

PUBLIC AFFAIRS REPORT
for
WQPX-TV
Scranton, Pennsylvania
for
THIRD QUARTER ENDING: September 30, 2015

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. Gay Rights/Gay Marriage
4. Crime Rate
5. 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. Drug Trafficking

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

"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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Program: Northeast Current Episode: NEPA Scene
Topic/Title: NEPA Scene's Got Talent
Air Date: Thursday, July 2, 2015 6:00am
Duration: 30 minutes
Style/Type: Interview Format
Source: WQPX-TV
Issue(s) Addressed: local arts scene/local talent/community events
Hosts: Bernie Maopolski
Guests: Various

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Program: Northeast Current Episode: Lackawanna Blind/College Tuition
Topic/Title: Lackawanna Blind Association/College Tuition
Air Date: Thursday, July 2, 2015 6:30am
Duration: 30 minutes
Style/Type: Interview Format
Source: WQPX-TV
Issue(s) Addressed: visually impaired/local services/college tuition
Hosts: Bernie Maopolski
Guests: Paul Trama – Coordinator, PELL Radio Reading Services
Nancy Farmer – President, Private College 529 Plan

10 years ago, Paul Trama was on our set to talk about his work in the community as the Coordinator of the PELL Radio Reading Services in conjunction with the Lackawanna Blind Association. Their mission is to support and promote the interests of the blind, visually impaired and the prevention of unnecessary blindness in Lackawanna County. Its great to have him back on the show to tell us all the great programs they have implemented and how the association has really grown over the years. As a reading service, they read/broadcast the Times Tribune live Monday thru Friday from 8am – 10am On WUSR (University of Scranton's radio station) 99.5 FM and online at WUSRFM.com. Its primarily for the visually impaired but they invite anyone to tune in if they are too busy or on their morning commute. They consist of 20 volunteers some of them have been giving their time for 20 years. Its been such an important part of our community. They find its not only a source of information, but companionship. The association has been in existence since about 1912 and Paul goes into the client support services they offer. Caseworkers are brought in to help find out their needs especially for those who have lost their sight late in life. Other services include sensory development program, life skills program, support groups, van transportation, shopping trips, movie day and an audio book club. Paul got involved back in 1981 when he was a student at the University of Scranton and he volunteered his time for the reading service. Its great to see that he's so passionate about what he does for the community.

For music fans Paul would also like us to know that he hosts his own show on WUSR "Spotlight" every Friday morning at 7:30am. He plays a variety of artists from the 60's 70's and 80's and likes to throw in local artists when he can. www.lackawannablind.org

It's not surprising that parents are more likely to say they know what a 529 plan is than their teenage children. According to the Teen College Savings Barometer and The First Annual Parent College Savings Study, one of the top concerns for today's college-bound teens is not being able to afford to attend the college of their choice. For parents, cost is the most important factor in choosing a college for their teen to attend, while teens look at the success rates of graduates finding employment to help make their decision. The differences don't end there. Nancy Farmer, President of Private College 529 Plan, shares highlights from their Third Annual Teen College Savings Barometer and their First Annual Parent College Savings Study, which takes a look at teenagers' involvement in the college education savings process, and compares their degree of knowledge and anticipated participation in college tuition costs to that of their parents. Nancy discusses the Plan, the only non-state pre-paid tuition option which allows parents and future students to minimize the effects of rising tuition costs by locking in today's rates for tomorrow's education. In addition to paying less by pre-paying, she'll explain how to access a large network of schools, benefit from tax advantages and gain peace of mind.

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Program: destinatIOns Episode: Denison House 3
Topic/Title: Denison House 3 of 4
Air Date: Tuesday, July 7, 2015 6:00am
Duration: 30 minutes
Style/Type: History
Source: Tobias Productions
Issue Addressed: Tour of historic Nathan Denison House in Forty Fort, PA
Host: Nathan Denison House Advocates

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Topic/Title: Joe Van Wie - Filmmaker
Air Date: Thursday, July 9, 2015 6:00am
Duration: 30 minutes
Style/Type: Interview Format
Source: WQPX-TV
Issue(s) Addressed: local arts scene/local filmmaker/entrepreneurship/local films
Hosts: DJ Roc N Rol
Guests: Joe Van Wie – Award Winning Producer & Director

