

WTOO Issues Programming

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Program: Face the Issues

Communities in Schools - Staying in School

This week on Face the Issues Sam Chen talks with Timothy Mulligan, the President and CEO of Communities in Schools of Eastern Pennsylvania. Looking at the issue of students dropping out of school, they first clarify what the particulars of the problem are. “Drop Outs” are defined as 16-24 year olds without a high school diploma and not in school; currently Pennsylvania’s Four-Year Graduation Rate is 86% (15th nationally). Though the problem is getting better, the National Drop-out Rate has gone down from 8.3% in 2010 to 5.1% in 2019, it is still a major concern. Pennsylvania reports several reasons for why students drop out – the leading reasons are “other” and then “disliked school” followed by academics, running away, wanting to work, behavior problems, and then need for childcare.

Tim and Sam discuss how Communities in Schools tackles these issues to keep a student thriving in school with their “Five Basics”. These include one-on-one relationship with an adult, a safe place to learn and grow, attaining a marketable skill upon graduation and a chance to give back in their community. They discuss the success CIS has had, plans for their future and how they can help a student and family in the area.

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Program: Face the Issues

Meals On Wheels and Food Insecurity

Face the Issues welcomes Vicki Coyle, the CEO of Meals On Wheels of the Greater Lehigh Valley to discuss what services are provided within the community.

The challenge of food insecurity is an issue everywhere including in our own communities. Vicki explains what demographic Meals On Wheels typically serves. Who is facing food insecurity and what does food insecurity mean? Are they those who are unable to leave the home? Are they mostly senior citizens? The fact of the matter is that there are many different circumstances contributing to this plight and it affects many different types of people. Host Sam Chen and Vicki talk about the numbers of individuals facing food insecurity. According to the United Way there are 69,000 or 1 in 10 people in our local area facing this issue. What are the challenges facing clients of Meals On Wheels? Factors include people who have health issues and those with a lack of active income.

Vicki explains how the COVID-19 pandemic has adversely impacted needs by affecting the organization's ability to work at 100%. She discusses the current situation facing Meals On Wheels clients and what the outlook is for the future.

Segment two is a discussion about what Meals On Wheels does and what it's mission is. Vicki tells the viewer how Meals On Wheels operates, including giving an explanation about volunteers and staff. How does the organization fit in with the larger mission of ending food insecurity? Who qualifies for Meals on Wheels and how would someone in need reach the organization? How can someone volunteer for Meals On Wheels? These important questions are answered closing out this episode.

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Program: Face the Issues

Election 2021 in Pennsylvania : Judicial and Local Elections

This week on Face the Issues Sam Chen talks with Frank DeVito, and Attorney and Board Member of Northampton County Election Commission. They take a look at PA Elections coming up in 2021 with an emphasis on judicial and local elections. They discuss what local government actually handles as opposed to the federal and state government and what makes these lesser covered elections so important.

They look at what roles District Attorneys, State Courts, County Court of Common Pleas, and Magisterial District Judge play, with a focus on what political opinions and national issues should play when deciding on who to vote for in these roles, and what type of questions we should be asking the candidates.

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November 5, 2021 at 8:30 PM

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Rural Healthcare & Covid 19

This week on Face the Issues Sam Chen talks with Rachel Lott, the Director of Marketing, Development, Community Outreach, and Governmental Affairs at Hillsdale Hospital. They discuss the rise of rural healthcare in America, and how far many Americans have to travel to get to their closest hospital in sparsely populated or geographically isolated areas and how efforts like those at Hillsdale is helping people access healthcare better. They talk about how transportation is the number one issue for people accessing healthcare and that locally governed healthcare is often the best system because it will be the most responsive to the specific needs of its community, including for access.

They also discuss how Covid-19 has affected the rural population and those that provide healthcare in those areas from elective surgeries to check-ups as well as staffing challenges.

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Program: Face the Issues

Burn Prevention Network

Dan Dillard, Executive Director & CEO of the Burn Prevention Network & Matt Ferdock, President of the Burn Prevention Network discuss burn safety and prevention.

