

WBGH-TV QUARTERLY ISSUES AND PROGRAMS REPORT
3rd Quarter 2018

WBGH-TV's programs, news reports and public services announcements provided significant treatment of the following issues that were important to the community in the 3rd quarter of 2018:

Education
Politics
Health/Healthcare
Crime/Law Enforcement
Government (Local)
Economy
Community
Business

Programs: Programs providing the most significant treatment of the above-identified community issues:

Local:

Program	Day	Time
NewsChannel 34 at 6pm	Monday-Friday	6:00-6:30pm
NewsChannel 34 at 11pm	Monday-Friday	11:00-11:35pm
NC34 Daybreak Cut-in	M-F	7:25am, 7:56am, 8:08am, 10:26am

Buffalo Kickoff LIVE Training Camp Edition

8/4/18 7:00pm

30-Minute Show

30-minute show featuring interviews with players and coaches, plus roundtable discussions. Football is back and the fans are fired up! We take you to training camp for an in-depth look at the 2018 season. The Buffalo Bills have a strong regional appeal in our market.

Clear the Shelters

8/25/18 7:30pm

30-Minute Show

30-minute show in support of the national pet adoption drive. Last year, over 80 thousand pets found their new forever homes. WBGH-TV, NBC 5 worked locally with the BC Humane Society, so people in our area could adopt a pet on this day.

All of the above programming is locally produced news and entertainment programming presenting a mix of news, weather, and sports programming focusing on current issues and events.

National:
Program

Day

Time

EARLY TODAY

Monday through Friday

6:30 - 7:00AM ET

As the first broadcast of the day on the NBC Network, Early Today features a comprehensive look at overnight news, the day ahead, plus the latest weather from across the nation. Viewers can expect the latest headlines in world and national news, as well as regular segments on business, sports and entertainment.

TODAY

Monday through Friday

7:00 - 11:00AM ET

This live broadcast provides the latest in domestic and international news, weather reports, and interviews with newsmakers from the worlds of politics, business, media, entertainment and sports.

NBC NIGHTLY NEWS

Monday through Friday

6:30 - 7:00PM ET

NBC Nightly News provides reports and analysis of the day's most newsworthy national and international events. Regular features include the "Fleecing of America," an examination of government waste, "Making a Difference," profiles of remarkable individuals who help others, and "In Their Own Words," segments in which individuals talk about the day's news.

DATELINE

Sundays

7:00 - 8:00PM ET

An award-winning newsmagazine dedicated to investigative reporting, mysteries, and social justice. The news magazine's flexible format allows its principal anchor, Lester Holt, and the show's esteemed correspondents Chris Hansen, Hoda Kotb, Josh Mankiewicz, Keith Morrison and Dennis Murphy to offer viewers an array of stories that range from mysteries and breaking news, to hidden-camera investigations and documentaries.

MEET THE PRESS

Sundays

9:00 - 10:00AM ET

For over 60 years, Meet the Press has featured headline-making interviews with world-leaders and U.S. newsmakers. President John F. Kennedy once called Meet the Press the "fifty-first state." Since then, every man who has occupied the Oval Office has appeared on the program

WEEKEND TODAY

Saturday 7:00 - 9:00AM ET

Sunday 8:00 - 9:00AM ET

The weekend broadcasts continue the *Today* tradition of covering breaking news, interviewing newsmakers, reporting on a variety of popular-culture and human-interest stories, covering health and finance issues and presenting the latest weather reports

Syndicated:

The Dr. Oz Show

Monday thru Friday

4:00 - 5:00PM

The two-time Daytime Emmy Award-winning syndicated daily series "The Dr. Oz Show" is hosted by the two-time Emmy Award-winning Dr. Mehmet Oz, trusted health expert, best-selling author, and world-renowned cardiac surgeon. "The Dr. Oz Show" is an entertaining, high-octane, multi-topic hour offering equal parts life-saving information in an "embarrassment-free" zone and where nothing is off limits or out of bounds.

Education – topics covered under this issue include:

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm

Date: 7/13/2018

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:08

Detailed Description:

A local B-U student is working to make a difference in the lives of refugees. Newark Valley native Justine Lewis is involved with the University's community research and action program with a focus on refugee resettlement. Through the program, Lewis has an internship with a company in Maryland that works to resettle legal refugees. She says they're in great need, so she has started collecting donations of everyday items in her home community to bring back for the refugees. Lewis says it's a rewarding experience to help families get settled into their new home. Those looking to contribute can donate things such as diapers sizes newborn through toddler two, non-perishable food, and school supplies. The items can be dropped off at R-V-S-A Advertising at 236 Main Street in Binghamton Monday through Friday from 9-4. Donations will be collected through August. For more information, go to eccdcus.org.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm

Date: 8/21/2018

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 2:15

Detailed Description:

A Union-Endicott teacher has been found dead. 45-year-old Cassandra Cline was killed by an alligator while walking her dog on Hilton head Island in South Carolina. Cline was a Kindergarten teacher at George F Johnson Elementary school in the Union Endicott School District for 16 years. Being just 2 weeks away from returning to work, Superintendent Suzanne McLeod says it was a surprising and heart-breaking loss. She says Cline was a truly great educator. McLeod went on to mention that just last year Cline had won her school's founder's day award which is annually given to a teacher who has gone above and beyond as an educator. Our sister station WSAV in Savannah Georgia was on the scene of the incident with more information. A tragedy on Hilton head island. Around 9:30 Monday morning police found the body of 45-year-old Cassandra cline. Officials say her neighbors say cline walking her dog, seconds later they heard her cry for help. One neighbor we spoke with lives at long cove plantation where a dog was attacked in July. Signs nearby read – don't feed the alligators. Which is illegal in south Carolina. But it doesn't say anything about getting too close or protecting your pets. Chapple says alligators can often move from lagoon to lagoon. So, even if you think the water near your home is safe, that could change.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm

Date: 8/22/2018

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:04

Detailed Description:

Binghamton University welcomed in the semester with a big new addition. Students and staff experienced the first day of classes today at the new Pharmacy School located at 96 Corliss Ave in Johnson City. The facility is filled with top of the line equipment so students get hands on, real world experiences. Students have resources at their fingertips whether it is the lab rooms, automated dispensaries, or colorful reading room. Dean of the Pharmacy School, Gloria Meredith says that the students will be more than prepared when seeking a job in the health field. The school will be working closely alongside SUNY Broome's nursing program as well as the local hospitals including UHS and Lourdes.

The program currently has 85 students and Meredith hopes that the new updated building will help produce some of the best pharmacists in the country.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm

Date: 8/27/2018

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:14

Detailed Description:

The community is looking to keep a tradition of the late Union-Endicott kindergarten teacher alive. Every year Cassandra Cline, or "Sassie" as her friends and family called her, bought supplies to ensure that each and every one of her students at George F Johnson Elementary was equally prepared for the school year. With the help of a couple local businesses that goal will continue to be met. A school supply drive is being held by Hair Studio Six and Southern Tier Dermatology. Her husband Jim Cline says he's still trying to put the pieces together, but it helps knowing Sassie would want this sort of support for her students. Those looking to contribute can donate any sort of school supplies including pencils, paper, backpacks and tissues. The items can be dropped off at either Hair Studio Six located at 800 Hooper Road in Endwell or Southern Tier Dermatology at 333 Hooper. Collections will be accepted through Saturday September 8th.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm

Date: 9/3/2018

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:03

Detailed Description:

This weekend, Alfred University played a football game unlike any other. For the Saxon's, this game was about remembering one of their own. The football team honored trooper Nicholas Clark, the New York State trooper who lost his life in the line of duty. He was killed while answering a suicide call back in early July in the town of Erwin. Before their game against Theil college, his fellow troopers, family, team members, and everyone in the stands stood to remember the impact Clark had in his community...and on the field. Clark was a two-time All-American linebacker and won the Empire conference defensive player of the year during his time at Alfred and received a tryout with the Buffalo Bills upon graduation. Now, every season the Saxons will select a player who shows the characteristics Clark demonstrated to wear his number-32 jersey. This year, linebacker Cole Reed, got that honor.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm

Date: 9/10/2018

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:17

Detailed Description:

A local school received a wide collection of support today in honor of one of its former teachers. The items that were collected in a school supply drive in honor of Cassandra "Sassie" Cline were delivered to George F Johnson where she taught for 16 years.

