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Top DEP Stories

WJET-TV: Local health experts advise checking your home for radon

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Mentions

WOLF: Boil water advisory that's been in place for days lifted for part of Weatherly Borough

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Conservation and Recreation

TribLive: Environmental group protects 2,400 acres on Chestnut Ridge

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Altoona Mirror: State awards funding for recreation projects

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Gant News: Report Wild Turkey Flock Through March 15

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