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On page 2 is a list of some of the community issues covered during the second quarter of 2023, April 1 through June 30, 2023.

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### **Issue No. 1: Healthcare and Health Insurance Issues**

Program Title: WPEL News  
Source/Type: Local/News  
Duration: 50 seconds  
Date: 04/01/2023  
Time(s): 5 & 6 pm newscasts

Legislation that would authorize Medicaid and other New York state public health insurance providers to pay for patients' medical marijuana treatment was passed by the NY Assembly Health Committee last week. The legislation was introduced by Majority Leader Crystal Peoples-Stokes and co-sponsored by Donna A. Lupardo, who represents district 123.

Program Title: WPEL News  
Source/Type: Local/News  
Duration: 45 seconds  
Date: 04/03/2023  
Time(s): 5 & 6 pm newscasts

The House Health Committee has passed a bill which seeks to increase Pennsylvania's direct care workforce. [directcare-workforce1.mp3]: explains what his bill would do. OC: done in person. Rep. Benjamin Sanchez (D-Montgomery) is the prime sponsor of the measure.

Program Title: WPEL News  
Source/Type: Local/News  
Duration: 35 seconds  
Date: 04/05/2023  
Time(s): 5 & 6 pm newscasts

A bill to be introduced in the state House would require health insurers in Pennsylvania to fully cover preventative health screenings. Radio PA's David Payne reports. [HealthScreenings.mp3] The nation's top public health official traveled to Pennsylvania this week to discuss mental health and teens.

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**Issue No. 1: Healthcare and Health Insurance Issues (continued)**

Program Title: WPEL News  
Source/Type: Local/News  
Duration: 43 seconds  
Date: 04/06/2023  
Time(s): 5 & 6 pm newscasts

The nation's top public health official traveled to Pennsylvania this week to discuss mental health and teens. Correspondent David Payne reports. [youthmh.mp3]

Program Title: WPEL News  
Source/Type: Local/News  
Duration: 50 seconds  
Date: 04/06/2023  
Time(s): 5 & 6 pm newscasts

The Pennsylvania Senate Appropriations Committee took testimony from the state Health Department as part of ongoing budget hearings. Acting Health Secretary Dr. Debra Bogen says modernization of the agency and its programs are a priority.....[budgethealth1.mp3]

Program Title: Special Assignment  
Source/Type: Local/Public Affairs  
Duration: 5 Minutes 45 Seconds  
Date: 06/17/2023  
Time(s): 7:04 AM 12:06 PM

Guest: Lorraine Taylor, author and mental health counselor.

Topics: Lorraine talked about the book she has written called, "Hope Rises from a Shattered Innocence". The book is her story of being abused as a child and the mental health problems that she has had to deal with in her life and also, her vocation as a mental health counselor, helping women in trauma situations. She also discussed an organization she supports that helps young girls in other countries who face abuse through human/sex trafficking.

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### **Issue No. 2: Energy Issues**

Program Title: WPEL News  
Source/Type: Local/News  
Duration: 48 seconds  
Date: 04/03/2023  
Time(s): 5 & 6 pm newscasts

A BILL MAKING ITS WAY THROUGH THE STATE SENATE IS AIMING TO MAKE IT SIMPLER FOR YOU TO SWITCH YOUR ENERGY SUPPLIER. MATTHEW JAMES REPORTS [MATT ENERGY]

Program Title: WPEL News  
Source/Type: Local/News  
Duration: 1 minute 15 seconds  
Date: 05/01/2023  
Time(s): 5 & 6 pm newscasts

An environmental group that accused regulators of weakening a ban on the dumping of fracking wastewater in the Delaware River watershed has dropped its federal lawsuit, saying its most pressing concerns have been addressed. Damascus Citizens for Sustainability sued the Delaware River Basin Commission in January, about a month after regulators voted to ban the disposal of drilling wastewater in a vast watershed that includes PA, NJ and NYS.

