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Issue No. 1: 2024 Election

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Duration: 40 seconds
Date: 1/12/2024 Time(s): 5 & 6 pm Newscasts

A new map is in place for Broome County's legislative districts. With the 2024 general election process starting next month, Broome County Executive Jason Garner says he felt it was imperative that Broome County residents know what their election districts look like so he signed a new map of the county's legislative districts into law. According to a statement his office released today, Garner consulted with the county's attorney and listened to members of the public before making his decision. He says the new map addresses the changes ordered by the court. Unless the map is struck down by the courts....it will be used for the 2024 General Election.

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Date: 1/31/2024 Time(s): 5 & 6 pm Newscasts

In honor of Help America Vote Day, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Al Schmidt, visited two libraries in South West Pennsylvania to encourage poll worker recruitment. He called on eligible Pennsylvanians to sign up to serve as poll workers for the April 23rd primary election and the November 5th General election. He says Poll workers are essential to the success of the voting process. Schmidt also outlined requirements for the job of Poll worker. There are roughly 45,000 poll workers across more than 9,000 voting locations in the Commonwealth. To learn more about becoming a poll worker, visit the PA Department of State website at dos.pa.gov

Program Title: WPEL News
Source/Type: Local/News
Duration: 60 seconds
Date: 2/28/2024 Time(s): 5 & 6 pm Newscasts

The New York state Legislature on Wednesday approved a Democrat-drawn congressional map that gives the party a modest boost in a few battleground districts, helping their candidates in a heavily contested election year when House races in the state could determine control of Congress. Lawmakers in the Democrat-dominated New York statehouse approved the mapping bill in both the Senate and Assembly, ending days of redistricting drama. The lines are similar to both the existing congressional map and a proposal drawn by the state's bipartisan redistricting commission, far from the aggressive partisan gerrymander many expected after Democrats took control of the redistricting process. The biggest adjustments came in a small handful of suburban districts - areas important to the party's plans for winning back a House majority. Throughout the process, Republicans have threatened to bring a legal challenge against any map they feel violates New York's prohibition on drawing lines that benefit one party over another. It is unclear whether Republicans will sue over the new map.

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Date: 3/13/2024 Time: 5 pm Newscast

Broome County will begin to use new voting machines this election year. The Board of Elections selected Clear Ballot Voting Machines for use as the county's new voting machine and election management vendor. It is the first time new voting machines are being used since 2008. The Democratic and Republican Election Commissioners and deputies unanimously selected the system.....which will provide enhanced security measures....and upgraded scanning technology for elections operations...while at the same time changing very little to the voters' experience at their polling locations while casting ballots.

Program Title: WPEL News
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Duration: 40 seconds
Date: 3/18/2024 Time: 5 pm Newscast

The Pennsylvania House speaker said Monday that qualified residents should be able to register to vote at polling places on the day of elections, and that early voting centers should be open for two weeks beforehand. Speaker Joanna McClinton had proposed these measures as part of a wider package of election changes in the last two-year session, but like many election law proposals it died in the politically divided Legislature. A 2019 law greatly expanded mail-in and absentee voting in Pennsylvania, effectively giving voters a way to cast ballots in advance. McClinton said she wants to establish early voting centers with machines that all legally registered voters could use.

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Date: 3/20/2024 Time: 5 pm Newscast – 3/21/2024 7 & 9 AM Newscasts

Pennsylvania's County Elections Directors and their teams are training to have the tools and education to ensure elections in Pennsylvania run smoothly and securely. Under the direction of the Al Schmidt, Secretary of the Commonwealth, the Election Directors Training Team has conducted 20 trainings with two additional sessions planned before the April 23 primary election. The team includes professionals with hands-on experience overseeing elections in Pennsylvania counties. In addition to providing group trainings, the team provides one-on-one assistance for election administrators as needed. For more information on voting and elections in Pennsylvania, including how to contact your county elections office, visit the Department of State's voter education website, vote.pa.gov.

