

LIST OF COMMUNITY PROBLEMS and ISSUES
October 01 – December 31, 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, 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.

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

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.



**RADIO PENNSYLVANIA ROUNDTABLE ISSUES REPORT
4th Quarter - 2021**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Guests / Speakers</u>
October 2, 2021	Senior Health	-Senator Maria Collett (D Bucks/Montgomery) -Alison Beam, Acting Health Secretary, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania -Senator Wayne Fontana (D-Allegheny), Vice Chairman, Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA)
	Infrastructure	-Rep. Tim Hennessey (R-Chester/Montgomery), Chair, House Transportation Committee -Yasmin Gramian, Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) -Rep. Doyle Heffley (R-Carbon)
	Early Childhood Education	-Paula Margraf, CEO/President, Community Services for Children, Allentown -Governor Tom Wolf
October 9, 2021	Public Energy/Pipeline	-Josh Shapiro, Attorney General, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
	Public Health/Flu	-Dr. Denise Johnson, Acting Secretary, PA Department of Health -Ray Barishansky, Deputy Secretary for Health Preparedness and Community Protection, PA Department of Health -Dr. John Goldman, Infectious Disease Specialist, UPMC
	Transportation/Winter Driving	-Melissa Batula, Acting Executive Deputy Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) -Randy Padfield, Director, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA)



October 16, 2021	Elections	-Veronica DeGraffenreid, Acting Secretary, Commonwealth of PA
	Politics	-PA Attorney General Josh Shapiro
	Agriculture	-Russell Redding, PA Secretary of Agriculture -Carol Kilko, Deputy Secretary, PA Department of Community and Economic Development
October 23, 2021	Infrastructure	-President Joe Biden
	Sexual Assault on College Campuses	-Tracy Vitthers, Executive Director, "It's On Us" -Avi Fromm, Founder/Co-Director, Every Voice Coalition
	Addiction and Prevention	-Jen Smith, Secretary, Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania -Jerry Daley, Executive Director, Liberty Mid-Atlantic High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)
October 30, 2021	Public Safety	-Adam Garber, Executive Director, CeaseFirePA -Senator Jay Costa (D-Allegheny), Senate Democratic Leader -Senator Anthony Williams (D-Delaware/Philadelphia)
	Politics/Election Security	-Dr. G. Terry Madonna, Senior Fellow for Political Affairs, Millersville University
	Low Income/Energy Assistance	-Meg Snead, Acting Secretary, PA Department of Human Services -Gladys Brown Dutrieuille, Chair, Public Utility Commission, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
November 6, 2021	Elections	-Veronica DeGraffenreid, Acting Secretary of State, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
	COVID/Vaccines	-Dr. Kate Tigue, Managing Partner, Pediatrics of Northeastern Pennsylvania, Scranton; Secretary/Treasurer, PA Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics -Alison Beam, Acting Health Secretary, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



	Open Enrollment/Insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Governor Tom Wolf-Antoinette Kraus, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Health Access Network-Jessica Altman, State Insurance Commissioner, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, also Chair, Board of Directors, Pennie
November 13, 2021	COVID/Vaccines	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Dr. Denise Johnson, Physician General, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania-Dr. Mary Kelleher, Chief Medical Officer, Berks Community Health Center, Reading
	Agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Russell Redding, State Agriculture Secretary, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania-Dr. Joshua Scheinberg, Eastern Regional Director, Military Veteran Coordinator, PA Department of Agriculture
	School Bus Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Kurt Myers, Deputy Secretary for Driver and Vehicle Services, PA Department of Transportation (PennDOT)-Corporal Zeina Black, Permits and Bus Safety Supervisor, Pennsylvania State Police-John Kashatus, School Safety Education Advisor, PA Department of Education
November 20, 2021	COVID Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Jen Smith, Secretary, Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP), Commonwealth of Pennsylvania-Dr. Denise Johnson, Physician General, PA Department of Health
	Finance/Public Audit	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Timothy DeFoor, Auditor General, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
	Weather/Public Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Randy Padfield, Director, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency-John Banghoff, Meteorologist, National Weather Service, State College-Jonathan Guseman, Warning Coordination Meteorologist, National Weather Service, State College-Major Robert Krol, Bureau Patrol Director, Pennsylvania State Police



