

Issues Programs List

Quarterly Issues Programs List

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

April 1, 2022 through June 30, 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. **Environment.** With a large amount of natural gas exploration in the Northern Tier of Pennsylvania as well as sensitive local ecosystems, there is a need for educational programming highlighting these concerns. In addition, a focus on local programs in the community like conservation centers and zoos helps to address wider concerns about climate change.
- D. **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.
- E. **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.
- F. **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.
- G. **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
- H. **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: 6:03 a.m. every Saturday on WNBF, 6:17 a.m. every Saturday on WYOS, 6 a.m. every Sunday on WHWK, 6:30 a.m. every Sunday on WWYL and 7 a.m. every Sunday on WAAL.

Date Aired	Duration (Minutes)	Program Name	Issue Discussed. Description of Program
4/2/22-4/3/22	15:00	Southern Tier Close Up	COVID, health & safety Broome County Director of Emergency Services, Patrick Dewing talks about Emergency Communications Workers' Week, the department's response over the past 2 years to the pandemic, school bus stop arm cameras & the continuing problem of motorists passing stopped buses. He also gives a quick tutorial on what the public should do if they have to call 911.
4/9/22-4/10/22	15:00	Southern Tier Close Up	Culture/arts, economic development President and CEO of the Goodwill Theatre and the Schorr Family Firehouse Stage, Niama Kradjian talks about the performances planned for April and beyond. She also talks about how the performing arts venue had operated during the height of the pandemic and how it continues to bring more development to the center village district of Johnson City.
4/16/22-4/17/22	15:00	Southern Tier Close Up	Safety, COVID, education, job opportunities Commander of the local wing of the Civil Air Patrol Squadron, Lt. Col. Frank Britt talks about how the Air Patrol has been serving during the pandemic as well as other duties in disaster, search and rescue, drug interdiction. The group also provides education for young people in aviation and an opening for possible future carriers in the military or civilian sectors.
4/23/22-4/24/22	15:00	Southern Tier Close Up	Environment, Tourism, Family, Education This edition of Close Up addressed a number of concerns in the region including preserving the global environment and stimulating the local tourism business as Director of Ross Park Zoo, Phillip Ginter talked about new animals at the zoo for the Species Preservation Program, events coming up to draw families and educate them about the environment and a long-awaited motorized tram to help visitors manage the steep terrain of the zoo property.
4/30/22-5/1/22	15:00	Southern Tier Close Up	Culture/Arts, family, education This program addressed concerns about availability of cultural, historic and educational facilities for families in the area. The director of the Roberson Museum and Science Center in Binghamton, Michael Grasso talks about summer programs, upcoming arts exhibitions, the historic mansion, prehistory on the site and the challenges in recovering from the COVID pandemic.
5/7/22-5/8/22	15:00	Southern Tier Close Up	Hunger issues, economy, family United Way of Broome County Director Loriann Walsh talks about

			the new Full Plate Project that has local businesses participating in offering incentives and specials to benefit local hunger abatement efforts.
5/14/22-5/15/22	15:00	Southern Tier Close Up	Health, COVID-19, family This edition of the weekly local public affairs show addressed ongoing concerns about the still-changing coronavirus pandemic as Broome County Health Director Mary McFadden provides and update on the statistics and response in Broome.
5/21/22-5/22/22	15:00	Southern Tier Close Up	Economy/jobs, criminal justice, substance abuse disorder, health CEO of the Leadership Alliance of the Broome County Industrial Development Agency, Stacey Duncan talks about a just completed survey on workplace wellness that includes information about mental health, substance use recovery, reentering work from incarceration, burnout and challenges of filling jobs post-COVID shutdown.
5/28/22-5/29/22	15:00	Southern Tier Close Up	Health, environment, family This program addressed concerns about a rise in tick-borne illness aside from Lyme disease as Broome County Health Department Director of Environmental Health, Joshua Phelps talks about the problem and how to avoid and remove ticks. Phelps also touches on the warm-weather environmental health issues of rabies and the availability of low-cost rabies vaccination clinics.
6/4/22-6/5/22	15:00	Southern Tier Close Up	Environment, economic development Treasurer of the new Southern Tier Land Conservancy and Broome County Legislator, Jason Shaw talks about what a land conservancy does, how it preserves sensitive environments in perpetuity vs. allowing for commercial/residential development and how that can benefit neighboring property values and quality of life.
6/11/22-6/12/11	15:00	Southern Tier Close Up	Culture, economic development, education, family, COVID Director of the Endicott Performing Arts Center (EPAC), Joe Foti talks about how the local community theater made it through the pandemic shutdowns, how the historic theater was renovated and made into a community entertainment and education destination and the vision of the late Louis Lugori. Foti also talks about upcoming shows and the fast-approaching deadline for seniors to apply for the one-time Lou Lugori scholarship.
6/18/22-6/19/22	15:00	Southern Tier Close Up	Health, COVID, family, rural lifestyle This edition of the weekly, local public affairs program introduced the audience to the new director of public health for Chenango County, Isaiah Sutton. Sutton talks about COVID and how Chenango County dealt with unique issues, getting information to rural communities about public health and an importance now to be aware of environmental health issues like bats and rabies.

