

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
January 01 – March 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
- 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 Q1 Program Notes**

(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.

(March 20, 2021 - March 26, 2021) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **David Taylor** from the Pennsylvania Manufacturers Association and **Rebecca Oyler** from the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association are joined by **Guy Ciarrocchi** of the Chester County Chamber of Business & Industry for a *Capitol Watch* look at the impact of Governor Tom Wolf's business closure orders and restrictions; And, **Lowman Henry** has a *Town Hall Commentary* on finding an alternative to the gasoline tax.

(March 13, 2021 - March 19, 2021) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** gets a state budget update from **Nate Benefield** of the Commonwealth Foundation; **Joe Geiger** from the First Nonprofit Foundation has **Sheila Roemeling** of Fresh Start Healing Heart in the *Community Benefit Spotlight*; And, **Ashley Klingensmith** from Americans for Prosperity-PA has a *Lincoln Radio Journal* commentary on constitutional amendments to bring balance to state emergency powers.

(March 6, 2021 - March 12, 2021) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **David Taylor** from the Pennsylvania Manufacturers Association hosts a *Capitol Watch* roundtable discussion on Governor Tom Wolf's attack on charter schools with **Matt Brouillette** from Commonwealth Partners Chamber of Entrepreneurs and with **Rebecca Oyler** from the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association; And, **Lowman Henry** has a *Town Hall Commentary* on why its time to re-open Pennsylvania.

(February 27, 2021 - March 5, 2021) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** has a *Newsmaker* interview with State Representative **Daryl Metcalfe** (R-Butler) on the proposed Right to Bear Arms Protection Act; **Frank Gamrat** and **Eric Montarti** have an *Allegheny Institute Report* on the final 2020 jobs numbers; And, **Ashley Klingensmith** from Americans for Prosperity-PA has a *Lincoln Radio Journal* commentary on the "Pro Act."

(February 20, 2021 - February 26, 2021) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **David Taylor** from the Pennsylvania Manufacturers Association hosts a *Capitol Watch* look at how shutdowns and toll increases are affecting the trucking industry with **Rebecca Oyler** from the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association (PMTA) and with **Matthew Brouillette** from the Commonwealth Partners Chamber of Entrepreneurs; And, **Lowman Henry** has a *Town Hall Commentary* on holding Governor Tom Wolf accountable for COVID-19 nursing home deaths.

(February 13, 2021 - February 19, 2021) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** talks with **Stephen Bloom** of the Commonwealth Foundation about a constitutional amendment to rebalance the state's use of emergency powers; **Joe Geiger** from the First Nonprofit Foundation has **Jennifer Seller Miska** from the Penn State Hershey Medical Center in the *Community Benefit Spotlight*; And, **Ashley Klingensmith** from Americans for Prosperity-PA has a *Lincoln Radio Journal* commentary on a congressional effort to limit free speech.

(February 6, 2021 - February 12, 2021) -- This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **David Taylor** from the Pennsylvania Manufacturers Association hosts a *Capitol Watch* roundtable discussion on the governor's budget address with **Rebecca Oyler** from the National Federation of Independent Business and with **Jonathan Williams** of the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC); And, **Lowman Henry** has a *Town Hall Commentary* on the need for a Taxpayer Protection Act.

(January 30, 2021 - February 5, 2021) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** has a *Newsmaker* interview with State Representative Greg Rothman (R-Cumberland) about upcoming congressional and legislative re-districting; **Frank Gamrat** and **Eric Montarti** have an *Allegheny Institute Report* on Pennsylvania Turnpike toll increases; And, **Ashley Klingensmith** has a *Lincoln Radio Journal* commentary on Americans for Prosperity's First 100 Days legislative agenda.

(January 23, 2021 - January 29, 2021) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **David Taylor** from the Pennsylvania Manufacturers Association hosts a *Capitol Watch* roundtable discussion on potential state constitutional amendments with **Rebecca Oyler** from the National Federation of Independent Business and with **Matthew Brouillette** from Commonwealth Partners Chamber of Entrepreneurs; And, **Lowman Henry** has a *Town Hall Commentary* on restoring judicial integrity.

