

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS REPORT**  
**for**  
**WQPX-TV**  
**Scranton, Pennsylvania**  
**for**  
**FOURTH QUARTER ENDING: December 31, 2016**

In accordance with Section 73.3526(e)(11)(i) of the Federal Communications Commission's rules, the following, in the opinion of WQPX-TV, are the problems and needs of the community for the period noted above. They are not necessarily listed in order of importance. Each is identified by significant public affairs and/or public service programming in response to these needs.

1. Failing Scranton Economy
2. Health Care Reform
3. Drug Trafficking
4. Crime Rate
5. Winter Road Conditions/Road Construction
6. Steamtown Mall sale/New owners/New business
7. Pet Care/SPCA Issues
8. End of Life Care/Hospice Care
9. Entrepreneurship/Starting a Business
10. College Tuition

A detailed summary of each program's content, including guests, affiliations and date of broadcast is included in this report.

**"Northeast Current"** is WQPX-TV's locally-produced 30 minute public affairs program covering human interest related issues and affairs that are important to Scranton-Wilkes Barre and the surrounding area community. We welcome non-profits, authors, artists, musicians, community leaders, and other influential people. This 30 minute show premiered in March 2001 "Northeast Current" has been a great tool to get the word out about the station and have a local presence. Past guests (live in-studio or via satellite) include Billy Ray Cyrus, Georgia Engel, Dan Goggin, Chris Noth, Hector Elizondo, Jillian Michaels, Denise Austin, Mario Lopez, Tyler Florence, Leeza Gibbons, Joan Lunden, Patty Duke, Cat Cora, Cal Ripken Jr., Ronald McDonald House, Salvation Army, Center for Independent Living, Lackawanna Humane society, Everhart Museum, Area Agency on Aging, American Red Cross, Lupus Foundation, Lackawanna County Visitors Center and the Girl Scouts. "Northeast Current" was the recipient of a Bronze Telly Award in 2006 & 2009 and a Silver Telly Award in 2005 & 2007. [www.tellyawards.com](http://www.tellyawards.com)

**"destinatIOns"** is a 30 minute public affairs program covering human interest related issues and affairs that are important to Scranton-Wilkes Barre and the surrounding area community. The focus of the show is to bring awareness, educate and enlarge the viewing public's understanding of community and human interest issues relevant to their lives. The show is based on a walk-through tour of a community-serving facility with a media coordinator from the facility, an informational presentation by a local historian, local political events such as town council meetings or even meetings by charitable organizations that serve the counties that make up our viewing area.

**"Pets Best Friend"** is a 30 minute public affairs show hosted by Sam Lesante that discusses pet care, pet adoption, and ASPCA issues. Dr. Inayat Kathio is a veterinarian from Kingston, PA, that dedicates his life to helping people with their pets and traveling to underdeveloped countries such as Israel, Pakistan and Mexico to do charity work with their animals. He is a consultant to the United Nations and tries to bring American technology to these countries to help the animals.

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Topic/Title: Wyoming Valley Civil War Roundtable Part 3  
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Style/Type: Discussion  
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Topic/Title: Scranton Cultural Center/Inspiring Communities  
Duration: 30 minutes  
Style/Type: Interview Format  
Source: WQPX-TV  
Issue(s) Addressed: local art/local entertainment/historical venue/local events /reaching goals  
Hosts: Jennifer Amazon  
Jason Miller  
Guests: John Murray – Board of Directors, Scranton Cultural Center  
Deb Peterson- Exec. Director, Scranton Cultural Center  
Nancy LeaMond – AARP Ex VP, Community, State & National Affairs

