

WYLN-TV 35 QUARTERLY ISSUES REPORT

**October
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December
2015**

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Regularly scheduled programs produced by WYLN-TV 35 in which the above mentioned concerns are addressed:

WYLN Evening Edition @ 5:30pm	Mon-Fri (5:30pm-6pm)
WYLN Evening Edition @ 6:30pm (Rebroadcast)	Mon-Fri (6:30pm-7pm)
WYLN Late Edition @ 10pm (3 minutes of new stories followed by rebroadcast of 5:30pm news)	Mon-Fri (10pm-10:30pm)
WYLN Late Edition @ 8am the following day (Rebroadcast of 10pm)	Mon-Fri (8am-8:30pm)
Newsmakers	once per week-30 minutes
Election Results 2015	
Seasonal Programming	
Locally Produced Shows	

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CRIME

10/02/2015

EVENING EDITION

5:30PM 00:32

SHERMAN HILLS SHOOTING - 28 year old Diondre Bess who was wanted in the shooting at the Sherman Hills Apartment complex in Wilkes-Barre was taken into custody by U.S. Marshals Service Fugitive Task Force. The incident occurred on March 23rd of this year. He was charged with attempted homicide, illegal possession of a firearm and related counts.

10/12/2015

EVENING EDITION

5:30PM 00:49

WILKES-BARRE FATAL SHOOTING – 37 year old Jose Rodriguez , the victim of a fatal shooting was identified and police released the description of the two people believed to have been the suspects. The public was notified that it was an isolated incident.

10/19/2015

EVENING EDITION

5:30PM 00:58

WALMART SHOOTING – Scott Sargent from Shenandoah allegedly opened fire at the Wal-Mart in Wilkes-Barre Township. He pulled out an semi-automatic rifle and started firing. He also began firing at police when they arrived on scene. Sargent was shot by police, and was treated at a local trauma center. He was charged with the crime. There were no other injuries reported. The trail is still pending in court.

10/26/2015

EVENING EDITION

5:30PM 00:34

ARMED HOLD-UP IN WEST HAZLETON – A 22 year old West Hazleton man was arrested following an armed robbery at the local Pantry Quick in the borough. He allegedly walked in after 10:30PM earlier that week and pulled a knife on the clerk and demanded money. He was charged with two counts of robbery and a list of lesser charges. Police also state that he was a suspect in two other robberies that were still under investigation.

11/23/2015

EVENING EDITION

5:30PM 00:40

NANTICOKE STAND-OFF – A man held a woman hostage in Nanticoke and was seen by police waving a hand gun around inside a home threatening to shoot his girlfriend. Police negotiated with him for 45 minutes. Three officers suffered minor injuries in the struggle.

12/28/2015

EVENING EDITION

5:30 PM 00:31

CHRISTMAS DAY DRIVE-BY SHOOTING – Police are investigating a shooting on the North West side in the area of 9th and Locust Streets in Hazleton. Two people were injured in the gunfire and several cars and homes sustained bullets holes. Still no arrests have been made. Police are still investigating.

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HEALTH

10/01/2015

EVENING EDITION

5:30PM 01:32

CANCER CENTER GRAND OPENING – Lehigh Valley Health Network opened the Cancer Center at Hazleton on the Airport Beltway in Hazle Township. The facility will provide local resources for patients who are battling cancer and it will also provide access to Lehigh Valley's complete cancer team, which has been delivering high-quality cancer care in the Lehigh Valley region for almost 40 years.

10/06/2015

LATE EDITION

5:30PM 02:48

CANCER AWARENESS WEEK – October is breast cancer awareness month and the Health and Wellness Center Hazleton offered fitness classes during Pink Week. The fitness department offered yoga, piloxing and spinning classes. Those who participated were also there to learn more about breast cancer and how they can help those affected by the disease.

10/13/2015

LATE EDITION

10PM 02:12

FLU SHOT IMPORTANCE – With flu season Doctors and Pharmacists are highly recommending that people to get their flu shots to prevent them from getting sick. A Pharmacist we spoke with said that young children and those over the age of 65 should get the shot. This story also provided information on where you can obtain a flu shot and its importance.

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CONSUMER

10/02/2015

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5:30PM 00:31

GIANT AND MARTIN'S FOOD RECALL – A recall announcement from Giant and Martin's Food stores that Ocean's Halo Gluten Free Seaweed Chips were removed from the shelves because they may contain wheat and were not properly labeled as such. They were safe to consume if the individual did not suffer from a wheat allergy.

10/05/2015

EVENING EDITION

5:30PM 00:39

GIANT AND MARTIN'S FOOD RECALL – A recall announcement from Giant and Martin's Food stores of a recall on Cascadian Farms Organic Frozen Green Beans. They were being removed from the shelves due to a potential listeria contamination. No illnesses were reported to date. Listeria is a common organism found in nature and consumption of food contaminated with listeria can cause high fever, severe headaches, neck stiffness and nausea.