Cline was killed in August by an alligator while walking her dog in Hilton Head South Carolina. The drive was started by Hair Studio Six and Southern Tier Dermatology in hopes of keeping Sassie's tradition alive of supplying school supplies for students in need.

Megan Decker from Hair Studio Six says the drive was originally intended just for George F Johnson. She says they received such overwhelming support from all over the country that there was more than enough supplies to be spread throughout the Union-Endicott School District. Cline's husband Jim and her sister Kathy endorsed the effort. The drive brought in thousands of supplies which included backpacks, folders, pencils and crayons. Decker says the support they received this year has assured that it will become an annual event.

Politics – topics covered under this issue include:

Program Title: NewsChannel 34 at 11pm

Date: 7/5/2018

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:32

Detailed Description:

Congresswoman Claudia Tenney visited Binghamton today with the goal of learning more about one of its local businesses. Tenney took a tour of one of Binghamton Precast's sites. Tenney says she has toured almost 50 businesses in the district with the goal of seeing a new one every day. She says that she wants to find out how they are doing, how the tax reform has affected them and what kind of regulatory reform they need to grow and create jobs. The congresswoman says she is learning of the difficulties these small businesses share. Binghamton Precast works mainly in large construction projects that involve highways and bridges. They make the concrete barriers you see and they make a lot of what you don't see but use every day as company President Jay Abbey says. Abbey says they have done a lot of work on the Prospect Mountain Project and that their role in it will be done within a month or 2. He also adds that Binghamton Precast employs around 110 people over their 3 locations.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm

Date: 7/9/2018

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:43

Detailed Description:

The first daughter of the U.S made a visit to Cortland County today. Advisor to the President Ivanka Trump joined Congresswoman Claudia Tenney on a tour of the Suit-Kote Corporation in Tully. According to Tenney and Suit-Kote President and CEO Frank Suits, Suit-Kote was handpicked by Trump for the event. Following the tour, Trump and Tenney took part in a demonstration where they helped pave a road. The company works on roads for every level of government. It works on thousands of miles of roadway in the Northeast each year, either protecting roads in good condition or paving and repairing those in bad shape. Suits says he was surprised by the amount of information Trump knew about what they do. Following the tour Tenney and Trump participated in a roundtable discussion with Suits about how tax reform has affected his company and other businesses. Suits says the reform has allowed his employees to receive a net 5 percent raise. He says 2 and a half percent of it comes from money not taken out from their paychecks due to government withholdings and then they matched the other 2 and a half. Tenney says having Ivanka Trump show support for the work being done is a great boost. Following her visit to Suit-Kote, Trump traveled to P-Tech in Syracuse to talk about helping students get into work.

Program Title: NewsChannel 34 at 11pm

Date: 7/17/2018

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:09

Detailed Description:

Republicans in Washington DC have scrapped plans to vote on a Democrat-sponsored bill to abolish ICE. GOP Congresswoman Claudia Tenney was among those encouraging a vote as a way to make Democrats quote "put up or shut up." unquote. Tenney says doing away with Immigration and Customs Enforcement would be recklessly misguided and dangerous. She says ICE officers are public servants working to keep terrorists, drugs, human traffickers and violent criminals out of our country. Tenney co-sponsored a resolution in the House supporting ICE personnel. You can view her full comments on the subject at Binghamton Homepage dot com.

Program Title: NewsChannel 34 at 11pm

Date: 8/1/2018

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:37

Detailed Description:

Congresswoman Claudia Tenney made a couple visits in our area today. Tenney is checking on local businesses as part of her Renew NY-22 Tour to see what can be improved. The first stop of the day was at the Northern Broome Community Center in Whitney Point.

The center has been in operation for over 35 years and provides nutrition programs and activities for local seniors. While there, Tenney discussed what issues were impacting the seniors from preserving Medicare to protecting social security. Tenney says one of the issues she's come across frequently is the need for affordable senior housing. The next stop was at Willow Run Foods in Kirkwood.

Willow Run is a fast food distributor that delivers to franchises in 14 different states. Tenney received a tour of the facility and discussed with management potential roadblocks for the business. Company President Terry Wood says the area's out-migration has presented some issues. Wood says that Willow Run currently has 435 full-time employees. He went on to say that they would like to hire around 25 more.

Program Title: NewsChannel 34 at 11pm

Date: 8/9/2018

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:25

Detailed Description:

An Endwell man with 2 decades of experience working for the Town of Union wants to become its new Supervisor. Republican Ken Del Bianco is running for the seat being vacated by fellow Republican Rose Sotak who has chosen not to seek re-election. Del Bianco worked for the town for roughly 20 years, first as its engineer and later as the Commissioner of Public Works. He also ran Tioga County's DPW for 14 years, served on the Endwell Fire District Board and is currently on the Maine-Endwell School Board. Del Bianco says he has plenty of experience working with others and understands the intricacies of how the town functions. Among Del Bianco's proposals for improving the Town of Union, he'd like to work with the owners of the Oakdale Mall to explore alternative options for filling the space. He suggests discussing with the owners of the Huron Campus in Endicott ways to better utilize old IBM parking lots that are unused. And he hopes to return a post office to Endwell. The old one on Lawndale Street never reopened after it flooded in 2011 and the building is now owned by SmartTech. Del Bianco will face current Town Board Member Frank Bertoni in a GOP primary on September 13th.

Program Title: NewsChannel 34 at 11pm

Date: 8/23/2018

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:46

Detailed Description:

Governor Cuomo was in Owego today to share some good news. Owego was awarded first prize for the Southern Tier region as part of the New York State Downtown Revitalization Initiative. The D-R-I is a program in its 3rd year that invests 100 million dollars a year into Downtown neighborhoods across the state. Governor Cuomo says in order to ensure the future of New York State, it is important to get young people to live and work here. He says to do that it's important to create downtown areas that people want to live in. Tioga County Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Gwen Kania says that Team Tioga has worked long and hard on the proposal that won them the grant and she is excited for what the funds will do for the community. The Governor says while there is still work to be done, he believes the future is looking bright in Upstate New York. He went on to cite the 36 billion dollars that has been invested in Upstate during his tenure including in the airport upgrades in cities such as Elmira and Syracuse. Cuomo

also brought up the Tioga County unemployment rate dropping from 8 percent when he took office to 4 point 5 percent today.

Program Title: NewsChannel 34 at 11pm

Date: 8/24/2018

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:38

Detailed Description:

The top Democrat in the United States Senate stopped by Owego this morning to discuss his support for industrial hemp farming.

Senator Chuck Schumer is calling on the House to include a provision supporting hemp that was included the Senate's version of the Farm Bill. The Hemp Farming Act would remove hemp from the Schedule 1 of the Controlled Substances Act and would turn all regulation of the plant over to the states. Schumer says hemp is being unfairly treated like marijuana, even though hemp contains very little THC, the psychoactive compound that gives marijuana users a high. The Senate Minority Leader says hemp could be easily grown in this area to produce food, fabric, rope and medicinal oils. The bill would open up hemp to research grants as well as allow hemp farmers to access insurance, banking and credit. It would also ease restrictions on interstate commerce. Schumer says a company in Spencer, High End Multi Processing, is poised to ramp up production, using hemp grown by local farmers and hiring 10 to 15 people this Fall. Luciano says a large number of farmers in Tioga County have already signed on to grow hemp for High End. Schumer says the bill has bipartisan support in the Senate where Republican Majority Leader Mitch McConnell is a co-sponsor.

Program Title: NewsChannel 34 at 11pm

Date: 9/14/2018

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:00

Detailed Description:

Town of Union Voters selected who will be on the general election ballot for Town Supervisor in November. On the democratic side of the things former Endicott Trustees Rick Materese and Frank Palmisano faced off. The democratic voters sided with Materese who along with serving as a trustee spent time on the county legislature. Materese garnered over 59 percent of the vote compared to Palmisano's 39 percent. He says he believes his work in the community over the past 4 decades helped contribute to the victory.

