

## WDIY public files programming for Quarter 1, 2024

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### ***Cultural Vitality***

**Lehigh Valley Arts/Culture Salon-Weekly program Monday 6 pm - 30 minutes**

1/1/24

**Inside Dish Edition**-The first Monday of the month means a new episode of *The Inside Dish!* Today, Mike Drabenstott welcomes Alan Pitotti of Dolce Patisserie, a bakery in Hellertown serving handcrafted artisan chocolates, cakes, pastries, and other desserts. Then, Mike talks with Milissa and Eric Smith of Richmond Farm & Brewery, the Lehigh Valley's first farm brewery and restaurant in Bangor.

1/8/24

Kate Scuffle welcomes Basement Poetry co-founder and Allentown Art Museum Community Art+Action fellow Chloe Cole-Wilson to discuss her new exhibit coming to the museum as part of their MLK Jr. Day celebration. "Restoring Petals" curates captivating choral, spoken word, and musical performances which beautifully narrate tales of love, life, and healing amidst the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

1/22/24

Kate Scuffle previews the innovative Notations Series, made up of writers sharing their words, poetry, gifts, and thoughts, coming to the Ice House in Bethlehem on Thursday, January 25 at 7:30 p.m. Kate welcomes Notations Series co-founder and writer Stephanie Powell Watts, critically acclaimed novelist Jennifer Gilmore and renowned author Lee Upton.

1/29/24

*Kate Scuffle* will be interviewing Sarah Carlson, the Artistic Director of DanceLink and Composer Vernon Mobley. Sarah Carlson has teamed up with composer Vernon J. Mobley to explore the universal spectrum of trauma in a program inspired by Bessel van der Kolk's well-known book of the same name. ArtsQuest Steelstacks is presenting "The Body Keeps the Score: Dancing with Trauma and Recovery", on Thursday, February 8 at 7:30pm in the Musikfest Cafe.

**2/5/24**

It's a sweet episode of *The Inside Dish!* In this encore episode, Heidi Stahl begins by welcoming Brooke Dietrick from The Truffle Bar to talk about what a truffle is, its signature texture, her 18 different truffle flavors, and how sweet-tooths can attend an event at The Truffle Bar. Next, Heidi welcomes Lindsey Weber from Marvelous Macarons by Lindsey to talk about the delicate little French pastries and why you should always "pray for feet" when making them, the variety of flavors from Oreo to lemon curd to "Deadpool," whether a savory macaron is actually a thing, as well as how she got into making macarons to raise awareness about Alzheimer's and cancer.

**2/12/24**

Kate Scuffle welcomes author and professor Jill Schennum to discuss her new book, *As Goes Bethlehem*, about steelworkers and the restructuring of an industrial working class, and her upcoming Authors Talk at the National Museum of Industrial History.

**2/19/24**

Kate Scuffle previews the upcoming exhibition from the Bethlehem Fine Arts Commission (BFAC), "Glass Works," on display at the Bethlehem Rotunda Gallery from February 22 to April 2. Kate welcomes Jim DePietro, BFAC Commissioner and accomplished artist, along with artist Barbara Kozero. They talk about what's in store for the exhibition, the other talented artists who are involved, what makes glass so magical, and more.

**2/26/24**

Kate Scuffle talks with creative collaborators Jason Hedrington and Christopher Shorr about *HeadEye: The Musical...* a mind-bending musical mission through intergalactic space making a planet earth premiere at Touchstone Theatre from February 29 through March 10.

**3/4/24**

Mike Drabenstott sits down with Amirah Mitchell from Sistah Seeds, a business preserving seeds and cultivating produce from African, African American, and Afro-Caribbean cultures, along with Tammie Rinker and Dawn Fenner from Essentials Café, a pay-what-you-can café in Bethlehem fostering community through accessible food assistance.

**3/11/24**

Kate Scuffle sits down with award-winning Pottsville author Barbara Crooker, who has written 12 chapbooks and 9 previous full-length books of poetry. Her newest collection of poetry, *Slow Wreckage*, has just been published by Grayson Books.

**3/18/24**

Kate Scuffle welcomes New York/Allentown-based artist Angela Fraleigh to discuss her new exhibition at the Allentown Art Museum — Threaded with Moonlight. Fraleigh's work combines large-scale paintings and smaller textile pieces that highlight women throughout history and the symbols that they used to feel power.

**3/25/24**

Lights, camera, action! The Allentown Film Festival is returning to venues throughout the Queen City in April. Today on Lehigh Valley Arts Salon, Kate Scuffle welcomes festival founders Alan Younkin and Michael Schelp to tell us all about the 171 films in store for this year — including a Spanish screening block, an arthouse horror thrillers block, the "Augie Challenge," and more.

