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Top DEP Stories

Daily Local: First Lady Shapiro, DCNR Secretary Dunn plants trees with Outdoor Corps Youth Crew at French Creek State Park

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Penlive: Our legislators need to act now to protect us from the ravages of climate change

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