The challenge of burns...what constitutes a burn and what are the degrees of burns and their differences? The viewer learns about the different kinds of burns (for example: sun, fire, electrical)...what are things people need to watch out for? How widespread of a problem are burns nationally and in our region? The guests talk about what demographic they see that are most commonly affected by burns and where they usually get burned. We learn what the leading causes of burns are (such as campfires and cooking accidents).

July 4th can be a dangerous date for burns in the public's mind, but medical professionals say that most firework accidents end up in trauma, not burn care. So where do people need to be careful around things that they may not think is too dangerous (such as a bonfire)?

In discussing treating and preventing burns, what is the first thing someone should do if they are burned and what should they not do? The bulk of the Burn Prevention Network's work is focused on burn prevention. Dan and Matt talk about the main things they see people doing that puts them at risk for burns and they explain how people can protect themselves against burns.

The "Celebrate Safety PA" program is discussed...what is it and what is the main message? "Camp Susquehanna" is also explained...what happens there and who can come?

Finally, information as to how to reach the Burn Prevention Network is provided and Burn Prevention Network partnerships are touched upon. Volunteering and donation opportunities are also discussed.

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Program: Face the Issues

Protecting Our Children

Gavin Holihan, Esq. a criminal defense attorney and former assistant district attorney for Lehigh County returns to Face the Issues to have a discussion with Sam Chen about child abuse and how to protect our children.

What constitutes “child abuse,” specifically, in the eyes of the law? The CDC talks about “Adverse Childhood Experiences.” Does this differ from “child abuse”? What role does child neglect play in the overall picture? Gavin and Sam talk about Child Protective Services and what that agency does. 6.6 million children are referred to child protective agencies annually and we lose an estimated 4-7 children a day to abuse and neglect. Where does the problem rest? Abuse has been trending upward, why is that? Some of the causes are discussed. The reporting of child abuse has decreased significantly during the COVID-19 pandemic. Almost certainly this is not because abuse has decreased, in fact the trend is opposite. So what constitutes this decrease in reporting?

Solutions are discussed for protecting our children. Gavin has gone to court for and against Child Protective Services in the past. He talks about why and what the circumstances were. How effective are our current efforts in curtailing child abuse? Mandated reporting is discussed along with what effect the pandemic lockdowns have had exacerbating the issue. What is the best way for us legally to aid these children? What needs to change within the system and what can the community and each of us do to help? Gavin offers his advice to children and families who see this program and need help.

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Program: Face the Issues

Mental Health - Real Life Impact

On this episode, Joe Watkins, President & CEO for Community Council Health Systems talks about the real life implications of mental health challenges that we face today.

Segment one is about the practical challenges of mental health. Joe tells us about the Community Council Health Systems and what they do. What is the definition of “mental health”? What are some of the pragmatic challenges of mental health, beyond depression and suicide awareness for example, the pressures the Olympic athletes recently talked about, the separation of families in our communities and substance abuse. We learn about the individuals and families that come to Community Council Health Systems for help and what kinds of challenges they have in their lives. How deep do these challenges run? How far to these implications reach?

Solutions are discussed in segment two. Joe explains how Community Council Health Systems approach these issues. Part of their work involves a “holistic approach” to mental health. Joe tells us what this means. He talks about where his organization fits in the grand puzzle of mental health services.

Finally we learn about the programs Community Council Health Systems offer for youth and adults including education and advice is given to those struggling today with these challenges.

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Program: Face the Issues

Citizen Soldiers: Life and Family in the National Guard

This week on Face the Issues, Sam Chen talks with Kevin Dellicker, formerly of the Army National Guard & Susan Dellicker, Teacher and Fullbright Scholar. Together the guests wrote a book called “Twenty Percent Soldiers: Our Secret Life in the National Guard” and they discuss what led them to write about their experiences as well as many aspects about the National Guard.

They discuss the benefits and challenges of being in the National Guard as well as being the family left behind, and the need to be in a strong community for support, and how to bolster some of the insufficiencies in what is available from the National Guard in that regard. The main issues in their opinion in the family support infrastructure is the limitation of resources, the structure not allowing resources of one branch to aid someone in another department locally, and flexibility for local aid resources to help the specific needs of those in their area. Though they discuss the challenges, they also talk about how many people may be better suited or more interested in joining the National Guard than they may first think.

