

Issues Programs List

Quarterly Issues Programs List

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

July 1, 2022 through September 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:

WNBF – Saturdays at 6:03 a.m.

WYOS – Saturdays at 6:17 a.m.

WHWK – Sundays at 6 a.m. (in July) and Sundays at 7 a.m. (in August & September)

WWYL – Sundays at 6:30 a.m. (in July) and Sundays at 7 a.m. (in August & September)

WAAL – Sundays at 6 a.m. (in July) and Sundays at 7 a.m. (in August & September)

Each segment is 15 minutes in length.

Southern Tier Close Up Program Log

Date Aired	Time aired	Issue Discussed. Description of Program
7/2/22-7/3/22	See times listed above	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.
7/9/22-7/10/22	See times listed above	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.
7/16/22-7/17/22	See times listed above	Safety, economic development, transportation. Executive Director of the Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study, Jennifer Yonkoski talks about the 2023-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) blueprint to pair needed transportation (road plus public and private transit needs) work with available government funds. The concerns address includes improving transportation to better overall quality of life and business development opportunities.
7/23/22-7/24/22, 7/30-7/31/22	See times listed above	Economy, Tourism, Family, Arts. This edition of Close Up addressed a number of interests in the region including the attraction of tourism to the region and family entertainment. Spiedie Fest and Balloon Rally coordinator, Dave Pessagno talks about the return of the major festival that draws thousands of visitors to its traditional August date at Otsiningo Park as well as the craft artists, musicians, performing artists, balloons and the original reason for the festival: spiedie cooking.
8/6/22-8/7/22	See times listed above	Environment, Arts, family, education. This program addressed concerns about availability of family-friendly attractions that are artistic as well as benefitting environmental causes as Ross Park Zoo Director Phillip Ginter discusses the details of the Illumination for Conservation illuminated lantern art installation at the zoo that serves as the major fundraiser for the local park as well as three national/international conservation programs. He also talks about other developments at the zoo including a program to breed highly endangered Red Wolves to return to the wild.
8/13/22-8/14/22	See times listed above	Family, education, diversity. This edition of the weekly, local public affairs program addressed issues of diversity as well as opportunities and contributions to charities that deal with children and families in Broome County as Security Mutual Life CEO, Kirk Gravely talk about the annual Jim Mudcat Grant All Star Celebrity Memorial Golf tournament to benefit Catholic Charities, CHOW, the Boys and Girls Club, Urban League and veterans' housing

		programs while celebrating the life of Grant, who was a member of the Negro league and founder of the Black Aces.
8/20/22-8/21/22, 8/27/22-8/28/22	See times listed above	Family, personal finance, homelessness, jobs, women's issues. Program Director for the YWCA in Binghamton, Crystal Sackett addresses the issues facing families in transition as the Helping Hands program provides "scholarships" for women to be able to transition from shelters into permanent housing and employment but reveals the program itself is in need of financial contributions.
9/3/22-9/4/22	See times listed above	Health, COVID-19, family, education. Broome County Director of Public Health, Mary McFadden addresses the health issues of families, especially those with children returning to school as she talks about the current situation with COVID-19, the new boosters targeting more transmissible variants, flu, rabies, Monkey Pox and general health.
9/10/22-9/11/22	See times listed above	Arts, economy/tourism, education, family. Tri-Cities Opera, and now Syracuse Opera, administrative director, John Rozzoni talks about the upcoming season as well as newly re-imagined opportunities for young people to explore the arts and opera and how local entertainment helps to boost local tourism and other economic opportunities in the region.
9/17/22-9/18/22	See times listed above	Environment, art, families, economy/tourism. This edition of the weekly local public affairs program addressed a number of issues including attracting visitors to the area while raising funds for environmental conservation programs as Ross Park Zoo Director Phil Ginter talks about the remaining days of the Illumination for Conservation lantern festival and upcoming plans for the 5 th oldest zoo in the nation.
9/24/22-9/25/11	See times listed above	Crime/criminal justice, diversity, politics. Retiring Broome County Sheriff David Harder (R-Binghamton) talks about his career in the sheriff's office that started in 1964, his 6 terms as sheriff and the most drastic changes in law enforcement, which have happened only recently: bail reform and inmates' rights legislation.