(January 16, 2021 - January 22, 2021) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** talks with **Leo Knepper** from the Citizens Alliance of Pennsylvania about policy and political battles to be fought in 2021; **Joe Geiger** from the First Nonprofit Foundation has **Verna Morris** of Quest, Inc. in the *Community Benefit Spotlight*;

And, **Ashley Klingensmith** from Americans for Prosperity-PA has a *Lincoln Radio Journal* commentary on their 2021 legislative agenda.

(January 9, 2021 - January 15, 2021) 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* look at issues facing the new session of the PA General Assembly; And, **Lowman Henry** has a *Town Hall Commentary* on retaking control of state government.

(January 2, 2021 - January 8, 2021) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **Lowman Henry** talks with **Terry Tracy** and **Albert Eisenberg** about the new digital news site Broad + Liberty; Dr. **Jake Hauk** has an *Allegheny Institute Report* on challenges facing the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education; And, **Ashley Klingensmith** from Americans for Prosperity-PA has a *Lincoln Radio Journal* commentary on the impact of Governor Tom Wolf's shut-down policies.

(December 26, 2020 - January 1, 2021) This week on *Lincoln Radio Journal*: **David Taylor** from the Pennsylvania Manufacturers Association hosts a *Capitol Watch* look at the year 2020 in review with **Rebecca Oyler** from the National Federation of Independent Business and with **Matthew Brouillette** from Commonwealth Partners Chamber of Entrepreneurs; And, **Lowman Henry** has a *Town Hall Commentary* on pledging allegiance to the Constitution.



**RADIO PENNSYLVANIA ROUNDTABLE ISSUES REPORT
1st Quarter - 2021**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Guests / Speakers</u>
January 2, 2021	COVID-19	-Dr. Rachel Levine, PA Health Secretary -Governor Tom Wolf
	Budget	-Rep. Greg Vitali (D-Delaware/Montgomery) -Rep. Stan Saylor (R-York) -Rep. Kevin Boyle (D-Philadelphia) -Rep. Bryan Cutler (R-Lancaster) -Rep. Mike Turzai (R-Allegheny) -Kathy Boockvar, PA Secretary of the Commonwealth -Rep. Rob Kauffman (R-Franklin) -Rep. Dan Williams (D-Chester) -Senator Sharif Street (D-Philadelphia)
	COVID Mitigation	-Governor Tom Wolf -Dr. Terry Madonna, Chief Pollster, Franklin & Marshall College -Nancy Patton-Mills, Chairwoman, PA Democratic Party, President of the Electoral College -Rich Fitzgerald, Allegheny College Executive
January 9, 2021	US Constitution	-Governor Tom Wolf -Kathy Boockvar, PA Secretary of State -Al Schmidt, Philadelphia City Commissioner
	Political Unrest	-Senator Steve Santarsiero (D-Bucks) -Lt. Gov. John Fetterman -Senator Ryan Aument (R-Lancaster) -Senator Anthony Williams (D-Delaware/Philadelphia)
	Education	-Noe Ortega, PA Education Secretary -Dr. Rachel Levine, PA Secretary of Health



January 16, 2021	Political Unrest	-US Rep. Madeline Dean (D-4 th District) -US Rep. Mary Gay Scanlon (D-5 th District) -US Rep. Guy Reschenthaler (R-14 th District)
	COVID Vaccines	-Gov. Tom Wolf -Dr. Cynthia Chuang, Director, Div. of Internal Medicine, Penn State Milton S Hershey Medical Center -Dr. Rachel Levine, PA Health Secretary -Michael huff, Director of Testing and Contact Tracing, Commonwealth of PA
	Public Protection	-Ryan Tarkowski, Spokesperson, Pennsylvania State Police
January 23, 2021	COVID 19	-Cindy Findley, Secretary for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, PA Health Department
	Elections	-Jonathan Marks, Deputy Secretary for Elections and Commissions, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
	Elections-Local	-Josh Shapiro, PA Attorney General -Stacy Garrity, PA Treasurer -Timothy DeFoor, PA Auditor General
January 30, 2021	COVID Vaccines	-Governor Tom Wolf -Randy Padfield, Director, PA Emergency Management Agency
	PA Constitution	-Sen. Cris Dush (R-Cameron/Clearfield/Clinton/Elk Jefferson/McKean/Potter/Tioga) -Sen. Katie Muth (D-Chester/Montgomery/Berks)
	Unemployment	-Jennifer Berrier, Acting Secretary, PA Department of Labor and Industry
February 6, 2021	Budget Address	-Governor Tom Wolf
	Health	-Lindsey Mauldin, Senior Advisor, PA Department Of Public Health -Dr. Riyaz Bashir, Interventional Cardiologist, Professor Of Medicine, Temple University School of Medicine
	Unemployment	-Jennifer Berrier, Acting Secretary, PA Department of Labor and Industry



