

# **WYLN-TV 35 QUARTERLY ISSUES REPORT**

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

<b>WYLN News @ 5:30pm</b>	<b>Mon-Fri (5:30pm-6pm)</b>
<b>WYLN News @ 6:30pm (Rebroadcast)</b>	<b>Mon-Fri (6:30pm-7pm)</b>
<b>WYLN News @ 10pm (Rebroadcast)</b>	<b>Mon-Fri (10pm-10:30pm)</b>
<b>WYLN News @ 11:30pm (Rebroadcast)</b>	<b>Mon- Fri (11:30pm-12:00am)</b>
<b>WYLN News @ 8am the following day (Rebroadcast)</b>	<b>Mon-Fri (8am-8:30pm)</b>
<b>Newsmakers</b>	<b>once per week – 30minutes</b>
<b>Election Results 2018 (November 2018)</b>	
<b>Locally Produced Shows</b>	

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**CRIME**

**10/01/2018  
WYLN NEWS  
5:30PM 00:37**

**SHAWN CRHISTY IN COURT** – AFTER BEING CAPTURED ON SEPTEMBER 21ST IN OHIO, SHAWN CHRISTY MADE AN APPEARANCE IN FEDERAL COURT. HE WAIVED HIS RIGHT TO HIS PROCEEDINGS AND AGREED TO RETURN TO PENNSYLVANIA TO FACE CHARGES AGAINST HIM.

**10/23/2018  
WYLN NEWS  
5:30PM 00:50**

**MURDER CHARGES DROPPED** – LUZERNE COUNTY PROSECUTORS DROPPED CHARGES AGAINST THREE MURDER SUSPECTS IN A MOVE TO HAVE THEM EXTRADITED BACK TO WEST VIRGINIA. FOUR PEOPLE WERE CAPTURED IN APRIL IN CONNECTION WITH A MURDER IN WEST VIRGINIA. SOME CHARGES WERE DROPPED SO THEY WILL BE TAKEN BACK TO WEST VIRGINIA WHERE THEY WILL FACE TRIAL FOR ALL OFFENSES.

**11/05/2018  
WYLN NEWS  
5:30PM 00:43**

**HAZLETON ARMED ROBBERY** – HAZLETON POLICE RESPONDED TO A ROBBERY AT THIRD AND ALTER STREETS. A VICTIM WAS ROBBED BY GUNPOINT AND WAS ROBBED OF \$300 DOLLARS CASH AND A PENNSYLVANIA I-D CARD.

**12/03/2018  
WYLN NEWS  
5:30PM 00:30**

**4 MEN ARRESTED IN HAZLETON** – The 4 men were arrested Sunday in Hazleton. Police from Hazleton, West Hazleton, and the Luzerne County Drug Taskforce were involved with the arrests. The arrests came following a traffic stop following a drug investigation. Police discovered suspected Meth, crack cocaine, over 380 bags of heroin, and marijuana in the car.

**12/15/2018  
WYLN NEWS  
5:30PM 00:43**

**SHAWN CHRISTY IN COURT** – After spending three months on the run Shawn Christy was in a Carbon County Courtroom to answer to some of the charges he's facing. Christy maintained his innocence in the courtroom; most of the charges were bound over to court. Christy is facing charges on the state, county, and federal level.

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### HEALTH

10/12/2018  
WYLN NEWS  
5:30PM 01:26

**ORGAN DONATION UPGRADE** – PENNSYLVANIA IS FINALIZING THE FIRST MAJOR UPDATE TO THE ORGAN DONATION LAW THAT HAS BEEN IN PLACE FOR A QUARTER OF A CENTURY. THE BILL GETS MORE STATE AGENCIES INVOLVED IN RAISING AWARENESS OF ORGAN DONATION AND CREATES GUIDELINES FOR THE DONATION OF HANDS, FACIAL TISSUE AND LIMBS.

10/23/2018  
WYLN NEWS  
5:30PM 00:45

**PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE** – GOVERNOR TOM WOLF SIGNED A BILL TO EXPAND PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE FOR AN ADDITIONAL 17,000 SENIOR CITIZENS. ACT 87 OF 2018 AUTHORIZES ENHANCEMENTS TO THE PHARMACEUTICAL ASSISTANCE CONTRACT FOR THE ELDERLY NEEDS ENHANCEMENT TIER PROGRAM.

11/21/2018  
WYLN NEWS  
5:30PM 03:00

**WOMAN'S HEALTH** – DOCTOR JOHNATHAN GRECO OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY HEALTH NETWORK TALKS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF REGULAR GYNOCLOGY CHECK UPS FOR FEMALES.