6/26/22	15:00	Southern Tier Close Up	Health, family, personal finance Carrie Horton, program coordinator of the Broome County Health Department Southern Tier Cancer Services Program and Maggie Barlow, outreach coordinator, talk about cancer screenings, especially for men. The pair specifically address the need for colorectal cancer screenings for men and women and the free screenings provided by the STCSP for the uninsured.
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Encounter is a locally produced and hosted religious program originating from the Broome County Council of Churches which addresses topics selected by the council in a faith-based discussion. The program airs every Saturday at 7:30 a.m. on WYOS and every Sunday at 6 a.m. on WWYL, 6:30 a.m. on WHWK, WNBC and 7:30 a.m. on WAAL.

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4/2/22-4/3/22	30:00	Encounter	Religion, diversity This program from the Broome County Council of Churches addressed concerns about faith and tolerance as host, The Reverend Rachael Helgison from the Northminster Presbyterian Church talked to author, Dr. Barry Downing about what he has discovered about how the world is connected.
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4/16/22-4/17/22	30:00	Encounter	Religion, culture, history This edition hosted by Parish Associate at Union Presbyterian Church in Endicott, Jeff Kellum addressed ethnic traditions, culture and religion at Easter with The Reverend Fr. Teodor B. Czabala, Jr. from Sacred Heart Ukranian Orthodox Catholic Church.
4/23/22-4/24/22	30:00	Encounter	Religion, disability awareness, diversity This program from the Broome County Council of Churches served as an educational tool as Pastor of the Endwell United Methodist Church, Mark Kimpland, talked to the director of the Southern Tier Independence Center, Maria Dibble about what STIC does to aid disabled residents and their families in the area.
4/30/22-5/1/22	30:00	Encounter	Religion, family, culture This edition of Encounter looked on the lighter side as Parish Associate at Union Presbyterian Church in Endicott, Jeff Kellum talked with comedians, John Carrey & John Montgomery about the five senses plus the 6 th sense of humor and the church.
5/7/22-5/8/22	30:00	Encounter	Religion, family, emotional health This program addressed a variety of issues in the family and for individuals as the director of the Broome County Council of Churches, Joe Sellipack talked with

			author, Christine Fisher about her books: "God's Presence Illuminated" and "God's Love Illuminated."
5/14/22-5/15/22	30:00	Encounter	Religion, food insecurity, economy This edition of Encounter addressed the ongoing problem of food insecurity and hunger in the region as Pastor of the Endwell United Methodist Church, Mark Kimpland, talked to New York/New Jersey Area Manager for Rise Against Hunger, Robert Whitaker about the program.
5/21/22-5/22/22	30:00	Encounter	Religion, diversity, health This edition of the faith-based program from the Broome County Council of Churches addressed inequities in health care for persons of color as the Reverend Rachael Helgison of the Northminster Presbyterian Church talked to Chicago-area pastor the Reverend Carrie Allen.
5/25/22-5/29/22	30:00	Encounter	Religion, crime, mental health, diversity director of the Broome County Council of Churches, Joe Sellipack and Tabernacle United Methodist Church pastor Harold Wheat and Douglas Taylor talk about dealing with the mass shootings in Buffalo and Uvalde, Texas.
6/4/22-6/5/22	30:00	Encounter	Religion, mental health, families This three-part series hosted by Senior Pastor of the Endwell United Methodist Church, Mark Kimpland deals with the many issues surrounding suicide. Kimpland talks to various guests around the country in the mental health and counseling professions. (Part 1)
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