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QUARTERLY REPORT ON COMMUNITY ISSUES AND PROGRAMS
April 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016
Each Forum 13 program is 30 minutes in length.

ECONOMY/GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

Program:	Forum 13	Locally Produced
Date:	4/3/16	Time: 6:00AM-6:30AM

Guest: Lisa Clifford, Investment Advisor, Keybank

Topic: April is Financial Literacy Month. Lisa offered information to our viewers as to how to best save money, understand bank statements and how to start investments.

Host: Phil Bayly, NewsChannel 13

Program:	Forum 13	Locally Produced
Date:	4/24/16	Time: 6:00AM-6:30AM

Guest: Amanda Wyckoff, Property and Development Manager of Albany County Land Bank and Charles Touhey, Board Chief of Albany County Land Bank

Topic: Amanda and Charles discussed the taxes in downtown Albany, the current refurbishment, bank loans for this work and the property management. All of this work is done in conjunction with the business development group of downtown Albany.

Host: Phil Bayly, NewsChannel 13

Program:	Forum 13	Locally Produced
Date:	5/15/16	Time: 6:00AM-6:30AM

Guests: Rocco Ferraro-Executive Director of the Capital Region Planning Commission

Topic: Mr. Ferraro talked about the waste and sewer systems in our region and how the shoreline is being handled. The backup system for sewage was also touched upon.

Host: Phil Bayly, NewsChannel 13

Program: Forum 13	Locally Produced
Date: 5/22/16	Time: 6:00AM-6:30AM

Guests: Daniel Coffey, President of the Albany County Bar Association
Topic: Daniel Coffey discussed legal aid that is offered to those who cannot afford it within the Albany legal system, he discussed disbarment and lawyer referral for those less fortunate.
Host: Phil Bayly, NewsChannel 13

Program: Forum 13	Locally Produced
Date:	Time: 6:00AM-6:30AM

Guests: Merodie Hancock, President of Empire State College
Topic: Merodie talked to us about the blending of education today and how financing is being handled. She also talked about the various on-line classes are being offered.
Host: Phil Bayly, NewsChannel 13

Program: Forum 13	Locally Produced
Date: 6/19/16	Time: 6:00AM-6:30AM

Guests: Dan Moran, CEO of Next-Act
Topic: Dan Moran works with individuals who are in need of job placement. He talked about the growing job market and how businesses seek qualified talent.
Host: Phil Bayly, NewsChannel 13

HEALTH

Program: Forum 13	Locally Produced
Date: 4/10/16	Time: 6:00AM-6:30AM

Guests: Amy Klein, Capital Roots
Topic: Amy is from Capital Roots which is a non-profit organization that offers food to needy individuals. Amy explained how people partake in the program and how the veggie mobile is a large part of how they offer food. She requested our viewers help in volunteering.
Host: Phil Bayly, NewsChannel 13

Program: Forum 13	Locally Produced
Date: 4/10/16	Time: 6:00AM-6:30AM

Guests: Abbe Kovacik, manager at the Child Care Council

Topic: Abbe talked to us about the resources that the Council offers to our community, the businesses that use the Council, the education that is given to those that are serviced and the daycare that is offered.

Host: Phil Bayly, NewsChannel 13

Program: Forum 13	Locally Produced
Date: 4/17/16	Time: 6:00AM-6:30AM

Guests: Michele Mack, American Cancer Society and Jennifer MacPhee, Beacon of Hope Honoree and Market President of Bank of America

Topic: Michele Mack was invited on how Jennifer's leadership within the Capital Region's business community raised funds over the last year 2015/16, for the American Cancer Society. This money went directly to local research to end cancer.

Host: Phil Bayly, NewsChannel 13

Program: Forum 13	Locally Produced
Date: 4/24/16	Time: 6:00AM-6:30AM

Guests: Anne Schneider Costigan-Deputy Executive Director of the Center for Disability Services and Alan Krafchin, President & CEO of the Center for Disability Services

Topic: Anne and Alan shared with our viewers the help that the center needs currently, the programs that are offered in each county and the need for volunteers in each program.

Host: Phil Bayly, NewsChannel 13

Program: Forum 13	Locally Produced
Date: 5/15/16	Time: 6:00AM-6:30AM

Guests: Kathryn Payne-Communications Director of the March of Dimes and Mary Gordon Development Director of the March of Dimes

Topic: Kathryn and Mary shared with our audience the immunities and vaccines for people who cannot afford it and how the lack of the vaccines will affect pregnant women. They told us about how they support babies.

Host: Phil Bayly, NewsChannel 13

Program: Forum 13	Locally Produced
Date: 5/8/16	Time: 6:00AM-6:30AM

Guests: Robert Kivort and Francine Reistetter—volunteers for the Tour de Cure
Topic: Tour de Cure is a fundraiser for juvenile diabetes. These volunteers shared information about diabetes, how the event operates and how someone can sign up to participate. Information was posted on our website and telephone number was given out.

Host: Phil Bayly, NewsChannel 13

Program: Forum 13	Locally Produced
Date: 6/19/16	Time: 6:00AM-6:30AM

Guests: Heather Varney and Amanda Baillargeon, directors at Saratoga Bridges
Topic: Heather and Amanda talked to us about how Saratoga Bridges supports those with developmental disabilities. Their population are adults often living in Saratoga County. Their goal is to transition them into our community. They have forged relationships with local businesses in Saratoga.

Host: Phil Bayly, NewsChannel 13

FAMILY

Program: Forum 13	Locally Produced
Date: 5/22/16	Time: 6:00AM-6:30AM

Guests: Karen McLean, Principal at Brighter Choice Charter School for Boys and Tia Corniel, Principal at Brighter Choice Charter School for Girls

Topic: Our guests talked about the local charter school that is single gender and the social and emotional health that is involved.

Host: Phil Bayly, NewsChannel 13

Program: Forum 13	Locally Produced
Date: 5/29/16	Time: 6:00AM-6:30AM

Guests: Kathy Sheehan, Albany Mayor and George Regan, event director of Freihofer's Run for Women

Topic: Kathy Sheehan talked to us about how this race brings people from all areas to the city that she is the mayor of and how it highlights Albany. George Regan shared with us the history of the race, the elite entrants and also talked about how the race includes a community walk for the family and a children's run.

Host: Phil Bayly, NewsChannel 13

Program: Forum 13	Locally Produced
Date: 5/29/16	Time: 6:00AM-6:30AM

Guests: Connie Bramer, President, "Get Your Rack Back, Inc."

Topic: Connie talked to us about her organization which is entirely about laughter! Her main message is that laughter is the best medicine. She talked to us about using laughter in our family time

Host: Phil Bayly, NewsChannel 13

LEISURE/REGIONAL HISTORY

Program: Forum 13	Locally Produced
Date: 4/3/16	Time: 6:00AM-6:30AM

Guests: Jamie Parillo, director of the Saratoga Springs History Museum

Topic: Jamie shared with our audience the history of gambling in our area since Saratoga offers horse racing and a racino. She also told us about the layout of the museum and how to best get around to understand the history from start to finish.

Host: Phil Bayly, NewsChannel 13

Program: Forum 13	Locally Produced
Date: 4/17/16	Time: 6:00AM-6:30AM

Guests: Ray O'Connor, local author

Topic: Mr. O'Connor is a local author who has written a book called "She Called Him Raymond". Ray wrote this book about himself and a local woman who became a Hollywood actress. The claim is that the book is non-fiction. Ray would not share that with our audience, he left that up to us to decide.

Host: Phil Bayly, NewsChannel 13

Program: Forum 13	Locally Produced
Date: 5/8/16	Time: 6:00AM-6:30AM

Guests: Jason Gough, NewsChannel 13 meteorologist and host of "Wine about the Weather"

Topic: Jason was invited on to Forum to discuss a program about the local wine industry and how the weather affects grape growing and wine production. He currently produces a 30-minute television show.

Host: Phil Bayly, NewsChannel 13

Program: Forum 13	Locally Produced
Date: 6/5/16	Time: 6:00AM-6:30AM

Guests: John Caher, local author and Louis Grumet, local author

Topic: Authors, John and Louis, wrote a book called "The Curious Case of Kiryas Joel". This non-fiction book is about the legal battle regarding a publicly funded school district to cater to the interests of a religious sect called the Satmar, an insular group of Hasidic Jews that objects to, among other things, female school bus drivers. They created a village called Kiryas Joel that exerted extraordinary political pressure over both political parties. Marking the first time in American history that a governmental unit was established for a religious group, the legislature's action prompted years of litigation that eventually went to the US Supreme Court.

Host: Phil Bayly, NewsChannel 13

Program: Forum 13

Locally Produced

Date: 6/5/16

Time: 6:00AM-6:30AM

Guests: Chad Rabinovitz, director of the Adirondack Theatre Festival

Topic: Chad Rabinovitz talked about the start of the festival, the songs, scenes, the writing and details of when it will be held. He invited our viewers to come and support the theater.

Host: Phil Bayly, NewsChannel 13

Program: Forum 13

Locally Produced

Date: 6/12/16

Time: 6:00AM-6:30AM

Guests: Tim Rizzuto, Executive Director of the USS Slater

Topic: Tim talked about the restoration of the ship, USS Slater that is docked in downtown Albany, the tours that are offered and the paint schemes that are being looked at.

Host: Phil Bayly, NewsChannel 13

Spring Water Hoosick Falls- WNYT- April 1, 2016- 5:00 am

The owners of a syrup business in the town of Hoosick are hoping to break into the water business. Not many people associate that area with clean water these days but the Knapp family seems to have hit the jackpot when it comes to clean, natural, spring water on their property and they hope to be selling it soon. The Knapp's want people to know their water is PFOA free. The couple is working to sell it- calling their business Indian Springs Water. Time will tell if their liquid gold is the silver lining people in Hoosick Falls have been waiting for.

State Budget Deadline- WNYT- April 1, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am

The New York State budget is late. It the first time in year's lawmakers have missed the deadline but they're probably not going to miss it by much. The senate and assembly have been debating the bills all morning. The assembly finally recessed at 4:40 this morning and they should finish passing the necessary budget bills today. The 147 billion-dollar budget and the minimum wage going up eventually to 15 dollars an hour in New York City. In the Capital Region and the rest of Upstate New York the minimum wage would go up to 9.70 by the end of this year and then increases would be phased in until hitting 12.50 an hour in 2020. It will increase to 15 dollars an hour upstate but it's still not certain when. Twelve weeks of paid family leave is in the budget but it won't be phased in until 2018. It will allow workers to take paid leave to care for a baby or a family member with a serious health condition.

Albany School Vote- WNYT- April 1, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm- April 2, 2016- 8:00 am- WNYA- April 1, 2016- 10:00 pm

The controversial vote to allow major renovations at Albany High School will stand. The State Education Commissioner made the decision today. An appeal was filed after problems during the February vote. Not enough ballots were printed and that led to long lines and wait times and some people leaving without ever voting but the education commissioner ruled there wasn't enough evidence that the vote was unfair. Albany County Comptroller Mike Conners has been pushing for a revote. He hopes to file a lawsuit in federal court next week.

Clinton Visit- WNYT- April 1, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm- WNYA- April 1, 2016- 10:00 pm

Democratic presidential front runner Hillary Clinton is coming to Albany. She'll be here on Monday but hasn't said where or when for sure. A source close to her campaign tells us she'll meet with democratic lawmakers and hold a public rally at the Empire State Plaza Convention Center. Bernie Sanders supporters will rally at the State Capitol in Albany at noontime Monday. Sanders himself will not be there.

Hillary Clinton- WNYT- April 2, 2016- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm- WNYA- April 2, 2016- 10:00 pm

At the top of your news tonight, the race for the democratic presidential nomination is still close. As we get closer to the New York Primary, now a little over two weeks away, New York is in the sights of both Bernie Sanders and Hillary Clinton. Today we learned Clinton is going to make a direct appeal to Capital Region voters with a campaign stop in Cohoes. Clinton will be at the Cohoes High School gym at 6:15 p.m. Monday. The school superintendent just got a call today from the Clinton campaign to set up the event. The gym holds 1500 people. You must reserve a spot on the Clinton campaign website if you hope to attend the event.

Fiscal Year- WNYA- April 2, 2016- 10:00 pm

Now two-thirds through the fiscal year, North Adams looks poised to end the year in black. City officials say they are on track to close out the budget without relying on transfers from reserves. Our media partners at the Berkshire Eagle say despite this, the city faces a large deficit as it begins looking at the 2017 budget. Mayor Richard Alcombricht is expected to unveil a new proposal in the next few weeks.

Nicholaus Building Construction- WNYA- April 3, 2016- 10:00 pm

Construction work continues on the Nicholaus building in Schenectady. The mayor's office tells us they're making progress in shoring up the structural integrity of the nearly 200-year-old building. The building began shaking on Friday. Erie Boulevard will remain closed southbound from Liberty Street to Erie through Monday. Also closed is State Street between South Ferry and Erie Boulevard. Commuters and residents are being asked to use alternate routes.

Hillary Cohoes- WNYT- April 4, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am

Hillary Clinton's campaign is coming to the Capital Region today. She is preparing for an expected loss tomorrow in the important Wisconsin Primary. So she is looking ahead, to assure a win in what's considered her home state. While she wasn't born in New York, the former first lady and secretary of state was a U.S. senator representing New York for eight years and resides here with her husband- the former president. Bernie Sanders is growing closer in some New York polls, so Clinton is coming here today. She's expected to land at Albany International Airport this afternoon. Then she'll meet privately with New York legislators and after that hold a rally at Cohoes High School starting at 6:15 p.m. Clinton was in Brooklyn yesterday and earlier today she'll be in New York City with Governor Andrew Cuomo as he signs legislation making the 15-dollar minimum wage and paid family leave law.

Lisa Clifford- WNYT- April 4, 2016- 12:00 pm

Key Bank investment advisor Lisa Clifford talked about tax tips for small businesses.

Hillary High School- WNYT- April 4, 2016- 5:00 pm

Emily Bechand has sung the National Anthem many times but on Monday evening she'll sing the country's most patriotic songs before the woman who could become the first female president of the United States. The Cohoes high student got the call Saturday that her school would be the venue for the Clinton rally. The small school of 505 students got the nod with the help of its alumnus and former mayor, Assemblyman John McDonald, a Clinton supporter who says the school is the perfect location. In classrooms throughout the school- students like those in Mr. Michael Snitzler's U.S. history class- were not only discussing the history they're about to make but issues that impact them.

Albany Convention Center- WNYT- April 4, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am- 12:00 pm- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm

The new convention center in Albany- slated to be called the Albany Capital Center- will open on March 22nd of next year. That's the big news out of the Albany Convention Center Authority's board meeting this morning and according to the center's operators- the opening will be just the beginning. Five events have already signed contracts with the center- expected to bring over 37 hundred visitors and book over 31-hundred hotel rooms. It's estimated the center will bring in an additional 1.5 million dollars in tax revenue per year- from the hotel bed tax and sales tax. The center will also create 200 construction jobs and 300 permanent jobs. The Capital Center will connect with the Times Union Center and the Empire State Plaza for larger events- like an NCAA tournament game. The Capital Center itself has 25 foot ceilings on one floor so it can host practices for NCAA games.

Outside at Hillary- WNYT- April 4, 2016- 11:00 pm- April 5, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am

Before Clinton took the stage, the crowd needed some warming up. Not someone trying to get them pumped up- but actual warmth. The majority of people spent at least an hour outside in the freezing cold- waiting in a line described as unorganized, even chaotic. Still, there was plenty of excitement around a presidential candidate's visit. It's not often a presidential candidate makes campaign stops in upstate New York, much less Cohoes. That's why so many people were excited to have a front row seat and a say in presidential politics.

Nicholaus Building Update- WNYT- April 4, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am- 12:00 pm- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm- WNYA- April 4, 2016- 10:00 pm

The intersection of Erie Boulevard and State Street in Schenectady is still shut down tonight. The foundation of the Nicholaus building shifted on Friday, a month after the Olender Building next door, was torn down. The mayor's office says workers finished installing braces on the outside wall, but there's still more work to be done inside to make sure it's stable.

Madison Avenue Closed- WNYT- April 5, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am

A portion of Madison Avenue in Albany will be closed tonight and tomorrow night. Crews will be working on the stairs forming a bridge over Madison Avenue at Empire State Plaza. So the presence of a crane and construction vehicles will require Madison to be closed between South Swan Street and Eagle Street, between 7 p.m. and 3 a.m. tonight and tomorrow night.

City hall reports "the cupola on the building was found to be secure." The building was evacuated and roads closed when the building shifted last Friday.

Nicholaus Update- WNYT- April 5, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm

Several roads, closed around the Nicholaus Building in Schenectady, are now re-open. That includes most of Erie Boulevard and part of State Street. The mayor says the eastbound lane of State Street is expected to re-open tomorrow. The city says it's been making a lot of progress shoring up and inspecting the historic structure. The building was evacuated when it shifted last Friday and cracks were found in the walls, one month after the building next door was torn down.

Pipeline Protest- WNYT- April 5, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm- WNYA- April 5, 2016- 10:00 pm

Environmental groups from across the northeast gathered in Albany today. They want to block construction of a natural gas pipeline between Pennsylvania and New England. The project has been approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission but it still needs a water quality certificate from the State Department of Environmental Conservation and a permit from the ARMY Corp of Engineers. Protestors, including Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and Karenna Gore, marched from the Capitol to the DEC headquarters. The pipeline company says it will help create 24 hundred jobs but the protestors wonder, at what cost. Supporters of the "Constitution Pipeline" say none of the gas will be shipped overseas. While New York runs on natural gas, 97 percent comes from other states.

Toga Honors Vet- WNYT- April 5, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- April 6, 2016- 5:00 am- WNYA- April 5, 2016- 10:00 pm

A new program in Saratoga Springs is helping an organization dedicated to improving the lives of veterans who suffer from PTSD. The Saratoga Lions Club is selling flags that can be personalized with the names of veterans. You can buy them on the Lion's website for five dollars. The group hopes to raise tens of thousands of dollars for Saratoga War Horse- an organization that pairs veterans with retired race horses to help the vets deal with emotional scars.

Cruz Coming to Capital Region- WNYT- April 5, 2016- 11:00 pm- WNYA- April 5, 2016- 10:00 pm

Republican Ted Cruz is scheduled to hold a town hall meeting at Mekeel Christian Academy, in Scotia, on Thursday. This most recent visit from a presidential hopeful comes just three days after Hillary Clinton was in Cohoes. Supporters say his presence means that New York State is in play, for the first time in a long time, for the GOP. It's empty now but come Thursday morning, the Mekeel Christian Academy gym will be packed with 13 hundred people anxious for a hello or handshake from presidential hopeful and Republican Senator, Ted Cruz. Republican leaders in Schenectady County have been scouting locations for a few weeks but only just heard from the Cruz Campaign that Mekeel would be the site for Cruz' town hall forum. A republican presidential candidate hasn't visited Schenectady County since George Bush Sr., in 1988. Races are typically decided by our April 19th primary but not this year. Presidential politics that the Mekeel kids will actually experience and not just see on TV, hear about from their teachers and family or read about in a text book.

Saratoga Springs Gun Law- WNYT- April 6, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am

A new law in Saratoga Springs will require you to safely store your gun when you're not using it. City Council last night, passed the new law unanimously. It's called "Nicholas's Law," named for Nicholas Naumkin, a 12-year-old, who was accidentally shot and killed by a friend.

Cruz Visit Preview- WNYT- April 6, 2016- 5:00a- 6:00a- 12:00 pm- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm- WNYA- April 6, 2016- 10:00 pm

New York State could play an important role in deciding which presidential candidates win their party's nomination. There will be a lot of delegates at stake in the April 19th primary. That's why part of the focus for the candidates is on the Capital Region. Hillary Clinton was already here this week and we learned today that Donald Trump could be holding a rally at the Times Union Center on Monday. His campaign reached out to the arena but nothing is set in stone just yet. A candidate who's definitely coming is Ted Cruz. He'll be at Mekeel Christian Academy in Scotia tomorrow morning. Schenectady County Republican Chair, Michael Cuevas, helped convince the campaign to have the event there. There are three delegates per congressional district. If the first place candidate gets more than 50 percent of the vote, they'll win all three. If no one gets 50 percent of the vote in the district, first place gets two delegates and second place gets one. A statewide poll out today, has Trump at 52 percent, Kasich at 25 percent and Cruz at 17 percent. Cohoes Mayor Shawn Morse estimates he paid a few thousand dollars in overtime. Also on the house in Scotia, a free haircut for Ted Cruz.

Dr. Diane Tenenbaum- WNYT- April 6, 2016- 12:00 pm

Pediatrician Dr. Tenenbaum from St. Peter's Health Partners talked about vaccinating kids.

VT PFOA Update- WNYT- April 6, 2016- 5:00 pm

Vermont plans to expand its testing for PFOA. Governor Pete Shumlin says testing will be done in the vicinity of 11 sites around the state. The governor says the tests are not a result of specific concerns for drinking water safety. Rather, they're being done at sites where the state believes PFOA may have been used in certain manufacturing processes. All of this follows the discovery of PFOA in private wells in North Bennington.

Hazardous Waste- WNYT- April 7, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am

Residents in Albany have a chance today to dispose of their household hazardous waste. The mayor's office says this is the first of nine dates this year where you can drop off hazardous materials and electronics at the city's Rapp Road landfill. You need to pre-register.

Cruz Scotia- WNYT- April 7, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am

Republican presidential candidate Ted Cruz is coming to the Capital Region today. He'll hold a rally in Scotia at McKeel Christian Academy. He's scheduled to appear at 10:30 this morning and some of the streets around the school are going to start closing to the public this morning. Hillary Clinton has already come to campaign in the Capital Region and there is word both Donald Trump and John Kasich are making plans to come here. New York is playing a role in the selection of the democrat and republican party candidates for the first time in a long time.

Kasich Coming- WNYT- April 7, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am- 12:00 pm- 5:00 pm- 11:00 pm- WNYA- April 7, 2016- 10:00 pm

Polls have John Kasich second in New York and local supporters of the Ohio governor will get to see him on Monday. He'll be holding a town hall event at the Saratoga Springs City Center at 5:30 p.m. Kasich might cross paths with republican front runner Donald Trump while he's here. Trump is supposed to be here Monday too. We learned his people reached out to the Times Union Center about holding a rally there. As soon as that's a go, NewsChannel 13 will let you know.

Outside Cruz Rally- WNYT- April 7, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm

Many of the people who crowded into the Cruz rally today seemed to be mesmerized by the man. The question now becomes: do those people believe Ted Cruz's Christian values outweigh the candidates controversial New York values comment made earlier in the campaign? Despite the antics, despite the seemingly less-than-presidential remarks during the campaign, it seems many people of faith are willing to place their faith in Ted Cruz to become the next occupant of the White House, no matter how much of an uphill climb it might be- especially in New York. The moment that Senator Ted Cruz arrived in the Capital Region it became both historic and symbolic. Assemblyman Steve McLaughlin hasn't endorsed anyone yet, but says a face-to-face meeting may help him decide. The overwhelming majority of rally goers came out to support Ted Cruz.

Lee Bridge Issues- WNYA- April 7, 2016- 10:00 pm

Structural issues were discovered with a bridge in Lee. The Berkshire Eagle reports the state has set a weight limit on the West Park Street Bridge until it can be repaired or replaced. The cost to replace the span would be more than six million dollars. Another option is to run new beams alongside the deficient ones.

Cruz Rally Inside- WNYT- April 7, 2016- 11:00 pm- WNYA- April 7, 2016- 10:00 pm

The campaign trails in the race for the White House are carving a path through the Capital Region. Hillary Clinton was here on Monday. Today, Ted Cruz brought his campaign to Mekeel Christian Academy in Scotia. He talked about the need for more jobs, getting rid of Obamacare and protecting religious freedom. Cruz would need a big upset to win the New York primary. The most recent poll by Monmouth University has him in third place, more than 30 points behind the leader, Donald Trump.

Vermont Governor Forum- WNYT- April 8, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am

Great Barrington Break-ins- WNYT- April 8, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am

Great Barrington, Massachusetts has been hit by a rash of burglaries and break-ins. Now police say they've made an arrest in at least one of them and say they are investigating the man's connection to the others. Police tell us 22-year-old Nathan Lopes of Pittsfield, Massachusetts has been arrested in the break-in of a restaurant on Stockbridge Road.

Kate Corey- WNYT- April 8, 2016- 12:00 pm

Kate Corey from the Martin Harding and Mazzotti Capital Region Pet Show joins us for a preview of the Pet Show.

Kasich Monday Events- WNYT- April 8, 2016- 12:00 pm- WNYA- April 8, 2016- 10:00 pm

John Kasich will be in the Capital Region on Monday. He'll begin his visit at the LaSalle Institute in Troy. The town hall event runs from 2:30-4 p.m. Doors open at 1:30. From there, Kasich will head North to Saratoga Springs for another town hall event at the City Center at 5:30 p.m. Both events are free and open to the public, but you have to RSVP. We've set up links to help you get tickets to the Trump, Sanders and Kasich events on our website WNYT dot com.

Heroin Prevention- WNYT- April 8, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm

The Schenectady County Sheriff's Department credits the tripling of its drug investigation unit for the 100 recent heroin arrests the department made. The sheriff believes incarceration should never be the goal. A brand new, 27 million-dollar Opiate Treatment Prevention Package was included in this year's state budget to increase education and treatment and hopefully, avoid arrests without rehabilitation.

Trump and Local Presidential Politics- WNYT- April 8, 2016- 5:00p- 11:00p- April 9, 2016- 8:00a- WNYA- April 8, 2016- 10:00p

When Donald Trump arrives in Albany on Monday, he'll carry with him a large lead of GOP delegates already in his pocket, along with primary polls that are indicating he'll have no trouble carrying his home state. The closeness of the race is the furthest thing Albany Police Chief Brendan Cox is thinking about. His force, along with the State Police and Secret Service will be dealing with safety and security for three presidential candidates in the same city on the same day.

Bernie Sanders- WNYT- April 8, 2016- 11:00 pm- WNYA- April 8, 2016- 10:00 pm

Not far from the Trump rally Monday, Albany will be feeling the Bern. Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders will hold a rally at 2 p.m. at the Washington Avenue Armory. Doors open at 11 a.m. Admission is free and first come first served. The venue holds about 44-hundred people. You have to RSVP online in advance. Because of the lack of parking in the area, the Sanders campaign is strongly encouraging people to take public transportation.

John Kasich- WNYT- April 9, 2016- 8:00 am-

Ohio Governor John Kasich will be making not one, but three campaign stops in our area. Kasich will now be holding two town halls in the Capital Region on Monday. The first event starts at 2:30 p.m. at the LaSalle Institute in Troy. After that, Kasich will head to the Saratoga Springs City Center, where he'll hold another town hall at 5:30 p.m. He'll also meet with Assembly republicans at the Fort Orange Club. The two public events are free- but you must RSVP. You can find links to sign up for all three candidates upcoming events on our website WNYT dot com.

Blood Drive- WNYA- April 9, 2016- 10:00 pm- WNYT- April 10, 2016- 8:00 am

This coming Thursday is your chance to save a life. NewsChannel 13 is proud to be teaming up with the Red Cross for another "Save A Life Blood Drive." Donation stations will be set up at the four locations listed. They'll be open from noon to 7 p.m. If you want to make an appointment, we've set up a link on our website. If not, walk-ins are always welcome.

Republican Candidate Events- WNYA- April 10, 2016- 10:00 pm

It's going to be a busy day tomorrow, as three presidential candidates hold events here in the Capital Region. Republicans Donald Trump and John Kasich will be in town. Trump will be holding a rally at the Times Union Center. It is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m., with doors opening at 4 p.m. If you want to attend, you'll need a ticket. We've set up a link for those on our website, WNYT dot com. As for John Kasich- he'll be holding two Monday town hall meetings. The Ohio governor will be at the LaSalle Institute in Troy at 2:30 p.m. and then at the Saratoga Springs City Center at 5:30 p.m.

Bernie Event- WNYA- April 10, 2016- 10:00 pm

Democratic hopeful Bernie Sanders will also be in Albany tomorrow, holding a town hall meeting at 2 p.m. at the Washington Avenue Armory. We've set up a link to RSVP for that as well. NewsChannel 13 will have team coverage of all the events including one-on-one interviews with Sanders and Kasich in our evening newscasts.

LaSalle Kasich- WNYT- April 11, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm

Right now in Saratoga Springs, Republican John Kasich is beginning his town hall event. Earlier today he spoke to a large crowd in North Greenbush at the LaSalle Institute. Kasich took questions from the packed room at LaSalle this afternoon. Many supporters say his appeal is his experience, rational ideas, and level-headed discourse in a campaign scarred by ugliness. He touched on topics ranging from discrimination to health care to social security. Earlier in the day, Kasich met with republican lawmakers at the State Capitol. There, he talked about offering unity and problem-solving.

Bernie Inside- WNYT- April 11, 2016- 5:00 pm- 11:00 pm- WNYA- April 11, 2016- 10:00 pm

Democrats in the Capital Region got to see one of their candidates in person today. Bernie Sanders held a rally at a packed Washington Avenue Armory. New York is critical for the Vermont Senator who trails Clinton by double digits in the polls here. He told supporters his plan for free tuition, rebuilding infrastructure, and expanding social security. We asked Sanders if his tax plan would turn around the upstate economy of high taxes and high unemployment.

Night Kasich- WNYT- April 11, 2016- 5:00 pm- 11:00 pm- WNYA- April 11, 2016- 10:00 pm

Republican John Kasich is fighting for every delegate he can get here in New York. The Ohio governor was all over the Capital Region tonight. He finished at the Saratoga Springs City Center with a town hall meeting. It was with Fox News Anchor Sean Hannity and was closed to other media but cameras were allowed inside a town hall meeting Kasich had at LaSalle Institute in North Greenbush. He took questions and touched on topics from health care to social security and helping small businesses. He also met with reporters there and talked about New York's recent increase in minimum wage to 15 dollars an hour.

Blood Drive- WNYT- April 12, 2016- 5:00 pm- WNYA- April 13, 2016- 10:00 pm

NewsChannel 13 is teaming up with the Red Cross for our "Save A Life Blood Drive." You can donate on Thursday from noon to 7 p.m. We will be at four locations throughout the Capital Region. To set up an appointment, head to our website WNYT dot com. Walk-ins are always welcome.

Sage Mock Election- WNYT- April 12, 2016- 5:00 pm- 11:00 pm- April 13, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am- WNYA- April 12, 2016- 10:00 pm

We're getting a look at how a sampling of young people in the Capital Region will be voting in the upcoming presidential primary. Sage Colleges had a mock election today. It's interesting to see where college students align. That demographic tends to lean democrat and you might have guessed it. Sage students love Bernie Sanders. Sanders won 85 percent of the vote at those schools. Stickers signifying political process participation pride made an early appearance at Sage Colleges and those first time voters are certainly feeling the Bern. Bernie Sanders had a runaway victory. Winning the coed Sage College in Albany with 90 percent. The Vermont senator in Albany Monday, talked about the gender pay gap, free college tuition, and hiking the minimum wage to 15 dollars. We were at the all-women school in Troy, Sanders has struggled winning female voters, but has done well with young people. Freshman Jenna Cislak says Sanders beat Clinton in her top issue: equality. In the latest NBC Poll, Sanders leads among young people and upstate voters but among all demographics and statewide, he trails by 14 to Hillary Clinton. On the republican side, both Sage schools had similar results.

Work Zone Awareness- WNYT- April 12, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm- WNYA- April 12, 2016- 10:00 pm

The State Thruway Authority is testing new technology that's supposed to protect work crews on the side of the road from distracted drivers. The pilot is kicking off in between New York's two seasons. Snow plowing and road construction. The program is called "AWARE." It's an acronym for the Advanced Warning and Risk Evasion System. AWARE uses Doppler radar and GPS to track when a vehicle crosses the safety line in a construction zone. An alarm sounds and strobe lights go off to alert both the driver and the worker.

North Adams Police and firefighters are in the fight against opioid abuse. First responders are now equipped with Narcan which can reverse the effects of an overdose. The mayor says the police department is the first in Berkshire County to train on and use the drug.

Nurses Protest- WNYT- April 13, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am

Nurses say they will circle the State Capitol in Albany today, to demand more staffing at hospitals. Their labor union claims hospitals are short changing patients by keeping staffing levels low and overworking the nurses on staff. The New York State Nurses Association is calling on state legislators to pass a safe staffing law.

Schodack Pipeline- WNYT- April 13, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am- 12:00 pm- 5:00 pm

There is a public hearing on a much contested gas pipeline. The four-billion-dollar project would be built on land stretching from Pennsylvania to Massachusetts. It would cut through Albany, Columbia, Montgomery, Schoharie and Rensselaer counties. The Schodack Town Board called a meeting for tonight on the proposed Kinder Morgan gas pipeline. The public meeting begins at 7 p.m. at Maple Hill High School.

No PFOA Syrup- WNYT- April 13, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- WNYA- April 13, 2016- 10:00 pm

Maple Syrup from North Bennington is PFOA free. The state of Vermont says three samples showed no presence of the toxic chemical. Other testing shows non-detectable levels in Paran Lake and Paran Creek Mill ponds. A very low level of PFOA, was found in the Walloomsac River but the state says it does not pose a risk to humans.

