

Problems and Issues ascertained by WFRM are addressed daily and weekly through a series of local newscasts, public service announcements, editorials and special public affairs programs. These include the following:

AG RADIO NETWORK FARM NEWS: 6:00 a.m., Monday through Saturday

AG RADIO NETWORK CONSUMER NEWS: 12:06 p.m., Monday through Friday
8:00 a.m., Saturday

LOCAL NEWS: 7:28, 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m., Monday through Friday

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS: Included in Daily Local Newscasts

LEGISLATIVE REPORT with STATE REP. MARTIN CAUSER: 10 a.m., Saturday

LINCOLN RADIO JOURNAL: 9:00 a.m., Sunday

RADIO PA ROUNDTABLE: 9:30 a.m., Sunday

LIST OF COMMUNITY PROBLEMS and ISSUES

January 01 – March 31, 2020

1. ECONOMIC:

- a. Local retail base is dying or being replaced by corporate chain stores
- b. Lack of good paying jobs, especially for new graduates
- c. Lack of job opportunities in general, except for a few select industries

On the plus side...drilling for natural gas has created numerous new jobs and opportunities. The local hospital, a carbon manufacturer, telemarketing firm and regional cable company have also contributed with continued and new employment positions. County government has signed on to support revitalization efforts in area communities.

2. TAXES:

- a. Excessive property taxes due to ever-increasing school budgets
- b. Large amounts of state land removed from the tax base

On the plus side...county commissioners have formed a growing regional coalition to lobby state legislators for increased payment-in-lieu of taxes for the large amounts of state land which is tax-exempt and puts additional pressure on local property owners. Their efforts have paid off in part with an increase in the PILT, though funding of ever-increasing school budgets remains a challenge for local property owners.

3. SOCIAL:

- a. Drug and alcohol abuse and its negative consequences on society, most notably the opioid abuse crisis that continues unabated.
- b. Lack of recreation and opportunities for young people
- c. Local organizations struggle with lack of volunteers and members

On the plus side...county commissioners and the local judicial board have created award winning programs to address and provide treatment and early-intervention for drug and alcohol offenders, for fathers and for women who have entered the justice system. Local law enforcement officials and drug & alcohol specialists continue to hold a series of meetings to inform and educate the public on the opioid epidemic afflicting area counties.

4. ENVIRONMENTAL:

- a: Concerns that fracking and related gas & oil industry activities may pollute the ground water supply.

On the plus side...several local conservations groups have formed and are working together to monitor water sources for changes, pollution and water quality countywide, creating a data base for users and developers.

5. GOVERNMENT:

- a: Zoning and planning for development while maintaining rural roots

On the plus side...county commissioners have been fiscally responsible in maintaining and improving services by utilizing available technology, creative solutions to problems through outreach and inter-agency cooperation and streamlining local government operations, all with a minimal increase in taxes.

6. HUMAN SERVICES:

- a: Many low income and elderly citizens continue to lag behind

On the plus side...county commissioners have worked to develop and advance services for veterans, transportation options have improved and senior centers are thriving with activities for the elderly.

7. HEALTH and SAFETY:

- a: West Nile virus, Lyme disease prevalent across rural north central PA.
- b: Poor roads and bridges always a concern for motorists

On the plus side...several area hospitals and clinics provide a wide variety of health-care services. Health insurance has become more available and affordable as a result of the ACA. PennDot infrastructure spending has increased with more roads and bridges being repaired or replaced.

8. EDUCATION:

- a: State and federal mandates stretch and burden school district budgets and staff

On the plus side...local education council in conjunction with area technical school and universities provides a wide array of educational and learning oportunites, credits and degrees for students from high school through adult. Local hospital is also the site of an intern program for medical students, in cooperation with a regional university. Efforts continue to bring a rural regional college to northern Pennsylvania.

9. COVID-19:

A substantial effort is being made to inform the public about the issues surrounding the Coronavirus pandemic. Local, state and national public service announcements are being aired, as well as national and local news stories and long-form public affairs programs about the health risks of the diseases, preventative care, testing, etc. as well as the economic impacts and resources available to businesses and employees affected.