***Business, education, political, social, environmental and economic topics***

**Lehigh Valley public affairs-Weekly programs Thursday 6 pm - 60 minutes**

**1/4/24**

**Teen Scientist Edition**-Rayna Malhotra welcomes Avi Shah, a student researcher from India to discuss his study, "Effective Field Theories for Inflationary Cosmology," how he got into science, and what he finds fascinating both inside and outside of STEM.

**1/11/24**

**Active Lehigh Valley**-Greg Capogna welcomes Chris Barrett, President and CEO of the Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau to talk about ways to stay active during the winter in the Poconos. Topics covered include skiing, snow-boarding, cross country excursions and scenic hiking.

**Let's Talk Edition**-In the next half hour, Dr. Batts welcomes Shoshanah Tornberg, a Rabbi and leader in the Allentown Jewish community, to talk about the Jewish faith, building a community based on care and support, and the everyday struggles of being Jewish, especially during the ongoing Israel/Hamas conflict

**1/25/24**

**Perspectives Edition**-Guests Kathleen and Peter Dent tell of their adventure with Kenya Connect. They saw many challenges in rural Kenya for residents there, such as procuring water, transportation problems with dirt roads, schools for girls, and more. Eye-opening.

**Charla Comunitaria Edition**-In the next half hour, Aurea Ortiz welcomes Liza Perez Leon, Outreach Manager at Oak Street Health. They discuss Liza's passionate story of hard work, faith, and perseverance. Her life in Puerto Rico was upended by Hurricane Maria in 2017, after which she moved to Bethlehem and was forced to reinvent herself. Liza now helps seniors in the Lehigh Valley navigate the difficult waters of Medicare and other lifesaving services. Aurea and Liza discuss Medicare and other important programs and free services offered by Oak Street Health.

**2/1/24**

**Teen Scientist Edition**-Rayna Malhorta welcomes Lin Erickson, Executive Director and CEO of the Da Vinci Science Center to talk about her journey to leading a successful science center, the excitement of planning for their move to a new world-class facility in Allentown, and the importance of having a resource like this center in the community.

**Teen Money Matters Edition**-In the next half hour, Jayaditya Kothari welcomes Parkland High School student Aadhavan Raja and Dr. McKay Price, professor in the Perella Department of Finance and the Webster A. Collins and Murray H. Goodman Chair in Real Estate Finance at Lehigh University to talk about real estate from both a teen and professional perspective and the current state of the field.

**2/8/24**

**Active Lehigh Valley Edition**-Greg interviews Mark Zakutansky, Director of Conservation Policy Engagement at Appalachian Mountain Club, to talk about rock climbing as a fun activity to do year-round.

**Let's Talk Edition**-In the next half hour, Dr. Batts sits down with his friend Raoul "Great" McFall, to talk about the time he spent in federal prison, how being incarcerated while also trying to be a good father motivated him to be great, and how he still struggles with reentry into everyday society because of the kind of person you're forced to become in prison.

**2/15/24**

Sally Handlon sits down with Brett Bacho, president of Kitchen Magic, to talk about the importance of making an area like the kitchen where everyone gravitates to look pleasing, the Kitchen Magic business approach, and Brett's leadership practices and considerations for a family-owned business.

**Charla Comunitaria Edition**-In the next half hour, Aurea Ortiz interviews State Representative Steve Samuelson. Rep. Samuelson will be announcing the good news on a state grant for Bethlehem, new information on Rent Rebates for Seniors, information on 2024 Constituent Services that his state office provides, protection for our seniors and people with disabilities, and much more.

**2/22/24**

**Perspectives Edition**-On George Washington's 292nd birthday, guest Jeffrey Finegan talks about his 4th book from his *I Knew George Washington* series. Finegan's

narrators tell what they knew by living close to our first President. This 4th book is narrated by Washington's step granddaughter, Nelly Custis. John says that, like the first three books, *My Dear Grandpapa* is beautifully illustrated.

**Charla Comunitaria Edition**-In the next half hour, Aurea Ortiz met with Sarah Satullo from the City of Bethlehem and Donna Taggart from Taggart Associates to talk about the new community center planned for Southside Bethlehem -- they'll discuss the strict process the city must follow to get this project done and the final vision that seeks to bring much-needed resources to the community.

**2/29/24**

**El-Chaar Chronicles Edition**-This evening's program features two segments. PA State Representative Mary Jo Daley and Stephanie Wein, Clean Water and Conservation Advocate with PennEnvironment, provide an update on the recent grant award toward protecting critical animal habitats, including wildlife corridors. Then, in celebration of National Women's History Month (March), PA Sinfonia Orchestra conductor Paul Chou and Principal Flute Christine Moulton discuss the March 2 concert featuring the music of historically significant female composers and the pre-concert panel discussion of five successful women in the arts and business arenas.

