

WTOO Issues Programming

July 3, 2023 at 8:30 PM

30 min.



Program: Pennsylvania Newsmakers

Probation Reform, Hunting Licenses, and Road Construction

This week's Pennsylvania Newsmakers features journalists John Micek, Editor-in-Chief of the Pennsylvania Capital-Star, and Jan Murphy, Capitol Reporter for PennLive/PatriotNews, who discuss education, probation reform, and online hunting licenses. Then, Bob Latham, Executive Vice President of Associated Pennsylvania Constructors, joins host Terry Madonna to discuss road construction and recent legislation.

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Program: Pennsylvania Newsmakers

Journalists and Business Leader on the Budget and More

This week's Pennsylvania Newsmakers features journalists Tom Lehman, Capitol Reporter, WGAL News 8, and Stephen Caruso, Capitol Reporter, Spotlight PA, who discuss the Pennsylvania state budget controversies, especially the education portion, and the unfinished legislative business. Then, David Taylor, President & CEO of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association, joins host Terry Madonna for an update on important aspects of the Pennsylvania economy and the school voucher proposal.

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Program: Pennsylvania Newsmakers

Energy Investments, and Controlling the Opioid Crisis

This week's Pennsylvania Newsmakers features Terry Fitzpatrick, President and CEO of the Energy Association of Pennsylvania, who discusses energy prices in flux and the necessary investments to ensure reliable energy supplies. Then, Dr. James Latronica, Trustee for the Pennsylvania Medical Society, joins host Terry Madonna for an important update on the opioid crisis, and how to control it.

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Program: Pennsylvania Newsmakers

Clean Slate, Budget Impasse, and Education Funding Lawsuit

This week's Pennsylvania Newsmakers features State Representative and Appropriates Chair Jordan Harris (D-186th District), who discusses the state budget impasse, Clean Slate, and the education funding lawsuit. Then, reporters Marc Levy of the Associated Press, and Angela Coulumbis of Spotlight PA, join host Terry Madonna for a review of the budget impasse, school funding, and Pennsylvania's late Presidential primary date.

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August 7, 2023 at 8:30 PM

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Program: Pennsylvania Newsmakers

Budget, Student Aid, and Credit Union Ambassador

This week's Pennsylvania Newsmakers features State Senator Scott Martin (R-13th District), Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, who discusses aspects of the proposed state budget before the legislature, and the federal student aid program. Then, Julie Bancroft, Strategic Marketing & Communications Officer for the CrossState Credit Union Association, and Sarah Smith, the CrossState Credit Union Ambassador, join host Terry Madonna for an explanation of the Ambassador Program, and their plan for providing financial services to people with intellectual or physical disabilities.

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Program: Pennsylvania Newsmakers

Expansion of Consumer Scams, and Higher Education Funding

This week's Pennsylvania Newsmakers features Brian Roche, Anchor and Consumer Investigator for WGAL-TV News 8, who discusses the expansion and sophistication of scamming and the steps consumers can take to avoid mail theft, check washing, the Comcast rate scam, and the IRS refund scam. Then, Dr. Ken Mash, President of the Association of Pennsylvania State College and University Faculties, joins host Terry Madonna to discuss the return of students to public universities without a tuition hike, federal student aid, and PA Promise.

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Program: Pennsylvania Newsmakers

Trump Indictment, Road Funding, and Teacher Shortage

This week's Pennsylvania Newsmakers features Tom Lehman, Capitol Reporter for WGAL News 8, and Stephen Caruso, Capitol Reporter for Spotlight PA, who discuss the Pennsylvanians mentioned in the indictment of Donald Trump in Georgia, and road and bridge funding in the state. Then, Rich Askey, President of PSEA, explains the impact of the teacher shortage in Pennsylvania and possible remedies for the problem.

