

## Issues Program List

### Quarterly Issues Program List

WAAL 99.1 FM

WHWK 98.1 FM

WNBF 1290 AM

WWYL 104.1 FM

WYOS 1360 AM

**April 1– June 30, 2021**

### Section I. Issues

The Townsquare Binghamton radio stations listed here have identified the following significant issues facing our community in this quarter:

- A. COVID-19 Health/Safety.** With rapidly changing circumstances locally surrounding the coronavirus pandemic, there is a need for a wide array of information concerning mental, physical, economic and cultural health of the community, families and individuals.
- B. Economic/Employment Issues.** Numerous reports continue to show challenges attracting and maintaining sustainable economic drivers and jobs in the region with the Southern Tier often coming in near the bottom of lists of economic recovery with challenges made even worse by a total shutdown of the economy in response to the pandemic.
- C. Crime/Criminal Justice.** Local law enforcement agencies report the region is struggling with crimes fueled by substance abuse, a proliferation of telephone and internet scams and other attempts to profit off fears from the pandemic.
- D. Culture/Arts/Education.** Area schools and family advocates say there is a need for support of cultural and artistic opportunities and other events affording families quality and educational time together, especially with schools and other educational facilities closed due to the pandemic.
- E. Poverty/Food Insecurity.** The Food Bank of the Southern Tier and the Community Hunger Outreach Warehouse (CHOW) report increased demand for services as the family economic dynamics change as a result of the coronavirus pandemic while the Brome County Safe Housing Task Force reports the serious lack of low to mid income housing stock that is affordable and safe.
- F. Religion/Charity Work.** Churches and other faith-based organizations are reporting increased interest and a need for emotional support during trying times of social upheaval and illness.
- G. Black Lives Matter/Diversity/Women's Issues.** In the aftermath of national incidents of racial bias, there is an increased focus locally on the makeup of the community, policing and services focused on certain ethnic and cultural groups.

## Section II. Responsive Programming

### Southern Tier Close Up

**Duration 15:00**

Locally produced and hosted public affairs program addresses topics specific to the above identified concerns in the community as well as affording an opportunity for various not-for-profit organizations to publicize their missions and upcoming events through interviews with elected officials, community leaders, experts in specific fields and spokespeople for official agencies and government offices.

Airs on WHWK Saturday at 6:00 a.m.

Airs on WYOS Saturday at 6:17 a.m.

Airs on WNBF Saturday at 6:03 a.m.

Airs on WAAL Sunday at 6:00 a.m.

Airs on WWYL Sunday at 6:00 a.m.

- 4/3/21-4/4/21                      CASA Supervisor Carol Murdie talks about the program that pairs volunteers with children to help them cope with the process of the legal system whether as victims, witnesses or bystanders affected by crime or drugs in their family unit. **Issues addressed: family, crime, mental health.**
- 4/10/21-4/11/21                      Executive Director of the Crime Victims' Assistance Center in the Southern Tier, Raini Baudendistle talks about Crime Victims' Rights Week, Domestic Violence and Child Abuse Awareness Months and how CVAC has been operating during the pandemic. **Issues addressed: crime, COVID-19, family.**
- 4/17/21-4/18/21                      Director of the Kopernik Observatory and Science Center talks about spring and summer programs, camps that are starting to open back up, Rocketfest, the new STEM interactive playground and current developments with NASA's Mars mission. **Issues addressed: education, family.**
- 4/24/21-4/25/21                      Local race coordinator for the Huntington Disease Association, Sally Forbinussi talks about the disease, which is a fatal, hereditary neurological disorder and the upcoming event to raise money for research and support. **Issue addressed: health.**
- 5/1/21-5/2/21                      Waterman Conservation Center director Christopher Audette talks about upcoming events that are resuming with the lifting of pandemic restrictions, the importance of the center for outdoor activity and education during the pandemic and some progress on issues of environmental conservation. **Issues addressed: education, environment, family.**
- 5/8/21-5/9/21                      American Red Cross Account Manager-Bio Medical Services, Esperanza Gutierrez talks about the continued need for blood, the impact of COVID-19 on blood and blood product collection and her new territory shifting from Broome County to Delaware and Otsego Counties. **Issues addressed: health, COVID-19.**