Schodack Pipeline Meeting- WNYT- April 13, 2016- 11:00 pm- April 14, 2016- 5:00 am- WNYA- April 13, 2016- 10:00 pm

Concern about a multi-billion dollar proposed pipeline project is growing. Hundreds packed the Maple Hill High School auditorium in Schodack to learn about the Kinder Morgan pipeline that could soon be running through their town and most didn't like the possibility. The town organized a special meeting to educate people about the proposed pipeline and what can be done, if people don't want it near their property. Even though it wasn't meant to be informational, there were still plenty of angry residents. Kinder Morgan's Northeast energy direct pipeline project would carry fracked natural gas from Pennsylvania through Schoharie, Albany, and Rensselaer counties. Residents voiced concerns with possible accidents, eminent domain, and pollution. The same complaints we've been hearing since last summer. Kinder Morgan's pipeline still needs approval from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission or FERC. Many people, are worried they don't have much of a say over this pipeline going in their backyards. Anti-corruption activist and congressional candidate in the district Zephyr Teachout was at the meeting and was also criticizing FERC.

Pittsfield Schools- WNYA- April 14, 2016- 10:00 pm

The Pittsfield School District might have to make deep cuts. Right now the budget calls for a 3.7 percent tax hike but some want to see it as low as 2.5 percent. The superintendent says to get to that number he'd have to cut 25 to 27 positions- including some teachers. School committee members will meet again on April 27th.

Tax Deadline- WNYT- April 15, 2016- 5:00 am

April 15th is normally the deadline to file your taxes but not this year. The deadline is Monday this year. Ninety-one percent of New Yorker's E-file now according to the New York State Tax Department. New York State leads the nation with the highest tax burden per capita according to Wallethub. Vermont is tied for number three. Massachusetts is number 18.

Gillibrand Hope House- WNYT- April 15, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am- 12:00 pm- 6:00 pm- 11:00 p -WNYA- April 15, 2016- 10:00 p

Kim and Tim Murdick can't bring their 22-year-old son Sean, who died of a heroin overdose in September, back. So their hope now, is, to help other families. The Rensselaer County couple proudly stood behind Senator Kirsten Gillibrand when she unveiled new legislation that would require the Centers for Disease Control to issue rules that providers must follow when prescribing prescription opioids like Percocet, Vicodin and Oxycontin. The legislation would be similar to a requirement, already in place, when prescribing opioids for chronic disease. Only this rule would apply to acute pain and would deem what diagnoses opioids are appropriate for and how much can be prescribed without putting patients at risk. Senator Gillibrand wants Congress to pass a bill to help end the heroin epidemic. She also wrote a letter to President Obama supporting medical marijuana. Overprescribing is under scrutiny- in memory of Sean and also to save others, like him.

Kate Corey- WNYT- April 15, 2016- 12:00 pm

Kate Corey from the Martin Harding and Mazzotti Capital Region Pet Show introduces Matilda who is up for adoption.

Three County 911- WNYT- April 15, 2016- 12:00 pm- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm- WNYA- April 15, 2016- 10:00 pm

Three Capital Region counties are partnering their emergency services to better coordinate, share information and save money. Albany, Rensselaer and Saratoga counties will combine computer aided dispatch, 911 and record management systems by late next year. The move will also save each county's taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars each year. The shared system will cover more than 2000 square miles and nearly 700-thousand residents.

Bill Clinton Visit- WNYT- April 15, 2016- 12:00 pm- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- WNYA- April 15, 2016- 10:00 pm

Former president Bill Clinton will be in Colonie tomorrow morning, campaigning for his wife just days before the New York primary. Mr. Clinton will speak at the Democratic Rural Conference at the Desmond. Doors open at 8:45 and the event is open to the public. NewsChannel 13 will be streaming his appearance live on our web site WNYT dot com.

Gun Buyback- WNYT- April 15, 2016- 5:00 pm

The State Attorney General's Office is teaming up with Albany Police to get guns off the streets. They're co-hosting a gun buyback program tomorrow. You can bring an unloaded weapon to 200 Henry Johnson Boulevard- near the Albany Police Department Headquarters. In return, you'll get a gift card worth up to 150 dollars. The program runs from 9 a.m. to noon.

911 Partnership- WNYT- April 15, 2016- 5:00 pm- April 16, 2016- 8:00 am

Three Capital Region counties are coming together to combine their emergency services. The move will help ensure better service and save hundreds of thousands of dollars. Last year Albany, Saratoga and Rensselaer counties fielded over a million emergency calls combined. Now, the three counties are joining forces to combine their computer aided dispatch, 911 and records management systems. Not only will the new cooperation improve the flow of emergency information between the counties- it will also save money- but it's more than just dollars and cents. With three counties combining- it creates a triple redundancy for the call centers- and makes for a better system overall. People calling 911 won't notice any difference. The new system will cover nearly 700-thousand people- 21 law enforcement agencies- 162 fire and EMS agencies- and more than 2000 square miles across three counties.

Kasich Coming Back- WNYT- April 15, 2016- 5:00 pm- 11:00 pm- April 16, 2016- 8:00 am

Republican John Kasich is coming back to the Capital Region. He will hold a town hall at the Schenectady Armory Monday night at six. You have to sign up and we've set up a link on our website, WNYT dot com.

Bill Clinton Tomorrow- WNYT- April 15, 2016- 11:00 pm- April 16, 2016- 8:00 am- WNYA- April 15, 2016- 10:00 pm

After all five presidential candidates have held campaign rallies in the area in recent weeks, now we're seeing some high profile surrogates. Tomorrow, perhaps the best known, and most influential political surrogate in the country will be in town. Former president Bill Clinton's return to Albany tomorrow morning, stumping for his wife, comes on the heels of last night's visit by Hillary Clinton surrogate Governor Howard Dean. It was a sundae treat on a Friday afternoon. Free ice cream for everyone on campus at the College of Saint Rose, where 500 students lined up for a taste of Bernie's Yearning, the newest palatable and political creation from world Famous ice cream icons Ben & Jerry. In the heat of the presidential campaign that many people say leaves a bad taste in their mouths, Ben & Jerry are looking to inject flavor, but also, by posing for selfies with anyone who asks, were also hoping to convince young voters to get out to the polls. Meanwhile, at the Desmond Hotel in Colonie, Bill Clinton will stump for Hillary Clinton Saturday morning. President Bill Clinton comes to town three days before the New York Primary, at a time when his wife leads Bernie Sanders by 17 points in the latest polls. Senator Neil Breslin says, in the world of politics, you never take anything for granted.

NewsChannel 13 has learned that republican candidate John Kasich is coming back to the Capital Region. His campaign tells us the Ohio governor will be at the Schenectady Armory on Monday. The event begins at 6 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. It's free but you have to RSVP. We've set up a link for you to do that on our website, WNYT dot com.

Bill Clinton in Town- WNYT- April 16, 2016- 6:00 pm- April 17, 2016- 7:00 am- 8:00 am- WNYA- April 16, 2016- 10:00 pm

Bill Clinton addressed more than 500 people at the Desmond in Colonie, this morning. His speech was the latest in the Capital Region's flood of presidential politics as we approach Tuesday's New York Primary. Governor Andrew Cuomo was on hand to introduce the former president, who was in town campaigning for his wife Hillary. During his half hour speech, President Clinton praised the minimum wage increase and paid family leave, as well as a slew of other progressive efforts. Hillary Clinton leads the polls in New York in the latest NBC, Wall Street Journal, Marist poll by double digits, but is neck and neck with Senator Bernie Sanders upstate. With delegates awarded by congressional district in New York, Capital Region votes carry significant weight.

Earth Day Expo- WNYT- April 17, 2016- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm- WNYA- April 17, 2016- 10:00 pm

An expo and bike parade were held today in the Capital Region, helping to kick off Earth week. Hundreds of people strolled through the Washington Park Lake House, where the Earth Day Expo was set up. The Lake House was also the starting point for the bike parade- a 12 mile journey through the city's most Earth-friendly buildings. Organizers say the green event is a good way to open a public dialogue on the issues facing our environment.

NY Voting Restrictions- WNYT- April 17, 2016- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm- April 18, 2016- 5:00 am

The final push for votes is on tonight across New York, as the five presidential candidates shop for last minute delegates, some hoping to seal the deal on their nominations. Even though voter turnout is expected to be extremely heavy on Tuesday, there will be many New Yorkers who'd love to be part of the primary, but won't. Hillary Clinton was letting loose, dancing to Latin music at a New York City block party, and sending a message she wants to work beyond the boundaries of Washington. Across the East River, Bernie Sanders was in his hometown Brooklyn playing the momentum card. If Clinton wins New York decisively, many pundits believe it could be the beginning of the end for Sanders. Barbara Bartoletti, of the League of Women Voters, says because New York matters, all of a sudden New York voters want in on the primary, but unless they're already enrolled as either a democrat or republican, they'll have to stay on the side lines. Bartoletti says she'd love to see same day voter registration in New York, but until and unless there's a change to the state constitution, even closely contested future races will fall under the same set of rules. As long as the primaries remain closed, as they are in many other states, voters and candidates both will have something to complain about.

Kasich in Schenectady- WNYT- April 17, 2016- 11:00 pm

The New York Primary is a big deal in deciding the future of the race this year. The Capital Region has really gotten to know the candidates this season- with every one of them campaigning in the area. John Kasich was here for a second time today. NewsChannel 13 spoke with him one on one about his chances in getting the nomination- before he spoke to about 500 people in Schenectady tonight. For Peter Buttitta of Hyde Park there's a lot on the line in Tuesday's historic New York Primary. Then there's Nancy and Ronald Riel of Clifton Park. They've been registered democrats for 40 years, but Tuesday their votes are going to the Republican Governor of Ohio. After a whirlwind tour of New York State, Governor Kasich was back in the Capital Region Monday night practicing his pronunciation of the Electric City all day long. This town hall event at the Armory marked his second trip to the area in a week. Kasich knows Donald Trump has the advantage in New York. The latest Marist Poll has Trump trouncing him by 20 points but Kasich says- that's not the point. Confident the race is heading for an open convention; he says he's the only republican who could beat Hillary Clinton come November. One woman asked how that possible- when he's losing to Trump and Ted Cruz. In his one on one interview, Kasich elaborated on what he calls board appeal.

Kasich Schenectady- WNYT- April 18, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am- April 19, 2016- 5:00 am

The New York Primary is tomorrow- and one presidential candidate is making one last stop in the Capital Region to try and gather more votes. Despite being 23 points down- Ohio Governor John Kasich is still campaigning hard in New York. He'll be at the Schenectady Armory tonight for a 6 p.m. event. Kasich trails New York businessman Donald Trump 50 to 27 percent in the latest Siena Poll. He's 10 points ahead of Texas Senator Ted Cruz. Doors open for Kasich's town hall at 5 p.m. If you want to go to the event- you'll have to sign up first. We've set up a link on our website WNYT dot com. As of right now- Schenectady Police say they don't know of or plan on any road closures for the event. On the democratic side- the race is much tighter.

Kasich in Schenectady- WNYT- April 18, 2016- 12:00 pm

Republican presidential hopeful John Kasich is making his return to the Capital Region today. The Ohio governor will hold a town hall meeting at the Schenectady Armory tonight at 6. Doors open at 5 p.m. You have to sign up, if you want to go. We've set up a link on our website, WNYT dot com. If you can't make it- no worries. NewsChannel 13's got you covered. We will have a one-on-one interview with Kasich this afternoon, and we will hear from him at 5 p.m. We will also be streaming his event on our website, WNYT dot com.

Kasich in Schenectady- WNYT- April 18, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- WNYA- April 18, 2016- 10:00 pm

Republican John Kasich was back with a campaign stop in the area tonight. About 500 people came to a town hall event at the Armory in Schenectady to hear what the Ohio governor had to say on the eve of the New York Primary. He told voters that he's the only republican who can beat Hillary Clinton in a general election. A week ago tonight, Kasich held events in Troy and Saratoga Springs. Before the event, Jessica Layton had a one-on-one interview with Kasich and she asked why he came back to the Capital Region.

Kathleen Carey- WNYT- April 19, 2016- 12:00 pm

Kathleen Carey from The Book House of Stuyvesant Plaza talked about suggested books for spring reading.

Local Voter Turnout- WNYT- April 19, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm

A New York Primary Day, second to none. Voters at Mater Christi in Albany cast their votes in the state's stand-alone primary. The excitement, enough to draw first timers. Front runners and poll leaders Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton would love New York's delegates to put them even further ahead in this election. All five candidates have focused on getting out the vote in upstate. Coming to the Capital Region in the past weeks. But, just because you're excited doesn't mean you can vote in New York's Primary. First time voters had to register to a party in March and to switch their party affiliation, they had to change in October. At Mohonasen High School, no one could vote for over an hour this afternoon. The school and polling place inside were put on lockdown after a threat. Rotterdam Police dispatch received a call from a woman who said she got a text from a friend, saying he or she was going to shoot up the school. Police made sure everything was safe and opened the school again. Everyone still has a chance to vote today. Polls are open until 9 p.m.

Voter Access Hotline- WNYT- April 19, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm

The State Attorney General's office has set up a hotline for voters to report problems at the polls. At last check, they'd gotten over 700 calls and emails. To put that into context, four years ago, they received 150 complaints. The ag's office says most of today's complaints were from people who were told they were not registered to vote, or were not registered with a political party. The hotline number is on your screen. It will be staffed from now until 9 p.m.

Special Election- WNYT- April 19, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm

A special election is being held tonight on Long Island to fill the seat of former State Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos. He and his son Adam were convicted of corruption back in December. Republican Chris McGrath is running against Democrat Todd Kaminsky. The outcome could help decide which party leads the State Senate. Three seats in the State Assembly are also being filled tonight in special elections.

Local Voters- WNYT- April 19, 2016- 11:00 pm- April 20, 2016- 5:00 am

Today wasn't a good day to be an unregistered voter in New York. At least, not if you wanted to cast a ballot in the primary. Unfortunately, too many people found that out the hard way. An elections commissioner described his office today as a place of pandemonium. Voters- looking to vent their frustration somewhere- described it as a place of pathetic political ineptness. Megan Parsons of Albany is an irate and disenfranchised woman tonight. After changing parties from Green to Democratic, Megan figured she'd be able to cast a primary vote for Bernie Sanders. They told her she missed the deadline. Megan wasn't alone. Voters were showing up in large numbers at the Albany County Board of Elections, all day long. Democratic Elections Commissioner Matt Clyne says the intensity of the campaign combining with the passion of voters created a perfect storm of political confusion and he was caught directly in the middle of it.

here in New York. Over the weekend- Republican Chris McGrath opened up an eight-point lead in the special election for the ninth senate district. With 100 percent of precincts reporting- it's Democratic Assemblyman Todd Kaminsky who holds a five-point lead- and has claimed victory. McGrath has not yet conceded the race. Kaminsky leads McGrath by under 800 votes out of more than 68-thousand cast. The special election is being held for former Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos' seat- which he lost after being convicted on federal corruption charges. Before the special election- republicans and democrats each held 31 seats in the Senate- with the republicans partnering with the independent democratic caucus for a majority. Now- democrats would have a slim- one vote majority- if the IDC comes back to work with them. The potential for a swing in power with this election was so great- even President Barack Obama weighed in with an endorsement.

Affordable Housing- WNYT- April 20, 2016- 6:00 pm

Albany Mayor Kathy Sheehan has appointed a new task force on housing authority. It consists of landlords, city and county officials and representatives of the Legal Aid Society and Habitat for Humanity. The task force will meet four times a year and report to the mayor and common council twice a year.

Pipeline- WNYT- April 20, 2016- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm

Kinder Morgan will not move forward with the controversial Tennessee Gas Pipeline. The company says they didn't have enough contracts with gas distribution companies. The line would have begun in the town of Wright, west of Schenectady and crossed through several local communities before ending near Lowell, Massachusetts.

Hoosick Falls Water Bills- WNYT- April 20, 2016- 11:00 pm- WNYA- April 20, 2016- 10:00 pm

It seems like adding insult to injury. Why are people in Hoosick Falls getting bills for water that was contaminated by PFOA, when the state promised they wouldn't have to pay them? Traci Friel has been a middle school math teacher for many years, but when she got her village water bill in the mail she was shocked. All across the village of Hoosick Falls people are getting the unpleasant surprise- a bill for water that was contaminated with PFOA. The state says the municipal water is safe now, thanks to a working filtration system. Once that happens, the village will send out rebates- but only after people pay their water bill. Wednesday night a state representative told me they hold to get the village 240-thousand dollars to cover the cost of the bills next week.

Kinder Morgan No Pipeline- WNYT- April 21, 2016- 12:00 pm- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm- WNYA- April 21, 2016- 10:00 pm

People are excited Kinder Morgan is dropping plans to build a natural gas pipeline that would have gone through the Capital Region. As NewsChannel 13 told you last night, the company couldn't get commitments from enough customers. The 3.3 billion-dollar project would have wended its way through Schoharie, Albany and Rensselaer counties before ending up in Massachusetts. People are worried about their neighbors in Berkshire County and other parts of New York state dealing with pipeline construction on different projects.

Operation Safe Stop- WNYT- April 21, 2016- 5:00 pm- 11:00 pm- WNYA- April 21, 2016- 10:00 pm

It's against the law to pass a school bus when its red lights are flashing- but it happens about 35-thousand times a day. That's according to a study by the New York State Association for Pupil Transportation. As part of "Operation Safe Stop," police rode on buses today and followed them around the Capital Region. The state legislature is also working on ways to keep our children safe. One thing legislators are worried about is the cost. They don't want to hand schools another unfunded mandate.

PAL Basketball- WNYT- April 21, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm

This is the first year for the program where Albany Police officers volunteer their time coaching six different teams of kids. Me-Asia Timmons is an Albany Police officer who now patrols the streets where she once grew up.

A Taste of Albany- WNYA- April 21, 2016- 10:00 pm

More than 500 people in New York's Capital City are getting a "Taste of Albany" tonight. More than 30 local restaurants were dishing out their best samples for this 11th annual tasting event to benefit Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless. The organization helps the local homeless population by giving them a place to stay, food, and job training so they can get back on their feet. Their motto- "Homeless, Not Hopeless." NewsChannel 13's Jessica Layton enjoyed the food and the fun and told us how much she enjoyed being the emcee of tonight's fundraiser.

Petersburgh PFOS- WNYT- April 22, 2016- 12:00 pm- April 23, 2016- 8:00 am

Rensselaer County officials are confirming that a new contaminant has been found in four private wells in the town of Petersburgh. The county has notified the State Department of Health about the presence of PFOS in the wells. They are now retesting to check that the results are accurate. Those results will be back in a week. There's no known source for the PFOS yet. Taconic, which was responsible for earlier contamination says it never used PFOS at its plant.

Melissa Grattan- WNYT- April 22, 2016- 12:00 pm

Melissa Grattan from Make it Fit talked about working out with an exercise ball.

Corning Riverfront Park- WNYT- April 22, 2016- 12:00 pm- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm- April 23, 2016- 8:00 am- WNYA- April 22, 2016- 10:00 pm

It is Earth Day, and the city of Albany has announced major improvements to the Corning Preserve. Starting with a name change. Five million dollars in funding to make the Corning Riverfront Park more accessible to both pedestrians and cyclists. Four million came from the Department of Transportation. The city came up with another million in bonds. The mayor explains why it was so important to come up with the money. She wants more people to enjoy the park but it's not just for people on land. With the improvements come a name change too. The improvements are scheduled to be completed by the end of the year.

PFOS in Petersburgh- WNYT- April 22, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm- WNYA- April 22, 2016- 10:00 pm

The town of Petersburgh is dealing with a second chemical in its drinking water. First it was PFOA. Now, tests from four private wells recently came back positive for PFOS. It's a manmade chemical that's sometimes used in firefighting foam, and it's toxic. Authorities aren't sure how it got in the wells, but a spokesman says it could be from firefighting in the area.

Toxic Toys- WNYT- April 22, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm

State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman is warning parents about a jewelry making kit for children. The Crazy Art kit contain wristbands with lead levels exceeding federal safety limits. They were distributed by LaRose Industries and sold by K-Mart, Target, Walmart and Toys-R-Us. The attorney general wants the kits removed from store shelves and he is calling for a national recall.

DEC Bear Guidance- WNYT- April 22, 2016- 6:00 pm

New York State is home to between 6-7 thousand black bears and they are hungry as they emerge from their dens where they spent the winter. The State Department of Environmental Conservation issued guidance on how to avoid negative encounters. The simplest way is to remove potential food sources like bird feeders and garbage cans, and store your pet food indoors. If you spot a bear in your area, report it to DEC immediately.

State Gambling Record- WNYT- April 22, 2016- 6:00 pm

New Yorkers spent a record amount of money last year on lottery games and video lottery terminals. The State Gaming Commission says ticket sales for traditional lottery games grew six percent to 7.7 billion dollars. That includes Powerball, Mega-Millions, Take Five and Quick Draw. Included in that amount are instant games or scratch offs, which brought in about four billion. VLT's made a record two billion dollars of the combined total, a record 3.3 billion will go to school districts across the state.

Constitution Pipeline- WNYT- April 22, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- April 23, 2016- 10:00 pm- WNYA- April 23, 2016- 10:00 pm

There is a big setback for the proposed Constitution Pipeline which would carry gas from Pennsylvania to New York. New York State DEC says it's rejecting a permit needed for the pipeline project to move forward. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission approved the pipeline in 2014, but that was contingent on the permit being issued. The pipeline company can appeal the state's decision.

weeks, between 7:30 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. The flushing may affect residents living in the area of Hubbard Avenue and Dalton Division Road, Lower Crane Avenue and Partridge Road, Coltsville, and parts of South Street. Neighborhoods around Dalton Avenue, East Street, and Holmes Road may also be affected. People living in those areas may experience discolored water and low water pressure. Officials recommend running faucets for a short period to clear them before use.

Schumer Saves Nipper- WNYT- April 25, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am- 12:00 pm- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm- WNYA- April 25, 2016- 10:00 pm

Senator Chuck Schumer wants to add a local landmark to the National Register of Historic Places. "Nipper The Dog" has been overlooking Albany since 1958. He was the logo for RCA, but the building below on Broadway has changed a lot since then and it's about to change again. Right now, it's used for storage, and office space by Arnoff Logistics, but developer Bill Barber wants to put in around 70 apartments on the top floors and shops below. Then Barber would like to build another mixed-use building right next door. Arnoff says Nipper will be in good hands, but Nipper was there long before Arnoff. RTA, a distributor for RCA, owned the four story poured concrete structure in the late 1950's. The RCA dog was built in Illinois and transported in three pieces by rail to the building in the 1950's, and there he's sat ever since. Even Nipper's first master, designer of the statue, Harris Sanders was there to see his dog fight for immortality. Hoping Albany's top dog, stays right where he is.

Tapestry of Hudson- WNYT- April 25, 2016- 5:00 pm- April 26, 2016- 6:00 am

Developers broke ground on a big apartment building in Troy for families of all incomes. It's a 22 million-dollar project called "Tapestry on the Hudson," transforming the former Mooradian's Warehouse on River Street into 67 apartments. Supporters say the project marries green features with historic preservation. There's a lot of activity in the area. Next to the Tapestry is a building of new artist's lofts.

Troy Vet Housing- WNYT- April 25, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm- WNYA- April 25, 2016- 10:00 pm

Vacant, rundown buildings in Troy are being turned into homes for veterans and families. The former Mooradian's Warehouse on River Street will become 67 rental apartments for families. The 22 million-dollar project is called "Tapestry on the Hudson." Further north, on Second Avenue near 115th Street, the Troy Housing Authority is breaking ground on an apartment building for veterans. Next to Tapestry is a new building with lofts for artists. Across the street, Capital Roots is creating an urban grow center that will offer food from local farms. It was a festive groundbreaking on River Street- the culmination of work by many different partners. Transforming the sprawling former Mooradian's Warehouse on River Street, into 67 mixed income family rental apartments. The project combining historic preservation with sustainability. The apartment building for veterans, for years, was an eyesore. A stretch of vacant, rundown buildings heavily damaged by a 2012 suspicious fire. Troy Housing Authority ripped down the dilapidated buildings and will offer eight new, permanent homes to veterans in the fall. The Troy mayor says that's a great use of this Lansingburgh property, and that Tapestry in North Central is important for all families that can make their homes here.

Dental Care for Vets- WNYT- April 25, 2016- 5:00 pm- 11:00 pm

A dental office on wheels is helping local veterans. Aspen Dental calls it the Mouth Mobile. It was parked at the State Capitol today. They teamed up with the Veterans Miracle Center to bring free dental care to those who served our country. Organizers of the "Healthy Mouth Movement" say we need this in our community because the VA doesn't cover dental benefits unless a veteran is 100 percent disabled. This was the 15th stop for the Mouth Mobile on a 30 state tour.

Canal Opening- WNYA- April 25, 2016- 10:00 pm

It's that time of the year again for boat lovers. State officials say they're opening the canal system on Wednesday morning. That is four days earlier than originally scheduled. The lengthy canal connects the Hudson River with five lakes, including Lake Champlain and Lake Ontario. The canal will remain open through early November. It will be open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. until May 25th. After that, summer hours of 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. begin.

Pittsfield Flushing- WNYA- April 25, 2016- 10:00 pm

Pittsfield's Department of Public Utilities began its annual flushing of the city's water system today. Water mains will be flushed Monday through Friday for the next three weeks, between 7:30 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. People in certain areas may experience low water pressure or discoloration. Officials recommend running faucets for a short time to clear them before using them again.

PFOA Hearings- WNYT- April 26, 2016- 12:00 pm- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm WNYA- April 26, 2016- 10:00 pm

A local lawmaker is putting pressure on assembly leadership to hold the hearings that were promised on the water crisis in Hoosick Falls. Assemblyman Steve McLaughlin sent a strongly worded letter to the democratic assembly leaders. He's demanding the hearings take place or he says he'll hold them himself. He's also accusing the governor and assembly speaker of using the hearings as a bargaining chip in budget negotiations.

Oil Train Safety- WNYT- April 26, 2016- 12:00 pm- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm- WNYA- April 26, 2016- 10:00 pm

The state comptroller is calling for stronger safety measures for oil carrying tanker cars. Tom DiNapoli wrote a letter to the US DOT and the Federal Railroad Administration. He wants the oil transporters to have enough insurance to cover cleanup and other liabilities, in case of a major accident.

Albany County Smoking- WNYT- April 26, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm

The public is being asked to weigh-in on a proposed plan to raise the smoking age in Albany County. The county legislature will hold a public hearing tonight on Local Law C. The law would prohibit sales of cigarettes, tobacco products, liquid nicotine or electronic cigarettes to anyone under the age of 21. Violators could face a minimum fine of 300 dollars. Tonight's hearing starts at 7:15 in the legislative chambers of the Albany County Courthouse. We'll have a crew there and bring you the outcome live at 11.

VT PFOA- April 26, 2016- 5:00 pm- WNYA- April 26, 2016- 10:00 pm

The state of Vermont is calling on the federal government to start regulating toxic chemicals like PFOA. The Vermont Senate is set to take-up a resolution calling for reform of the Toxic Substances Control Act from the 1970's. The resolution says, if the feds don't take action, then it should let the states have more authority. The move comes as Vermont deals with PFOA contamination in public and private water supplies in North Bennington and Pownal.

Rutland Refugees- WNYT- April 26, 2016- 5:00 pm- WNYA- April 26, 2016- 10:00 pm

Up to 100 Syrian refugees will soon call Rutland, Vermont home. Mayor Christopher Louras says the Syrians will help enrich the city- which has been home to a number of immigrant groups over the past several decades. The first refugees will be coming in October. Most will be families.

Special Election Absentees- WNYT- April 26, 2016- 6:00 pm

We have an update on a special election held last week for a state senate seat in Nassau County. Democrat Todd Kaminsky leads republican Chris McGrath by about 700 votes. The winner will replace Dean Skelos who was convicted of corruption in December. Today was the deadline for absentee ballots but the voting machines are impounded by court order, so it's unclear when the absentees will be counted.

Bennington PFOA- WNYT- April 28, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am

With health concerns mounting- blood testing will begin in Bennington, Vermont to find out how much PFOA people have in their blood. The testing starts tomorrow, and this is a big enough deal- Vermont's health commissioner will be on hand for the first blood tests. The clinic opens tomorrow at the State Health Department's Bennington office. More than 100 private water wells in the area around the former ChemFab plant in North Bennington tested positive for PFOA levels as high as nearly 3000 parts per trillion. The state says anything about 20 parts per trillion for drinking water is unsafe. PFOA is a toxic industrial chemical linked to cancer. The blood tests will measure the level of PFOA in an individual's blood. It will be several months before the results are known.

Albany Lights Saving- WNYT- April 28, 2016- 12:00 pm- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- WNYA- April 28, 2016- 10:00 pm

Albany is shining new lights on some of its parks, to cut energy costs. The city showed off new lighting today at Mullen's Field. The led lights are part of 75 hundred lights being installed at city fields, parks and municipal buildings. The move is designed to save the city about 100-thousand dollars a year in energy costs. The city also plans to find ways to save money on street lights to reduce its carbon footprint.

This Saturday is National Drug Take Back Day. Schenectady County has a program to get rid of unwanted or expired prescription drugs. The county's substance abuse prevention coalition is teaming up with police to take the drugs at six spots. You can drop them off between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Niskayuna, Glenville, Rotterdam, Schenectady or Scotia Police departments. You can also leave them at the Schenectady County Sheriff's Office at 130 Princetown Plaza.

Dining Out For Life- WNYT- April 28, 2016- 5:00 pm

You can have a delicious meal and help in the fight against HIV and AIDS, tonight. It's the 13th annual Dining Out For Life. Seventy-three restaurants throughout Northeastern New York are participating. Until 10 p.m., 25 percent or more of your meal will be donated to the Alliance for Positive Health. The money, used to help people living with HIV and/or AIDS and to prevent the spread of HIV. For a list of restaurants, head to our website WNYT dot com.

Watervliet Phone Scam- WNYT- April 28, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm

Watervliet Police are warning about a phone scam targeting people in the city. Someone is calling residents claiming to be from Microsoft Windows. They caller says they're getting information from the homeowner's computer telling them there are corrupted files. Then the caller offers to fix the problem and asks for credit card information. Authorities say Microsoft would never make a call like this. If it happens to you, they say hang up the phone and call Watervliet Police.

VT Voter Law- WNYT- April 28, 2016- 11:00 pm- April 29, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am

Vermont Governor Peter Shumlin signed a bill today that automatically registers people to vote when they apply for a driver's license. The new law will go into effect July 1st of next year. Oregon, California, and West Virginia already have laws like this. The new system will identify eligible voters and send their information to the town or city where they live, unless they opt out.

Unity House SEFCU- WNYT- April 29, 2016- 12:00 pm- 6:00 pm- WNYA- April 29, 2016- 10:00 pm

Volunteers from SEFCU spent part of the day doing some spring cleaning in Troy. They worked on getting the yard and playground ready for kids in the Unity House Day Care Program. They planted flowers in the entrance way and hope their efforts will act as a teaching tool for kids. This is just one of several community projects SEFCU employees take part in throughout the year.

Tim Meigher- WNYT- April 29, 2016- 12:00 pm

Tim Meigher from Morgan Stanley gave market guidance for April.

Bennington Blood Tests- WNYT- April 30, 2016- 8:00 am

Blood testing is underway in Bennington and North Bennington for residents concerned about their exposure to PFOA. Many private water wells in the area showed potentially unsafe levels of the cancer-linked contaminant. People who drank that contaminated water could be at risk for future health problems. More than 300 people have signed up for testing. Results are expected in about two months. If you had a blood test done in Hoosick Falls- those results are about three weeks out.

Thevenin- WNYT- April 30, 2016- 8:00 am- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm- WNYA- April 30, 2016- 10:00 pm

The widow and the mother of Edson Thevenin, who was killed after a police pursuit 12 days ago, spoke out yesterday. They accused police and the Rensselaer County DA of "rushing the investigation." Thevenin was shot eight times after police say he tried to pin one of their officers with his car. An internal police investigation is ongoing, and New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman says an executive order by Governor Cuomo means he should have jurisdiction to review the case.

Governor Conforming Order- WNYT- April 30, 2016- 11:00 pm- May 1, 2016- 7:00 am- 8:00 am

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo is getting involved in the investigation surrounding the death of a Watervliet man, Edson Thevenin, who was fatally shot by Troy Police, and he's throwing his support behind the attorney general. Thursday, Schneiderman sued Rensselaer County District Attorney Joel Ablove, claiming Ablove disregarded the AG's jurisdiction under Executive Order-147, which allows the state to take over certain cases involving police-related shootings. Thevenin was shot and killed April 17th, after a police chase that ended on the Collar City Bridge.

Drug Take Back Day- WNYT- May 1, 2016- 7:00 am- 8:00 am

Capital Region law enforcement and residents took part in a Nationwide Drug Takeback Day yesterday. People were encouraged to get rid of unwanted or expired prescription drugs, by dropping them off at several locations with no strings attached. Police say most drug abusers find pills in their friends or family members medicine cabinet. The town of Cairo also held a drug take back. Sixty-nine pounds of medication were collected at the CVS where police were set up.

Troy Parking Amnesty- WNYT- May 1, 2016- 8:00 am- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm- May 2, 2016- 5:00 am- 12:00 pm- WNYA- May 1, 2016- 10:00 pm

Seeing a meter maid next to your car writing you one of those parking tickets is enough to ruin part of your day, but the city of Troy wants to put a smile on your face with an amnesty program. A chance to wipe out that ticket 40 percent off. Mayor Patrick Madden says the program was introduced during the previous administration, but they thought the new mayor and city council should have a look at the proposal before it went into effect. The measure was approved. So, starting today until June 15th, scofflaws can get their parking violations issued between 2009 and March 1st 2016- from the city of Troy- wiped out. Madden says outstanding ticket charges and late fees amount to 1.1 million dollars. Other municipalities have done something similar and Madden says they seemed to have had a decent return. Madden says the city will be sending out notices to Capital Region residents without overdue parking tickets. He says once the program is done, if you still want to drive through Troy, you might get stuck with a boot on your tire.