### **Issue No. 3: Transportation Issues**

Program Title: WPEL News  
Source/Type: Local/News  
Duration: 55 seconds  
Date: 04/04/2023  
Time(s): 5 & 6 pm newscasts

Momentum is building for the proposed Scranton-to-New York City passenger train. PennDOT has applied for federal funding with the Federal Railroad Administration to restore rail service between Northeastern PA, and New York City. PennDOT's application contends that Amtrak's train service between the cities can start attracting lots of riders, ease traffic congestion on Interstates 80 and 380 and boost jobs, perhaps as early as 2028

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### **Issue No. 3: Transportation Issues (continued)**

Program Title: WPEL News  
Source/Type: Local/News  
Duration: 40 seconds  
Date: 04/05/2023  
Time(s): 5 & 6 pm newscasts

Officials from PennDot were in Lackawanna County to announce their Summer Construction season.... which includes replacing or rehabilitating 98 bridges and 34 miles of high-level paving across six counties. In Susquehanna County plans were announced to Replace a bridge on Viaduct Street over Starrucca Creek in Lanesboro and Replace a bridge on Waterford Road over a tributary to Meshoppen Creek in Bridgewater Twp.

Program Title: WPEL News  
Source/Type: Local/News  
Duration: 1 minute 20 seconds  
Date: 04/06/2023  
Time(s): 5 & 6 pm newscasts

A project to create works of art at Pennsylvania Turnpike service plazas continues with the latest unveiling. Mark Compton, CEO of the PA Turnpike Commission says the program behind these projects is known as "Art Sparks." [TurnpikeArt-1.mp3] Compton says the latest work of public art was recently unveiled at the Valley Forge Service Plaza. [TurnpikeArt-2.mp3] Lots of travelers will get to see this display. [TurnpikeArt-3.mp3]

Program Title: WPEL News  
Source/Type: Local/News  
Duration: 50 seconds  
Date: 04/06/2023  
Time(s): 5 & 6 pm newscasts

Three deteriorating Scranton bridges will move closer to construction this summer as part of a plan to spend more than \$260 million on road and bridge improvement, according to state transportation officials on Wednesday.

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### **Issue No. 3: Transportation Issues (continued)**

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Duration: 50 seconds  
Date: 05/26/2023  
Time(s): 5 & 6 pm newscasts

Triple-A is projecting a busy travel weekend this Memorial Day. While gas prices were inching up toward record high levels last Memorial Day weekend, Triple-A, has good news on the price of gas this year. [memorial-travel3.mp3] Triple-A Mid-Atlantic spokesperson Jana Tidwell says they are projecting increases in air travel and other modes of transportation. [memorial-travel2.mp3] Tidwell says today will be the busiest travel day of the weekend. [memorial-travel4.mp3] People should pack a summer vehicle emergency kit. [memorial-travel5.mp3]

Program Title: WPEL News  
Source/Type: Local/News  
Duration: 1 minute 30 seconds  
Date: 04/11/2023  
Time(s): 5 & 6 pm newscasts

PA State highway and law enforcement officials are gearing up for the annual observance of National Work Zone Awareness Week. [WorkZones-5.mp3] Mark Compton is the CEO of the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission says this observance is in remembrance of the 135 PennDOT and Turnpike workers killed in the line of duty, dating back to 1940. Compton says it's more important than ever for drivers not to be distracted as they come upon slowing traffic and shifting lanes. [WorkZones-1.mp3] The official observance of Work Zone Awareness Week is April 17th through the 21st, with the theme: "You play a role in work zone safety-work with us.

**Issue No. 4: Agriculture and Wildlife Issues**

Program Title: WPEL News  
Source/Type: Local/News  
Duration: 55 seconds  
Date: 04/04/2023  
Time(s): 5 & 6 pm newscasts

Even though there haven't been any new cases of Avian Influenza in Pennsylvania in over two weeks, officials advise poultry farmers and processors that the threat is far from over. Correspondent David Payne reports. [poultryfarmers-w.mp3]

Program Title: WPEL News  
Source/Type: Local/News  
Duration: 45 seconds  
Date: 04/06/2023  
Time(s): 5 & 6 pm newscasts

