

Issues Programs List

Quarterly Issues Programs List

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

January 1, 2022 through March 31, 2022

Section I. Issues

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

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

Section II. Responsive Programs

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

6 a.m. every Saturday on WHWK, WNBF, and WYOS, and 7 a.m. every Sunday on WAAL and WWYL

Date Aired	Duration (Minutes)	Issue Discussed. Description of Program
1/2/22-1/3/22	15:00	COVID, health, education. Binghamton broadcaster and play-by-play announcer, Roger Neel talks about the importance of scholastic sports and how sports in both the public schools and collegiate level have been impacted by the pandemic.

1/9/22-1/10/22	15:00	COVID, arts, economy/jobs. Binghamton Philharmonic Executive Director Dr. Paul Cienniwa talks about the upcoming season and how COVID-19 has changed the way one of the oldest arts organizations in the region has been operated internally, employing artists, fund raising and in performances.
1/16/22-1/17/22	15:00	COVID, economic development, infrastructure, education, politics. Broome County Executive Jason Garnar talks about the past year, the changing response and attack against the COVID pandemic, the economic impact as well as other county business.
1/23/22-1/24/22	15:00	Education, family. Director of the Kopernik Observatory and Science Center, Drew Deskur talks about upcoming programs and modifications to some presentations to accommodate safety regulations during the ongoing pandemic and the importance of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math curriculum and activities.
1/29/22-1/30/22	15:00	Health. American Heart Association Communications Director for Central/Western NY, Kristy Smorol talks about Heart Month, Wear Red Day and educational programs and information offered by the Heart Association regarding cardio vascular health, heart attack and stroke as well as impacts COVID-19 has had on the heart for some people who have had the disease.
2/5/22-2/6/22	15:00	Economy/jobs, diversity, COVID-19, education. President & CEO of the Agency and the Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce, Stacey Duncan talks about the vision for Broome County economic development in 2022 as well as the expected impact of proposals contained in New York Governor Kathy Hochul's budget plan.
2/12/22-2/13/22	15:00	Family, health, personal finances. Founder and director of the Danielle House, Diane Stento talks about the history of the home that offers a place to stay for families with loved ones being treated in Binghamton area health care facilities, 20-years of the house being opened and the history of its origin with Diane and Tony's daughter, Danielle suffering traumatic brain injury when she was hit by a drunk driver while at school in Buffalo and the family being sheltered by strangers so they could be near their daughter.
2/19/22-2/20/22	15:00	Economy, jobs, COVID, senior issues, crime, education. New York State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli talks about how he, with no financial background, became comptroller of New York, in charge of one of the largest pension funds in the nation, what the proposed budget for 2022-23 means to the Southern Tier, the tax cap for schools and governments and the impact of the COVID pandemic on the state's finances.
2/26/22-2/27/22	15:00	Women's issues, history, education, diversity. Broome County Historian Roger Luther talks about important women in Broome County history to mark the start of Women's History month, including the hero of the Binghamton Clothing Factory fire, local suffragettes, abolitionists, political pioneers and emancipation heroines.

3/5/22-3/6/22	15:00	Economy, jobs, crime, COVID. Binghamton Slag Roofing President & Representative of the So. Tier Homebuilders and Remodelers Association Rusty Griffiths talks about the struggles with employment and supply during and after the height of the pandemic. He also discusses what people should know to be able to hire a reputable contractor and the upcoming spring Home and Garden Show.
3/12/22-3/13/22	15:00	COVID, health. Local coordinator for the New York State Project HOPE helpline, Joann Fumaro talks about COVID and its impact on mental and physical health. She also discusses how people can contact the new, regional line to get help. The line also provides an avenue for people to just share experiences and make connections.
3/19/22-3/20/22	15:00	Environment, education, family. Waterman Conservation and Education Center Director Chris Audette talks about upcoming programs at all the properties operated by the conservation center. Many of the programs are family-friendly and deal with the importance of preserving the environment while educating about individual species and habitats.
3/26/22-3/27/22	15:00	Crime, family, health. Crime Victims Assistance Center Director Christine Battisti talks about upcoming events for Child Abuse Prevention Month, Domestic Violence Awareness and Victims' Rights Week. She also discusses advocacy, counseling and other programs at the center and the importance of remember those who have died as a result of crime. Battisti also talks about the impact the pandemic has had on rates of child abuse and domestic violence.