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Durations: Each story 30 seconds
Date: 3/25/2024 Time: 5 PM Newscast

The ongoing Saga of Binghamton City Council's Sixth district continues. The most recent turn of events came as the City Council voted unanimously to appoint Republican Mike Kosty to fill the Sixth District seat that has been vacant since the tie vote in November. The appointment comes following the decision handed down by Broome County Supreme Court Judge Joseph McBride, who sided with Mayor Jared Kraham in February, that while City Council is responsible for appointing a representative in the case of a tie vote, the new representative must be of the same political party as the previous one...the court cited a 2002 local law, ruling that incumbent Phillip Strawn would retain the seat until an appointment was made by the Broome County Republican Chairman.

Early Voting extends the time for registered voters to make their voices heard. Polling places across New York State opened this past Saturday. Voters in Broome County have two locations available to vote before Election Day. These are the Broome County Public Library in Binghamton or the George F. Johnson Memorial Library in Endicott. Another feature of the early voting option is the implementation of the new voting machines announced by the Board of Elections earlier this month. Early voting in New York extends through Saturday, March 30th.

Pennsylvania House Republicans to plan to use the discharge resolution process to advance a Voter ID Constitutional Amendment. With a voter identification constitutional amendment having languished in committee for nearly a year...House Republican Leader Bryan Cutler held a press conference today to announce they will be utilizing the discharge resolution process to advance the measure. The discharge petition resolution will be officially offered later today in the House chamber.

The November matchup for Pennsylvania's US Senate race appears set with more than four weeks to go until the primary. Democratic incumbent Bob Casey and Republican challenger David McCormick will be the only eligible names on the April 23rd primary ballots for the office after the PA Supreme Court on Friday rejected an appeal from a GOP candidate, Joe Vodvarka. He had been ordered off primary ballots by a lower court that found he had not received enough voter signatures to qualify. Vodvarka had appealed, arguing that he must be allowed onto primary ballots because the Republican voters who had challenged his petitions had not advised the state elections office of their legal challenge, as they are required to do by law. The high court did not explain its decision in a two-line order.

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Issue No. 2: Environmental Impact from Fracking in the Marcellus Shale Region

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Date: 3/6/2024 Time: 5 PM Newscast

A bill to ban a new type of fracking in New York State continues to advance through the Legislature. The measure was introduced in response to overtures made to landowners this past fall by Southern Tier CO2 to Clean Energy Solutions seeking to secure mineral rights in order to extract natural gas by a new waterless process. The bill is sponsored on the Assembly side by Donna Lupardo from Broome County and Anna Kelles of Ithaca. Shepherding it through the upper chamber are downstate Senator Liz Krueger and Senator Lea Webb, who was on the Binghamton City Council the first time fracking firms were making moves.

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Date: 3/13/2024 Time(s): 5 & 6 PM Newscasts

Pennsylvania Governor Josh Shapiro was in Scranton today to kick off what he is calling a new era of energy leadership. Governor Shapiro announced his plan to create the Pennsylvania Climate Emissions Reduction Initiative, which will be known as PACER and will be established in legislation and run out of the Department of Environmental Protection. He says the initiative will be established and run by the Commonwealth. According to the Shapiro Administration....if passed by the legislature, the Governor's initiatives would save Pennsylvania ratepayers \$252 million in the first five years, while generating \$5.1 billion in investment in clean, reliable energy sources. Such legislation would make Pennsylvania the first major fossil fuel-producing state to adopt a carbon-pricing program. However, it is likely to draw fierce opposition from business interests wary of paying more for power and will face long odds in a Legislature that is protective of the state's natural gas industry. Republicans who control the state Senate have pushed to open greater opportunities for energy production in Pennsylvania, and have warned that carbon-pricing could raise electricity bills, fray the electricity grid, hurt in-state energy producers and drive new power generation to other states.

