

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:

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

EDITORIALS: 8:18, 10:18 a.m. and 2:18, 4:18 p.m., Mon., Tue., Wed. and Friday
(Note the temporary discontinuation of this program as of 02/28/18)

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
October 01 – December 31, 2018

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 continuc 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 arc 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.

Lincoln Radio Journal 2018 Q4 Program Notes for Public File

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(December 29, 2018 - January 4, 2019) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **David Taylor** hosts a *Capitol Watch* roundtable discussion on the 2019 legislative agenda with **Rebecca Oyler** from the National Federation of Independent Business and with **Stephen Bloom** of the Commonwealth Foundation; And, **Lowman Henry** has a *Town Hall Commentary* on rising turnpike tolls.

(December 22, 2018 - December 28, 2018) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** talks with **Curt Schroder** from the Pennsylvania Coalition for Civil Justice Reform about the Philadelphia Courts' reputation for lawsuit abuse; **Joe Geiger** from the First Nonprofit Foundation has **Shawn Wilson** of PennCare in the *Community Benefit Spotlight*; And, we end the year with a reading of the *Biblical* account of the Birth of Christ.

(December 15, 2018 - December 21, 2018) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **David Taylor** hosts a *Capitol Watch* look back at the 2018 political and legislative year with **Rebecca Oyler** from the National Federation of Independent Business and with **Stephen Bloom** from the Commonwealth Foundation; And, **Lowman Henry** has a *Town Hall Commentary* on Governor Tom Wolf and congressional redistricting.

(December 8, 2018 - December 14, 2018) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** talks with **Kim Kennedy** from Conversations on the Culture; **Frank Gamrat** and **Eric Montarti** have an Allegheny Institute look at more money for Pittsburgh's sports stadiums; And, **Allen McCormack** from Concerned Veterans for America has a *Lincoln Radio Journal* commentary on bipartisan action on behalf of veterans

(December 1, 2018 - December 7, 2018) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **Matthew Brouillette** from the Commonwealth Partners Chamber of Entrepreneurs and **Rebecca Oyler** from the National Federation of Independent Business-PA have a *Capitol Watch* discussion with **Steve Bloom** of the Commonwealth Foundation who looks back at his time in the state legislature; And, **Lowman Henry** has a *Town Hall Commentary* on the wave of red ink crashing over the federal

and state budgets.

(November 24, 2018 - November 30, 2018) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** talks with **Nate Benefield** of the Commonwealth Foundation about a looming state budget deficit; **Joe Geiger** from the First Nonprofit Foundation has **Ellie Williams** of EquiTeam Support Services in the *Community Benefit Spotlight*; And, **Beth Anne Mumford** from Americans for Prosperity-PA has a *Lincoln Radio Journal* commentary on what the lame duck congress can still accomplish.

(November 17, 2018 - November 23, 2018) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **David Taylor** of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers Association hosts a *Capitol Watch* look at the impact of the election on next year's state policy battles with **Matthew Brouillette** from the Commonwealth Partners Chamber of Entrepreneurs and with **Gordon Denlinger** from the National Federation of Independent Business; And, **Lowman Henry** has a *Town Hall* commentary on how the state legislature got both redder and bluer.

(November 10, 2018 - November 16, 2018) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** gets complete election results and analysis from **Leo Knepper** of the Citizens Alliance of Pennsylvania; **Frank Gamrat** and **Eric Montarti** have an *Allegheny Institute Report* on public school mergers; And, **Beth Anne Mumford** from Americans for Prosperity-PA has a *Lincoln Radio Journal* commentary on AFP's legislative scorecard.

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(November 3, 2018 - November 9, 2018) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **David Taylor** from the Pennsylvania Manufacturers Association hosts a *Capitol Watch* look at why our political discourse has become so strident with **Rebecca Oyler** from the National Federation of Business-PA and with **Beth Anne Mumford** of Americans for Prosperity-PA; And, **Lowman Henry** has a *Town Hall Commentary* on the immorality of Governor Tom Wolf's poverty policies.

(October 27, 2018 - November 2, 2018) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** talks with veteran political consultant **Chris Nicholas** of Eagle Consulting about the upcoming November General election; And, **Joe Geiger** from the First Nonprofit Foundation has **Jeff Hudson** from Operation Healing Forces in the *Community Benefit Spotlight*.

