

WBPH Issues Programming

October 03, 2022 at 8:30 PM

30 min.



Program: Pennsylvania Newsmakers

Teacher Shortages, Education Funding, and Foster Care

This week's Pennsylvania Newsmakers features Jeff Ney, PSEA Treasurer, who discusses the big issues facing educators in the state, and how funding cuts would produce teacher and school personnel shortages. Then, Kari King, President of the Pennsylvania Partnership for Children, joins host Terry Madonna for an update on the increase in child abuse reports and the increase in the rates of children and youth re-entering foster care.

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October 10, 2022 at 8:30 PM

30 min.



Program: Pennsylvania Newsmakers

The PA Race for Governor, and Funding our Roads

This week's Pennsylvania Newsmakers has journalists Angela Coulombis, Spotlight PA, and Marc Levy, Associated Press, who discuss voting in the state and provide an update on the governor's election. Then, Bob Latham, Executive VP, Associated Pennsylvania Constructors, joins host Terry Madonna for an update on speed enforcement, the gas tax, and important transportation issues.

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October 17, 2022 at 8:30 PM

30 min.



Program: Pennsylvania Newsmakers

Journalists on Election, and Growth of Mobile Banking

This week's Pennsylvania Newsmakers features journalists Brad Bumsted, Bureau Chief of The Caucus, and John Micek, Editor-in-Chief of the Pennsylvania Capital-Star, who provide a timely update on Pennsylvania's Governor and U.S. Senate elections. Then, Mike Wishnow, Senior vice President of the CrossState Credit Union Association, and Christina Mihalik, the CrossState Credit Union Senior Vice President of Government Relations, join host Terry Madonna for a conversation about the growth of mobile banking, and how it protects against fraud.

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October 24, 2022 at 8:30 PM

30 min.



Program: Pennsylvania Newsmakers

Journalists on Elections, and New AARP Poll

This week's Pennsylvania Newsmakers features journalists Tom Lehman, Capitol Reporter for WGAL News 8, and Stephen Caruso, Capitol Reporter for Spotlight PA, who provide an update on Pennsylvania's Senate and Governor's elections. Then, Tony Fabrizio, Partner with Fabrizio Ward, joins host Terry Madonna for a report on the state poll his firm conducted for AARP covering Pennsylvania voters 50 and older, and their views on a variety of important issues.

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October 31, 2022 at 8:30 PM

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Program: Pennsylvania Newsmakers

Energy in Pennsylvania, and Child Safety

This week's Pennsylvania Newsmakers features Terry Fitzpatrick, President and CEO of the Energy Association of Pennsylvania, who discusses energy supply, costs, and Pennsylvania as a producer of energy. Then, Justin Donofrio, Prevention Services Manager for the Pennsylvania Family Support Alliance, joins host Terry Madonna to discuss the challenges of raising children in the digital age, and a resource on how to keep children safe.

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November 07, 2022 at 8:30 PM

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Program: Pennsylvania Newsmakers

Journalists' Final Preview of the Midterm Elections

This week's Pennsylvania Newsmakers features Pennsylvania Newsmakers features journalists Angela Coulombis of Spotlight PA, Marc Levy of the Associated Press, and Tom Lehman of WGAL News 8, who join host Terry Madonna for an important preview just days before the November 8th midterm elections.

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November 14, 2022 at 8:30 PM

30 min.



Program: Pennsylvania Newsmakers

Business Community on New Governor, and Civility in Public Life

This week's Pennsylvania Newsmakers features David Taylor, President and CEO of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association, and Alex Halper, Vice President of Government Affairs for the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business & Industry, who discuss the opportunities for Governor-Elect Josh Shapiro in a divided government. Then, Jeff Coleman, Principal and Founder of Churchill Strategies, joins host Terry Madonna to talk about the significance of "civility, kindness, and statesmanship" in public life.

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November 21, 2022 at 8:30 PM

30 min.



Program: Pennsylvania Newsmakers

Education Support Staffing, and Government Reform

This week's Pennsylvania Newsmakers features Angela Vigna, PSEA's Education Support Professional of the year, who explains the work of professional support staff in the field of education. Then, Maryann McEvoy, Executive Director for the Governor's Office of Advocacy & Reform, and Jessica Castle, Program Development Director for Voce, join host Terry Madonna for an explanation of what Voce is as well as the functions of OAR.

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November 28, 2022 at 8:30 PM

30 min.



Program: Pennsylvania Newsmakers

Holiday Mail Fraud, and Trends in Hearing Aids

This week's Pennsylvania Newsmakers features our guest host Brian Roche, Consumer Investigator with WGAL-TV, who talks with United States Postal Inspector Christiana Kasian about what the Postal Inspection Service does, how seriously they take their duty to protect us from mail fraud and mail theft, and what to watch out for this holiday season. Then he is joined by Barbara Kelley, Executive Director of the Hearing Loss Association of America, about the latest trend in hearing aids, over-the-counter, and what you need to know about them.

