

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

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 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

2019 Q4 Program Notes for Public File

(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.

(December 21, 2019 - December 27, 2019) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** talks with Dr. **Paul Kengor** author of *The Divine Plan: John Paul II, Ronald Reagan and the Dramatic End of the Cold War*; **Joe Geiger** from the First Nonprofit Foundation has **Brian Kurtas** of the Gretna Theatre in the *Nonprofit Spotlight*; And, **Lowman Henry** has a reading from the Biblical account of the birth of Jesus Christ.

(December 14, 2019 - December 20, 2019) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **David Taylor** from the Pennsylvania Manufacturers Association hosts a *Capitol Watch* look at why PA is a gamble for entrepreneurs 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 what's at stake in the 2020 elections.

(December 7, 2019 - December 13, 2019) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** has a *Newsmaker* interview with State Representative **Andrew Lewis** (R-Dauphin) about limiting the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program; **Frank Gamrat** and **Eric Montarti** have an *Allegheny Institute Report* on the cost of mass transit; And, **Ashley Klingensmith** from Americans for Prosperity-PA has a *Lincoln Radio Journal* commentary on professional licensing reform.

(November 30, 2019 - December 6, 2019) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **David Taylor** from the Pennsylvania Manufacturers Association talks with **Matthew Brouillette** from Commonwealth Partners Chamber of Entrepreneurs and **Gordon Denlinger** from the National Federation of Independent Business about results of the *Fall 2019 Keystone Business Climate Survey*; And, **Lowman Henry** has a *Town Hall Commentary* on Un-Fair Districts PA.

(November 23, 2019 - November 29, 2019) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** talks with **Nathan Benefield** of the Commonwealth Foundation about pending \$1 billion state budget deficits; **Joe Geiger** from the First Nonprofit Foundation has **Steve Moskowitz** from the Antique Automobile Club of America in the *Community Benefit Spotlight*; And, **Ashley Klingensmith** from Americans for Prosperity-PA has a *Lincoln Radio Journal* commentary on the proposed Free Speech Protection Act.

(November 16, 2019 - November 22, 2019) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **Carl Marrara** from the Pennsylvania Manufacturers Association has a *Capitol Watch* look at workforce development with **Darlene Robbins** and **Courtney Fasnacht** from the Northeast Pennsylvania Manufacturers and Employers Association; And, **Lowman Henry** has a *Town Hall Commentary* on why communism and socialism are two sides of the same coin.

(November 9, 2019 - November 15, 2019) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** gets a 2019 General Election analysis from **Leo Knepper** from the Citizens Alliance of Pennsylvania; **Frank Gamrat** and **Eric Montarti** have an *Allegheny Institute Report* on the problem of abandoned properties; And, **Ashley Klingensmith** from Americans for Prosperity-PA has a *Lincoln Radio Journal* commentary on the importance of tele-medicine.

(November 2, 2019 - November 8, 2019) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **David Tayler** of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers Association hosts a *Capitol Watch* look at Association Health Plans with **Rebecca Oyler** from the National Federation of Independent Business and **Jezree Friend** from the Manufacturers & Business Association; And, **Lowman Henry** has a *Town Hall Commentary* on why judicial elections matter.

(October 26, 2019 - November 1, 2019) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** talks with **Chris Nicholas** of Eagle Consulting about the upcoming November General Election; **Joe Geiger** from the First Nonprofit Foundation has **Megan Hill-McQueeney** of the Brave Hearts Therapeutic Riding and Educational Center in the *Community Benefit Spotlight*; And, **Ashley Klingensmith** of Americans for Prosperity-PA has a *Lincoln Radio Journal* commentary on comprehensive state tax reform.

(October 19, 2019 - October 25, 2019) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **David Taylor** from the Pennsylvania Manufacturers Association hosts a *Capitol Watch* roundtable discussion on progress in enforcing worker rights with **Stephen Bloom** of the Commonwealth Foundation and **David Osborne** from the Fairness

Center; And, **Lowman Henry** has a *Town Hall Commentary* on Governor Tom Wolf governing by pen and phone.

(October 12, 2019 - October 18, 2019) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** talks with **Greg Wrightstone** author of *Inconvenient Facts* about the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI); **Frank Gamrat** and **Eric Montarti** have an *Allegheny Institute Report* on the policy implications of RGGI; and **Ashley Klingensmith** from Americans for Prosperity-PA has a *Lincoln Radio Journal* commentary on why innovation, not regulation is improving the environment.

(October 5, 2019 - October 11, 2019) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **David Taylor** hosts a *Capitol Watch* round table discussion with **Rebecca Oyler** from the National Federation of Independent Business-PA and with **Ryan Augsburger** from the Ohio Manufacturers Association on bail-outs for the nuclear power industry; And, **Lowman Henry** has a *Town Hall Commentary* on proposed Medicare changes that would slow the development of new medicines.