Capital Roots Spring Brunch- WNYT- May 1, 2016- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm- WNYA- May 1, 2016- 10:00 pm

Another group was doing its best today to bring fresh food to those who need it. Capital Roots held its annual spring brunch this morning at the Empire State Plaza Convention Center. Nearly 700 guests sampled food from 100 local restaurants. The event is held to raise money for Capital Roots, which provides access to fresh food to people in the inner cities.

Lisa Clifford- WNYT- May 2, 2016- 12:00 pm

Key Bank investment advisor Lisa Clifford talked about financial security for people with dementia.

Ablove vs. Schneiderman- WNYT- May 2, 2016- 11:00 pm- WNYA- May 2, 2016- 10:00 pm

New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman is asserting what he calls 'his jurisdiction' over the deadly shooting of a man in Troy. Schneiderman says Rensselaer County District Attorney Joel Ablove is ignoring an executive order that gives him the authority to investigate the death of Edson Thevenin. Sergeant Randy French shot Thevenin during a traffic stop last month. Police say Thevenin tried to pin Sgt. French between his car and a squad car. Ablove took the case to a grand jury, and cleared French of all charges.

Germantown Distillery- WNYT- May 3, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am

A distillery in Columbia County is getting some national recognition. Hudson Valley distillers located in Germantown recently won best of class for its vodka by the American Distilling Institute. Today, the state AG and Markets Commissioner, Richard Ball, will tour the facility and congratulate the owners in person. The distillery is located in a beautiful setting with outdoor seating. They often have live music and their products are pretty darn good too.

Bennington PFOA- WNYT- May 3, 2016- 5:00 pm

The governor of Vermont says of the 40 wells tested in Bennington, 34 had levels above 20 parts per trillion, three were below 20 and three had no PFOA. The highest level found was 201 parts per trillion. That's well above what the state considers safe for drinking water, which is 20 parts per trillion. The majority of these results were from homes with private wells south of the Bennington landfill.

jurisdiction in the investigation into a police involved shooting that left a Watervliet man dead. We heard the attorney general yesterday about this unusual legal battle. Today, the district attorney answered all our questions, but with different variations of no comment. Rensselaer County District Attorney Joel Ablove was a speaker today at a county event about welfare fraud. He did not want to comment about the attorney general's lawsuit against him. New York Attorney Eric Schneiderman is suing Ablove over the investigation into the Troy Police shooting of Edson Thevenin of Watervliet on April 17th in Troy. Police say an officer fired eight shots in self-defense after Thevenin pinned the officer with a car. Five days after the shooting, Ablove announced that a grand jury found Sergeant Randall French's use of deadly force was justifiable. Schneiderman believes the case falls under his jurisdiction, under Executive Order 147 that allows the attorney general's office to take over certain police-related shooting investigations. The AG spoke in Albany yesterday. Thevenin's family believes the grand jury investigation was rushed, and that the investigation should not have been done by Troy Police.

Ethics Reform- WNYT- May 3, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- WNYA- May 3, 2016- 10:00 pm

The Ethics Reform Bill most likely to pass is one that forces convicted lawmakers to forfeit their pensions. The groups say that's not enough. Government watchdog groups are calling for ethics reform too. These good government groups say they've been mystified that nothing's been done to tighten up Albany. NYPIRG and the League of Women Voters have a five-point plan. It includes campaign finance reform, slashing contribution limits to political committees, and making sure the public knows who is contributing. The groups also want to restrict companies that do business with the state from donating to campaigns.

Ablove on AG- WNYT- May 3, 2016- 11:00 pm- WNYA- May 3, 2016- 10:00 pm

Rensselaer County DA Joel Ablove is speaking out for the first time since he was sued by the New York State Attorney General. The feud is over the investigation into a deadly police shooting. Edson Thevenin was killed during a traffic stop on the Collar City Bridge. Police say the officer fired in self-defense after getting pinned by a car driven by Thevenin. Just days later, Ablove announced the officer was cleared by a grand jury. Attorney General Eric Schneiderman says an executive order gives him jurisdiction to investigate further. A judge will decide jurisdiction this week.

Schumer Dairy Farms- WNYT- May 4, 2016- 5:00 am

Could Canada make war on Capital Region dairy farms? U.S. Senator Chuck Schumer from New York says a proposed law in Canada would hurt dairy farmers here by imposing limits on how much milk could be imported to our neighbors to the north. Schumer will be in Hudson Falls this morning, at the Ideal Dairy Farm. He's imploring Washington to head off Canada's passage of the trade barrier, saying it will harm dairy farmers upstate.

Bennington PFOA- WNYT- May 4, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am

There's another blood testing clinic today and tomorrow for people concerned about PFOA in Bennington. The deadline to register for additional testing clinics has now been extended to May 31st as more private wells have tested positive for high levels of the toxic chemical. Vermont's governor says out of 40 wells tested, 34 have levels of PFOA above what the state considers safe to drink. The majority of these results are from homes with private wells south of the Bennington landfill.

CDTA Assault- WNYT- May 4, 2016- 12:00 pm- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm

Not a word from 20 year-olds Asha Burwell, Ariel Agudio and Alexis Briggs as they walked into the Albany County Courthouse to face a judge. The three are accused of lying about a hate crime. Prosecutors say they were the ones who actually went on the attack. The three women initially claimed they were the victims of an attack on a CDTA bus in the early morning hours of January 30th. It was reported as a group of students, including white men, assaulted and hurled racial slurs at the women who are black. That sparked protest and a rally on the UAlbany campus. However, the indictment paints a different picture- the charges allege that Burwell, Agudio and Briggs were the aggressors in a fight that was caught on video. Unusual, the defense attorney says is the indictment of misdemeanors and violations. It came after talks of a plea agreement, that includes an apology from the women, broke down. Supporters, also packed the courtroom saying they don't believe this case will get a fair shake. They question the justice system and despite the video and indictment, they still believe the women were victimized.

Bennington PFOA- WNYT- May 4, 2016- 11:00 pm- WNYA- May 4, 2016- 10:00 pm

The deadline to register for PFOA blood testing clinics in Bennington has been extended through the end of the month. Vermont Governor Peter Shumlin says the state has tested 40 private wells south of the Bennington landfill. He says 34 of those wells had unsafe levels of PFOA. If you're concerned and want to register for blood testing, we've set up a link on our website, WNYT dot com.

MA Tax Free Day- WNYT- May 5, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am

Congratulations Massachusetts! Residents there have finished earning enough money to pay for their 2016 taxes. This is Tax Freedom Day in Massachusetts. A formula used by the Tax Foundation finds that every working-hour up to now has been used to pay your taxes in Massachusetts next April. Each state has a different Tax Freedom Day determined by their tax load. Vermont's Tax Freedom Day was April 17th. New York State's Tax Freedom Day doesn't come until next Wednesday.

Kirby and Quigley's Law- WNYT- May 5, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am- 12:00 pm- 5:00 pm- 11:00 pm- WNYA- May 5, 2016- 10:00 pm

A Montgomery County woman whose dogs were shot wants to know why a law protecting other pets is stalled in the state assembly. The senate has already approved "Kirby and Quigley's Law." The dogs were killed during a robbery last winter in the town of Florida. If passed by the assembly, the law would change anyone who hurts or kills an animal while committing another crime with a felony- which could potentially send them to prison for two years.

Sewage Alert- WNYT- May 5, 2016- 5:00 pm

Five-hundred-forty gallons of untreated sewage spilled into Stoney Creek in Clifton Park today. According to the Department of Environmental Conservation sewage alert grease deposits caused the back up. Clifton Park Town Supervisor Phil Barrett tells NewsChannel 13 the town of Colonie owns the reservoir. We checked with them and they say it is a back-up drinking water supply that has never been used. NewsChannel 13 found out about this because we signed up to receive DEC sewage alerts. To learn how you can get on the list, log onto WNYT dot com and click on links.

UAlbany Bus Interrogation- WNYT- May 5, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- WNYA- May 5, 2016- 10:00 pm

UAlbany is taking action against three students accused of lying about the circumstances surrounding an attack on a bus. Ariel Agudio and Asha Burwell have been dismissed from the university. Alexis Briggs has been suspended to two years- for violating the school's code of conduct. NewsChannel 13 has obtained video of the police questioning the three women. At the time they were being questioned as the victims. Police say the video from inside the bus shows the three women were actually the aggressors. They were charged with assault and falsely reporting an incident.

Kate Corey- WNYT- May 6, 2016- 12:00 pm

Kate Corey from the Martin Harding and Mazzotti Capital Region Pet Show joins us with Kookie who is up for adoption.

Ablove Schneiderman- WNYT- May 6, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm

There's a high profile legal battle underway tonight in our area that involves two high profile politicians, that some say over shadows a recent tragedy. Just a matter of days after a Troy Police officer shot and killed motorist Edson Thevenin during a traffic stop on the Collar City Bridge April 17th, a Rensselaer County Grand Jury cleared Sergeant Randall French of any wrongdoing in the case. In the aftermath of the tragedy, State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman has claimed foul, filing a lawsuit against Rensselaer County DA Joel Ablove. The lawsuit involves Executive Order 147, signed by the governor last summer, at a time when police shootings of unarmed civilians across the country were creating what he referred to as a "crisis of confidence," the perception or belief that local prosecutors were more interested in protecting police than they were in finding justice. Ablove disagrees with the executive order, which is why Schneiderman filed his lawsuit, arguing the public is entitled to a full, reasoned, and independent investigation, and in the DA's rush to judgement, Ablove has frustrated the AG's ability to provide his own investigation. Ablove's outside counsel has until next Tuesday to file a response to the lawsuit, with oral arguments on May 17th. If Schneiderman wins jurisdiction, legal experts say the Grand Jury decision could be undone, which means an exonerated police officer might not be off the hook.

NewsChannel 13 has confirmed that Rensselaer County has hired outside counsel to defend District Attorney Joel Ablove. State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman filed a lawsuit accusing Ablove of initiating an unauthorized grand jury investigation. This stemmed from the shooting of Edson Thevenin on the Collar City Bridge by a Troy Police officer back in April. Ablove's grand jury cleared the officer of any wrong doing. The attorney general believes the investigation should have gone through his office. The county now has to convince a state supreme court judge that the district attorney acted within his jurisdiction. If not, the case goes to trial.

Ask a Muslim- WNYT- May 6, 2016- 11:00 pm- May 7, 2016- 8:00 am- WNYA- May 6, 2016- 10:00 pm

Albany's 68th Tulip Fest kicks off tomorrow with many familiar traditions and events, but there is one thing on the agenda that is brand new this year- the "Ask a Muslim" table. Call it a sign of the times. Local Muslims want to de-mystify their religion and that's why they're setting up shop to answer any and all questions at one of the area's most well-attended events. Tasneem Ali expects a question about her head scarf. Also, likely, how Muslim women are treated, and there is, of course, the unavoidable: are all Muslims terrorists? Ali has an answer prepared for that inevitable question and proof. Her younger brother, Moe-Sin Nack-Bi, a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army, was killed in Afghanistan in 2008. He enlisted in the Army after his best friend was killed in the 9/11 terrorist attacks. The hardest question Ali has ever had to answer, after all, came from her own daughter who had just heard on the news that there are politicians, and people, who want to ban Muslims, just like her family, from the U.S.

Tulip Fest- WNYT- May 7, 2016- 11:00 pm- May 8, 2016- 7:00 am- 8:00 am- WNYA- May 7, 2016- 10:00 pm

The 2016 Tulip Festival is underway in Albany. Thousands of people packed Washington Park today, enjoying food trucks, craft vendors, live music- and of course hundreds of varieties of tulips. For many Albany residents, Tulip Fest is a treasured city tradition. NewsChannel 13 would like to congratulate Adavia Ward, who was crowned the 2016 Albany Tulip Queen today. NewsChannel 13 caught up with her today and she told us she plans on working with her Tulip Court to create literacy programs for local children.

Women's Run- WNYA- May 8, 2016- 10:00 pm

Opioid Abuse- WNYA- May, 8, 2016- 10:00 pm

New Massachusetts state data show opioid abuse continues to rise in the Berkshires. The Department of Public Health says there were 30 opioid overdoses in Berkshire County last year, two more than the year before. Sixteen of those overdoses were in Pittsfield. Despite the numbers, advocates say the county made major improvements last year in increasing prevention and treatment services.

AG DA Lawsuit Settlement- WNYT- May 9, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm

The state attorney general is no longer suing the Rensselaer County DA. That's because Joel Ablove has turned over his case file on the police officer involved shooting death of Edson Thevenin in Troy. Ablove had presented the case to a grand jury within days of the shooting, and the jury ruled the use of deadly force was justifiable. The AG filed a lawsuit saying Ablove ignored an executive order made by the governor. That order appoints the AG as special prosecutor in cases involving unarmed people being killed by police officers.

Tax Cap- WNYT- May 9, 2016- 6:00 pm

Voters in New York State go to the polls next week to decide school budgets. The State Association of School Business officials has analyzed information submitted to the State Education Department. Their report card shows spending is expected to increase by 2.2 percent next year, while student enrollment continues to decline. The allowable tax levy statewide is 9/10ths of a percent, the lowest since the tax cap was approved in 2012. The proposed tax levy increase proposed by school districts is 7/10th of a percent, the lowest in six years.

Albany County Smoking Vote- WNYT- May 9, 2016- 11:00 pm- WNYA- May 9, 2016- 10:00 pm

Twenty-one. That's how old you'll likely have to be to buy tobacco in Albany County. The legislature passed a law raising the age from 18, but not everyone thinks the smoking legislation is so hot. Lawmakers voted 24 to 13 to raise the tobacco-buying age. Tonight, supporters said it will discourage young people from every starting to smoke. Some opponents say, it's not that easy. Legislators voting yes said they're starting a trend. The legislation includes chewing tobacco, rolling papers, pipes and e-cigarettes. You can still smoke at 18 in Albany County, you just can't buy it there. That's why some lawmakers voted no, saying it won't make a difference. Some people argued more anti-tobacco education is the real answer. At Smokers Choice in Latham, some smokers could soon lose their choice. Saying most smokers get started in their teens and anything making it harder is worth it.

Albany County Tobacco Age- WNYT- May 10, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am

Albany County has become the latest to pass a new law raising the smoking age to 21. The county legislature passed the legislation last night. It raises the age from 18 to 21 to buy any tobacco products: cigarettes, chewing tobacco, rolling papers, pipes and E-cigarettes. The law does not apply to people under 21 who buy tobacco products in another county but use them in Albany County. If County Executive Dan McCoy signs off on the legislation, the law would go into effect after it's filed with the secretary of state.

Ablove Settlement- WNYT- May 10, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am

There are new developments in the investigation of a police involved shooting in Troy. The Rensselaer County DA has agreed to turn over his file on the case to the state attorney general. Rensselaer County DA Joel Ablove was being sued by the state attorney general, over his investigation into the shooting of Edson Thevenin by a Troy police sergeant. Ablove presented the case to a grand jury "within days" of the shooting, and the jury ruled "the use of deadly force" was justified. In a statement: Ablove has announced the attorney general has withdrawn his lawsuit. In his written statement, Ablove says he's glad the attorney general agreed to withdraw his claims against the DA's office and he will continue to perform his duties on behalf of the people of Rensselaer County. The attorney general's office has now responded with a written statement saying they are pleased the DA agreed to each and every one of their legal demands but they say the agreement does not exonerate Ablove for any potential claims of misconduct.

Albany Police Memorial- WNYT- May 10, 2016- 5:00 am- 12:00 pm- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm- WNYA- May 10, 2016- 10:00 pm

Twenty-six names are now on the State Police Officers Memorial in downtown Albany. They were added during a ceremony that was attended by law enforcement agencies from all across New York today. More than 100 departments were represented. Four of the officers added today died in the line of duty last year. Donald Fredenburg Junior was one of them. He died during a training exercise at UAlbany. Some of the officers added today died from health complications connected to search and recovery work at the World Trade Center in the aftermath of 9/11.

Death with Dignity- WNYT- May 10, 2016- 6:00 am- 5:00 pm- May 11, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am

The Medical Aid in Dying Act has been introduced in the New York State legislature. It's a story NewsChannel 13 has been following for you. The act combines two previous aid-in-dying bills into a single piece of legislation. It would allow terminally ill, mentally capable adult the option to request a prescription for life-ending medication. That medication would be self-administered to reduce suffering at the end of life. NewsChannel 13 will continue to follow the bill's progression and update you along the way.

Cuomo Heroin- WNYT- May 10, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm

Governor Cuomo announced today the creation of a statewide task force to combat heroin and prescription drug abuse. The group is made up of representatives from the Health Department and State Police, as well as lawmakers, drug treatment counselors and a school superintendent. They will hold listening sessions across the state and develop a comprehensive plan to end the opioid epidemic.

Bennington Sues Saint Gobain- WNYT- May 10, 2016- 5:00 pm- 11:00 pm- WNYA- May 10, 2016- 10:00 pm

Some people in Bennington County are suing Saint-Gobain over PFOA contamination. The Burlington Free Press reports the suit accuses the company of negligence in the handling and disposal of the suspected cancer-causing chemical. Dozens of private wells in the county have tested positive for PFOA. The lawsuit seeks more than five-million dollars in damages.

AG on Ablove- WNYT- May 10, 2016- 5:00 pm- 11:00 pm- WNYA- May 10, 2016- 10:00 pm

We're now hearing from the state attorney general on his recent trouble with the Rensselaer County DA. Eric Schneiderman answered questions about the case this afternoon. Just yesterday, DA Joel Ablove agreed to turn over his case file on the police involved shooting death of Edson Thevenin in Troy. He had refused to do so until Schneiderman filed a lawsuit against him. The DA presented the case to a grand jury just days after Thevenin was shot and killed. The jury decided the use of deadly force by Troy Police was justified.

was shocked. They quickly got back to Saratoga Water, saying they have no intention of getting into the water business, but now there's a petition to cancel the juice company's trademark, meaning they're essentially being sued. There are at least 90 other local companies using Saratoga in their names. Saratoga Juice was told to prepare for a legal battle that could cost more than 100-thousand dollars and take a year and a half to resolve. In the meantime, they've stopped selling Saratoga Spring Water. We reached out to the water company for our story today, but neither them nor their Rochester-area attorney got back to us.

Cuomo Adirondacks- WNYT- May 10, 2016- 6:00 pm

Governor Cuomo traveled to Essex County today to announce a major land acquisition. The state is buying nearly 21-thousand acres in the town of North Hudson known as the Boreas Ponds Tract. The selling price was 14.5 million dollars. The money comes from the Environmental Protection Fund. This completes an agreement the state signed with the Nature Conservancy to preserve 69-thousand acres in the Adirondacks, previously owned by the Finch Pryn Paper Company.

Hoosick Falls Meeting- WNYT- May 10, 2016- 11:00 pm- May 11, 2016- 5:00 am- WNYA- May 10, 2016- 10:00 pm

People in Hoosick Falls still haven't been reimbursed for water bills issued during PFOA contamination and the state says their pools are safe for swimming. Those are just a couple of the updates at a village board meeting tonight. People packed into a small room inside village hall to hear hours-worth of talk on this PFOA crisis, and also to hear the mayor defend himself after a Times Union article questioning whether or not he worked too closely with Saint Gobain. The temporary water system works in Hoosick Falls, but people are still wondering whether they should have known about PFOA sooner. The mayor addressed the Times Union article flagging possible conflicts of interest and citing dozens of obtained emails showing Borge and Saint Gobain worked closely together during this contamination issue. The mayor acknowledged Saint Gobain paying for Hoosick Falls to use a law firm and communications agency. Even though the law firm could be negotiating against Saint Gobain's interests, Residents still haven't received promised reimbursement checks for six months of water bills on water they couldn't drink. The state told us they hoped to send the up to 240-thousand dollars to the village two weeks ago. The village says it hasn't received the money yet. As for swimming pools containing PFOA, the DEC and Health Department say it's safe to swim, despite advice to keep showers short in PFOA water. All in all, the mayor says the villages reaction to this PFOA crisis has been swift.

Cohoes Water Tests- WNYT- May 11, 2016- 5:00 am

The city of Cohoes says results of tests it ran on their water have come back. The water department reports the tests were "precautionary," but they tell us tests for PFOA have concluded 'Cohoes drinking water' is 'safe to drink.'

Bennington Water Meeting- WNYT- May 11, 2016- 5:00 am

Concerned residents in Bennington, Vermont are meeting tonight. They have questions and complaints since toxins have been found in their water. Last Friday, a group of Bennington residents filed a lawsuit against Saint Gobain. The company where the pollutants are believed to have come from. Tonight's meeting is at Bennington College beginning at 7.

Rensselaer County Drinking Tour- WNYT- May 11, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am

High school students across Rensselaer County are getting a real life lesson in drinking and driving. The alcohol awareness presentations, emphasize making prom night alcohol free. The presentations take place from today to May 13, at Berlin, Rensselaer, Maple Hill and Lansingburgh high schools.

Gibson PFOA- WNYT- May 11, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm- WNYA- May 11, 2016- 10:00 pm

Congressman Chris Gibson wants a federal investigation into how the state responded or failed to respond, to the PFOA crisis in local communities. High levels of the suspected cancer causing chemical were found in public and private wells in Hoosick Falls and Petersburg. Gibson says he wrote a letter to the chairman of the house committee on oversight and government reform, asking for hearings. So far, the state legislature has refused to investigate.

Troy Finances- WNYT- May 12, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm

The Troy City Council meets tonight and there could be fireworks. The council is working on a response to an audit by State Comptroller Tom DiNapoli. That audit described the city's financial situation as precarious, due to poor budgeting, the overuse of rainy day funds and insufficient funding for capital costs. DiNapoli applauded the city's new Mayor Patrick Madden for agreeing to take immediate steps to remedy the situation. Democrats on the city council say they were not allowed to provide any input on the corrective action plan. They are calling for an open, and transparent discussion at tonight's meeting.

Father Young Follow up- WNYT- May 12, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- WNYA- May 12, 2016- 10:00 pm

There is new information about a story NewsChannel 13 brought you yesterday. Long-time Albany Priest Peter Young says the future of his non-profit is uncertain. Father Young says some of his social services programs, which provide housing, drug treatment and job placement, are being denied state funding. He says it's been happening since a federal and state probe revealed several former employees had misused funds. Young says they can't operate without the money.

Audrey May Herron- WNYT- May 12, 2016- 11:00 pm- WNYA- May 12, 2016- 10:00 pm

It's a case that has mystified area detectives for more than a decade. Tonight, State Police say they have new and promising leads in the disappearance of Audrey May Herron. According to multiple sources, State Police are now following up on several leads in the Herron Case. Not unlike countless others they've tried to track down over the past 14 years, but this time, according to sources a potential suspect may have surfaced. Ever since Herron vanished without a trace August 29, 2002, the mystery and the anguish has consumed family and friends. The nightmare began when the 31-year-old Herron left work at the former Greene County Long Term Health Care Center, but never arrived home. Neither she nor her black Jeep Cherokee have been seen ever since. Ever since then, the lives of Herron's family and friends have been filled with false leads and rumors that have placed them on an emotional roller coaster that can quickly turn hope in to disillusionment. As difficult as the uncertainty has been, there are no guarantees that closure will feel any better.

Great Escape- WNYT- May 13, 2016- 5:00 am

Get the sunscreen and the camera ready- the Great Escape amusement park is opening this weekend. The summer season kicks off tomorrow. The Queensbury fun park tells NewsChannel 13 they have two new rides- a ghost town restaurant and Charley's Saloon. Splashwater Kingdom water park will open May 28th. This opening weekend begins with half-priced opening tickets. If you purchase them online or bring a qualifying book for donation.

MA Transgender- WNYT- May 13, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am

In Massachusetts, the state senate has approved a bill to ban discrimination against transgender people in public areas. That includes restaurants and malls. The bill would also let transgender people use the bathroom that corresponds with their gender identity. The debate now heads to the house.

Storti Funeral- WNYT- May 13, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am

Funeral services are today for a Great Barrington, Massachusetts Police Officer. Twenty-five-year-old Ryan Storti died last week when his truck crash at around 2 a.m. on his way home from his shift. Services begin at 11 a.m. at First Congregational Church on Main Street.

Pet Prepared- WNYT- May 13, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am- 12:00 pm

Local groups are coming together to get people to prepare their pets for natural disasters. With natural disaster like tornadoes or the wildfires in Canada- emergency officials and animal shelters want people to be prepared to evacuate their pets if need be. The Humane Society says people need to be prepared on their own with a pet disaster bag. Things in that bag should include medicine for your pet- vaccine records- special food if your pet needs it- collar- leash- identification- and a picture of you and your pet. The Mohawk Hudson Humane Society and the Albany County Sheriff's Office also have an animal response team trailer. The team is meant to help minimize the loss or separation of animals from their owners. They help cover Albany, Schenectady, and Rensselaer counties for natural disasters and can create a temporary animal shelter that provides housing for up to 100 pets near a Red Cross shelter.

Kate Corey- WNYT- May 13, 2016- 12:00 pm

Kate Corey from the Martin Harding and Mazzotti Capital Region Pet Show joins us to talk about the most common pet toxins.

see as a threat to the Hudson and Mohawk Rivers. The flotilla is part of a week of climate-related activities organized by the world-wide Break Free Movement. The goal is to urge governments and energy companies to keep fossil fuels in the ground.

Lee Plastic Bags- WNYT- May 13, 2016- 5:00 pm

Our media partners at the Berkshire Eagle report town representatives last night unanimously vote to ban Styrofoam take-out containers. However, they were split on backing a by law banning single-use plastic bags. Supporters see the bags and foam containers as a big contributor to the town's litter problem. Opponents are concerned the plastic bag ban would hurt local businesses. If upheld by the state attorney general's office, the ban would take effect one year from now.

Colonial Day- WNYT- May 13, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm

Re-enactors came out in the rain today to give Glens Falls Middle School students a first-hand account of life in Colonial America. It was the annual Colonial Days Celebration at Glens Falls Middle School. Seven hundred students saw demonstrations and heard from reenactors portraying soldiers and Native Americans. Held annually since 2010, teachers say the day makes the events of 250 years ago, very real to the students. The Colonial Days Celebration follows up with tours of the important war sites in the Glens Falls-Lake George area.

Herron's Mom- WNYT- May 13, 2016- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm- May 14, 2016- 8:00 am- WNYA- May 13, 2016- 10:00 pm

We're hearing from the mother of Audrey May Herron as investigators chase new leads in the case of her daughter's disappearance. Herron disappeared in August of 2002 and the property on Cauterskill Road in Catskill may hold key evidence in the disappearance. NewsChannel 13 has learned it recently changed ownership. What was once off limits to investigators apparently isn't anymore. We've also learned authorities have a person of interest who served time for a sex crime two decades ago. The man is now behind bars for mail fraud and conspiracy.

Oil Train Protests- WNYT- May 14, 2016- 8:00 am

A big protest is in the works at the Port of Albany later today. Organizers with the local chapter of "Break Free From Fossil Fuel" say people will plant themselves in front of oil trains trying to pass through the port. It's part of Break Free's mission to use civil disobedience to stop fossil fuels from getting a bigger foothold in the Capital Region.

Fossil Fuel Protest- WNYT- May 14, 2016- 7:00 pm- 11:00 pm- May 15, 2016- 7:00 am- 8:00 am- WNYA- May 14, 2016- 10:00 pm

Thousands of protestors held a rally in Albany. They also marched to the Port of Albany where many of them sat on the railroad tracks to keep the oil trains from passing through. The event is part of a week-long national demonstration demanding an end to the use of fossil fuels. The demonstrators sat on the tracks, taking a little time to relax- while trying to make a bold statement about fossil fuel. Sitting on train tracks is normally dangerous and you could get arrested. The group says- for the cause it was worth the risk but in the spot, there was never any danger. The railroad blocked off that section of the tracks with a temporary chain link fence. Railroad police and other law enforcement were standing by to keep the peace. The protest kicked off at Lincoln Park earlier in the day with a rally. Drummers and musicians set the mood as the throng held signs and several speakers revved them up. Then, the group made their way to the port of Albany, marching down Morton Avenue- chanting and holding signs along the way. It's all part of the Break Free Movement worldwide- with activities aiming to keep fossil fuel in the ground. The protestors came from many parts of the country- they want to stop trains that carry Bakken crude oil and proposed pipelines. We spoke to energy giant Global Partners- they stood by their statement that said, "It's clear we take our jobs, and our responsibility to the community, to safety, and the environment, very seriously. We will proudly continue to provide critical services and supplies to the entire Northeastern United States, and play a positive role in Albany's future for years to come."

Share the Love Clinic- WNYT- May 14, 2016- 7:00 pm- 11:00 pm

Finding animals loving homes, and raising money for a good cause. Today, Goldstein Subaru presented a 40-thousand dollar check to the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society. The money was raised through Goldstein's year-end "Share the Love" campaign, in which 250-dollars from every car sold, went to charity. The head of the Humane Society says the money, and how it was raised, means a lot.

Oil Train Statement- WNYT- May 14, 2016- 11:00 pm- WNYA- May 14, 2016- 10:00 pm

We reached out to energy giant Global Partners, who sent us a statement saying, "It's clear we take our jobs- and our responsibility to the community, to safety, and the environment- very seriously. We will proudly continue to provide critical services and supplies to the entire Northeastern United States, and play a positive role in Albany's future for years to come."

Zebra Latest- WNYT- May 15, 2016- 7:00 am- 8:00 am- 11:00 pm- WNYA- May 15, 2016- 10:00 pm

A zebra is still on the loose in the town of Catskill. Yesterday we told you about Zula, a five-month-old zebra who escaped from her owner on Friday. Today, volunteers searched the woods for the animal. We spoke with Zula's owner who says the zebra may have been seen up by the Otis Railroad. If you see her, you're asked to keep your distance and call police.

Missing Zebra Dead- WNYT- May 15, 2016- 6:00 pm- WNYA- May 15, 2016- 10:00 pm

An update on the search for a missing zebra in Greene County. New York State DEC confirms the five-month-old zebra named Zula was found dead this morning in the Kaaterskill Wild Forest Preserve. The agency says it appears the zebra fell off a cliff. The animal had been missing since last week from its home in Catskill.

Pittsfield Makeover- WNYA- May 15, 2016- 10:00 pm

Down Pittsfield is getting a make-over. The non-profit group "Downtown Pittsfield Inc." released a new five-year plan today, designed to make the center of the city safer and more attractive. According to our media partners at the Berkshire Eagle, the plan will focus largely on improving walkability, and changing the perception that the downtown area can be dangerous.

Petersburgh PFOA- WNYA- May 15, 2016- 10:00 pm

Some Petersburgh residents are concerned about supplies after they didn't get their allotted bottled water yesterday. The town distributes bottled water on Wednesday's and Saturday's to residents dealing with elevated PFOA levels in their wells. The water is paid for by the company Taconic. Yesterday, the town ran out. We reached out to the town supervisor and he tells us he didn't order enough last week. He says there will be plenty available on Wednesday when they get their next delivery.

Petersburgh Meeting- WNYT- May 16, 2016- 11:00 pm- May 17, 2016- 5:00 am- WNYA- May 16, 2016- 10:00 pm

More PFOA in Petersburgh. New test results show nine more homes are over the so-called safe limit set by the EPA, and to make matters worse, they ran out of bottled water over the weekend. In an often out of control public comment period, people urged the town board to do more in forcing the state and Taconic to fix their PFOA problem. People asked for home bottled water deliveries paid for by Taconic, an independent review of negotiations between the state and Taconic, and generally- a faster fix. After the new results out today, 47 of 173 private well tests are over the 100 parts per trillion limit. Rensselaer County says over a dozen filtration systems have been installed so far. Seventy-two are over the 20 parts per trillion level, including Edward Perrotti-Sousis in his Potter Hill Road home. Assemblyman Steve McLaughlin was listening in. He recognizes the position into which the town board was thrust. McLaughlin says the state and Taconic are the ones who need to start moving faster.

Skelos Park Name Drop- WNYT- May 16, 2016- 11:00 pm

A park in the hometown of Dan Skelos could get a new name. The village in Rockville Center has already taken down signs with the name of the former state senate majority leader on them. Skelos was sentenced last week to five years in prison on federal corruption charges. The village is considering a plan to rename the park after Lieutenant Ronald Winchester. He's a Marine from that area, killed in Iraq.

Dr. Diane Tenenbaum- WNYT- May 17, 2016- 12:00 pm

Pediatrician Dr. Tenenbaum from St. Peter's Health Partners gave advice about swaddling your baby.

Dr. Anthony Ferraioli- WNYT- May 17, 2016- 12:00 pm

Psychiatrist Anthony Ferraioli talked about why people like scary movies.

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand today called on the White House to do something about opioid addiction in New York State. Last year the director of the National Drug Control Policy said the White House would host hearings nationwide. Senator Gillibrand wrote a letter asking him to schedule those hearings in New York. The letter includes the number of deaths around the state by region and those numbers paint a startling picture. In the Capital Region she says the number of people who died increased by 410 percent from 2004 to 2013. We've posted her entire letter on our website at WNYT dot com.

Heroin Opioid Task Force- WNYT- May 17, 2016- 5:00 pm

Tomorrow, state lawmakers will be taking up more bills to fight the growing heroin epidemic. The senate passed 22 bills today that some are calling "significant and impactful" drug legislation. What the senate task force came up with was a four-pronged approach to battle heroin and opioid addiction, a list that deals with prevention, treatment, recovery and law enforcement. Among the 48 recommendations was the passage of Laree's Law, which would allow authorities to charge drug dealers with homicide if the product they sell causes someone's death, which is what happened to Colonie teenager Laree Farrell Lincoln. The senate remains in session as we speak. This package of legislation is expected to sail through today. It will have to pass in the assembly as well. There are also some budgetary considerations like how much it will cost. To make the changes happen, senate republicans want to commit 166-million dollars. The assembly also needs to pass the reforms.