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Date: 3/19/2024 Time(s): 5 & 6 PM Newscasts

Natural gas drilling companies would be banned in New York from using an extraction method that involves injecting large amounts of liquefied carbon dioxide deep underground under a bill moving through the state legislature. The measure would immediately block a Texas company that wants to use the method as an alternative to hydraulic fracturing with a water-based solution. The bill passed in the state Assembly on March 12. The state Senate is expected to vote this week. The company, Southern Tier Solutions, says on its website that it wants to use carbon captured from power plants, rather than water, to extract natural gas.

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Issue No. 3: Substance Abuse

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Date: 2/8/2024 Time(s): 5 & 6 PM Newscasts

A county-wide diversion program for those suffering from substance use disorders was introduced in Broome County today. Broome County District Attorney F. Paul Battisti says the program is a partnership that will save lives. DA Battisti says the program will be available to qualifying accused individuals being arraigned at The Centralized Arraignment Part of the Broome County Court System. Helio Health will then assess the individual and recommend the appropriate treatment plan. The Motivation to Change program gets under way in Broome County on February 19th. Qualifying accused individuals being arraigned at The Centralized Arraignment Part of the Broome County Court System (CAP) will have the opportunity to be part of the new diversion program, Motivation to Change (MTC). Upon acceptance into the MTC program, the individual will be directly transported to Helio Health for immediate placement into detox or inpatient residential treatment. The Broome County Sheriff's Department has agreed to transport program participants directly to Helio Health from CAP. Helio Health will then assess the individual and recommend the appropriate treatment plan. This program is geared toward non-violent offenders suffering from substance use disorder.

Issue No.4: Suicide

Program Title: WPEL News

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Duration: 40 seconds

Date: 1/5/2024 Time: 9 AM Newscast

In Pennsylvania, 14 of every 100,000 deaths in 2021 were self-inflicted, placing the keystone state 38th nationwide for suicide mortality. The Pennsylvania Department of Human Services has released an updated suicide prevention App. The Columbia Protocol Mobile App delivers the Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale, which has proven to be the most evidence-based tool designed to assess suicide risk severity. The App is comprised of straightforward questions regarding the individual's current mental health. Based on the responses, it calculates a Low, Moderate, or High risk and connects the user to local resources. The Columbia Protocol Mobile App is available for Android and iPhone, through the respective App stores. This app is designed for use by anyone, not just mental health professionals. For more information about suicide prevention and mental health resources in the Commonwealth, visit www.dhs.pa.gov/mentalhealth.

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Issue No. 5: The High Cost of Home Ownership

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Date: 3/15/2024 Time: 5 PM Newscast

The Shapiro Administration outlined plans to continue distributing LIHEAP assistance grants to Pennsylvanians while the Commonwealth waits for the remaining 10 percent of federal funding for the program currently being held back by Congress. Starting today DHS will only issue LIHEAP Crisis payments and will pause issuing LIHEAP Cash payments until the additional funding is received. DHS is prioritizing LIHEAP Crisis benefits to ensure the individuals most at risk do not lose essential home energy services. DHS will continue to accept and process all applications for LIHEAP and is not planning to shorten the LIHEAP season, which remains open through April 5, 2024.

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Date: 3/25/2024 Time: 5 PM Newscast

Pennsylvania Governor Josh Shapiro today visited Dauphin County homeowners to see firsthand how their home will be improved through the Whole-Home Repairs Program. During the visit, Governor Shapiro shared how his proposed 2024-25 budget invests \$50 million for the Whole-Home Repairs program to continue providing direct assistance to homeowners and keep more families in their homes. A February 2024 survey of 59 Pennsylvania Counties who received program funding showed that more than 22,000 applications had been received with 2,468 units/homes expected to be funded. Due to overwhelming response for limited program funding, nearly 17,000 applicants for the program are currently on wait lists.

