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Top DEP Stories

New Castle News: Shapiro, mineworkers create apprenticeship to plug oil, gas wells

https://www.ncnewsonline.com/news/local_news/shapiro-mineworkers-create-apprenticeship-to-plug-oil-gas-wells/article_b513dc0a-1138-503d-94e7-e592409b9af6.html

WTAE: Gov. Shapiro announces 10-year testing for groundwater near East Palestine

<https://www.wtae.com/article/east-palestine-train-derailment-groundwater-testing-shapiro/61987475>

Pittsburgh Business Times: Pennsylvania, United Mine Workers partner for new oil/gas well cleanup apprenticeship

<https://www.bizjournals.com/pittsburgh/news/2024/08/27/oil-gas-well-cleanup-apprenticeship.html>

Tribune-Review: Pennsylvania apprenticeship program expands to include training to plug old gas wells

<https://triblive.com/news/pennsylvania/pennsylvania-apprenticeship-program-expands-to-include-training-to-plug-old-gas-wells/>

Tioga Publishing: DEP to spray for mosquitos today, Aug. 28

https://www.tiogapublishing.com/free_press_courier/community/dep-to-spray-for-mosquitos-today-aug-28/article_e93e75bc-6536-11ef-82be-7333fee3a891.html

WENY: DEP to Conduct Mosquito Control in Tioga County

<https://www.weny.com/story/51298878/dep-to-conduct-mosquito-control-in-tioga-county>

Dubois Courier-Express: Shapiro announces first-in-PA registered apprenticeship program to plug abandoned oil and gas wells

https://www.thecourierexpress.com/news/shapiro-announces-first-in-pa-registered-apprenticeship-program-to-plug-abandoned-oil-and-gas-wells/article_2c5446cc-63d1-11ef-ae03-432f9e4fe986.html

Mentions

Scranton Times: Mining company appeals zoning denial in Archbald

https://www.thetimes-tribune.com/news/mining-company-appeals-zoning-denial-in-archbald/article_7feda002-64a9-11ef-8160-db590f98da08.html

Tribune-Democrat: Mosquito control event set for Kernville area; West Nile virus tests high

https://www.tribdem.com/news/mosquito-control-event-set-for-kernville-area-west-nile-virus-tests-high/article_fe65f4de-6477-11ef-9da5-cb05b4af8860.html

Tribune-Review: Groundbreaking ceremony launches final piece of future rail trail loop

https://www.tribdem.com/news/groundbreaking-ceremony-launches-final-piece-of-future-rail-trail-loop/article_eedac520-64a0-11ef-a480-fb3992d13cd2.html

Air

KDKA: Poor air quality and bad smells consume parts of Pittsburgh area
<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/air-quality-bad-smells-pittsburgh/>

WCAU News 10: Dangerous heat, poor air quality, storms hit Philly region
<https://www.nbcphiladelphia.com/weather/philadelphia-pennsylvania-nj-delaware-heat-humidity-storms-code-orange-air-quality/3954085/>

Climate Change

WITF/StateImpact: How volunteers are restoring Pennsylvania's trails to withstand climate change
<https://stateimpact.npr.org/pennsylvania/2024/08/27/pennsylvania-volunteers-restoring-trails-to-withstand-climate-change/>

WHYY: 'We can learn from them': Transit professionals to gather in Philly for green bus conference
<https://whyy.org/articles/septa-bus-conference-green-gathering-hydrogen-batteries/>

Conservation and Recreation

Republican Herald: Schuylkill Conservation District founder's award presented to Pitman farm
https://www.republicanherald.com/news/schuylkill-conservation-district-founders-award-presented-to-pitman-farm/article_2b2db7bc-617c-11ef-940b-ef124e871a39.html

Tribune-Review: Ragweed allergy season nears peak in Western Pennsylvania
<https://triblive.com/local/regional/ragweed-allergy-season-nears-peak-in-western-pennsylvania/>

Tribune-Review: Cheswick, Tarentum begin riverfront planning
<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/cheswick-tarentum-begin-riverfront-planning/>

Tribune-Review: Sustainability plan could bring a 'greener' Oakmont
<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/sustainability-plan-could-bring-a-greener-oakmont/>

Altoona Mirror: Final part of Ghost Town Trail extension underway
<https://www.altoonamirror.com/news/local-news/2024/08/final-part-of-ghost-town-trail-extension-underway/>

WTAJ: Ghost Town Trail Loop one step closer to being complete
<https://www.wtaj.com/news/local-news/ghost-town-trail-loop-one-step-closer-to-being-complete/>