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Air Date: Thursday, July 16, 2015 6:00am
Duration: 30 minutes
Style/Type: Interview Format
Source: WQPX-TV
Issue(s) Addressed: local arts scene/local events/car racing/children's charity
Hosts: Kate Moss
Bernie Maopolski
Guests: Michael Samony- Old Forge, Race Car Driver

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You might remember our previous interview with remarkable 10 year-old racecar driver Michael Samony from Old Forge. Well we have him back on the show to tell us about some of his races and he shows us his slingshot car! He's so proud of it!. We talk about the upcoming race at Pocono Raceway. We are back at the Winner's Circle bar and restaurant in Taylor, PA. The memorabilia in this place has to be seen to be believed! Lots of gear from Daytona including a jacket from Rusty Wallace and a signed helmet from Dale Jr. with the microphone still attached. I hear many fans come to kiss it. In addition to the great atmosphere this bar has a great new patio and great food. It's a truly unique place. Michael had organized a fundraiser there on the day of the interview and some of the money raised will be donated to the Janet Weis Children's Hospital in Danville. Music, food and lots of surprises and he was so happy to help raise money for the children's organization.

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Topic/Title: Dr. James Murphy
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Duration: 30 minutes
Style/Type: History
Source: Tobias Productions
Issue Addressed: The treatment of arthritis joint pain
Host: Kingston Active Adult Center

Dr. James Murphy from Geisinger Medical Center discussed the treatment of arthritis joint pain before an audience gathered at the Kingston Active Adult Center in Kingston, Pa.

On camera hosts were:

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Program: Northeast Current Episode: Buck Hill/Fresh Air/Pocono
Topic/Title: Buck Hill Skytop Music Fest/Fresh Air Fund/NASCAR/Pocono Raceway
Air Date: Thursday, July 23, 2015 6:00am
Duration: 30 minutes
Style/Type: Interview Format
Source: WQPX-TV
Issue(s) Addressed: local music fest/music education/fresh air/charity work/car racing
Hosts: Kate Moss
Guests: Dr. David Mazza – Pres. Of the Board, Buck Hill Skytop Music Fest
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We are happy to have the representatives of the Buck Hill Skytop Music Fest on the show today. Broadcasting from East Stroudsburg high school where the student chorus is rehearsing for their performance, we meet Dr. David Mazza and Joey Chancey, both committed to this endeavor and are so excited to tell us all about it. In its 6th year and taking place in 5 locations, the festival grew from David’s plan to have just a small music gathering in his home. He feels music has so much to offer kids and community members no matter what they go through in life. They want to present it in high quality while providing education and scholarships to kids. Expect to hear chamber music, jazz, pop, Broadway with famous musicians and composers such as Cole Porter. Students will have the opportunity to study with 2 Broadway veterans. They reviewed 64 submissions for their First Annual Developmental Theater Lab. To advance the fest’s mission, they select a new work that is ready to be explored musically and dramatically and bring it to the stage with a professional creative team and cast. The winner was “The Lost Girl” which focuses on the Peter Pan characters all grown up and remembering their trip to Neverland and their ability to fly. Their Up Close and Musical event allows students to meet and greet and really get to know the Broadway performers. There will be a jazz dinner and happy hour. All leading up to the final outdoor concert with a 15 piece orchestra with Sky Top Lodge as the backdrop. World class artists and diverse talent is what they are dedicated to. This festival is a great way to celebrate Americana and American composers while encouraging jobs and professions in the arts. For all the info including dates/concerts/performers/prices visit www.buckhillskytopfest.org

The Fresh Air Fund is an independent, non-profit agency that has provided free summer experiences to more than 1.8 million New York City children from low-income communities since 1877. Each summer, close to 4,000 children visit volunteer host families in rural, suburban and small town communities across 13 states from Virginia to Maine and Canada through The Fresh Air Fund’s Volunteer Host Family Program. Volunteer host families share their summers for up to two weeks with the kids, ages six to 18, who leave behind the city streets to run barefoot in the grass or see the stars at night. We meet Mike Conroy who is a local chairperson for the Fresh Air Fund. He tells us the personal fulfillment he feels as a host family and what a great way to spend your summer. We talk to another family who is so excited to be hosting for a second year and how great it feels to offer these kids a summer they don’t normally have an opportunity to enjoy. They were especially happy to help a child learn to ride a bike on last year’s visit. If you would like to get involved or get more information on being a volunteer host family contact www.freshair.org or 570-351-1119 for more information. The next group of kids will be coming to the area on August 6th so call or click to get involved.