Audrey May Herron- WNYT- May 17, 2016- 11:00 pm- May 18, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am- 12:00 pm- 6:00 pm- WNYA- May 17, 2016- 10:00 pm

This was the most recent search in a 14-year-old missing person's case- a swarm of activity on property on Cauterskill Road in Catskill. Police say they were acting on a tip that came in a letter to a Greene County Court Judge. They drained a pond, brought in divers and canine units, and dug extensively at a property which, with new ownership, they've only recently been able to search. Police say they do not have a specific person of interest at this time that they're focusing on. Audrey May Herron was a 31-year-old mother of three children, a nurse who left work in August of 2002 and disappeared. Both she and her black Jeep vanished. Her family and police investigators have never given up. At this point, police say they have wrapped up their search at Cauterskill Road. Police have followed more than 1,000 leads in this case. In fact, some of the people who had this case, even those who are retired, were there because of their interest in the case. Police say anyone with information about Audrey May Herron should give them a call.

No Averill Park Ambulance- WNYT- May 18, 2016- 11:00 pm- May 19, 2016- 5:00 am- WNYA- May 18, 2016- 10:00 pm

Word spread through Algonquin Middle School that a student had suffered a heart attack during a physical education class. Many credit the PE teacher who performed CPR and a nurse who used a defibrillator with saving the 14-year-old. Forest Wright says he saw it all. Wright says teachers informed student that their classmate is expected to survive but Poestenkill Town Board Member Eric Wohlleber says the boy is lucky to be alive considering the town has no ambulance service. Poestenkill relies on the town of Mohawk for ambulance. Sand Lake and North Greenbush ambulance units rushed to the student's aid because Mohawk wasn't available. Wohlleber and fellow Board Member Harold Van Slyke have formed a committee to come up with a solution for Poestenkill- though it's an unpopular one because it involves a tax increase.

Merci Miglino- WNYT- May 19, 2016 - 12:00 pm

Life coach Merci Miglino discussed ways to distress your life.

Plotter Kill Improvements- WNYT- May 19, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm

The Plotter Kill Preserve's unspoiled paths and spectacular views are what likely drew Carly Sinnott, and her friends, to a hike there, last May. On the way down, the 17-year-old lost her footing and fell to her death. When Sinnott's loved ones found out hikers couldn't view any of the three falls, the tallest is 60 feet, from an official path, they made it their mission to improve safety at Plotter Kill. They suggested platforms, which emergency responders believe will make a difference. Soon all the path ways will also be widened, leveled and stabilized with stone. The changes are possible because of state funding and a grant totaling 600-thousand dollars.

Kate Corey- WNYT- May 20, 2016- 12:00 pm

Kate Corey from the Martin Harding and Mazzotti Capital Region Pet Show joins us to discuss depression in pets.

Fingerprint Healthcare- WNYT- May 20, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm- May 21, 2016- 8:00 am- WNYA- May 20, 2016- 10:00 pm

A business in Saratoga Springs will start paying the health insurance premiums for all 150 of its workers. Fingerprint is a marketing agency on Broadway. The announcement that came as a surprise to employees will cost the company more than a million dollars a year. The general manager says Fingerprint is a "people first" business. Danette Kadlic has worked for Fingerprint for three and a half years. She gets the company offered health insurance for herself, her husband and their 7-year-old daughter, Chloe, who has a heart condition. Danette was a little nervous this week when she was called to an all-employees meeting. She wasn't alone in her trepidation. It turns out they had nothing at all to worry about. In fact, they had reason to celebrate. General Manager Bill McEllen called the meeting to tell them that Fingerprint would begin paying employee health insurance premiums. The company doesn't use offices or job titles in the workplace, and allows employees to bring their dogs to work. It'll cost 1.2 million to pay workers premiums and the change takes effect July 1st. They'll begin offering it to all 150 of its employees, including Danette Kadlic.

Pittsfield Violence- WNYT- May 20, 2016- 11:00 pm- WNYA- May 20, 2016- 10:00 pm

There has been a surge of violence in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. NewsChannel 13 spoke with several people in Pittsfield who blame gang rivalries on the surge in gun violence. That hasn't been confirmed, but what is clear is that residents and officials want it to stop, they just can't agree on how to make that happen. Despite the surge in violence, Pittsfield locals say it's unusual to have three shootings within 17 hours of each other. One man, who asked us not to reveal his identity, says he saw Thursday's shooting near Wahconah Street at Pecks Road. A single mom of three, says she fears for her children's safety. City officials, including Councilman John Krol say they know it's a problem. Krol says community policing could be a solution, especially in the west side and morning side neighborhoods. Some locals like Bob Nichol's believes it's a city-wide problem. He owns Harry's Supermarket- a century old family-run business just down the street from the scene of Thursday's shooting. Some residents say they would like to see police engage with the community more.

Verizon Strike- WNYT- May 21, 2016- 11:00 pm- WNYA- May 21, 2016- 10:00 pm

There was a beep and honk from drivers traveling down Central Avenue in Colonie, signaling their support for Verizon workers on the picket line. Families, that's what picketers say this is all about. They brought their children in front of the Verizon store to be a part of what they say has become a struggle for survival. The CWA union members are part of Local 1118 with about 600 Verizon workers from the Capital Region to the Canadian border. They're part of about 40-thousand employees on the East Coast who walked off the job in April. They had been working without a contract since August last year, when negotiations at the bargaining table didn't work out. They say the company wants to ship jobs overseas and they want workers to pay more for healthcare as profits are recorded in the billions. NewsChannel 13 contacted Verizon, and didn't hear back. Company officers have said in the past that all they want is an agreement that's fair to employees, good for customers and help the company compete.

Verizon Strike- WNYT- May 22, 2016- 7:00 am- 8:00 am

Verizon employees on strike say the company doesn't need to cut their benefits. Hundreds of workers were on the picket line at the Verizon store in Colonie yesterday. They say they're being asked to pay more for healthcare, and the time away from work is hurting their families. The strike has been going since last month without a resolution. For its part, Verizon has said it wants an agreement that's fair to workers, but still lets the company compete. Verizon employees by the hundreds were demonstrating yesterday, saying the company is harming their families. The striking workers picketed in front of the Verizon store in Colonie. They had been working without a contract since last August, when negotiations didn't lead to an agreement. So last month, they went on strike. They workers claim they company wants to offshore jobs, and is asking them to pay more for their health care. NewsChannel 13 tried to get a response from Verizon, but they haven't given a response yet.

Nassau Call for PFOA Testing- WNYT- May 22, 2016- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm- May 23, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am- WNYA- May 22, 2016- 10:00 pm

The town of Nassau wants the EPA to conduct more testing for PFOA at a former landfill. NewsChannel 13 has the latest concerns regarding the Dewey Loeffel superfund site. The superfund site has been the center of contamination concerns in Nassau for decades, but a new report that could have put resident's minds at ease, is doing just the opposite. EPA tests confirm low levels of PFOA and other contaminants at the Dewey Loeffel superfund site in Nassau. The agency says they don't pose a health risk. Nassau Supervisor David Fleming says the town isn't convinced.

Pittsfield Gun Violence- WNYT- May 23, 2016- 11:00 pm- May 24, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am- WNYA- May 23, 2016- 10:00 pm
Pittsfield Police made two arrests in connection with the city's latest shooting. A juvenile along with 24-year-old Jerrel Hall were taken into custody at a home on Circular Avenue. That's near where a home was shot yesterday. It was the fourth shooting in the city in the past week. People living there are worried and angry. The violence also has the attention of city leaders, who held a news conference with law enforcement today. The police chief said part of the long-term solution is getting two dozen more officers on the force. That way they can focus more on things like intelligence and community building. The two people arrested tonight are both charged with illegally having a gun. They also had other outstanding warrants. Police tell us there are local and national gangs in the city. There are also teenagers in those gangs.

DEC Lake George- WNYT- May 25, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm

Soon thousands of people will begin flocking to Lake George for the Memorial Day weekend. It's the unofficial start to tourist season and visitors will have some new options this year. Like the salmon being released by first graders and the DEC Wednesday, Lake George has high hopes for 2016. Excelsior Conservation Corps is putting in a new walkway at the summit of Prospect Mountain, making the views accessible to everyone. Back down on Canada Street, all the talk is about the new hotel construction. Some of the excitement is coming from Salim Amersi's Surfside on the Lake. In business for 34 years, they're building a brand new 55,000 square-foot hotel building. Fifty new rooms and suites, and they're trying to get it done before the unofficial start to summer. The new Courtyard by Marriott was hoping to be opening soon, but they now expect to be open in late July. Amersi says there's more than enough business to go around.

Ethics Reform- WNYT- May 25, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm- WNYA- May 25, 2016- 10:00 pm

Hiding in plain sight in Albany, Limited Liability Companies can donate tens of thousands of dollar to state candidates, and no one has to know where that money's coming from. With a corrupt politician on your side, it's a good way to get some pull or maybe a state contract. It's a big anonymous temptation the lawmakers have been missing, so far. One of those leaders, Governor Cuomo said yesterday he'll put forth different variations on a bill to cap contributions from LLC's at five-thousand dollars. There's another LLC loophole we told you about this winter. The state is spending millions of your tax dollars in lease agreements with LLC's but nobody can tell us who actually owns the buildings. Assemblyman John McDonald wrote a bill requiring names on LLC leases. Ithaca Assemblywoman Barabara Lifton saw our story too, and introduced her own comprehensive bill. Back to the governor's plan, familiar skeptics point out there are only nine legislative days left. Democrat McDonald says comprehensive ethics reform is coming by the end of the session. Blair Horner says it better come, for the sake of the voters.

Uber Capital Region- WNYT- May 25, 2016- 11:00 pm- May 26, 2016- 5:00 am- WNYA- May 25, 2016- 10:00 pm

Ride sharing companies could be one step closer to coming upstate. Companies like Uber and Lyft aren't allowed in the Capital Region now, but lawmakers are considering a bill that could open the door for that to happen. The bill is much less ambitious than similar proposals, but it does tackle the issue of insurance laws, which could be enough to make ride-sharing a reality in the upstate region. If you live north of New York City- ride sharing services could be coming to an app near you. Supporters of a bill aimed at making it easier for companies like Uber and Lyft to operate upstate are rallying at Troy's Takk House, including Uber Policy Advisor Josh Gold. Michael McLoughlin says ride sharing is the next wave of transportation, he doesn't want to be left behind. One of the hang-ups keeping ride-sharing services out of the region is current insurance laws. Lawmakers hope to pass a bill in the next several weeks that would change those laws. Assembly member John McDonald says the bill would also allow drivers to be covered through an extension on their personal insurance policies. Jay Holland of the New York State Restaurant Association says it's about economic development.

Bennington PFOA- WNYT- May 26, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am

High levels of that toxic chemical, PFOA, are still being found in private water wells in Bennington. Four-hundred-thirty-two private wells in North Bennington and Bennington have now been tested, and 227 came back with unsafe levels of PFOA. More tests will be done next week. Bottled water is being provided for those with high levels of the chemical in their drinking water.

Madison Sinkhole- WNYT- May 26, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am- 12:00 pm- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm

Crews will work around the clock, but the commissioner says Madison Street will be closed through Saturday. Crews are still hard at work, trying to fix a broken sewer line at Madison Avenue and New Scotland Avenue in Albany. They still aren't sure exactly what caused the sinkhole. They aren't sure how they're going to fix it, and they aren't sure when it's going to be done. Usually you'd have traffic on Madison Avenue, but right now you have a vacuum like truck still sucking rocks and bricks and dirt out of the hole. So they can get a clean look at the problem, and they're almost there. After 150 years, something went wrong 13 feet below Madison Avenue. There were a couple of the old chimney manhole structures that came out of the pipe. It may have been a failure of one of those that fell down into the sewer. Yes, manholes were made out of brick, and there might have been a shift. A lot of what's under the street is a mystery. Crews have dug through trolley tracks. Three layers of road, including cobblestone, and they've even found a pipe from Washington Park Lake they didn't know about. Albany Medical Center's a block away and says it has detours in place for ambulances. South Lake to Myrtle or Delaware to Morris. There have been no problems yet. No water or sewer service has been interrupted. What could be a problem in the coming days is rain. So, Commissioner Coffey will be keeping an eye on the sky as his crew fixes what's below the ground.

Susan Novotny- WNYT- May 26, 2016- 12:00 pm

Susan Novotny from The Book House of Stuyvesant Plaza talked about suggested books for dads.

CDTA Saratoga Service- WNYT- May 26, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm

People in Saratoga Springs will soon have a new way to get around town. CDTA announced new bus routes and service for the county today. The changes take effect on Sunday. They're also offering a free trolley service from July 3rd to September 5th. They trolley will bring visitors to and from hotels and restaurants, the race course and the racino. CDTA says it will discontinue or adjust some of its service in the county to better accommodate more people.

Central Bridge THMS- WNYT- May 26, 2016- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm- WNYA- May 26, 2016- 10:00 pm

People in Central Bridge will soon have access to clean water. As we were first to tell you, their drinking water has had elevated levels of trihalomethane or THM, on and off for a decade. It happens when chlorine interacts with organic material like decaying plants. The water district is installing a carbon water filter. Until then, they're sending out letters, announcing Walmart is donating clean drinking water. It will be available on Saturday, June 4th at the Walmart in Cobleskill. Each family can get up to 20 gallons.

Washington County Jail Library- WNYT- May 26, 2016- 11:00 pm

Washington County's sheriff has found a new way to keep inmates busy, and it's straight out of a Hollywood movie. Books were an important part of the plot in the Shawshank Redemption. Now, they're being offered to inmates at the Washington County Jail. They've always had a law library where inmates could read about the legal system, but now they can borrow books they're interested in. They pay five dollars for a library card. If they return the books in good condition, they can keep borrowing from a couple thousand or so titles. All the books were donated after the sheriff put out the word on social media.

Kate Corey- WNYT- May 27, 2016- 12:00 pm

Kate Corey from the Martin Harding and Mazzotti Capital Region Pet Show joins us to talk about how to figure out pet food labels.

Great Barrington Accident- WNYT- May 27, 2016- 5:00 pm

Two women and two young children are hospitalized after they were hit by a car while walking in a crosswalk. This happened just before 11 a.m. today on Main Street in Great Barrington. Police say the women, along with the 11-month-old baby and 3-year-old girl, are expected to recover. The driver of the car, an 87-year-old-woman from Connecticut, was not hurt. She was charged with negligent operation of a motor vehicle and failing to yield to pedestrians in a crosswalk.

Pittsfield Gunman Search- WNYT- May 28, 2016- 11:00 pm

Police in Pittsfield are asking for help finding a man they say tried to rob a taxi driver. Police tell us a man pulled a gun on the driver outside of the New Amsterdam Apartments on Bradford Street. They say the driver was able to defuse the situation and the robber left empty handed. If you have any information, you're asked to call Pittsfield Police.

MA Gambling Limits- WNYT- May 31, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am

Massachusetts is set to launch a first-in-the-nation system aimed at preventing gambling addiction by allowing slot players to limit their bets. The "Play My Way" feature is being piloted this week at Plainridge Park, the slots parlor and harness racing track in Plainville. If successful, it may be imposed at larger casinos being built by Wynn and MGM. The Massachusetts Council on Compulsive Gambling hopes this will prevent casual players from going down the path of gambling addiction.

Legislative Preview- WNYT- May 31, 2016- 11:00 pm

Lawmakers return to the Capitol tomorrow, for the first of nine session-days left in the 2016 go-round. It started with questions of ethics reform, but lately it's been about wages, drugs and even Uber. As we're about to turn the calendar to June, lawmakers are due back tomorrow to hear from lobbyists and voters on key issues, so we took on our own poll too. Raising the minimum wage and allowing Uber to operate in the Capital Region are just some issues they'd like to see given sharper teeth in the closing days at the Capitol. It was a session that started with talk of major ethics reform and the conviction and sentencing of the two top leaders. Some Republicans say that has fallen off drastically. Assemblyman John McDonald spoke at Cohoes Senior Center about opioid reform. The pharmacist is backing a move to limit initial prescriptions of highly addictive pain killers to five days. Right now if the unfinished yet opened bottle sits around, it could wind up in the wrong hands.

Shumlin North Bennington- WNYT- June 1, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- WNYA- June 1, 2016- 10:00 pm

Vermont Governor, Peter Shumlin, signed a bill today aimed at controlling the use of potentially toxic chemicals, like PFOA. The new law makes it easier for the state to classify and identify those chemicals and it gives the state more power to hold polluters responsible. Today's bill signing comes three months after the discovery of PFOA in the drinking water in Bennington, North Bennington and Pownal.

Albany Model Dept.- WNYT June 2, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm- WNYA- June 2, 2016- 10:00 pm

Albany's mayor and police chief are back home from the White House. Albany Police Department was one of 15 law enforcement agencies in the country to be recognized by the federal government. The selection means the Department of Justice will study APD. Then it will issue guidelines to help improve community relations and trust, reduce crime, and improve officer wellness and well-being.

Hoosick Falls Blood Testing- WNYT- June 2, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm- WNYA- June 2, 2016- 10:00 pm

Blood test results will soon be on the way to people living in Hoosick Falls. The governor's office tells NewsChannel 13 they'll be in the mail tomorrow. People have been anxiously waiting to find out their level of exposure to the toxic chemical PFOA. The results were supposed to be released last week. People are frustrated and the problem isn't going away. The town of Hoosick supervisor tells us many still have contaminated water. The village has a filtration system and has cleared the water for drinking, but private wells outside the village were also contaminated and many wells haven't been tested at all.

School Blood Test Help- WNYT- June 3, 2016- 5:00 pm

The State Department of Health will be in Hoosick Falls tomorrow to answer questions or concerns residents may have about those blood test results. They'll have representatives at the Armory from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The school district says any student, parent or guardian who has questions will find support from its nurses and school physician. Of course, we will continue to follow this story. We'll have a crew in Hoosick Falls tomorrow and bring you the latest developments on-air and online at WNYT dot com.

PFOA Documents- WNYT- June 3, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm- WNYA- June 3, 2016- 10:00 pm

State Assemblyman Steve McLaughlin wants U.S. Attorney General Preet Bharara to investigate the Cuomo administration and the Department of Health. He says they botched the handling of the water crisis in Hoosick Falls. Meanwhile, PFOA blood test results are being mailed to people in the village. A state health official tells us the average person had 23.5 parts per trillion PFOA in their blood. That's more than 10 times the average American, but health officials tell NewsChannel 13 there's just not enough research to show exactly what that means. The state health officials also say local doctors have been briefed. They also told us we could only paraphrase what they said. While the camera was off, we asked those two secret officials their thoughts on hundreds of pages of documents we obtained from the EPA. Emails that showed the EPA seemingly frustrated with the health department's handling of the PFOA crisis. In November, Nidal Azzam from the EPA wrote "apparently DOG does not want to take the lead, although I have tried to push them into that path about three weeks ago." That same day, Region Two Director Judith Enck wrote, "Bottom line: the town of Hoosick Falls has known about this contamination in their water supply for over a year. We need the state health department to focus on the water supply issues fast." The state official admitted the health department has known about PFOA since 2014. The DOH will be in Hoosick Falls tomorrow to answer questions people have about their blood test results. The anonymous official says they were in the lead, he says anything less is a false characterization. They'll have representatives at the Armory from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Central Bridge Trihalomethane- WNYT- June 3, 2016- 5:00 pm- 11:00 pm- WNYA- June 3, 2016- 10:00 pm

Starting tomorrow, people living in Central Bridge will have access to clean drinking water. Their water has had elevated levels of trihalomethane, or THM. It happens when chlorine interacts with organic material like decaying plants. Walmart is now donating water to residents. It will be available tomorrow from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the store in Cobleskill.

Bennington PFOA- WNYT- June 3, 2016- 6:00 pm

Bennington, Vermont has been dealing with high levels of PFOA found in private water wells. Vermont Governor Peter Shumlin signed a bill giving the state more power to hold accountable companies that pollute the environment. The new law aims to protect residents against hazardous chemicals like PFOA. The chemical has contaminated more than 200 private wells in North Bennington and Bennington.

St Gobain- WNYT- June 3, 2016- 6:00 pm- WNYA- June 3, 2016- 10:00 pm

State DEC says Saint Gobain and Honeywell are responsible for the PFOA contamination in the Hoosick Falls area. As part of an agreement- the companies will investigate the contamination, pay for the village water system and reimburse the state for the costs. Village residents will receive rebates for the water bills from the state. We have posted the details of the agreement on our website WNYT dot com.

Great Barrington Crosswalk- WNYA- June 3, 2016- 10:00 pm

Crosswalks are now more visible in Great Barrington, Massachusetts. They've been painted bright red- less than one week after a driver hit four pedestrians trying to cross Main Street. The message "Stop, Look, Wave" is also painted on the crosswalks, to urge pedestrians to be more aware of oncoming traffic.

Stockbridge Flood Damage- WNYA- June 3, 2016- 10:00 pm

The repair bill following last weekend's flooding in Stockbridge is more than 100-thousand dollars. On Sunday, five inches of rain fell in a two-hour-period, flooding the downtown business center. The Berkshire Eagle reports a special town meeting will be held later this month to approve emergency spending for repairs.

Petersburgh PFOA- WNYT- June 3, 2016- 5:00 pm- 11:00 pm- WNYA- June 3, 2016- 10:00 pm

The latest round of tests in Petersburgh show more wells contaminated with PFOA. The county says out of 17 additional samples taken, one was over the EPA guidance level of 70 parts per trillion. Ten were below 70, and six had non-detectable levels. However, dozens of private wells in the town have shown extremely elevated levels of the toxic chemical. The suspected source- Taconic Plastics, has been declared a superfund site.

Hoosick Falls PFOA- WNYT- June 4, 2016- 8:00 am

State Assemblyman Steve McLaughlin is calling for U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara to investigate the Cuomo administration and the Department of Health. He accuses both of mishandling the water crisis in Hoosick Falls. Meanwhile, PFOA blood test results are being mailed to people in the village. A state health official said the average Hoosick Falls resident has 23.5 parts per billion of PFOA in their blood. That's more than 10 times the average American,

Hoosick Falls Blood Tests- WNYT- June 4, 2016- 6:00 pm

People in Hoosick Falls are waiting to hear the results of blood testing, to find out the level of exposure they've had to the toxic chemical PFOA. State health officials were standing by today for any questions or concerns. Representatives from state health were ready to go Saturday morning, all set to answer questions from residents who might have gotten their

area. PFOA has been linked to many illnesses, including cancer.

Hoosick Falls Blood Test Results- WNYT- June 5, 2016- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm- WNYA- June 5, 2016- 10:00 pm

It was the blood test results for both Harold and Marion Stevens, reflecting the amount of exposure they've had to the toxic chemical PFOA, and right away, it caught their attention. The Stevens say the numbers seemed a bit high. Marion tested at 104 parts per billion. Her husband was higher at 159 parts per billion. To give you an idea, state officials say the average in Hoosick Falls is 23.5 parts per billion- that's still more than 10 times the sample from the average American. The Stevens lived in their home on Wilder Avenue for more than 35 years. They've been drinking the municipal water where the PFOA contamination was discovered. No one knows exactly how long the man-made chemical that's been linked to cancer and other illnesses, has been in the water supply. The Stevens are planning a visit with their physician to try to make sense of the numbers and how they could impact their health. Blood testing began back in February. The Stevens were part of the first groups to be tested and one of the first couples to receive their results.

PFOA Blood Tests- WNYT- June 6, 2016- 5:00 am- 12:00 pm- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm-11:00 pm- WNYA- June 6, 2016- 10:00 pm

Most people living in Hoosick Falls who had their blood tested for PFOA should have their results by now. Many are wondering what exactly the numbers mean. Unfortunately, the State Health Department isn't much help. PFOA has been linked to cancer, but the state says knowing how much is in your blood, can't tell you if you have, or will have, health problems. The EPA is the agency that started sounding the alarm about PFOA in the water, so we called them to see what high blood levels could mean. They referred us to the CDC, and they referred us back to state health. We were told a health department official would be available to talk with us tomorrow. We'll let you know if that happens. Gordon Metcalfe was one of the many opening a letter from the state health department, it said his blood contained 100 times more PFOA than the average American's. People are trying to wrap their heads around what their levels mean. The average Hoosick Falls resident came back with 24 part per billion PFOA in his blood, about 11 times higher than the average American. Older people tend to have more PFOA in their blood. State health says time decreased your PFOA level. Every three years, levels are split in half. That means Gordon is just waiting. Local physicians got a copy of their patient's blood test results too. State health advises people to talk to their doctor if they're worried.

Prison Break Report- WNYT- June 7, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am

Those who operate prisons and jails in New York State all have a copy of a new investigation into last summer's prison break at Dannemora. The report by the state inspector general cites 'significant lapses in security and protocol...Allowing two convicted killers: David Sweat and Richard Matt to escape from Clinton Correctional Facility.' Three weeks later Matt was shot and killed, and then Sweat was shot and captured. The report details how the pair was given unusual access to certain areas of the prison by correction officers they were cozy with. They include a catwalk, which they later used to escape. Prison workers also gave them supplies like hacksaw blades. Sweat and Matt shared cells next to one another- allowing them to pass tools back and forth and look out for guards. Sweat tells investigators he was able to get his hands on tools left behind by construction workers, like a sledge hammer. A year since the escape, residents in Dannemora have been reflecting on the fear that swept their community when the pair finally made it out. Other failures include poorly conducted or missed night checks, cell searches and employee screenings. Correction officials are also condemned for failing to detect the inappropriate relationship between David Sweat and Joyce Mitchell. Mitchell- a former prison seamstress- is currently serving jail time for helping the inmates escape.

PFOA Hoosick Falls- WNYT- June 7, 2016- 12:00 pm

Representatives with the Department of Health will be at the Armory in Hoosick Falls this afternoon. They will answer questions or concerns residents may have about the recent blood tests. Most people living in the village who had their blood tested for PFOA should have their results, but many people are wondering what exactly those numbers mean. The health department hasn't been too helpful. It says knowing how much in your blood, cannot tell you if you have, or will have, health problems. Today's scheduled meeting is from 2-8 p.m. We will speak with them and have more in our evening newscasts.

Dr. Anthony Ferraioli- WNYT- June 7, 2016- 12:00 pm

Psychiatrist Anthony Ferraioli talked about how to tend to relationships like a flower garden.

PFOA Health Department- WNYT- June 7, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm

It was the first chance for many in Hoosick Falls to talk and try and figure out what their PFOA blood results mean. Their blood levels were sent out in the mail last week, and today state health staff was at the Armory to interpret that information. Maryann Jacobs hugged her friend after her meeting with the state health department. She was hoping to understand what her 148 parts per billion PFOA level meant to her health, but she says she didn't get any answers. Maryann's PFOA blood level is about 70 times higher than the average American's. Studies have linked PFOA exposure to cancer, but state health maintains that having even a relatively high amount of PFOA in your blood, can't tell you if you have or will have health problems. Dr. Nathan Graber says the science just isn't there yet. Graber recommends seeing your doctor if you're concerned about your PFOA levels, but doesn't say treatment will be any different. Kathy Lingener was passing around a petition outside the Armory. She hasn't forgotten about agreed upon hearings to investigate the handling of the PFOA crisis. So far she has nearly 400 signatures. As for lowering the amount of cancer linked chemical in your blood, the only remedy is time. PFOA levels split in half every three years. The armory is open for a couple more hours tonight. They've been here since 2 p.m., but because state health and the scientific community knows so little about the effects of PFOA, some people are coming out of here frustrated.

ARC Artists- WNYT- June 7, 2016- 5:00 pm- 11:00 pm- WNYA- June 7, 2016- 10:00 pm

An arts program in Troy is helping people express themselves, and create works that they show off and sell. It's at Brunswick Center Services, and it's so popular, people line up to get into class. This is the 10th year for the program through the ARC of Rensselaer County. Today, NewsChannel 13 got the chance to sit in the studio and hear from the instructor and some of the artists. Rebecca was born without sight. Teacher Patricia Carley wanted a way to make colors come alive for her, and came up with the idea of adding scents to the paint like lilac, peppermint, orange and lavender. Rebecca also sometimes feels the colors. It took Shadoe a while to get involved, but now he is prolific and loves to create. With great excitement and pride they show their work. One exhibit is at RPI and they get a thrill when they sell their art. The ARC of Rensselaer County is hosting an event of art and auction on June 13th at the Old Daley on Crooked Lake in Averill Park. There's a show in August at the Arts Center in Sand Lake.

Saratoga Sidewalks- WNYT- June 7, 2016- 5:00 pm- 11:00 pm- WNYA- June 7, 2016- 10:00 pm

Saratoga Springs is trying to get rid of what some consider aggressive panhandling. That's why the city council passed a measure tonight, making it a violation to sit on the sidewalk. Not everyone is in favor of it- including the mayor. This has been a debate of public safety versus homelessness and the rights of people to hang out. It went deep into the night and passed, but not unanimously. Just minutes ago the city council passed the measure four to one. The crackdown comes as the city is trying to tackle what some view as an increase in aggressive panhandling. The city says panhandlers are sitting on sidewalks and going after people frequenting streets like Broadway, Caroline and others. Fines could be anywhere between 50 and 100 dollars.

Lead Testing- WNYT- June 7, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm- WNYA- June 7, 2016- 10:00 pm

How safe is it for your child to drink from the water fountain at his or her school? At the 20 buildings that are part of the Schenectady School District, they've already checked the water. Larry Spring says the preliminary testing has showed very low levels, but low levels of lead doesn't exactly merit an A-plus comfort level with parents. In Amsterdam, after finding elevated levels of lead in 3 out of 4 elementary schools, faucets were turned off, and bottled water was brought in. The problem is, many districts can't afford to test their water. Which is why state lawmakers are in a hurry to pass legislation requiring schools to test for lead contamination, to provide money for the testing, and for remediation as well, if necessary, and also inform parents and teachers of the test results. Time is running out, there are only six legislative session days left.

Saratoga Sidewalks- WNYT June 8, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am

There are places to sit and places not to sit in Saratoga Springs. The sidewalk may have spots for playing guitar or chalk art but not sleeping or hanging out and blocking pedestrians. So say city leaders. Those opposed said it was about the homeless and panhandlers, which the city denied. Early in the meeting, there were hints of how the vote might go-there was an exchange between Mayor Yepsen and the Commissioner of Public Safety, Chris Mathiesen.

Medical Marijuana- WNYT- June 8, 2016- 12:00 pm- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm- WNYA- June 8, 2016- 10:00 pm

There will be just four days left in the legislative session when state lawmakers show up for work tomorrow. One of the items on the agenda is medical marijuana reform. It was legalized in New York less than two years ago, but some advocates say it's not working, and they want to make some changes. Only one percent of New York doctors have signed up, and many believe there aren't enough places to get it. Advocates want to allow nurse practitioners and physician's assistants to prescribe medical marijuana.

It seems as if every day there is another story about the PFOA contamination, whether at a farm or with a family. To go along with that, those affected are trying to find ways to help their neighbor, and end this ongoing crisis. We've learned that a class-action lawsuit could be filed before the end of the week. There were two meetings in Hoosick Falls tonight and at one a group introduced a natural solution. A glass jug of crystal clear, artesian water from Indian Springs may just hold the key to the ongoing water woes in Hoosick Falls. It is backed by three women who call themselves the Water Warriors. The water is sourced from six springs and is offered as an alternative. Hoosick Falls has filtration systems in place and the water there has been deemed safe to drink, but some remain skeptical. In the wake of the PFOA crisis, it has taken on new concern from the faces that attend the quarterly sessions. The Water Warriors are hoping they can get bureaucrats to fast-track their water source and find the funding to boot.

PFOA Meeting Tomorrow- WNYT- June 9, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm- WNYA- June 9, 2016- 10:00 pm

Weitz and Luxenberg is expanding its class action lawsuit filed on behalf of people living in Hoosick Falls. The firm says some of its clients got blood test results showing levels of PFOA far exceeding the national average. It now plans to seek medical monitoring for those residents as part of the suit against Saint Gobain and Honeywell International. They are the suspected sources of the toxic chemical linked to cancer. The firm is holding an emergency community meeting tomorrow. It's from 2-7 p.m. at the North Hoosick Falls Fire House.

Opt Out Schools- WNYT- June 10, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am

A new report says nearly 100 New York schools missed out on the chance for tens of thousands of dollars in grants because too many students opted out of state tests. This contradicts a long-held belief by opt out advocates that there would be no punishment for schools where high numbers of students opted out. Ninety-nine schools in New York State missed out on being named "Reward Schools"- specifically because those schools had too many kids opt out of the state's math and English assessment tests in 2015. To be named a reward school, a school's students must perform well or show improvement on the assessment tests- and post a 95 percent participation rate- or higher. Being named a Reward School is mostly about prestige, but if schools are on the list for two years they are able to apply for grants up to 75-thousand dollars. Two-hundred-twenty schools in New York State are designated as Reward Schools.

Bennington Heroin Opioid- WNYT- June 10, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am

The heroin and opioid epidemic will get attention tomorrow in Bennington, Vermont. A free day-long summit is planned on how to tackle the growing abuse of deadly drugs. The Alliance for Community Transformations and others are organizing it at the Masonic Lodge at 504 Main Street downtown. It goes from 7:50 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. They would like you to register for the event.