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December 05, 2022 at 8:30 PM

30 min.



Program: Pennsylvania Newsmakers

Senator Casey on Respect for Marriage Act

This week's Pennsylvania Newsmakers features U. S. Senator Bob Casey, who discusses the Respect for Marriage Act, investing more in home care, and a review of legislation passed by Congress in the past two years. Then, Brad Bumsted, Bureau Chief for The Caucus, and Tom Lehman, Capitol Reporter for WGAL News 8, join host Terry Madonna to discuss the battle for control of the state House, the impeachment of Philadelphia District Attorney Larry Krasner, and the Freedom Caucus.

WBPH Issues Programming

December 12, 2022 at 8:30 PM

30 min.



Program: Pennsylvania Newsmakers

House Struggle, Wolf's Legacy, and Transportation

This week's Pennsylvania Newsmakers features journalists Angela Couloumbis of Spotlight PA and Marc Levy of the Associated Press, who discuss the power struggle in the state House of Representatives, the legacy of Governor Tom Wolf, and the incoming administration of Governor-Elect Josh Shapiro. Then, Bob Latham, Executive Vice President of Associated Pennsylvania Constructors, joins host Terry Madonna for an update on transportation issues, electric vehicles, and automated speed enforcement.

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December 19, 2022 at 8:30 PM

30 min.



Program: Pennsylvania Newsmakers

Financial Resolutions, and Why Teaching Matters

This week's Pennsylvania Newsmakers features Mike Wishnow, Senior Vice President of the CrossState Credit Union Association, and Kristen Heisey, CEO of Everence Federal Credit Union, who discuss financial New Year's resolutions. Then, Rich Askey, President of the PSEA, and Kevin Gallagher, Teacher at Keystone Oaks High School and the Horace Mann Awardee for Teaching Excellence, join host Terry Madonna for an analysis of the award, and why good teaching matters.

WBPH Issues Programming

December 26, 2022 at 8:30 PM

30 min.



Program: Pennsylvania Newsmakers

Year-End Wrap-Up, and Big Stories of 2023

This week's Pennsylvania Newsmakers features journalists Jan Murphy, Capitol Reporter for PennLive/Patriot News, and John Micek, Editor-in-Chief of the Pennsylvania Capital-Star, who report on the big stories of 2022 and look ahead to 2023. Then, Jeff Rutt, Chairman and Founder of HOPE International, joins host Terry Madonna for a discussion of his organization's assistance to the victims of the war in Ukraine.

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October 04, 2022 at 8:30 PM

October 07, 2022 at 8:30 PM

October 08, 2022 at 4:30 PM



30 min.

Program: Face the Issues

The Road to Addiction Recovery & Back

In part one of this episode, Sam Chen interviews Jason Beckwith, Founder & President: JSB Works LLC & Action in Recovery. They talk about Jason's personal story through recovery and going back to help others along their recovery journey. Discussions include how addiction affects people and those around them, sober living homes, and hearing from people currently being helped by Jason.

Jason explains that if more was invested in aftercare to help bolster successful recoveries following in-patient treatment, it would save tax payer's money, increase likelihood of success, and decrease crime in communities.

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October 11, 2022 at 8:30 PM

October 14, 2022 at 8:30 PM

October 15, 2022 at 4:30 PM



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Program: Face the Issues

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October 18, 2022 at 8:30 PM

October 21, 2022 at 8:30 PM

October 22, 2022 at 4:30 PM



30 min.

Program: Face the Issues

Infrastructure Funding

Anthony Hennen, a journalist for The Center Square, joins host Samuel Chen to discuss infrastructure funding in the state of Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania ranks 15th worst in the nation for roads; 57% of interstates are past the age of needing reconstruction work, which has an estimated cost of \$40 billion over the next 15 years. There are over 30,000 bridges in the state, between state owned routes and locally owned routes, with 14% classified as “structurally deficient”. With all that work to be done and high costs to do it, From gas taxes, bridge tolls and user fee and a packaged tax, Anthony and Sam lay out what some of the past and newly proposed ways to fund these efforts across the state look like and how they will effect commuters.

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October 25, 2022 at 8:30 PM

October 28, 2022 at 8:30 PM

October 29, 2022 at 4:30 PM



30 min.

Program: Face the Issues

SNAP's Fiscal Cliff?

Anthony Hennen, a journalist for The Center Square, joins host Samuel Chen to discuss SNAP benefits, expanded benefits, the fiscal “cliff” beneficiaries may face, and how these impact the work force. SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) monthly benefits have risen from \$218 million to \$456 million; \$233 per individual to \$456 per individual from 2019 to 2022, with a large increase occurring during the pandemic. A two-person household making \$3,502 monthly can receive \$516 per month, but making \$3,503 monthly makes them ineligible for everything; many are wondering if this is keeping people from finding employment. Some people expect this to improve after the emergency declarations are over, others do not and say this is just one stop in a systematic move toward benefits over work. Sam and Anthony break down who what some people are putting forward as solutions, including a minimum wage increase or a work requirement to receive benefits.