Governor Josh Shapiro recently spoke to the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau about the importance of agriculture to the state. Correspondent Mark Sims reports. [shapiroag-w.mp3]

Program Title: WPEL News  
Source/Type: Local/News  
Duration: 50 seconds  
Date: 04/14/2023  
Time(s): 5 & 6 pm newscasts

Another change to the start of rifle deer season in Pennsylvania is possible, following a vote set for this weekend. Radio PA's David Payne reports. [DeerSeason-PGC.mp3]



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#### **Issue No. 4: Agriculture and Wildlife Issues (continued)**

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Duration: 55 seconds  
Date: 05/09/2023  
Time(s): 5 & 6 pm newscasts

Plans are in place to build the largest dairy processing plant in the northeast in the finger lakes region of New York. Fairlife's milk products are made through an ultra-filtered milk process that removes the lactose and much of the sugar and leaves behind more of the protein and calcium.... using a state-of-the-art ultrafiltration.

#### **Issue No. 5: Drug and Alcohol Issues**

Program Title: WPEL News  
Source/Type: Local/News  
Duration: 35 seconds  
Date: 04/04/2023  
Time(s): 5 & 6 pm newscasts

New York regulators have approved 99 new provisional licenses for recreational marijuana dispensaries. The state is trying to speed up the rollout of a legal market that had been impeded by a court ruling. A federal court ruling last fall put retail licensing on hold.

Program Title: WPEL News  
Source/Type: Local/News  
Duration: 50 seconds  
Date: 04/20/2023  
Time(s): 5 & 6 pm newscasts

An anonymous tip from the community led to multiple drug smuggling charges at the Broome County Sheriff's Correctional Facility this week. The tipster alleged that 37-year-old Luis Bigio of Endicott..., was allegedly smuggling contraband into the Correctional Facility.

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### **Issue No. 5: Drug and Alcohol Issues (continued)**

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Duration: 45 seconds  
Date: 04/25/2023  
Time(s): 5 & 6 pm newscasts

A bill which would prohibit safe injection sites in Pennsylvania has been passed by the Senate Judiciary Committee. The bill's prime sponsor, Senator Christine Tartaglione says there's a need to focus on recovery and not on prolonged addiction which she believes safe injection sites encourage. [injection-sites1.mp3] Senator Nikil Saval opposes the bill.

Program Title: WPEL News  
Source/Type: Local/News  
Duration: 1 minute 15 seconds  
Date: 04/11/2023  
Time(s): 5 & 6 pm newscasts

Lawmakers received an update on Pennsylvania's fight against opioid abuse during a state budget hearing before the House Appropriations Committee. Acting Department of Human Services Secretary, Dr. Val Arkoosh....says Pennsylvania Opioid Use Disorder Centers of Excellence are critical to helping state residents with opioid addiction

### **Issue No. 6: Gun Control Issues**

Program Title: WPEL News  
Source/Type: Local/News  
Duration: 1 minute 45 seconds  
Date: 04/05/2023  
Time(s): 5 & 6 pm newscasts

The sponsor of a bill introduced in the state Senate says criminal cases involving offenders under the age of 18 should originate in juvenile court. Radio PA's David Payne reports. [JuvenileCourt-w.mp3]

**Issue No. 6: Gun Control Issues (continued)**

Program Title: WPEL News  
Source/Type: Local/News  
Duration: 1 minute 30 seconds  
Date: 05/15/2023  
Time(s): 5 & 6 pm newscasts

The store where a Conklin teenager purchased a gun used to kill shoppers at a Buffalo supermarket reportedly is being sued by the loved ones of some of those who died in the attack. According to ABC News, Vintage Firearms of Endicott is among those named in a wrongful death lawsuit filed in connection with the May 2022 mass shooting.