**3/7/24**

**Teen Scientist Edition**-This program features Maxime Buck, a teenager from Luxembourg who created his own virtual reality game, to talk about the creation process, its struggles and successes, and how it could revolutionize the gaming industry.

**Inside the 610 Edition**-In the next half hour, Michael Frassetto sits down with Tony Ortiz and Chris Ormeno, two content creators who are navigating the constantly-evolving media world and pushing for success in their own independent ways.

**3/14/24**

John Dodds hosts this week's *Active Lehigh Valley* with guest Ken Szydlow to talk about his hobby of beekeeping, common facts, myths about bees, and the importance of the insects to our world.

**3/21/24**

**Special Edition**-Sally Handlon merges *Lehigh Valley Business Beat* and *Wellness Lehigh Valley* this week. Sally Handlon sits with K. Scott Sine and Bruce Wilson of Grid & Energy Master Planning (GEMM) to share ways to not only make your business facility more sustainable, but also the potential financial value of doing so.

**Yana Lehigh Valley**-In the next half hour, WDIY's new Youth Media Program students, Brannagh Breslin and Diya Sharma, host the debut episode of our latest monthly show, *YANA LV*. The title stands for "You Are Not Alone, Lehigh Valley" and is focused on mental health issues and discussions.

On this episode, Brannagh and Diya talk with Herman Abuchowski, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, advocate for continual self-improvement, and a firm believer that you can achieve any goal with enough motivation. He is an avid hobbyist, has competed in multiple races, sparring competitions, and earned his 3rd degree black belt in Wushu — all with a prosthetic foot.

**3/28/24**

**Perspectives Edition**-Our topic is trailblazing women in US history. Guest Jill Youngken is Assistant Director and Head Curator at the Lehigh Valley Heritage in Allentown. You will learn about women whose names may be new to you, e.g. Hannah Callowhill Penn (William Penn's wife), Jeannette Rankin (politician), Maria Mitchell (astronomer), Bessy Coleman (pilot), Alice Ball (cure for leprosy), Harriet Baker (preacher).

**Charla Comunitaria Edition**-In the next half hour, Aurea Ortiz talks with Nancy Matos Gonzalez about her experience as a judge and how her work shaped her to be the strong and unique human she is today.

***Chamber, city and township news and events***

**Community public affairs programs Monday 6:30 pm - 30 minutes**

**1/1/24**

**Plan Lehigh Valley Edition**-Greg Capogna and co-hosts Becky Bradley and Matt Assad of the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC) welcome LVPC planner Brian Hite to talk about the important but less-discussed transportation projects done in 2023.

**1/8/24**

**Plan Lehigh Valley Edition**-Catch an encore presentation of the latest *Plan Lehigh Valley* where Greg Capogna and co-hosts Becky Bradley and Matt Assad of the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC) welcome LVPC planner Brian Hite to talk about the important but less-discussed transportation projects done in 2023.

**1/15/24**

**1/22/24**

**Healthbeat Edition**-Catch an encore presentation of Greg Capogna's conversation with Christopher Kocher, President of the Wildlands Conservancy, discussing the organization's programs and resources offered to the community, and how having nature and healthy spaces connects to and benefits health.

**1/29/24**

**2/5/24**

**Plan Lehigh Valley Edition**-Greg Caponga, along with co-hosts Matt Assad and Becky Bradley, interview Jill Seitz and Hannah Milagio. Jill Seitz is the Senior Community Planner and Hannah Milagio is the Program Associate for Community Engagement, both at the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission. They sit down with *Plan Lehigh Valley* to discuss their Planning for All Campaign, which aims to cater to the needs of our diverse community.

**2/12/24**

**Young Valley Leaders Edition**-Catch the premiere WDIY's newest monthly show, Young Valley Leaders with host Louis Holzman! The debut episode will feature guest Will Seng, acting executive director of HR for the Allentown School District, a real estate investor, and a member of the Allentown Young Professionals. Will talks about his work with the ASD, how he feels indebted to the community that raised and educated him, and the benefits of being involved in the community and professional organizations.

**2/19/24**

Greg Capogna interviews Chloe Cole-Wilson about her Allentown Art Museum exhibit, "Restoring Petals." The immersive experience explores mental health, trauma, and healing during the COVID-19 pandemic, highlighting the positive impact of self-expression through art.

**2/26/24**

**A Closer Look Edition**-Laurie Hackett sits with Jason King Jones, Artistic Director at the PA Shakespeare Festival and Carol Obando-Derstine, Regional Affairs Director at PPL to talk about their paths to their positions, their reasons for being involved in the larger community, and what service really means to them.

**3/4/24**

**Plan Lehigh Valley Edition**-Host Greg Capogna discusses the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission's Priority Climate Action Plan, the first in the region, which focuses on reducing carbon emissions created by the transportation sector.