Our Preview to the Poconos Special! Kate joins us again at the Winner’s Circle in Taylor, PA and what better place to talk about the upcoming NASCAR race. You have to see the inside of this restaurant to believe it. Tons of NASCAR memorabilia along with great food and an awesome patio. We get to sample the food and show you what to expect. Enjoy authentic smoked food? We got to see the smoker and they give us a lesson on how to prepare the food. The race will be here before you know it. Kate gives us the real scoop on the race and other hot NASCAR topics. Will you be at the race? Kate will be there broadcasting for her Race Talk Live with Kate Moss on CLNS radio. Catch her podcast each week.

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Topic/Title: Forty Fort Meeting House Concert PT 1 of 3
Air Date: Tuesday, July 28, 2015 6:00am
Duration: 30 minutes
Style/Type: History
Source: Tobias Productions
Issue Addressed: Concert / Entertainment Summer Series
Host: Forty Fort Cemetery Association

This is the second of three musical programs to take place at the Forty Fort Meeting House. Performing is John Michael Vaida, along with two accompanists, Emma Dong and Amy Iwazumi. He is an adjunct professor of violin at Wilkes University and serves as artist-in-residence at Wyoming Seminary.

On camera host was:

Matt Schooley, President of the Forty Fort Cemetery Association

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Topic/Title: Scranton Wilkes-Barre Railriders
Air Date: Thursday, July 30, 2015 6:00am
Duration: 30 minutes
Style/Type: Interview Format
Source: WQPX-TV
Issue(s) Addressed: local Triple-A baseball team/community outreach/local sports
Hosts: Kate Moss
Guests: Barry "B-Ray" Snyder – Director, Marketing & Promotions

So excited to take our show behind-the-scenes at the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Railriders! They are our local professional minor league baseball team based in Moosic. The team plays in Northern Division of International League and is the Triple-A affiliate of the New York Yankees Major League Baseball club. The team plays at PNC Field . Its our very first time at the ball field thanks to host Kate Moss. Today we get an all access pass from Barry "B-Ray" Snyder. He wears many hats in this organization. He's the director or marketing and promotions, the on-field MC and the leader of the pinstripe patrol. But he's so excited to show us around and we know he really loves his job. What an adventure walking around the 10,000 seat stadium that was designed after Veterans Stadium to be a bit smaller and with the ability to sit closer to the field without nosebleed seats. So many good seats to choose from and so affordable with some tickets only costing 8 dollars. He's so excited to tell us more including what he feels is the best seat in the house.

Lots of fun stuff at our stadium such as the First Annual Legends Game that was held with a full roster of the old-time Yankees in attendance, the Pinstripe Patrol, the Legends races, tv & video control room, the Funzone, the front office and even Derek Jeter's visit. Plus an exclusive interview with Champ who, did you know turns, 8 years old!

Will B-Ray do the fun slide for us? Will Kate dance with Champ? Tune in to find out!

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Program: destinatlONs Episode: FF Concert 2
Topic/Title: Forty Fort Meeting House Concert PT 2 of 3
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Program: Northeast Current Episode: Jazz/Tuition
Topic/Title: Scranton Jazz Festival/College Tuition
Air Date: Thursday, August 6, 2015 6:00am
Duration: 30 minutes
Style/Type: Interview Format
Source: WQPX-TV
Issue(s) Addressed: music/jazz/local artists/college tuition
Hosts: Bernie Maopolski
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Topic/Title: Scranton Wilkes-Barre Railriders
Air Date: Thursday, August 6, 2015 6:30am
Duration: 30 minutes
Style/Type: Interview Format
Source: WQPX-TV
Issue(s) Addressed: local Triple-A baseball team/community outreach/local sports
Hosts: Kate Moss
Guests: Barry "B-Ray" Snyder – Director, Marketing & Promotions

So excited to take our show behind-the-scenes at the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Railriders! They are our local professional minor league baseball team based in Moosic. The team plays in Northern Division of International League and is the Triple-A affiliate of the New York Yankees Major League Baseball club. The team plays at PNC Field . Its our very first time at the ball field thanks to host Kate Moss. Today we get an all access pass from Barry "B-Ray" Snyder. He wears many hats in this organization. He's the director or marketing and promotions, the on-field MC and the leader of the pinstripe patrol. But he's so excited to show us around and we know he really loves his job. What an adventure walking around the 10,000 seat stadium that was designed after Veterans Stadium to be a bit smaller and with the ability to sit closer to the field without nosebleed seats. So many good seats to choose from and so affordable with some tickets only costing 8 dollars. He's so excited to tell us more including what he feels is the best seat in the house.

