

A Day in the Life of a Hometown Guy

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Growing up in Central Pennsylvania, I always watched WNEP-TV The News Station. There was Hatchy Milatchy, the zany antics of Joe Zone and the fellow everyone seemed to know and trust, Nolan Johannes. I remember watching them faithfully as a child and all the way through my adult years. I remember Marisa Burke as a reporter and Karen Harch as an anchor. As I grew older, the faces and names changed. There was John Kosich, April Amonica and Susan Houseman.

I remember growing up watching those folks from our farm in Danville. During a building addition to the Jones home, we had extra sections of PVC pipe lying around. I remember fashioning one to resemble a microphone. It was one of my favorite toys and when cameras were around, I was the latest addition to the Newswatch 16 family. I'd lead tours of the addition and the family farm. I'd even finish my reports with an "I'm Norm Jones, Reporting for Newswatch 16 in Danville." I was a budding reporter – minus the technology and training.

So when it came time to decide where I was going in life, the path was clear. I wanted to tell stories and I want-

ed to tell everyone. After a few years at college, my collection of stories grew. So did my passion to tell them. In my mind, it's the story teller who makes the best reporter, not the stone cold fact giver. We're here to relate to our viewers, to tell them about the experiences and amazing



Newswatch 16 Reporters Norm Jones and Andy Hirsch with photographers Bill Bailey and Tom Durant in the Central Pennsylvania Newsroom.

sights we've seen. It's a conversation just for them. I love to chat; love to tell stories. That's why I love what I do.

Central Pennsylvania News Coverage is Very Challenging

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When I was asked to write a few paragraphs about what it's like to cover news in

tographers Bill Bailey and Tom Durant, are responsible for covering at least part of nine counties from the Central Pennsylvania Newsroom in the Lycoming

Mall. With my not-so-great math skills, I estimate that to be about 5,400 square miles between the two news crews. That means two things: meeting a lot of people in a lot of different places and spending a lot of time in the car.

Interstate 80 is sort of our imaginary boundary. Norm stays north, usually in the Williamsport area, and I go south to places like Sunbury, Selinsgrove and Lewisburg.

One thing Norm and I are always looking for is a good story to tell. So if you live "out our way" and would like to share one,

Central Pennsylvania, the first thought that came to mind was it's very challenging.

Norm Jones and I, along with pho-

feel free to drop me a line. You never know when we'll be driving through your neighborhood.

WNEP's Operation Save A Life Gives 15,000 Smoke Alarms to NEPA

Do you have at least one working smoke alarm in your home? If so, you have doubled your chance of surviving a fire, according to Kidde Corporation, makers of fire safety equipment.

Operation Save A Life was developed by WNEP-TV The News Station and Kidde, in an effort to make homes in Northeastern and Central Pennsylvania safer from the deadly effects of fire. In its third year, the program is helping local fire departments to deliver and install 15,000 smoke alarms in homes across the area.

Kidde's donation was divided among WNEP-TV The News Station's 17 county viewing area by percentage of population. Several fire companies in each county volunteered to act as "project managers" and distribute their county's allotment of smoke alarms to the other fire departments in their area. In 2005, more than 225 fire companies participated in **Operation Save A Life**, and this year, the project has grown

even larger.

Operation Save A Life was also honored this year with two awards. On September 21, promotion and marketing director Laurie LaMaster accepted on behalf of Kidde and WNEP-TV The News Station the "Partner In Prevention Award" from the Burn Prevention Foundation at a ceremony at Lehigh Valley Hospital in Bethlehem, PA. And on September 29, WNEP-TV The News Station was honored with the 2006 James A. Miller Memorial Award from the Firemen's Association of the State of Pennsylvania.

"We're very honored by these awards," says LaMaster, "but it's the hundreds of volunteers across the region that make the program work. They're out there working to get them to the folks who need them in their communities."



According to LaMaster, some of the fire departments targeted low-income areas, some focused on homes with children, and some worked with the elderly; installing the alarms in homes themselves when necessary.

"We believe very strongly in this program," says WNEP-TV The News Station news director Dennis Fisher. "We expect that someday down the road, someone's life will be saved by an alarm they received from **Operation Save A Life**."