Today we are on location at the Scranton Cultural Center at the Masonic Temple. The Cultural Center's mission statement is "to rejuvenate a national architectural structure as a regional center for arts, education and community activities appealing to all ages." The Cultural Center hosts national Broadway tours; professional and local musical and dramatic theatre offerings; local, regional and national orchestral and popular music, dance and opera; comedians, lecturers, art exhibits, a children's and performing arts academy and various classes as well as fundraiser galas and special events including proms, luncheons, private parties and is a popular wedding ceremony and reception venue. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. We are joined by John Murray and Deb Peterson to help promote their upcoming fundraiser "100 for 100 Raffle". They have 97 prizes valued at \$100 or more. They are giving \$40,000 in prizes. The top 3 cash prizes are \$10,000 and they have many baskets, gift cards to give away. They are only selling a thousand tickets to be sure to call to get yours or stop in at the box office. Great chance to win! Drawing is October 7<sup>th</sup>. This fundraiser is to help many restorations to the center. There is 188,000 square feet of this national historic site and its in need of repair. Please help in their mission to preserve this local treasure. They discuss some of their activities that take place in the cultural center which include their partner, Broadway Theater, Arts Engage, First Friday events, and educational programs for kids that include learning to make theatrical props and other artworks programs. Its easy to get involved and they always need their volunteers. Call to get involved and help spread the word.

[www.sccmt.org](http://www.sccmt.org) 570-346-7369 ext.105

What makes a neighborhood a place we want to live? Today Nancy LeaMond, Executive Vice President of Community, State and National Affairs, AARP, will discuss more than 100 initiatives launched by mayors nationwide to address pressing issues. From housing and transportation to civic participation and social inclusion, these inspiring leaders have improved communities for people of all ages. Nancy will also share tips and resources for creating great communities and highlight the most age-friendly communities in the country. They were excited about our newest local venture of the Marketplace at Steamtown! [www.aarp.org/wherewelive](http://www.aarp.org/wherewelive)

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Topic/Title: Pets Best Friend – July 2016  
Duration: 30 minutes  
Style/Type: Interview Format  
Source: Samson Productions  
Issue(s) Addressed: international affairs/diplomacy/charitable work/pets/pet care  
Hosts: Sam Lesante  
Guests: I.H.Kathio, DVM – Veterinarian/Pakistan Consulate  
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Topic/Title: Colonial Spinners Part 1  
Duration: 30 Minutes  
Style/Type: Walking Tour  
Source: Tobias Productions  
Issue Addressed: history/local history/colonial life/spinning/knitting/making clothes/dollmaking/military maneuvers  
Hosts: Caron Nelson – Denison Advocate  
Alys Roote – Denison Advocate  
Katie Kearney – Reenactor  
Matthew Lyons – Living History Reenactor  
Jeffrey Smith – Living History Reenactor  
Irene Moran – Denison Advocate

Born in Windham, Connecticut, Nathan Denison was one of the first forty shareholders in the Susquehanna Company to settle five new towns or townships in the Wyoming Valley in February of 1769. Denison became a popular leader of the pioneer settlers from Connecticut. As colonel of the local militia, Denison distinguished himself in the ill-fated Battle of Wyoming and negotiated the resultant surrender of Forty Fort to the British. Forty Fort was named for the 40 settlers that originally came to this area from Connecticut. In 1790, Nathan Denison built his house on the western bank of Abrams Creek in then Kingston Township. Its located at 35 Denison Street, Forty Fort, Pennsylvania. He lived here until his death in 1809. We get to meet some advocates who are committed to being a part of living history. Living history is showing the way of life of our ancestors and colonists. They hopes to keep that life alive and educate others so they can learn how daily life was. Today Caron shows us in details how the box loom works, that there were no zippers or elastic back then, and how she manipulates the yarn to make clothes. Alys shows us the jack loom and how that works and more about the fabric. Katie shows us more about the spindle and how important that was to making the clothes. Matt & Jeff who are dressed as soldiers of the 24<sup>th</sup> Connecticut Militia Regiment tell us about how life for a soldier in 1777. They recount about soldiers joining General Washington on his way to NJ and the many battles fought there as well as the famous Battle of Wyoming which is so important to our history. Irene shows us the colonial dolls that she makes and shares with the townspeople. They are made exactly how dolls and cornhusk dolls were made back in Colonial times.

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The West Players are hosting their 5th annual Haunted Hallways!!! This year's theme is sinister scenes from literature. Alice in Wonderland...10 Little Indians...Hansel & Gretel...seemingly harmless stories until you dig much deeper!!! A tour guide will take you through 2 levels of shocking scenes. Each one more intriguing and frightening than the next. A truly great experience for you as you get to interact with the actors! Only \$7 for students and \$10 for adults. So affordable compared to the haunted hayrides in our local area! This student-run event will help to raise funds for West Scranton's upcoming large theatrical productions. This Saturday and Sunday Oct 22 & 23 from 6-10pm at West Scranton High School. Children under 8 not advised to enter.