11/27/2015

EVENING EDITION

5:30PM 2:21

BLACK FRIDAY SHOPPING – One of the biggest shopping days of the the year. Stores in the Hazleton area were busy with shoppers from all over the area searching for the perfect holiday gifts for friends and loved ones. Victoria's Candies were busy preparing for the holidays and Grand Central in Hazleton was packed with people searching for electronic and home goods.

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GOVERNMENT

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5:30PM 00:55

PA ATTORNEY GENERAL CHARGED WITH PERJURY – Additional perjury charges were filed against Pennsylvania Attorney General Kathleen Kane related to testimony she gave before a Grand Jury investigation the leak of secret information. New evidence showed that when she testified she lied under oath that she never signed a secrecy oath relating to past Grand Juries that were prosecuted by her predecessors.

10/13/2015

EVENING EDITION

5:30PM 03:11

HAZLETON COURT COSTS FOR IIRA CASE – The city of Hazleton is on the hook for over \$1 million dollars in court costs from the Illegal Immigration Relief Act case in which the city lost. Residents may have to help with these costs and a tax increase was possible. Hazleton's Mayor Joe Yannuzzi and City Administrator Tom Pribula met with the banks to go over the city's options for repayment.

10/20/2015

EVENING EDITION

5:30PM 00:41

LUZERNE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY GUEST SPEAKER – District Attorney Stefanie Salavantis was the guest speaker at the Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce monthly Red Carpet Breakfast, held at Eddie's American Dinner in Hazleton. The D.A. spoke with those in attendance about the crime rate in Hazleton and was there to answer questions from audience members along with Luzerne County Detective Chris Lynch.

11/19/2015

EVENING EDITION

5:30PM 00:55

CONGRESSMAN LOU BARLETTA ON PA GOVERNOR – Republican Congressman Lou Barletta, of the 11th Congressional District addressed his concerns with Governor Wolf's Pennsylvania Budget stalemate. Representative Barletta released the letter he sent to the Governor.

12/15/2015

EVENING EDITION

5:30PM 01:21

CONGRESSMAN LOU BARLETTA ON GOP DEBATE – Before the final GOP debate in Las Vegas, Nevada, the Congressman expressed who he hopes to be the next Commander-In-Chief.

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ECONOMY

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5:30PM 00:46

AGENCY CUTBACKS – With the lack of a Pennsylvania budget, local agencies are hurting for money including school districts like Hazleton Area. The Legislature and the Governor have met a few times but were no closer to a budget, putting a hold on the money usually given to those agencies.

10/27/2015

EVENING EDITION

5:30PM 04:42

HAZLETON CITY RELEASES 2016 BUDGET – Hazleton Mayor Joe Yannuzzi and City Administrator Tom Pribula released the budget during a press conference. The numbers were released along with salary increases and details that there would be no tax increase for residents.

12/29/2015

LATE EDITION

10PM 00:43

HAZLETON CITY COUNCIL PASSES 2016 – With a 3-2 vote, Hazleton city council passed the 2016 budget with their revisions. No tax increase was issued for residents, however several residents in attendance were not happy with the budget.

12/30/2015

LATE EDITION

10PM 03:12

HAZLETON MAYOR VETOS COUNCIL BUDGET – Hazleton Mayor Joe Yannuzzi used his power to veto the budget just hours after City Council passed it. He cited several reasons as to why he vetoed the budget. Council will now have to over-ride his veto and present a new budget at the first meeting of 2016.

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NEWSMAKERS

FRI 5PM-5:30PM/7:30PM-8PM
SAT 11:30PM-12PM/5:30PM-6PM
SUN 9AM-9:30AM/7PM-7:30PM
TUES 5PM-5:30PM
WED 5PM-5:30PM

TOPIC A LIVE AT 5 – This is a program produced live every Friday. Hosted by Gary Perna, formally hosted by Ann Gownley. Guests on the show talk about issues of local, regional and statewide importance, along with important upcoming events that concern the public. This program is community oriented, and features local politicians, community leaders, and non-profit organizations. Topic A Live at 5, rebroadcasts seven times over the course of a week. This program is a continuation of two earlier programs, **Topic A** and **35 Weather**. Those two programs had the same goals, but were done in separate half-hour programs. They began in 2010. They were combined into one program in the second quarter of 2011 and official changed during the 2nd quarter.

WED 8PM-8:30PM
THUR 9:30-10PM
SAT 5PM-5:30PM
SUN 11AM-11:30AM
MON 8:30PM-9PM
TUES 9:30PM-10PM

THE STORM - Each week host, Tiffany Cloud, discusses issues and concerns of a political nature and important issues that are taking place in the area. Previously known as **Storm Politics**, which main focus was on political issues. The name change was made to increase the topic matter, and allow more guests to voice their opinions and concerns on the program. (video copies of shows available at WYLN in Hazleton).