National, state and local directives regarding mandates and guidance, and services available to those affected in all aspects of life are also updated daily and reviewed weekly in a variety of programs, utilizing a variety of very reliable sources at all levels of government and related entities.

Emphasis is being placed on those that affect residents in the city of license and the surrounding listening area. These efforts will continue in earnest.

Lincoln Radio Journal

Program Notes 2020 Q 1

(March 28, 2020 - April 3, 2020) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** has a *Newsmaker* interview with **Kevin Shivers** from the Pennsylvania Association of Community Bankers about ongoing bank services during the Coronavirus pandemic; **Frank Gamrat** talks about Class A office space occupancy rates in Pennsylvania cities on the *Allegheny Institute Report*; And, **Ashley Klingensmith** from Americans for Prosperity-PA has a *Lincoln Radio Journal* commentary on changing regulations to allow for more health care providers.

(March 21, 2020 - March 27, 2020) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **David Taylor** from the Pennsylvania Manufacturers Association has a *Capitol Watch* look at Pittsburgh Works Together with executive director **Jeff Nobers**; And, **Lowman Henry** has a *Town Hall Commentary* on the end of a political era with the passing of former Auditor General Don Bailey.

(March 14, 2020 - March 20, 2020) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** has a *Newsmaker* interview with **David Osborne** of the Fairness Center about an agreement to end the practice of "ghost teachers"; **Joe Geiger** from the First Nonprofit Foundation has **Christine Ward** from Raising A Reader in the *Community Benefit Spotlight*; And, **Ashley Klingensmith** from Americans for Prosperity-PA has a *Lincoln Radio Journal* commentary on the next steps in criminal justice reform.

(March 7, 2020 - March 13, 2020) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **David Taylor** from the Pennsylvania Manufacturers Association hosts a *Capitol Watch* look at Governor Wolf's overspending the state budget with **Rebecca Oylar** from the National Federation of Independent Business and with **Steve Bloom** of the Commonwealth Foundation; And, **Lowman Henry** has a *Town Hall Commentary* on rethinking higher education.

(February 29, 2010 - March 6, 2010) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** talks with **Matthew Brouillette** from Commonwealth Partners Chamber of Entrepreneurs about constantly rising PA Turnpike tolls; **Frank Gamrat** and **Eric Montarti** have an *Allegheny Institute Report* on 2019 gaming revenue; And, **Ashley Klingensmith** from Americans for Prosperity PA has a *Lincoln Radio Journal* commentary on ensuring free trade is fair trade.

(February 22, 2020 - February 28, 2020) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **David Taylor** from the Pennsylvania Manufacturers Association hosts a *Capitol Watch* look at Governor Tom Wolf's environmental agenda with **Rebecca Oyler** from the National Federation of Independent Business and with **Rachael Gleason** of the Pennsylvania Coal Alliance; And, **Lowman Henry** has a *Town Hall Commentary* on moving the date of the Pennsylvania Presidential Primary.

(February 15, 2020 - February 21, 2020) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** talks with **David Sanko** from the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors about the governor's plans to charge municipalities for state police protection; **Joe Geiger** from the First Nonprofit Foundation has **Josh Sommer** of the Chordoma Foundation in the *Community Benefit Spotlight*; And, **Ashley Klingensmith** from Americans for Prosperity-PA has a *Lincoln Radio Journal* commentary on ending endless wars.

(February 8, 2020 - February 14, 2020) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **David Taylor** from the Pennsylvania Manufacturers Association hosts a *Capitol Watch* look at the Governor's budget address with **Matthew Brouillette** from Commonwealth Partners Chamber of Entrepreneurs and with **Rebecca Oyler** from the National Federation of Independent Business; And, **Lowman Henry** has a *Town Hall Commentary* on how the Iowa Caucus disaster could be prologue for Pennsylvania.

