

WTOO Issues Programming

April 3, 2023 at 8:30 PM

30 min.



Program: Pennsylvania Newsmakers

Gun Control, Tax Credits, and Fiscal Crisis

This week's Pennsylvania Newsmakers features journalists Angela Couloumbis of Spotlight PA, and Marc Levy of the Associated Press, who discuss gun control, ballot curing, and tax credits. Then, David Taylor, President and CEO of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association, joins host Terry Madonna for a conversation about aspects of Governor Shapiro's budget recommendations and a potential fiscal crisis in the state.

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Construction, Work Zone Safety, and Child Health Care

This week's Pennsylvania Newsmakers features Bob Latham, Executive Vice President of Associated Pennsylvania Constructors, who discusses the conditions of roads and bridges in the state, as well as work zone safety. Then, Kari King, President and CEO of the Pennsylvania Partnership for Children, joins host Terry Madonna for an update on raising children today's society, the impact of Medicaid on child healthcare, and Governor Shapiro's budget recommendations.

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Program: Pennsylvania Newsmakers

Police Funding, Casey Announcement, and Consumer Protection

This week's Pennsylvania Newsmakers features journalists Tom Lehman, Capitol Reporter for WGAL News 8, and Angela Coulombis of Spotlight PA, who discuss state police funding, the state budget, Senator Bob Casey's reelection announcement, and abortion in the state. Then, Brian Roche, Anchor and Consumer Investigator for WGAL News 8, joins host Terry Madonna for an update on consumer scams, including "Glue and Tap," voice duplication scams, cable bill scams, and antivirus renewal scams.

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School Boards, Fetterman's Return, and Open Primaries

This week's Pennsylvania Newsmakers features journalists John Micek, Editor-in-Chief, Pennsylvania Capital-Star, and Charlie Thompson, of Harrisburg Patriot News/PennLive, who discuss school board elections, Governor Shapiro's budget recommendations, and Senator John Fetterman's return. Then, David Thornburgh, Senior Advisor for the Committee of Seventy, joins host Terry Madonna for a discussion of why Pennsylvania should adopt open primaries, and the consequences of redistricting.

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Republican Leader Cutler on the Budget, and Bilingual Education

This week's Pennsylvania Newsmakers features House Republican Leader Bryan Cutler, who discusses relationships in the State House, Governor Shapiro's budget, and his priorities for the state. Then, Andrea Bitner, author and English Language Learner Teacher, joins host Terry Madonna to discuss the importance of bilingual education and her book on the subject, "Take Me Home."

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May 15, 2023 at 8:30 PM

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Program: Pennsylvania Newsmakers

Governor Shapiro on Insurance and Early Administration Challenges

This week's Pennsylvania Newsmakers features Pennsylvania Governor Josh Shapiro, who discusses what he has found most surprising since taking office, his administration's major challenges, expanding insurance coverage, and more. Then, journalists Angela Coulombis of Spotlight PA, and Marc Levy of the Associated Press, join host Terry Madonna for an update on political partisanship, proposed gun legislation, and other timely issues.

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May 22, 2023 at 8:30 PM

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New Mortgage Rules, and Physician Shortages

This week's Pennsylvania Newsmakers features Pennsylvania Treasurer Stacy Garrity, who discusses new mortgage rules, 529 Day, and PA Money Match. Then, Dr. F. Wilson Jackson, President of the Pennsylvania Medical Society, joins host Terry Madonna to discuss the physician shortage, scope of practice, and the operation agreement between physicians and nurse practitioners.

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June 5, 2023 at 8:30 PM

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Program: Pennsylvania Newsmakers

Tax Reform, Workforce Development, and Consumer Scams

This week's Pennsylvania Newsmakers features Luke Bernstein, President and CEO of the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business & Industry, who discusses business growth, including tax and permitting reform, and workforce development. Then, Nicola Foggie, Chief Regulatory Officer for the CrossState Credit Union Association, and Christina Mihalik, CrossState's Senior Vice President of Government Relations, join host Terry Madonna for an update on avoiding consumer scams, and the impersonator racket.