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Program: destinatIOns Episode: Colonial 1  
Airdate: Tuesday, October 25, 2016 6:30am  
Topic/Title: Colonial Spinners Part 1  
Duration: 30 Minutes  
Style/Type: Walking Tour  
Source: Tobias Productions  
Issue Addressed: history/local history/colonial life/spinning/knitting/making clothes/dollmaking/military maneuvers  
Hosts: Caron Nelson – Denison Advocate  
Alys Roote – Denison Advocate  
Katie Kearney – Reenactor  
Matthew Lyons – Living History Reenactor  
Jeffrey Smith – Living History Reenactor  
Irene Moran – Denison Advocate

Born in Windham, Connecticut, Nathan Denison was one of the first forty shareholders in the Susquehanna Company to settle five new towns or townships in the Wyoming Valley in February of 1769. Denison became a popular leader of the pioneer settlers from Connecticut. As colonel of the local militia, Denison distinguished himself in the ill-fated Battle of Wyoming and negotiated the resultant surrender of Forty Fort to the British. Forty Fort was named for the 40 settlers that originally came to this area from Connecticut. In 1790, Nathan Denison built his house on the western bank of Abrams Creek in then Kingston Township. Its located at 35 Denison Street, Forty Fort, Pennsylvania. He lived here until his death in 1809. We get to meet some advocates who are committed to being a part of living history. Living history is showing the way of life of our ancestors and colonists. They hopes to keep that life alive and educate others so they can learn how daily life was. Today Caron shows us in details how the box loom works, that there were no zippers or elastic back then, and how she manipulates the yarn to make clothes. Alys shows us the jack loom and how that works and more about the fabric. Katie shows us more about the spindle and how important that was to making the clothes. Matt & Jeff who are dressed as soldiers of the 24<sup>th</sup> Connecticut Militia Regiment tell us about how life for a soldier in 1777. They recount about soldiers joining General Washington on his way to NJ and the many battles fought there as well as the famous Battle of Wyoming which is so important to our history. Irene shows us the colonial dolls that she makes and shares with the townspeople. They are made exactly how dolls and cornhusk dolls were made back in Colonial times.

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Program: Northeast Current Episode: Mental/Politics  
Air Date: Thursday, October 27, 2016 6:00am  
Topic/Title: Nat. Alliance on Mental Illness/Politics Education  
Duration: 30 minutes  
Style/Type: Interview Format  
Source: WQPX-TV  
Issue(s) Addressed: mental illness/health care/mental health/charitable event/political race/kids & politics  
Hosts: Tammy Saunders  
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Guests: Marie Onukiavage – Ex. Directory, Nat Alliance for Mental Illness Scranton  
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Program: Northeast Current Episode: West/Flipping/Politics  
Air Date: Thursday, October 27, 2016 6:30am  
Topic/Title: West Players/Flipping Houses/Politics Education  
Duration: 30 minutes  
Style/Type: Interview Format  
Source: WQPX-TV  
Issue(s) Addressed: community events/kids events/local theater/literature/flipping homes/entrepreneurs/setting goals/political race/kids & politics  
Hosts: Jason Miller  
Guests: Kaeli Martinelli  
Diana Gonzalez  
Ian Schmidt  
Alexis Smith  
Lauren Gilbert  
Than Merrill- Former NFL, CEO & Founder, Fortune Builders  
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The West Players are hosting their 5th annual Haunted Hallways!!! This year's theme is sinister scenes from literature. Alice in Wonderland...10 Little Indians...Hansel & Gretel...seemingly harmless stories until you dig much deeper!!! A tour guide will take you through 2 levels of shocking scenes. Each one more intriguing and frightening than the next. A truly great experience for you as you get to interact with the actors! Only \$7 for students and \$10 for adults. So affordable compared to the haunted hayrides in our local area! This student-run event will help to raise funds for West Scranton's upcoming large theatrical productions. This Saturday and Sunday Oct 22 & 23 from 6-10pm at West Scranton High School. Children under 8 not advised to enter.