Delaware County Daily Times: Newtown Square in Bloom receives \$4,000 for beautification
<https://www.delcotimes.com/2024/08/28/newtown-square-in-bloom-receives-4000-for-beautification/>

Energy

Reuters: US clean energy jobs growth rate double that of overall jobs, report says

<https://www.reuters.com/business/energy/us-clean-energy-jobs-growth-rate-double-that-overall-jobs-report-says-2024-08-28/>

Tribune-Review: Sen. Greg Rothman: Clean power plan reboot will cripple Pa.'s energy affordability

<https://triblive.com/opinion/sen-greg-rothman-clean-power-plan-reboot-will-cripple-pa-s-energy-affordability/>

Tribune-Review: Letter to the editor: Pennsylvanians will benefit from community solar

<https://triblive.com/opinion/letter-to-the-editor-pennsylvanians-will-benefit-from-community-solar/>

Pittsburgh Union Progress: Pittsburgh receives federal grant to boost a \$2.9 million program for 100 electric vehicle charging stations

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Post-Gazette: Pittsburgh getting \$2.4M to build more electric vehicle chargers

<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/transportation/2024/08/27/pittsburgh-electric-vehicles-biden/stories/202408270069>

Gettysburg Times: Solar shut out

https://www.gettysburgtimes.com/news/local/article_400626ee-6288-11ef-be5c-a79c9424ff1d.html

Vector Management

AP: EEE, West Nile, malaria: Know the difference between these mosquito-borne diseases

<https://apnews.com/article/eastern-equine-encephalitis-west-nile-virus-malaria-dengue-3f1b595c8b39e3391ba60651ddf4baab>

Lebtown.com: Conservation District will spray for mosquitoes in Campbelltown Wednesday

<https://lebtown.com/2024/08/27/conservation-district-will-spray-for-mosquitoes-in-campbelltown-wednesday/>

Waste

Erie Times: City of Erie halts free recycling/waste can distribution because of high demand

<https://www.goerie.com/story/news/local/2024/08/27/why-city-of-erie-pa-halted-its-free-recycling-waste-can-giveaway/74974717007/>

Pittsburgh Union Progress: Get rid of household chemicals at 2 PRC September collection events

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Altoona Mirror: Ebensburg favors amending garbage ordinance

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WHYY: Climate Fixers: Less than 1% of clothing gets recycled. This University of Delaware researcher has a plan to fix that

<https://whyy.org/articles/climate-fixers-recycled-clothing/>

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Citizens' Voice: Rehab work begins on Wilkes-Barre's Brookside Levee

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PA Environment Digest: EPA names Kesha Reed as deputy director for Chesapeake Bay Program Office

<https://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2024/08/epa-names-kesha-reed-as-deputy-director.html>

Penn State News: USDA grant to fund project developing AI-powered database on water quality

<https://www.psu.edu/news/research/story/usda-grant-fund-project-developing-ai-powered-database-water-quality/>

Miscellaneous

KDKA: Several school districts in the Pittsburgh area are sending students home early today due to excessive heat

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/several-school-districts-in-the-pittsburgh-area-are-sending-students-home-early-today-due-to-excessive-heat/>

WPXI: Multiple local school districts to dismiss students early Wednesday due to high temperatures

<https://www.wpxi.com/news/local/shaler-area-school-district-dismiss-students-early-wednesday-due-high-temperatures/R25FWS3YZBC3RKFY3H4Z7B3FYA/>

Beaver County Radio: Multiple local school districts dismissing students early today because of high temperatures

<https://beavercountyradio.com/news/multiple-local-school-districts-dismissing-students-early-today-because-of-high-temperatures/>

Post-Gazette: Local health, homeless providers see impacts of Pittsburgh heat

<https://www.post-gazette.com/news/social-services/2024/08/27/pittsburgh-heat-wave-homeless-region-shelter/stories/202408270096>

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Lancaster Farming: Poultry Pest Management: Controlling Flies Requires Integrated Approach

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Gettysburg Times: Warehouse hearing continued

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FOX43: Extreme heat in Pa. can affect fall activities like pumpkin picking

<https://www.fox43.com/article/weather/extreme-heat-pa-fall-activities-pumpkin-picking/521-54da0eec-d0fe-4174-8916-295d970054a7>

Centre Daily Times: Highly-anticipated, \$259M project on Centre County's top two highways set to start next week

https://www.centredaily.com/news/local/community/bellefonte/article291534030.html#campaignName=statecollege_breaking_newsletter