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Quarterly Issues / Programs List
Third Quarter 2023
July 1 through September 30, 2023

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Issue No. 1: Healthcare Issues

Program Title: WPEL News
Source/Type: Local/News
Duration: 50 seconds
Date: 08/09/2023

Time(s): 5 & 6 pm newscasts

Pennsylvania Department of Human Services was in York today visiting a school based health center inside a k-8th grade school to mark National Health Center Week..... Acting Health Secretary Dr. Debra Bogen was a pediatrician for 30 years. CUT [deb1] Dr. Bogen says by locating a health center in a nontraditional space--like a school--it is just down the hall from its patients. CUT [deb2]

Program Title: Special Assignment Source/Type: Local/Public Affairs Duration: 4 Minutes 59 Seconds

Date: 09/23/2023

Time(s): 7:04 AM, 12:06 PM

Guest(s): Tom Follert

Topics: Eye Exams with Susquehanna County United Way

Students in Susquehanna County's six school districts will have an opportunity for a thorough eye exam this year....and if glasses are needed, they'll be provided. I'm Larry Souder. Read to Succeed is a new program of the Susquehanna County United Way. Tom Follert is the Regional Manager of the United Way. [TOM11] Follert says eye exams in school are nothing new. [TOM12] Follert says the goal of the See to Succeed program is to eliminate the obstacles.

Issue No. 2: Energy Issues

Program Title: WPEL News
Source/Type: Local/News
Duration: 60 seconds
Date: 07/21/2023

Time(s): 5 & 6 pm newscasts

A federal appellate court on Thursday overturned a \$6.25 million settlement of two class-action lawsuits that alleged Chesapeake Energy Corporation cheated thousands of Pennsylvania landowners out of royalties they were owed. In a Times-Tribune report, the ruling from the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals in Texas has rejected the deal that would have allowed more than 20,000 leaseholders to share in the settlements despite the fact they lost that right. The decision is a blow to class members who agreed to the terms of the deals but now face further delays in resolving the lawsuits filed in 2013 and 2014.

Program Title: WPEL News
Source/Type: Local/News
Duration: 45 seconds
Date: 07/26/2023

Time(s): 5 & 6 pm newscasts

The Marcellus Shale Coalition provided an update on the state of the natural gas industry earlier this week at Pennsylvania College of Technology in Williamsport. Senator Gene Yaw spoke during the policy portion of the forum, highlighting the need to improve the stability of Pennsylvania's power grid through a diverse energy portfolio, including natural gas.

Program Title: WPEL News
Source/Type: Local/News
Duration: 30 seconds
Date: 08/16/2023

Time(s): 5 & 6 pm newscasts

Researchers in heavily drilled Pennsylvania are adding to a body of evidence suggesting links between the natural gas industry and certain health problems. In the reports released Tuesday evening, University of Pittsburgh researchers found what they called significant associations between gas industry activity and two ailments: asthma, and lymphoma in children, who are relatively rarely diagnosed with this type of cancer. The researchers were unable to say whether the drilling caused the health problems, because the studies weren't designed to do that.

Issue No. 2: Energy Issues (Continued)

Program Title: WPEL News
Source/Type: Local/News
Duration: 30 seconds
Date: 08/28/2023

Time(s): 5 & 6 pm newscasts

A gas leak this morning from a Bradford County well pad no longer poses a threat to the public. The county's Dept of Public Safety says that shortly after 3am Monday, the Bradford County 911 center was alerted by Repsol Oil and Gas of an uncontrolled gas leak from a well pad off State Route 14 in Troy Township. As a precaution, while air monitoring could be better established, an evacuation order was issued for a 1/2 mile radius of the pad, including the closure of a portion of route 14.

Program Title: WPEL News
Source/Type: Local/News
Duration: 2 Minutes
Date: 08/29/2023

Time(s): 5 & 6 pm newscasts

We're learning more about the incident that led to a brief evacuation yesterday in the area around a Bradford County well pad. WPEL's Mark Dorval has the latest...[Repsol] Repsol Oil and Gas says the first sign of trouble came at 9:30pm Sunday with the identification of a potential well control issue at their Cummings Lumber well pad. An investigation was immediately launched, culminating five hours later with confirmation that natural gas was indeed venting to the surface. Upon activation of Repsol's emergency-response plan, all personnel at the Troy Township site were accounted for.