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September 4, 2023 at 8:30 PM



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Program: Pennsylvania Newsmakers

Budget, Voting Machines, and the Auditor General's Office

This week's Pennsylvania Newsmakers features journalists Angela Coulombis of Spotlight PA, and Marc Levy of the Associated Press, who discuss the ongoing state budget dispute, the PA Supreme Court, and malfunctioning voting machines. Then, Auditor General Tim DeFoor joins host Terry Madonna for a description of his job, modernizing his department, big investigations, and interns on the job.

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September 11, 2023 at 8:30 PM



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Program: Pennsylvania Newsmakers

PA Primary, Supreme Court, and Treasurer Garrity

This week's Pennsylvania Newsmakers features Stephen Caruso of Spotlight PA, who discusses proposals to move up the Pennsylvania Presidential primary date, and this fall's state Supreme Court election. Then, State Treasurer Stacy Garrity joins host Terry Madonna to explain Unclaimed Property, the PA 529 College & Career Savings Program, and Property Tax/Rent Rebate Checks.

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September 18, 2023 at 8:30 PM



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Program: Pennsylvania Newsmakers

Gun Laws, 2024 Senate Race, and Interest Rates

This week's Pennsylvania Newsmakers features journalists Marc Levy of the Associated Press, and Angela Coulombis of Spotlight PA, who discuss legislative efforts on prison escape, gun laws, school funding, and the 2024 Senate Election in Pennsylvania. Then, Patrick Conway, President and CEO of the CrossState Credit Union Association, and Michael Wilson, President and CEO of Members 1st FCU, join host Terry Madonna to discuss how consumers can benefit from high interest rates, and consolidating debt during periods of high interest rates.

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September 25, 2023 at 8:30 PM



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Program: Pennsylvania Newsmakers

Policing, Housing, and Economic Competitiveness

This week's Pennsylvania Newsmakers features Lancaster Mayor Danene Sorace, who discusses policing, housing, planning, and home rule. Then, Luke Bernstein, President and CEO of the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry, joins host Terry Madonna to discuss Corporate Net Income Tax reduction, workforce development, permitting reform, and how the state can become more economically competitive.

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Program: Face the Issues

Choosing College

Colleges aren't one size fits all. Different colleges have unique strengths that fit different kinds of students. Dr. Mark Erickson, senior director of International Development at Lehigh University and president emeritus of Northampton Community College, joins Sam Chen today to reflect upon his career in higher education and the advice that he has for students trying to choose a college.

Dr. Erickson details the impact mentors have had on his personal and professional life, encouraging students to make sure they seek people they can learn from in all walks of life beyond the classroom. For students looking to go to college he underlines the importance of visiting the campus, talking to the students, and imagining if they can see themselves there. Find out the kind of place that's going to push and challenge them and expand them in terms of what they need to be doing with different options. And to not go in with a preconceived notion of needing to go to a four-year university or community college, but to be open minded when choosing the path that right for you. He also encourages students to take full advantage of their time at their college of choice, whether that be studying abroad, extra curriculars, or classes outside their major; he says that students fundamentally have a chance to create their futures in themselves in a much deeper, richer way when in the right college for them.

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Program: Face the Issues

State Constitutions

The US Constitution isn't the only constitution we're subject to, American citizens are under the United States Constitution, but also their state constitution. And the increasing political and policy battles are being fought through those state constitutions. Sam Chen speaks with Adam Carrington, associate professor of politics at Hillsdale College, and the William and Patricia Lamothe Chair in the US Constitution, about why that is the case and what implications it has for our democracy and our government. Discussion includes explaining the functional distinction between state and federal governments and state and federal constitutions and how they operate in two different spheres.

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Program: Face the Issues

Veterans Supporting Veterans

Sam Chen speaks with Christopher Yarnell, the founder and president of Battle Borne and a veteran of the United States Marine Corps to talk about how to support our veterans. Chris expands on the idea that each veteran's experience is different, from their service to their generation and with that comes a host of different needs some may have from their transition out to the military to mental health support. Discussion includes the rise of suicide rates in veterans, the different types of injuries veterans face, from the physical to PTS, and recommendations on getting connected to a veteran group after returning home from deployment. Chris shares his personal stories and experiences on the topic.

