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Top DEP Stories

East Palestine Derailment

Post-Gazette: Chris Page: The disabled need help in East Palestine
<https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/guest-columns/2023/07/07/developmentally-disabled-east-palestine-ohio-train-derailment/stories/202307070004>

Beaver County Times: Casey, Fetterman cheer proposed rule to enhance rail hazmat reporting
<https://www.timesonline.com/story/news/politics/2023/07/06/casey-fetterman-cheer-proposed-rule-to-enhance-rail-hazmat-reporting/70385522007/>

AP: Railroad industry sues to block limit on crew sizes that Ohio imposed after E. Palestine derailment
<https://apnews.com/article/rail-safety-ohio-crew-size-derailment-lawsuit-429df55468cc112d7057d4dd1dcf5322>

Mentions

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Post-Gazette: Allegheny County is no longer in ‘moderate drought’ designation; observers say current trends good for crops, greenery
<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/weather-news/2023/07/06/drought-pa-allegheny-county-moderate-rainfall-greenery-crops/stories/202307060103>

Climate Change

Pennlive: Earth sets an unofficial heat record for the third time this week
<https://www.pennlive.com/weather/2023/07/earth-sets-an-unofficial-heat-record-for-the-third-time-this-week.html>

AP: Recent events that indicate Earth’s climate has entered uncharted territory
<https://apnews.com/article/global-heat-climate-extremes-2023-95f6861b1312ead54ed941524fa7d2ab>

AP: Earth hit an unofficial record high temperature this week – and stayed there
<https://apnews.com/article/global-heat-record-hottest-climate-change-july-483fc8e2a286062773692db1a37efe23>

Conservation and Recreation

Next Pittsburgh: PA Wilds promotes remote work with ‘test drive’ program and free housing
<https://nextpittsburgh.com/outdoor-guide/pa-wilds-promotes-remote-work-with-test-drive-program-and-free-housing/>

Tribune-Review: Hays Woods poised to become a Pittsburgh city park
<https://triblive.com/local/hays-woods-poised-to-become-a-pittsburgh-city-park/>

Tribune-Democrat: Land donation moves 9/11 trail network closer to connecting Garrett, Berlin
https://www.tribdem.com/news/land-donation-moves-9-11-trail-network-closer-to-connecting-garrett-berlin/article_add41170-1c0e-11ee-9832-135021733fc1.html

Allegheny Front: AN URBAN FARMER'S BOOK TEACHES LITTLE ONES HOW TO GROW A TOMATO AND COMMUNITY
<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/an-urban-farmers-book-teaches-little-ones-how-to-grow-a-tomato-and-community/>

Energy

The Center Square: Braddock hydropower project beset by permitting delays
https://www.thecentersquare.com/pennsylvania/article_6dbff9b8-1c37-11ee-9ab2-0f2a15e8dbb6.html

WESA: How fast can the auto industry go electric? Debate rages as the U.S. sets new rules
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PFAS

Philly Tribune: Nearly half of the tap water in the US is contaminated with 'forever chemicals,' government study finds
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AP: Study says drinking water from nearly half of US faucets contains potentially harmful chemicals
<https://apnews.com/article/pfas-forever-chemicals-drinking-water-813c1323f74d5adb798047eea39c778a>

WESA: 'Forever chemicals' could be in nearly half of U.S. tap water, a federal study finds
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Vector Management

abc27: Where are the Spotted Lanternflies in Pennsylvania?
<https://www.abc27.com/local-news/where-are-the-spotted-lanternflies-in-pennsylvania/>

Penn State News: Q&A: Tick season is starting sooner, and they are showing up in new places
<https://www.psu.edu/news/research/story/qa-tick-season-starting-sooner-and-they-are-showing-new-places/>

Waste

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<https://www.dailylocal.com/2023/07/06/customers-trash-blosenski-service-after-hauler-bought-by-corporation/>

Gettysburg Times: Glass recycling efforts in the works

https://www.gettysburgtimes.com/news/local/article_7a2bd5d6-4850-5b84-9c14-0d1393e941db.html

CBS21: Safe disposal of fireworks crucial to prevent house fires

<https://local21news.com/news/nation-world/safe-disposal-of-fireworks-crucial-to-prevent-house-fires-smoke-detectors-4th-of-july-independence-day-gun-powder-explosives-pennsylvania-fire-commissioner-cardboard-boxes-recycle-submerge-plastic-bag-waste-management#>

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<https://www.wgal.com/article/lancaster-county-eagle-disposal-customers-say-trash-hasnt-been-picked-up-for-weeks/44467809>

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<https://www.sungazette.com/news/top-news/2023/07/all-you-do-is-call-american-rescue-workers-asks-public-to-donate-properly-to-avoid-items-getting-ruined/>

WJAC: Safe disposal of fireworks crucial to prevent house fires

<https://wjactv.com/news/local/safe-disposal-of-fireworks-crucial-to-prevent-house-fires#>

Water

Standard Speaker: People looking to cool off disappointed Tuscarora State Park beach closed in Barnesville

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Times News: Weissport council, addresses, drainage, problems

<https://www.tnonline.com/20230706/weissport-council-addresses-drainage-problems/>

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<https://www.dailylocal.com/2023/07/07/guest-commentary-toxic-schools-and-our-childrens-health/>

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<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2023/07/06/mawson-new-bitcoin-mining-site-opens-bellefonte.html>