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November 11, 2022 at 8:30 PM

November 12, 2022 at 4:30 PM



30 min.

Program: Face the Issues

Kids, Classes & Covid 19

Jessica Meade, a counselor with Foundations Christian Counseling, joins host Samuel Chen to discuss the challenges children face as they return to school after the pandemic. Jessica describes the increase in anxiety seen in children and adults since the Covid 19 pandemic and what drives those anxieties. As children return back to a more normal routine there are still lingering anxieties, Jessica breaks down ways in which we can better handle those as a society, and how parents and teachers can help and be benefitted.

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30 min.

Program: Face the Issues

Collegiate Recruiting in the NIL Era

Gordon Voit, a former sports journalist, joins host Samuel Chen to discuss the changes that have come to college sports and their collegiate recruiting since student athletes have been able to monetize their name, image and likeness. Gordon puts forward the view that college football became so lucrative that it could no longer frame itself as an amateur endeavor that is immune to antitrust laws. It was living with that uncomfortable marriage of amateur and professional for decades. With earning possibilities given to the players in recent years, he explains how this will impact the ways colleges recruit student athletes and where it may head like in the future.

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November 22, 2022 at 8:30 PM

November 25, 2022 at 8:30 PM

November 26, 2022 at 4:30 PM



30 min.

Program: Face the Issues

Pennsylvania Finances

Gordon Denlinger, the Deputy Auditor General of Pennsylvania and former Member of Pennsylvania House of Representatives, joins host Samuel Chen to discuss the current state of finances in Pennsylvania and what the people in positions like state auditor and treasurer do for the commonwealth. They describe examples of reviews, audits and investigations that have taken place and how important these roles are to oversee the finances in Pennsylvania. Gordon also gives a breakdown of the state's current finances, from business growth, and aging population and attraction to new businesses and what things like tax policies can do to assist in those areas.

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December 02, 2022 at 8:30 PM

December 03, 2022 at 4:30 PM



30 min.

Program: Face the Issues

Book Accessibility

In some communities the library comes to you. As book accessibility continues to be an issue in some areas, the Bethlehem Area Public Library, for the last half of a century has been bringing books to many of its patrons in the form of a bookmobile. This week Sam Chen interviews Josh Berk (Exec. Director of Bethlehem Area Public Library) and Mike Henninger (Bethlehem Area Public Library: Bookmobile Librarian). They discuss the importance the role of the library plays in a community from readers young and old, and how something like a mobile library can transform the opportunity for readers who aren't close to their community's library.

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December 06, 2022 at 8:30 PM

December 09, 2022 at 8:30 PM

December 10, 2022 at 4:30 PM



30 min.

Program: Face the Issues

Local Agriculture

Local food sales account for about 1.5% of the US's produce, yet 84% of the world's farms are considered "small farms". This week Sam Chen interviews Madeline Squarcia, the Coordinator of Local Foods and Environment Initiatives at Buy Fresh, Buy Local Greater Lehigh Valley to talk about why that is, and how we can purchase more of our food from local farmers and the benefits that has for the local economy and our health.

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December 13, 2022 at 8:30 PM

December 16, 2022 at 8:30 PM

December 17, 2022 at 4:30 PM



30 min.

Program: Face the Issues

Healthcare for Kids

What's the difference between child healthcare and the healthcare adults receive? On this episode of Face the Issues, Sam Chen interviews Anne Corley Baum and Dr. J. Nathan Hagstrom of Lehigh Valley Reilly Children's Hospital about the unique need children's hospitals fill. MaKenna Boss, a student raising money to give gifts to the kids at the children's hospital also talks about her experiences.

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December 27, 2022 at 8:30 PM

December 30, 2022 at 8:30 PM

December 31, 2022 at 4:30 PM



30 min.

Program: Face the Issues

Fostering Homes with Kindness

This week on Face the Issue, Sam Chen speaks with Jenae Holtzhafer, the founder and exec. dir. of The Kindness Project, and Takyra Batz, a board member of The Kindness Project. Discussions include foster care, the challenges the children and families face in foster care as well as what The Kindness Project is doing to aid them by providing free, essential items to those families.

Children in foster care can often struggle with feelings of not belonging, being pulled out of what they know and enter a new world of new people. One of the main goals for The Kindness Project is to make a child feel safe and build a relationship with them when they come in. There are approximately 14,000 PA children currently in foster care. Just from the vantage point of The Kindness Project, they have seen the number of children served locally double, they say points to an increase in the amount of children in foster care in need for support.

This interview points foster families to a local resource in aiding them obtain clothes, shoes, school supplies, hygiene items and more, as well as a place where viewers can volunteer to help these families.

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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.

WBPH Issues Programming

Weekdays 6:30pm

30 minutes



Program: SPANISH NEWS : 69 News: Edición en Español

WBPH Partners with WFMZ-TV69 in Allentown to bring a Live 6:30pm Newscast in Spanish Language. This local newscast features national, regional and local stories.