

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
April 01 – June 30, 2021

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.

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 2021 Q2 Program Notes

(June 26, 2021 - July 2, 2021) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **David Taylor** from the Pennsylvania Manufacturers Association is joined for a *Capitol Watch* roundtable discussion on the Pennsylvania state budget by **Rebecca Oyler** from the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association and by **Stephen Bloom** of the Commonwealth Foundation; And **Lowman Henry** has a *Town Hall Commentary* on The New Normal.

(June 19, 2021 - June 25, 2021) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** talks with **Hunter Tower** from Freedom Foundation about chaos at the Public School Employees Retirement System (PSERS); **Frank Gamrat** and **Eric Montarti** have an *Allegheny Institute Report* on the financial health of the state's gaming industry; And, **Ashley Klingensmith** from Americans for Prosperity-PA has a *Lincoln Radio Journal* commentary on the state budget.

(June 12, 2021 - June 18, 2021) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **David Taylor** from the Pennsylvania Manufacturers Associations hosts a *Capitol Watch* roundtable discussion with **Rebecca Oyler** from the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association and with **Matthew Brouillette** from Commonwealth Partners Chamber of Entrepreneurs on the legislature voting to end Governor Tom Wolf's COVID-19 emergency powers; And, **Lowman Henry** has a *Town Hall Commentary* on lost faith in our nation's institutions.

(June 5, 2021 - June 11, 2021) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** has a *Newsmaker* interview on election reform with State Representative **Seth Grove** (R-York County); **Joe Geiger** from the First Nonprofit Foundation has **Brenda Swartz** of Concordia Place in the *Community Benefit Spotlight*; And, **Ashley Klingensmith** from Americans for Prosperity-PA has a *Lincoln Radio Journal* commentary on threats to our nation's energy independence.

(May 29, 2021 - June 4, 2021) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **David Taylor** from the Pennsylvania Manufacturers Associations hosts a *Capitol Watch* look at the impact of the Primary Election results with **Rebecca Oyler** from the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association and with **Jeremy Baker** from Commonwealth Partners Chamber of Entrepreneurs; And, **Lowman Henry** has a *Town Hall Commentary* on a tale of two governors.

(May 22, 2021 - May 28, 2021) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** talks with **Stephanie Catarino Wissman** about the importance of fossil fuels to



**RADIO PENNSYLVANIA ROUNDTABLE ISSUES REPORT
2nd Quarter - 2021**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Guests / Speakers</u>
April 3, 2021	COVID Vaccination	-Alison Beam, Acting Secretary, PA Department of Health
	Min. Wage Increase	-Jennifer Berrier, Acting Secretary, PA Department Of Labor and Industry -Senator Jay Costa (D-Allegheny) -Richard Gegick, Former Server/Bartender, Pittsburgh Area
	President Visit/ Infrastructure	-President Joe Biden
April 10, 2021	COVID Testing	-Lindsey Mauldin, Senior Advisor for COVID-19 Response, PA Department of Health
	Unemployment	-Jennifer Berrier, Acting Secretary, PA Department Of Labor & Industry
	Environment	-Sen. Gene Yaw (R-Lycoming), Chair, Environmental Resources and Energy Committee -Ann Swanson, Executive Director, Chesapeake Bay Commission
April 17, 2021	COVID Vaccination	-Alison Beam, Acting Secretary, PA Department of Health George Fernandez, Founder/CEO Latin Connection
	COVID/Health	-Alison Beam, Acting Secretary, PA Department of Health -Dr. Denise Johnson, Acting Physician General, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
	Election Security	-Veronica Degradereid, Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth of PA (interviewed by RPA Reporter Mark Sims)

Pennsylvania's economy; **Frank Gamrat** and **Eric Montarti** have an *Allegheny Institute Report* on the Aquion boondoggle; And, **Ashley Klingensmith** from Americans for Prosperity-PA has a *Lincoln Radio Journal* commentary on public-private projects to improve our nation's infrastructure.