Program Title: Special Assignment
Source/Type: Local/Public Affairs
Duration: 5 Minutes 34 Seconds

Date: 07/08/2023

Time(s): 7:04 AM 12:06 PM

Guest(s): George Stark

Topics: Natural Gas and Its Environmental Impact

Issue No. 2: Energy Issues (Continued)

On the topic of natural gas drilling in NEPA, a tension exists between the business of energy production and the protection of the environment. I'm David MacFadden. Governmental organizations, including the PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have raised concerns about the environmental impact of natural gas drilling in the Marcellus Shale. In NEPA, Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation and Cimarex Energy combined to form Coterra Energy in 2021. George Stark, director for external affairs at Coterra, spoke recently w/ Montrose Broadcasting Corporation president James Baker. George contends that Coterra is committed to responsible and transparent environmental, social and governance practices. [george1] Coterra Energy produces natural gas for the regional market. [george2]

Program Title: Special Assignment
Source/Type: Local/Public Affairs
Duration: 5 Minutes 37 Seconds

Date: 07/08/2023

Time(s): 7:04 AM 12:06 PM

Guest(s): George Stark

Topics: Natural Gas and Renewable Energy

Renewable sources of energy such as wind, hydro and solar power are being developed as cleaner alternatives to fossil fuels such as oil and gas, but are the renewables able to handle the energy needs of society? I'm David MacFadden. George Stark, the director for external affairs for Coterra Energy, spoke recently w/ Montrose Broadcasting Corporation president James Baker. George is concerned about two particular sectors of our society. [george1a] George says that Coterra produces clean energy. [george2a] In the area of clean, natural gas production, Coterra Energy is meeting the requirements set forth by regulators. [george3a]

Issue No. 3: Transportation Issues

Program Title: WPEL News
Source/Type: Local/News
Duration: 30 seconds
Date: 07/06/2023

Time(s): 5 & 6 pm newscasts

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation will begin pre-construction activities on Monday for the Interstate 81 Susquehanna Bridge Project in preparation for the start of demolition and construction on nine structures including the I-81 Susquehanna Bridges over the Susquehanna River and approximately 9 miles of both northbound and southbound reconstruction on I-81 from the New Milford Exit to the New York State Border. Drivers should expect two lanes of traffic to be maintained in both directions, except for limited single-lane closures, which will occur during off-peak hours.

Program Title: WPEL News
Source/Type: Local/News
Duration: 30 seconds
Date: 07/06/2023

Time(s): 5 & 6 pm newscasts

New York State is awarding more than \$516 million for local governments to rehabilitate and replace bridges and culverts, with the Southern Tier Region set to receive \$52.8 million of it. The funding will support all phases of the project, including design, right-of-way acquisition and construction of more than 140 bridges and culverts in New York.

Program Title: WPEL News
Source/Type: Local/News
Duration: 30 seconds
Date: 07/19/2023

Time(s): 5 & 6 pm newscasts

The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission (PTC) on Wednesday approved a 5% toll increase for 2024 for all E-ZPass and Toll By Plate customers. The new rates will take effect across the toll-highway system on Jan. 7, 2024. Because of the action, the most-common toll for a passenger vehicle will increase next year from \$1.80 to \$1.90 for E-ZPass customers and from \$4.40 to \$4.70 for Toll By Plate customers. The most-common toll for a Class-5 tractor trailer will increase from \$14.40 to \$15.20 for E-ZPass and from \$29.40 to \$30.90 for Toll By Plate.

Issue No. 3: Transportation Issues (Continued)

Program Title: WPEL News
Source/Type: Local/News
Duration: 45 seconds
Date: 07/21/2023

Time(s): 5 & 6 pm newscasts

Today in Pittsburgh....PennDOT Secretary Mike Carroll provided a mid-year progress report on roads & bridges and highlighted the importance of transportation investments to make PA travel safer & smoother. CUT [mike1] Secretary Carrol says PennDot's challenges extend far beyond Allegheny County. CUT [mike 2]

Program Title: WPEL News
Source/Type: Local/News
Duration: 60 seconds
Date: 07/21/2023

Time(s): 5 & 6 pm newscasts

New York Governor Kathy Hochul today joined federal, state, and local officials to officially break ground on the transformational Interstate 81 Viaduct Project in Syracuse, formally launching one of the largest and most ambitious construction projects ever undertaken by New York State. Overseen by the State Department of Transportation, the \$2.25 billion project will create a Community Grid to reconnect downtown neighborhoods severed by the I-81 viaduct's construction. Governor Hochul says that will ease congestion and create better routes. CUT [kathy1]

Issue No. 4: Agriculture Issues

Program Title: WPEL News
Source/Type: Local/News
Duration: 45 seconds
Date: 07/31/2023

Time(s): 5 & 6 pm newscasts

\$13 million in tax credits available is available to Pennsylvania's farmers to help improve soil health and water quality. The tax credits are available through Pennsylvania's conservation financing program, Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP)...and can be combined with other state funding, including the Agriculture Conservation Assistance Program, and Conservation Excellence Grants, as well as federal funding through programs like the Environmental Quality Incentives Program to help pay for on-farm enhancements that protect the environment and boost farm sustainability.

