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Top DEP Stories

Scranton Times: Lackawanna County Recycling Center to stop collecting commingled bottles, jars, cans
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Mentions

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<https://www.pressenterpriseonline.com/daily/page/story/south-centre-eyes-sewer-plant>

Conservation & Recreation

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<https://www.pghcitypaper.com/pittsburgh/yes-you-can-still-use-public-parks-but-social-distancing-still-applies/Content?oid=17007043>

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Carlisle Sentinel: Appalachian Trail Conservancy: 'Please stay away from the Appalachian Trail' amid coronavirus concerns
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Altoona Mirror: State park closures extended
<https://www.altoonamirror.com/news/local-news/2020/03/state-park-closures-extended/>

CBS21: Appalachian Trail urging hikers to stay away

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FOX43: Appalachian Trail Conservancy urges hikers to avoid trail amid COVID-19

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Energy

PA Environment Digest Blog: Solar United Neighbors March 25 Webinar On Joining Solar Co-op In Indiana County

<https://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2020/03/solar-united-neighbors-march-25-webinar.html>

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Tribune-Review: Nonprofit solar co-op will host free webinar

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Corry Journal: Only bagged trash to be picked up starting Monday

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<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/coronavirus-emergency-impacts-waste-management-county-hauling-garbage-services/>

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