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Top DEP Stories

The Bradford Era: State's \$100,000+ cost to plug orphan wells 'outrageously enormous'
https://www.bradfordera.com/news/states-100-000-cost-to-plug-orphan-wells-outrageously-enormous/article_cfccc74e-7393-11ef-adf1-f36ef827e094.html

Clarion News: Drones to be used to locate orphaned and abandoned wells
https://www.theclarionnews.com/news/local/drones-to-be-used-to-locate-orphaned-and-abandoned-wells/article_863285d8-7447-11ef-80b5-6bd1693ff6f5.html

Mentions

Tribune-Review: Deadline extended for mandatory water line inventory in Aspinwall; evening appointments available
<https://triblive.com/local/valley-news-dispatch/deadline-extended-for-mandatory-water-line-inventory-in-aspinwall-evening-appointments-available/>

Lewistown Sentinel: Stream cleaning could be the key to flood prevention (Op-Ed)
<https://www.lewistownsentinel.com/news/national-news-apwire/2024/09/stream-cleaning-could-be-the-key-to-flood-prevention/>

NOAA: Trustees Release Final Restoration Plan to Implement Shoreline and Wetland Restoration Projects at Metal Bank Site
<https://darrp.noaa.gov/hazardous-waste/trustees-release-final-restoration-plan-implement-shoreline-and-wetland-restoration>

Air

Environmental Health News: As Biden prepares to block the sale of U.S. Steel to Nippon Steel, pollution concerns persist in Pennsylvania
<https://www.ehn.org/us-steel-nippon-air-pollution-2669159640.html>

Tribune-Review: Letter to the editor: State, local governments make doing business tough in Pa.
<https://triblive.com/opinion/letter-to-the-editor-state-local-governments-make-doing-business-tough-in-pa/>

Climate Change

Centre Daily Times: Climate action, resiliency a team effort in Centre County

<https://www.centredaily.com/opinion/opn-columns-blogs/article292359114.html>

Conservation and Recreation

Meadville Tribune: Expert: Hellbenders need better protections

https://www.meadvilletribune.com/news/expert-hellbenders-need-better-protections/article_2e7d7f40-dd20-545a-b524-616aae64b48d.html

Leader Times: Strategic plant management for healthier forests, pastures presentation to be held

https://www.leadertimes.com/news/strategic-plant-management-for-healthier-forests-pastures-presentation-to-be-held/article_052177f6-6fab-11ef-976e-aba7df948092.html

Tribune-Review: Fisher, weasel-like animal once eliminated from Pa., spotted on Murrysville wildlife camera

<https://triblive.com/local/regional/fisher-weasel-like-animal-once-eliminated-from-pa-spotted-on-murrysville-wildlife-camera/>

KDKA: Hundreds of thousands of birds are migrating over the Pittsburgh area. Here's how you can help their journey.

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/pittsburgh-bird-migration-light-pollution/>

The Mercury: Montgomery County spotlights millions designated in trail connectivity initiatives

<https://www.pottsmmerc.com/2024/09/16/montgomery-county-spotlights-millions-designated-in-trail-connectivity-initiatives/>

Lancaster Online: Kellys Run trails could reopen this week as yellowjacket spraying progresses

https://lancasteronline.com/news/local/kellys-run-trails-could-reopen-this-week-as-yellowjacket-spraying-progresses/article_cd8933f8-745d-11ef-bfa6-5716a94027fd.html

Drought

Huntingdon Daily News: Dry conditions not enough for drought

https://www.huntingdondailynews.com/news/local/dry-conditions-not-enough-for-drought/article_8a29e8ac-7460-11ef-8a47-ab5e7fd2bb80.html

Energy

The Guardian: Biden's green policies will save 200,000 lives and have boosted clean energy jobs, data shows

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2024/sep/17/biden-environment-clean-energy-jobs-inflation-reduction-act>

WJAC: Has GJCTC experienced issues with solar power as other school look to make the switch?

<https://wjactv.com/news/local/has-gjctc-experienced-issues-with-solar-power-as-other-school-look-to-make-the-switch#>

Oil and Gas

AP: Massive pipeline fire burning near Houston began after a vehicle struck a valve, officials say
<https://apnews.com/article/pipeline-fire-texas-659141b9f88ed2b324c36fce2735746f#>

KDKA: North Fayette residents raise concerns about proposed fracking site
<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/north-fayette-residents-proposed-fracking-site/>

Environmental Health News: The fossil fuel industry is disproportionately harming low-income and minority women: Report
<https://www.ehn.org/women-fossil-fuels-climate-change-2669213888.html>

Post-Gazette: Anna Phillips: Why Kamala Harris has embraced America's oil boom
<https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/Op-Ed/2024/09/17/kamala-harris-oil-fracking-climate-change-pa-voters-swing-state/stories/202409170007>

Shamokin News-Item: AAA: Local gas prices drop again this week
https://www.newsitem.com/news/business/aaa-local-gas-prices-drop-again-this-week/article_37cfca06-746d-11ef-a33b-cb134b3de1cc.html

Vector Management

Lewistown Sentinel: Spotted lanternfly considered nuisance pest
<https://www.lewistownsentinel.com/news/local-news/2024/09/spotted-lanternfly-considered-nuisance-pest/>

CBS21: Mother Nature is fighting back against the invasive spotted lanternfly: UMD bug expert
<https://local21news.com/news/offbeat/spotted-lanternfly-invasive-bugs-insects-university-of-maryland-entomologist-michael-raupp-the-bug-guy-dc-virginia-mother-nature-microbes-fungi-food-source-umd#>

Waste

Daily Courier: PRC to host household chemical collection in Fayette
https://www.dailycourier.com/news/prc-to-host-household-chemical-collection-in-fayette/article_7e53afd6-743d-11ef-a6c5-8b1d4adabf40.html

Mon Valley Independent: Officials explain policy for collecting leaves & branches
<https://www.monvalleyindependent.com/2024/09/16/officials-explain-policy-for-collecting-leaves-branches/>

Water

LehighValleyNews.com: 'We can't say no:' Bethlehem Twp. won't appeal ruling allowing 866,000-sq.-ft. warehouse

<https://www.lehighvalleynews.com/bethlehem/we-cant-say-no-bethlehem-twp-wont-appeal-ruling-allowing-866-000-sq-ft-warehouse>

Allied News: Mercer area loses water service for weekend

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Mon Valley Independent: Army Corps of Engineers not present at MARC town hall

<https://www.monvalleyindependent.com/2024/09/17/army-corps-of-engineers-not-present-at-marc-town-hall/>

Sayre Morning Times: Owlett warns flood-affected residents of FEMA scammers

https://www.morning-times.com/news/article_2ee7f8fc-7452-11ef-9ecc-ef62df8cccb5.html

News from the States: EPA and Bay states are greenwashing Chesapeake Bay progress (Opinion)

<https://www.newsfromthestates.com/article/epa-and-bay-states-are-greenwashing-chesapeake-bay-progress>

Lancaster Online: Christiana Borough Council receives ARPA funds for new well

https://lancasteronline.com/news/regional/christiana-borough-council-receives-arpa-funds-for-new-well/article_4ce90330-6ef5-11ef-a713-438ab66c830e.html

Miscellaneous

Tribune-Review: Huge steel cone shipment expected to disrupt traffic across region

<https://triblive.com/local/westmoreland/steel-super-load-will-cause-super-slow-traffic-during-travel-through-westmoreland-allegheny/>