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Program: Face the Issues

Inflating Fears

On this episode of Face the Issues, [Jerry Bowyer](#), Financial Economist & author talks about inflation, cryptocurrency, and what fears of inflation drives us toward. He is also the Chairman of Bowyer Media & Founding President of the Allegheny Institute for Public Policy.

Segment one is a discussion defining the problem. What is inflation? (increase in prices caused by or that causes a decrease in the worth of currency). When we say “the dollar is strong” we’re talking about the worth of currency. What causes inflation? Is it that prices increase which decreases the worth of currency? Or that the worth of currency decreases (ie, we print more money) which causes the prices to increase? What are the effects of inflation? Prices go up but unemployment generally remains low. What is the concern if we break the inflation/deflation cycle and enter a period of hyper inflation? Is inflation driven by speculation in the market or by actual on-ground realities?

In segment two we learn about responding to inflation. As a public, we tend to respond in overdrive to the news of inflation. We hear the pitches for gold, for Bitcoin, etc. What are some of the trends we see here? What is Bitcoin and cryptocurrency? How does it work? Should people be investing in it? What about gold? We hear that the gold standard is the only way to pull us back from inflation and secure the economy. Why are people flocking to these avenues, especially if they don’t understand the repercussions of them?

In the final segment, Mr. Bowyer discusses his work as an author of books dealing with this episode’s topics.

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Program: Pennsylvania Newsmakers

Local Governments, Election Audits, and Mask Battle

This week's Pennsylvania Newsmakers features Angela Couloumbis of the Philadelphia Inquirer and Spotlight PA, and Marc Levy of the Associated Press, discuss mask and vaccines in schools, the public pension investigation, and the 2022 Pennsylvania Governor's race. Then, Jamie Martin, President of the Association of Pennsylvania State College and University Faculties, joins host Terry Madonna for a review of mask and vaccine practices in public universities as well as the funding and accountability situation.

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October 10th, 2021 at 8:30 PM

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Program: Pennsylvania Newsmakers

High Energy Prices, and Avoiding Financial Scams

This week's Pennsylvania Newsmakers features Terry Fitzpatrick, President and CEO of the Energy Association of Pennsylvania, who discusses cold weather and energy supplies and factors creating high energy prices. Then, Ed Williams, CEO of Discovery Federal Credit Union, and Nicola Foggie, Chief Regulatory Officer of the CrossState Credit Union Association, join host Terry Madonna for an update on scams and how to avoid them.

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Program: Pennsylvania Newsmakers

Shapiro Announces for Governor, and International Trade in PA

This week's Pennsylvania Newsmakers features John Micek, Editor-in-Chief of the Pennsylvania Capital-Star, and Brad Bumsted, Bureau Chief of the The Caucus, who discuss the upcoming appellate court elections and Josh Shapiro's announcement that he's running for Governor. Then, Wilfred Muskens, International Business Advisor for the Marquis Group, joins host Terry Madonna for an update on Pennsylvania as an international powerhouse, the impact of the pandemic on international trade, and economic development in the state.

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October 24th, 2021 at 8:30 PM

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Program: Pennsylvania Newsmakers

Redistricting, Vaccine Mandates, and Federal Taxes

This week's Pennsylvania Newsmakers features Bryan Cutler (R-100th district), Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, who discusses legislative and congressional redistricting as well as COVID data and regulations. Then, Gene Barr, President and CEO of the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business & Industry, joins host Terry Madonna for an update on President Biden's vaccine and testing mandates, the federal tax hike proposal, and energy.

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October 31st, 2021 at 8:30 PM

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Program: Pennsylvania Newsmakers

Gift Ban, U.S. Steel, and Energy Production

This week's Pennsylvania Newsmakers features journalists Angela Couloumbis of the Philadelphia Inquirer and Spotlight, and Marc Levy of the Associated Press, who discuss upcoming elections, the differences between Governor Wolf and Attorney General Shapiro on climate change strategy, and the gift ban actions in the state legislature. Then, David Taylor, President and CEO of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association, joins host Terry Madonna for an update on the national economy, U.S Steel, and domestic energy production.