Health / Healthcare – topics covered under this issue include:

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm

Date: 7/3/2018

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:02

Detailed Description:

Those dealing with a crisis now have another option. Our House a short-term crisis respite house open in Binghamton. The house is open to people experiencing a mental health crisis or emotional distress. Guests have their own bedroom and are responsible for their own medication and meals and are free to come and go as they need. Our House opened in March and has a capacity of 6 people with the average stay ranging from 3 to 5 days. Director Emily Childress says she wants the community to know that those in need of support in a safe, home-like environment, now have a new

alternative. Childress says that since their opening they have housed 40 guests for a total around 200 days of service. Those that feel they could benefit from Our House can call them at 607-771-8888 extension 350 to discuss arrangements.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm

Date: 7/19/2018

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:05

Detailed Description:

Medicare recipients have an important change coming their way. The centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services will be mailing new Medicare cards to enrollees starting at the end of the month. The new cards are designed to enhance beneficiaries' security by replacing the Social Security number on old cards with a randomly generated number. Once received, the new cards can be used immediately. Executive Director of Action for Older Persons Casandra Hamilton says it is imperative for Medicare members to get these new cards. Hamilton adds that users will not be contacted by phone prior to their new card arriving so any calls asking to verify information related to the new cards should be considered a scam. She also adds to shred old cards after receiving the new one.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm

Date: 8/13/2018

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:30

Detailed Description:

After completing renovations and putting a few finishing touches on its facade, the Mental Health Association of the Southern Tier is ready to officially celebrate its new home. M-HAST held a ribbon cutting today at its new headquarters at 47 Broad Avenue on Binghamton's Eastside. The organization acquired the former BCT Federal Credit Union building from Visions last year and moved in last November. While it's roughly the same size as its former Court Street location, by now owning rather than leasing, M-HAST is able to save significantly on its occupancy costs and spend more money on personnel and programming. The Mental Health Association has recently launched a crisis intervention team that works with local law enforcement to help reduce unnecessary trips to the Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program or C-PEP at Binghamton General Hospital. It also opened a new respite home called Our House. Leahey has the organization has doubled its budget and staff in the past 3 years and is already looking for additional satellite space in Broome County. M-HAST received financial support from the Decker and Mee Foundations, Visions and GHS Federal Credit Unions and the Raymond Corporation in purchasing and remodeling the Broad Avenue location.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm

Date: 8/16/2018

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:49

Detailed Description:

An organization that advocates and educates on issues surrounding the opioid epidemic is getting ready for its biggest annual event with the help of a new sponsor. HealthLink New York has announced its support of the Trail of Truth, organized by Truth Pharm. HealthLink New York operates the Southern Tier Addiction Resource Center which recently partnered with the Siena College poll to survey area residents about the heroin epidemic. Among the findings, 66 percent of those polled have been affected by the opioid crisis and 70 percent think a lack of awareness is an ongoing problem. Regional Director of Community Initiatives Phillip Ginter says ignorance contributes to stigma. The Trail of Truth is a memorial march held in recognition of International Overdose Awareness Day.

Its goal is to put a human face on the epidemic as well as to share important safety information, including about the overdose reversal drug naloxone. Truth Pharm Executive Director Alexis Pleus says the event has already proven to be life-saving. This year, 105 overdose death victims will be memorialized. Trail of Truth begins at Peacemakers Stage near the Court Street Bridge in Binghamton at 3 with a memorial and O-D reversal training sessions. There will be presentations at 4:30. At 6, participants march to government plaza where there will be a live art memorial.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm

Date: 9/5/2018

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:31

Detailed Description:

Residents of one local trailer park have been struggling with a big problem as a result of August's flooding. The Blue Ridge Trailer Park in Conklin has been without clean water since August 15th. Bill Miller who has lived in the Park since February says that the brown tint to the water has been a problem even before it was deemed unsafe to use. Sall Associates who serves as the park supervisor has been leaving notices on resident's doors, updating them on the status of the water. In an update left on August 21st residents were told that water was unsafe to drink or cook with. We reached out to Sall Associates for comment but did not receive a response. Miller says that this has been an issue for too long. Officials from the Broome County Health Department say the brownish tint has been around for a while in the park's water due to an iron build up in the water tanks. A solution to the problem was being worked on when the flooding put one of the wells out of service. The health department is currently working on fixing the wells. After that is done there will be 2 bacterial samples taken from the water 24 hours a part to make sure the water is safe to drink. The water is expected to be usable again by this weekend or early next week. Until it is cleared residents are to remain under a 100 percent water boil advisory.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm

Date: 9/7/2018

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:17

Detailed Description:

A new form of aid for veterans with PTSD is trying to make its way to Broome County. The Whitney Point American Legion presented a check for 6 thousand dollars to the Research and Recognition Project towards bringing a registered Reconsolidation of Traumatic Memories technician to Broome County. RTM is drug-free cognitive therapy that removes nightmares and flashbacks directly related to emotional problems with PTSD. The therapy works to take emotions such as fear, helplessness and horror out of traumatic event memories. Community Development Director Edith Jordan says with the growing rate of veteran suicides, it is imperative to get veterans everywhere access to the RTM program. Jordan says RTM has a 93 percent success rate in curing PTSD. The total cost of bringing a technician to the area is 10 thousand dollars so Broome County is 4 thousand away from its goal. For more information on the program you can visit their website at [r and r project dot com](http://rproject.com).

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm
Time: 11pm
Detailed Description:

Date: 9/28/2018
Duration of Segment: 1:19

There's a new substance abuse treatment clinic in Binghamton, this one with a special emphasis on the dually diagnosed. Family and Children's Society began offering same-day outpatient medically-assisted addiction treatment on September 19th at its offices at 257 Main Street. Family and Children's, which has a long history of offering adult, children and family mental health counseling, is undergoing a merger with Cortland-based Family Counseling Services. That organization has already been providing drug treatment in Cortland and Madison Counties. Executive Director and CEO Lisa Hoeschele says many addicts self-medicate as a way to cope with mental illness. Hoeschele says those receiving opioid addiction treatments using drugs like Vivitrol or Suboxone will also receive therapy and peer support. She says clients will also get help attaining insurance coverage if necessary as part of their care coordination. Hoeschele says her clinic plans to work collaboratively with other local providers to maintain a client's continuum of care. The clinic is open Monday through Thursday from 8 to 8 and Fridays from 8 to 5.

Crime / Law Enforcement – topics covered under this issue include:

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm
Time: 11pm
Detailed Description:

Date: 7/10/2018
Duration of Segment: 1:15

New funding from the state will help the Tioga County Jail replace a drug treatment counselor it lost a month ago. State Senator Fred Akshar joined Tioga County Sheriff Gary Howard and other county officials today to announce 156 thousand dollars to pay for substance abuse treatment services within the jail. Just last month, a federal grant ran out that covered the salary of an addiction counselor from Trinity CASA. The position provides evaluation and counseling as well as coordinates a transition of service once an inmate is released. The funding will also provide access to medically assisted withdrawal using suboxone or vivitrol. Director of Community Service for Tioga County Mental Hygiene Lori Morgan says being incarcerated can serve as a catalyst for change. The money is coming from state funds controlled by the New York State Senate. Morgan says it will cover a full-time counselor and 2 part-time peer counselors for one year. She believes the program will receive ongoing state support once officials see how successful it becomes.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm
Time: 11pm

Date: 7/12/2018
Duration of Segment: 1:21

Detailed Description:

A Town of Colesville woman has been indicted on multiple charges stemming from the death of a child in February. Broome County Grand Jury handed up an indictment of 30-year-old Serina Madden for murdering her 10-year-old daughter Belladonna Loke. The Broome County District Attorney's Office accuses Madden of severe neglect, including starvation, malnutrition and lack of medical care. Madden is also charged with manslaughter and 2 counts of endangering the welfare of a child for allegedly allowing her 2-year old daughter and 9-year old son to play and sleep in the same room with the dead child. Police believe Loke died on Saturday February 17th of this year, but her death was not reported until the following day. Loke had been suffering from a serious medical condition before her death, the specifics of which have not been released. State Police Captain Scott Heggelke says cases like these are complicated. Madden and her 3 children were staying with a relative in Colesville. It was this relative who discovered Loke's body and phoned 9-1-1.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm

Date: 7/25/2018

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:45

Detailed Description:

New York State officials are warning of an alarming increase in reckless driving and crashes in highway work zones this year. The Department of Transportation and State Police held a news conference today at the Interstate 81 Welcome Center in Kirkwood to spread the message that drivers need to be more careful and considerate when traveling through construction zones. In particular, they want drivers to put down their phones and slow down. The DOT brought a damaged attenuator for a visual example. It was crushed earlier this year along Interstate 87 near Albany. An attenuator is a safety device that is towed behind construction vehicles that absorbs the force of a collision, thereby protecting both the DOT workers and the driving public. DOT officials say 20 of these attenuators have been crushed across the state so far this year. And since the Prospect Mountain project in Binghamton began in 2012, a dozen attenuators have been struck. John Howe is a Highway Maintenance Supervisor who was in a DOT pickup truck when it was struck along Route 201 in Johnson City back in May. He says the crash changed his life. Howe suffered a concussion and injuries to his vertebrae. While he's back at work, he still requires medical attention on his neck. Officials also report a steep increase in the number of people harassing and assaulting flag persons. The DOT has launched a new awareness campaign called Flaggers Have Families Too.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm

Date: 7/27/2018

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:14

Detailed Description:

A fallen Port Dickinson Police Officer was honored for his sacrifice. A ceremony was held to unveil a monument dedicated to Officer Aldo Rossi. Rossi was struck and killed by a drunk driver during a traffic stop near Route 7 and Phelps Street in July of 2008. Family, friends and members of law enforcement from across the area came out to Port Dickinson Village Hall to pay tribute to the fallen officer. Aldo's wife Renee Rossi says he had completed his life goal of working in law enforcement when he went through the academy and got a job with the Port Dickinson Police Department at the age of 40. She says time hasn't healed all wounds, but having his memory honored where he served helps aid the recovery. Renee says she hopes her husband will always be remembered for his kindness and ability to make every person he talked to feel special.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm

Date: 7/31/2018

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:52

Detailed Description:

A year after experiencing a life-threatening situation, a woman has met her rescuers. On July 24th, 2017 Margaret Russell was asleep in her trailer home off Pennsylvania Ave in Apalachin when she was woken up by her dog Daisy. She got out of bed to discover that she was knee deep in water and that her trailer was moving. With her cell phone in the water she was able to call 9-1-1 off her land line and had about 10 seconds before it cut out to explain her situation. About 20 minutes after her call she could see lights and hear a voice speaking into a loud speaker that they were coming to get her. After 3 and a half hours, Captain Rob Congdon and Lieutenant John Hussar of the Endwell Fire Department showed up by boat to save her and Daisy from the rushing waters. She says not a day goes by that she isn't thankful for them. After securing Russell, the pair of rescuers had to go back and get her 2 neighbors that were living in the apartment next door. Congdon says that in situations like that, there's a lot going on in your head but the important goal of saving someone keeps you focused. Congdon and Hussar are both part of Endwell Fire Department's Swift Water Rescue team that has traveled throughout the State and Pennsylvania to help people in floods.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm
Time: 11pm
Detailed Description:

Date: 8/14/2018
Duration of Segment: 2:44

Broome County declared a State of Emergency this morning as flash flooding caused creeks and streams in Vestal, Conklin, Kirkwood and Colesville to leave their banks forcing residents to flee. Heavy rain this morning caused Choconut Creek in Vestal to overflow, swamping homes, a public park and playground and the Firemen's Hall along Coleman Street and Grand, Park and Sunset Avenues. As many as 30 roads and bridges across the county had to be closed due to dangerous flood waters. And evacuations took place in many areas prone to flash flooding, including 75 to 100 people at the Fountain Blue Trailer Park along Conklin Road in Conklin.

County officials say many residents had to be rescued by boat. The Red Cross has set up shelters for those who are displaced at the American Legion Post 89 on Jensen Road in Vestal, the Donnelly Elementary School on Conklin Road in Conklin and the Harpursville Baptist Church in Harpursville. Governor Cuomo visited both Broome County as well as Seneca County today where there was also damaging flash flooding. Cuomo says that while New York State is better prepared for natural disasters than ever before, state officials still rely on others to help keep people safe. Cuomo met with local officials at the state's disaster resource storage facility along North Jensen Road in Vestal. It stockpiles heavy equipment, generators and other items needed in a large-scale emergency. Afterward, he toured a flooded portion of Conklin to assess damage. Broome County Executive Jason Garnar issued the State of Emergency this morning, forbidding residents from recreational use of county rivers and streams as well as directing motorists not to drive on flooded roads. The Susquehanna River in Conklin crested at 16 point 15 feet this afternoon, a foot over moderate flood stage. The Susquehanna in Binghamton is forecasted to crest at 13 point 7 feet this evening, just shy of minor flooding. The National Weather Service predicts that the river in Vestal will rise to 21 feet this evening, which is the threshold set for moderate flooding. Flash flooding has also been reported in the Hancock area and other portions of Delaware County as well as various places across the northern tier of Pennsylvania. Our Storm Team meteorologist will have more on the forecast coming up in weather.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm
Time: 11pm
Detailed Description:

Date: 9/11/2018
Duration of Segment: 1:02

People all across the area took a few moments to remember the significance of today's date. Members of the Binghamton Police and Fire Departments were outside City Hall to honor those that lost their lives during the September 11th terrorist attack. The first responders gathered by the 9/11 memorial that features a steel beam from the World Trade Center for a moment of silence. Binghamton Fire Captain Timothy O'Neill was part of a group from the department that went to help with the clean-up efforts a little over a week after the attack. He says it is certainly a

sad day to remember and that he tries not to dwell on it, but that it is important day for future generations to continue to learn about.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm
Time: 11pm
Detailed Description:

Date: 9/12/2018
Duration of Segment: 1:38

Pennsylvania State Police shot and injured a Hallstead man last night after he allegedly savagely beat the borough's former mayor. A plume of smoke coming from road flairs alerted people living near dubois street in hallstead the road was closed overnight. Many shocked to learn this is a scene of a police-involved shooting. Neighbors heard the blaring sirens coming from state police cruisers around 9:30 tuesday night. State police say they were responding to disturbance on this road. They say they were confronted by a man with a gun who was identified as 38-year-old james lewis of hallstead. A short time later-- neighbors heard gunfire. State police say a trooper shot lewis after he failed to obey commands. State police also made a shocking discovery-- when they found 66-stephen esposito-- the former mayor of hallstead badly beaten.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm
Time: 11pm
Detailed Description:

Date: 9/21/2018
Duration of Segment: 2:17

The Binghamton Police Department and its union are forcefully condemning a statement made last week by the YWCA accusing police officers of racist brutality. Dozens of police officers filled the conference room of Mayor Rich David today to deliver a stinging rebuke of the criticism and to demand an apology. The YWCA had posted a statement on its Facebook page alleging that officers used unjustified excessive force to wrestle a woman to the ground outside its facility on Hawley Street. The YW's Executive Director Carole Coppens filed a complaint with the Police Department triggering an investigation by both Internal Affairs and the Broome County District Attorney. Mayor David says both investigations determined that officers acted appropriately and exonerated them of any wrong doing. David even called upon the YWCA Board of Directors to investigate the Facebook post. DA Steve Cornwell says he reviewed body cams containing video and audio of 4 of the responding officers, as well as 2 YWCA surveillance cameras, the 9-1-1 call, radio transmissions and witness statements. He says there was no sign of excessive force or racist behavior. Furthermore, he says a state law mandates that officers make an arrest in instances where domestic violence is alleged, as it was by the victim in this case. An email and voice message left for YWCA Executive Director Carole Coppens were not returned.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm
Time: 11pm
Detailed Description:

Date: 9/27/2018
Duration of Segment: 1:15

The New York Attorney General's Office is accusing an Endicott-based basketball academy of defrauding its players. The A-G has filed suit against AAUCONNECT and its New York International Academy for not fulfilling its promises to those who attend. The NYIA, which is housed in the former Henry B Endicott school, claims on its website to be the number 1 post grad basketball academy in the Northeast preparing players to be recruited by Division 1 colleges. It plays home games against other prep schools at the Floyd Maines Arena, as well as traveling to play other academies

across the Northeast. The A-G alleges that NYIA has failed to provide an adequate education to players still in high school, and that the team is housed in a run-down, filthy building with no cable T-V or internet that has used syringes lying outside the facility. In addition to tuition, AAUCONNECT allegedly charges the players thousands of dollars for a mandatory meal plan that consists of bland food served with dirty dishes and utensils. The A-G also says the academy does not offer the high-quality practice facilities or coaching that is advertised. The suit is looking to shut down the academy and seeks restitution and penalties from AAUCONNECT's principals Chris Bevin and Hazel Ward.