Program Title: WPEL News  
Source/Type: Local/News  
Duration: 40 seconds  
Date: 06/05/2023  
Time(s): 5 & 6 pm newscasts

As the PA state Senate returned to session today, there continue to be calls for the chamber to act on bills to combat gun violence which were recently passed by the House. Correspondent Mark Sims reports. [senateguns-w.mp3]

**Issue No. 7: Voting Issues**

Program Title: WPEL News  
Source/Type: Local/News  
Duration: 1 minute 40 seconds  
Date: 04/06/2023  
Time(s): 5 & 6 pm newscasts

The primary election is just a little more than a month away, and when voters in Luzerne County go to the polls on May 16, they will vote using paper ballots, all in hopes of avoiding another election day debacle.

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### **Issue No. 7: Voting Issues (continued)**

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Duration: 55 seconds  
Date: 05/12/2023  
Time(s): 5 & 6 pm newscasts

Tuesday is election day in both Pennsylvania and New York State. In Pennsylvania, May 16th is municipal primary election day. In New York, voters will decide school district budgets, candidates to boards of education and weigh a varied list of propositions and proposals across the state on May 16. The voting will take place in every public school system in NY, w/ the exception of the "Big 5" city districts: New York, Yonkers, Buffalo, Rochester & Syracuse.

### **Issue No. 8: Education Issues**

Program Title: WPEL News  
Source/Type: Local/News  
Duration: 40 seconds  
Date: 04/11/2023  
Time(s): 5 & 6 pm newscasts

Pennsylvania lawmakers say action to address unequal public-school funding will have to wait. Radio PA's David Payne reports. [Ed-Funding.mp3]

Program Title: WPEL News  
Source/Type: Local/News  
Duration: 45 seconds  
Date: 04/13/2023  
Time(s): 5 & 6 pm newscasts

A college tuition benefit program for Pennsylvanians in foster care would be expanded, under legislation now headed to the House floor. Radio PA's David Payne reports.[TuitionBill.mp3]

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Duration: 55 seconds  
Date: 04/13/2023  
Time(s): 5 & 6 pm newscasts

The head of the Keystone State's largest teachers' union was among those to testify about Pennsylvania's teacher shortage during a House Education Committee hearing in Harrisburg. Pennsylvania State Education Association President Rich Askey says in an effort to attract more people to the teaching profession....the commonwealth must follow the lead of other states and increase starting salaries for teachers.

### **Issue No. 9: Community Events**

Program Title: Special Assignment  
Source/Type: Local/Public Affairs  
Duration: 5 Minutes 55 Seconds  
Date: 05/20/2023  
Time(s): 7:04 AM 12:06 PM

Guests: James Baker, President of Montrose Broadcasting Corp., James Lytle, President of Clark's Summit University, Steve Green and Dick Tunney, musical performing artists, Dr. Charles Dyer, Bible teacher on the program, "The Land and the Book".

Topics: Listeners and community members were invited for an evening of celebration of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Montrose Broadcasting Corp. and the radio ministry of WPEL. All the speakers and participants spoke about the positive impact that WPEL has had over the years in the lives of listeners in the community.

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**Issue No. 9: Community Events (continued)**

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Source/Type: Local/Public Affairs  
Duration: 6 Minutes 10 Seconds  
Date: 06/03/2023  
Time(s): 7:04 AM 12:06 PM

Guests: Kevin and Mary Swansey, co-founders of Solid Ground Coffeehouse.

Topics: Kevin and Mary told the story of how they developed the idea of starting a Christian coffee-house ministry over the years and how the Lord led them to purchase a farm and convert the barn into the venue for the coffee-house. They shared the difficulties and successes in their journey to where they now are hosting musical events. They promoted the upcoming evening of music and ministry with Kat Stewart on June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

Program Title: Special Assignment  
Source/Type: Local/Public Affairs  
Duration: 5 Minutes 45 Seconds  
Date: 04/15/2023  
Time(s): 7:04 AM 12:06 PM

Guest: Dan White, bluegrass band leader.

Topics: Dan spoke about the history of his personal interest in gospel Bluegrass music. He talked about the band that he started and the current status of the band and what Bluegrass music is all about. He also promoted and invited listeners in the community to come to a free concert on April 21<sup>st</sup> where people could hear the band and learn more about gospel Bluegrass music.

***This report has been prepared by David MacFadden.***