

Issues Programs List

Quarterly Issues Programs List

Station(s): 99.1 WAAL, 98.1 WHWK, 1290 WNBK, 1360 WYOS, 104.1 WWYL

October 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022

Section I. Issues

The stations have identified the following topics as significant issues facing our community in this quarter:

- A. **COVID-19.** With the continued evolution of the pandemic, there is a need for specific focus on the coronavirus and directives needed to aid in the mental, physical and societal health of the community. This response includes publicizing current trends and providing reliable information concerning actions, protocols and general education,
- B. **General Health/ Safety.** Separate from the programming addressing pandemic concerns, this response addresses the wide variety of other health and safety-related concerns. The concerns may include prevention of other illnesses or household hazards.
- C. **Crime/ Criminal Justice.** Over the past couple of years, there has been a shift in the nature and violent aspect of crime in the area. The response to these issues includes programming to educate the public on crime prevention as well as actions being taken by community leaders to identify and address the causes behind local crime.
- D. **Culture/Arts/Education.** Area schools and family advocates say there is a need for support of cultural and artistic opportunities affording families quality and educational time together. The need for this support has been heightened in the wake of the pandemic and subsequent shut-downs. The stations' response includes programming to publicize the opportunities for enrichment as they become available.
- E. **Religion/ Food & Housing Insecurity.** Churches and other faith-based organizations are reporting increased need for emotional support while food banks continue to struggle to meet the needs of low-income residents facing food insecurity. Programming both on the public affairs and faith-based productions provide information on services.
- F. **Diversity.** Following the Black Lives Matter movement of 2021, there continues to be concerns about inequity not only for Black and Brown individuals but also the elderly, women, trans-individuals, immigrants and persons with disabilities in the community. This response includes publicizing a wide variety of history, presentations and forums focusing on the diversity of the community
- G. **Economic Development/ Jobs/ Personal Finance** Especially as the tight restrictions and impact of the COVID pandemic ease, there is even more concern about the recovery and the growth of the local economy, the availability of jobs and workers to fill existing jobs and the rising costs for basics like housing, food, education and other needs of families and individuals. This response focuses attention on those issues and explores solutions with community leaders and agencies.

Section II. Responsive Programs

Southern Tier Close Up is a locally produced program that airs at the following times:

WNBF – Saturdays at 6:03 a.m.
 WYOS – Saturdays at 6:17 a.m.
 WHWK – Sundays at 7 a.m.
 WWYL – Sundays at 7 a.m.
 WAAL – Sundays at 7a.m.

Each segment is 15 minutes in length.

Southern Tier Close Up Program Log

Date Aired	Time aired	Issue Discussed. Description of Program
10/1/22-10/2/22	See times listed above	Culture, Arts, Education. Binghamton Philharmonic executive director Paul Cienniwa addresses local interest in the arts as he discusses the upcoming performance of Walking Distance, the Twilight Zone screen play by Binghamton native Rod Serling, being performed with the original musical score as well as other programs for the 2022-23 Binghamton Philharmonic season.
10/8/22-10/9/22	See times listed above	Criminal Justice. As crime and criminal justice issues take heightened conversation during the political cycle, there is more interest in how local cases are handled. This edition of the local public affairs program addressed those concerns as Broome County District Attorney, Michael Korchak gave an update of the workings of his office and explained details of the challenges presented by “Discovery” requirement reforms and bail reform.
10/15/22-10/16/22	See times listed above	Food insecurity, Poverty. Community Hunger Outreach Warehouse (CHOW) director Les Aylesworth addresses continued concerns about hunger in the community even after the challenges of the pandemic with rising inflation and fears of a recession, what the CHOW program is doing and the upcoming FOODABAGO food-raising event.
10/22/22-10/23/22	See times listed above	Diversity, Family, Health. This edition of the weekly, local public affairs program addressed the less-talked about issues facing the disabled community as the executive director of the Southern Tier Independence Center (STIC), Maria Dibble talked about the developments in the years following passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), challenges facing STIC and a new fund-raising craft fair and other events at the agency.
10/29/22-10/30/22	See times listed above	Economy Johnson City Mayor Martin Meaney is the guest on this week’s public affairs presentation talking about recent developments in the village including work on Oakdale Commons (the former Oakdale Mall), the center village corridor and the Binghamton University presence at the health sciences campus.
11/5/22-11/6/22	See times listed above	Family, Poverty This feature addressed issues facing more families in light of the current economic insecurities and inflation as the coordinator of the Broome County Toys for Tots program, Binghamton Patrolman Chris Marshall talks about the 60-year-old program that is locally run by police and volunteers and makes sure all donations go to children in need locally in Broome County.
11/12/22-11/13/22	See times listed above	Economy, Family, Environment, Culture This edition of the local public affairs program deals with the issues that improve quality of life for residents, which, in turn can help draw business development to the area as the director of the new office of Place Making in the Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce, Jim Reyen talks about the new initiative and what “Place Making” is.