(February 1, 2020 - February 7, 2020) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** talks with **Keith Williams** of Americans for Fair Treatment about enforcing worker rights; **Frank Gamrat** and **Eric Montarti** have an *Allegheny Institute Report* on Allegheny County's jobs numbers; And, **Ashley Klingensmith** from Americans for Prosperity-PA has a *Lincoln Radio Journal* commentary on a better way to elect appellate court judges.

(January 25, 2020 - February 1, 2020) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **David Taylor** from the Pennsylvania Manufacturers Association discusses the proposed "False Claims Act" with **Rebecca Oyler** from the National Federation of Independent Business and with **Curt Schroder** from the Pennsylvania Coalition for Civil Justice Reform; And, **Lowman Henry** has a *Town Hall Commentary* on the disconnect between beltway elites and real America.

(January 18, 2020 - January 24, 2020) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** talks with **David Osborne** of the Fairness Center about worker rights and "maintenance of membership" issues; **Joe Geiger** from the First Nonprofit Foundation

has **Dorie Alcaro** from the Bair Foundation in the *Community Benefit Spotlight*;
And, **Ashley Klingensmith** from Americans for Prosperity-PA has a *Lincoln Radio Journal* commentary on the Transportation Climate Initiative.]

(January 11, 2020 - January 17, 2020) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **David Taylor** from the Pennsylvania Manufacturers Association hosts a *Capitol Watch* discussion about new over-time regulations with **Rebecca Oyler** from the National Federation of Independent Business and with **Elizabeth Stelle** of the Commonwealth Foundation; And, **Lowman Henry** has a *Town Hall Commentary* on problems with new voting systems.

(January 4, 2020 - January 10, 2020) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** talks with **Chris Nicholas** of Eagle Consulting about the offices to be on the ballot in 2020; **Frank Gamrat** and **Eric Montarti** have an *Allegheny Institute Report* in the new jobs numbers for the Pittsburgh region; And, **Ashley Klingensmith** from Americans for Prosperity-PA has a *Lincoln Radio Journal* commentary on the impact of regulations on PA businesses.

(December 28, 2019 - January 3, 2020) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **David Taylor** from the Pennsylvania Manufacturers Association and **Rebecca Oyler** from the National Federation of Independent Business have a *Capitol Watch* recap of the 2019 state legislative session; And, Col. **Frank Ryan**, USMC (Ret.) has a *Lincoln Radio Journal* commentary on his experience with fake news.



**RADIO PENNSYLVANIA ROUNDTABLE ISSUES REPORT
1st Quarter - 2020**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Guests / Speakers</u>
January 4, 2020	Crime, Public Safety	Danielle Outlaw, Police Commission, City of Philadelphia
	Health. VA Healthcare	-Gov. Tom Wolf -Tanisha Bowman, Social Worker/Palliative Care Specialist, UPMC Shadyside -James Stafford, Certified Veterans Peer Support, Housing Case Manager, Veterans Families Program
	Emergency Management	Randy Padfield, Director of PA Emergency Management Agency
January 11, 2020	Agriculture (at PA Farm Show)	-Russell Redding, PA Agriculture Secretary -Senator Elder Vogel (R-Beaver), Chairman, Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee -US Senator Robert Casey, Jr (D-PA) -Jennifer Kuntch, Spokesperson, PA Department of Transportation
January 18, 2020	Suicide Prevention	-Teresa Miller, PA Secretary of Human Services -Russell Redding, PA Secretary of Agriculture -Major General Anthony Carelli, PA Department of Military Affairs -Rep. Mike Schlossberg (D-Lehigh), Co-Chair of Suicide Prevention Task Force; Co-Chair of PA House Mental Health Caucus
	Medical/Education	-Rep. Elizabeth Fiedler (D-Philadelphia) -Amal Bass, Staff Attorney, Women's Law Project
	US Census	-Teresa Miller, PA Secretary of Human Services -Jerry Oleksiak, PA Secretary of Department of Labor and Industry
January 25, 2020	State Budget	-Governor Tom Wolf -Denise Major, SEIU, Homecare Aide
	Veteran Health	-Joel Mutschler, Director of Veterans Programs, Initiatives, Reintegration and Outreach
	Agriculture	-Heather Leach, Spotted Lanternfly Extension Associate, Penn State Entomology