PFOA Meeting- WNYT- June 10, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am

There's an emergency meeting today in Hoosick Falls on the ongoing PFOA crisis there. The law firm Weitz and Luxenberg from New York City is holding this meeting now that blood test results have started to come in. The firm says the results show some residents in Hoosick Falls have high levels of the toxic chemical in their blood. They say one person has 130 times the national average in her bloodstream. PFOA has been linked to cancer. Weitz and Luxenberg says it is now seeking medical treatment for those residents as part of a lawsuit against Saint Gobain and Honeywell. Those companies are being blamed for causing the PFOA contamination. The emergency meeting today is from 2-7 p.m. at the North Hoosick Falls Fire House. It is open to the public.

PFOA Friday- WNYT- June 10, 2016- 12:00 pm

Lawyers are trying to figure out how to consolidate four separate cases into one. It seems the attorneys could not come to an agreement on their own as to which firm gets the lead on this massive class action lawsuit. So they came to federal court this morning to present their argument and let the judge decide. The judge gave them two weeks to figure it out on their own and then he'll make a decision. More than 3000 people were potentially exposed to the toxic chemical PFOA in Hoosick Falls. PFOA has been linked to cancer and other illnesses. Weitz and Luxenberg out of New York City is the law firm with the most plaintiffs, but four other firms also have clients. They're suing Saint Gobain and Honeywell- the companies deemed responsible for the PFOA contamination. Lawyers for Saint Gobain and Honeywell were also in court this morning to observe. The five firms are trying to consolidate four lawsuits into one. Part of the problem is who will take the lead and how do they divide everything that needs to get done. Some Hoosick Falls residents who were in court this morning say they don't really care about who does what. They just want the problem fixed and those responsible to pay.

Kate Corey- WNYT- June 10, 2016- 12:00 pm

Kate Corey from the Martin Harding and Mazzotti Capital Region Pet Show joins us to discuss skin infections in pets.

Hoosick Falls PFOA Lawsuits- WNYT- June 10, 2016- 5:00 pm

The North Hoosick Fire House in Hoosick Falls, packed with residents early this afternoon- many of them armed with paperwork from the State Health Department- searching for answers about their blood test. Attorneys from Weitz and Luxenberg, one of the law firms that represents hundreds of residents in a lawsuit, hosted the informational meeting to answer some questions and provide legal guidance. It's also about their health- blood tests for PFOA in Hoosick Falls came back more than 10 times higher than the national average. According to the law firm, one test came back at more than 800 parts per billion (PPB). The average American has 2 PPB. Attorney Robin Greenwald says the chemical has a half-life and it'll dissipate with time given that the person is no longer exposed to PFOA. A Weitz and Luxenberg attorney says that's a tough pill to swallow because if a person has high levels, it could be 20, 30 years before it's out of your body.

PFOA Project- WNYT- June 10, 2016- 5:00 pm- 11:00 pm- June 11, 2016- 8:00 am

Some people in Hoosick Falls have launched a Twitter campaign that they hope will get the attention of lawmakers. It's called "The PFOA Project NY." It puts faces to blood test result numbers, including those of young children and their families. The group is pushing for legislative hearings on the crisis and for support from local, state and federal leaders.

PFOA Emergency Meeting- WNYT- June 10, 2016- 6:00 pm- June 11, 2016- 8:00 am

They came in search for answers and came away with more questions. The lawsuit is underway. Attorneys from Weitz and Luxenberg and four other law firms were in federal court this morning to figure out a way to consolidate four separate cases into one. Attorneys from the firm then provided legal guidance to residents at the North Hoosick Fire House- telling them about property damage, personal injury, health monitoring- all options to consider. People were mostly concerned about how the levels of PFOA in their blood will affect their health. Blood tests for PFOA in Hoosick Falls came back more than 10 times higher than the national average. The average American has 2 parts per billion (PPB), one test came back at more than 800 PPB PFOA.

Saratoga Sit-In Protest- WNYT- June 11, 2016- 7:00 pm- 11:00 pm- June 12, 2016- 7:00 am- 8:00 am- WNYA- June 11, 2016- 10:00 pm

Tonight protestors in Saratoga Springs are sitting down in solidarity with those they say are being unfairly targeted. It has to do with a controversial new ordinance banning people from sitting or lying down on the sidewalks. Protestors say they're standing up for people they say are being singled out just for taking a seat. They say the law targets the less fortunate and ignores larger issues. You could say these demonstrators are breaking the law. Protestors like organizer, Brian Michael say the controversial ordinance making it a crime to sit or lay on city sidewalks is too broad and unfairly targets homeless people and panhandlers. The city council passed the law earlier in the week with a four-to-one vote. Though- not without opposition, including from Saratoga Springs Mayor Joanne Yepsen. She was the only one to vote no. Public Safety Commissioner Chris Mathiesen tells local media outlets the law isn't meant to target the homeless but stop people from blocking foot traffic. Dawn Hudson says she's familiar with the problem because she once worked in the city's homeless shelter and while they agree homelessness is a problem, demonstrators say this isn't the way to solve it.

Muslim Community Reacts- WNYT- June 12, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am- 12:00 pm- 11:00 pm

Members of the Albany Common Council and other city leaders joined with the local Muslim community tonight to show their solidarity with the victims in the Orlando attack. Shamshad Ahmed, the president of the Masjid As-Salam Mosque says he didn't hear about the shooting until this afternoon, when Councilman Judd Krasher called him. Without knowing exactly what was going on in the gunman's mind, it's hard to fathom what would cause him to do this, but it certainly puts many on edge. That's one reason to hold a news conference like this one, to show people that the Muslim community is not the same as those who are radicalized.

health experts told NewsChannel 13. Talking and listening. That's Dr. Sam Bastien, CEO at Four Winds Psychiatric Hospital in Saratoga says is key to helping those in the LGBTQ community in the aftermath of the Orlando murders. He says it opens doors for all of us to better understand fears, concerns and how to provide support. It can also enrich our community. People may need to seek out a mental health professional to help reclaim a sense of control says Psychologist Dr. Rudy Nydegger. As he points out, being targeted can trigger an overwhelming sense of fear or powerlessness. It's important to find common ground with each other, say the psychologists. They explain, it can help us all cope with this unthinkable violence.

Hoosick Falls Bill- WNYT- June 13, 2016- 5:00 pm- 11:00 pm- WNYA- June 13, 2016- 10:00 pm

There are just three days left in the legislative session, and pressure is mounting on lawmakers to pass their bills. Today, democrats and republicans came together, pushing for a bill to help Hoosick Falls residents with PFOA concerns. Assemblyman John McDonald and Senator Kathy Marchione want residents to get their past medical bills paid for by the state. They say the current statute of limitations shouldn't apply when the illnesses can be linked to what is now a superfund site.

Terror: Safe Act- WNYT- June 13, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm -11:00 pm

The Orlando shooting is the 47th mass shooting in America since 1984 and the 16th in just the past four years. One of the weapons most frequently used in these mass killings is the AR-15 semi-automatic rifle. A similar rifle was used in Orlando, as well as Sandy Hook and Aurora, Colorado. Could the shooter have bought that weapon if he lived in New York? Governor Andrew Cuomo told reporters in New York City that he's glad New York has a law like the SAFE Act. President Barack Obama is calling for nationwide gun legislation. So we went to a gun shop here, to see if the SAFE Act would have stopped the shooter from legally buying those guns. Orlando shooter Omar Mateen bought the AR type rifle and 9 mm semiautomatic pistol in Florida within the last week, but what if he walked into a New York gun shop like Target Sports in Glenville? Could he walk out with that same rifle? Owner and outspoken critic of the SAFE Act, Steve Borst showed us the classic AR-15. The SAFE Act prohibits non-law enforcement citizens from buying the exact weapon, but gun manufacturers are creating guns to comply with the law. A rifle that's been altered to comply lacks the illegal pistol grip and other illegal aesthetic features, but like the AR-15, it's semi-automatic with a detachable clip. Magazines are limited to ten rounds by the SAFE Act, but Borst says you can quickly reload. Borst says even this semi-automatic rifle can fire off rounds at a similar rate.

NYS Breast Cancer- WNYA- June 13, 2016- 10:00 pm

New York is set to expand access to breast cancer screenings. Under proposed legislation, the state will order 210 hospitals to expand hours when mammograms are offered. It will also require insurance companies to eliminate deductibles and co-pays for the screening and some other diagnostic tests. Governor Cuomo says the idea is to allow more women to get screened, because early detection saves lives. Lawmakers are expected to okay the plan this week.

Albany Vigils- WNYT- June 13, 2016- 11:00pm- WNYA- June 13, 2016- 10:00 pm

Tonight, people gathered locally in two cities in the Capital Region- Albany and Schenectady- to honor those killed in Orlando and spread a message of peace. The rainbow flag and symbol and people in all shapes and sizes came together for a common cause. Among those gathering in West Capitol Park to show solidarity for the massacre in Orlando, a man who grew up in Florida, came out in Florida and now calls Albany home. Organized by the Pride Center, hundreds turned out to both grieve and heal. At about the same time, over in Schenectady, a prayer vigil inside City Hall offering comfort. Outside on the steps, a symbol literally laced in solidarity, Kyrie Kosloski's Converse Pride Sneakers.

North Pownal PFOA- WNYT- June 14, 2016- 5:00 pm

High levels of PFOA have now been found in the village of North Pownal, Vermont. State DEC says PFOA monitoring near the former Pownal Tannery found levels of the toxic chemical above 200 parts per trillion. The safe drinking water advisory level in Vermont is 20 parts per trillion. DEC says the concentration seems like an anomaly, but homes in that area will be checked.

Hoosick Falls PFOA- WNYT- June 15, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am

Parents and children from Hoosick Falls will bring their blood test results showing their PFOA levels to the State Capitol today. The legislative session is about to end tomorrow, but that isn't stopping families who had been drinking contaminated water from calling on legislators to hold hearings into the state's response to the crisis. Documents show that the state health department had known about the PFOA contamination in Hoosick Falls since August of 2014. It took more than a year- until December 2015- for residents to be told to stop drinking the water. PFOA is a chemical that has been linked to cancer and other illnesses. Recently, tests came back showing how much PFOA residents of Hoosick Falls have in their blood. The average American has 2 parts per billion of PFOA in their blood, the average Hoosick Falls resident has 11 times that number. According to Weitz and Luxenberg- which is handling lawsuits for hundreds of residents- one person came back at more than 400 times the national average. For months some lawmakers have been calling for hearings to look into how the state responded to the crisis. One of the most vocal proponents, Assemblyman Steve McLaughlin, will be at the rally with residents today.

EPA Munitions- WNYT- June 15, 2016- 5:00 pm

Construction near a Global Foundries parking lot has been suspended while the EPA investigates the discovery of dozens of potentially explosive cylinders. Thirty-four metal cylinders were found buried near the Malta Test Station property. The area was part of the now shuttered Malta Rocket Fuel area. That's where the U.S. government used to develop and test rockets and weapons. The nearest homes are about a mile away. The EPA does not believe the cylinders pose an imminent threat as long as they're not disturbed. They're now working to place them in a specialized containment locker. That should be in place either this weekend or next week.

PFOA Hearing Presser- WNYT- June 15, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm WNYA- June 15, 2016- 10:00 pm

After over an hour in a meeting with Governor Cuomo's top aide, Hoosick Falls residents marched out a little happier with their PFOA crisis, than when they went in. Residents were speaking with the state's Director of Operations Jim Malatras. We interviewed him afterwards. He says the governor is not going to push lawmakers to hold hearings on what happened in Hoosick Falls. Before the impromptu meeting, Assemblyman Steve McLaughlin set up shop outside of the senate. The state knew about high levels of PFOA in the water for more than a year before they told residents. McLaughlin thinks there's a cover up. The assembly backed out of a promise to hold hearings. The senate and assembly majority have the power to hold the fact finding talks. Neither have yet. Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie had nothing to say. So how did McLaughlin react to the meeting? He says his perspective on the governor's handling of the issue hasn't changed.

NYRA Privatization- WNYT- June 15, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm WNYA- June 15, 2016- 10:00 pm

One of the bills passed today in both the senate and the assembly calls for the New York Racing Association to return to private control and out of the hands of the government. This happened as more than 100 people were rallying in Saratoga Springs for that same cause. The state took control of NYRA four years ago. The plan was to run it for three years, then return the organization to private, not-for-profit. The people at today's rally say the governor is breaking his promise and wants to keep control. There's no word on if Governor Cuomo will veto the legislation passed today. His office did release a statement saying he and the legislature saved NYRA from yet another bankruptcy in 2012 and put in a management team that's been successful. They say they want to continue that progress.

VT Lawmaker Sex Assault- June 15, 2015- 6:00 pm

The woman who accused a Vermont State senator of sexual assault testified at his trial today. The 21-year-old woman worked for Norman McAllister on his farm in Franklin and as a legislative assistant. She described being forced to have oral sex in a barn and intercourse at his home. McAllister's attorney challenged the woman's credibility during cross-examination this afternoon. Last month, McAllister announced his is seeking re-election.

Walmart Supercenter- WNYA- June 15, 2016- 10:00 pm

A developer wants to build a 190-thousand square foot building that would house a Walmart Supercenter at William Stanley Business Park in Pittsfield. The developer tells the Berkshire Eagle is would bring more than 350 construction jobs to the city. If built, Walmart would move its Pittsfield operation from the Berkshire Crossing Shopping Mall. All employees would be transferred and more would be hired.

malls, movie theaters and stadiums. We have the same conversation in the wake of a mass shooting in the United States- one side calls for tougher gun laws while the other side says guns aren't the problem. Could this debate be any different? Senator Chuck Schumer praised his colleagues in the senate for taking the floor for nearly 15 hours in a filibuster that he says shined a spotlight on all senators and their stance on gun control- just days after the worst mass shooting in recent American history taking place at a nightclub in Orlando. Dozens of senators, led by Connecticut Senator Chris Murphy, who represented Newtown, Connecticut as a congressman, remained on the senate floor overnight, pointing the finger at republicans for their failure to take action on gun control. Schumer says republicans are demanding any gun sale be allowed if the government cannot prove in three days that the buyer may be a terror threat. Schumer is also focusing on upstate New York- trying to protect soft targets like movie theaters and malls.

Farley Last Day- WNYT- June 16, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm- WNYA- June 16, 2016- 10:00 pm

A long legislative career is ending today at the Capitol, and a rarity these days in that building, it was on his own terms. After 40 years, State Senator Hugh Farley from Niskayuna is retiring. Senator Farley says he is both relieved and sad, but was happy to look back on a long career. It's probably not accurate to say this is Senator Farley's last day in the senate, since session is expected to extend into the early morning hours. These are, certainly the 83-year-olds last hours in the chamber. After 40 and 20 elections, Hugh Farley is ending his public career. He's the second longest serving legislator in the State of New York. The Schenectady native is retiring to spend more time with his family, especially his ailing wife. The senator is known for the support he's given, during the years, to libraries. He's also credited with bringing hospice care, to New York State. Much has changed since Farley first walked into the Capitol. Recent departures of legislators, from both parties and due to scandal, should not ever, Farley believes, overshadow the good work that gets done here.

Capitol Deadline- WNYT- June 16, 2016- 11:00 pm

If it weren't for "the last minute," nothing would get done. That's a quote from a bestselling author but it could also be the motto at the State Capitol. Today was supposed to be the last day of session, but now lawmakers might have to come back tomorrow. Things usually come down to the 11th hour at the State Capitol. It's gotten to the point where lawmakers may have to put I some overtime on the floor to tackle all of the items on their agenda, and even then some key measures may be put on hold. Legislators are making headway on a number of issues. On the list of wins for the Assembly: a pipeline bill giving local municipalities more decision making power. Earlier assembly members passed a measure sealing past convictions for marijuana possession, as well as a bill requiring the state to cover the cost of legal services for low income defendants. Over in the Senate, lawmakers passed a package of bills to fight heroin and opioid abuse. Lawmakers in the assembly say they expect to do the same. State senators also added a series of bills requiring lead testing in public schools to their scoreboard for the day. Lawmakers also passed a series of smaller bills throughout the day, but as they head down the homestretch there are several significant items that remain up in the air. Pension forfeiture is the only ethics reform measure that lawmakers can agree on, and a hotly debated ride-sharing bill remains on life support.

Kate Corey- WNYT- June 17, 2016- 12:00 pm

Kate Corey from the Martin Harding and Mazzotti Capital Region Pet Show joins us to discuss when pets should get check-ups. She also brought Marbles who is up for adoption.

Capital Session Friday- WNYT- June 17, 2016- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm- WNYA- June 17, 2016- 10:00 pm

The state legislative session was supposed to end last night, but now we hear lawmakers may return next week, because of unfinished business. After six months of session at the Capitol, lawmakers are still there after the scheduled session officially ended yesterday. They're stuck on some very important issues, but they also managed to get a few of them through. It was a late night for lawmakers, and they were back bright and early this morning. It seems there was no real desire to get things done quickly, even though session officially ended yesterday. They did get serious about a few items- one of them is legalization of online fantasy sports. Yesterday, they were able to come to an agreement on legislation that affects Hoosick Falls and Petersburg residents. Those affected by the PFOA contamination were not able to file a personal injury lawsuit because of the statute of limitation. The new measure will allow them to do so now. They also approved a package of bills to combat the heroin epidemic, focusing on awareness, education and treatment. There's a long way to go to actually finish the people's work. Negotiations on some controversial items, including ethics reform, remains.

Albany Gun Buyback- WNYT- June 18, 2016- 6:00 pm- 11:00pm- June 19, 2016- 7:00 am- 8:00 am- WNYA- June 18, 2016- 10:00 pm

While Washington continues to debate the controversial issue of gun control in the wake of the Orlando attack, a local pastor is doing what he can to get guns off the streets. He held a gun buyback program today, giving out gift certificates in exchange for weapons. Five guns in a matter of two hours- off the streets and out of the hands of would be criminals who could end up using them in a crime. Pastor Charlie Muller was collecting the guns at his church- Victory Christian Church- on Quail Street in Albany. It's part of the Enough Anti-Gun Violence Program. He's been doing it for nearly a decade, but after seeing the mass shooting last Sunday in Orlando where a gunman murdered 49 people and injured dozens more, he decided it was time to do it again. The massacre in Orlando was carried out with an AR-15 assault rifle and a Glock 17. Both were legally acquired. Muller says he's trying to get people to turn in their assault rifles like the AAR-15 and illegal handguns in exchange for a gift card to Crossgates Mall. Those who actually showed up, didn't want to be on camera. Muller says one of them made sure the program was legitimate. Muller taking illegal guns and dangerous weapons off the streets is only part of the plan to prevent gun violence and more bloodshed.

Long Night at the Capitol- WNYT- June 18, 2016- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm

After what was beginning to look like the legislative session that wouldn't end, a deal on ethics reform in the form of pension forfeiture- reached just after three in the morning. There's little fanfare surrounding this legislative session. Voters like Shawn Youkin and good government groups hoping for a larger deal on ethics reform say pension forfeiture isn't enough. Even some lawmakers say more could have been done on ethics reform. Days before the final countdown legislators passed other several key bills including measures to fight opioid abuse and required lead testing in public schools. They failed to pass a bill that would help bring ride-sharing servers like Uber upstate- another disappointment.

Berkshire Med Funds- WNYA- June 18, 2016- 10:00 pm

Berkshire Medical Center is among seven medical organizations across Massachusetts participating in the "Berkshire Connected Communities Project." The Pittsfield Hospital is getting more than 430 thousand dollars to help establish their part of the communication system. The system will allow doctors in different practices to share electronic records, when appropriate. Our media partners at the Berkshire Eagle say the project is expected to take two years to implement fully.

Safer Crossing in Cohoes- WNYT- June 19, 2016- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm

Community members at a protest in Cohoes say Brittany Knight's death could have been prevented. The Cohoes High School sophomore's life- cut short when she was run over by a car at the intersection of Bridge Avenue and 787, which turns into Cohoes Boulevard, Thursday evening. Knight's is the third death to happen at a Cohoes intersection on 787 in 15 years. Community members are demanding change. For year's community members have asked the city to make the intersection which runs through the city, safer. Cohoes Mayor Shawn Morse saying as much to reporters at a press conference following the accident. It doesn't excuse Knight's death, which makes even Morse emotional. He says the state owns 787 and that's where decisions to change it must come from. He says he plans to meet with DOT officials to discuss dangers there. Frustrated protestors want to know how many more have to die before something is done.

Cohoes Safer Crossing- WNYT- June 20, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am

The Cohoes community, mourning the death of a 16-year-old girls, says it could have been prevented. There was a rally yesterday, protesting what many say is an unsafe intersection, where the teenager was hit by a car last week. The Cohoes High School sophomore's life- cut short when she was run over by a car at the intersection of Bridge Avenue, which turns into Cohoes Boulevard, Thursday evening. Hers is the third death to happen at a Cohoes intersection on 787 in 15 years. Community members are demanding change. For year's community members have asked the city to make the intersection, which runs through the city, safer. Cohoes Mayor Shawn Morse saying as much to reporters at a press conference following the accident. It doesn't excuse Brittany Knight's death, which makes even the mayor emotional. Morse says the state owns 787 and that's where decisions to change it must come from. He says he plans to meet with DOT officials to discuss dangers there. Frustrated protestors want to know how many more have to die before something is done.

Vermont Marijuana- WNYT- June 20, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am

More marijuana was seized on the border of Vermont and Canada than any other part of the US bordering our neighbor to the north. Five times more. At the four border crossing stations in Vermont, authorities seized 502 pounds of marijuana in 2014 to 2015.

Pedestrian Safety- WNYT- June 20, 2016- 12:00 pm- 5:00 pm- 11:00 pm- WNYA- June 20, 2016- 10:00 pm

Four lanes of 40 miles per hour highway split Cohoes in half. After a 16-year-old was killed crossing 787. Mayor Shawn Morse says it's time to change the road. Coming north out of Albany, the highway's speed limit drops from 55 to 40 in Cohoes. Morse says kids like Brittany Knight cross the highway from Van Schaick Island every day to get to school. Cohoes

it's not just changing. A group rallied yesterday. The DOT says they're open to suggestions. Morse says he's asked police to increase patrols in the area, but, ultimately he says it's not an enforcement program. It's a design problem.

Saratoga Sidewalk- WNYT- June 20, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm- WNYT- June 21, 2016- 5:00 am- WNYA- June 20, 2016- 10:00 pm

People unhappy about the new sidewalk law in Saratoga Springs might not need to worry. Police tell us they're not going to aggressively enforce it. The city council recently voted four to one to make it unlawful for anyone to sit or lie down on public sidewalks. The mayor cast her vote against the measure. She says it's too harsh and wonders if it contradicts a law passed last year, allowing street musicians to play on sidewalks. The penalties can reach up to 500 dollars and jail time for repeat offenders. In each case, the judge would have the option of ordering community service. Again, that's if police decide to enforce it.

Cuomo Combating Heroin- WNYT- June 22, 2016- 12:00 pm

Governor Andrew Cuomo signed one of the bigger pieces of legislation to come out of the end of session this morning. A package of bills to combat heroin and opioid addiction. The governor is touting the package as one of this season's biggest accomplishments- along with paid family leave and lead testing for schools. At an event in Buffalo- Governor Cuomo signed bills to combat the rising heroin epidemic into law. Cuomo says other states have already reached out to New York to try and replicate the bill in their states. The bills let pharmacists prescribe an initial seven-day supply of opioids- often seem as gateway drugs to heroin- instead of 30 days. Comptroller Tom DiNapoli released a report saying that opioid deaths in New York are rising faster than the national average- and the State Department of Health says deaths related to opioid use went up 47 percent from 2010 to 2014.

Child Care Council- WNYT- June 22, 2016- 12:00 pm

Erica Houghton from the Capital District Childcare Council stopped by to talk about five ways to please children who are picky eaters.

Pittsfield Officer on Paid Leave- WNYA- June 22, 2016- 10:00 pm

The Pittsfield Police are being tight lipped about why they placed a veteran police officer on administrative leave. Dale Eason has been on paid leave for more than a month. Our media partners at the Berkshire Eagle have asked why, but the city has refused to give a reason. The Eagle has learned that Eason has a checkered past. In E-mails obtained by the Eagle earlier this year, Pittsfield's police captain referred to Eason as one of the departments "most problematic officers when it comes to use of force and good judgement."

Pittsfield Medical Express- WNYT- June 23, 2016- 5:00 pm

In Berkshire County, MedExpress opens a new center in Pittsfield. They cut the ribbon for an open house at the facility located on Dalton Avenue earlier this week. The medical center offers walk-in treatment for everyday illnesses and injuries, as well as x-rays, minor surgery, stitches and treatment for broken bones.

Saratoga Casino Hotel- WNYT- June 23, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm- WNYA- June 23, 2016- 10:00 pm

The place to play now offers a place to stay. Fourteen months after breaking ground, the Saratoga Casino Hotel is about to welcome its first guests. Today, NewsChannel 13 got an exclusive tour of the new hotel, as workers put the finishing touches on what owners are calling "Modern Victorian Saratoga." The 40-million-dollar luxury hotel boasts a ballroom, fitness center, pool, and steak house for guests who, they hope, will fill its 117 for years to come. The hotel officially open on Thursday. They're already accepting reservations online.

North Adams Stabbing- WNYA- June 23, 2016- 10:00 pm

A Peru man is being held without bail tonight after a violent altercation last week in North Adams. Dylan Litchfield, 23-years-old, and his 19-year-old brother, Austin, both face charges of attempted murder. Police say it stems from an incident involving, 27-year-old Thomas Peterson. His sister used to date Austin. Peterson says when he approached the truck Dylan was in to get a set of car keys belonging to his sister, Dylan started punching him. Then, Austin hit the gas with Peterson holding onto the side of the truck. Peterson says Dylan began stabbing him until he fell. Peterson was rushed to Berkshire Medical Center by friends who were with him and called police.

Homeless Report- WNYT- June 24, 2016- 5:00 am

A report on homelessness shows New York has more homeless people than any other state in the country. A new report by the New York State Comptroller's office shows- the state's homelessness population rose by 41 percent- at a time the nation's homeless rate was dropping. The study covers the period between 2007 and 2015. There are over 88-thousand homeless in New York state. There are over 75-thousand in New York City alone. Albany County has the largest cluster of homeless in the Capital Region, estimated at over one thousand people.

Pai's Taekwondo- WNYT- June 24, 2016- 12:00 pm

John McAuley from Pai's Taekwondo talked about martial arts camps available at the school.

Drug Money Recycling- WNYA- June 24, 2016- 10:00 pm

The Massachusetts district attorney is recycling drug money back into the community. Today, the state donated 2-thousand dollars to the Patrick Miller Youth Substance Abuse Program at the Brien Center in Pittsfield. The program helps young people in Berkshire County overcome addiction. All of the donations come from money confiscated during drug raids. Over the last few years the state has donated 21-thousand such dollars to the program.

Berkshire Unemployment- WNYA- June 24, 2016- 10:00 pm

Berkshire County's unemployment rate is the lowest its been in nearly a decade. Last month it dropped to 4.4 percent. That's the lowest it's been since December 2007, and nearly a full percentage point less than it was a year ago.

Colaneri Honored- WNYT- June 24, 2016- 11:00 pm

A Troy Police officer was honored for his fight against cancer. Nick Colaneri received the "Hero of Hope" award at Saratoga National tonight. It was part of the American Cancer Society's inaugural "Red White and Blue Party." Colaneri was sworn-in as a Troy Police officer back in January. Before that, he worked part time for Hoosick-Falls Police and was unable to get health benefits as he battled Stage 4 Hodgkins Lymphoma. Fundraisers helped him cover medical costs. In December, he found out he was in remission.

Mark Agel- WNYT- June 27, 2016- 12:00 pm

Mark Agel talked about how to choose the right financial advisor.

PFOA Hearing- WNYT- June 27, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm

The State Department of Environmental Conservation held a hearing today on officially classifying PFOA and PFOS as hazardous substances. This isn't the PFOA hearing everyone has been talking about. This one wasn't held by lawmakers, but by the DEC on a rule change. Hoosick falls residents voiced their concerns to the state anyway. The hearing was part of the process for the DEC to add PFOA to the list of hazardous substances, but environmental advocates and a handful of Hoosick Falls residents say too little, too late. Just three people showed up to go on the record at the hearing, which is part of the formal procedure to put PFOA on a permanent list of hazardous substances. Back in April, the DEC made an emergency rule declaring PFOA and PFOS hazardous. That allowed the state to create a superfund site and go after alleged polluters Saint Gobain and Honeywell. The group at the hearing wants to make sure this doesn't happen to other communities. They're calling for more testing statewide, and still for those legislative hearings, because of what they've gone through. The DEC says this is a very important step going forward in the superfund process. One of the next steps is to accurately map the contamination. Their ultimate goal is to get the contaminators to pay for remediation.

Regional Rural Healthcare- WNYT- June 27, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm

On any given weekend in summer, in the town of Copake, the population at Camp Wubeeka, including the campsites, the recreation sites, and sandy beach, can swell upwards of 15-hundred residents. According to Rick Puricelli, who runs the campground, on occasion, accidents happen. The problem is that medical centers aren't close, but that's about to change with the opening of Rapid Care Medical Center. The facility is much closer and celebrated its opening Monday morning with a ribbon cutting. Jay Cahalan is president and CEO of Columbia Memorial Health which came up with half of the 700-thousand dollars to complete the project that includes examination rooms, x-ray facilities, and medical staff for seven days a week. Calling the need for rural health care her number one priority, Senator Kathy Marchione delivered 350-thousand dollars from the state. Cahalan says he expects to see as many as 14,000 patients a year. Rick Puricelli says he expects many healthy, and happy campers.

People living in Hoosick Falls are keeping pressure on the state to hold hearings on PFOA. They also want stricter regulations on the toxic chemical that poisoned their water supply. They were back in Albany, telling that to the DEC today. In April, the agency made an emergency ruling to declare PFOA hazardous. That allowed the state to create a superfund site and go after suspected polluters, Saint Gobain and Honeywell. Now DEC is working to get PFOA on a permanent list of hazardous chemicals. People in Hoosick Falls say that's good-but not enough.

ADK Trust Time Capsule- WNYT- June 28, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm- WNYA- June 28, 2016- 10:00 pm

It took stone masons three days to access, but the moment was 100 years in the making. The Adirondack Trust Company's iconic headquarters has stood on Broadway for a century. When it was complete in June of 1916, bank leaders placed a small copper box in the cornerstone. One hundred years later, it offers a glimpse into a very different Spa City. The newspapers report of the first World War.

Pittsfield Walmart- WNYT- June 28, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- WNYA- June 28, 2016- 10:00 pm

A community meeting is being held tonight in Pittsfield to discuss plans for a new Walmart Supercenter. It would be part of a 30-million-dollar project called Woodlawn Crossing to be located in the Stanley Business Park. According to the Berkshire Eagle, developers also want to feature medical offices, retail space, and light manufacturing. While many people favor the plan, others worry about the impact it would have on locally owned businesses.

MA Slots Parlor Referendum- WNYT- June 28, 2016- 6:00 pm

Voters in Massachusetts will decide a ballot question in November on whether to allow a second slots parlor in the state. The highest court in Massachusetts has ruled that the question met the requirements to be placed on the ballot. A law that passed in 2011 authorized the licensing of three casinos and a single slots parlor. The new ballot question says the second slots parlor must be located near Suffolk Downs in Boston.

Bennington Water- WNYT- June 28, 2016- 6:00 pm

Residents of Bennington and North Bennington, Vermont are encouraged to attend a meeting tomorrow night to talk about clean water. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 5:30 at the Center for the Advancement of Public Action at Bennington College. State officials will give updates on results of blood tests for PFOA and recent water samples. Engineers will also discuss the possibility of providing municipal water for people whose private wells have been contaminated with the potentially cancer causing chemical. So far, more than 200 wells in North Bennington and Bennington have been found with levels of PFOA above 20 parts per trillion.

Bennington Clean Water- WNYT- June 29, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am

People in Bennington, Vermont will have a chance to speak directly with the state's DEC commissioner tonight at a public meeting concerning PFOA. The forum tonight at Bennington College will cover a whole host of issues- from extending water lines to water sample results. The meeting will take place at 5:30 p.m. tonight at the Center for the Advancement of Public Action at Bennington College. The PFOA contamination was discovered in wells in Bennington and North Bennington earlier this year. According to the Vermont Dec- 227 wells in Bennington and North Bennington have tested positive for levels of the potentially cancer causing chemical above 20 parts per trillion. That's the maximum allowable level in Vermont.

Bennington PFOA Meeting- WNYT- June 29, 2016- 12:00 pm- 5:00 pm

A public meeting is just getting underway in Bennington, where Vermont's DEC commissioner is answering questions about PFOA in their water. According to the Vermont DEC 227 wells in Bennington and North Bennington have tested positive for PFOA, at levels above the state's maximum allowable amount. The state has been looking into extending municipal water lines to people with contaminated wells. Those people have been told to use bottled water for the time being. Tonight's forum is taking place at Bennington College.

Mitt Cold Case- WNYT- June 29, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm- WNYA- June 29, 2016- 10:00 pm

The family of a young murder victim is asking for your help in solving his disappearance and homicide. State Police are still working on the 25-year-old case. Mitt was just 14-years-old when he went missing from Albany. It's been 25 years, and the pain is still fresh for his family. Mitt Croley's family can't imagine who would kill him. His sisters are still suffering. Edward Croley, known as Mitt, disappeared off the streets of Albany in March 1991. Ten months later, woodcutters discovered his remains off of rural Route 144 in Selkirk. The right side of his skull had been bashed in. It was homicide. State Police are asking for anyone with information, to come forward. For 25 years, Mitt's family and police have not given up on this mystery.