12/05/2018  
WYLN NEWS  
5:30PM 00:35

**FLU SEASON IS HERE** – There have been nine confirmed cases of influenza in Schuylkill County for the flu season. The State Department of Health said 588 cases of the flu have been confirmed in their most recent date. Beside Schuylkill County, Carbon has seen 5 cases, and Luzerne have seen 18 cases.

12/14/2018  
WYLN NEWS  
5:30PM 00:27

**NARCAN IN STATE PARK** – Governor Tom Wolf and officials with DCNR announced that last year DCNR workers administrated the drug 7 times to people that were experiencing a drug overdose.

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**CONSUMER**

**10/09/2018  
WYLN NEWS  
5:30PM 03:38**

**WEATHERLY AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION – THE WEATHERLY AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION ONLY HAS ENOUGH MONEY IN IT'S ACCOUNT TO FUND THE ASSOCIATION THROUGH ONE MORE YEAR. THE OPERATIONS MANAGER SAID THE AMBULANCE EXPENSES ARE DOUBLE OF WHAT THE COMPANY TAKES IN..**

**10/10/2018  
WYLN NEWS  
5:30PM 00:31**

**LUZERNE COUNTY PROPOSED TAX INCREASE – THE PROPOSED 2019 GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR LUZERNE COUNTY INCLUDES A 3 PERCENT PROPERTY TAX INCREASE. THE PROPOSED TAX HIKE WOULD ADD ABOUT \$18 TO THE ANNUAL COUNTY TAX BILL FOR A PROPERTY ASSESSED AT \$100,000. THE BILL WOULD INCREASE FROM \$597.54 TO \$615.47.**

**11/09/2018  
WYLN NEWS  
5:30PM 00:23**

**FREE BUS RIDES FRO VETS – THE COUNTY OF LACKAWANNA TRANSIT SYSTEM AND LUZERNE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY WILL BGE OFFERING FREE RIDES TO VETERANS AND ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY MEMEBERS ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 12TH IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR SERVICE TO THE COUNTRY.**

**12/11/2018  
WYLN NEWS  
5:30PM 00:30**

**MONEY SPENT ON GOVERNOR RACE – Spending in Pennsylvania's Governor race topped \$64 million dollars. With Tom Wolf out spent Scott Wagner \$31 million dollars to \$22 million dollars..**

**12/12/2018  
WYLN NEWS  
5:30PM 00:57**

**STARBUCKS COMING SOON – The final go a head was given to the company that wants to build a Starbucks and strip mall in Sugarloaf Township near Penn State Hazleton Campus. Construction is set to start in spring of 2019.**

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**GOVERNMENT**

**10/01/2018  
WYLN NEWS  
5:30PM 01:00**

**REDUCING STATE LAWMAKERS** – A PROPOSAL WAS MADE TO CUT DOWN ON THE NUMBER OF STATE LAWMAKERS. A DIVIDE BETWEEN THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE HAS PLAGUED EFFORTS TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO SHRINK LAWMAKERS.

**10/23/2018  
WYLN NEWS  
5:30PM 01:42**

**COUNCIL OK PILOT PROGRAM** – HAZLETON CITY COUNCIL GAVE MAYOR JEFF CUSAT THE GO AHEAD TO START A PILOT PROGRAM. THE MAYOR SAID THAT RESIDENTS CAN RESERVE A PARKING SPOT IN FRONT OR NEAR THEIR HOME IN THE CITY FOR A \$10 A MONTH FEE.

**11/07/2018  
WYLN NEWS  
5:30PM 00:40**

**SHIFT IN FEDERAL POWER** – FOLLOWING THE ELECTIONS, THE UNITED STATES HOUSE WILL NOW BE UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE DEMOCRATS. THE DEMOCRATS HAVE A 22 SEAT MAJORITY WHEN THE NEW LEGISLATIVE SEASON STARTS IN JANUARY. REPUBLICANS DID KEEP CONTROL OF THE SENATE.

**12/10/2018  
WYLN NEWS  
5:30PM 00:45**

**AUDITOR GENERAL INVESTIGATION** – Auditor General Eugene DePasquale said he opened an investigation into the Director of Elections being on an advisory board for the counties vendor of election machines.

**12/13/2018  
WYLN NEWS  
5:30PM 00:50**

**PAYROLL GLITCH** – A glitch in Hazleton's payroll system took out more money from employees than it was supposed to. The system took out more money for the wage tax in Hazleton, it happened to about 60 of the 108 employees. City administration worked to correct the problem before checks were deposited into workers accounts.