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Program: Face the Issues

Medicaid Re-Enrollment

The end of the COVID 19 pandemic may mean regulation changes for many of the things we've grown accustomed to, including health care, that's the issue facing Medicaid right now with millions of individuals may having to reenroll. So what caused this and what can you do about it, especially if you're among the affected? Katie Meier, the government editor and reporter for Spotlight PA, joins Samuel Chen to talk about those issues and more.

There are certain rules and regulations that are sunseting and others are coming back into play, and this affects a lot of different things that affect all of us, including health care. And one of those issues involves Medicaid and may involve changes for millions of people on Medicaid. The big change is that people now have to reenroll annually. Traditionally, under the program, you had to do an annual re enrollment so the federal government and the state would reassess whether you qualify for Medicaid every year, but during the pandemic, beginning in 2020, those annual re enrollments stopped, allowing you to stay in the program if you were in it in 2020. For the first time in three years, you can actually lose your coverage if you do not qualify or fill out your paperwork correctly.

Discussions include what to expect in this process, how to find resources to assist in filling out the required paperwork from legal groups and other advocacy organizations, the submission process and the technical challenges the government faces as the policy shifts back.

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Program: Face the Issues

Broadband Infrastructure

The heralded bipartisan infrastructure bill passed by Congress in 2021 promised to bring high speed internet to America's most rural communities. But the process to accomplish this isn't always straightforward and there have been challenges to achieve the goal. Sam Chen speaks with Anthony Hennen, a journalist for the Center Square, to break down how getting high-speed internet to rural communities has gone so far and what the challenges ahead are. They discuss the various needs this is meant to fill, beyond personal uses such as streaming movies or playing games, from schools, to emergency services and small businesses that increasingly rely on the internet to operate. They also discuss the budget, development and deployment of the plan.

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Program: Face the Issues

EMS Collapse

Sam Chen speaks with Anthony Hennen, a journalist for the Center Square, about the risk of the collapse of emergency services in Pennsylvania. In 2018, the Senate issued a report examining what's going wrong with EMS, Anthony says essentially, we have many fewer volunteer firefighters to staff a lot of fire departments; as well as simple funding issues to deal with EMS and ambulance providers where ambulances are not reimbursed enough to meet costs, let alone turn profits and keep surviving. Discussions include factors that have caused this like less volunteers than in past generations, and what has been done in the past to keep these services afloat and what is being done now.

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Program: Face the Issues

Back to School

For many children, their academic performance is not the only thing that causes anxiety in their return to school. Sam Chen speaks with Jessica Meade, a counselor with Foundations Christian Counseling, about what challenges students face and how parents and the community can support them. Discussions include how to best prepare your child for a return to school, anxieties a child may have about things like being bullied and how that has shifted over the years with social media, and what a parent's role in their child's education should be to neither be absent or overbearing.

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Program: Face the Issues

Fentanyl Awareness and Family Recovery

In some cases the medicine prescribed to ease pain is the same medicine that often creates pain. We're talking, of course, of fentanyl and the opioid crisis that has run rampant throughout our country, our state and our local communities. So what can we do to confront it? How can we help families who are on this journey through it? Rhonda miller is the executive director of Speak Up for Ben, and she joins Samuel Chen to talk about those questions and more.

Discussions include how this problem rose to such a prominent level, and the differences between people's experience with pharmaceutical fentanyl and illicitly manufactured fentanyl; the latter of which contributes the vast majority of these overdoses. They also dive into how a family of someone addicted to opioids and fentanyl can spot the signs, some methods to help in their recovery as well as ways to care for themselves during that process, and in cases where their loved one has passed away, how to find resources in their community to support them through their grief.