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Issue No. 6: The High Cost of Health Care

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Over 420 thousand Pennsylvanians have enrolled in Pennie, the state's official Health insurance marketplace for 2024 but officials say there are about 700 thousand Pennsylvanians who still do not have coverage and the deadline to enroll is right around the corner. Pennie's Executive Director, Devon Trolley, says Pennsylvanians have access to high quality affordable health coverage but action is needed. Customers can call Pennie Customer Service at 1-844-844-8040 or find Pennie-certified help at pennie.com/connect. The deadline to enroll is Friday, January 19th

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Issue No. 7: Gun Control

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Democrats in majority control of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives have advanced several gun control measures. One of the proposals passed by the Judiciary Committee on Wednesday would ban sales of automatic and semi-automatic guns. The bills were passed on party lines and await the full House's consideration. Even if the measures clear the House floor, however, they will likely face a cold reception in the state Senate, as did other gun control measures passed by the House last year. Democrats say the slate of bills would balance gun ownership with protecting average citizens. Republicans raised concerns about infringing upon constitutional rights. A full House vote likely won't come for months, as the chamber is deadlocked at 101-101 after the resignation of a Democratic lawmaker. A special election will again determine majority status in February.

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A U.S. appeals court has ruled Pennsylvania can't stop young adults from openly carrying guns in public during a state of emergency. The panel found in a ruling Thursday that the nation's founders intended 18- to 20-year-olds to enjoy the same Second Amendment rights as other citizens. The ruling also revived a lawsuit that challenges the original ban. The 2-1 majority says the decision follows U.S. Supreme Court orders that they look to the nation's history and tradition when evaluating gun control measures. Courts have since struck down restrictions involving domestic abusers, nonviolent felons and others. The Firearms Policy Coalition, which represents the plaintiffs in the case, said "it would be a deep perversion of the Constitution" to exclude young adults from Second Amendment protections. U.S. Circuit Judge Felipe Restrepo, in a dissent, said he did not believe the 19th century founding fathers considered people under 21 to have full legal rights.

Issue No. 8: Agriculture

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New York State has launched an online portal for farmers to register....and begin preparing the documents they need to apply for an overtime tax credit for farm employers in 2024. The Farm Employer Overtime Credit is a refundable tax credit available for eligible farm employers who pay overtime wages after January 1, 2024, based on the gradual phase-in of the overtime threshold in New York State. The application portal can be accessed by visiting taxcredit.agriculture.ny.gov.

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Date: 3/19/2024 Time: 5 PM Newscast

A southern Pennsylvania milk manufacturing plant has been purchased by the Maryland and Virginia Milk Producers Cooperative Association....known as MDVA. Governor Josh Shapiro called the transaction a significant investment in Pennsylvania. He says not only is it going to keep the Hood Manufacturing Plant in the City of Philadelphia open....MDVA is going to dramatically increase its capacity of the milk they process. The expansion project that will retain 178 existing jobs, including 137 union jobs. The Commonwealth prepared an aggressive incentive package totaling \$10 million in grants and loans.

Program Title:	Special Assignment
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Duration:	4 Minutes 59 Seconds
Date:	01/06/2024
Time(s):	7:04AM 12:06 PM

Guest(s): Jennifer Brodsky, Kurt Wewer, and other PA Farm Show Exhibitors

Topics: Pennsylvania Farm Show

The 108th Annual Pennsylvania Farm Show kicked off this morning in Harrisburg and showcases the agricultural industry that support 593,000 Pennsylvanian jobs which contribute \$132 billion to Pennsylvania's economy each year. WPEL's Clint Gregory has more.

Issue No. 9: Problems of the Elderly

Program Title: WPEL News
Source/Type: Local/News
Duration: 45 seconds
Date: 2/26/2024 Time: 5 PM Newscast

A bill has been introduced in the Pennsylvania House which would protect seniors from financial exploitation by equipping financial institutions with the necessary tools for identifying, reporting, and preventing the financial exploitation of older adults and care-dependent individuals. This legislation would authorize, without imposing an obligation, the reporting and disclosure of essential records to state investigators. Additionally, financial institutions and fiduciaries would be able to temporarily delay transactions linked to suspected financial exploitation and engage in judicial proceedings to protect older adults. It would also authorize the sharing of information and records between financial institutions, fiduciaries, and Area Agencies on Aging. Like other voluntary reporters to protective services, financial institutions and fiduciaries would be immune from civil or criminal liability when exercising their discretion to report, share records, provide information to Area Agencies on Aging, and temporarily delay financial transactions.