Albany County Inmate- WNYT- June 30, 2016- 12:00 pm- 5:00 pm- 11:00 pm- WNYA- June 30, 2016- 10:00 pm

The Albany County Sheriff's office is debuting a one of a kind program to get incarcerated veteran's jobs while they are still behind bars. They're partnering with the veteran's organization Soldier On- and Callanan Industries. Jerry McCluskey is getting his life back- after almost a year in the Albany County Jail. McCluskey is the first inmate as part of the brand new program. The program lets low level offenders work outside the facility eight hours a day- earn a wage- and have a job waiting for them when they get out. McCluskey served in the Army- gets out in September- and will have a job at Callanan Industries waiting for him.

PFOA Senate Hearing- WNYT- June 30, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm- WNYA- June 30, 2016- 10:00 pm

For Loreen Hackett, it doesn't matter who's calling for legislative hearings on the PFOA crisis in Hoosick Falls. She just wants some answers. Senate democrats are the latest group to join the calls for hearings. It came in the form of a letter to the republican majority, telling them that Hoosick Falls residents justifiably have many questions regarding the depth of the PFOA contamination. The calls for hearings have been an issue for months. Assemblyman Steve McLaughlin was one of the first lawmakers out there pushing for them. Hackett has also been front and center in the push for those hearings. She was in the governor's office a couple of weeks ago with a group of residents. She says she's been ignored since then after sending a letter to a contact person with a number of questions.

Rail Safety- WNYT- June 30, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm -WNYA- June 30, 2016- 10:00 pm

Senator Chuck Schumer is urging the transportation secretary to make the millions of gallons of crude oil shipped through New York a lot less volatile. Schumer wants an emergency order requiring oil companies stabilize volatility levels before shipments ever reach New York. He says there's a simple process, producers can use to burn off vapors before the crude leaves North Dakota. That Albany County has become the third busiest railroad hub in the nation through which extremely volatile Bakken Crude Oil is transported, is more than troublesome for the people who live there.

Pride Flag Dedication- WNYT- June 30, 2016- 5:00 pm -11:00 pm -WNYA- June 30, 2016- 10:00 pm

A gay flag burned at Albany's First Lutheran Church last week left a stain on the Albany community, especially its LGBTQ members. Tonight, that community and its supporters have dedicated a new flag to take its place. They're hoping it sends a strong message to the vandals. The flag burning comes at a time when stories of violence and hate crimes have become all too common, but organizers of this event hope this new flag will refocus attention to the need for unity and acceptance. The Damien Center has been operating out of the church since its facility burned down in 2013. Perry Junjulas runs the center, which is considered a safe haven for people with HIV/AIDS and the LGBTQ community. Albany's LGBTQ community and supporters gather there nearly three weeks after the Orlando shooting at a gay night club and two weeks after an interfaith vigil in Albany to honor the shooting victims. Still- Albany community members say this one act of hate doesn't represent their city. The flag burning has also highlighted the issue of safety in the LGBTQ community. Some LGBTQ attendees say their fears have definitely been heightened since the Orlando shooting massacre. But, tonight is a celebration. On the last day of Pride Month, when the LGBTQ community celebrates gay pride and rights- people are focusing on the hope this new flag symbolizes.

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Christian Healthcare- WNYT- April 28, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am- 12:00 pm- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm-

Increasing numbers of families across the country and right here in the Capital Region are converting from a traditional health care plan, to a biblical non-insurance approach to make sure their medical and spiritual needs are met. One faith based health care sharing company, Samaritan Health, has 60-thousand participants in all 50 states covering 17-million dollars in medical bills every month. Instead of paying your insurance bill monthly, users send a 405-dollar check, less for couples or individuals, directly to other members who have submitted a health care need and the money is used to pay medical providers, essentially, out of pocket. Members claim is costs significantly less than a traditional health insurance plan, but it does come with additional work. It also requires users to have faith in god and their community. Allison and Paul Caprera were members of Samaritan Ministries for two years before they ever made a single claim. That "claim" is now a toddler. And little Georgie's birth was paid for, almost entirely, by strangers. The Capreras like that they're able to choose whichever physician they want, not who their plan dictates. And, paying in cash often gets them a discount, sometimes as high as 40%. Plus, they say they've been fully reimbursed for everything - Georgie's birth, an emergency abdominal procedure, a urological treatment and even oral surgery. The Capreras admit, health care sharing takes a lot of coordination and organization. There are explanations to providers, submitting needs to Samaritan and its members and dealing with medical billing themselves when, typically an insurance company would do it. But any inconvenience is surpassed, for the Capreras, by the personal notes and promise of prayers they receive with each payment. Users of health care sharing aren't seeking a corporate experience. It's a religious experience they are after. Users are compliant with Federal health care law after they fill out an IRS waiver. There are things that members would consider morally objectionable, like abortion, that are not covered.

Buffalo Cancer Girl- WNYT- May 2, 2016- 6:00 pm- WNYA- May 2, 2016- 10:00 pm

The drive from Chatham to Buffalo is the same for Leah Wightman's parents. Past the grain silos rising out of the rust, the houses lining the highway, and towering City Hall.

Leah went to college at and ran for the University at Buffalo, but Leah's parents don't make that drive for track meets anymore. It's to visit her in a 3,000 employee state-of-the-art hospital.

Leah, a 24-year-old bride-to-be in perfect athletic shape, was suddenly diagnosed with leukemia. Doctors immediately put her into treatment and told her she had to cancel her July wedding. Her former UB track coach, Vicki Mitchell, got the news, and went to visit her 800-meter runner, who'd been given what seemed like a death sentence. This is where Wightman is different. The glowing cancer patient, lights up the whole ward. Twenty-five pounds lighter, bald, often in pain, with chemo IVs hanging out her arm. While grandma and mom sometimes cry, Leah doesn't see the point of it. But, there's plenty to get her down. In a few weeks, she needs a bone marrow transplant to survive. Out of the 20 million in the database, there wasn't a single perfect match. Yet again, Leah rose above. Chatham, draped in orange for Leah, responded with a "Be the Match" drive. People at Sean's Run a week ago took the simple swab test to join the bone marrow registry. Coach Vicki organized her own swab drive at UB this past weekend. Doctors will use a clinical trial with Leah. Bone marrow from her brother Ross will be genetically altered to mirror a perfect match donation. About that canceled wedding, Leah's family has everything ready, so she can be married to her fiancé Bob at any time. Leah says she always wanted a smaller ceremony.

We can learn a lot from Leah Wightman. Because even when life seemed like a funeral. Leah Wightman treated it like a wedding. Go to BeTheMatch.org to sign up for the bone marrow registry.

Poverty and Education- WNYT- May 5, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am- 12:00 pm- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- May 10, 2016- 6:00 pm- WNYA- May 5, 2016- 10:00 pm- May 10, 2016- 10:00 pm

Presidential candidate Bernie Sanders recently said 22-percent of American children live in poverty.

In New York City on Monday, leaders in education, public health and psychology came together to discuss how the stress of living in poverty impacts kid's brains. More and more educators are worried about their students who live in poverty. Some local educators say they see students coming to school hungry, without the proper sleep and worse. Basically, they're not ready to learn.

Hurricane Sandy slammed Long Island nearly four years ago, but some people are still feeling the effects. Beverly recently moved upstate. Sadly, it didn't work out. Embarrassed, she asked for her identity to be disguised. The family, including three children, ended up homeless, in a shelter, getting food from a pantry. It is a heart wrenching story, but not one unfamiliar to North Colonie School Superintendent Joseph Corr. However, that was 10 years ago. Today, the number of kids receiving free and reduced lunches had more than doubled:

- **Blue Creek Elementary School:** 27 percent
- **Forts Ferry Elementary School:** 26 percent
- **Latham Ridge Elementary School:** 26 percent

District-wide it's about 20 percent. Corr knows that's a problem because poverty impacts learning. North Colonie is so concerned, this year they started providing backpacks full of food for students to take home for the weekend at both the high school and elementary school. Dr. Tammi Schillinger, assistant professor of education at the College of Saint Rose instructs new teachers. Now, she shares her personal classroom stories with them of teaching students facing hardships. One of Schillinger's student teachers, Jessica Smith, says she's been taught to teach to the whole child.

For years, poverty was considered an urban issue. Now, it's not only in suburbia, but small school districts like Catskill.

Free and reduced lunches in Catskill:

- **2016:** 51 percent
- **2015:** 49 percent
- **2014:** 54 percent

In the Albany School District, it's estimated about 75 to 80 percent of students are eligible for free and reduced meals. Students coming from families who are struggling to make ends meet like Beverly's.

Leah Wightman- WNYT- May 10, 2016- 11:00 pm- May 11, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am- 11:00 pm- May 12, 2016- 5:00 am- WNYA- May 10, 2016- 10:00 pm- May 11, 2016- 10:00 pm

They looked all over the world to find someone to save their daughter's life, and tonight the answer for a Chatham bride-to-be is a man in Brazil. We're talking about the search through more than 20 million people to find a bone marrow donor for cancer-stricken Leah Wightman. The plan was to use Leah's brothers bone marrow, but the risks for that transplant were higher than with a perfect match. Then Leah's doctors found the answer is South America. With all the orange ribbons in town, Steve Wightman knew Chatham was behind his daughter, Leah. That's part of the reason he never gave up hope on a perfect match. With just weeks left until she needed a life-saving bone marrow transplant, he knew the chances. After Chatham held a bone marrow donor drive, and doctors looked for three months. Not a single perfect match in a 20-million-person database last month at the Buffalo Hospital, we asked Leah's doctor why it was so hard to find that person. Tuesday, Steve got the call. The perfect match had been found in, of all places, Brazil. The family had been set to use a clinical trial to genetically modify the bone marrow of Leah's brother, Ross, for the transplant. This perfect match from a 50-year-old Brazilian man is much better. Now it's off to Buffalo again for Steve and Ross. More hopeful than ever that Leah will beat cancer with this perfect match, and also to see her join with her other perfect match. Leah's wedding has been shrunk to 12 people, switched to a Buffalo chapel, and moved up to Saturday. After a year of cancer, this toast will be different than most father's, but then again, Leah's isn't like most daughters.

Heroin Healing - WNYT- May 12, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am- 12:00 pm- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- WNYA- May 12, 2016- 10:00 pm

There is a photo Nick Wilock has from his wedding that is one of his most treasured. On that day filled with smiles and happy tears, nobody could have dreamed the family would experience a crushing loss less than a year later. One that's left Nick with a nagging question for the past two years. Is it ok for him to talk about his brother and the way

he died? It was the end of the semester for 22-year-old Steven Wilock at SUNY Oswego, the weekend of the infamous Bridge Street Run, where kids party and bar hop all day long. On the morning of May 10, 2014- older brother Nick was home in the Capital Region- with several missed calls from his parents. The next conversation with his dad is one that still haunts him. His father told him Steven was dead. Nick admits his brother- a 2009 Shenendehowa graduate had gotten into trouble before, but the family had never dreamed he was experimenting with a drug so deadly. Authorities told the family the heroin Steven bought from a kid on campus was laced with a lethal batch of fentanyl- a prescription pain killer. To understand why Steven's death was so shocking- you need to understand the family background. Steven wasn't some junkie from a bad family. The boys had a loving, happy upbringing in a suburban neighborhood. Steven loved sports and was doing well in school- in fact he'd just been accepted into the MBA program at Oswego. For the first few weeks after his brother died, Nick would come home from work and stare at the sunset for what felt like hours each night. After a year of emotionally treading water, Nick's wife told him he was carrying the weight of the entire family's grief. That's when he turned to counseling. A year later, Nick is still seeing that counselor twice a month. He's sharing the story with anyone who will listen- hoping for a breakthrough in how communities deal with the heroin crisis. Nick's found a new sense of normalcy. He and his wife just built a new home and they're expecting their first child this summer. Each day he finds some happiness, but he knows- the pain of his loss, will always cut deep. At the end of each day- he can always come back to pictures that remind him of the day when everything was right in the world- because his little brother who loved fishing and baseball was by his side, smiling big and bright. He'll never let the way Steven died, define his brother's memory.

Leah Wightman Wedding- WNYT- May 14, 2016- 11:00 pm- May 15, 2016- 7:00 am- 8:00 am- 7:00 pm- WNYA- May 14, 2016- 10:00 pm

Leah Wightman, the former Chatham State Champion runner who has a life threatening case of Leukemia, was married yesterday. NewsChannel 13 has been following Leah's story for over a month now. She had hoped to get married back in July, but had to postpone because of her diagnosis. Leah and her fiancé Bob were married at a chapel a block away from her Buffalo Cancer Center. Last week, more wonderful news- Leah found a bone marrow donor who is a perfect match. She'll get a transplant that will greatly increase her chances of survival.

Saratoga Panhandling- WNYT- May 19, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- WNYA- May 19, 2016- 10:00 pm

It's sometimes referred to as the Capital Region's playground. People love to visit here for all it has to offer -- horses, dining, arts, recreation and people watching. But lately, some don't like what they're seeing. It's being called a dramatic increase in aggressive pan handling---more than just homeless people sitting on the sidewalk or benches. The mayor says the aggressive panhandlers are coming from out of town and shouldn't be confused with homeless people who've made Saratoga streets their home for years. During parts of four days walking around downtown and looking, NewsChannel 13 didn't witness anyone aggressively panhandling.

That's not to say it's not happening. In fact, some in the business community are witnessing it. And they're all telling the Chamber of Commerce about it. The Chamber of Commerce is even circulating a photo of one woman who they say is particularly aggressive, urging people not to give to her.

Both the chamber and the City Council are calling for more cops walking the beat. Panhandling or asking a stranger for money is not illegal. It's when it becomes aggressive, that it might be criminal.

Someone could be charged with harassment or disorderly conduct. Both are just violations. Michael Finocchi, executive director of Shelters of Saratoga, Saratoga's homeless shelter, who in his prior position, helped Schenectady crack down on aggressive panhandling, says in his experience increased police presence helps, but he says to really make a difference, don't give the panhandlers money. Finocchi says he's hearing stories of panhandlers making more than \$200 a day on Saratoga Springs streets. Wanting to put an end to it, the business community will soon put locked drop boxes around town, encouraging those inclined to give to a panhandler to instead donate to charities that will help the poor and the homeless.

Insurance Flap- WNYT- May 25, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am- 12:00 pm- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- WNYA- May 25, 2016- 10:00 pm

Health insurers in New York recently proposed premium increases averaging 12 to 17 percent for next year. If history plays out, the Department of Financial Services will reduce those requests. We'll know in early August. Insurance experts say higher premiums are necessary for their financial stability. That's because a key part of their rate hike request is tied to the ever increasing cost of pharmaceutical products. When those costs squeeze the insurer, you the consumer pay, just like Sandy Schanck. Rituxan is the drug and it's keeping Schanck's blood cancer in remission. She gets it via infusion every three months. In 2015, a \$20 office visit co-pay, covered it. Since the first of this year she's been socked with a wallet busting co-insurance charge. That's because her insurer, CDPHP joined the ranks of other health insurers requiring subscribers to cough up co-insurance for expensive drugs, generally about 20 percent of the drug's price tag. Eileen Wood, RPh, CDPHP's pharmacy director explains, it's not feasible to raise premiums high enough to cover soaring drug costs. It's a conundrum Paul Macielak, CEO and President for the NYS Health Plans Association sees all the time. He says pharmaceutical costs in New York rose double digits last three years and they're still climbing. He points to costly specialty drugs, increasing costs for diabetes drugs and the many drugs about to go off patent, meaning generic, less expensive versions of those drugs will hit the market. So we have to sharpen our consumer savvy. Know your policy and be aware of out of pocket costs. The least expensive premium is not always the best buy. If you think co-insurance charges or other benefits changes that can affect your health, are not correct file an appeal with your insurer.

Ongoing problems may be settled by filing a complaint with the State Department of Financial Services. Seek out drug discount cards, private foundations that may help. That's another route to getting financial help. Schanck started hitting roadblocks because a payment code for her diagnosis and the Rituxan changed when the Fed's adopted a new system of classifying drugs.

She reached out to NewsChannel 13's Benita Zahn who did some digging. She contacted the feds and working with her insurer CDPHP and her cancer treatment facility, NYOH, along with drug maker, Genentech. Working with NYOH, Genentech revisited Schanck's case and found she did, in fact, qualify for what's called replacement drug. They provide the Rituxan, free of charge to NYOH who agrees not to charge for their services. Dr. Ira Zackon with New York Oncology Hematology, says 50 percent of their patients are on the hook for a 20 percent drug co insurance. Five years ago there were few. So Schanck's got a lot of company needing help to pay for lifesaving treatment. As for Schanck, she hopes her story can empower others. Now she's focusing on staying well and enjoying her grandchildren. Because drug costs are such a big part of health care costs Assemblyman John McDonald and Senator Kemp Hannon are sponsoring legislation to make the drug makers costs more transparent. Right now, it's almost impossible to know their true costs. Assemblyman McDonald doesn't expect it to become law this year but says the work to get it passed will continue. Consumers have to be tenacious when it comes to getting help.

STEM

Siena Nursing Program- WNYT- April 15, 2016- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm

Siena has a new nursing program to help working nurses get their bachelor's degree and they're using a male teacher who makes lots of noises, but will never talk back to his students.

He wears a Siena shirt and doesn't argue with anyone who wants to listen to his heartbeat.

SAM, or "Student Auscultation Manikin," lets nursing students learn what different sounds mean before they test out their skills on a real patient. Dr. Lisa Flack with the Baldwin Nursing Program sets up SAM for a listen and then the students tell her what they think they're hearing.

The answer shows up on a giant screen, highlighting the correct answer in green. So why so high tech? This new program will allow working nurses to get a bachelor's degree in two years' time. The classes are all day long on Wednesdays only.

Albany Solar System- WNYT- April 22, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- WNYA- April 22, 2016- 10:00 pm

Michael Ingles isn't an astronomer, but he's playing one on Facebook. Ingles is a Syracuse native who attended college in Albany and loved it so much he stayed. Ingles is the guy behind the Albany Scale Solar System page. It's a plan, still in the very early stages, to recreate a distance and size proportional model solar system in the streets of Albany. Ingles' vision is to start with a seven-foot sun, at the Albany Visitor Center and Planetarium, in Quackenbush Square. Mercury would go in a park, across the street. Venus at a nearby church. Earth at Tri-Centennial Park. Mars at the old Union Station, current Kiernan Plaza, and Uranus near Buckingham Pond. Saturn's proposed site is downtown SUNY. Jupiter at the main library, on Washington Avenue, and Neptune at the uptown SUNY. Ingles believes the Albany Scale Solar System would fast become a tourist attraction. And an excellent class trip, on foot and by bus, for local schools. On May 9th, at 7a, Mercury will cross between the Sun and Earth. Ingles plans to have his telescope set up and is inviting the public to join him in viewing the celestial phenomena, outside the Visitor Center and Planetarium at Quackenbush Square.

Duck Feet- WNYT- April 29, 2016- 6:00 pm

As the saying goes, if it looks like a duck and quacks like a duck, it's a duck. However, a duck in Wisconsin was missing something every other duck has. With the cold weather in Wisconsin, a duck lost his feet to frostbite. A woman rescued the duck and thought she would have to put him down, but then she remembered seeing a story about 3D printers. That's where technology teacher, Jason Jischke, comes in. He challenged his class to create feet for "Phillip the Duck."

The students couldn't be happier and neither could the woman who first found Phillip. The duck is now with other birds at an animal sanctuary a little north of Milwaukee.

Ecovative- WNYT- May 27, 2016- 6:00 pm- WNYA- May 27, 2016- 10:00 pm

You've heard of DIY -- do it yourself. This is GIY -- grow it yourself -- for making the environmentally friendly version of just about anything you want. Eben Bayer is one of the main brains behind Ecovative. It's a company in Green Island that started as an idea in a class at RPI. Now it has turned into a biomaterials business that's growing as fast as the teddy bears and robots that sprout up from agricultural byproducts like ground-up mushrooms and the stuff that's left in the field after corn is harvested. Consider all the plastic and styrofoam wrapped around anything you buy. Such materials will last thousands of years, according to Bayer. What if you could still protect products with packaging that's biodegradable? That's what Ecovative is doing, and it's not only for adults. Those teddy bears and robots were made through the company's GIY kits, which are geared toward the youngest environmentally conscious minds. It's like STEM magic -- where biology meets engineering. Bayer hopes to make a mark on the world without leaving any kind of carbon footprint.

MiSci Dinosaurs- WNYT- June 3, 2016- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm- WNYA- June 3, 2016- 10:00 pm

Dinosaurs haven't walked the streets of Schenectady since 2013. However, as they say, they're back. The very popular "Return of The Dinosaurs" exhibit opens Saturday at MiSci. The 10 animatronic dinosaurs are powered by compressed air. The traveling displays first visited MiSci in 2013 and the return of the exhibit promises to be just as popular. The exhibit focuses solely on North American dinosaurs, the ancestors of our native animals, essentially. The science on dinosaurs is constantly evolving, so even though they roamed the earth 65 million years ago, the kids who come to see them at MiSci this summer could be the ones who discover something new about the old beasts. "Return of the Dinosaurs" will be at MiSci through mid-September.

STEM Golf- WNYT- June 10, 2016- 6:00 pm- WNYA- June 10, 2016- 10:00 pm

Golf can sometimes be a frustrating sport. For every shot that belongs on a highlight reel, there's another ten that make you want to throw your clubs into the water hazard and never play again.

Now, one local golf center is helping amateurs improve their game with the same technology the pros use. If you have ever hit a golf ball and have no idea where it went, the "Pro-Tracer" system is for you. The ball flight technology is now installed at the Northway Golf Center in Clifton Park, the first of its kind in the Northeast. The system can give golfers all sorts of data, everything from ball speed to carry distance to launch angle. It can even email your results to you. Pro-Tracer also lets you compete in longest drive and closest to the pin competitions or lets you play a virtual round of golf from the driving range. It allows the casual golfer to train the same way the pros do. While hitting the ball in the right place can seem like a stroke of luck, Shaver says it all comes down to science. Couple the science of hitting a golf ball with the science of tracking it and golfers can see the future of the game in STEM.

Blackhole- WNYT- June 17, 2016- 6:00 pm- WNYA- June 17, 2016- 10:00 pm

A South Glens Falls High School graduate is adding to the theory of relativity that Albert Einstein pioneered 100 years ago. The young scientist is part of a team that relied on gravitational waves to discover colliding black holes. At 22 years old, Amber Lenon is part of the research that is shaking up the universe - literally. The recent Syracuse University grad and another physics major, created the algorithms that helped scientists to detect and interpret the gravitational waves rippling out from the collision of two black holes more than a billion years ago. The work of the students and scientists from across the country is important because it means researchers can look at the universe in a new way and make even more discoveries. Science, essentially, is being re-written. Lenon, will begin a doctorate program in Physics, at West Virginia University in the fall. It's a dream realized for this space pioneer, from the North Country.

Stem Blood Age UAlbany- WNYT- June 24, 2016- 6:00 pm- WNYA- June 24, 2016- 10:00 pm

The University at Albany is teaming up with local high school students to help pioneer the next generation of crime scene investigations. Tests to determine a person's age all based on a drop of blood. Right now, the tests can tell if the blood is from a person older or younger than 18. However, tests will become more accurate and faster in the future. It's not just college students and professors carrying out this research. High school students from forensics classes at Averill Park are getting involved as well after a collaboration began between the high school and UAlbany. The high school students are getting hands on experience with university level research, something they credit with getting them interested in STEM. Hayley Peterson is one of four high school students working at the lab over the summer. She's also heading to UAlbany next fall to continue to help with the research. The collaboration between UAlbany and Averill Park wasn't just a one-time deal. Even more lab activities are being planned for next school year.

Today's Women

Amanda Thompson- WNYT- April 7, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- April 10, 2016- 7:00 am- 8:00 am- WNYA- April 7, 2016- 10:00 pm

Sometimes you have to go in a different direction to get to the thing you are really passionate about. That happened to a Schenectady woman. Homemade macaroni and cheese, collard greens, string beans, cabbage. Those are some of the good southern dishes that Amanda Thompson says she was brought up on. The food was prepared by the women in her life. Thompson's father was known for his culinary skills, too. He owned Big John's Restaurant in Schenectady for years. But for Amanda, it was always retail. But deep in the recesses of her sub-conscious was a love for something else that was very familiar: cooking. Last December, she cut the ribbon on Ya Ya's House in Schenectady. The restaurant is located on Lafayette Street, just off the booming downtown district. Thompson said the building spoke to her and her husband. Her prayers have been answered. Customers are eating it up.

Liska Wilson- WNYT- April 3, 2016- 7:00 am- 8:00 am

What do Tilda Swinson, Gabrielle Union, Glenn Close and Jane Krakowski all have in common? They are all actors, but they also all have mentors. A local woman says while mentors can prove invaluable to women, many don't have one. A golf course is one of the best places for men to not only play golf, but talk business and build relationships. That holds especially true for mentor, mentee relationships. Studies suggest that men are better at these relationships than women. That's something Liska Wilson can attest to. Wilson wanted to be an event planner but after several calls, only one person called her back and then agreed to be her mentor. The relationship proved invaluable. Wilson was recently part of a panel at Sage College of Albany, sharing the pros of mentorships.

Shanelle Carter- WNYT- April 21, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- April 24, 2016- 7:00 am- 8:00 am- WNYA- April 21, 2016- 10:00 pm

Sometimes, to seek fame and fortune we feel we must leave home. However, as one woman discovered, real success means being happy and she found that happiness in the place she grew up. Vibrant, loud, cutting edge, it all describes New York City and Toys "R" Us executive, Shanelle Carter loved it all. However, in 2009 the marketing major was in Albany surrounded by family who'd assembled to help handle the Mother's Day rush at her father's flower shop.

It was then she realized something was missing in her life. She never went back to New York and instead became a co-owner at Taysha Florist, the popular flower shop she'd grown up in on Henry Johnson Boulevard. Coming back meant making a commitment and getting re-acquainted with customers. This daddy's girl was bringing with her those corporate marketing skills. Her feet firmly planted, she made sure the wedding division was blossoming too, creating blinged-out bouquets and incorporated event planning too. However, returning home wasn't an easy decision to make, but it was the right decision to make.

Here's Cooking- WNYT- April 28, 2016- 5:00 pm- May 1, 2016- 7:00 am- 8:00 am

Are you an empty nester, a senior citizen, or a person who's always on the go? If so, two area women would love to cook for you. Danielle Alteri can remember vividly being her grandmother's sous chef when she was a little girl. Alteri later went on to work in customer services, but cooking was always her first love. Then she met Shelia Wood who also loved cooking. These foodies decided to partner after Alteri came up with a recipe for a start-up business, working with a nutritionist to create meals for those on the go. The day NewsChannel 13 interviewed them, they were working on chicken cordon-bleu. All you have to do is go online and place your orders. The meals are low in calories, affordable and they'll drop them off at your home for free. They've been in business about a month and have nearly 100 customers. Right now delivery is mainly in Amsterdam, but they're hoping to expand services.

Deborah Fowler- WNYT- May 5, 2016- 6:00 pm- May 8, 2016- 7:00 am- 8:00 am

Eighty percent of human trafficking victims are female. Even if you may not see it, a local woman says it is happening in the Capital Region. Deborah Fowler thought it would be an adventure: a two-year stint in Kuwait with her husband. At first it was adventurous: deserts, camels, and a rapid immersion into the culture. But it would be a stain on that lifestyle that would change Fowler's life forever. Fowler spoke about women she had met. The women had thought they were leaving home for a better job, but they were instead sold into servitude in Kuwait, as maids. The discovery began a journey for Fowler, to help those who escaped. Like a day without a sand storm, it became clear: the trip to Kuwait hadn't been for Fowler's husband, but for her. Upon her return home, Fowler wrote a book dedicated to the women she had met. But she soon discovered that human trafficking exists in this country, too - even in this state and in our area's cities. With her eyes now opened, she started a non-profit. Two months ago, "Her Treasure Box" opened in Schenectady. It's a craft store where all proceeds will go toward opening a home for women in this country who escape trafficking.

Joyce Clark- May 12, 2016- 6:00 pm- May 15, 2016- 7:00 am- 8:00 am

Joyce Clark Love grew up loving to attend services at the Mount Olive Southern Missionary Baptist Church in Albany. Soon she stopped going to church. Then she started hanging out in the streets with friends, then she got into drugs. It was the 1970s and she was introduced to heroin when she was 14 years old. She would remain on drugs until she was 33 years old. These days all Love wants to do is help others. In recovery for 27 years, she now helps others in their recovery as the supervisor of a men's halfway house in Albany. She also wants to put a smile on the faces of others with the help of Comedian Rickey Smiley. Love got the well-known comedian to come to Albany and play at the Palace Theatre on May 19 at 7 p.m. Part of the proceeds will go to her church for scholarships. The church she first fell in love with.

Ruth Mahoney- WNYT- May 19, 2016- 6:00 pm- May 22, 2016- 7:00 am- 8:00 am

She's one of the few women leading a major financial institution, but everything in her life has prepared her for the powerful position she holds. Standing over six-feet, her height commands that people look up to Ruth Mahoney, but people choose to look up to her because she's a risk taker, her fervent pursuit of her career and her respect for others. Growing up in Ireland she played basketball for the Irish national team. She decided to leave that and come to Marist to pursue a dream of playing basketball in college. Coming to America was probably the first risk she took. At the time she had a job at the Bank of Ireland, when unemployment in that country was at a whopping 17-percent. She would go on to fulfill her hoop dreams at Marist. Those skills transferred to business. However, she also credits a mentor, a female branch manager, a rarity in Ireland, for helping her land her first job in Albany at KeyBank. A promotion would send her to KeyBank's Hudson Valley/Metro New York City Market, but last year she returned to Albany to become the new Capital Region market president. She doesn't have time to think about it long-she has to make sure KeyBank remains a leader. She's also well aware she being watched, especially by women.

Kathy Wallace- WNYT- May 26, 2016- 6:00 pm- WNYA- May 26, 2016- 10:00 pm

Last year it was gliders and the year before that big boys Kathy Wallace says. She is not talking about food or restaurants. She's talking furniture, specifically chairs that she makes at Adirondack Cedar Chairs, her company. She gets it all the time – that look of awe when people discover the woodworker is actually a woman. It's a love she developed years ago. She admits there were some mistakes when she started out. These days, the Lake George woman's production line is humming. She sells the chairs at shows and festivals. Her website is another alternative. When it comes to women doing things usually associated with men, her advice is simple.

Linda Podrazik- WNYT- June 2, 2016- 6:00 pm- June 5, 2016- 7:00 am- WNYA- June 2, 2016- 10:00 pm
Sometimes it's the no's you get in life that push you into your destiny. It happened to a local woman. No question karate is a beautiful art form. It's the combination of high kicking, punching, blocking and other techniques. Linda Podrazik loved it all. However, 40 years ago, her gender made it hard for her to even participate. It took her a while but she finally convinced him to allow her in the class. Fast forward to 2016 and she's still earning the respect of others, now as a "sensei" or teacher. She's one of the few women to own a dojo, Fudoshin Karate School in Latham. That was 22 years ago. Today, Buckley joins other women loving karate. Kowalczyk is a New York State budget analyst by day. She's also a 4th degree black belt. In fact, the need to protect themselves is why most women take karate. However, Podrazik teaches them to fight in many ways.

Mary Lussier- WNYT- June 9, 2016- 6:00 pm- June 12, 2016- 7:00 am- 8:00 am- WNYA- June 9, 2016- 10:00 pm

The saying is: "The way to a man's heart is through his stomach." For a Granville woman, her husband loves her homemade jerky. What she didn't know is how his love for the dried meat would turn her into an entrepreneur. Mary Lussier has been in food services for 26 years, working for Hannaford Supermarkets. A couple of years ago, she started working for herself and she has her husband to thank for it. It was about \$60 worth of jerky. Her husband had eaten it all. It was then she had a thought to start her own jerky business. She's become quite the entrepreneur with snack sticks, pickled eggs and sausages and products like hats and t-shirts. To think her husbands' love for this beefy snack started it all.

Susan Taylor- WNYT- June 16, 2016- 6:00 pm- June 19, 2016- 7:00 am- 8:00a- WNYA- June 16, 2016- 10:00 pm

Before black women were on the cover of Glamour or O Magazine, they graced the cover of Essence. Started in the 1970s, it was the premier magazine for African-American women and Susan Taylor was the editor-in-chief. But on Thursday, Taylor, the author of four books and sought-after motivational speaker, got a standing ovation and had the crowd snapping her picture as she spoke to all women. The transparent keynote speaker for the Key4Women Forum at the Glen Sanders Mansion told women life is complicated but urged them to find a balance. It was the usual packed house, but it was a more diverse crowd this year. Key Bank Market President Ruth Mahoney says that was on purpose. Before leaving, Taylor urged the women to not only shed anger, regrets and take time for rejuvenation but also make sure their business plan supports a mission and supports the community. Her passion after 37-years at the magazine is her non-profit, the National CARES Mentoring Movement. Its goal is to support black children.

Sherain Rivera- WNYT- June 23, 2016- 6:00p- June 26, 2016- 7:00am- 8:00am- WNYA- June 23, 2016- 10:00 pm

Our deepest hurts sometimes give birth to amazing things. That's the case of a Schenectady woman who went through some of her hardest years of her life, only to emerge and help people going through what she did. The year 2014 was a nightmare for Sherain Rivera. She was praying for a place to stay after she and her husband split up. They finally got out of the shelter but life was still very hard, especially for the kids. No one would rent to her. They said she had too many kids. Finally, she heard a "yes." When she finally found a place to stay, she did something quite remarkable. She started thinking about all the people she met in the shelter and their need for the essentials like toiletries and clothing, so she started a non-profit just for them. It's called "Raindrops Closet for Homeless Families." It's located inside the Emmanuel-Friedens Church in Schenectady. Along with providing items for those without a place to stay or those transitioning into a home, Rivera hopes she's reminding people that homelessness could happen to anyone.