Program Title: WPEL News
Source/Type: Local/News
Duration: 60 seconds
Date: 08/10/2023

Time(s): 5 & 6 pm newscasts

Governor Josh Shapiro visited Penn State College of Agricultural Sciences' Ag Progress Days to highlight the critical investments the 2023-24 bipartisan budget makes in the future of Pennsylvania agriculture. WPEL's Brenda Sheridan has more. CUT [agwrap] Governor Schapiro says not only is agriculture not only important to Pennsylvania's heritage.....but it is also a key driver to the commonwealths' economy today....and in the future. CUT [govag1]

Program Title: WPEL News
Source/Type: Local/News
Duration: 60 seconds
Date: 08/18/2023

Time(s): 5 & 6 pm newscasts

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has approved the New York State Farm Service Agency's (NYS FSA) request for a federal Agricultural Disaster Designation following this past May's deep freeze that destroyed thousands of acres of crops for 31 counties across Upstate New York. A Secretarial disaster designation makes farm operators who suffered crop loss from the frost/freeze event may be eligible for low interest emergency loans. Impacted NY producers in 31 counties including Broome, Tioga and Chemung will be able to borrow up to 100 percent of the actual amount of production or physical losses to a maximum amount of \$500,000.

Issue No. 4: Agriculture Issues (Continued)

Program Title: WPEL News
Source/Type: Local/News
Duration: 60 seconds
Date: 08/28/2023

Time(s): 5 & 6 pm newscasts

The Shapiro Administration announced today that Pennsylvania preserved 2,645 acres on 35 farms in 18 counties, forever protecting them from future residential or commercial development. The investment of \$8.64 million in state, county, and local dollars preserves prime farmland, so that Pennsylvania farms can continue feeding our families and our economy in the future. In Lackawanna County....a 115 acre crop farm in Benton Township will remain a farm forever.

Program Title: WPEL News
Source/Type: Local/News
Duration: 60 seconds
Date: 08/31/2023

Time(s): 5 & 6 pm newscasts

Pennsylvania has reached a critical milestone in its battle against Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza. The Shapiro Administration announced Thursday that the commonwealth has achieved HPAI-free status with the World Animal Health Organization. Gov Shapiro says this will allow PA's 7.1 billion dollar poultry industry to return to normal international trade conditions for the first time since April of last year.

Issue No. 5: Drug and Alcohol Issues

Program Title: WPEL News
Source/Type: Local/News
Duration: 45 seconds
Date: 07/11/2023

Time(s): 5 & 6 pm newscasts

Another county has joined the Law Enforcement Treatment Initiative (LETI) program in Pennsylvania. [henry1] Attorney General Michelle Henry says Indiana County becomes the 25th county in Pennsylvania participating in the LETI program--a law enforcement-led treatment initiative that focuses on accessibility. CUT [henry2]

Program Title: WPEL News
Source/Type: Local/News
Duration: 30 seconds
Date: 07/13/2023

Time(s): 5 & 6 pm newscasts

The Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP) says the latest open enrollment period for Treatment Atlas exceeded the department's goals. Treament Atlas is a a free, online resource to help Pennsylvanians confidentially find substance use disorder (SUD) treatment that meets their needs. Currently, 81 percent of licensed treatment facilities in Pennsylvania have submitted information to be included in Treatment Atlas; the Department's goal was 80 percent. Since its launch across Pennsylvania in June 2021, 599 licensed Substance use disorder treatment facilities across the state have enrolled in the platform.

Program Title: WPEL News
Source/Type: Local/News
Duration: 45 seconds
Date: 07/26/2023

Time(s): 5 & 6 pm newscasts

In New York.....\$120,000 in federal funding is going to the Tioga County ASAP Coalition and Chenango Health Network, Inc. to support addiction treatment and efforts to prevent underage drinking. Dedicated to preventing substance abuse.....the Tioga County ASAP Coalition will receive \$60,000. This funding will enable the coalition to expand its efforts in combating underage drinking, raising awareness about the risks associated with alcohol consumption among minors, and implementing targeted prevention programs within the community.

