue-streak-roller-coaster/article_9a808b2a-6dc4-11ec-a0ed-97a6838b21ee.html

New Castle News: Fire heavily damages Conneaut Lake Park's Blue Streak; demolition permit to be issued Wednesday

https://www.ncnewsonline.com/news/local_news/fire-heavily-damages-conneaut-lake-parks-blue-streak-demolition-permit-to-be-issued-wednesday/article_12df8f04-4f36-5784-828c-7a2612bc3216.html

exploreClarion: Officials Say Fire at Conneaut Lake Park Caused by Controlled Burns Used in Demolition of Blue Streak Roller Coaster

<https://www.exploreclarion.com/2022/01/05/officials-say-fire-at-conneaut-lake-park-caused-by-controlled-burns-used-in-demolition-of-blue-streak-roller-coaster/>

WJET-TV: Conneaut Lake residents react to blue streak roller coaster fire

<https://www.yourerie.com/news/local-news/conneaut-lake-residents-react-to-blue-streak-roller-coaster-fire/>

Sharon Herald: Fire destroys Conneaut Lake Park's iconic Blue Streak roller coaster

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Conservation & Recreation

Shamokin News-Item: Citizen claims AOAA master plan not being followed

https://www.newsitem.com/news/local/citizen-claims-aoaa-master-plan-not-being-followed-schiccatano-appointed-to-authority/article_fb088f8d-3a67-546a-b690-470cd89662fb.html

NorthcentralPA.com: Susquehanna Greenway Partnership reels in grant to support outdoor recreation in 2022

https://www.northcentralpa.com/life/outdoors/susquehanna-greenway-partnership-reels-in-grant-to-support-outdoor-recreation-in-2022/article_c7c3a8c0-6cb0-11ec-b93d-938e77fdfe75.html

NorthcentralPA.com: Winterfest 2022 brings outdoor fun to Wellsboro area

https://www.northcentralpa.com/life/outdoors/winterfest-2022-brings-outdoor-fun-to-wellsboro-area/article_f66af098-6d69-11ec-b404-d73e91066fd8.html

Lebtown.com: Eight of the best bicycle trails in and around Lebanon County

<https://lebtown.com/2022/01/05/eight-of-the-best-bicycle-trails-in-and-around-lebanon-county/>

Bradford Era: Tricounty Rails to Trails Association to meet

https://www.bradfordera.com/news/tricounty-rails-to-trails-association-to-meet/article_005a5a34-88af-5498-8ddb-c31ade44d01a.html

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<http://pdf.butlereagle.com/BE/22/01/05/010522.htm>

Energy

Shamokin News-Item: Valley gas prices dip slightly

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KDKA: Forward Township Police: 2 Energy Company Employees Stole Woman's Identity To Switch Her Provider

<https://pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/2022/01/04/ign-energy-target-homeowners-forward-township/>

Utility Dive: Data centers, EVs drive PJM's long-term load growth forecast, but it expects some utilities to see declines

<https://www.utilitydive.com/news/data-centers-evs-drive-pjm-load-growth-forecast-capacity-market/616584/>

Environmental Cleanup & Brownfields

Next Pittsburgh: Top 10 Pittsburgh developments to watch in 2022

<https://nextpittsburgh.com/city-design/top-10-pittsburgh-developments-to-watch-in-2022/>

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Pittsburgh City Paper: West Deer rejects gas well amid growing opposition to fracking in Allegheny County

<https://www.pghcitypaper.com/pittsburgh/west-deer-rejects-gas-well-amid-growing-opposition-to-fracking-in-allegheny-county/Content?oid=20867787>

Philadelphia Inquirer: UGI expands Marcellus Shale gas pipeline network

<https://www.inquirer.com/business/pennsylvania-ugi-pipeline-fracked-gas-stonehenge-marcellus-20220104.html>

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NorthcentralPA.com: One man's dedication to cleaning up litter along the river sets example for 2022

https://www.northcentralpa.com/life/outdoors/one-mans-dedication-to-cleaning-up-litter-along-the-river-sets-example-for-2022/article_d188e3cc-6ca4-11ec-a6b0-e3522680dacd.html

Lock Haven Express: Council discusses committees; solicits bids for garbage collection services

<https://www.lockhaven.com/news/local-news/2022/01/council-discusses-committees/>

Mon Valley Independent: Monessen working to resolve confusion over trash service

<https://monvalleyindependent.com/2022/01/monessen-working-to-resolve-confusion-over-trash-service/>

Water

KDKA: Application Process Opens For LIHWAP

<https://pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/2022/01/04/application-process-opens-for-lihwap/>

WJAC: Low Income Household Water Assistance Program offers help to homeowners

<https://wjactv.com/news/local/low-income-household-water-assistance-program-offers-help-to-homeowners>

Beaver County Radio: New Program to Help PA Households Pay Water Bills

<https://beavercountyradio.com/news/new-program-to-help-pa-households-pay-water-bills/>

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https://observer-reporter.com/news/localnews/pennsylvania-launches-new-water-assistance-program/article_7e388778-6cc1-11ec-8f0a-2f1cc0377510.html

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<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2022/01/04/evoqua-completes-acquisition-steris-subsidiaries.html>

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WGAL: Applications open for Pennsylvania's Low Income Household Water Assistance Program

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<https://www.wesa.fm/politics-government/2022-01-04/pennsylvania-state-rep-daryl-metcalfe-wont-see-re-election>

Post-Gazette: Daryl Metcalfe, longtime Butler County state representative, announces retirement

<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/politics-state/2022/01/04/daryl-metcalfe-retiring-state-representative-cranberry-butler-county-republican/stories/202201040085>