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**ECONOMY**

**10/01/2018  
WYLN NEWS  
5:30PM 00:36**

**RW.N.S SHUTTING DOWN** – A CALL CENTER IN HANOVER TOWNSHIP CLOSED its DOORS LEAVING 100 PEOPLE WITHOUT A JOB. EARLIER IN THE YEAR W.N.S RECEIVED A PROPOSAL FOR A \$400,000 DOLLAR GRANT. STATE OFFICIALS ARE TRYING TO GET BACK THE GRANT MONEY.

**11/07/2018  
WYLN NEWS  
5:30PM 00:47**

**WEST HAZLETON BUSINESS GRANT** – 25 NEW FULL TIME JOBS WILL BE COMING TO WEST HAZLETON THANKS TO A \$1 MILLION DOLLAR GRANT. SUMMIT UTILITY STRUCTURES LLC PLANS TO EXPAND BY PURCHASING MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT AND CREATING THE 25 NEW POSITIONS.

**11/12/2018  
WYLN NEWS  
5:30PM 00:40**

**UNEMPLOYMENT RATE** – THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY RELEASED ITS UNEMPLOYMENT REPORT TODAY FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2018. PENNSYLVANIA'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE OF 4.1 PERCENT WAS UNCHANGED FROM SEPTEMBER AND REMAINED THE LOWEST RATE SINCE JULY OF 2000.

**12/06/2018  
WYLN NEWS  
5:30PM 03:00**

**HAZLETON CITY 2019 BUDGET**– Hazleton city council took their first steps towards raising property taxes to pay its debit in 2019. Council is considering a 3% property tax increase for property owners.

**12/07/2018  
WYLN NEWS  
5:30PM 00:40**

**HAZLETON PLAT CLOSING** – Valmont Newmark Plant Closing: About 180 people will be out of a job when a the Hazleton base company will close in mid-2019, the 180 employees will lose their jobs by the end of February.

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### NEWSMAKERS

**MON 11:30AM, 5PM  
TUE 6PM, 9PM  
WED 11:30AM, 5PM  
THUR 6PM, 9PM  
FRI 11:30AM, 5PM  
SAT 12 Noon  
SUN 12 Noon**

**TOPIC A LIVE AT 5** – This is a program locally produced every week. Hosted by Gary Perna, 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, rebroadcasts eight 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 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter.

**MON 6PM  
TUE 11:30AM, 5PM  
WED 6PM  
THUR 11:30AM, 5PM, 9PM  
FRI 6PM  
SAT 12:30PM  
SUN 12:30PM**

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to  
**THE STORM** - Each week host, Tiffany Cloud, discusses issues and concerns of a political nature 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 voice their opinions and concerns on the program. (video copies of shows available at WYLN in Hazleton).

### **MON-FRI DURING WYLN NEWS TIMES**

**COMMUNITY AND YOU: A DAILY SEGMENT THAT FEATURES LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS AND BUSINESSES THAT SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY.**

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**SEASONAL PROGRAMMING**

Each program listed below ran several times over the holiday season

**12/11/2017  
01:00:00**

**CANDO COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS**: Featuring choral and orchestra groups from area school districts. The event was taped on location at Christ Lutheran Church in Hazleton.

**12/19/2017  
01:30:00**

**SOUNDS OF THE SEASON COMMUNITY CONCERT**: Taped on location from the Alice C. Wilsie Center in Hazleton. The program featured The Hazleton Area Philharmonic Orchestra and other guests.

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**LOCALLY PRODUCED SHOWS**

**MON 2PM, 8:30PM  
TUE 2PM  
WED 2PM, 8:30PM  
THUR 2PM  
FRI 2PM, 8:30PM  
SAT 3PM  
SUN 3PM**

**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 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

**MON 11PM  
TUES 2:30PM  
WED 11PM  
THUR 2:30PM  
FRI 11PM  
SAT 11:30AM  
SUN 11:30AM**

**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 11AM, 7:30PM  
TUES 8PM  
WED 11AM, 7:30  
THU 8PM  
FRI 11AM, 7:30PM  
SAT 2PM  
SUN 2PM**

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

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**LOCALLY PRODUCED SHOW CONT.**

**MON 8PM  
TUES 11AM, 7:30PM  
WED 8PM  
THUR 11AM, 7:30PM  
FRI 8PM  
SAT 2:30  
SUN 2:30**

**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. Degehhart and Dr Sando.

**MON THROUGH FRI  
3PM**

**FROM THE WYLN KITCHEN:** Locally produced show that features cooking segments and homemade crafts hosted By a number of local Chefs.

**SUN 8PM-9PM**

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

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