Government (Local) – topics covered under this issue include:

Program Title: NewsChannel 34 at 6pm

Date: 7/2/2018

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:09

Detailed Description:

Bus riders in Broome County can now crack open a book while waiting to get off at their stop. County Executive Jason Garnar was at the Hinchey Hub bus station in downtown Binghamton this afternoon to announce the launch of the Ride and Read program. Each B-C Transit bus will have a bin of 25 to 30 books that riders can help themselves to, even taking them home to read and share. Transit Commissioner Greg Kilmer says each collection will have a mix of children's and older person's books, fiction and non-fiction, in a variety of subjects. The books are being donated by libraries across Broome County with the help of the Four County Library System.

Kilmer says borrowers can return the books to the buses or to one of the libraries. Anyone who would like to donate books can do so at the libraries where they'll be sorted and labeled to go on the buses.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm

Date: 7/16/2018

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:42

Detailed Description:

Greater Binghamton is receiving nearly a million dollars to address a serious problem, poverty. The Binghamton-Broome Anti-Poverty Initiative (BBAPI) is announcing over 900 thousand dollars in state funding awarded to 12 projects in our area. The focus of the program will be in the City of Binghamton where a third of families and half of children live in poverty. The award will provide residents with job training and resources along with promoting business opportunities. B-BAPI Steering Committee Chair Mark Bowers says two of the biggest issues to overcome for those in poverty are transportation and child care. He says working with the people in the community was crucial to finding out how to improve. Someone who has experienced poverty first-hand is Josephine Burrell. Burrell has

lived in Binghamton for over 40 years and says this program is a step in the right direction. The United Way of Broome County has served as the backbone for B-BAPI. Some of the other organizations receiving funding include The Salvation Army, The Broome County Urban League, and the Mothers and Babies Perinatal Network.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm

Date: 7/20/2018

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:04

Detailed Description:

New York State is providing some new roadwork equipment for all towns and villages in Broome County to share. State Senator Fred Akshar was joined by local officials today outside the Town of Union Highway Garage to announce the purchase of a new excavator, rubber tire roller and road widener. The Dormitory Authority of New York State provided the 360 thousand dollars to purchase the 3 pieces of heavy equipment. They'll be kept and maintained at the Town of Union, but can be used by other local municipalities in the county under a shared services agreement. Local highway superintendents say it's far more economical to share the specialized road repair machines. Kupiec says training on the new Cat 320 Next Generation Excavator will begin on Monday. Town of Union Supervisor Rose Sotak says these new pieces replace older equipment that was originally secured by the late State Senator Tom Libous and was also shared among the local towns and villages.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm

Date: 7/23/2018

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:15

Detailed Description:

Assemblyman Anthony Brindisi came to Binghamton today to hear from local seniors what issues concern them the most. The Democratic candidate for New York's 22nd Congressional District visited the Johnson City Senior Center today to discuss his views on Social Security and Medicare. Brindisi says the Republican tax cuts disproportionately benefit the wealthy and are creating pressure on the federal government to raid the social security and Medicare trust funds. Aside from protecting those funds, he would like to gradually raise the cap on how much wealthy individuals pay into social security. And he'd like to allow Medicare to be able to negotiate drug prices with the pharmaceutical companies. The 20 people who met with Brindisi were interested in far more than just traditional senior issues. They also asked the candidate for his views on climate change, the national debt, immigration, the Russia investigation, college debt and gun control.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm

Date: 8/8/2018

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:32

Detailed Description:

A dispute has broken out between Broome County Executive Jason Garnar and Binghamton Mayor Rich David on what should be done with a blighted old factory building within the city's Brandywine Corridor. Garnar held a news conference today outside of the former Phillips Foundry facility not far from Route 363. The dilapidated, sprawling structure with much of its roof caved in takes up nearly 3 acres bordered by Frederick Street, Montgomery Street and Whitney Avenue. Garnar announced that the county is selling the property to LCP Group of Vestal for 5 thousand dollars. LCP will tear down the structure this year and then look to sell it to someone else to develop. Garnar says that

many see that area of the city as having great potential because of its proximity to Interstate 81 and Route 17. But he says the cost of tearing down the buildings has thwarted earlier projects. Mayor David released a strongly worded statement today opposing the sale. David says that another impediment to developing the area east of the Brandywine Highway is the patchwork of ownerships among the various parcels. He thinks the county should retain control while seeking other means, such as grants through the Land Bank, to tear the buildings down. David says that would make it easier to bundle the property with others nearby into a larger development.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm

Date: 8/17/2018

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:26

Detailed Description:

The Broome County Legislature has sided with Binghamton Mayor Rich David in his fight with County Executive Jason Garnar over the future of an old industrial building in the city. Garnar had announced earlier this month the sale of the former Phillips Foundry site located within the Brandywine industrial corridor to LCP Group of Vestal for 5 thousand dollars. The sprawling dilapidated complex takes up multiple parcels along Whitney Avenue and Frederick and Montgomery Streets. LCP had pledged to demolish the structures, clearing the property for sale to another developer. The property had been seized for failure to pay taxes several years ago. David opposed the sale, citing a lack of a plan for future development and arguing that taking it out of government control could hamper future efforts to bundle the property with other nearby parcels for a large-scale development project. Since plans for the sale became public, David says 2 other potential buyers have stepped forward to express their interest. DiRenzo Brothers Construction and the Rescue Mission are located on Whitney Ave. The Rescue Mission is located next door and has been for many years using and caring for some of the neighboring parcels for parking and green space. DiRenzo would like to expand its business on another portion of the site and is willing to pay double the price. David says he thinks the county should reissue a Request For Proposals for the property.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm

Date: 9/6/2018

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:59

Detailed Description:

County Executive Jason Garnar has signed a declaration of Public Emergency to begin the removal of a blighted property in the City of Binghamton. At the beginning of August, Garnar announced the sale of the former Phillips Foundry site located within the Brandywine industrial corridor to LCP Group of Vestal for 5 thousand dollars. The dilapidated complex runs along Whitney Avenue and Frederick and Montgomery Streets. The county took ownership of the property in 2015 due to tax foreclosure. LCP had agreed to demolish the structures to clear the property for sale to another developer. Binghamton Mayor Rich David opposed the sale citing interest in the property from 2 nearby entities, DiRenzo Brothers Construction and the Rescue Mission. The Broome County legislature sided with David and voted against the sale. Now Garnar is declaring the Public Emergency stating that the building is an extreme danger to the public and needs to be demolished immediately. In response to the declaration, Legislature Chairman Daniel J Reynolds released a statement saying that they agree the building needs to come down, but the process needs to be done in a fair and transparent manner.

He says that a proper RFP process or auction would have allowed stakeholders to competitively bid for the project, instead, the County Executive tried to handle the process behind closed doors to make a backroom deal. Reynolds also said this is nothing more than a ploy to cover for his lack of action since the County took ownership of this property. In Mayor David's response he says it is nothing more than a run around a transparent process to sell public property, a run around City Hall and the Broome County Legislature, and a run around logic and common sense.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm

Date: 9/13/2018

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:08

Detailed Description:

Broome County Executive Jason Garnar announced his budget for next year last night. Garnar's 385 million dollar budget touched on multiple areas. One of the big issues stressed by the County Exec was the need for workforce development to fill the 4 thousand open jobs in our area. As a result, he has increased funding to multiple workforce training programs. Garnar's budget also includes a tax cut to the county's property tax levy that would lower the tax rate by about point 5 percent. Garnar says that this is a tax cut with no gimmicks. Among the other things Garnar touched on was public safety. In the 2019 plan, he has budgeted for a new position, an emergency management coordinator who will come up with plans in the event of disasters and train first responders. On top of that, he hopes to hire 2 additional emergency dispatch operators.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm

Date: 9/20/2018

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 2:01

Detailed Description:

Broome County is partnering with municipal leaders and other stakeholders to tackle the persistent problem of substandard housing for the poor. County Executive Jason Garnar was joined by Binghamton Mayor Rich David and Johnson City Mayor Greg Deemie outside a rundown house on Fayette Street today to announce the creation of a Safe Housing Task Force. It will be co-chaired by Southern Tier Homeless Coalition Coordinator Rebecca Rathmell and Mark Schuster of the County Health Department's Healthy Neighborhood Program. Both have seen first-hand the deplorable conditions many poor residents of our area live in. While Healthy Neighborhoods provides free assistance with mold, pest and lead remediation and other safety concerns, Rathmell says a structural solution is needed. Rathmell says most low-income housing projects are actually still too expensive for the very poor. She says the very poor spend 92 percent of their income on housing, with much of that money coming from public assistance. Garnar says he's frustrated that state rules don't allow the Department of Social Services to hold landlords who received subsidized rent checks more accountable.