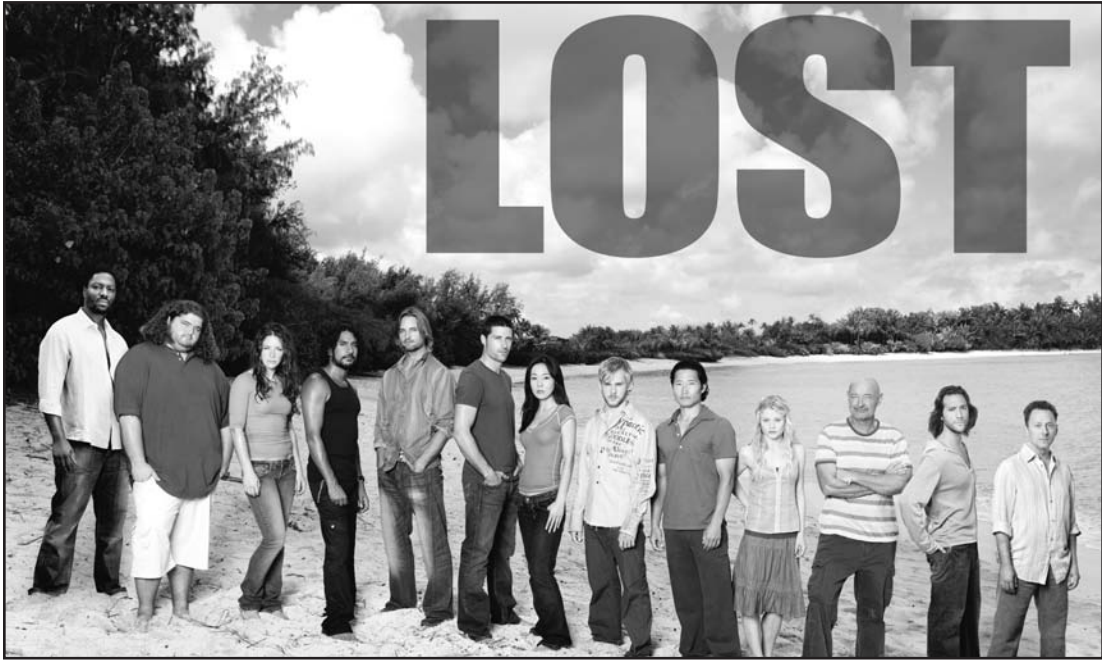
Do you have adequate fire protection in your home? The National Fire Protection Association recommends you have at least one extinguisher for every 600 square feet of living area. Fire extinguishers should be installed on every level of the home and in the kitchen, garage and basement. Alarms should be

located in plain sight, but out of the reach of small children. Place alarms near an escape route, and away from stoves and heating appliances.

Another important reminder: replace the batteries twice a year, at the same time you change your clocks. You should also change the battery when the detector's low battery signal emits the sound, indicating a change is necessary. Never put off or delay changing the battery. Today could be the only day you need it!

If you need a new smoke alarm – or if you know someone who does – you can find out if your local fire department is participating in **Operation Save A Life** by going to wnep.com. You may also call your local fire department, or WNEP-TV The News Station creative services director Laurie LaMaster at 570-207-2463.

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Lost – awarded the 2005 Emmy and 2006 Golden Globe for best drama series – has begun a third season of action-packed mystery and adventure that continues to bring out the very best and the very worst in the people who are lost.

After Oceanic Air flight 815 tore apart in mid-air and crashed on a Pacific island, its survivors were forced to find inner strength they never knew they had in order to survive. But they discovered that the island holds many

secrets, including a mysterious smoke monster, polar bears, a strange French woman and another group of island residents known as "The Others." The survivors have also found signs of those who came to the island before them, including a 19th century sailing ship called The Black Rock, the remains of an ancient statue and bunkers belonging to the Dharma Initiative, a group of scientific researchers.

Jack, Kate and Sawyer opened the season in captivity as prisoners of "The Others." Just who these "Others" are and what they want are primary questions season three will explore. Michael Emerson joins the regular cast in his ongoing role as Henry Gale, leader of "The Others." Romance looms on the horizon as Jack's interests veer towards a mysterious new woman, whose motives may be questionable. Sun and Jin will continue to celebrate their pregnancy – but is the child really Jin's? Locke and Sayid will band together with some of the other survivors and journey across the island in an attempt to free Jack, Kate and Sawyer. Charlie will attempt to return into the good graces of Claire and her baby, Aaron, but can he be trusted to stay clean

and sober? The fates of Locke, Desmond and Mr. Eko in the aftermath of the implosion of the hatch are answered. Will Penny Widmore find the island and her long, lost love, Desmond, and can the survivors find a way to interact with the outside world?

The band of friends, family, enemies and strangers must continue to work together against the cruel weather and harsh terrain if they want to stay alive. But as they have discovered during their 60-plus days on the island, danger and mystery loom behind every corner, and those they thought could be trusted may turn against them. Even heroes have secrets.

Lost stars Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje as Mr. Eko, Naveen Andrews as Sayid, Henry Ian Cusick as Desmond, Emilie de Ravin as Claire, Michael Emerson as Henry Gale, Matthew Fox as Jack, Jorge Garcia as Hurley, Josh Holloway as Sawyer, Daniel Dae Kim as Jin, Yunjin Kim as Sun, Evangeline Lilly as Kate, Elizabeth Mitchell as Juliet, Dominic Monaghan as Charlie and Terry O'Quinn as Locke.

Watch **Lost** Wednesdays at 9:00 p.m. on WNEP-TV The News Station.