November 27, 2021	Election Accuracy	-Senator Cris Dush (R-Clinton/Elk/Jefferson/McKean/Potter/Tioga/Clearfield), Chair, Senate Intergovernmental Operations Committee Steve Lahr, President, Envoy Sage, LLC, Dubuque, IA
	Education	-Dan Greenstein, President, Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE)
	Highway Safety	-Melissa Batula, Acting Executive Deputy Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) -Lt. Colonel Scott Price, Deputy Commissioner, Pennsylvania State Police
December 4, 2021	Healthcare	-Josh Shapiro, Attorney General, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania -Jim Martin, District Attorney, Lehigh County
	COVID	-Lisa Landis, Communications Director, American Red Cross, Greater Pennsylvania Region
	Mental Health	-Sara Goulet, Special Advisor, Office of the Secretary, PA Department of Human Services
December 11, 2021	COVID	-Representative Joanna McClinton (D-Philadelphia/Delaware), House Democratic Leader -Emily Nichola, Executive Director, Family Practice & Counseling Network (FPCN), Philadelphia -Jessica Altman, Insurance Commissioner, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania -Senator Art Haywood (D-Montgomery/Philadelphia)
	Hate Crimes	-Rabbi Jeffrey Myers, Tree of Life Synagogue, Pittsburgh -Governor Tom Wolf Senator Jay Costa (D-Allegheny)
	Education	-Noe, Ortega, Secretary of Education, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania -Elizabeth Raff, Pequea Elementary School, Penn Manor School District, Lancaster County, PA



December 18, 2021	COVID Vaccines	-Dennis Davin, Secretary, PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) -Dr. Denise Johnson, Physician General, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania -Rich Fitzgerald, Executive, Allegheny County
	Retirement Savings	-Representative Tracy Pennycuik (R-Montgomery), prime sponsor of HB 2156, aka "Keystone Saves" (Stations Note: pronouncer is "Penny-Cook") -Joe Good, Vice-Chair, PA Association of Sustainable Agriculture, co-owner of The Good Farm, Germansville, Lehigh County -Joanne Grossi, State President, AARP Pennsylvania
	Politics	-Dr. Terry Madonna, Senior Fellow in Residence for Political Affairs, Millersville University
December 25, 2021	COVID	-Dr. Denise Johnson, Physician General, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
	Politics	-Dr. Terry Madonna, Senior Fellow for Political Affairs, Millersville University
	Media	-Radio PA Reporters Mark Sims, David Payne, Tory Gates

Lincoln Radio Journal

2021 Q4 Program Notes

(December 25, 2021 - December 31, 2021) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **David Taylor** from the Pennsylvania Manufacturers Association, **Rebecca Oyler** from the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association and **Stephen Bloom** from the Commonwealth Foundation have a *Capitol Watch* look back at the issues that dominated the state scene in 2021; And, **Lowman Henry** has a traditional reading of the Biblical account of the birth of Jesus Christ.

(December 18, 2021 - December 24, 2021) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** talks with **Gregory Wrightstone** from the CO2 Coalition about Pennsylvania and Virginia going opposite directions on the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative; **Curt Schroder** from the Pennsylvania Coalition for Civil Justice Reform talks about worsening lawsuit abuse in the state's courts; And, **Ashley Klingensmith** from Americans for Prosperity-PA has a *Lincoln Radio Journal* commentary on why Build Back Better is a pay-off to the health care industry.

(December 11, 2021 - December 17, 2021) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **David Taylor** from the Pennsylvania Manufacturers Association hosts a *Capitol Watch* roundtable discussion on Attorney General Josh Shapiro's ruling in favor of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) with **Rebecca Oyler** from the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association and **Rachel Gleason** from the Pennsylvania Coal Alliance; And, **Lowman Henry** has a *Town Hall Commentary* on the Left's "Brat Fit" over the possible overturning of Roe v. Wade.