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Program: Face the Issues

Wildfire Smoke

The summer of 2023 many parts of the country experienced visible smoke originating from Canadian wildfires which, greatly effecting the air quality. Dan Tomaso, a meteorologist with ABC 27 in Harrisburg, joins Sam Chen to discuss how that occurred and what people can do to reduce possible harmful effects. Dan explains how weather travels across the county through the jet stream and what the conditions were early in the summer to make it right for northerly winds to carry the smoke down to many regions in the US. They also discuss the air quality index and where viewers can find that info, and how the smoke negatively impacted our region's air quality, as well as tips on staying safe during those times for people with respiratory issues or longer exposure time.

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Program: Face the Issues

Mental Health Today

Health isn't compartmentalized and mental health can affect much more than just the mind. That's the approach the community Council Health Systems takes, offering a holistic approach to mental health. Joe Watkins, the president and CEO of the CCHS and the host of Joe Watkins State of Independence on Lighthouse TV, joins Sam Chen to talk about mental health.

CCHS assists people of all ages that may be experiencing cognitive challenges, psychology or physical challenges and people that experience psychological challenges spurred on by trauma.

Discussion includes what may have led to the uptick in mental and behavioral health problems in the country from more fractured families to a society that is always online but less connected to a community and the impact isolation over the pandemic has had on the people that CCHS helps. In cases like people experiencing homelessness or substance abuse, Joe explains the need to help the whole person to get to root issues a person has.

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Program: Face the Issues

Military Experience

Honoring our military men and women is something we often do in the United States, but so often we take their sacrifices for granted. So what is it like to be in the military today? And what are ways that those of us who don't serve can honor those who do? Gunnery Sergeant Cameron McNeill, United States Marine Corps and Sergeant Gregg Moreland, retired from the United States Army, join Sam Chen to talk about their experiences and what the military is like today.

Gunnery Sergeant Cameron McNeill explains what someone can expect when joining the Marines, from mental and physical qualifications to bootcamp and becoming a team with your fellow recruits. He also talks about the opportunities and jobs people in the military have beyond what the public may expect, from engineers to working on humanitarian missions.

Retired Sergeant Gregg Moreland recounts his experience in the Army and the explosion that knocked him unconscious leaving him with head and neck injuries. He details his return home and the importance for veterans to reach out for help and find a support network and gives some resources. He also encourages people outside the military to support organizations like the Wounded Warrior Project and others.

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Program: Face the Issues

Judicial Ethics & Reform

For much of our federal government, there are ethics rules in place for members of Congress, for executive members, but not always for judges. Recently, there's been news about donations or trips taken by justices from wealthy donors that have raised the question of judicial ethics, and what kind of reforms might be necessary. Sam Chen speaks with Adam Carrington, associate professor of politics at Hillsdale College, and the William and Patricia Lamothe Chair in the US Constitution, about the of question of judicial ethics and potentially the need for judicial reform in our courts.

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Program: Face the Issues

1st Amendment Rights

One of the Supreme Court cases in the summer of 2023, out of Colorado, seemingly pitted religious rights against same sex marriage rights in the case of 303 Creative v. Elenis. Sam Chen speaks with Adam Carrington, associate professor of politics at Hillsdale College, and the William and Patricia Lamothe Chair in the US Constitution, about what happened in that case and how we can understand the ruling and Supreme Court cases in general. Adam breaks down the decision and cites that there can be what you call expressive actions that are protected under the first amendment as well as speech, which wedding photography could fall under. So, in this case, if the ruling was different, the woman would be forced into doing the photography for weddings she didn't religiously agree with, arguably requiring her to say speech through an expressive act, but the ruling showcased that not being told what to say is as protected under the first amendment as not being punished for what you do choose to say.

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Weekdays 11am to 12pm
Repeated 9pm to 10pm

60 Minutes

1 hour live call in



Program: Your Health with Richard and Cindy Becker

Live call in program regarding all things Health related. Viewers are encouraged to call to ask questions.

Richard L. Becker, D.O. is a physician and he and his wife, Cindy, host the daily television talk show, Your Health with Dr. Richard and Cindy Becker. The Becker's bring a practical approach to health education through timely topics, interesting and renowned guests, and live viewer calls. Cindy demonstrates healthy cooking with easy to make economical dishes for a healthy lifestyle.