Issue No. 5: Drug and Alcohol Issues (Continued)

Program Title: WPEL News
Source/Type: Local/News
Duration: 45 seconds
Date: 08/01/2023

Time(s): 5 & 6 pm newscasts

The Broome County Sheriff's Office and the Addiction Center of Broome County have partnered together to make free Narcan/Naloxone kits available to discharged inmates as well as visitors to both the Correctional Facility and the Law Enforcement Administration Building. Sheriff Fred Akshar says his team makes every effort to prevent drugs and contraband with the facility and to also provide treatment and recovery services to those who want and need it while in the care of the correctional facility. But despite any treatment and assistance they receive. Sheriff Aksahr says many will use again after being discharged.

Program Title: WPEL News
Source/Type: Local/News
Duration: 60 seconds
Date: 08/08/2023

Time(s): 5 & 6 pm newscasts

Pennsylvania Attorney General Michelle Henry visited the Wayne County Courthouse today to announce the Wayne County is the 26th county to join the Law Enforcement Treatment Initiative...the LETI program. AG Henry says over the past twenty years--as a prosecutor--she saw firsthand that you can't arrest your way out of the opoid epidemic. CUT [henry1] Henry says it was because there was no recognition that what these individuals were struggling with was and addiction that demanded treatment to be resolved. CUT [henry2]

Program Title: WPEL News
Source/Type: Local/News
Duration: 45 seconds
Date: 09/07/2023

Time(s): 5 & 6 pm newscasts

September is National Recovery Month. Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs Secretary Latika Davis-Jones says recovery emerges from a place of hope and gratitude and that recovery involves a process of healing and self-redefinition. CUT [recovery1]

Issue No. 6: Mental Health Issues

Program Title: Special Assignment
Source/Type: Local/Public Affairs
Duration: 4 Minutes 56 Seconds

Date: 09/30/2023

Time(s): 7:04 AM, 12:06 PM

Guest(s): Doctor Val Arkoosh, Major General Mark Schindler

Topics: Suicide Prevention

September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. I'm Larry Souder. Doctor Val Arkoosh is the Pennsylvania's Secretary of the Department of Human Services. [DHS01] Doctor Arkoosh says suicide is the leading cause of death in the United States. [DHS02] Nationwide in 2021...there were 48-thousand suicide deaths, and an estimated 12 million mor thought about it. [DHS03] Pennsylvania's Adjutant General and head of the Department of Military Affairs... Major General Mark Schindler...knows suicide is a serious problem.

Issue No. 7: Education Issues

Program Title: WPEL News
Source/Type: Local/News
Duration: 30 seconds
Date: 07/24/2023

Time(s): 5 & 6 pm newscasts

Lawyers for the school districts that sued in Pennsylvania say they want action now that Republican lawmakers aren't appealing a judge's ruling on funding. The judge had ruled that the state's system of funding public schools violates the constitutional rights of students in poorer districts. The lawyers said Monday that the deadline to appeal the February decision came over the weekend.

Program Title: WPEL News
Source/Type: Local/News
Duration: 60 seconds
Date: 08/03/2023

Time(s): 5 & 6 pm newscasts

New York State is providing funding to school districts to create or expand programs to help students address trauma caused by the pandemic. Governor Hochul says we could not have foreseen the impact the pandemic has had on our most vulnerable - our kids....CUT [kathy1] Governor Hochul says our children's education was effected as well....CUT [kathy2] She says back to normal isnt going to work when our kids are already behind.....[kathy3]

Program Title: WPEL News
Source/Type: Local/News
Duration: 45 seconds
Date: 08/09/2023

Time(s): 5 & 6 pm newscasts

The budget measure recently signed by Pennsylvania Governor Josh Shapiro is set to send record levels of funding into the five hundred school districts across the Keystone State. WPEL's Mark Dorval has more... [PAeducation] PA Education Secretary Khalid Mumin is pleased the spending plan includes the largest increase in basic education funding in the history of the commonwealth--567 million dollars. [Mumin-1]

Issue No. 7: Education Issues (Continued)

Program Title: WPEL News
Source/Type: Local/News
Duration: 45 seconds
Date: 08/11/2023

Time(s): 5 & 6 pm newscasts

In Pennsylvania.....Universal free breakfast will now be available to million public school students across the Commonwealth. Dr. Khalid Mumin is Pennsylvania's Education Secretary. CUT[breakfast2] Dr. Mumin says it will benefit 1.7 million children. CUT [breakfast3] The free breakfast will begin on the first day of school.