**3/11/24**

**Young Valley Leaders Edition**-WDIY's newest monthly program, *Young Valley Leaders*, returns for its second episode. Louis Holzman welcomes Sara Kanoff Martinez to talk about her work with Mindful Childhood Initiative, a nonprofit bringing mindfulness techniques and teaching to youth in the Lehigh Valley area.

**3/18/24**

**Health Beat Edition**-Greg Capogna a discussion with Edward Meehan from the Leonard Parker Poole Institute for Health about his journey from childhood in a diverse community to advocating for that same level of inclusion and equity throughout his career and to this day.

**3/25/24**

**A Closer Look Edition**-Laurie Hackett meets with Nancy Dischinat, Executive Director of Workforce Board LV, to talk about her years of work and her dedication to the community, then Diane Donaher (District Governor) and Sal Vaerastro (Emmaus Rotary President) to talk about the Rotary, its importance in the community, and its worldwide efforts

***Financial Awareness for consumers and business owners***

**Your Financial Choices-Weekly program Wednesday 6 pm - 60 minutes**

**1/3/24**

This week's show: A punch list of financial resolutions. Topics will include savings, credit account details, retirement and investing. Laurie Siebert will be live in the studio. Listeners can ask questions live during the program at 610-758-8810. Questions can also be submitted any time before the program at [yourfinancialchoices.com](https://yourfinancialchoices.com)

**1/10/24**

This week's show: Managing Cash Flow while Working and in Retirement.

Laurie Siebert will be live in the studio. Listeners can ask questions live during the program at 610-758-8810. Questions can also be submitted any time before the program at [yourfinancialchoices.com](https://yourfinancialchoices.com).

**1/17/24**

**1/24/24**

This week's show: Getting Ready for Tax Preparation. Laurie Siebert will be live in the studio. Listeners can ask questions live during the program at 610-758-8810. Questions can also be submitted any time before the program at [yourfinancialchoices.com](https://yourfinancialchoices.com).

**1/31/24**

This week's show: Cybersecurity with Rob Ziobro. Laurie and Rob will be live in the studio. Listeners can ask questions live during the program at 610-758-8810. Questions can also be submitted any time before the program at [yourfinancialchoices.com](https://yourfinancialchoices.com)

**2/7/24**

This week's show: Investment Income and Tax Reporting. Laurie will be live in the studio. Listeners can ask questions live during the program at 610-758-8810. Questions can also be submitted any time before the program at [yourfinancialchoices.com](https://yourfinancialchoices.com)

**2/14/24**

This week, enjoy a program from the *Your Financial Choices* archives: Investment Options and Considerations. In this encore broadcast, Laurie Siebert welcomes Joe Goldfeder, CFP and Financial Advisor from Valley National Financial Advisors to talk about different investment options and considerations. Laurie Siebert won't be live in the studio, but listeners can submit questions in advance of the next live episode of *Your Financial Choices* online at [yourfinancialchoices.com](https://yourfinancialchoices.com).

**2/21/24**

This week's show: Listeners' Tax Questions. Topics include filing for free, filing services and the cost involved, proper deductions and organizing documents both physical and digital. Laurie will be live in the studio. Listeners can ask questions live during the program at 610-758-8810. Questions can also be submitted any time before the program at [yourfinancialchoices.com](https://yourfinancialchoices.com)

**2/28/24**

This week's show: Avoiding Estate Planning Mistakes with Attorney Peter Iorio from Fitzpatrick Lentz and Bubba. Laurie and Peter will be live in the studio. Listeners can ask questions live during the program at 610-758-8810. Questions can also be submitted any time before the program at [yourfinancialchoices.com](https://yourfinancialchoices.com).

**3/6/24**

This week's show: 2024 Tax Planning Now. Additional information from the previous program including filing tips and what to do in case you must file an extension. Laurie will be live in the studio. Listeners can ask questions live during the program at 610-758-8810. Questions can also be submitted anytime before the program at [yourfinancialchoices.com](https://yourfinancialchoices.com)

**3/13/24**

This week's show: Listeners' Tax Questions. Additional tax questions explored including Federal, State and local with planning tips for next year's filing deadline. Laurie will be live in the studio. Listeners can ask questions live during the program at 610-758-8810. Questions can also be submitted any time before the program at [yourfinancialchoices.com](https://yourfinancialchoices.com)

**3/20/24**

This week's show: Inheriting Something? What should you know? Laurie will be live in the studio. Listeners can ask questions live during the program at 610-758-8810. Questions can also be submitted any time before the program at [yourfinancialchoices.com](https://yourfinancialchoices.com)

**3/27/24**

This week's show: Laurie's random thoughts on financial topics. Laurie will be live in the studio. Listeners can ask questions live during the program at 610-758-8810. Questions can also be submitted anytime before the program at [yourfinancialchoices.com](https://yourfinancialchoices.com)