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 6:30 a.m. (in July) and Sundays at 7:15 a.m. (in August & September)
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
7/2/22-7/3/22	See times listed above	Religion, family, personal finance This program from the Broome County Council of Churches addressed concerns about faith family finance issues as host, Union Presbyterian Church, Endicott Parish Associate, Jeff Kellum talked with the Executive Director of Mom's House, Christine Cunningham about the agency that helps single especially single mothers complete their education to obtain good jobs.
7/9/22-7/10/22	See times listed above	Religion, family, personal finance (repeat due to host vacation). This program from the Broome County Council of Churches addressed concerns about faith family finance issues as host, Union Presbyterian Church, Endicott

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7/16/22-7/17/22	See times listed above	Religion, diversity, health This edition hosted by the Reverend Rachael Hegison of the Northminster Presbyterian Church addressed health care for persons of color and how religion and faith play into personal decisions. The guest is the Reverend Carrie Allen from the Chicago region.
7/23/22-7/24/22	See times listed above	Religion, family, crime prevention This program from the Broome County Council of Churches addressed role models serving as a tool for crime prevention as Pastor of the Endwell United Methodist Church, Mark Kimpland, talked to Kyle Lake and Steve Johnson about Big Brothers & Big Sisters of the Twin Tiers.
7/30/22-7/31/22	See times listed above	Religion, COVID-19 This edition of Encounter looked on how the pandemic has shaped worship and the local community in general. Reverend Rachael Helgison from Northminster Presbyterian Church hosts the discussion with Broome County Council of Churches director Joseph Selipack, Senior Pastor of Endwell United Methodist Church, Mark Kimpland and Parish Associate at Union Presbyterian Church in Endwell, Jeff Kellum.
8/6/22-8/7/22	See times listed above	Religion, diversity, social action This program addressed a social activism and diversity as host, Jeff Kellum, Parish Associate at Union Presbyterian Church, Endicott talked with the author of "Unbroken and Unbowed-a History of Black Protest in America", Jimmy Hawkins about the book at the tragedy of the racially-motivated mass shooting in Buffalo allegedly by a white teenager from Conklin.
8/13/22-8/14/22	See times listed above	Religion This program addressed overall faith issues as Executive Director of the Broome County Council of Churches, Joe Selipack talked with author of "God's Presence Illuminated" and "God's Love Illuminated", Christine Fisher about her faith and inspiration for the books.
8/20/22-8/21/22	See times listed above	Religion, history, education In this edition of Encounter, host, Jeff Kellum, Parish Associate at Union Presbyterian Church talks to Catherine Patterson, author of over 40 books, about being named a living legend by the U.S. Library of Congress.
8/27/22-8/28/22	See times listed above	Religion, food insecurity, housing issues, education, health Pastor of the Endwell United Methodist Church, Mark Kimpland, talks with Traci Nolan of the Red Bird Mission in Beverly Kentucky about how local churches and organizations assist impoverished communities in rural areas in the south.
9/3/22-9/4/22	See times listed above	Religion, personal finance, housing Jeff Kellum, Parish Associate at Union Presbyterian Church, talks to Executive Director of Broome and Tioga County Habitat for Humanity, Mari Giurastante about the program that helps lower income households to gain independent and affordable housing.
9/10/22-9/11/22 (Repeat from last week)	See times listed above	Religion, personal finance, housing Jeff Kellum, Parish Associate at Union Presbyterian Church, talks to Executive Director of Broome and Tioga County Habitat for Humanity, Mari Giurastante about the program that helps lower income households to gain independent and affordable housing.
9/17/22-9/18/22	See times listed above	Religion, education, family, diversity, health Jeff Kellum, Parish Associate at Union Presbyterian Church addresses several issues associated with autism in this discussion with Dawn Marie Solais from EQ Solutions and Alison Ailsworth, children's coordinator at the Maine Endwell Central Schools.
9/24/22-9/25/22	See times listed above	Religion Pastor of the Endwell United Methodist Church, Mark Kimpland talks with the new District Superintendent for the Binghamton District of the New York Conference of the United Methodist Church, Rev. Bob Campbell introducing new clergy and discussing Rev. Campbell's new responsibilities.