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Date: 3/11/2024 Time: 5 PM Newscast

Pennsylvania Acting Secretary of Health Dr. Debra Bogen visited a skilled nursing facility in Blair County, to highlight the recent investments from the Health Department's Long-Term Care Transformation Office (LTCTO) to promote workforce development and upgrade facilities. Dr Bogen says the goal is to ensure the facilities can provide residents with the highest level of care by providing the tools they need. The Long-Term Care Transformation Office is currently funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Governor Shapiro proposed \$10 million in funding for the Long-Term Care Transformation Office to become permanent after the federal funding expires.

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Date: 3/18/2024 Time: 5 PM Newscast

Pennsylvania Department of Aging Secretary Jason Kavulich, at a groundbreaking for the new apartments, says that thanks to community partnerships from people who understand and care for older adults, the Bucktown Center in Dunmore has come into fruition. The new, four story, 40 unit senior apartment community will provide quality, affordable housing for older adults. During recent Area Agencies on Aging listening sessions, fifty-four percent of older adult attendees in the Commonwealth indicated affordability around housing and property taxes as issues that impact their ability to age in place. Bucktown Center will meet this critical need in Lackawanna County.

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New York Governor Kathy Hochul announced today that over \$260 million has been awarded through tax credits and subsidies to create or preserve 1,852 affordable, supportive, and sustainable homes in 29 developments across New York State. \$25 million is going to the Southern tier, Fourteen point nine million dollars for the Hooper Road Apartments in the town of Union and nine point seven million for Homesteads on Grand in Johnson City.

Issue No. 10: Education

Program Title: WPEL News
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Date: 1/24/2024 Time(s): 5 & 6 PM Newscasts

The Pennsylvania Department of Education has announced safety grants to institutions of higher education with two in Northeastern Pennsylvania on the list. 37 institutions of higher education and postsecondary schools across the Commonwealth have been awarded It's On Us PA grants of up to \$60,000 each, totaling more than \$1.4 million. These grants provide support and resources to combat sexual assault on college campuses. Building off the momentum of the national It's On Us movement, It's On Us PA brings together higher education staff and students, families, and community members to advance the conversation on preventing sexual violence and pledge to be part of the solution. In Lackawanna County, grants were received by Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine and the University of Scranton, in the amount of \$40,000 each for support and resources necessary to protect the learning environment.

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Duration: 40 seconds
Date: 2/28/2024 Time: 5 PM Newscast

Pennsylvania Governor Shapiro and his Administration are currently working with higher education institutions and leaders to build out the Governor's new blueprint for higher education. The Governor says there are many paths to success and prosperity in the commonwealth. He says it's critically important that we respect all paths equally and invest in all of those paths. The Governor's new blueprint for higher education in Pennsylvania - focused on competitiveness and workforce development and grounded in access and affordability by increasing financial aid, ensuring those making up to the median income pay no more than \$1,000 in tuition per semester at state-owned schools. The blueprint also includes creating a new system that unites the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education universities and 15 community colleges under a new governance system. The governor's budget proposes \$975 million for the system; making it a 15% increase in the investment in state-owned schools.

Issue No. 11: Helping Victims of Domestic Violence

Program Title: WPEL News

Source/Type: Local/News

Duration: 40 seconds

Date: 2/28/2024 Time(s): 5 & 6 PM Newscasts

A new partnership between law enforcement and domestic violence assistance organizations in the Southern Tier aims to help better protect victims of domestic violence and save lives. Joined by representatives from the Crime Victims Assistance Center and the Family Violence Prevention Council, Broome County Sheriff Fred Akshar announced the implementation of a new Lethality Assessment Program (LAP) to help identify victims who are at an increased risk of being killed by their intimate partner. Sheriff Akshar says in his short tenure since he took office in January has seen domestic violence cases go terribly wrong. Sheriff Akshar says that when a Broome County Sheriff's deputy responds to a domestic violence incident, the deputy completes a LAP screening with the victim. While all victims are connected to local resources like the Crime Victims Assistance Center, consenting victims identified as high-risk are immediately paired with a local Domestic Advocate to develop a safety plan and other prevention measures.