(May 15, 2021 - May 21, 2021) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **Matt Brouillette** from Commonwealth Partners Chamber of Entrepreneurs hosts a *Capitol Watch* look at this year's state Supreme Court race with **Rebecca Oyler** from the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association and **Curt Schroder** from the Pennsylvania Coalition for Civil Justice Reform; And, **Lowman Henry** has a *Town Hall Commentary* on Restoring Our Liberty.

(May 8, 2021 - May 14, 2021) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** gets and overview of the 2021 Primary Election from **Chris Nicholas** of Eagle Consulting; **Joe Geiger** from the First Nonprofit Foundation has **Shannon Reiter** from Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful in the *Community Benefit Spotlight*; And, **Ashley Klingensmith** from Americans for Prosperity-PA has a *Lincoln Radio Journal* commentary on why President Biden's infrastructure plan should be stopped.

(May 1, 2021 - May 7, 2021) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **David Taylor** from the Pennsylvania Manufacturers Association and **Rebecca Oyler** from the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association have a *Capitol Watch* look at the worker shortage impacting the economic recovery; And, **Lowman Henry** has a *Town Hall Commentary* on the job crushing impact of the proposed Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.

(April 24, 2021 - April 30, 2021) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** talks with State Representative **Barbara Gleim** (R-Cumberland) about the Fairness in Women's Sports Act; **Frank Gamrat** and **Eric Montarti** have an *Allegheny Institute Report* on Allegheny County's proposed sick leave law; And, **Ashley Klingensmith** from Americans for Prosperity-PA has a *Lincoln Radio Journal* commentary on the need to reduce government regulation.

(April 17, 2021 - April 23, 2021) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **David Taylor** from the Pennsylvania Manufacturers Association and **Rebecca Oyler** from the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association have a *Capitol Watch* look at results of the *Spring 2021 Keystone Business Climate Survey*; And, **Lowman Henry** has a *Town Hall Commentary* on why conservatives should cancel the cancel culture.



April 24, 2021	Police Reform	-Sen. Vincent Hughes (D-Montgomery/Philadelphia) -Sen. Anthony Williams (D-Delaware/Philadelphia)
	Wage Increase/ Frontline Workers	-Jennifer Berrier, Acting Secretary, PA Department of Labor & Industry -Tom Welby, Chief of Staff, Representative Marty Flynn (D-Lackawanna)
	Rural Internet Access	-Sen. Kristin Phillips-Hill, Chair of Senate Communications and Technology Committee (R-York) -Sen. John Kane, Minority Chair (D-Chester/Delaware) -Sen. Anthony Williams
May 1, 2021	COVID-19 Vaccinations	-Gov. Tom Wolf -Brook Ward, President/CEO, Washington Health System
	Limit of Governor Authority	-Teresa Miller, Senior Adviser, PA Department of Human Services -Russell Redding, PA Agriculture Secretary -State Rep. Emily Kinkead (D-Allegheny)
	Highway Safety	-Lt. Colonel Scott Price, Deputy Commissioner of Operations, PA State Police -Melissa Batula, Acting Deputy Secretary for Transportation, PA Department of Transportation (PennDOT) -Craig Shuey, Chief Operating Officer, Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission
May 8, 2021	Limit of Governor Authority	-Randy Padfield, Director, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) -Kevin Molloy, former Dauphin County Emergency Management Director
	Increase in Minimum Wage	-Rep. Manuel Guzman (D-Berks) -Rep. Malcom Kenyatta (D-Philadelphia)
	Agriculture Emergency Response	-Russell Redding, PA Agriculture Secretary -Dr. Kevin Brightbill, PA State Veterinarian

(April 10, 2021 - April 16, 2021) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** talks with **Andy Roth** from the Club for Growth Foundation about their 2021 Pennsylvania Legislative Scorecard; **Joe Geiger** from the First Nonprofit Foundation has **Leigh Tuttle of Fore Country in the Community Benefit Spotlight**; And, **Ashley Klingensmith** from Americans for Prosperity-PA has a *Lincoln Radio Journal* commentary on making permanent health care regulations temporarily relaxed during COVID-19.

(April 3, 2021 - April 9, 2021) 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 by **Matthew Brouillette** from **Commonwealth Partners Chamber of Entrepreneurs** for a *capitol Watch* roundtable discussion on liability protection for businesses trying to recover from COVID-19 shut-downs; And, **Lowman Henry** has a *Town Hall Commentary* on the fight to rebalance state government's emergency powers.