Admit it, you've watched the plethora of house flipping show marathons and thought "I could do that!" It seems so easy: find a fixer-upper, do some fun projects, maybe hire a contractor and sell it for a huge profit! You might even think "I can do this and quit my day job!" But is it really that easy? Joining us via satellite from San Diego this morning to talk about the essential questions we should be asking before buying that first 'flip' house is CEO and founder of FortuneBuilders, former NFL player, television host AND author, Than Merrill. Than has bought and sold hundreds of properties nationwide and now wants to educate others about taking that first step in the real estate game. [www.thanmerrill.com](http://www.thanmerrill.com)

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Topic/Title: Wysocki Camp Part 2  
Duration: 30 Minutes  
Style/Type: Training Camp  
Source: Tobias Productions  
Issue Addressed: local history/achieving goals/overcoming obstacles/football/high school football/athletics  
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Style/Type: Training Camp  
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Air Date: Thursday, November 10, 2016 6:00am  
Topic/Title: Teen Driver Safety Week Part 2/Sheryl Crow  
Duration: 30 minutes  
Style/Type: Panel Discussion  
Source: WQPX-TV  
Issue(s) Addressed: teen driving/texting and driving/driving safety/car accidents/breast cancer/cancer screenings  
Hosts: Mike Taluto  
Jason Miller  
Guests: Debbie Clark- Geisinger Community Medical Center  
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Chief Carl Graziano – Scranton Police Department  
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Sheryl Crow – Breast Cancer Survivor  
Dr. Linda Greer- Radiologist

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Airdate: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 6:00am  
Topic/Title: Blog Con Part 1  
Duration: 30 Minutes  
Style/Type: Seminar  
Source: Tobias Productions  
Issue Addressed: blogging/reaching goals/writing/social media  
Hosts: Kelly Frey –Public Relations Assistant, Penn State Worthington  
Guests: K. April Holgate- Actress, Blogger, Photographer, Book Reviewer

NEPA Blog Con 2016 is a blogging and social media conference. Everyone is welcome to join in to find out new ways to blog, new trends in blogging and strategies to improve blogging techniques. NEPA Blog Con is an annual, day-long conference that's so much more than your average "Hey, let's talk about blogging," event. Its great if you're looking to learn the REAL scoop behind what makes the blogosphere the place to be nowadays. Besides offering a chance to network with fellow post slingers, NEPA Blog Con will include panels and sessions related to blogging, social media, marketing, Internet culture, creativity, technology, and more. There's no other resource like it in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Don't worry if you're not a blogger – NEPA Blog Con is an event that draws students, educators, coaches, marketing pros, small business owners, non-profit multitaskers, creative types, and anyone else that's interested in learning more about how to communicate more effectively online and make the most of the latest technology tools. People come from all over, as far as Texas, to this event. Today we hear from K. April Holgate who fills us in on how to get freebies for your blog to review and giveaway. [www.nepablogcon.com](http://www.nepablogcon.com)

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Topic/Title: Eco Arts Living/Preventing Colds  
Duration: 30 minutes  
Style/Type: Interview Format  
Source: WQPX-TV  
Issue(s) Addressed: mindful living/meditation/goals/accomplishments/healthy living/healthy lifestyle/stress/preventing colds  
Hosts: Bernie Maopolski  
Jason Miller  
Guests: Tonyehn Verkitus – Owner/Life Coach, Eco Arts Living  
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FOURTH QUARTER, 2016