Forget those intense physical challenge shows on television. A local woman has an obstacle course she would love for you to try. No, it's not the show "American Ninja Warrior," it's the Viking Obstacle Course, located about 45 minutes outside of Albany. Here, participants move so quickly that their physical fitness on obstacles like the Norse polls defy reason. The idea for the course belongs to Tinker Nicholson Pachter. Her family runs Sunny Hill Golf Course and Resort in Greenville. The layout for the 600-acre site reminds you of the movie, "Dirty Dancing" and has been in the family for nearly 100 years. In 2012, she came up with the idea of adding the obstacle course. A year later, the 5-mile course with 45 obstacles was created just in time for the first "Viking Obstacle Race." You don't have to be a racer to enjoy the course. Some use it as a training facility.

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Top Teacher: In partnership with SEFCU

Ongoing

A project, supported by SEFCU, which honors area teachers of excellence. A call for nominations was put out in September, 2015. Teachers were selected based on their student and community involvement. Weekly news segment with Elaine Houston will feature a different educator each week starting in January, 2016 through April, 2016.

Jeff Maclutsky- WNYT- April 6, 2016- 6:00 pm- April 7, 2016- 6:00 am- WNYA- April 6, 2016- 10:00 pm

History comes alive for students at Walter B. Howard Elementary. It's all thanks to our next NewsChannel 13-SEFCU Top Teacher. How do you make history alive and seem relevant to 5th and 6th graders? If you're Jeff Maclutsky, you first use old documents- easily found these days- in our tech-driven society. Then you allow the students to discuss it and in their own words and pictures go back in time and explain what life might have been like for the people living during that time. A teacher for 10 years, Maclutsky says he's just as excited about teaching as he was when he started. It is because of his commitment to his students that he has been selected as a NewsChannel 13-SEFCU Top Teacher.

Andrea Neiman- WNYT- April 13, 2016- 5:00 pm- April 14, 2016- 6:00 am- WNYA- April 13, 2016- 10:00 pm

Andrea is an art teacher- using art to show students about life. Don't look for painted water pots or ceramic objects in Andrea Neiman's studio art class at Columbia High School. Currently, students are creating projects on the heroin epidemic sweeping the nation. Students in the beloved teachers class say art also helps them in other classes. Always thinking of ways to improve her student's lives and help them be successful- she works outside the school on their behalf too. Several years ago she worked with the alternative education program-partnering with a horse farm. A teacher for nine years- she has an added reason for her commitment to the school- she's also an alumnus. It is because of her compassion for students and passion for education that she's being selected as one of our NewsChannel 13-SEFCU Top Teachers.

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13 Kids Who Care

This on-going project supported by St. Peter's Health Partners to honor youth volunteers. Weekly news segments have been presented during the first half of 2016.

Andrew Cosgrove- WNYT- April 11, 2016- 6:00 pm- WNYA- April 11, 2016- 10:00 pm

Our 13 Kids Who Care are local teenagers who volunteer their time to make our communities a better place to live. Andrew Cosgrove has volunteered throughout his high school years. He works with Hi-Five Sports at Shenendehowa, guiding young people with special needs into sports. After graduating next year, Andrew plans on going to college to study psychology. Our thanks to Saint Peters Health Partners for donating 500 dollars to Andrew's favorite charity.

Josselyn Roosenberg- WNYT- April 4, 2016- 6:00 pm- WNYA- April 4, 2016- 10:00 pm

Our 13 Kids Who Care are local teenagers who volunteer their time to make our communities a better place to live. Josselyn Roosenberg and her family have adopted two young refugees, and she has tutored other refugees struggling with their school work. Josselyn's family shares their home with two natural siblings, two adopted siblings and a displaced family of four. She goes to the Albany Library twice a week to tutor other refugees. She graduates in June from Loudonville Christian School and plans on pursuing a medical route to become a doctor. Our thanks to Saint Peters Health Partners for donating 500 dollars to Josselyn's favorite charity.

Sarah Tuzzolo- WNYT- April 18, 2016- 6:00 pm- WNYA- April 18, 2016- 10:00 pm

Our 13 Kids Who Care are local teenagers who volunteer their time to make our communities a better place to live. Sarah Tuzzolo is a Best Buddy to several students at Albany High School. She treats the young people with dignity and respect and says she has learned a lot from them as well. Tuzzolo spends her free periods and lunches with developmentally disabled teens talking with them and encouraging them in activities. Her plan for college is to study occupational therapy. Our thanks to Saint Peters Health Partners for donating 500 dollars to Sarah's favorite charity.

Emma Greenberg- WNYT- May 2, 2016- 6:00 pm

Our 13 Kids Who Care are local teenagers who volunteer their time to make our communities a better place to live. Emma Greenberg is dedicated to establishing a volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one on one friendships through the Best Buddies program at Shenendehowa. Our thanks to Saint Peters Health Partners for donating 500 dollars to Emma's favorite charity.

13 Kids Who Care Continued...

Gianna Romano- WNYT- May 9, 2016- 6:00 pm- WNYA- May 9, 2016- 10:00 pm

Our 13 Kids Who Care are local teenagers who volunteer their time to make our communities a better place to live. Gianna Romano's maturity, both emotional and academic, is present in her interactions with her teachers and her peers. She has created a venue and support system to help Amsterdam High School students practice Christian faith. She also shadows doctors at Nathan Littauer Hospital. She plans to attend the University of Valley Forge to become a missionary, then head to medical school for a degree in physical therapy. Our thanks to Saint Peters Health Partners for donating 500 dollars to Gianna's favorite charity.

Kathleen Snyder- WNYT- May 16, 2016- 6:00 pm- WNYA- May 16, 2016- 10:00 pm

Our 13 Kids Who Care are local teenagers who volunteer their time to make our communities a better place to live. Kathleen Snyder has dedicated her time to attend many events with the Interact Club at her high school. Kathleen Snyder is in her second year with "Interact Club," helping to make young kids comfortable about who they are. She wants to be a software and technical engineer, attending Rochester Institute of Technology or Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Our thanks to Saint Peters Health Partners for donating 500 dollars to Kathleen's favorite charity.

Ben Colley- WNYT- May 23, 2016- 6:00 pm

Our 13 Kids Who Care are local teenagers who volunteer their time to make our communities a better place to live. Ben Colley understands and appreciates the responsibility of giving back to his community, and he continues to do so, even after earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Our thanks to Saint Peters Health Partners for donating 500 dollars to Ben's favorite charity.

Hannah Shoemaker- WNYT- May 30, 2016- 6:00 pm- WNYA- May 30, 2016- 10:00 pm

Our 13 Kids Who Care are local teenagers who volunteer their time to make our communities a better place to live. Hannah Shoemaker has gone from Averill Park High School to Guatemala to help set up a medical clinic. It's part of a partnership with the Glens Falls Medical Mission Foundation. She wants to pursue a nursing career and hopes to return to Guatemala in the future. Our thanks to Saint Peters Health Partners for donating 500 dollars to Hannah's favorite charity.

Scotty VanWormer- WNYT- June 6, 2016- 6:00 pm- WNYA- June 6, 2016- 10:00 pm

Our 13 Kids Who Care are local teenagers who volunteer their time to make our communities a better place to live. Scotty VanWormer began his interest in the volunteer fire service as a member of explorer post at age 15. After vigorous training he is now a full interior firefighter. He plans to study construction at Hudson Valley Community College after he graduates next year. Then, he wants to become a police officer. Our thanks to Saint Peters Health Partners for donating 500 dollars to Scotty's favorite charity.

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Jake Shephard- WNYT- April 3, 2016- 11:00 pm

The Niskayuna Boy's Lacrosse team started its season as defending state champions this past Thursday and one of their captains is taking leadership to another level- off the field. Jake Shephard is our Fidelis Care Athlete of the Week. Shephard's brain works quickly, but his brain also works really well. The Niskayuna senior has a 3.96 GPA. In sports and in life, he finds unique ways to process information and it starts with an equation his dad gave him as a young kid- control your reaction. It's the way Shephard reacts to difficult situations that got him involved in Niskayuna's Warrior Project- a way to shine the light away from some negative perceptions of teenagers to the good student-athletes are doing. Shephard says one of the most rewarding groups he works with at Nisky is the unified sports program. One of the many life lessons he says he's grateful playing sports has taught him. The football and lacrosse star may very well play one or both in college but he will also study either physical therapy or biomedical engineering- a subject in which he already has experience. In their senior research and development class, Shephard and two classmates are designing an apparatus to allow stroke patients to get dressed without the help of others. Shephard is someone who should know a lot about sense of accomplishment.

Maddie Chudy- WNYT- April 5, 2016- 6:00 pm- April 10, 2016- 11:00 pm

When all is said and done, the biggest mark Maddie Chudy leaves behind from her time at Saratoga Springs High School may not be on the basketball court or lacrosse field. Chudy has always had a couple of strong athletic minds at home in her mom and dad who both played basketball in college. That extra push along with being a year-round athlete keeps Chudy focused in all aspects of life. She carries an average better than 100 while taking AP classes. One of the advanced courses the Saratoga Springs senior is taking this year is called EDD- engineering, design and development. Chudy's group is working with a 3-D printer to develop a hand prosthetic. Now in her final season as a Blue Streak, Chudy says she plans to study biomedical engineering and play basketball in college, and as she moves on, she will take a sense of humility with her after volunteering at Saratoga Hospital.

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Giovanni D'Ambro- WNYT- April 12, 2016- 6:00 pm- April 17, 2016- 11:00 pm

This spring Giovanni D'Ambro is putting a cap on a terrific high school career- both athletically and academically. Our Fidelis Care Athlete of the Week is a three sport star who remembers the days when he looked up to high school athletes and it has come full circle. D'Ambro can't remember a time when he didn't feel all of his community's support. He says in a town like Mechanicville, it's cyclical. From youth sports to high school. D'Ambro says ever since he started playing football, basketball and baseball around the age of five, he's gravitated to positions of leadership and through this, his senior year, he has played quarterback, point guard and pitcher. D'Ambro plans to major in exercise science working towards a career in physical therapy. It's something he already has some experience with as a three-sport athlete. Away from sports, D'Ambro volunteers with the youth council at his church and he's a member of National Honor Society.

Isabelle DeChiaro- WNYT- April 19, 2016- 6:00 pm- April 24, 2016- 11:00 pm

Cohoes softball is coming off a big win yesterday in the 10th inning over Ichabod Crane. Isabelle DiChiaro finished with eight strikeouts, but our Fidelis Care Athlete of the Week is much more than the Tigers star pitcher. Rewind four years ago to when DeChiaro was in 7th grade, that's when as a 12-year-old, she got her first taste of varsity softball. Now in her junior season, DeChiaro has developed into a dominant pitcher, one of the best in Section 2. Before beginning her varsity softball career at Cohoes, she broke her ankle playing soccer in the 7th grade, but clearly didn't miss a beat that following spring. There is a maturity DiChiaro has gained by playing with and against older players and she shares that experience with elementary school students through the character ed program.

Tedi DeMaria- WNYT- April 26, 2016- 6:00 pm- May 1, 2016- 11:00 pm

After growing up in gymnastics, Tedi DiMaria has found her most natural sport. Our Fidelis Care Athlete of the Week has broken records both at Bethlehem and in Section 2. Now she has her sights set on a family record, and higher is where DiMaria continues to go. The Bethlehem Central senior is still relatively new to pole vaulting and yet she already has a career-best of 12-8 and three-quarters. She certainly won't stop there with a goal of 13-6 a little down the road. DiMaria first pole vaulted in the summer before her junior year. She has the blood lines for it. Her dad pole vaulted at CBA and they each have an Eddy Meet win but she has something her dad doesn't- a state championship. All of that after transitioning from gymnastics. DiMaria quickly impressed her coach, and she talks herself through each and every jump. She will pole vault at Virginia next year where the current National Honor Society student also plans to study kinesiology.

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Kelsey Cox- WNYT- May 3, 2016- 6:00 pm- May 8, 2016- 11:00 pm- WNYA- May 3, 2016- 10:00 pm

If you spend some time with Guilderland's Kelsey Cox you'll learn quickly that she loves to laugh. She also loves to give the gift of life as a rare blood type. Her play and volunteerism make Cox our Fidelis Care Athlete of the Week. Cox became a lacrosse goalie during 5th grade, it was a little while after that initiation that she became a really good goalie. One year after she started playing lacrosse, Cox joined the Best Buddies program. Now she's the president of the Guilderland Center. This past summer, Cox attended the Best Buddies Leadership Conference in India. The Guilderland senior is also a member of Key Club and Natural Helpers- a community-minded group that, among other things, organizes blood drives. Giving the gift of life also comes with a good kickback and that isn't lost on Cox. Starting in the fall, SUNY Potsdam will become a better place. That's where Cox, an A student, plans to study to be a teacher and where she will play lacrosse.

Elizabeth Pugliese- WNYT- May 10, 2016- 6:00 pm- May 15, 2016- 11:00 pm

Tonight marks an end to another great year of putting the spotlight on some of the best and brightest student-athletes in the Capital Region. Teamed up with Fidelis Care, we've been able to tell 35 of those athlete's stories and tonight we bring that number to 36 with Averill Park's Elizabeth Pugliese. After the Averill Park senior tried a number of different sports, she finally found the right one for her. Synchronizes swimming. It's unique, and that may be the best word to describe the sport Pugliese will compete in at Wheaton College next year. There is a pool of other words tied to synchronized swimming. The soon-to-be biochemistry major is part of a duet team with Alexa Pazienza from Shenendehowa and Pugliese has made a big jump to be with two elite teams- Omega Synchro and New England Synchro. Out of the pool, Pugliese volunteers with the elementary school and she is part of Averill Park's New Visions Program where she has the swimming puns down pat. She says she's interested in the work Regeneron Pharmaceuticals does and she sees herself working in the medicinal chemistry field after college.

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Odyssey of the Mind- WNYT- May 6, 2016- 6:00 pm- WNYA- May 6, 2016- 10:00 pm

Some Ballston Spa students may have to miss school for a few days later this month, but it's for a good reason, the "Odyssey of the Mind" world finals. There are many categories in "Odyssey," ranging from creating a recycling vehicle, to simulating different styles of fishing, to making an Aesop's Fable go viral. That's what these girls did. They came up with a story, engineered their own sets and put on the play. Abby Burke made the costumes. The Ballston Spa team is made up of girls as young as eighth grade all the way up to seniors. After the state finals last month, they qualified for the world finals in Iowa on May 25. As for the competition, it's a lot of thinking on your feet. Good luck girls.

Underwater Robotics- WNYT- May 13, 2016- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm- WNYA- May 13, 2016- 10:00 pm

Middle school students from across the area come to Duaneburg to put their robotic skills to the test. It's the "Sea Perch Regional Challenge," where kids in 6th through 8th grade build underwater robotic ROVs out of common material like PVC, pool noodles and tie wraps.

That gives them skills like soldering and cutting, while learning how motors work and testing buoyancy.

ADK Girls- WNYT- May 17, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- WNYA- May 17, 2016- 10:00 pm

The students taking part in a symposium at SUNY Adirondack have at least two things in common: They all enjoy science. And they're all girls. An experiment about extracting DNA from strawberries is part of an event called Girls Go Stem. There were 80 middle school students involved in hands-on workshops, being encouraged to never stop exploring. The program aims to break down the stereotype. The workshops happen to coincide with Tuesday's news that national testing saw girls perform slightly better than boys when it comes to engineering and technology.

Challenger Learning Center- WNYT- April 1, 2016- 6:00 pm- WNYA- April 1, 2016- 10:00 pm

Fifth graders from Castleton Elementary School are putting science, technology, engineering and math to use. The students used tablets to edit movie presentations of their experiences at the Challenger Learning Center at the Museum of Science and Technology In Schenectady. The presentations demonstrate how lessons from their field trip will extend into their Science and English-Language Arts curricula. The students also wrote original science fiction adventure essays. Principal Jason Chevrier says this is a great way for students to use creativity in sharing STEM stories. Parents and families were invited to the school Friday to watch the presentations.

GE Kid Wind Day- WNYT- April 9, 2016- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm- April 10, 2016- 7:00 am- 8:00 am

More than 100 students from 18 schools across the Capital Region took part in GE's KidWind Challenge Saturday in Schenectady. Over the past several weeks, the students worked in teams to design and build wind turbines from scratch. They put them to the test on Saturday. Saturday's winners, including teams from Broadalbin-Perth and the Albany Academy for Girls, will represent the Capital Region at the national KidWind championship in New Orleans in May.

Little League Field Rehab- WNYT- April 2, 2016- 11:00 pm- April 3, 2016- 7:00 am- 8:00 am
The Troy Central Little League Field is getting a huge makeover. It's thanks to the Leadership Tech Valley class. They're raising 40 thousand dollars to fix it up. The class was out doing the work today. The rehab includes building a new concession stand, new bleachers, fencing, work done on the field, and a new scoreboard.

Hudson Falls Safeguard- WNYT- April 4, 2016- 5:00 am

There is a public forum tonight intended to "protect the children of Hudson Falls." The community forum is called "Safeguarding our Kids," and is scheduled to take place from 6:30-8 p.m. tonight at the Hudson Falls High School auditorium.

Shalmon School Threat- WNYT- April 4, 2016- 5:00 am- 12:00 pm

Rotterdam Police are investigating a threat on social media involving Shalmon High School. In a letter to parents, the Shalmon High School principal says they became aware of a threat on Friday night. It's unclear exactly what that threat was, but they say nothing has been found, and no arrests have been made.

Journey Through Body- WNYT- April 4, 2016- 11:00 pm- April 5, 2016- 5:00 am- 12:00 pm- 5:00 pm- 11:00 pm- April 6, 2016- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm- April 7, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm- WNYA- April 4, 2016- 10:00 pm- April 6, 2016- 10:00 pm- April 7, 2016- 10:00 pm
NewsChannel 13 and Saint Peter's Healthcare Partners are teaming up to offer you and your family a journey through the body. This annual event features interactive exhibits that help teach kids about the body and how to live a healthy lifestyle, while having a great time. It's Friday and Saturday at Crossgates Mall. NewsChannel 13 will be broadcasting live from there on Friday beginning with Live at Five.

NYS Assessment Test- WNYT- April 5, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am- 12:00 pm- 5:00 pm- 11:00 pm- WNYA- April 5, 2016- 10:00 pm

Students have finished up the first round of English Language Arts testing for this year's state assessment tests. Districts are hoping for a lower number of opt outs this year as nearly 20 percent of eligible students statewide chose not to take the test last year. The State Education Department has been working to try and reduce those numbers this year- because federal funding for schools could be on the line. The state has made a number of changes to the tests to reduce stress for students and teachers. The tests are no longer counted towards teacher's evaluations- they are shorter- with no time constraints- and teachers have helped craft the questions on the tests.

NYS Assessment Test- WNYT- April 6, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am

There's a great deal of interest in how the parents of New York school children will react to this week's standardized tests. There was rancor last year when they were referred to as "Common Core Tests." The first round of this year's standardized tests were yesterday but how many opt outs were there? It's been a mixed bag of numbers so far across the Capital District. Some school districts have higher opt out numbers- some are down- but all that we've contacted so far are above the five percent threshold. Of the six districts that got back to us yesterday- Mohonasen was the highest at 43 percent of students grades three through eight opting out of the English Language Arts test. That's down 13 percent from last year.

Schoharie Junior and Senior High School closed early today because there is no heat. The school district tells us there are electrical issues with the high school boilers. They were dismissed at 11. Make up exams will be given on Friday. The elementary school is not having an issue. They will be dismissed at the regular time.

Journey Through the Body- WNYA- April 8, 2016- 10:00 pm

This week we've been telling you all about our annual Journey Through the Body event at Crossgates Mall. It started today and did not disappoint. Hundreds of kids and their families came out to Crossgates to participate in the interactive community health event. Journey Through the Body continues tomorrow at Crossgates Mall. NewsChannel 13 and Saint Peter's Health Partners are teaming up for the event. Kids can explore larger-than-life sized models of the heart, brain, lungs, ear, teeth and more. This gives them an up-close and personal look at how these important parts of the body work and offers little ones a hands on way to learn.

Journey Through Body- WNYT- April 9, 2016- 8:00 am

It's your last chance to bring the kids on a Journey Through the Body today. NewsChannel 13 and Saint Peter's Health Partners have teamed up for the interactive exhibits at Crossgates Mall. It helps teach kids about the body and how to live a healthy lifestyle, while having a great time. The exhibits are available today one last time from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Eagleton School- WNYT- April 9, 2016- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm- April 10, 2016- 7:00 am- 8:00 am- WNYA- April 10, 2016- 10:00 pm

The embattled Eagleton School in Great Barrington, Massachusetts will close its doors for good next week. Our media partners at the Berkshire Eagle report state regulators revoked the school's operating license on Friday. The move comes in the wake of an abuse scandal that led to the arrests of five staff members. Their cases are still pending.

Teddy Bear Day- WNYT- April 10, 2016- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm- WNYA- April 9, 2016- 10:00 pm

Some furry friends were getting their annual check-up at Albany Medical Center. Albany Med students hosted "Teddy Bear Hospital Day" April 9th. Kids were allowed to bring their stuffed side kicks in for an appointment, to make sure everything is a-okay. Organizers say the event allows the students to teach the youngsters about health, nutrition and basic medicine.

Child Credit Reports- WNYT- April 11, 2016- 6:00 pm- WNYA- April 15, 2016- 10:00 pm

Your child probably isn't old enough for a credit card but you may want to check to see if they have a credit report. Just like adults, children can fall victim to identity theft too. It can often go unnoticed by their parents for years. The result can be a child growing up and not finding out something is wrong with their credit history until they've been rejected for a loan.

State Math Test- WNYT- April 12, 2016- 12:00 pm

School districts across New York are gearing up for the math assessment tests tomorrow. The state tests are for grades three through eight. The English tests were last week. The State Education Department has been working to try to reduce the opt-out numbers, because federal funding for schools could be on the line.

Williamstown Flu- WNYT- April 13, 2016- 5:00 pm- April 14, 2016- 5:00 am

In Berkshire County, the Williamstown Elementary School is now closed through Monday because of the flu. The board of health recommended the closure after a high number of students fell ill. The school will be cleaned and sanitized over the next two days in the hopes of stopping the spread of the virus.

Hudson Falls Luring- WNYT- April 14, 2016- 5:00 pm

Hudson Falls Police are continuing to step up patrols as they investigate a girl's report of being accosted at a school bus stop last week. Our media partners at the Post Star newspaper report police so far, have not been able to locate any suspects or witnesses. The girl reported a man with his pants down and asked her if she was at a bus stop. She ran to a nearby home. Nearby surveillance cameras have not helped in the investigation.

Soccer Camp- WNYT- April 15, 2016- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm

NewsChannel 13 is happy to announce the dates for this year's fourth annual WNYT Summer Soccer Camp. It will be held August 1st through 5th at the University at Albany from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. It's for age groups 6-14. Former world cup player Coach John Bramley returns along with help from players from the UAlbany Men's Soccer team. All proceeds benefit the Thomas Patrick Morrison Foundation. You can register by logging onto WNYT dot com and clicking on sports.

Hockenberry Oral Sex- WNYT- April 20, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm

A former Guilderland School District employee is accused of sexually abusing a 3-year-old, at an elementary school playground. Police say 48-year-old James Hockenberry committed an oral sex act with the child at Westmere Elementary on Saturday. Police are making arrangements to have parents talk with someone about their kids encounters with Hockenberry.

School Job Fair- WNYT- April 20, 2016- 12:00 pm

Several local school districts are in need of teachers, bus drivers, custodians and food service workers. They are holding a job fair tomorrow afternoon at the Guilderland High School auditorium. The event runs from 3-7 p.m. You should bring several copies of your resume to hand out.

Hockenberry Latest- WNYT- April 21, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm

Guilderland Police are still encouraging the public to reach out to them as they investigate a case against former school employee James Hockenberry. Police say the 48-year-old had oral sex with a 3-year-old at an elementary school playground. Hockenberry has worked in childcare for the last 30 years. We checked with police today to see if they had been contacted by any other families. They tell us they have received a few calls, but report no new victims.

Soccer Camp- WNYT- April 21, 2016- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm

Just a reminder that the 4th Annual WNYT Soccer Camp is set for the week of August 1st at the University at Albany. It's for ages 6-14. Former World Cup Player Coach John Bramley along with members of the UA men's soccer team will run the camp with proceeds benefitting the Thomas Patrick Morrison Foundation. You can register by logging onto our WNYT website and clicking on sports.

MA College Help- WNYT- April 21, 2016- 6:00 pm- April 22, 2016- 5:00 am- WNYA- April 21, 2016- 10:00 pm

Massachusetts will soon offer tuition rebates to college students who are state residents. The program is called "Commonwealth Commitment." Students will qualify if they begin their studies at a community college and then go on to earn a bachelor's degree at a state university. They'll get a ten percent rebate on tuition and fees each semester, if they maintain a 3.0 GPA or higher.

Mark Hotaling- WNYT- April 22, 2016- 11:00 pm

An employee at a rollerskating rink in Rotterdam is accused of having inappropriate online chats with a 15-year-old girl. Police say 42-year-old Mark Hotaling met the girl at the Rollarama Skate Rink and started a relationship with her. She lives in Guilderland. Hotaling is charged with two felony counts of sending indecent material to a minor.

Schuylerville Elementary- WNYT- April 20, 2016- 5:00 pm
Schuylerville Elementary School is receiving national recognition tonight. It's been named a federal "Green Ribbon" school by the U.S. Department of Education. The award is given to schools that demonstrate excellence in creating energy efficient and sustainable school environments. Schuylerville was the only New York State school honored this year.

Eagleton Charges- WNYT- May 3, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- WNYA- May 3, 2016- 10:00 pm
Nine more employees of the former Eagleton School in Great Barrington are charged in connection with alleged abuse of students. Our news partners at the Berkshire Eagle report eight were arraigned today- but the ninth didn't show up. In all, 16 people have been charged. The residential school for boys with special needs was shut down last month after the investigation.

Child Care Centers- WNYT- May 4, 2016- 5:00 pm- May 5, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am
Governor Cuomo is proposing tougher standards and oversight for child care centers across the state. That includes increased fines for violations. It would also expand the state's rights to suspend or revoke a center's license to a wider range of violations. The governor says these reforms would help give parents peace of mind that their children are in good hands.

Stop DWI Albany- WNYT- May 4, 2016- 12:00 pm- 6:00 pm
Car accidents are the leading cause of death among teenagers in New York State. In 2014, there were 213 fatal crashes involving young drivers. Today, the Albany County Sheriff's Department, the DMV and the state's "Teen Safe Driving Coalition" want to raise awareness. They say often young drivers are distracted by talking to passengers, talking on the phone, or texting. May is Teen Safe Driving Month. For more information on the initiative- go to our website WNYT dot com.

Car Seat Check- WNYT- May 5, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am
There is a free car seat safety check today. It's at the Elm Avenue Park in Bethlehem from 3-6 p.m. The rate of seats installed incorrectly is alarmingly high. During Child Passenger Safety Week Governor Cuomo said 88 percent of the seats inspected were not installed properly.

Heroin Billboard- WNYT- May 5, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am- 12:00 pm- 6:00 pm- WNYA- May 5, 2016- 10:00 pm
Some high school students in Colonie are taking a stand against drugs- hoping to help save lives. Today, students from Colonie Central High School unveiled an anti-heroin billboard at the intersection of Central and Route 155. One former student, who struggled with heroin for two years, was there for the unveiling. She hopes the billboard will send a message to anyone considering trying the drug.

Coach Suspended- WNYT- May 5, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm
The varsity boy's lacrosse coach at Saratoga Springs High School has been suspended. According to the school district, Jon Warner used inappropriate language towards players in violation of the coaching handbook. Two assistant coaches will run the team in Warner's absence. Warner is also a science teacher at Saratoga Springs High School. His suspension from coaching does not affect his status as a teacher.

Saratoga Scanner- WNYT- May 5, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm -WNYA-May 5, 2016- 10 pm
Some Saratoga bars are spending big bucks to get smart against underage drinking. Caroline Street Pub, and the Reserve have installed the next generation in fake ID detection. It's a scanner that scours every pixel of the front and back of ID cards. The bars spent more than five thousand dollars for the equipment and hundreds more for updates, but they say it's definitely worth the investment. Saratoga Police say they're impressed with the technology, and they want to remind young people that using a fake ID could lead to a felony arrest.

Child Abuse Prevention- WNYA- May 5, 2016- 10:00 pm

People who help protect children were honored in Berkshire County. The annual Unity Breakfast was held this morning in Pittsfield. It recognizes the work being done to reduce and prevent child abuse and neglect. District Attorney David Capeless says the county has a high number of reported cases- which he says is a good thing.

Little League Coach Arrest- WNYT- May 5, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am- 11:00 pm

There was a dark cloud hovering over the Cohoes Little League fields Thursday night that had nothing to do with the weather. It's a cloud of suspicion, within an atmosphere of community wide concern, that formed after the arrest of 34-year-old George Munzio Junior, a volunteer Little League coach, who, according to federal authorities, had a collection of more than 100 videos of child pornography on his laptop computer, when they raided his house on Central Avenue earlier this week. Munzio's aunt Deboarh Vore says she just can't put together the sordid allegations with the nephew she knows and loves.

Mother's Day Breakfast- WNYT- May 6, 2016- 6:00 pm

There was a special Mother's Day celebration this morning at School 14 in Troy. Students at the Elementary School got to eat breakfast with their mothers and pick out free books to take home. The school has a program to encourage a love of reading. NewsChannel 13's Kumi Tucker was the featured speaker at today's event.

Albany HS Mock DWI- WNYT- May 6, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am

Albany High School students will get a real life glimpse at how making bad choices can have dire consequences. With proms coming the school is bringing a simulator to show students what it's like to get behind the wheel after drinking. The six-hour high impact program will show real life situations to students. Simulators will also show students how distracted you are while texting and driving.

Double H Fundraiser- WNYT- May 6, 2016- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm- WNYA- May 6, 2016- 10:00 pm

More than 300 people turned out at the Sagamore Resort for tonight's Chef's Dinner Fundraiser to keep the magic going at the Double-H Ranch in Lake Luzerne. The organization provides camp and fun activities for kids battling life-threatening illnesses. All the money raised tonight will help bring happiness to kids who health is in jeopardy. Thousands of dollars were raised tonight. It's also the reason why our news anchor Jessica Layton isn't on the air tonight- she and her husband Andrew were masters of ceremony for the event.

Albany PD Bike Rodeo- WNYT- May 7, 2016- 11:00 pm- May 8, 2016- 7:00 am- 8:00 am- WNYA- May 7, 2016- 10:00 pm

It was a nice day for a bike ride, and in Albany today, 10 lucky kids rode off with brand new sets of wheels. The Albany Police Athletic League today held its first Bike Rodeo of the season. The event kicks off National Bike Month with helmet giveaways, skills courses, and bike inspections. The goal is to teach kids about bike safety in a fun way. This is the first of three Bike Rodeo's that will be held this season.

Huck Finns Playland Open- WNYT- May 7, 2016- 11:00 pm- May 8, 2016- 7:00 am- 8:00 am

If you're looking for some family fun, Huck Finn's Playland is open for business. The park will be open every weekend this month from noon to 9 p.m. on Saturdays, and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays. Starting May 27th, the park will be open daily. In honor of Mother's Day tomorrow, all moms will ride free when riding with their child.

North Adams Computers- WNYT- May 9, 2016- 10:00 pm
North Adams schools are hoping to increase access to technology. The district is buying 500 new computers. Our news partners at the Berkshire Eagle report 360 of the computers will be used directly by students. iPads are also being used at the districts three elementary schools.

Albany County Youth- WNYT- May 10, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am
Albany County Sheriff Craig Apple has been eager to transfer some more money to preventing young people from getting involved in crime. Last night the county legislature moved that money- 375 thousand dollars. To prevent youth violence, raise awareness about heroin and other drugs and help build character.

Raise the Age- WNYT- May 10, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am- 5:00 pm
Advocates for raising the age of criminal responsibility also say children make bad choices. Mothers urging Governor Cuomo and the New York State Legislature to raise the age will come to Albany today. They want the age criminal suspects are treated as adults to be raised above the present 16 years old. The advocates say teenagers mature when they reach their 20's and children treated as adults in the criminal system have a much greater chance of criminal behavior when they're adults. New York is one of two states, including North Carolina, where 16-year-olds are automatically charged as adults. Advocates of the change say studies show the trend is bad of juveniles and society.

Ballston Spa Lockout- WNYT- May 10, 2016- 5:00 pm
The Ballston Spa School District was placed on lock-out today while police searched for a man they say assaulted an officer. The sheriff's department says they were searching for the suspect along the train tracks, not far from the school. The district issued the lock-out as a precaution.

Rodney Burnette- WNYT- May 11, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am
The man who cause a lockdown at Ballston Spa Schools is in jail this morning. Police tell NewsChannel 13 it started with 27-year-old Rodney Brunette being spotted on Route 50 yelling at traffic and waving a stick. When a police officer approached him, he tried to punch the officer, and made some alarming comments. Officers chased him through the woods.

Niskayuna School Lead in Water- WNYT- May 11, 2016- 5pm- 6:00 pm- 11p- May 12, 2016- 5:00 am
The Niskayuna School District is testing its drinking water for lead. Two samples were taken yesterday at Glenclyff Elementary School. Water from a drinking fountain was within acceptable limits set by the EPA, but water from a faucet in the school's kitchen had elevated levels of lead. That faucet will be replaced and bottled water will be available at school while all water sources are tested.

