

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

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

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

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

## LIST OF COMMUNITY PROBLEMS and ISSUES

July 01 – September 30, 2022

### 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, outmigration
- 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 opportunities, 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.

## Lincoln Radio Journal 2022 Q3 Program Notes

(September 24, 2022 - October 1, 2022) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** talks with **Dr. Doug Pfeiffer** from the Shield of Truth Network about the importance of citizen activism; **Joe Geiger** has **Scott Shewell** of Safe Harbour in the *Community Benefit Spotlight*; And, **Ashley Klingensmith** from Americans for Prosperity-PA has a *Lincoln Radio Journal* commentary on criminal justice reforms stalled in the state legislature.

(September 17, 2022 - September 23, 2022) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **David Taylor** from the Pennsylvania Manufacturers Association hosts a *Capitol Watch* roundtable discussion on inflation and Pennsylvania energy with **Rebecca Oyer** of the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association and **Stephen Bloom** from the Commonwealth Foundation; And, **Lowman Henry** has a *Town Hall Commentary* on crime becoming a campaign issue.

(September 10, 2022 - September 16, 2022) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** talks with State Representative **Daryl Metcalfe** (R-Butler) about the nation's defenses against an Electro Magnetic Pulse attack; **Eric Montarti** and **Benjamin SeEVERS** have an *Allegheny Institute Report* on the impact of the state's Corporate Net Income Tax cut; And, **Ashley Klingensmith** from Americans for Prosperity-PA has a *Lincoln Radio Journal* commentary on "student loan forgiveness."

(September 3, 2022 - September 9, 2022) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **David Taylor** from the Pennsylvania Manufacturers Association and **Stephen Bloom** of the Commonwealth Foundation have a *Capitol Watch* discussion on the impact of the regulatory state on business; And, **Lowman Henry** has a *Town Hall Commentary* on why it is now time for candidates for the U.S. Senate to get serious.

(August 27, 2022 - September 2, 2022) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** talks with *Broad + Liberty* Chief Investigative Reporter **Todd Shepherd** about the impact of "Satellite Election Offices" on election integrity; **Joe Geiger** has **David Morrison** from the Historic Harrisburg Association in the *Community Benefit Spotlight*; And, **Ashley Klingensmith** from Americans for Prosperity-PA has a *Lincoln Radio Journal* commentary on the latest round of Congressional taxing and spending.

(August 20, 2022 - August 26, 2022) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **Carl A. Marrara** from the Pennsylvania Manufacturers Association hosts a *Capitol*

*Watch* roundtable discussion on the Commonwealth Foundation's "Better Pennsylvania 2023" plan with Rebecca Oyler of the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association and **Stephen Bloom** from the Commonwealth Foundation; And, **Lowman Henry** has a *Town Hall Commentary* on why James Madison's Montpelier home is a national disgrace.

(August 13, 2022 - August 19, 2022) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** has a *Newsmaker* interview with State Representative **Frank Ryan** (R-Lebanon) about how ESG scores are harming pension funds; **Frank Gamrat** and **Eric Montarti** have an *Allegheny Institute Report* on residency requirements for government employees; And, **Ashley Klingensmith** from Americans for Prosperity-PA has a *Lincoln Radio Journal* commentary on the "Inflation Reduction Act."

(August 6, 2022 - August 12, 2022) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: State Senator **Joe Pittman** (R-Indiana County) joins **David Taylor** from the Pennsylvania Manufacturers Association, **Rebecca Oyler** from the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association and **Stephen Bloom** of the Commonwealth Foundation for a *Capitol Watch* roundtable discussion on a pro-growth agenda for Pennsylvania; And, **Lowman Henry** has a *Town Hall Commentary* of the Left's Summer of Rage.

(July 30, 2022 - August 5, 2022) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** talks with **Jonathan Williams** from the American Legislative Exchange Council about the annual *Rich States/Poor States Report*; **Joe Geiger** has **Scott Shewell** of Safe Harbour in the *Community Benefit Spotlight*; And, **Ashley Klingensmith** from Americans for Prosperity-PA has a *Lincoln Radio Journal* commentary on another congressional spending spree.

(July 23, 2022 - July 29, 2022) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **David Taylor** from the Pennsylvania Manufacturers Association has a *Capitol Watch* discussion with **Tim Vermeer** of the Tax Foundation about the phased reduction of Pennsylvania's Corporate Net Income Tax; And, **Lowman Henry** has a *Town Hall Commentary* on how *You May Be An Extremist If . . .*

(July 16, 2022 - July 22, 2022) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** talks with **Todd Shepherd** from *Broad+Liberty* about the possible impeachment of Philadelphia District Attorney Larry Krasner; **Frank Gamrat** and **Eric Montarti** have an *Allegheny Institute Report* on state gaming revenue; And, **Ashley Klingensmith** from Americans for Prosperity-PA has a *Lincoln Radio Journal* commentary on the importance of free speech.