Rathmell says slum housing conditions drive some families into homelessness while forcing others to co-locate with other poor families. She says this has numerous adverse effects especially on children who change schools frequently and miss educational time due to illness.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm

Date: 9/25/2018

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 2:24

Detailed Description:

It was like Christmas Day for the 3 mayors of the Triple Cities today as they each found out which of their proposed projects are receiving money through the Greater Binghamton Fund. Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul came to Binghamton to announce almost 20 million dollars in state funds to be spent in the Innovation Districts or iDistricts located in Binghamton, Johnson City and Endicott.

The money comes from the half-billion-dollar so-called Hunger Games award won by the Southern Tier Regional Economic Development Council back in 2015. For Binghamton Mayor Rich David, joy and relief as his priority project, an Art DECO District downtown was approved for 1 point 7 million dollars. The city plans to add another

nearly 2 million of its own money as it focuses on infrastructure and beautification efforts in the area around the Forum Theatre and the nearby State Street art galleries and restaurants.

In each instance, Greater Binghamton Fund allocations form roughly 20 percent of the overall cost with private or other public funding sources providing the rest. Other Binghamton projects include half a million dollars to get a proposed mixed-use commercial and residential building at the corner of Court and State Streets finally off the ground. The dilapidated Kenmore building is receiving half a million while The Club on Washington next door, former home of the Boys and Girls Club, is getting 50 thousand. On State Street, the Armory Lofts is receiving 179 thousand to put housing above Enviren. And the Binghamton Housing Authority is getting half a million to build townhouse style public housing along Lisle Avenue. There's also money for murals and the city plans to use half a million-dollars worth of Art DECO funds to transform the Washington Street courtyard leading to the MetroCenter. Major projects in Endicott and Johnson City include a new hotel to replace the Endicott Inn and conversion of an old railway line in JC into a Rail Trail.

Economy – topics covered under this issue include:

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm

Date: 7/11/2018

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:40

Detailed Description:

The First Ward Action Council is marking its progress on 2 major housing revitalization projects. New York State Homes and Community Renewal made visits today to 2 historic rehabilitation projects in Binghamton. The first is a 10 point 5 million-dollar revitalization along the blighted neighborhood of Crandall Street. The Crandall Street project will create 37 affordable homes and 1 thousand feet of commercial space out of a dozen old dilapidated buildings. Executive Director of the First Ward Action Council Jerry Willard says the improvements will bring new life to the area. The second development announced was the rehabilitation of the former Endicott Johnson Medical Clinic. The 6 point 3 million-dollar renovations turned the old clinic into the E.J Apartments creating 20 homes for seniors. House Manager Beverly Moschak says it has been exciting creating another option for seniors to stay in their home community. The E.J Apartments are located at 305 Clinton Street. The complex also includes 5 apartments for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities which the Southern Tier Independence Center is the service provider for. The financing came from state, federal and some local government sources.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm

Date: 7/24/2018

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:04

Detailed Description:

Endicott Proud had an exciting update at their latest meeting. Shailesh Upreti, the President of Charge C-4-V, was there to talk about the progress of his company. It has the intellectual property that serves as the core for the Imperium-3 consortium that will create a lithium-ion battery factory at Endicott's Huron Campus. Upreti says that current battery manufacturing practices are outdated and his company will bring a more sustainable process and product going forward. He believes that he can develop one of the nation's leading green lithium-ion production facilities before expanding globally. Upreti says small scale hiring have already begun but will ramp up next year with hopes to be up to 700 employees by 2021. Production is set to begin next summer.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm
Time: 6pm
Detailed Description:

Date: 8/2/2018
Duration of Segment: 1:06

As Greater Binghamton's tourism industry grows, one signature event that continues to draw visitors to the area takes place this weekend. The Spiedie Fest and Balloon Rally typically attracts as many as 100 thousand people to Otsiningo Park over the course of the 3-day weekend. Judi Hess, Director of Visit Binghamton, says the state's tourism agency, I Love New York, has taken notice and has provided financial and promotional support in recent years. She says the festival is always adding new features to keep it fresh and appeal to a wide cross-section of people. Hess says that overall, the economic impact of tourism in Broome County last year was almost half a billion dollars. Spiedie Fest runs Friday through Sunday at Otsiningo Park. 3-day passes are still available until 5 P-M tomorrow. For a list of ticket locations and a schedule of events, go to Spiedie Fest dot com.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm
Time: 6pm
Detailed Description:

Date: 8/10/2018
Duration of Segment: 1:17

With employers in our area still struggling to fill as many as 5 thousand job openings, the Greater Binghamton Chamber held a discussion this morning about tapping into an alternative workforce, those coming out of prison or in addiction recovery. The Eggs and Issues event took place at the DoubleTree Hotel in downtown Binghamton. One panelist was Vikrant Reddy, a Senior Fellow at the Washington D-C based Charles Koch Institute, a conservative think tank focused on improving opportunity for people around the country. Reddy says prisons need to do a better job at providing job and skills training as well as drug and mental health treatment.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm
Time: 6pm
Detailed Description:

Date: 9/19/2018
Duration of Segment: 1:58

From lenses to lofts, the Ansco Camera Factory building in Binghamton is being reborn as an upscale housing complex that blends modern amenities with historic character. A ceremonial groundbreaking was held outside of 6 Emma Street today to mark the early stages of redevelopment of the 4-story building. The structure was built as a cigar factory in 1928 and later housed Ansco Camera Works for many decades. Paulus Development of Syracuse is converting the top 3 floors into 99 market rate lofts with a mix of one and two bedroom layouts. The 25 million dollar project received a 2 million dollar grant from Empire State Development and a half million dollars from NYSEG through a brownfield grant. The project has also received some historic preservation tax credits and financing through the Community Preservation Corporation. Paulus Development purchased the property in June for 350 thousand dollars from Broome County which had seized it in a tax foreclosure. President Matt Paulus says state and local officials have been very helpful navigating zoning changes, tax credits, environmental remediation and financing. Paulus's 2 young sons assisted with the "groundbreaking." The first floor will continue to be occupied by 4 existing commercial tenants. The loft apartments will have underground parking, a 24- hour fitness studio, a private community room, energy efficient appliances and design and will be smoke-free and pet-friendly. They'll also feature high wooden ceilings, large industrial-style windows and exposed infrastructure. The historic 40 thousand gallon water tank on top of the building will also be preserved. Paulus says the plan is to have them ready by June 1st of next year. For more information, including leasing, go to Ansco Lofts dot com.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm
Time: 6pm
Detailed Description:

Date: 9/24/2018
Duration of Segment: 1:13

Additional support has been secured to help add a new attraction to downtown Binghamton. Rehabilitation work has been underway on the old Carnegie Library on Exchange Street to turn it into a Culinary Arts and Events Center for SUNY Broome. Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie joined Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo to announce his intentions to nominate additional funding of 1 point 5 million dollars to help complete the project. The New York State Assembly had previously committed 5 million dollars for the renovations to the old Broome County library which has been vacant since 2000. Heastie says this project is another step toward Binghamton's revitalization. When completed, the center will include production kitchens, a lecture hall for cooking demonstrations, a beverage lab for mixology classes and more. Construction is expected to be completed around this time next year.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm
Time: 6pm
Detailed Description:

Date: 9/26/2018
Duration of Segment: 1:21

Broome County is receiving some good news courtesy of a new report card from the state's comptroller. Tom DiNapoli's office has issued its annual fiscal stress scores and Broome, which had spent several years designated as suffering from significant stress, is now categorized as susceptible to stress. That's 2 steps down, skipping over moderate stress. County Executive Jason Garnar credits the change to an improving local economy and his administration's efforts to rebuild the county's fund balance. Garnar says it was just 250 thousand dollars when he took office in 2017 and now stand at around 4 million. The County Exec says his administration imposed a hiring freeze and used more realistic projections when it came to budgeting revenues and expenditures. Garnar says sales tax revenue this year is already 5 percent higher than what was projected and that the county is finally seeing an annual net increase in the number of jobs. He says he'd ultimately like the fund balance to return to 10 million dollars, where it once was, and see the county get off the fiscal stress list altogether.