(October 20, 2018 - October 26, 2018) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **David Taylor** from the Pennsylvania Manufacturers Association hosts a *Capitol Watch* roundtable discussion on results of the *2018 Keystone Business Climate Survey* with **Rebecca Oyler** from the National Federation of Independent Business-PA and with **Beth Anne Mumford** of Americans for Prosperity-PA; And, **Dr.**

Paul Kengor from the Center for Vision & Values at Grove City College has a *Lincoln Radio Journal* commentary on Democrats and the 2018 congressional elections.

(October 13, 2018 - October 19, 2018) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** has a *Newsmaker* interview with State Representative **Frank Ryan** (R-Lebanon) on what's happening in the current legislative session; **Frank Gamrat** and **Eric Montarti** have an *Allegheny Institute Report* on how Pittsburgh was named the second most livable city in the USA; And, **Beth Anne Mumford** has a *Lincoln Radio Journal* commentary on second chances.

(October 6, 2018 - October 12, 2018) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **David Taylor** from the PA Manufacturers Association hosts a *Capitol Watch* roundtable discussion with **Matthew Brouillette** from the Commonwealth Partners Chamber of Entrepreneurs and with **Rebecca Oyler** from the National Federation of Independent Business-PA to fact check the gubernatorial debate; And, **Lowman Henry** has a *Town Hall Commentary* on why Conservatives should fight back.

(September 29, 2018 - October 5, 2018) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** has a *Newsmaker* interview with State Representative **Stephen Bloom** (R-Cumberland) on the progress of legislation to aid victims of sexual abuse; **Frank Gamrat** and **Eric Montarti** have an *Allegheny Institute Report* on replacing property taxes with a higher personal income tax; and **Beth Anne Mumford** from Americans for Prosperity-PA has a *Lincoln Radio Journal* commentary on the effectiveness of tariffs.

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RADIO PENNSYLVANIA ROUNDTABLE ISSUES REPORT

4TH Quarter - 2018

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Guests / Speakers</u>
Oct 6-7	Gubernatorial Debate	Governor Tom Wolf Republican Nominee Scott Wagner Alex Trebec (moderator)
Oct 13-14	EMS Funding Crisis	David Sanko, PA Township Supervisors Association Jason Campbell, CEO of South-Central EMS Service Don DeReamus, Ambulance Association of PA
	Drug Testing Lawmakers	State Rep Angel Cruz (D-Phila)
	House Farewells	State Rep Will Tallman (R-Adams/Cumberland) State Rep Judy Ward (R-Blair)
Oct 20-21	SPECIAL EDITION: Office of Open Records	Erik Arneson, Executive Dir. of the PA Office of Open Records
Oct 27-29	SPECIAL EDITION: U.S. Senate Election	U.S. Senator Bob Casey (D-PA) Congressman Lou Barletta, GOP nominee for Senate
Nov 3-4	SPECIAL EDITION: Gubernatorial Election	Governor Tom Wolf GOP Nominee Scott Wagner
Nov 10-12	General Election Wrap-up	Governor Tom Wolf GOP Gubernatorial Nominee Scott Wagner U.S. Senator Bob Casey Congressman Lou Barletta
	Audit of SRBC & DRBC	PA Auditor General Eugene DePasquale
Nov 17-18	Final PA Senate Session Day	Lt. Gov. Mike Stack PA Sen. Joe Scarnati (R-Jefferson) PA Sen. John Eichelberger (R-Blair) PA Sen. Stewart Greenleaf (R-Montgomery)

Nov 24-25	"Trouble in Toyland" Report	PA Auditor General Eugene DePasquale Ruben Matthew, PennPIRG
	Saving Energy	Allie Aslor, PennEnvironment Mark Hand, DEP Dave Althoff, DEP
	Holiday Driving	PSP Cpl. Adam Reed Fritzi Schreffler, PennDOT District 8
Dec 1-2	Volunteer Firefighting Crisis / Report	PA Sen. Randy Vulakovich (R-Allegheny) State Rep Stephen Barrar (R-Chester/Delaware)
	Greenhouse Gases	PA Sen. Lisa Boscola (D-Lehigh) PA Sen. Jay Costa (D-Allegheny)
	PITT Plays for ACC Title	PITT Head Football Coach Pat Narduzzi
Dec 8-9	Pearl Harbor Remembered Annual SPECIAL EDITION	Major (USAF Ret) Hank Heim
Dec 15-16	Broadband Access	Steve Samara, PA Telephone Association Barry Denk, Center for Rural PA
	Municipal Pensions	PA Auditor General Eugene DePasquale
	Penn State Preps for Citrus Bowl	PSU Head Coach James Franklin
Dec 22-23	Top 10 Stories of 2018 (10-6)	Various
Dec 29-30	Top 10 Stories of 2018 (5-1)	Various