(March 27, 2021 - April 2, 2021) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** talks with **David Sanko** from the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS) about potential alternatives to the gasoline tax; **Frank Gamrat** and **Eric Montarti** have an *Allegheny Institute Report* on the impact of a proposal to toll major bridges across the state; And, **Ashley Klingensmith** from Americans for Prosperity-PA has a *Lincoln Radio Journal* commentary on the need for more private options in health care.



May 15, 2021	Unemployment	-Jennifer Berrier, Acting Secretary, PA Department of Labor & Industry
	<i>Housing/Eviction Moratorium on Evictions</i>	-Meg Sneed, Acting Secretary, PA Department of Human Services
	Agriculture/Food Security	-Russell Redding, Secretary, PA Department of Agriculture -Luz Colon, Executive Director, Governor's Advisory Council on Latino Affairs -Sen. Judy Schwank (D-Berks)
May 22, 2021	Minimum Wage Increase	-Gov. Tom Wolf
	COVID-19 Vaccinations	-Gov. Tom Wolf -Alison Beam, Acting Secretary, PA Department Of Health
May 29, 2021	<i>House Bill 963/Sexual Abuse</i>	-Veronica DeGraffenreid, Acting PA Secretary of State
	Minimum Wage Increase	-Gov. Tom Wolf -Peter Barber, President/CEO/Co-Owner Two Dudes Painting Company, Lancaster, PA -Jennie Groff, CEO/Co-Owner, Stroopies, Inc, Lancaster, PA
	CHIRP Program/Restaurant Recovery	-Dennis Davin, Secretary, PA Department of Community & Economic Development -Steve McKnight, Chairman/CEO, Altoona Blair Development Corporation (ABDC) -Matthew Pacifico, Mayor, Altoona, PA -Bruce Erb, Blair County Commissioner



June 5, 2021	COVID Mitigation Measures	-Eric Tice, Superintendent, SCI-Somerset -Melissa Hainsworth, Superintendent, SCI-Laurel Highlands -Jennifer Schrock, Correctional Healthcare Administrator, SCI-Laurel Highlands
	Education/Charter School Plan	-Gov. Tom Wolf -Dr. Demaris Rau, Superintendent, School District of Lancaster -Rep. Mike Sturia (D-Lancaster)
	Workforce Development/ Unemployment	-Susie Pushkar, Chief Program Officer, Partner4Work -Jessee McCree, CEO, South-Central PA Works
June 12, 2021	Resolution to Terminate Emergency Declaration	-Rep. Bryan Cutler (R-Lancaster), House Speaker -Rep. Kerry Benninghoff (R-Centre/Mifflin), House Minority Leader
	Public Education Funding	-Gov. Tom Wolf --Rep. Joanna McClinton (D-Philadelphia/Delaware), House Democratic Leader -Sen. Jay Costa (D-Allegheny), State Democratic Leader -Sen. Vincent Hughes (D-Montgomery/Philadelphia)
	Unemployment Compensation Program/Online	-Jennifer Berrier, Acting Secretary, PA Department of Labor & Industry
June 19, 2021	House Bill 300/Fairness Act	-Rep. Dan Frankel (D-Allegheny) -Sen. Brian Sims (D-Philadelphia) -Rep. Malcolm Kenyatta (D-Philadelphia)
	House Bill 1300/Voting Rights	-Rep. Russ Diamond (R-Lebanon) -Gov. Tom Wolf -Veronica DeGraffenreid, Acting PA Secretary of State
	Unemployment Compensation System	-Jennifer Berrier, Acting Secretary, PA Department of Labor & Industry



June 26, 2021

Senate Bill 1300/Voter ID

-Rep. Seth Grove (R-York), Chair,
House State Government Committee
-Rep. Margo Davidson (D-Delaware),
Democratic Chair, State Government Committee

Vice President Visit to Pittsburgh

-Vice President Kamala Harris

Agriculture/Spotted Lanternfly

-Russell Redding, PA Agriculture Secretary
-Rick Roush, Dean, Penn State College
Of Agriculture Science