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ELECTION 2015

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HAZLETON MAYORAL DEBATE

7PM-8:30PM

HAZLETON MAYORAL DEBATE – This debate was aired live during election season. Moderated by Tiffany Cloud, the candidates: Republican Jeff Cusat, Independent Scott Cahalane and Democrat Jack Mundie were asked several questions during the program by WYLN reporter Gary Perna and Political Analyst David Yonki.

10/21/2015

DEBATE ANALYSIS

8:30PM-9PM

DEBATE ANALYSIS – This program immediately followed the live debate. Tiffany Cloud, Gary Perna and David Yonki spoke about the debate and what the candidates had to say about how they plan on running the city of Hazleton.

11/03/2015

WYLN ELECTION NIGHT

8PM-10PM

ELECTION 2015 - Live election coverage of races around the viewing area during the General Election in November. There is a panel of guests at the studio for the two hour long discussion of candidates and the races. Out in the field are several reporters bringing live election results to the viewing audience.

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SEASONAL PROGRAMMING

Each program listed below ran several times over the holiday season.

11/21/2015
3PM-4:13PM

WILKES-BARRE CHRISTMAS PARADE – The parade was aired live on November 21st at 3PM. It was hosted by WYLN Personalities Ann Gownley, Gary Perna and Paula Deginan.

12/02/2015
6PM-7PM

CAN-DO CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Featuring choral and orchestra groups from the Hazleton Area School District at the Pennsylvania Performing Arts Center in Hazleton in December.

12/05/2015
7PPM-8:30PM

SOUNDS OF THE SEASONS COMMUNITY CONCERT: Broadcast in December from the Wiltsie Center in Hazleton it is a program featuring the Freeland community choir and Hazleton Area Philharmonic Orchestra.

12//2015
11:30AM-12:30PM

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS SHOW – Highlighted several community Christmas events such as tree lighting ceremonies in the Greater Hazleton area.

12/23/2015
7PM-7:30PM

JOE MADDON CHRISTMAS SPECIAL – A half hour specially produced program highlighting the events in which Joe Maddon, Manager of the Chicago Cubs, held in the Greater Hazleton area. Maddon who grew up in Hazleton comes back each year around the holidays and holds a celebrity auction to help raise money for the Hazleton Integration Project, he helped start in Hazleton.

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LOCALLY PRODUCED SHOWS

**WED 9PM-9:30PM
THUR 6:30PM-7PM
SAT 1:30PM-2PM
SUN 12PM-12:30PM/10PM-10:30PM
MON 6:30PM-7PM**

WARRIOR SUMMIT OUTDOORS: It's an outdoors show that features veterans using outdoor activities to help heal the often invisible wounds of war. Hosted by Staff Sargent Erik Olson, a wounded warrior. The show began airing on June 4th 2014.

**MON-FRI 10AM-10:30AM
WED 8:30PM-9PM
FRI 9PM-9:30PM**

WOMEN TODAY: A show for women, hosted by Liz Tolan, covering topics on dating, makeovers, home decorating, women in business, etc.

**MON-SUN
11:30PM-12AM
THUR 8:30PM-9PM
SAT 3:30PM-4PM
SUN 1:30PM-2PM/4:30PM-5PM**

OFF THE BEATEN PATH: A locally produced program that features three separate segments highlighting the fun and interesting people and places in Pennsylvania. Hosts include, Jeff Bonomo, Ken Cara, Chris Fulmer.

**MON 9:30PM-10PM
TUES 10:30PM-11PM
THUS 5PM-5:30PM
FRI 2:30PM-3PM
SAT 6PM-6:30PM
SUN 1PM-1:30PM**

WELLNESS THRU PHYSICAL THERAPY: Hosted by Liz Tolan, the show features a local Physical Therapist who talks about health issues that can be treated through physical therapy.

SUN 8PM-9PM

PPW, HIGH VOLTAGE: An independent wrestling show from Northeastern Pennsylvania that runs every Sunday night.

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LOCALLY PRODUCED SHOW CONT.

MON 5PM-5:30PM

TUES 6:30PM-7PM

WED 7:30PM-8PM

THUR 10:30AM-11AM

FRI 6:30PM-7PM

SAT 12PM-12:30PM

SUN 11:30AM-12PM/5:30PM-6PM

LET'S TALK CHIROPRACTIC: Locally produced show that features two Chiropractors from the Hazleton area. Hosted by Liz Tolan along with co-hosts Dr. John Degenhart and Dr. Stacie Sando from the Degenhart Chiropractic Health Center . Guests on the show discuss health issues that were treated by Dr. Degehart and Dr Sando.

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