Lots of fun stuff at our stadium such as the First Annual Legends Game that was held with a full roster of the old-time Yankees in attendance, the Pinstripe Patrol, the Legends races, tv & video control room, the Funzone, the front office and even Derek Jeter's visit. Plus an exclusive interview with Champ who, did you know turns, 8 years old!

Will B-Ray do the fun slide for us? Will Kate dance with Champ? Tune in to find out!

www.swbrailriders.com

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Air Date: Thursday, August 13, 2015 6:00am
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Topic/Title: Wyoming Battle & Monument Commemoration PT 1 of 5
Air Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2015 6:00am
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Air Date: Thursday, August 20, 2015 6:00am
Duration: 30 minutes
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Source: Samson Productions
Issue(s) Addressed: international affairs/diplomacy/charitable work/pets/pet car
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Topic/Title: Wyoming Battle & Monument Commemoration PT 2 of 5
Air Date: Tuesday, August 25, 2015 6:00am
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Topic/Title: La Festa Italiana/Gas Prices
Air Date: Thursday, August 27, 2015 6:00am
Duration: 30 minutes
Style/Type: Interview Format
Source: WQPX-TV
Issue(s) Addressed: Italian heritage/charity work/local history/gas prices
Hosts: Bernie Maopolski
Guests: Chris DiMattio- President, La Festa Italiana
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It started as a small festival on a cold Columbus Day weekend in 1975. La Festa Italiana is now celebrating 40 years!

Great food, live entertainment, camaraderie and fun are on the menu for the annual La Festa Italiana to be held Friday-Saturday-Sunday-Monday of Labor Day weekend, September 4-7, 2015, on Courthouse Square in downtown Scranton. La Festa president Christopher DiMattio joins us on the set today to talk about the event, the entertainment, the venues, the music and of course the food. He's been involved in this festival since the mid 80's and when you see the enthusiasm in his voice when he talks about the event you can tell it comes from his heart.

Its fun, its family friendly and, as always, no charge to come and visit.

50,000 people a day come to this festival to eat, drink, socialize, reminisce, listen to music and to appreciate their Italian heritage. Lots of other events to see and participate in as well: cannoli eating contest, mass in Italian, 5K run/walk. You might learn an Italian phrase or two!

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THIRD QUARTER, 2015

Program: Northeast Current Episode: PennDot Labor Day/Team Tommy
Topic/Title: PennDot Labor Day 2015/Team Tommy Fundraiser
Air Date: Thursday, September 3, 2015 6:00am
Duration: 30 minutes
Style/Type: Interview Format
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Issue(s) Addressed: holiday traffic & safety/blood donation/ALS charity and research
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Guests: Michael Taluto – Safety Press Officer, Pennsylvania Dept. of Transportation
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Topic/Title: La Festa Italiana/Gas Prices
Air Date: Thursday, September 3, 2015 6:30am
Duration: 30 minutes
Style/Type: Interview Format
Source: WQPX-TV
Issue(s) Addressed: Italian heritage/charity work/local history/gas prices
Hosts: Bernie Maopolski
Guests: Chris DiMattio- President, La Festa Italiana
Jack Gerard – President & CEO, American Petroleum Institute

It started as a small festival on a cold Columbus Day weekend in 1975. La Festa Italiana is now celebrating 40 years!

Great food, live entertainment, camaraderie and fun are on the menu for the annual La Festa Italiana to be held Friday-Saturday-Sunday-Monday of Labor Day weekend, September 4-7, 2015, on Courthouse Square in downtown Scranton. La Festa president Christopher DiMattio joins us on the set today to talk about the event, the entertainment, the venues, the music and of course the food. He's been involved in this festival since the mid 80's and when you see the enthusiasm in his voice when he talks about the event you can tell it comes from his heart.