11/19/22-11/20/22	See times listed above	Family, Economy Coordinator of Broome County's Festival of Lights at Otsiningo Park, Dave Pessagno talks about the drive-through holiday light and music display that attracts not only local families but also groups from outside the area to view the display, how the project has grown post-pandemic and with the addition of Tall Pines' lights and how the display helps bring in business especially to the area of Upper Front Street, Binghamton and the Towns of Dickinson and Chenango.
11/26/22-11/27/22	See times listed above	Culture, Family, Economy This edition addressed the annual presentation of the Home for the Holidays exhibits at the Roberson Museum and Science Center in Binghamton as Executive Director Michael Grasso talked about this year's designs, the international trees celebrating and educating visitors on the region's ethnic groups and how the 67-year-old tradition draws visitors from all over the country, especially those returning to the region for the holidays.
12/3/22-12/4/11	See times listed above	Mental Health/Health, Family Community Systems Coordinator for BCSAFE (Broome County Suicide Awareness for Everyone), Heidi Mikeska talks about the difficulties of people left behind by suicide this time of year as well as those who feel especially overwhelmed during the holidays who may consider suicide, how to find help and for friends and family, how to talk to and offer support for suicide survivor families.
12/10/22-12/11/22	See times listed above	Culture, Family, Diversity, Economy Director of the Tri Cities Opera, John Rozzoni, addresses how arts and traditions aid quality of life in a community and help boost the economy as well as offering cultural events suitable for the entire family as he talked about the upcoming performance of Amal and the Night Visitors, recent New York State Arts funding and how TCO continues to evolve to appeal to wider, younger and more diverse audiences.
12/17/22-12/18/22	See times listed above	Economy, Personal Finance, Crime This edition of the weekly, local public affairs program addressed issues that impact New Yorkers finances, including issues specific to the Southern Tier as well as efforts to combat fraud and other crime as New York State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli gives a review of the work of his office over the past year and a call for an investigation into a number of state grants that had been approved for local governments and non-profits but have not been paid by Albany.
12/24/22-12/25/22 (Encore from 11/26-27)	See times listed above	Culture, Family, Economy This encore edition, as the presentation continues through the beginning of January, addressed the annual presentation of the Home for the Holidays exhibits at the Roberson Museum and Science Center in Binghamton as Executive Director Michael Grasso talked about this year's designs, the international trees celebrating and educating visitors on the region's ethnic groups and how the 67-year-old tradition draws visitors from all over the country, especially those returning to the region for the holidays.
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Encounter is a 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.

Encounter aired during the quarter at the following times:

WNBF – Sundays at 6:30 a.m.
 WYOS – Saturdays at 7:30 a.m.
 WHWK – Sundays at 7:15 a.m.
 WWYL – Sundays at 6:00 a.m.
 WAAL – Sundays at 7:30 a.m.

Each segment is 30 minutes in length.

Encounter Program Log

Date Aired	Time aired	Issue Discussed. Description of Program
10/1/22-10/2/22	See times listed above	Religion, Health, Seniors This program from the Broome County Council of Churches addressed concerns about the health of seniors as host, the Reverend Rachael Helgison from the Northminster Presbyterian Church in Endwell talks to George Pastor of the Nichols Presbyterian Church about the Med Shed that provides medical equipment to seniors and others in need.
10/8/22-10/8/22	See times listed above	Religion This program from the Broome County Council of Churches addressed what goes into becoming a church pastor as Council of Churches Executive Director Joe Selipack talks to the new Pastor of the First Congregational Church of Binghamton, John Hock about his journey.
10/15/22-10/16/22	See times listed above	Religion, Crime, Diversity This edition of the weekly program presented by the Broome County Council of Churches addressed issues surrounding gun violence as host Jeff Kellum, Parish Associate at Union Presbyterian Church talks to the Director of the Gun Violence Archive, Mark Bryant.
10/22/22-10/23/22	See times listed above	Religion Senior Pastor of the Endwell United Methodist Church, Mark Kimpland talks to the Pastor of the Centenary Chenango Street United Methodist Church, Sean Chanceshow about his new position at the church.
10/29/22-10/30/22	See times listed above	Religion, Diversity Other non-Christian faiths and their celebrations are explored as the Reverend Rachael Helgison from the Northminster Presbyterian Church in Endwell talks to Raji Rumanin, member of the Indian Community of the Broome County Council of Churches about what Diwali is and how it is celebrated locally.
11/5/22-11/6/22	See times listed above	Religion, Diversity Parish Associate of the Union Presbyterian Church, Endicott talks to the author of “Unbroken and Unbowed, a history of Black Protest in America”, Jimmy Hawkins about his book and the mass shootings of Black shoppers at a supermarket in Buffalo in May.
11/12/22-11/13/22	See times listed above	Religion Executive Director of the Broome County Council of Churches, Joe Selipack talks to the Reverend Rachael Helgison from Northminster Presbyterian Church in Endwell about transitioning to Chaplin of Services at the Broome County Council of Churches and hospitality ministry and pastoral care at United Health Services hospitals.
11/19/22-11/20/22	See times listed above	Religion, Diversity Parish Associate at Union Presbyterian Church, Endicott Jeff Kellum talks to Reverend Pat Rob from the Union Presbyterian Church about what LGBTQ+ means to the church community.
11/26/22-11/27/22 and 12/3/22-12/4/22	See times listed above	Religion Senior Pastor of the Endwell United Methodist Church, Mark Kimpland talks to Reverend Ginger Pantel of the Flemingville and Fairfield United Methodist Churches in a series introducing new pastors to United Methodist Churches of New York State.

12/10/22-12/11/22	See times listed above	Religion, Jobs, Economy, Family, Diversity Senior Pastor of the Endwell United Methodist Church, Mark Kimpland talks to Andrew Morrison and Paul Welcul of the Pathstone Corporation which delivers career and employment services that enhance skills, performance and potential of individuals, leading to meaningful employment in desired career paths
12/17/22-12/18/22	See times listed above	Religion, Poverty, Economy This feature addressed issues facing families in light of the current economic insecurities and inflation as Mark Kimpland discussed the ways the Broome County Council of Churches can assist.
12/24/22-12/25/22	See times listed above	Religion, Poverty, Economy This feature, addressed by Jeff Kellum featured Bruce Barton, Paul Senobaugh, and Alicia Dickson Gerard all of whom discussed giving to the community in order to help fellow residents in trying times.