Program: Northeast Current Episode: Teen Driver 2/Crow  
Air Date: Thursday, November 17, 2016 6:30am  
Topic/Title: Teen Driver Safety Week Part 2/Sheryl Crow  
Duration: 30 minutes  
Style/Type: Panel Discussion  
Source: WQPX-TV  
Issue(s) Addressed: teen driving/texting and driving/driving safety/car accidents/breast cancer/cancer screenings  
Hosts: Mike Taluto  
Jason Miller  
Guests: Debbie Clark- Geisinger Community Medical Center  
Felicity Erni- PA DUI Association  
Chief Carl Graziano – Scranton Police Department  
Jack Henzes – Jack Henzes Driving School  
Eileen Miller – Road Safety Advocate  
Tim Rowland – Lackawanna County Coroner  
Shane Scanlon – Lackawanna County District Attorney  
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October 16 – 22 is National Teen Driver Safety Week. The Pennsylvania Department of transportation has partnered with other community organizations to get the word out to students about driving safety. Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for 15- to 19- year olds in the United States. A panel discussion was held at the People's Security Bank Theater at Lackawanna College in Scranton. Students from all over were invited with their parents to learn more about the consequences of their actions while driving. We discuss drinking and driving, texting and driving, distracted driving and seatbelt safety. During the panel we learn many disturbing facts such as 94% of car accidents occur due to human error and when you take your eyes off the road for 2 seconds your car travels the length of a football field. They take questions from the students and their parents. No text, no email, no tweet, no snapchat is worth the life you could take.

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Airdate: Tuesday, November 22, 2016 6:00am  
Topic/Title: Assembly with Shane Burcaw Part 1  
Duration: 30 Minutes  
Style/Type: Seminar  
Source: Tobias Productions  
Issue Addressed: diversity/disabilities/anti-bullying/overcoming adversities  
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Source: Tobias Productions  
Issue Addressed: blogging/reaching goals/writing/social media  
Hosts: Kelly Frey –Public Relations Assistant, Penn State Worthington  
Guests: K. April Holgate- Actress, Blogger, Photographer, Book Reviewer

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Program: Northeast Current Episode: Organ/Valley/Colds/Crow  
Air Date: Thursday, November 24, 2016 6:00am  
Topic/Title: Organ & Tissue Donation/Mrs. Mid Valley/Cold Season/Sheryl Crow  
Duration: 30 minutes  
Style/Type: Interview Format  
Source: WQPX-TV  
Issue(s) Addressed: organ & tissue donation/achieving goals/breast cancer/cancer screenings/preventing colds  
Hosts: Bernie Maopolski  
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Topic/Title: Eco Arts Living/Preventing Colds  
Duration: 30 minutes  
Style/Type: Interview Format  
Source: WQPX-TV  
Issue(s) Addressed: mindful living/meditation/goals/accomplishments/healthy living/healthy lifestyle/stress/preventing colds  
Hosts: Bernie Maopolski  
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Style/Type: Seminar  
Source: Tobias Productions  
Issue Addressed: diversity/disabilities/anti-bullying/overcoming adversities  
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Topic/Title: PennDot/South Valley Parkway Roundabouts  
Duration: 30 minutes  
Style/Type: Interview Format  
Source: WQPX-TV  
Issue(s) Addressed: road constructions/road safety/roundabouts/traffic  
Hosts: James May – Regional Dir., Pennsylvania Dept of Transportation  
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Airdate: Tuesday, December 6, 2016 6:00am  
Topic/Title: Blog Con Part 2  
Duration: 30 Minutes  
Style/Type: Seminar  
Source: Tobias Productions  
Issue Addressed: blogging/reaching goals/writing/social media  
Hosts: Michelle Davies – Co-organizer, Blog Con  
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Guests: Christina Carrell – Freelance Copywriter, Blogger & Social Media Marketer

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Program: Pet's Best Friend Episode: Pets –December 2016  
Air Date: Thursday, December 8, 2016 6:00am  
Topic/Title: Pets Best Friend – December 2016  
Duration: 30 minutes  
Style/Type: Interview Format  
Source: Samson Productions  
Issue(s) Addressed: international affairs/diplomacy/charitable work/pets/pet care  
Hosts: Sam Lesante  
Guests: I.H.Kathio, DVM – Veterinarian/Pakistan Consulate  
Lou Barletta, U.S. Congressman PA-11

Dr. I.H. Kathio is a veterinarian that dedicates his life to helping people with their pets and traveling to underdeveloped countries such as Israel, Pakistan and Mexico to do charity work with their animals. He is a consultant to the United Nations and tries to bring American technology to these countries to help the animals. He's a great asset to northeastern PA and to our country. With his new position he's able to open the lines of communication and connect our senators. Pakistan is a great tool to help with foreign affairs and security threats. Today he and Congressman Lou Barletta discuss his mark in Congress and our progress. The U.S. has given Pakistan eight F-16 fighter jets which are much needed to help with air strikes against terrorist attacks. Our goal is to have a coalition of countries to fight terrorism. We want to help other countries to help us. We have a common enemy and they won't stop until they wipe out any race/religion that doesn't agree with their beliefs. We need our allies to fight the war on terror.