(September 28, 2019 - October 4, 2019) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** talks with **Baruch Feigenbaum** of the Reason Foundation about the condition of PA roads and bridges; **Joe Geiger** from the First Nonprofit Foundation has **Tom Kaden** and **Michael Gingrich** from Someone To Tell It To in the *Community Benefit Spotlight*; And, **Ashley Klingensmith** from Americans for Prosperity-PA has a *Lincoln Radio Journal* commentary on parole reform.

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RADIO PENNSYLVANIA ROUNDTABLE ISSUES REPORT 4th Quarter - 2019

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Guests / Speakers</u>
October 6, 2019	Sexual Assault	Taylor Ecker, advocate and survivor of child sexual abuse
	Sexual Assault	Sen. Lisa Baker (R-Pike/Wayne/Wyoming/Susquehanna/Luzerne), Chair Senate Judiciary Comm. Sen. Larry Farnese (D-Phila), Min Chair Senate Judiciary Comm
	School Breakfast/Nutrition	Adam Morgan, Advisory Coordinator, Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank Kelsey Gross, Child Nutrition Program Supervisor, Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank
October 13, 2019	Family Needs	Karen Chenausky, State Office Director, Parents as Teachers Rosemarie Halt, Senior Policy Director, Maternity Care Coalition Teresa Miller, Secretary, PA Dept. of Human Services
	Environment	Terry Brady, Spokesman, PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources
	Hunting	Travis Lau, Spokesman, PA Game Commission
October 20, 2019	Drug Addiction	Eugene DePasquale, PA Auditor General
	Education Funding	Sherry Zubek, Director Early Childhood and Student Services, Lancaster/Lebanon IU13 Michelle Reichard-Huff, Director Early Childhood & Student Services
	Open Enrollment/Healthcare	Steve Rodgers, Director of Education & Outreach, PA Department of Aging Susan Neff, APPRISE Program Director



October 27, 2019	Kayden's Law	Sen. Steve Santarsiero (D-Bucks), sponsor of Senate Bill 868 Kathryn Sherlock, advocate, mother of Kayden Mancuso
	Public Safety	John Wentzel, PA Department of Corrections Secretary Sen. Lisa Baker (R-Pike/Wayne/Wyoming/Luzerne/Susquehanna), Chair of Senate Judiciary Committee
	Local Economy	President Donald Trump
November 3, 2019	Voting Legislation	Sen. Lisa Boscola (D-Lehigh/Northampton), sponsor of Senate Bill 421 Sen. Vincent Hughes (D-Phila/Montgomery) Sen. Katie Muth (D-Berks/Chester/Montgomery)
	Aging/ Voting	Kathy Boockvar, Acting PA Secretary of State
	Environment	Ryan Walt, Boating and Watercraft Safety Manager, PA Fish & Boat Commission
November 10, 2019	Election/Voting	Kathy Boockvar, PA Acting Secretary of State
	Military Education	Governor Tom Wolf Major General Anthony Carelli, PA Adjutant General
	Fishing License Scam	Bernie Matscavage, Director of Admin, PA Fish and Boat Commission
November 17, 2019	Environment/ Climate Change	Eugene DePasquale, PA Auditor General
	Agriculture	Shannon Powers, Press Secretary, PA Department of Ag
	Transportation	Jan Husvar, Spokesperson, PA Department of Transportation
November 24, 2019	Financial	State Rep. Frank Ryan (R-Lebanon)
	Environment	State Rep. Jim Strozzi (R-Indiana) State Rep. Pan Snyder (D-Greene/Fayette/Washington)
	Bullying	State Rep. Kyle Mullins (D-Lackawanna) State Rep. Torren Ecker (R-Adams/Cumberland)

December 1, 2019	Child Sexual Abuse	Governor Tom Wolf Rep. Mark Rozzi (D-Berks) Rep. Todd Stephens (R-Montgomery)
	Health	Brittany Lauffer, Public Information Officer, PA Health Department
	Travel	Kathleen Zinser, Spokesperson, Triple-A Mid Atlantic
December 8, 2019	SNAP Program	Teresa Miller, Secretary, PA Department of Human Services
	State Revenue/Taxes	Eugene DePasquale, PA Auditor General
	Travel/PennDot	Yassmin Gramain, Executive Deputy Secretary, PA Department of Transportation
December 15, 2019	SNAP Program	Teresa Miller, Secretary, PA Department of Human Services Amy Hill, Director of Community Engagement and Advocacy, Central PA Food Bank
	Politics	President Trump
	Immigration	Eugene DePasquale, PA Auditor General
December 22, 2019	Firearms	Josh Shapiro, PA Attorney General
	Crime	Bret Bucklen, Director of Planning, Research and Statistics, PA Department of Corrections
	Juvenile Justice Reform	Governor Tom Wolf Judge Kim Berkeley Clark, Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas
December 29, 2019	PA Year in Review Politics	Governor Tom Wolf Lt. Governor John Fetterman
	Opioid Crisis Weather/Environment	Dr. Rachel Levine, PA Secretary of Health Mike Dangelo, Senior Forecaster, National Weather Service
	Politics	President Donald Trump