Program Title: WPEL News
Source/Type: Local/News
Duration: 30 seconds
Date: 08/15/2023

Time(s): 5 & 6 pm newscasts

Harrisburg, PA - The Pennsylvania Department of Education today announced that 252 schools in the Commonwealth will receive funding to provide fruits and vegetables to students. Nearly \$7.5 million in grant funding will be awarded under the federal Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP). This funding is in addition to the universal free breakfast program that Governor Shapiro championed throughout the budget process.

Program Title: Special Assignment
Source/Type: Local/Public Affairs
Duration: 5 Minutes 06 Seconds

Date: 09/02/2023

Time(s): 7:04 AM, 12:06 PM

Guest(s): Jim Fahringer

Topics: Home Schooling

The new school year is already under way for many students. For others, it begin right after Labor Day. And for some...school is at home. I'm Larry Souder. Jim Fahringer is best know to you as the director of the Montrose Bible Conference and host of Conference Echos Saturday afternoons at 12:15. Jim is also active in the Christian Home School Association of Pennsylvania. He says he number of students who are schooled at home is growing. [JIMF01]

Issue No. 7: Education Issues (Continued)

Program Title: Special Assignment Source/Type: Local/Public Affairs Duration: 5 Minutes 14 Seconds

Date: 09/16/2023

Time(s): 7:04 AM, 12:06 PM

Guest(s): Tom Follert

Topics: Imagination Libraries with the Susquehanna County United Way

The United Way of Susquehanna County is more than a fund-raising organization for other non-profit charities. It also operates a half dozen programs of its own to help children do well. I'm Larry Souder. Tom Follert is the Regional Manager of the United Way of Susquehanna County. He says donations to the United Way support a dozen other community organizations. TOM01] The United Way donates around a hundred thousand dollars to these twelve organizations. Follert says the United Way has also developed six programs to help children do well... starting at birth with the Imagination Library. [TOM02] The United Way underwrites the cost of the books.

Issue No. 8: Community Events

Program Title: Special Assignment Source/Type: Local/Public Affairs Duration: 5 Minutes 01 Seconds

Date: 07/29/2023

Time(s): 7:04 AM 12:06 PM

Guest(s): Cindy Reynolds

Topics: Montrose Blueberry Festival

The Montrose Blueberry Festival will be held next Friday and Saturday, August 4+5, in the borough of Montrose. I'm David MacFadden. The Montrose Blueberry Festival is a major fundraiser for the Susquehanna County Library and Free Library Association. Organizer Cindy Reynolds talks about how the funds will be used. [Cindy 1] Cindy talks about some of the unique things that will be available at this year's festival. [Cindy 2] The Montrose Blueberry Festival is very family friendly. [Cindy 3]

Program Title: Special Assignment
Source/Type: Local/Public Affairs
Duration: 5 Minutes 15 Seconds

Date: 09/09/2023

Time(s): 7:04 AM, 12:06 PM

Guest(s): Deborah Crisman

Topics: Nine-Eleven Remembrance Service

The Annual Nine-Eleven Remembrance Service in South Montrose will be held Monday evening at six o'clock at the Danny Crisman Memorial Park. I'm Larry Souder. Danny Crisman is among those who lost their lives in the collapse of the World Trade Center in New York on September 11th, 2001. His mother, Deborah Crisman, frequently visits the site of the World Trade Center to remember her son, the other victims and the first responders. Her most recent visit was a week and a half ago. She tells us what's on that spot today. [DEB02] In addition to the two reflecting pools, there's a museum. [DEB03] Deborah tells us about some of the items that are on display in the museum. [DEB04]

Issue No. 8: Community Events (Continued)

Program Title: Special Assignment
Source/Type: Local/Public Affairs
Duration: 5 Minutes 15 Seconds

Date: 10/07/2023

Time(s): 7:04 AM, 12:06 PM

Guest(s): Dan Tompkins

Topics: Susquehanna County Artists Open House Weekend

This weekend is the 27th annual Artists Open House Weekend in Susquehanna County. I'm Clint Gregory. Dan Tompkins is the director of this year's Artist Open House Weekend. [DAN01] The tour is today, tomorrow and Monday from 10 to 5 each day. [DAN02] Seeing where art is created makes the tour special. [DAN03] A few of the artist will be displaying the work at other locations...among them...[DAN04] Additionally, another location is being introduced, which is a virtual hidden gem in Susquehanna County.

This report has been prepared by Aaron Nichols