Community – topics covered under this issue include:

Program Title: NewsChannel 34 at 6pm
Time: 6pm
Detailed Description:

Date: 7/4/2018
Duration of Segment: 1:01

With the calendar reaching the 4th of July, Highland Park is once again packed with patriotism. Thousands of people traveled to Endwell's Highland Park for their annual 4th of July celebration. The event included a wide array of attractions from live music, games food, crafts and vendors. A "Four on the 4" four- mile run took place in the morning with proceeds benefitting the John Mack Foundation. Wayne Weiler says he has been coming to the event most of his life. Within the last few years he has become one of the vendors selling items he's crafted himself. Weiler says it's a

great event to get away from the stress of everyday life. The Highland Park July 4th Event wraps up as it does every year with a firework show at night. Officials estimate that around 20,000 people watch their firework show every year.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm

Date: 7/6/2018

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:31

Detailed Description:

Local culture enthusiasts are ready to restart the merry-go-round as a local round-up of arts and entertainment returns. "Carousel" is back after a 3-month hiatus. The free monthly music and art magazine was founded by Chris Bodnarczuk 5 years ago and was last published in March with its 5th anniversary issue. Triple Cities Carousel went dormant after Bodnarczuk got a full-time job at Binghamton University and could no longer serve as editor-in-chief and layout and design director. Now, a collective of people, including some who previously worked on the magazine, have banded together to bring it back under the stripped-down name Carousel. Tom Haines, owner of Atomic Tom's in Binghamton, says the new Carousel will continue to cover music, visual art, theater, literature and food and drink. And it continues to have the popular calendar centerfold with a comprehensive listing of the local music scene. Plus, comics from the Hart family. Haines says our area has so much to offer that people need to know about. Haines is hosting a release party and fundraiser at Atomic Tom's tonight. Local band The Neighbors will be performing at 8 P-M. Admission is free, but donations are requested. Plus, a Go Fund Me campaign is being launched. Local radio personality Judith Gross is serving as editor and longtime Carousel contributor Phil Westcott is handling the layout.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm

Date: 7/26/2018

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:26

Detailed Description:

An organization dedicated to helping those in need of assistance celebrated a big milestone. The Southern Tier Independence Center held a celebration for their 35th anniversary. STIC was founded on the goal to try and improve the life of people with disabilities.

The organization began operation in 1983 on a 100-thousand dollar grant with only a few employees. Now three and a half decades later it employs over 800 people on a budget of 20 million dollars. Executive Director Maria Dibble says the results is what makes all the hard work worth it. At least 51 percent of STIC's board has and always will be made up of disabled people. This has allowed them to create things such as the region's first deaf services and sign language interpreter programs, aid with the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act and much more. While Dibble is proud of all they have accomplished she says there is still work to be done. Dibble estimates that STIC has served over 75 thousand people in its first 35 years.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm

Date: 7/30/2018

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:30

Detailed Description:

A chef, blogger and one-time reality TV contestant is out with her debut cookbook in time for the heart of camping season. Emma Frisch of Ithaca has written "Feast by Firelight, Simple Recipes for Camping, Cabins and the Great Outdoors." A celebration of the new release was held last week at Firelight Camps which Frisch co-owns with her husband Bobby. The book provides recipes as well as a how-to guide for cooking outdoors. While it's geared largely for those who drive to their campsite, Frisch says the recipes can be easily adapted for backpackers, as well as people cooking in their kitchens or backyards. Frisch says that rather than resort to processed food shortcuts, campers can eat better, fresher, more delicious food outside. The book includes lists for equipment to have and what to pack, along with menu planners, stories from her own experiences as well as tips on how to start a campfire. It's also broken down

into breakfast, lunch, sides, entrees, sweet endings and what Frisch calls the grazing table, items for snacking or happy hour. She also has recipes for both virgin and alcoholic cocktails and hot and cold drinks. In 2014, Frisch was a contestant on the Food Network Star television show. Feast by Firelight is available at Amazon and Barnes and Noble or you can purchase a signed copy at Firelight Camps located behind La Tourelle on Route 96B. More information at Emma Frisch dot com.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm
Time: 6pm
Detailed Description:

Date: 8/3/2018
Duration of Segment: 1:09

With day one of Spiedie Fest cancelled, starting tomorrow NewsChannel 34 will be helping pets find their forever homes at the weekend festival. NewsChannel 34 is partnering with Matthew's Auto to help The Broome County Humane Society find homes for their pets. The event at the Spiedie Fest is part of the build up to the August 18th nationwide pet adoption day "Clear the Shelters." We've already had one "Bark in the Park" event with the Binghamton Rumble Ponies with the second one taking place tomorrow. Matthew's Auto marketing Director Kathy Breno says this event is a great way for people get a loving addition to the family at a reduced rate. Since 2015 Clear the Shelters has helped 150 thousand pets find loving homes. For more information on the event visit our website Binghamton Homepage dot com and look under the news tab.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm
Time: 6pm
Detailed Description:

Date: 8/6/2018
Duration of Segment: 1:09

Despite losing an entire day of the festival, the Spiedie Fest is being deemed a success for rebounding over the weekend. Event Coordinator Dave Pessagno says 68 thousand people visited the festival on Saturday and Sunday after the sun came out and started drying out Otsiningo Park. The festival closed on Friday when 2 inches of rain swamped the park. That night's musical entertainment, K-C and the Sunshine Band, was quickly moved to the Floyd Maines Arena. Over 35 hundred people attended the indoor show, shielded from the rain. Pessagno credits the efforts of Broome County Executive Jason Garnar and his staff, the Arena staff, Broome Security and John Gaffney Productions with making the venue change work. Saturday and Sunday featured musical performances by Cheap Trick and Phil Vasser, 2 meet and greets with Disney Channel stars, K9's in Flight which wowed audiences with its frisbee dog show and, of course, the annual spiedie cooking contest, the event that started it all.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm
Time: 6pm
Detailed Description:

Date: 8/15/2018
Duration of Segment: 1:30

One of the most famous players in golf history is at En-Joie Golf Course today, but she won't be playing in this weekend's Dick's Open.

LPGA legend Annika Sorenstam is at the 18th hole taking part in the annual UHS Golf Expo. She's sharing her story of success in life, business, and golf as well as providing a few tips for those looking to improve their game. Sorenstam played in the LPGA for 15 years, winning 10 major championships. Besides being a mother and a wife, she runs the Annika Foundation which pushes women of all ages to pick up a club and play golf. While in town, Sorenstam asked to tour the new UHS Orthopedics building in Vestal. She says golf is a great way to exercise the body and mind. United Health Services has been holding the Golf Expo for 5 years. This year, over 1 thousand people

are expected at tonight's event. Professionals from UHS will answer questions and share information on staying healthy both mentally and physically. UHS President and CEO John Carrigg says it's a great opportunity to promote good health and wellness. Sorenstam is also signing autographs, taking pictures, and even showing off her world class golf swing tonight.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm
Time: 6pm
Detailed Description:

Date: 8/29/2018
Duration of Segment: 1:46

A group of All-Stars are preparing to tee off to help out local organizations. The 17th Annual Jim "Mudcat" Grant All-Star Golf Tournament takes place tomorrow at the Links at Hiawatha Landing. The tournament was started by former Major League Baseball pitcher Mudcat Grant and Security Mutual to help raise money for charitable organizations in the Binghamton area. Each year the tournament draws a number of celebrity participants, mainly former professional athletes. One of the reoccurring guests is former New York Yankees, and Binghamton Triplets pitcher Al Downing. Downing says Binghamton holds a special place in his heart. The organizations that the proceeds benefit include the Broome County Urban League, The Boys and Girls Clubs of Binghamton, Catholic Charities of Broome County and CHOW. Each of them receives 10 thousand dollars yearly from the tournament. Boys and Girls Club Executive Director Marybeth Smith says the annual donations have provided a huge boost. A number of the celebrity guests also took time to visit patients at UHS and Lourdes hospital. Things will kick-off tomorrow at the Links at 10:15.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm
Time: 6pm
Detailed Description:

Date: 8/31/2018
Duration of Segment: 1:44

The newest addition to the Binghamton Zoo's red panda family has been named for a small red bean that hails from the same region.