Its fun, its family friendly and, as always, no charge to come and visit. 50,000 people a day come to this festival to eat, drink, socialize, reminisce, listen to music and to appreciate their Italian heritage. Lots of other events to see and participate in as well: cannoli eating contest, mass in Italian, 5K run/walk. You might learn an Italian phrase or two!

For more information on the food, the entertainment and the special events, visit the website.
www.lafestaitaliana.org.

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Consumers are enjoying low prices at the pump because we are producing more oil here at home. But the benefits of U.S. made energy go beyond the pump. Our energy renaissance could lead to millions of new American jobs. Joining us is Jack Gerard from the American Petroleum Institute to discuss a new study about the economic impacts of the oil and natural gas industry. He will discuss the policies that need to be in place for us to see the economic benefits laid out in this study, what it means for the U.S. employment rate and if the trend will continue. www.api.org

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Program: destinatlONs Episode: July 4th 4
Topic/Title: Wyoming Battle & Monument Commemoration PT 4 of 5
Air Date: Tuesday, September 8, 2015 6:00am
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Topic/Title: Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce
Air Date: Thursday, September 10, 2015 6:00am
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Style/Type: Interview Format
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Topic/Title: Interdependence Hexagon Project/Child Hunger
Air Date: Thursday, September 17, 2015 6:00am
Duration: 30 minutes
Style/Type: Interview Format
Source: WQPX-TV
Issue(s) Addressed: artwork, social injustice, children's activities, local art exhibit, interdependence, world issues, child hunger
Hosts: Bernie Maopolski
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Program: destinatlONs Episode: Kiwanis Golf
Topic/Title: Kiwanis Golf Tournament
Air Date: Tuesday, September 22, 2015 6:00am
Duration: 30 minutes
Style/Type: Public Service
Source: Tobias Productions
Issue Addressed: Kiwanis Golf Tournament Fundraiser for Community
Host: Kiwanis Club of Swoyersville

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Topic/Title: Alzheimer's Walk/Child Hunger
Air Date: Thursday, September 24, 2015 6:00am
Duration: 30 minutes
Style/Type: Interview Format
Source: WQPX-TV
Issue(s) Addressed: alzheimer's disease/helping in the community/child hunger
Hosts: Bernie Maopolski
Guests: Joe Kauczka – Executive Director, Gardens of Green Ridge
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Alzheimer's disease, accounts for 60% to 70% of cases of dementia. It is a chronic neurodegenerative disease that usually starts slowly and gets worse over time. In its early stages, memory loss is mild, but with late-stage Alzheimer's, individuals lose the ability to carry on a conversation and respond to their environment. As the disease advances, symptoms can include problems with language, disorientation, mood swings, loss of motivation, not managing self care, and behavioral issues. Alzheimer's is not necessarily a normal part of aging, but the majority of people with Alzheimer's are 65 and older. Alzheimer's is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States. Those with Alzheimer's live an average of eight years after their symptoms become noticeable to others, but survival can range from four to 20 years, depending on age and other health conditions.

The Gardens of Green Ridge is a personal care home and is very dedicated to their residents and helping to find a cure for Alzheimer's. Today they are hosting their second annual Alzheimer's Walk. The walk includes the residents and their families and friends. They walk around the perimeter of the building and even though it's a short distance its very meaningful. Many events also taking place today including basket raffles, barbeque, cake, entertainment, and some special guests. Money raised will benefit the Greater Pennsylvania Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. We talk to Joe Kauczka the executive director of the home and some of the family members who talk to us about how they help and assist at the home and why its so important to join in the walk today.

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Topic/Title: Samson's Coffee House PT 1 of 2
Air Date: Tuesday, September 29, 2015 6:00am
Duration: 30 minutes
Style/Type: Public Service
Source: Tobias Productions
Issue Addressed: Holy Savior Fundraiser Coffee House
Host: Holy Savior Church

Started in 1998, Samson's Coffee House is an outreach ministry focused on giving the best of local and regional Christian talent a venue to minister and share their God-given talents. Samson's Coffee House is a non-profit organization. Performing was John Tobias, a partner in a local singer/song writing duo with Bruce Bisland.

On camera hosts were:

John Tobias, Singer / Song Writer

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