(July 9, 2022 - July 15, 2022) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **David Taylor** from the Pennsylvania Manufacturers Association is joined by **Rebecca Oyler** from the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association and **Stephen Bloom** of the Commonwealth Foundation for a *Capitol Watch* look at how the recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling reining in the power of federal agencies will affect the Regional Greenhouse Gas initiative (RGGI); And, **Lowman Henry** has a *Town Hall Commentary* on the Supreme Court returning to Constitutional law.

(July 2, 2022 - July 8, 2022) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** talks with **Michelle Ashley** from Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America about the impact of the U.S. Supreme Court's recent decision on Roe V Wade; **Christine McDaniel** from the Mercatus Center at George Mason University has details on how much more it will cost for your Independence Day barbeque; And, **Ashley Klingensmith** from Americans for Prosperity-PA has a *Lincoln Radio Journal* commentary on a big win for free speech and religious rights.



## **Radio Pennsylvania Network Roundtable Public Affairs Issues/Clearance Report 3rd Quarter 2022**

### **July 2, 2022**

#### **Segment 1 Topic: State Budget/Financial/Political**

Guests: Dr. Terry Madonna, Senior Fellow for Political Affairs, Millersville University

#### **Segment 2 Topic: Education**

Guest: Eric Hagarty, Acting Secretary, PA Department of Education; Dr. Steve Nunez, President, Pennsylvania Highlands Community College

#### **Segment 3 Topic: Workforce Development**

Guest: Kate McNamara, Senior Vice President, PIDC Philadelphia; Mayor Jim Kenney, Philadelphia; Neal Weaver, Acting Secretary, PA Dept of Community and Economic Development

### **July 9, 2022**

#### **Segment 1 Topic: State Budget/Financial/Political**

Guests: Sen. Stan Saylor (R-York), House Appropriations Committee Chair; Rep. Matt Bradford (D-Montgomery), House Appropriations Committee

#### **Segment 2 Topic: Agriculture**

Guests: Russell Redding, Secretary, PA Agriculture Department; Valerie Sesler, Master Gardener Area Coordinator, Penn State Extension; Rep. Camera Bartolotta (R-Beaver/Washington/Greene)

#### **Segment 3 Topic: Hunting/Fishing**

Guests: Tom Keller, Furbearer Biologist, PA Game Commission

**July 16, 2022**

**Segment 1 Topic: State Budget**

Guests: Zack Shamberg, President/CEO, Pennsylvania Health Care Association; Governor Tom Wolf;  
Rept. Bryan Cutler (R-Lancaster), PA House Speaker

**Segment 2 Topic: Tourism/NASCAR**

Guests: Josh Shapiro, PA Attorney General; Ben May, President, Pocono Raceway, Long Pond

**Segment 3 Topic: Taxes/PA Corporate Tax**

Guests: Luke Bernstein, President, PA Chamber of Business and Industry

**July 23, 2022**

**Segment 1 Topic: State Budget/Education**

Guests: Eric Hagarty, Acting Secretary, PA Department of Education, Kutztown University; President  
Pennsylvania Association of Colleges

**Segment 2 Topic: Suicide Prevention**

Guests: Meg Snead, Acting Secretary, PA Department of Human Services; Kristen Houser, Deputy  
Secretary, Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, PA Department of Human Services;  
Representative Mike Schlossberg (D-Lehigh)

**Segment 3 Topic: Healthcare**

Guests: Rob Heinlein, Representative to Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, PA Department  
of Aging

**July 30, 2022**

**Segment 1 Topic: Civil Rights**

Guests: Kristen Clarke, Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division, US Justice Department;  
Josh Shapiro, PA Attorney General; Rohit Chopra, Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

**Segment 2 Topic: Military Family Education Program**

Guests: Maj. General Mark Schindler, PA Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

**Segment 3 Topic: Transportation**

Guest: Kurt Myers, Deputy Secretary for Driver and Vehicle Services, PA Department of Transportation

**August 6, 2022**

**Segment 1 Topic: Education**

Guests: Ryan Jones, Principal, Marshall Math Science Academy, Harrisburg; Governor Tom Wolf

**Segment 2 Topic: PAsmart/Workforce Training**

Guests: Jennifer Berrier, Secretary, PA Department of Labor and Industry; Tara Loew, Director, Apprenticeship & Training Office; John Tkach, Executive Director, Keystone Development Partnership, Harrisburg