Zoo officials announced today that they have chosen the name Adzuki as the winner of its Community Naming Contest. The adzuki bean, like red pandas, are indigenous from the Himalayas and surrounding region. Adzuki is his mother Mei-Li's third cub and was born on July 7th, weighing about 13 ounces. He has now grown to between 4 and 5 pounds. Lydia Krogh of Ithaca won the contest. She explains where she came up with the name. Krogh received a red panda stuffed animal from the zoo. She says she plans to return in a few months to see how Adzuki is doing. Meanwhile, Adzuki father Ferguson and brother Rowan are popular attractions at the zoo where they can be seen crawling around and munching bamboo, especially in the mornings and evenings. Next year, Rowan will be sent to another zoo to continue breeding as part of a species survival program. Red pandas are endangered with roughly half of them disappearing from the wild in the past 20 years. Davenport also announced another new addition to the zoo's population, the birth of a baby prehensile porcupine known as a porcupette. There will be a celebration in honor of International Red Panda Day at the zoo on the weekend of September 15th and 16th. Kids will be able to engage in Red Panda Ranger activities and the zoo will make a donation to the Red Panda Conservation Fund.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm

Date: 9/4/2018

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:26

Detailed Description:

The world's most famous giraffe calf is packing his bags and getting ready to leave the nest. Tajiri, whose live-streamed birth back in April 2017 became an international sensation, will be moving to a brand-new facility, the Carolina Wildlife Conservation Park being constructed outside of Raleigh, North Carolina. There, he will help to start a new captive breeding program with a yet to be determined female mate. Animal Adventure Park Owner Jordan Patch says Tajiri has grown considerably from 5 feet 9 inches and 130 pounds at birth to 11 feet tall and weighing a thousand pounds now. Patch says that makes him appear to be a rival to his father Oliver, so Tajiri must leave for his own safety. Plus, Patch says mother April needs to focus more on her current pregnancy. Patch says that while Tajiri will be missed, he will be serving a greater purpose by supporting conservation. Before Tajiri leaves sometime next month, you can stop by Animal Adventure to wish him well. The park's Fall schedule is Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 10 until 5.

Plus, Patch says some sort of send-off party will be held. Meanwhile, Patch says April's current pregnancy is progressing well with an estimated due date of sometime next March.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm

Date: 9/17/2018

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:35

Detailed Description:

An Endwell man is raising funds to refurbish the final resting place of the hamlet's first European settler. The historic Hooper Patterson Cemetery is located on River Road in Endwell, not far from the Washingtonian Hall, which was built by Amos Patterson in 1799.

The family burial site was used from 1805 to 1910 to bury members of both the Patterson and Hooper families. David Vallone, who co-owns the nearby David Scott Salon, came upon the cemetery during a walk about 10 years ago. He convinced the Town of Union to allow him to become a caretaker for the graveyard which records indicate has 42 graves but only 28 markers remain, many in disrepair.

Vallone, with the help of other volunteers, has cleared brush, filled animal holes and trimmed trees. While repairing and restoring the cemetery, he also hopes to better educate locals about the area's past. Vallone is raising funds to repair some of the monuments as well as the wrought iron fence and gates that once fully surrounded it. He's established a non-profit called Save A Cemetery to take on future projects once the Hooper Patterson restoration is complete. Vallone is holding a fundraising gala this Saturday from 6 to 10 at the Riverdale Banquet Hall on Watson Boulevard, formerly Brothers 2. There will be hors d'oeuvres and an Italian cheese table plus lots of dancing, including a pair of ballroom dance instructors. For more information, or to purchase tickets, go to Hooper Patterson Cemetery dot org.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm

Date: 9/18/2018

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:10

Detailed Description:

A Vestal Church that experienced flooding at a former location is answering the call to action by sending volunteers to North Carolina.

Family Life Church, located in the former Our Lady of Sorrows building on Clark Street, is sending 15 parishioners to the Wilmington area to assist with flood recovery work. The team will join the national Samaritan's Purse charitable organization in mucking out homes, tarping roofs and chain sawing fallen trees. When Family Life was a new church, it met in the basement of what is now the DoubleTree Hotel in downtown Binghamton. It was flooded out in 2011.

Pastor Joe Coudriet says it's part of the church's mission to help those in need. Coudriet says that if others can't go and help, he recommends they pray for the victims and donate to recovery efforts. Samaritan's Purse, which was founded by Franklin Graham, brought relief volunteers to our area in the aftermath of the 2011 flood.

Business – topics covered under this issue include:

Program Title: NewsChannel 34 at 6pm
Time: 6pm
Detailed Description:

Date: 7/18/2018
Duration of Segment: 1:53

A year and a half after construction began on a solar farm in Conklin, the panels are finally generating electricity. Broome County officials held a news conference today to celebrate the start of power generation. The switch was flipped about 2 weeks ago at the 22-acre county-owned property within the Broome Corporate Park. The solar array is operated by Tesla, which bought out SolarCity, the original developer of the project. Broome will save money with the project by purchasing electricity from Tesla and then selling it to NYSEG at a higher price through a process called net metering. However, last year, after construction of the array was complete, NYSEG sought to change its net metering process which could have led to them paying a lower price for the power. Commissioner of Public Works Leslie Boulton says Tesla objected and prevailed. Local energy activist Victor Furman attended the news conference.

He's been a critic of the project. Furman argues that the removal of a thousand trees to make way for the solar farm offsets its benefits to the environment. The county currently has a 20-year contract with Tesla which pays the company 7 point 1 cents per kilowatt hour. Last year, NYSEG paid on average 9 point 4 cents in credits, although the number varies. Based on that average, the county expects the credit to save it a minimum of 140 thousand dollars per year. Those credits will be used to offset electricity consumption at the Arena, County Office Building, airport and Public Safety Building.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm
Time: 11pm
Detailed Description:

Date: 8/7/2018
Duration of Segment: 1:26

The American Legion is bringing its state convention back to Binghamton and it will be headed up by the man who just received the organization's highest award. The Department of New York State has chosen Binghamton to host its 2020 convention. The veteran's organization will use the Floyd Maines Veterans Memorial Arena, along with the Holiday Inn and DoubleTree hotels downtown and the Best Western in Johnson City. Robert Gardner is a past Commander of Post 974 in Whitney Point, as well as Past Commander of both Broome County and District 6 and was recently named Legionaire of the Year. He'll serve as Chairman of the 2020 convention.

Grander says the Legion provides a number of programs that benefit veterans. Aside from discussing and promoting those programs, the convention will serve as a recruitment tool for new members. Plus, there will be awards ceremonies and election of new officers.

Visit Binghamton estimates that the more than 1 thousand people coming for the 3-day event will have an economic impact of 875 thousand dollars in our area. The convention is scheduled for July 16th through the 18th. It will be the 7th time Binghamton has hosted the event, the last time being in 2016.

Public Service Announcements: In addition to the above programming WBGH-TV broadcast public service announcements related to the following issues:

Health - American Red Cross, Department of Health Stroke Prevention, Perinatal Network, MS Society, Autism, Department of Health and Human Services, Alcoholics Anonymous, Hunger Is Campaign.

Consumer Safety – National Association of Broadcasters: Partnership for Drug Free Kids, Mothers and Babies Safe Sleep, Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation, St. Jude, New York State Parks Safe Boating.

Community: Foundation for a Better Life, Music for the Mission, Making Home Affordable, United Way, New York State Broadcasters Association, Broome County Council of Churches, Jon Bon Jovi Foundation, Gaming Text Help NY, I Run for Half-Marathon, DH Distance Run, NYS Lottery, Red Cross Vets Blood Drive, Students Against Destructive Decisions, Binghamton Tennis Challenger, Office of Temporary Disability Assistance, Foster Grandparents, All-Star Golf Tournament.

National Security: Marine Corps, USO, Peace Corps, Air Force.

Environment: Habitat for Humanity, Emergency Preparedness.

These public service announcements were broadcast at various times throughout the day.