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June 19, 2023 at 8:30 PM

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Program: Pennsylvania Newsmakers

Rep. Grove, Bridge Collapse, and Budget

This week's Pennsylvania Newsmakers features State Representative Seth Grove (R-196th District), Republican Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, who discusses several aspects of the budget proposal before the state legislature. Then, reporters Charlie Thompson of the Harrisburg Patriot News/PennLive, and Tom Lehman, Capitol Reporter for WGAL News 8, join host Terry Madonna to discuss the I-95 bridge collapse, efforts to raise the state's minimum wage, and other aspects of the budget debate.

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June 26, 2023 at 8:30 PM

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Minimum Wage, Medical Marijuana, and Student Loans

This week's Pennsylvania Newsmakers features journalists Angela Couloumbis of Spotlight PA, and Marc Levy of the Associated Press, who discuss efforts to raise the minimum wage, and expanding medical marijuana. Then, Patrick Conway, President and CEO of the CrossState Credit Union Association, and Daniel Welford, President and CEO of the Lebanon Federal Credit Union, join host Terry Madonna to discuss the importance of budgeting money, maximizing your dollars, and student loans.

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April 7, 2023 at 8:30 PM

April 8, 2023 at 4:30 PM

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Program: Face the Issues

PA Governor's Budget Address for 2023

Pennsylvania Governor Josh Shapiro has issued his first governor's budget address. But what's in that budget? Who wins and who loses? And what does it mean for the average taxpayer, their families and small businesses across the Commonwealth? Gregg Moreland, the Pennsylvania state director of the National Federation of Independent Business, joins Samuel Chen to break down this budget and answer your questions. Greg puts forward that Gov. Shapiro has prioritized businesses and the economic development of the commonwealth within the budget and in his first two executive orders. Discussion includes factors that effect everybody from removal the state cellphone tax, reduction in corporate net income tax to attract more businesses and concerns over the proposed depletion of Pennsylvania's "rainy day" fund.

They encourage viewers to be engaged in policies by staying informed and voting, as well as stressing the importance of local level politics that effect our everyday lives from school board to property taxes.

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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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Street Medicine Teams: Healthcare for the Homeless

Bennie Eliason, the Street Medicine site manager with Valley Health Partners, talks with Sam Chen about providing holistic primary health care to people experiencing homelessness. They talk about the challenges and differences between traditional healthcare and providing care for patients on the streets. Bennie elaborates on some of the larger challenges such as weather conditions, the ability for follow up visits, and occasionally a distrust of authority from patients they overcome to assist in patient medical needs. They also talk about the aspects of the Street Team beyond immediate physical care such as assistance in applying for medical insurance or benefits and food assistance programs. With such assistance Bennie explains from 5 years ago there may have been about 25% of their patients who had state health insurance whereas today its closer to 85%.

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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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May 12, 2023 at 8:30 PM

May 13, 2023 at 4:30 PM

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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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May 20, 2023 at 4:30 PM

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Cybersecurity

Kevin Dellicker, former congressional candidate and owner of Dellicker Strategies which handles cybersecurity issues, talks with Sam Chen about the recent data leak of 11 members of the Airforce which included Kevin and some ways to prevent personal or business cybersecurity attacks. They explain how these recent data leaks occurred and what protocols currently in place to avoid such leaks failed, and what the political ramifications are. They also discuss on a personal level what a viewer can do to spot things like phishing scams and protect themselves from cybersecurity threats.

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June 2, 2023 at 8:30 PM

June 3, 2023 at 4:30 PM



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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

Financial Literacy

How do we learn financial literacy? What impact will it have and what are some programs available to the community? Gabriel Rendon is the founder and executive director of the Financial Literacy Center of The Lehigh Valley. He joins Sam Chen to break down those questions and more on this episode of Face the Issues.

Rendon explains that financial literacy is basically understanding your relationship to money, learning and understanding what it takes for you to go from where you're at today to where you want to be and understanding the steps that you need to take to reach your goals. Only a third of Americans have a budget, and for those who don't they may be open to a lot of financial pitfalls. Rendon explains that just because someone has low income doesn't mean they are bad with finances and inversely just because someone might be wealthy it doesn't mean they are making good decisions with their finances, so everyone can benefit from learning financial literacy skills, like understanding interest, credit and how to budget.

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July 1, 2023 at 4:30 PM

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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 curriculans, 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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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.