(December 4, 2021 - December 10, 2021) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** has a *Newsmaker* interview with State Rep. **Andrew Lewis** (R-Dauphin) on his proposed Excellent Education for All Act; **Frank Gamrat** and **Eric Montarti** look back at the year 2021 on the *Allegheny Institute Report*; And, **Ashley Klingensmith** from Americans for Prosperity-PA has a *Lincoln Radio Journal* commentary on why the COVID-19 vaccine should not be mandatory.

(November 27, 2021 - December 3, 2021) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **David Taylor** from the Pennsylvania Manufacturers Association hosts a *Capitol Watch* roundtable discussion on how the national infrastructure bill will impact Pennsylvania with **Rebecca Oyler** from the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association and **Stephen Bloom** of the Commonwealth Foundation; And, **Lowman Henry** has a *Town Hall Commentary* on why 2022 will be a historic election year.

(November 20, 2021 - November 26, 2021) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** talks with State Senator **Ryan Aument** (R-Lancaster) about proposed constitutional amendments to restore the balance of power between the legislature and the governor; **William Bradford** talks about the principles of self-government established by the Pilgrims; And, **Ashley Klingensmith** from Americans for Prosperity-PA has a *Lincoln Radio Journal* commentary on surging inflation.

(November 13, 2021 - November 19, 2021) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **David Taylor** from the Pennsylvania Manufacturers Association hosts a *Capitol Watch* look at results of the *Fall 2021 Keystone Business Climate Survey* with **Rebecca Oyler** from the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association and **Stephen Bloom** of the Commonwealth Foundation; And, **Lowman Henry** has a *Town Hall Commentary* on the Climate Change Disconnect.

(November 6, 2021 - November 12, 2021) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** talks with **Albert Eisenberg** from *Broad+Liberty* about their new report *Redistricting in Pennsylvania: The Past, Present and Future*; **Frank Gamrat** and **Eric Montarti** have an *Allegheny Institute Report* on the state's latest jobs numbers; And, **Ashley Klingensmith** from Americans for Prosperity-PA has a *Lincoln Radio Journal* commentary on the mid-point of the General Assembly's 2021-22 session.

(October 30, 2021 - November 5, 2021) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **David Taylor** from the Pennsylvania Manufacturers Association hosts a *Capitol Watch* roundtable discussion about the new spotlight on local school boards with **Matthew Brouillette** from Commonwealth Partners Chamber of Entrepreneurs and **L.J. Brouillette** of the Commonwealth Foundation; And, **Lowman Henry** has a *Town Hall Commentary* on the importance of statewide judicial elections.

(October 23, 2021 - October 29, 2021) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** talks with **Chris Nicholas** of Eagle Consulting for an overview of the upcoming General Election; **Joe Geiger** from the First Nonprofit Foundation has **Deb Tack** of Susquehanna Service Dogs in the *Community Benefit Spotlight*; And, **Ashley Klingensmith** of Americans for Prosperity-PA separates fact from myth in the Build Back Better bill on this week's *Lincoln Radio Journal* commentary.

(October 16, 2021 - October 22, 2021) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **Kevin Shivers** from the Pennsylvania Association of Community Bankers joins **David Taylor** from the Pennsylvania Manufacturers Association and **Rebecca Oyler** of the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association for a *Capitol Watch* roundtable discussion on proposed new laws expanding IRS surveillance of bank accounts; And, **Lowman**

Henry has a *Town Hall Commentary* on Newspeak, Jedi Mind Tricks and the American Left

(October 9, 2021 -October 15, 2021) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** talks with **Timothy Head** from the Faith & Freedom Coalition about the importance of Pennsylvania's U.S. Senate election; **Frank Gamrat** and **Eric Montarti** have an *Allegheny Institute Report* on municipal use of American Rescue Plan funds; And, **Ashley Klingensmith** from Americans for Prosperity-PA has a *Lincoln Radio Journal* commentary on efforts to stop congress' \$3.5 trillion spending spree.

(October 2, 2021 - October 8, 2021) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **David Taylor** from the Pennsylvania Manufacturers Association is joined by **Rebecca Oylar** from the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association and **Matthew Brouillette** from Commonwealth Partners Chamber of Entrepreneurs for a *Capitol Watch* look at Governor Tom Wolf's proposed "Climate Action Plan 2021"; And, **Lowman Henry** has a *Town Hall Commentary* on stopping the redistricting big steal.