February 13, 2021	COVID Vaccination	-Lindsey Mauldin, Special Assistant for Covid Tracing, PA Department of Health -Keara Klinepeter, Special Adviser, PA Department Of Health
	Politics	-Dr. Terry Madonna, Political Analyst, Millersville University
	Economy/COVID	-Dennis Davin, Secretary, PA Department Of Community and Economic Growth
February 20, 2021	State Budget	-Rep. John Lawrence (R-Chester/Lancaster)
	COVID Vaccination	-Alison Beam, Acting PA Health Secretary -Lindsey Mauldin, Senior Advisor, PA Dpt. Of Health
	Fraud Protection	-Jennifer Berrier, Acting Secretary, PA Dept. of Labor & Industry -Brian Zarallo, PA Chief Deputy Attorney General
February 27, 2021	COVID Vaccinations	-Alison Beam, Acting PA Secretary of Health -Lindsey Mauldin, Senior Advisor, PA Dept. of Health
	Unemployment	-Governor Tom Wolf -Dennis Davin, Secretary, PA Dpt. Of Community And Economic Development -Kevin Schreiber, President & CEO, York Co Economic Alliance
	State Budget	-Rep. Jim Struzzi (R-Indiana) -Dr. Eric Barron, President, Penn State University -Dr. Richard Englert, President, Temple University -Dr. Patrick Gallagher, Chancellor, University of Pittsburgh



March 6, 2021	COVID Vaccinations	-Alison Beam, Acting PA Secretary of Health -Noe Ortega, Acting PA Secretary of Education
	COVID Assistance	-Governor Tom Wolf -Dennis Davin, Secretary, PA Dpt. Of Community And Economic Development
	Agriculture	-Russell Redding, PA Secretary of Agriculture -Rep. John Hershey (R-Juniata/Franklin/Mifflin) -Rep. Danilo Burgos (D-Philadelphia)
March 13, 2021	COVID Vaccinations	-Jennie Granager, Deputy Secretary, Multi-Modal Transportation, PennDOT -Dr. Michael Ripchinski, Chief Clinical Officer, Penn Medicine Lancaster General Health
	Unemployment	-Jennifer Berrier, Acting Secretary, PA Department Of Labor & Industry
	Equality/Human Rights	-Rep. Brian Sims (D-Philadelphia) -Rep. Dan Frankel (D-Allegheny) -Christine Bryan, Director of Development and Communications, Persad Center
March 20, 2021	COVID Vaccination	-Brian Lentes, Director, Office of Operational Excellence, PA Dept. of Health -David Saunders, Director of Office of Health Equality (OHE), PA Department of Health
	Gun Safety	-Josh Shapiro, PA Attorney General. -Rep. Amen Brown (D-Philadelphia) -Sen. Anthony Williams (D-Delaware/Philadelphia) -Ben Naish, Deputy Commissioner of Investigations, Philadelphia Police Department
	Minimum Wage	-Rep. Patty Kim (D-Dauphin) -Andrea Grove, Owner, Elementary Coffee, Harrisburg

March 27, 2021	Public Safety	-Adam Garber, Executive Director, Cease Fire PA -Carol Lastowka, Resident, Susquehanna County -Governor Tom Wolf
	Environment	-Curt Topper, Secretary, PA Department of General Services -Patrick McDonnell, Secretary, PA Dpt. Of Environmental Svcs. -Kevin Smith, CEO, Lightsource, BP-Americas Department of Health
	Equal Pay	-Rep. Donna Bullock (D-Philadelphia) -Rep. Jennifer O'Mara (D-Delaware)