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Top DEP Stories

Tribune-Democrat: DEP to outline plans to remove waste telephone poles, railroad ties from Elk Lick Township sites

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Mentions

Tribune-Review: About \$500K of work to fill Unity sinkhole nearly complete

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Daily American: Windber man fatally injured Friday at a Corsa Coal mine

<https://www.dailyamerican.com/story/news/local/2025/01/12/windber-man-fatally-injured-friday-at-a-corsa-coal-mine/77652817007/>

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<https://www.pottsmmerc.com/2025/01/10/court-denies-new-hanover-quarrys-final-appeal/>

Westmoreland County Sinkhole

Associated Press: Efforts continue to stabilize area where Pennsylvania woman fell to her death in sinkhole

<https://apnews.com/article/pennsylvania-sinkhole-elizabeth-pollard-808a036aba0f32a6bc80902b9f030e74>

Air

WESA: How could blocking Nippon Steel's bid to buy U.S. Steel impact the region's air quality?

<https://www.wesa.fm/environment-energy/2025-01-13/us-steel-nippon-deal-blocked-air-quality>

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Climate Change

WESA: Climate change attorneys say a Pa. statute could be used to prosecute fossil fuel companies
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WHYY: Climate change attorneys say a Pa. statute could be used to prosecute fossil fuel companies
<https://whyy.org/articles/climate-change-pennsylvania-criminal-statute/>

Philly Voice: Climate change threatens the mental well-being of youths. Here's how to help them cope
<https://www.phillyvoice.com/mental-health-youth-climate-change/>

Conservation and Recreation

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Coyotes, more common in Pittsburgh than you might realize, saw dramatic population bumps nationwide
<https://www.post-gazette.com/life/outdoors/2025/01/13/coyote-population-pittsburgh-pa/stories/202501090078>

Philadelphia Inquirer: N.J., Pa., N.Y. join forces to protect dwindling brook trout
<https://www.inquirer.com/science/eastern-brook-trout-preservation-pennsylvania-nj-ny-20250109.html>

MyChesCo: Unlock the Magic – An Unforgettable VIP Journey Awaits You at the Philadelphia Zoo!
<https://www.mychesco.com/a/entertainment/family/unlock-the-magic-an-unforgettable-vip-journey-awaits-you-at-the-philadelphia-zoo/>

Philadelphia Inquirer: Pull your kids out of school for the Pennsylvania Farm Show next year
<https://www.inquirer.com/news/pennsylvania/pa-farm-show-kids-20250110.html>

Philadelphia Inquirer: Plan by Aronimink to cut down trees for PGA Tour draws some opposition
<https://www.inquirer.com/real-estate/commercial/aronimink-tree-removal-2026-pga-championship-golf-20250113.html>

Philly Voice: A \$13.7 million grant will be used to connect Schuylkill River Trail from Manayunk to Passyunk Avenue. Closing the gaps will create 'safe, accessible pathways' for pedestrians and cyclists, a project supporter says.
<https://www.phillyvoice.com/schuylkill-river-trail-funding-manayunk-passyunk/>

Delaware Currents: Delaware divers brave the cold for a cause
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Sharon Herald: Fifth annual Eagle Fest brings out hundreds
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Energy

Spotlight PA: Shapiro says this 'broken process' could lead to higher electricity costs. Here's what to know.

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Tribune-Review: Unity proposes guidelines for ATV trails, limiting solar farms to conservation zone
<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/unity-proposes-guidelines-for-atv-trails-limiting-solar-farms-to-conservation-zone/>

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CBS21: 'Bye bye butter': PA Farm Show sculpture dismantled, will be recycled for renewable energy
<https://local21news.com/news/local/bye-bye-butter-pa-farm-show-sculpture-dismantled-will-be-recycled-for-renewable-energy#>

FOX43: Pennsylvania Farm Show's butter sculpture taken down, used for energy

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ABC27: As the Pennsylvania Farm Show ends, what happens to the butter sculpture?

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WGAL: Farm show butter sculpture deconstructed, turned into renewable energy

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Mining

WJAC: 911: Man dies in alleged mining accident in Friedens

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Oil and Gas

Observer-Reporter: Antique coal and gas stoves are Baldwin man's longtime hobby

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