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Issue No. 12: Minimum Wage

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Duration: 30 seconds

Date: 3/14/2024 Time(s): 5 & 6 PM Newscasts

New York State now has different minimum wages based on location, but a measure under consideration in Albany would change that. Empire State law sets the minimum wage at sixteen dollars an hour downstate, but a dollar per hour less elsewhere. State Senator Lea Webb says this disparity impacts the Southern Tier. The senator says the Upstate Parity and Minimum Wage Protection Act she's co-sponsoring would set a statewide minimum wage of seventeen dollars an hour by 2026. It's currently under consideration in the chamber's Labor Committee.

Issue No. 13: Financial Losses Due to Flooding

Program Title: WPEL News
Source/Type: Local/News
Duration: 30 seconds
Date: 3/27/2024 Time: 5 PM Newscast

Those impacted by flooding in Northeastern Pennsylvania last fall have been given an extension to apply for low interest loans. The U.S. Small Business Administration says those in Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Susquehanna, Wayne, and Wyoming Counties impacted by flooding on September 9, 2023 now have till Wednesday, April 24th to return physical damage disaster loan applications to the SBA. The SBA's Disaster Loan program provides low-interest loans for homeowners, renters, private non-profits, and businesses located in disaster declared counties who sustained damages from flooding. The SBA can provide up to \$500,000 for homeowners to replace or repair their primary residences and up to \$100,000 for homeowners and renters to replace or repair personal property. Businesses and most private non-profits may apply for up to \$2 million to cover disaster losses not fully covered by insurance. Affected homeowners and renters are strongly encouraged to complete the SBA disaster loan application, as those who do not qualify for an SBA loan may later be eligible for other assistance. Applicants may immediately obtain information and loan applications by calling the SBA's Customer Service Center at 1-800-659-2955 by emailing DisasterCustomerService@sba.gov

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Issue No. 14: Gambling Addiction

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Date:	03/02/2024
Time(s):	7:04 AM 12:06 PM

Guest(s): Kelly Primus, Deputy Secretary of PA Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs

Topics: Problem Gambling Awareness Month

Gambling is legal in many states across America, including both the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Empire State. Although it is legal, it has resulted in personal problems for the public at large. March has been designated Problem Gambling Awareness Month. WPEL's Clint Gregory has more.

Issue No. 15: Mental Health

Program Title: Special Assignment
Source/Type: Local/Public Affairs
Duration: 5 Minutes 11 Seconds
Date: 03/23/2024
Time(s): 7:04 AM 12:06 PM

Guest(s): Jamie Bird, Assistant Executive Director of Camp Freedom

Topics: Assistance for veterans and first responders mental health

Veterans and first responders often encounter events that affect them for the rest of their lives. Some physically, others from traumatic events that affect their mental health. Many organizations have been started to assist these survivors with recovery and support as they move forward in life. One such organization is Camp Freedom in Carbondale, Pennsylvania. WPEL's Clint Gregory has more.

Program Title: Special Assignment
Source/Type: Local/Public Affairs
Duration: 5 Minutes 8 Seconds
Date: 03/30/2024
Time(s): 7:04 AM 12:06 PM

Guest(s): Dr. Val Arkoosh, Secretary of the PA Department of Human Services

Topics: Access to services for individuals with intellectual disabilities and autism

Intellectual disabilities and autism impact the lives of many people in the Keystone State. Adding to their challenges has been access to services that improve quality of life. The Pennsylvania Department of Human Services held a roundtable event recently to discuss the governor's proposed budget and how it is supposed to benefit those with intellectual disabilities and autism. This roundtable event follows the Senate Appropriations Committee hearings from March 5 that discussed this portion of the state budget. WPEL's Clint Gregory has more.