Encounter

Duration 30:00

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

Airs every Saturday at 7:30 a.m. on WYOS and every Sunday at 6 a.m. on WWYL, 6:30 a.m. on WHWK, WNBF and 7:30 a.m. on WAAL.

1/1/22-1/2/22	30:00	Religion, family, health, poverty. This 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. This week Mark Kimpland, Pastor of Endwell United Methodist Church talks to Tracy Nolan, The Community Outreach Director of the Red Bird Mission in Kentucky about the purpose and cause of the Red Bird Mission.
1/8/22-1/9/22	30:00	Religion, food insecurity, health. This 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. This week, Executive Director of the Broome County Council of Churches, Joe Selipack talks to Lead Manager of the Greater Good Grocery store, Kinya Middleton about the new grocery store that has opened on the Northside of Binghamton in a "food desert."
1/15/22-1/16/22	30:00	Food insecurity, health. This 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. This week, Executive Director of the Broome County Council of Churches, Joe Selipack talks to Broome County Community Hunger Outreach Warehouse (CHOW) manager, Les Ailsworth about how the hunger abatement program is set for the new year.
1/22/22-1/23/22	30:00	Senior issues, family, health, community. This 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. This week, Mark Kimpland, Pastor of Endwell United Methodist Church talks to Director of Broome County Office for Aging, Mary Whitcomb about senior issues and programs that are reopened or changed with the ongoing pandemic.
1/29/22-1/30/22	30:00	COVID-19, religion, community, health. This 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. This week, Reverend Rachael Helgison from the Northminster Presbyterian Church, Broome County Council of Churches executive director, Joe Selipack, Pastor of Endwell United Methodist Church, Mark Kimpland and Parish Associate for Union Presbyterian Church in Endicott, Jeff Kellum discuss how the host churches have fared during the COVID-19 pandemic.
2/5/22-2/6/22	30:00	Community, family, history. This 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. This week, Parish Associate for Union Presbyterian Church in Endicott, Jeff Kellum talks to Binghamton broadcaster, Roger Neel about retirement, radio and Binghamton University sports.
2/12/22-2/13/22	30:00	Food insecurity, religion, health. This 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. This week, Executive Director of the Broome County Council of Churches, Joe Selipack talks to Broome County Community Hunger Outreach Warehouse (CHOW) manager, Les Ailsworth about how the hunger abatement program is set for the new year. (Encore presentation from 1/15-1/16)
2/19/22-2/20/22	30:00	Religion, education, family. This 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. This week, Parish Associate at Union Presbyterian Church, Jeff Kellum and Reverend Rachael Helgison from Northminster Presbyterian Church talked with author Katherin Patterson about her over 40 books, including 18 novels for children and young people and how they relate to religion.
2/26/22-2/27/22	30:00	Religion, elder issues, family, health. This 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. This week, Pastor of the Endwell United Methodist Church, Mark Kimpland talked with Long Term Care Coordinator for Action for Older Persons in Broome County, Rebecca Bradley about programs available to help older

		residents and their families with health issues, social contact, finances and other concerns.
3/5/22-3/6/22	30:00	Religion, education. This 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. This week, Broome County Council of Churches Executive Director Joe Selipack talked with author, Christine Fisher about her books: “God’s Presence Illuminated” and God’s Love Illuminated” and how they apply to the Christian life and society in general
3/12/22-3/13/22	30:00	Religion, culture, family, history. This 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. This week, Parish Associate at Union Presbyterian Church in Endicott, Jeff Kellum talked with the Reverend Bill Carter about writing and producing a religious requiem.
3/19/22-3/20/22	30:00	Religion, health, mental health. This 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. This week, Parish Associate at Union Presbyterian Church in Endicott, Jeff Kellum talked with Brendan Burns about “compassion fatigue” and how to cope with hands-on work in charitable and service settings.
3/26/22-3/27/22	30:00	Religion, mental health, health. This 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. This week, Pastor of the Endwell United Methodist Church, Mark Kimpland talked with Dr. Bruce Epperly, pastor, professor, spiritual guide and author of books on theology, spirituality, healing, scripture and well-being about applying those philosophies in everyday life, service and community.