**Segment 3 Topic: Agriculture**

Guests: Emelie Swackhamer, Horticulture Educator, Penn State Extension

**August 13, 2022**

**Segment 1 Topic: Healthcare/Youth Vaccinations**

Guests: Mike Humphreys, Acting Commissioner, PA Insurance Department; Dr. Denise Johnson, Acting Secretary, PA Department of Health, PA Physician General; Eric Hagarty, Acting Secretary, PA Department of Education

**Segment 2 Topic: Voting/Elections**

Guests: Jonathan Marks, Deputy Secretary for Elections, PA Department of State

**Segment 3 Topic: State Budget/Corporate Tax**

Guest: Governor Tom Wolf; Luke Bernstein, President, PA Chamber of Business and Industry; Representative Stan Saylor (R-York); Chair House Appropriations Committee; Representative Mary Jo Daley (D-Montgomery)

**August 19, 2022**

**Segment 1 Topic: LGBTQ Rights**

Guests: Rafael Alvarez Febo, Executive Director, LGBTQ Affairs Commission; Governor Tom Wolf; Carla Christopher Wilson, LGBTQ Affairs Commission

**Segment 2 Topic: Elections**

Guests: Representative Christopher Quinn (R-Delaware); John Updike, President, Open Primaries; Representative Craig Staats (R-Bucks)

**Segment 3 Topic: Financial Exploitation of Elderly**

Guests: Robert Torres, Secretary, PA Department of Aging; Lt. Adam Reed, PA State Police

## August 27, 2022

### **Segment 1 Topic: Education**

Guests: Governor Tom Wolf; Paige Cognetti, Mayor, Scranton; Katona Miller, STEMM Program Supervisor, Scranton High School

### **Segment 2 Topic: Infrastructure**

Guests: Linda Lavender-Norris, City Council President, Coatesville; Yassmin Gramain, Secretary, PA Department of Transportation; Mitch Landrieu, White House Senior Advisor & Infrastructure Coordinator

### **Segment 3 Topic: Agriculture/Investment in Farming**

Guests: Art King, Harvest Valley Farms, Gibsonia; Russell Redding, Secretary, PA Department of Agriculture; Ashley Fehr, Bureau of Market and Business Development, PA Department of Agriculture

## September 3, 2022

### **Segment 1 Topic: Election Security**

Guests: President Joe Biden

### **Segment 2 Topic: Hunger Education Month**

Guests: Senator Judy Schwank (D-Berks); Inez Titus, Deputy Secretary, Office of Income Maintenance, PA Department of Human Services; Jane Clements, CEO, Feeding Pennsylvania

### **Segment 3 Topic: Transportation**

Guests: Col. Robert Evanchick, Commissioner, Pennsylvania State Police; Melissa Batula, Acting Executive Deputy Secretary, PA Department of Transportation; Dave Andrascik, State DRE Program Coordinator, PA DUI Association

## September 10, 2022

### **Segment 1 Topic: Voter Registration**

Guests: Governor Tom Wolf; Leigh Chapman, Acting Secretary of State, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; Salewa Ogunmefun, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Voice

### **Segment 2 Topic: PA Turnpike Commission Audit**

Guests: Timothy DeFoor, Auditor General, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

### **Segment 3 Topic: Environment**

Guests: Ramez Ziadeh, Acting Secretary, PA Department of Environmental Protection

## September 17, 2022

### **Segment 1 Topic: Suicide Prevention Month**

Guests: Kristen Houser, Deputy Secretary, Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, PA Department of Human Services; Dr. Denise Johnson, Physician General, PA Department of Health; Maj. General Mark Schindler, PA Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

### **Segment 2 Topic: Substance Abuse/National Recovery Month**

Guests: Dr. Charles Patterson, President Shippensburg University; Jen Smith, Secretary, PA Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs; Kurt Dunkel, AOD Program Coordinator, Shippensburg University

### **Segment 3 Topic: Environment**

Guests: Ngani Ndimbie, Western Regional Coordinator, Office of Environmental Justice, PA Department of Environmental Protection; Bery Myers, Director, Environmental Education Specialist Program Supervisor, DEP; Dr. Patricia DeMarco, Director, Rachel Carson Institute

## September 24, 2022

### **Segment 1 Topic: Abortion and Reproductive Rights**

Guests: Sara Goulet, Special Advisor, PA Department of Human Services; Sen. Judy Schwank (D-Berks)

### **Segment 2 Topic: Global Clean Energy Act Forum**

Guests: Governor Tom Wolf; Jennifer Granholm, US Department of Energy

### **Segment 3 Topic: Real ID**

Guests: Brent Lawson, Risk Management Director for Driver and Vehicle Services, PA Department of Transportation; Sarah Baker, REAL ID Director, PennDOT