Dr. Kathio is dedicated to educating us on how to prolong our pets life. He's got some footage of some recent patients of his including a cat with blindness and neuromuscular issues from the wrong flea treatment, a dog with a third eyelid and a cat with loss of muscle mass and body fat from a blood parasite.

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Topic/Title: Blog Con Part 3  
Duration: 30 Minutes  
Style/Type: Seminar  
Source: Tobias Productions  
Issue Addressed: blogging/reaching goals/writing/social media  
Hosts: Gerard Durling – Event MC  
Guests: Tim Gillette – Blogger

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Duration: 30 minutes  
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Issue(s) Addressed: local author/local entertainment/holidays/saving money  
Hosts: Bernie Maopolski  
Jennifer Amazon  
Guests: Will Robbins – Author “The Big Payback  
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Topic/Title: Pets Best Friend – December 2016  
Duration: 30 minutes  
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Source: Samson Productions  
Issue(s) Addressed: international affairs/diplomacy/charitable work/pets/pet care  
Hosts: Sam Lesante  
Guests: I.H.Kathio, DVM – Veterinarian/Pakistan Consulate  
Lou Barletta, U.S. Congressman PA-11

Dr. I.H. Kathio is a veterinarian that dedicates his life to helping people with their pets and traveling to underdeveloped countries such as Israel, Pakistan and Mexico to do charity work with their animals. He is a consultant to the United Nations and tries to bring American technology to these countries to help the animals. He’s a great asset to northeastern PA and to our country. With his new position he’s able to open the lines of communication and connect our senates. Pakistan is a great tool to help with foreign affairs and security threats. Today he and Congressman Lou Barletta discuss his mark in Congress and our progress. The U.S. has given Pakistan eight F-16 fighter jets which are much needed to help with air strikes against terrorist attacks. Our goal is to have a coalition of countries to fight terrorism. We want to help other countries to help us. We have a common enemy and they won’t stop until they wipe out any race/religion that doesn’t agree with their beliefs. We need our allies to fight the war on terror.

Dr. Kathio is dedicated to educating us on how to prolong our pets life. He’s got some footage of some recent patients of his including a cat with blindness and neuromuscular issues from the wrong flea treatment, a dog with a third eyelid and a cat with loss of muscle mass and body fat from a blood parasite.

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Mandy talks about how she created the event with the other girls and how it just started as a simple idea and within 24 hours they had an idea, a logo and the beginnings of this conference which is now so incredibly popular. She talks about how the conference benefits non-profits and how much its grown in the past few years. She hopes to get the word out that we should not be afraid of technology. It can enhance our businesses, improve our skills and get us to meet new people. Our guest speaker today is Jennifer Crawford on how to convince bloggers to podcast. It really is beneficial for more attention and more engagement. [www.nepablogcon.com](http://www.nepablogcon.com)

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Hosts: DJ Roc N Rol  
Jennifer Amazon  
Guests: Gerard Durling – CEO, Coal Creative  
Matt Simoncavage – Sr. Designer, Coal Creative  
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Northeast Current travels to Wilkes–Barre to visit another set! Gerard Durling is the CEO of Coal Creative, a successful marketing agency. They handle video production, graphics and social media to help people get out a professional product or project. Gerard tells us his interesting career beginnings as a pro-wrestler! Soon after that was his venture was into web design and starting his own business. Right now they have about 8 employees are excited that they have seen big growth this year. We get to meet his senior designer Matt Simoncavage who created a new music app called Tunefly! He describes it as an Instagram for musicians and music lovers. It allows them to record, share, rate, review, and stream songs and playlists all from their phones. It's a great way for professional musicians, hobbyists and everyday music lovers alike to discover and connect with others who have similar musical interests. We are excited to meet Gerard and the staff and get the tour of the studio as its an inspiring story for other entrepreneurs in the area. [www.coalcreative.com](http://www.coalcreative.com) 570-885-3079

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