February 1, 2020	State Budget	-Governor Tom Wolf -Ryan Unger, President, Team Pennsylvania
	Family Care/Sen Bill 580	-Sen. Maria Collett (D-Bucks/Montgomery), Minority Chair Aging & Youth Committee -Betsy Hawley, Executive Director Pediatric Palliative Care Coalition
	Environment	-Yassmin Gramian, acting Secretary, PA Department of Transportation -Sen. Steve Santarsiero (D-Bucks), Minority Chair, Environmental Resources & Energy Committee
February 8, 2020	State Budget	-Governor Tom Wolf
	State Budget/Finanance	-Sen. Bryan Cutler (R-Lancaster) -Sen. Jake Corman, Minority Leader (R-Centre/Juniata/Mifflin/Huntingdon) -Rep. Stan Saylor, Chairman, House Appropriations Committee (R-York)
	Agriculture	-Travis Lau, Pennsylvania Game Commission Spokesman
February 15, 2020	Health/Insurance	-Ray Barishansky, Deputy Secretary, PA Department of Health -Tracy Pugh, Senior Manager, Overdose Prevention Program
	Taxes/School Property Tax	-Sen. John DiSanto (R-Dauphin/Perry), Vice Chair, Education Committee -Alex Halper, PA Chamber of Business and Industry
	Education	-Jen Beagen, Senior Program Director, Allegheny IU -Dr. Andrea Saya, Executive Director, Capital Area IU
February 22, 2020	Public Safety	-Sen. Gene Yaw (R-Bradford/Lycoming/Union/Sullivan/Susquehanna) -John Wentzel, Secretary, PA Department of Corrections -Christopher Oppman, Deputy Secretary for Administration, PA Department of Corrections
	Veterans Affairs	-Sen. Mike Regan (R-Cumberland/York), Chairman, Senate Veteran Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee -Major General Anthony Carrelli, PA Adjutant General
	Insurance Fraud	Mike Humphries, Chief of Staff, PA Insurance Department

February 29, 2020	COVID-19	-Dr. Rachel Levine, PA Secretary of Health
	Prescription Medications	-Eugene DePasquale, PA Auditor General -Sen. John Blake (D-Lackawanna/Luzerne/Monroe) Minority Chair, Finance Committee
	Family Health	-Sen. Judy Schwann (D-Berks), Minority Vice-Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee -Teresa Miller, PA Department of Human Services Secretary -Jon Rubin, DHS Secretary, Office of Children, Youth and Families
March 7, 2020	Education	-Rep. Jason Ortity (R-Allegheny/Washington), House Appropriations Committee -Pedro Rivera, PA Education Secretary -Danielle Mariano, Director, Bureau of Budget and Fiscal Management, Dept. of Education
	COVID-19	Dr. Rachel Levine, PA Health Secretary
	Agriculture	Shannon Powers, Spokesperson, PA Department of Agriculture
March 14, 2020	COVID-19	-Governor Tom Wolf -Rachel Levine, PA Secretary of Health
	COVID-19/Consumer Protection	Tim Atrhun, Deputy Secretary, PA Department of Banking and Securities
	Energy	-Rep. Mike Turzai (R-Allegheny), House Majority Leader -Sen. John Yudichak (I-Carbon/Luzerne)
March 21, 2020	COVID-19	-Governor Tom Wolf -Dr. Rachel Levine, PA Secretary of Health -Robert Torres, PA Acting Secretary of Aging -Alana Mauger, Spokesperson, American Red Cross of Pennsylvania
March 28, 2020	COVID-19	-Governor Tom Wolf -State Police Spokesman Ryan Tarkowski -Dr. Rachel Levine, PA Health Secretary -Teresa Miller, PA Department of Human Services Secretary -Russell Redding, PA Agriculture Secretary