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November 7th, 2021 at 8:30 PM

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Program: Pennsylvania Newsmakers

State Audits, Service Initiatives, and Prior Authorization

This week's Pennsylvania Newsmakers features Pennsylvania Auditor General Tim DeFoor, who discusses the role of his office, his visits to college campuses, and improving service initiatives. Then, Dr. Michael DellaVecchia, President of the Pennsylvania Medical Society, joins host Terry Madonna for an explanation of the recently enacted state law dealing with physician assistants, and possible legislative changes to prior authorization.

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Program: Pennsylvania Newsmakers

Elections, Concealed Carry, and Masks in Schools

This week's Pennsylvania Newsmakers features journalists John Micek, Editor-in-Chief of the Pennsylvania Capital-Star and Brad Bumsted, Bureau Chief of The Caucus, who discuss the state's Gubernatorial and Senate elections, as well as the concealed carry bill in the state legislature. Then, teacher Aaron Chapin, Vice President of the PSEA, and Dee Scales, PSEA's 2022 Education Support Professional of the Year, join host Terry Madonna for an update on school mask wearing requirements and experiences as a support professional.

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Program: Pennsylvania Newsmakers

COVID and Child Abuse, and Data Breaches

This week's Pennsylvania Newsmakers features Angela Liddle, President of the Pennsylvania Family Support Alliance, who discusses child abuse rates and COVID-19, and looks back on the Sandusky scandal 10 years later. Then, George Rudolph, CEO of the PSECU in Harrisburg, and Patrick Conway, President and CEO of the CrossState Credit Union Association, join host Terry Madonna for an update on data breaches, ransomware, debit and credit cards, and consumer protection.

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Program: Pennsylvania Newsmakers

Consumer Scams and Postal Fraud

This week on Pennsylvania Newsmakers our guest host Brian Roche, Consumer Investigator for WGAL TV, talks with Mary Bach, Chair of the AARP Consumer Issues Task Force, about how to make sense of confusing Medicare ads, and about scams that target seniors, including prescription scams. Then Christiana Kasian, Inspector for the Philadelphia branch of the United States Postal Inspection Service, sheds light on the seriousness of postal fraud, and what to watch out for.

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December 5th, 2021 at 8:30 PM

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Program: Pennsylvania Newsmakers

Treasurer Garrity, Infrastructure, and Electric Vehicles

This week on Pennsylvania Newsmakers features Pennsylvania Treasurer Stacy Garrity, who discusses a variety of programs dealing with the fiscal health of the state. Then Bob Latham, Executive Vice President of Associated Pennsylvania Constructors, joins host Terry Madonna for an update on the maintenance and repair of roads and bridges, and the future of electric vehicles.

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Program: Pennsylvania Newsmakers

Upcoming Senate Race, and Public University Consolidation

This week on Pennsylvania Newsmakers features Marc Levy of the Associated Press, who discusses the Pennsylvania senate race, and the possibility that the 2022 primary will be delayed. Then, Jamie Martin, President of the Association of Pennsylvania State College & University Faculties, joins host Terry Madonna to discuss the importance of higher education today, how values affect college education, and retirement issues, including the consolidation of several public universities.

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Program: Pennsylvania Newsmakers

Governor Tom Wolf, and Financial Resolutions

This week on Pennsylvania Newsmakers features Governor Tom Wolf, who discusses a variety of topics, including his request to FEMA for help with the health care systems, his executive order to combat gun violence, voting rights, and more. Then, Mike Wishnow, Senior Vice President of the CrossState Credit Union Association, and Nicola Foggie, CrossState's Chief Regulatory Officer, join host Terry Madonna to discuss personal finances and debt, and financial resolutions for 2022.

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Program: Pennsylvania Newsmakers

Masks in Schools, Governor's Race, and Economic Stories of the Year

This week on Pennsylvania Newsmakers features journalists Jan Murphy, Capitol Reporter for PennLive/Patriot News, who discusses school mask and school funding issues, and Sarah Anne Hughes, Deputy Editor of Spotlight PA, on the 2022 Governor's race and redistricting. Then Gene Barr, President and CEO of the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry, and David Taylor, President and CEO of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association, join host Terry Madonna to discuss the big economic stories of 2021, with a look ahead to 2022.

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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.