

Date 1/30/2022 **Station** WZUM & WZUM-FM
Item Two Rivers 30 Minutes
Topic: Locating a high-tech business in North Braddock
Guests Ben Peoples of Ben Peoples Industries

Description Ben Peoples' company designs sophisticated lighting systems for Broadway theaters and architectural landmarks. How did he get into this business? Why has lighting become such an important decorative feature on so many new structures? How has the technology changed? What are possible career paths for people interested in similar careers? Why did Peoples decide to invest in North Braddock and what advice would he have for other entrepreneurs interested in the Mon Valley?

Date 2/13/2022 **Station** WZUM & WZUM-FM
Item Two Rivers 30 Minutes
Topic: Bringing local residents financial stability
Guests Alena Anderson, Community Impact Manager, Moving to Financial Stability, United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania

Description For years, United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania has arranged free tax preparation services for residents of the Pittsburgh region who make below a certain household income annually. How much in refunds and credits have residents been able to receive through this program? Who are the tax preparers and how are they trained? How does United Way partner with other agencies to provide additional services that support financial stability, including financial literacy education and first-time homeowner assistance? How has United Way's 2-1-1 service helped support local families during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic?

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Item Two Rivers 30 Minutes
Topic: The redistricting process, mergers in the state university system, and proposals
Guests State Sen. Jim Brewster

Description The redistricting process, mergers in the state university system, and proposals to privatize Pennsylvania's wine and spirits stores.

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How Topic Discussed: How are state senate and state house districts drawn? How has that made the upcoming May primary more challenging for potential candidates? Why are Pennsylvania's state-owned universities contemplating a merger, including three in Western Pennsylvania? What is the latest proposal to privatize Pennsylvania's wine and spirits stores? What benefit do the stores provide to Pennsylvania taxpayers? What is the argument for keeping the current

Date 3/13/2022 **Station** WZUM & WZUM-FM
Item Two Rivers 30 Minutes
Topic: Creating a "Harbor of Hope" in a time of trouble
Guests Norma Saputo and Michael Tomcik of Port Vue United Methodist Church

Description Port Vue United Methodist Church is opening its doors to the community for 24 weeks to create a "harbor of hope" for people feeling stress, disconnection or other alienation. Why was the project modeled after 12-step programs? How will each weekly session be conducted? Who is being invited to participate? What is the church hoping to accomplish with the program? How will the program provide scriptural lessons that participants can apply to understand and cope with current, everyday problems?

Date 3/20/2022 **Station** WZUM & WZUM-FM

Item Two Rivers 30 Minutes

Topic: What does the new McKeesport Transportation Center mean to the Mon Valley

Guests McKeesport Mayor Michael Cherepko, state Sen. Jim Brewster, and remarks from state Rep. Austin Davis, Port Authority CEO Katharine Kellerman and Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald.

Description A new \$4 million transportation center was dedicated in Downtown McKeesport on March 17, 2022. What does this facility mean to the entire Mon Valley area? What synergies are local officials hoping that this facility will help generate to attract residents and businesses? What other strategies are being deployed to make the downtown area more attractive? How does transit help drive business investment?

Date 3/27/2022 **Station** WZUM & WZUM-FM

Item Two Rivers 30 Minutes

Topic: Keeping the faith in challenging times

Guests Community leader the Rev. Earlene Coleman, pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church in McKeesport

Description Rev. Coleman is pastor of a large, mostly African-American church in McKeesport, serving everyone from retired judges to ex-cons. What are the needs of the community she serves? How does her church try to meet those needs? What does it mean to stay in a "no judgement zone"? How does she persevere when she feels discouraged? Originally aired: 10-26-2018

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Topic: Studying the Mon Valley's efforts to reinvent itself

Guests Rick Stafford, distinguished service professor, Heinz College, Carnegie Mellon University

Description Rick Stafford teaches students who are earning their master's degrees in public administration and frequently uses the Mon Valley area as a real-life laboratory for them to put theory into practice. What do his students learn from studying the Mon Valley? How has their work benefited Mon Valley residents? How does the story of de-industrialization in the Mon Valley mirror communities across the United States? How is the socio-economic situation in the Mon Valley evolving? What lessons can the Mon Valley learn from other communities who are facing similar struggles?