- 5/15/21-5/16/21 SUNY Broome Community College president Dr. Kevin Drumm talks about upcoming graduation and how the COVID-19 pandemic has changed the face of continuing education, specifically at B.C.C. **Issues addressed: COVID-19, education.**
- 5/22/21-5/23/21 Tri-Cities Opera executive director, John Rozzoni talks about all the innovative steps the local opera company has taken during the rapidly-changing situations of the COVID-19 pandemic in order to not only provide arts and entertainment to the public but to keep staff of the small opera company employed during the pandemic. **Issues addressed: arts, COVID-19, economy.**
- 5/29/21-5/30/21 Kristy Smorol, American Red Cross Communications Director talks about Stroke Awareness Month and the signs of stroke and heart disease. **Issue addressed: health.**
- 6/5/21-6/6/21 President and CEO of The Agency (Binghamton Industrial Development Agency) and the Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce, Stacey Duncan has an update on efforts to assist small local businesses and non-profits to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic and move forward through recovery. **Issues addressed: COVID-19, economy.**
- 6/12/21-6/13/21 Director of the Broome County Department of Parks, Recreation and Youth Services, Elizabeth Woidt talks about summer parks programs and exciting news about the development of an inclusive playground and fully accessible kayak launch at Dorchester Park which is expected to be a major tourist draw for families with other-abled members. **Issues addressed: COVID-19, family, education, disability awareness, health, economy/tourism.**
- 6/19/21-6/20/21 Broome County Executive Jason Garnar (D-Port Dickinson) talks about what it was like being the county executive last year leading the area through the pandemic with sometimes controversial decisions and hopes for the building back. **Issues addressed: COVID-19, economy, education, family, politics, health.**
- 6/26/21-6/27/21 New director of the Broome County Office for Aging, Mary Whitcomb talks about the reopening of the senior centers and foster grandparents. **Issues addressed: family, COVID-19, health, senior issues.**

### **Encounter**

**Duration 30:00**

Locally produced and hosted religious program originating from the Broome County Council of Churches addresses topics selected by the council in a faith-based discussion.

Airs on WHWK Saturday at 6:15 a.m.

Airs on WYOS Saturday at 6:17 a.m.

Airs on WAAL Sunday at 6:15 a.m.

Airs on WWYL Sunday at 6:15 a.m.

Airs on WNBF Sunday at 7:04 a.m.

- 4/3/21-4/4/21 Jeff Kellum Parish Associate at Union Presbyterian Church, Endicott talks to the Reverend Sabrina Slater - Pastor of the Christ The King Fellowship, Spencer, NY, Pastor Tim Heath from Grace Lutheran Church, Vestal, NY/Zion Lutheran Church, Owego, NY & Pastor Pat Rob of the Union Presbyterian Church, Endicott, NY. about the Meaning of Easter, resurrection and hope. **(Issues addressed: religion)**
- 4/10/21-4/11/21 Mark Kimpland, Pastor of Endwell United Methodist Church talks to Matt Williams, Director of Sky Lake Camp and Retreat Center about how the pandemic affects the camp and retreat. **(Issues addressed: COVID-19, family, education, religion)**
- 4/17/21-4/18/21 The Reverend Rachael Helgison from the Northminster Presbyterian Church talks with Joe Selipack, Executive Director of the Broome County Council of Churches, Mark Kimpland, Pastor of Endwell United Methodist Church and Jeff Kellum Parish Associate at Union Presbyterian Church, Endicott, NY. about what lies ahead for churches and congregations one year into the pandemic and with vaccinations rolling out. **(Issues addressed: religion, COVID-19, health)**
- 4/24/21-4/25/21 (rerun of 4/10-11) Mark Kimpland, Pastor of Endwell United Methodist Church talks to Matt Williams, Director of Sky Lake Camp and Retreat Center about how the pandemic affects the camp and retreat. **(Issues addressed: COVID-19, family, education, religion)**
- 5/1/21-5/2, 5/8-5/9, 5/15-5/16 Joe Selipack, Executive Director of the Broome County Council of Churches talks with Valerie Zale. a local writer with published books about articles and books written locally. **(Issues addressed: religion, education)**
- 5/22/21-5/23/21 Mark Kimpland, Pastor of Endwell United Methodist Church talks with the Reverend Corey Turnpenny, Pastor of the Whitney Point United Methodist Church about a new local church - The Church in the Wild. **(Issue addressed: religion)**
- 5/29/21-5/30/21 The Reverend Rachael Helgison from the Northminster Presbyterian Church talks to the Reverend Christy Ashton, Pastor of the Hope Presbyterian Church in Huntsville, Alabama about sharing life experiences between the Presbyterian churches of the Northern and Southern United States. **(Issues addressed: religion, culture)**
- 6/5/21-6/6/21 Jeff Kellum Parish Associate at Union Presbyterian Church, Endicott, NY talks with Faith in Action Volunteer 2021 honorees - Kahon Kessler, Ida Taft and Dave Golden about Faith in Action Ministries, honoring Volunteers. **(Issues addressed: religion, disability awareness, senior issues, poverty.)**
- 6/12/21-6/13/21 Joe Selipack, Executive Director of the Broome County Council of Churches talks with Brian Jester, President of the Binghamton Rotary Lunch Club and Lana Root, District Governor of the Rotary about the

Binghamton Rotary Lunch Club and their service to the Binghamton Community. **(Issues addressed: social action, community involvement, family issues)**

6/19-6/20/21, 6/26/21-6/27/21 Mark Kimpland, Pastor of Endwell United Methodist Church talks to Bob Bundy - Coordinator for the Ramp It Up Ministry about the ministry - Faith in Action through the Broome County Council of Churches. **(Issues addressed: religion, culture, family issues, disability awareness)**