Pop Warner No Kickoffs- WNYT- May 12, 2016- 11:00 pm
Pop Warner is getting rid of kickoffs in its three youngest divisions. The youth football organization says it wants to reduce the number of full-speed, head-on collisions during games. The new rule will apply to the Tiny Mite, Mitey Mite and Junior Pee Wee divisions. Pop Warner will also spend less time dedicated to full contact drills.

New Taconic High- WNYT- May 13, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm- May 14, 2016- 8:00 am- WNYA- May 13, 2016- 10:00 pm
Construction has started on the new 120-million dollar Taconic High School in Pittsfield. The three story building will take three years to complete. It's right across the street from the existing high school, which opened in 1969. The state of the art school will maximize natural light, and have solar panels on the roof. The biggest change, is the integration of the vocational and academic classrooms.

Transgender School Policy- WNYT- May 13, 2016- 12:00 pm- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm
It's the bathroom conversation that's being heard from the oval office to every high school principal's office in America. The president's controversial ruling on transgender students and bathrooms. Those opposed to President Obama's bathroom directive insist it has nothing to do with transgender bias, it has everything to do with keeping the president- and his policies- out of your child's school bathroom. A letter was sent to every school district in America that orders them to allow transgender students to use the bathrooms of the gender with which they identify with. For school districts that don't comply, they could face legal action or a loss of federal funding. Texas Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick maintains the federal government has no business in local bathrooms. However, Watervliet Superintendent Lori Caplan says even though her district has had a policy in place since January, no one has exercised it yet. She also believes what people should be focusing on is celebrating diversity, but in other parts of the country, the issue has caused an uproar. Schenectady Superintendent Larry Spring says transgender students using the nurses' office seems to work in his district, and he believes all of his students are treated with dignity and sensitivity.

Vanderheyden Gala- WNYT- May 13, 2016- 11pm- May 14, 2016- 8:00a- WNYA-May 13, 2016- 10:pm
It was a night to remember for some local teenagers from Venderheyden Hall in Wynantskill. Last night was the first ever "Royal Gala" at the Poestenkill Fire Company. The event was along the same lines as a prom. It's something many people going to Vanderheyden would not get to experience otherwise. The facility helps kids who've had a difficult up-bringing as well as students with special needs.

Graduations- WNYA- May 14, 216- 10:00 pm

Thousands of local college students accepted their diplomas today. The College of Saint Rose, Hudson Valley Community College, and the Sage colleges all held graduations today. UAlbany also held ceremonies for its graduate students. We wish the best of luck to all graduates.

Clifton Park Graffiti- WNYT- May 14, 2016- 11:00 pm- May 15, 2016- 7:00 am- 8:00 am- WNYA- May 14, 2016- 10:00 pm

A Saratoga County park covered in graffiti. Vulgar, offensive, and nonsensical graffiti cover Clifton Gardens in Clifton Park. Now there are gay slurs and plenty of phallic symbols where kids play. The Losees take the trail through the woods to get here, and 10-year-old Arcangelo is far wiser than the vandals, he says it's not fair. The n-word and other things cover a fence across Elm Street from the park. The owner was so angry he installed cameras. Mailboxes were tagged too.

Clifton Park Graffiti- WNYT- May 16, 2016- 11:00 pm- WNYA- May 16, 2016- 10:00 pm

Graffiti that covered a popular playground in Clifton Park has now been cleaned up. The Saratoga County Sheriff's Office says just about every piece of equipment in the playground at Clifton Gardens was spray painted Friday night. There were anti-gay slurs and inappropriate images. Someone also spray painted a private fence and some mailboxes just outside the park last week.

School Budget Votes- WNYT- May 17, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am

School budgets are up for public approval across New York state today. Most polls will open in the Capital Region from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. today, but check with your school district. There are also school board elections and some libraries will present their budgets to voters. A survey by the Siena Research Institute and New York State Association of School Business Officials indicates "66-percent of New Yorkers believe their school districts provide quality education at a reasonable cost to taxpayers."

School Closing- WNYT- May 17, 2016- 12:00 pm

A water main break is forcing Donald P. Sutherland Elementary School to close early. The East Greenbush School District says the water main break is in the Town of Nassau. Students will be dismissed at 12:10 p.m. The school budget voting is on and open as scheduled.

School Budget Votes- WNYT- May 17, 2016- 12:00 pm- 5:00 pm- 11:00 pm- WNYA- May 17, 2016- 10:00 pm

This is the day that school budgets get voted on across New York state. There are also school board elections and some public libraries are having their budgets decided by voters as well. The polls in most school districts are open until 9 p.m. To find out where you can vote, go to your school's website. NewsChannel 13 will post the results, as they come in, on our website WNYT dot com.

School Budgets- WNYT- May 18, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am- 5:00 pm

A big win across the board for schools in New York. The state School Boards Association reports nearly 99 percent of school budgets passed last night. Only seven budgets were defeated out of the 505 that were voted on. None of the budgets in the Capital Region were rejected.

Bennington Hazmat- WNYT- May 18, 2016- 5:00 pm

A school science experiment backfired, sending two students and a teacher to the hospital. Bennington Police say the three were exposed to nitrous dioxide while conducting an experiment at Grace Christian School. The remaining staff and students were evacuated while fire crews ventilated the building.

School Lead- WNYT- May 18, 2016- 5:00 pm

Lead has been found in another local school district- this time in Amsterdam. The school district says tests show elevated levels of lead in water samples at Barkley, Marie Curie and Tecler Elementary Schools. It was found in both drinking fountains and sink faucets, but not in the school cafeterias or kitchens. The district is now providing bottled water to all students and staff. This follows the recent discovery of lead at an elementary school in Niskayuna.

Car Seat Safety Check- WNYA- May 18, 2016- 10:00 pm- May 20, 2016- 10:00 pm- WNYT- May 20, 2016- 6:00 pm

Pittsfield and Dalton Police will be hosting a free car seat safety checkpoint on Sunday. The check will be held from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Center Parking Lot at Berkshire Crossing. It will take about 10 minutes to have your new car seat installed by professionals on site.

Colonie Child Abduction Drill- WNYT- May 26, 2016- 12:00 pm- 5:00 pm

It's every parent's worst nightmare. Your child- abducted and nowhere to be found. That was the premise of this morning's "drill" in Colonie. The phone call came in, first thing this morning that 14-year-old Megan Powers is missing. Dozens and dozens of police officers are now on the scene on Aspen Road, where a witness reports seeing a teen girl struggle with a man.

Vascular Surgeons- WNYT- May 31, 2016- 5:00 pm- WNYA- May 31, 2016- 10:00 pm

Dr. Manish Mehta is a vascular surgeon in Queensbury. He hopes lessons to students at Shenendehowa High School will mean less work for him down the road. That's because he's schooling them in the ABC's of vascular disease and how to prevent it. Dr. Mehta's been developing the project for some time. He collaborated with biology teacher Gina Barnum to bring his team to the school. One look around the class and you know they're listening. They've brought into the message that their lives depend on the information. Before the school day is out some 900 students will hear the lesson, a lesson aimed at empowering teens to make changes in their lives.

Child Seat Safety Check- WNYT- May 31, 2016- 12:00 pm- 6:00 pm

Albany County is hosting its 19th Annual Child Safety Seat Check. It's this Friday, June 3rd, in the Sears parking lot at Colonie Center. More than 55 technicians will be on hand from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. and it's free. Since 1998, over two-thousand car seats have been inspected. Only 89 have been installed correctly.

Real Life Kindergarten Cop- WNYT- June 2, 2016- 5:00 am

A Massachusetts boy's call to 911 after his dad ran a red light is going viral. Jonathan Choe spoke with the tiny crime fighter and his father, who says it was all a misunderstanding. Robbie Richardson is one of those precocious kids who likes to follow the rules. Last week, his respect for traffic lights almost got his dad in trouble with the law. After driving home together from the store, the 6-year-old called 911 from his parent's cordless phone. Quincy Police posted the call on social media and it's turned into a big hit. Robbie's dad Mike Richardson says he didn't break any traffic laws, he took a right on red. The police dispatcher eventually spoke to dad and determined everything was fine.

Car Seat Check- WNYT- June 3, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am

One of the biggest car seat checks in the Capital Region takes place today. It's at Colonie Center at the Sears parking lot. More than 55 car seat experts will be there starting at 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. It is free. You can stop off during that time and make sure your baby's car seat is installed correctly. Since 1998, more than 2000 car seats have been inspected at this event. Only 89 have been installed correctly.

Car Seat Check- WNYT- June 3, 2016- 5:00 pm- WNYA- June 3, 2016- 10:00 pm

Summer vacation is here- so it's important to make sure your children are riding safely in the car. Albany County hosted its 19th annual child safety seat check today at Colonie Center. Certified technicians were on hand to show drivers how to make sure their child's car seats are installed correctly. More often, than not, there's a problem. Since 1998, the county says, more than 2000 car seats have been inspected. Only 89 were installed correctly.

Cantina Kids Fun Run- WNYT- June 5, 2016- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm

Hundreds of kids laced up their soggy running shoes today to help out other kids. The 9th annual Cantina Kids Fun Run was held this morning at Congress Park in Saratoga Springs. The run was started by the owners of the Cantina Restaurant in 2008 to support pediatric emergency care services at Saratoga Hospital. Organizers say the weather couldn't stop people from coming out and having fun. The event is believed to be the only run in our area exclusively for kids. Since it began, it's raised more than 280-thousand-dollars.

Wilton Playground- WNYT- June 8, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- WNYA- June 8, 2016- 10:00 pm

Type 2 Batten Disease took Kaitlin Bowman's sight and ability to walk and talk, but her mother says nothing can take her compassion. Others having fun is their goal. For the better part of two years, they raised 100-thousand dollars to get an accessible playground built at Wilton's Gavin Park. Kids with Batten Disease rarely live past 12. Kaitlin will be 11 in August. She had pneumonia recently and Becky feared she might lose her before their dream came true. But now it is done. They'll soon put up the sign for Kaitlin's Korner, and all who visit here will learn the story of the little girl who inspired it. The official grand opening of Kaitlin's Korner is July 23rd. Like the playground itself, it will have something for everyone- face painting, inflatables, food trucks, and god willing, the little girl who inspired it all will be right in the middle of the fun.

Disabilities of graduation- WNYT- June 14, 2016- 6:00 pm

New York is changing its graduation requirements for high school students with disabilities. The Board of Regents adopted rules today that will let those students earn a local diploma even if they don't pass five regents exams. They must pass the English and math exams and show proficiency in the other three subjects. The rules become effective June 20th, in time for this year's senior class.

Bailey Wind- WNYT- June 16, 2016- 5:00 am

Bailey Wind is a fighter. She is being honored this morning for her strength and perseverance. The Shaker High School grad just received an award for student athletes who have overcome significant hurdles to achieve academic success while still participating in a sport. The award cites Wind's strength to stick with the dive team at the University of Tennessee while still dealing with the emotional and physical pain from a horrible accident she was in. Wind was seriously injured in December 2012 when a drunk Dennis Drue slammed into her car, killing her boyfriend and friend.

Summer Meals- WNYA- June 26, 2016- 10:00 pm

Schenectady is making sure all city children have access to food this summer. The city's 22nd annual summer meal program kicks off tomorrow. Kids who qualify for free or reduced price meals in school will be able to get breakfast and lunch throughout the summer from a variety of meal sites and mobile meal vans. The city says last year they fed more than two thousand kids and teens a day. If you want a list of all the city's meal sites, you can go to our website, WNYT dot com and click on News Links.

Teen Summer Sleep- WNYT- June 27, 2016- 6:00 am

Many teenagers just beginning summer break are enjoying the luxury of sleeping late, but should parents let them? A sleep expert at Cleveland Clinic says- the answer lies somewhere in between. She says teenagers should just be allowed maybe one or two hours of extra sleep. At the same time, they shouldn't be allowed to sleep until noon because it will become difficult to get back on track when school starts in the fall. You can tell us your opinion on my Facebook page- Phil Bayly WNYT.

Soccer Camp- WNYT- June 27, 2016- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm- June 28, 2016- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm- June 29, 2016- 6:00 pm- June 30, 2016- 11:00 pm

If you haven't signed your kids up for camp yet, consider our fourth annual WNYT Soccer Camp hosted by former World Cup Coach John Bramley and NewsChannel 13. You can register by logging onto our WNYT web site and clicking on Sports. It's the week of August 1st at the University at Albany.

Cohoes Youth Center- WNYT- June 29, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm- WNYA- June 29, 2016- 10:00 pm

Dunkin' Donuts is giving some dough to help a local church start a youth center. It's the vision of Pastor Wendell Williams and his wife Dona at Good Ground Family Church in Cohoes. They've been working on the Connect Center for Youth for years, relying on volunteer labor and donations. They need 75-thousand dollars for the next phase of the project. It will include a basketball court, weight room and homework room. Dunkin' Donuts is donating five-grand and putting collection boxes on their counters at dozens of locations throughout the area. If all goes as planned, the center will open sometime next year. If all goes as planned, if faith prevails, Pastor Wendell's vision will come to fruition next year.

Little League Field Rehab- WNYT- April 2, 2016- 11:00 pm- April 3, 2016- 7:00 am- 8:00 am

The Troy Central Little League Field is getting a huge makeover. It's thanks to the Leadership Tech Valley class. They're raising 40 thousand dollars to fix it up. The class was out doing the work today. The rehab includes building a new concession stand, new bleachers, fencing, work done on the field, and a new scoreboard.

Hudson Falls Safeguard- WNYT- April 4, 2016- 5:00 am

There is a public forum tonight intended to "protect the children of Hudson Falls." The community forum is called "Safeguarding our Kids," and is scheduled to take place from 6:30- 8 p.m. tonight at the Hudson Falls High School auditorium.

Schalmont School Threat- WNYT- April 4, 2016- 5:00 am- 12:00 pm

Rotterdam Police are investigating a threat on social media involving Schalmont High School. In a letter to parents, the Schalmont High School principal says they became aware of a threat on Friday night. It's unclear exactly what that threat was, but they say nothing has been found, and no arrests have been made.

Journey Through Body- WNYT- April 4, 2016- 11:00 pm- April 5, 2016- 5:00 am- 12:00 pm- 5:00 pm- 11:00 pm- April 6, 2016- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm- April 7, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm- WNYA- April 4, 2016- 10:00 pm- April 6, 2016- 10:00 pm- April 7, 2016- 10:00 pm

NewsChannel 13 and Saint Peter's Healthcare Partners are teaming up to offer you and your family a journey through the body. This annual event features interactive exhibits that help teach kids about the body and how to live a healthy lifestyle, while having a great time. It's Friday and Saturday at Crossgates Mall. NewsChannel 13 will be broadcasting live from there on Friday beginning with Live at Five.

NYS Assessment Test- WNYT- April 5, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am- 12:00 pm- 5:00 pm- 11:00 pm- WNYA- April 5, 2016- 10:00 pm

Students have finished up the first round of English Language Arts testing for this year's state assessment tests. Districts are hoping for a lower number of opt outs this year as nearly 20 percent of eligible students statewide chose not to take the test last year. The State Education Department has been working to try and reduce those numbers this year- because federal funding for schools could be on the line. The state has made a number of changes to the tests to reduce stress for students and teachers. The tests are no longer counted towards teacher's evaluations- they are shorter- with no time constraints- and teachers have helped craft the questions on the tests. The Federal Department of Education sent a letter to the State Education Department in December saying that if the state doesn't get participation numbers above 95 percent- the federal government could withhold or redirect part or all of the state's Title One funds and that has local superintendents worried.

NYS Assessment Test- WNYT- April 6, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am

There's a great deal of interest in how the parents of New York school children will react to this week's standardized tests. There was rancor last year when they were referred to as "Common Core Tests." The first round of this year's standardized tests were yesterday but how many opt outs were there? It's been a mixed bag of numbers so far across the Capital District. Some school districts have higher opt out numbers- some are down- but all that we've contacted so far are above the five percent threshold. Of the six districts that got back to us yesterday- Mohonasen was the highest at 43 percent of students grades three through eight opting out of the English Language Arts test. That's down 13 percent from last year. Bethlehem had 22 percent of students opting out this year- a three percent increase over last year. Other districts included Amsterdam at 29 percent opting out- Shenendehowa at 14 percent opting out and Niskayuna at 10 percent opting out. These are just preliminary numbers- the tests run through Thursday so they may rise and then the Math assessments are next week. A reason schools are concerned is because of a letter sent by the US Department of Education to the New York State Department of Education. That letter said that any state with participation rates lower than 95 percent two years in a row could face a loss in federal education funds. New York had about 20 percent of students opt out last year- and this year's numbers look to be higher than five percent as well. Local superintendents have said a loss in federal funding would be devastating.

Schoharie School Closing Early- WNYT- April 6, 2016- 12:00 pm

Schoharie Junior and Senior High School closed early today because there is no heat. The school district tells us there are electrical issues with the high school boilers. They were dismissed at 11. Make up exams will be given on Friday. The elementary school is not having an issue. They will be dismissed at the regular time.

Journey Through the Body- WNYA- April 8, 2016- 10:00 pm

This week we've been telling you all about our annual Journey Through the Body event at Crossgates Mall. It started today and did not disappoint. Hundreds of kids and their families came out to Crossgates to participate in the interactive community health event. Journey Through the Body continues tomorrow at Crossgates Mall. NewsChannel 13 and Saint Peter's Health Partners are teaming up for the event. Kids can explore larger-than-life sized models of the heart, brain, lungs, ear, teeth and more. This gives them an up-close and personal look at how these important parts of the body work and offers little ones a hands on way to learn.

Journey Through Body- WNYT- April 9, 2016- 8:00 am

It's your last chance to bring the kids on a Journey Through the Body today. NewsChannel 13 and Saint Peter's Health Partners have teamed up for the interactive exhibits at Crossgates Mall. It helps teach kids about the body and how to live a healthy lifestyle, while having a great time. The exhibits are available today one last time from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Eagleton School- WNYT- April 9, 2016- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm- April 10, 2016- 7:00 am- 8:00 am- WNYA- April 10, 2016- 10:00 pm

The embattled Eagleton School in Great Barrington, Massachusetts will close its doors for good next week. Our media partners at the Berkshire Eagle report state regulators revoked the school's operating license on Friday. The move comes in the wake of an abuse scandal that led to the arrests of five staff members. Their cases are still pending.

Teddy Bear Day- WNYT- April 10, 2016- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm- WNYA- April 9, 2016- 10:00 pm

Some furry friends were getting their annual check-up at Albany Medical Center. Albany Med students hosted "Teddy Bear Hospital Day" April 9th. Kids were allowed to bring their stuffed side kicks in for an appointment, to make sure everything is a-okay. Organizers say the event allows the students to teach the youngsters about health, nutrition and basic medicine.

Child Credit Reports- WNYT- April 11, 2016- 6:00 pm- WNYA- April 15, 2016- 10:00 pm

Your child probably isn't old enough for a credit card but you may want to check to see if they have a credit report. Just like adults, children can fall victim to identity theft too. It can often go unnoticed by their parents for years. The result can be a child growing up and not finding out something is wrong with their credit history until they've been rejected for a loan.

We Care Kits- WNYT- April 12, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am- 11:00 pm- WNYA- April 12, 2016- 10:00 pm

UAlbany is helping sexual assault victims in a way you may have never thought about. Hundreds of students were putting together care packages at the SEFCU arena tonight. Each package contains clothing, toiletries, and a teddy bear. When sexual assault victims are taken to the hospital for a forensic evaluation, they leave without their clothes because they're kept for testing and as evidence.

State Math Test- WNYT- April 12, 2016- 12:00 pm

School districts across New York are gearing up for the math assessment tests tomorrow. The state tests are for grades three through eight. The English tests were last week. The State Education Department has been working to try to reduce the opt-out numbers, because federal funding for schools could be on the line. As with last week's exams, the tests no longer count towards teacher evaluations. They're shorter, with no time constraints and teachers have helped craft the questions on the tests. The math tests are tomorrow through Friday.

UMass Divestment- WNYT- April 13, 2016- 12:00 pm

for the investment. MAass has an endowment of 770 million dollars.

Williamstown Flu- WNYT- April 13, 2016- 5:00 pm- April 14, 2016- 5:00 am

In Berkshire County, the Williamstown Elementary School is now closed through Monday because of the flu. The board of health recommended the closure after a high number of students fell ill. The school will be cleaned and sanitized over the next two days in the hopes of stopping the spread of the virus.

Hudson Falls Luring- WNYT- April 14, 2016- 5:00 pm

Hudson Falls Police are continuing to step up patrols as they investigate a girl's report of being accosted at a school bus stop last week. Our media partners at the Post Star newspaper report police so far, have not been able to locate any suspects or witnesses. The girl reported a man with his pants down and asked her if she was at a bus stop. She ran to a nearby home. Nearby surveillance cameras have not helped in the investigation.

Soccer Camp- WNYT- April 15, 2016- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm

NewsChannel 13 is happy to announce the dates for this year's fourth annual WNYT Summer Soccer Camp. It will be held August 1st through 5th at the University at Albany from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. It's for age groups 6-14. Former world cup player Coach John Bramley returns along with help from players from the UAlbany Men's Soccer team. All proceeds benefit the Thomas Patrick Morrison Foundation. You can register by logging onto WNYT dot com and clicking on sports.

Hockenberry Oral Sex- WNYT- April 20, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm

A former Guilderland School District employee is accused of sexually abusing a 3-year-old, at an elementary school playground. Police say 48-year-old James Hockenberry committed an oral sex act with the child at Westmere Elementary on Saturday. We're told he used to babysit for the victim's family. Hockenberry has worked in childcare for the last 30 years. Police are worried there could be more victims. They're making arrangements to have parents talk with someone about their kids encounters with Hockenberry.

School Job Fair- WNYT- April 20, 2016- 12:00 pm

Several local school districts are in need of teachers, bus drivers, custodians and food service workers. They are holding a job fair tomorrow afternoon at the Guilderland High School auditorium. The event runs from 3-7 p.m. You should bring several copies of your resume to hand out.

Hockenberry Latest- WNYT- April 21, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm

Guilderland Police are still encouraging the public to reach out to them as they investigate a case against former school employee James Hockenberry. Police say the 48-year-old had oral sex with a 3-year-old at an elementary school playground. Hockenberry has worked in childcare for the last 30 years. We checked with police today to see if they had been contacted by any other families. They tell us they have received a few calls, but report no new victims.

Soccer Camp- WNYT- April 21, 2016- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm

Just a reminder that the 4th Annual WNYT Soccer Camp is set for the week of August 1st at the University at Albany. It's for ages 6-14. Former World Cup Player Coach John Bramley along with members of the UA men's soccer team will run the camp with proceeds benefitting the Thomas Patrick Morrison Foundation. You can register by logging onto our WNYT website and clicking on sports.

MA College Help- WNYT- April 21, 2016- 6:00 pm- April 22, 2016- 5:00 am- WNYA- April 21, 2016- 10:00 pm

Massachusetts will soon offer tuition rebates to college students who are state residents. The program is called "Commonwealth Commitment." Students will qualify if they begin their studies at a community college and then go on to earn a bachelor's degree at a state university. They'll get a ten percent rebate on tuition and fees each semester, if they maintain a 3.0 GPA or higher.

Mark Hotaling- WNYT- April 22, 2016- 11:00 pm

An employee at a rollerskating rink in Rotterdam is accused of having inappropriate online chats with a 15-year-old girl. Police say 42-year-old Mark Hotaling met the girl at the Rollarama Skate Rink and started a relationship with her. She lives in Guilderland. Hotaling is charged with two felony counts of sending indecent material to a minor. He was arraigned and sent to the Albany County Jail on 25-thousand-dollars bail. Authorities say there could be more charges. Anyone with information about him should call Guilderland Police.

HVCC Catering- WNYT- April 27, 2016- 6:00 pm

Students at Hudson Valley Community College in Troy will soon have more food choices. Starting next month, Mazzone Hospitality will take over food service and catering on campus. The college has a main food court and coffee bar in the campus center and coffee stations in three other buildings. Mazzone will take over these facilities and launch new services in the fall.

Schuylerville Elementary- WNYT- April 28, 2016- 5:00 pm

Schuylerville Elementary School is receiving national recognition tonight. It's been named a federal "Green Ribbon" school by the U.S. Department of Education. The award is given to schools that demonstrate excellence in creating energy efficient and sustainable school environments. Schuylerville was the only New York State school honored this year.

Eagleton Charges- WNYT- May 3, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- WNYA- May 3, 2016- 10:00 pm

Nine more employees of the former Eagleton School in Great Barrington are charged in connection with alleged abuse of students. Our news partners at the Berkshire Eagle report eight were arraigned today- but the ninth didn't show up. In all, 16 people have been charged. The residential school for boys with special needs was shut down last month after the investigation.

Child Care Centers- WNYT- May 4, 2016- 5:00 pm- May 5, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am

Governor Cuomo is proposing tougher standards and oversight for child care centers across the state. That includes increased fines for violations. It would also expand the state's rights to suspend or revoke a center's license to a wider range of violations. The governor says these reforms would help give parents peace of mind that their children are in good hands.

Stop DWI Albany- WNYT- May 4, 2016- 12:00 pm- 6:00 pm

Car accidents are the leading cause of death among teenagers in New York State. In 2014, there were 213 fatal crashes involving young drivers. Today, the Albany County Sheriff's Department, the DMV and the state's "Teen Safe Driving Coalition" want to raise awareness. They say often young drivers are distracted by talking to passengers, talking on the phone, or texting. May is Teen Safe Driving Month. For more information on the initiative- go to our website WNYT dot com.

Car Seat Check- WNYT- May 5, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am

There is a free car seat safety check today. It's at the Elm Avenue Park in Bethlehem from 3-6 p.m. The rate of seats installed incorrectly is alarmingly high. During Child Passenger Safety Week Governor Cuomo said 88 percent of the seats inspected were not installed properly.

Heroin Billboard- WNYT- May 5, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am- 12:00 pm- 6:00 pm- WNYA- May 5, 2016- 10:00 pm

Some high school students in Colonie are taking a stand against drugs- hoping to help save lives. Today, students from Colonie Central High School unveiled an anti-heroin billboard at the intersection of Central and Route 155. One former student, who struggled with heroin for two years, was there for the unveiling. She hopes the billboard will send a message to anyone considering trying the drug.

Coach Suspended- WNYT- May 5, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm

from coaching does not affect his status as a teacher.

Saratoga Scanner- WNYT- May 5, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm -WNYA- May 5, 2016- 10:00 pm

Some Saratoga bars are spending big bucks to get smart against underage drinking. Caroline Street Pub, and the Reserve have installed the next generation in fake ID detection. It's a scanner that scours every pixel of the front and back of ID cards. The bars spent more than five thousand dollars for the equipment and hundreds more for updates, but they say it's definitely worth the investment. Saratoga Police say they're impressed with the technology, and they want to remind young people that using a fake ID could lead to a felony arrest.

Child Abuse Prevention- WNYA- May 5, 2016- 10:00 pm

People who help protect children were honored in Berkshire County. The annual Unity Breakfast was held this morning in Pittsfield. It recognizes the work being done to reduce and prevent child abuse and neglect. District Attorney David Capeless says the county has a high number of reported cases- which he says is a good thing.

Little League Coach Arrest- WNYT- May 5, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am- 11:00 pm

There was a dark cloud hovering over the Cohoes Little League fields Thursday night that had nothing to do with the weather. It's a cloud of suspicion, within an atmosphere of community wide concern, that formed after the arrest of 34-year-old George Munzio Junior, a volunteer Little League coach, who, according to federal authorities, had a collection of more than 100 videos of child pornography on his laptop computer, when they raided his house on Central Avenue earlier this week. Munzio's aunt Deboarh Vore says she just can't put together the sordid allegations with the nephew she knows and loves. Attorney Lee Kindlon says his client realizes the seriousness of the charges, but says a lot of good people make mistakes. Authorities say Munzio didn't appear to know any of the victims, and Cohoes Little Leagues were not affected. It was last November when federal agents began monitoring internet trafficking of underaged girls depicted in sexualized videos. Last month Time Warner pointed those agents toward the subscriber who was assigned to the local internet address where those videos wound up.

Mother's Day Breakfast- WNYT- May 6, 2016- 6:00 pm

There was a special Mother's Day celebration this morning at School 14 in Troy. Students at the Elementary School got to eat breakfast with their mothers and pick out free books to take home. The school has a program to encourage a love of reading. NewsChannel 13's Kumi Tucker was the featured speaker at today's event.

Albany HS Mock DWI- WNYT- May 6, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am

Albany High School students will get a real life glimpse at how making bad choices can have dire consequences. With proms coming the school is bringing a simulator to show students what it's like to get behind the wheel after drinking. The six-hour high impact program will show real life situations to students. Simulators will also show students how distracted you are while texting and driving.

Double H Fundraiser- WNYT- May 6, 2016- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm- WNYA- May 6, 2016- 10:00 pm

More than 300 people turned out at the Sagamore Resort for tonight's Chef's Dinner Fundraiser to keep the magic going at the Double-H Ranch in Lake Luzerne. The organization provides camp and fun activities for kids battling life-threatening illnesses. All the money raised tonight will help bring happiness to kids who health is in jeopardy. Thousands of dollars were raised tonight. It's also the reason why our news anchor Jessica Layton isn't on the air tonight- she and her husband Andrew were masters of ceremony for the event.

Albany PD Bike Rodeo- WNYT- May 7, 2016- 11:00 pm- May 8, 2016- 7:00 am- 8:00 am- WNYA- May 7, 2016- 10:00 pm

It was a nice day for a bike ride, and in Albany today, 10 lucky kids rode off with brand new sets of wheels. The Albany Police Athletic League today held its first Bike Rodeo of the season. The event kicks off National Bike Month with helmet giveaways, skills courses, and bike inspections. The goal is to teach kids about bike safety in a fun way. This is the first of three Bike Rodeo's that will be held this season.

Huck Finns Playland Open- WNYT- May 7, 2016- 11:00 pm- May 8, 2016- 7:00 am- 8:00 am

If you're looking for some family fun, Huck Finn's Playland is open for business. The park will be open every weekend this month from noon to 9 p.m. on Saturdays, and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays. Starting May 27th, the park will be open daily. In honor of Mother's Day tomorrow, all moms will ride free when riding with their child.

North Adams Computers- WNYA- May 9, 2016- 10:00 pm

North Adams schools are hoping to increase access to technology. The district is buying 500 new computers. Our news partners at the Berkshire Eagle report 360 of the computers will be used directly by students. iPads are also being used at the districts three elementary schools.

Albany County Youth- WNYT- May 10, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am

Albany County Sheriff Craig Apple has been eager to transfer some more money to preventing young people from getting involved in crime. Last night the county legislature moved that money- 375 thousand dollars. To prevent youth violence, raise awareness about heroin and other drugs and help build character.

Raise the Age- WNYT- May 10, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am- 5:00 pm

Advocates for raising the age of criminal responsibility also say children make bad choices. Mothers urging Governor Cuomo and the New York State Legislature to raise the age will come to Albany today. They want the age criminal suspects are treated as adults to be raised above the present 16 years old. The advocates say teenagers mature when they reach their 20's and children treated as adults in the criminal system have a much greater chance of criminal behavior when they're adults. New York is one of two states, including North Carolina, where 16-year-olds are automatically charged as adults. Advocates of the change say studies show the trend is bad of juveniles and society.

Ballston Spa Lockout- WNYT- May 10, 2016- 5:00 pm

The Ballston Spa School District was placed on lock-out today while police searched for a man they say assaulted an officer. The sheriff's department says they were searching for the suspect along the train tracks, not far from the school. The district issued the lock-out as a precaution.

Rodney Burnette- WNYT- May 11, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am

The man who cause a lockdown at Ballston Spa Schools is in jail this morning. Police tell NewsChannel 13 it started with 27-year-old Rodney Brunette being spotted on Route 50 yelling at traffic and waving a stick. When a police officer approached him, he tried to punch the officer, and made some alarming comments. Officers chased him through the woods. This all happened close to the schools, so the buildings were put on lockdown as a precaution.

Niskayuna School Lead in Water- WNYT- May 11, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm- May 12, 2016- 5:00 am

The Niskayuna School District is testing its drinking water for lead. Two samples were taken yesterday at Glencliff Elementary School. Water from a drinking fountain was within acceptable limits set by the EPA, but water from a faucet in the school's kitchen had elevated levels of lead. That faucet will be replaced and bottled water will be available at school while all water sources are tested.

Pop Warner No Kickoffs- WNYT- May 12, 2016- 11:00 pm

Pop Warner is getting rid of kickoffs in its three youngest divisions. The youth football organization says it wants to reduce the number of full-speed, head-on collisions during games. The new rule will apply to the Tiny Mite, Mitey Mite and Junior Pee Wee divisions. Pop Warner will also spend less time dedicated to full contact drills.

Graduation- WNYT- May 13, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am

Congratulations to the Capital Region's newest college graduates this weekend. Commencement ceremonies kick off today with Union College's Belanger School of Nursing. The University at Albany will honor graduate students tomorrow and then undergrads on Sunday. Saturday also bring commencement ceremonies at Albany College of Pharmacy, Hudson Valley, and Columbia-Greene Community College. The Sage colleges in Albany and Troy graduate on Saturday, so does the College of Saint Rose in Albany. Then on Sunday, Maria College and Siena College hold commencement exercises.

family earlier this year in a murder-suicide. Tonight's game is a fundraiser for the 15-year-old in the Shaker High School gym tonight at 6. All of the money raised will go to Noah.

New Taconic High- WNYT- May 13, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm- May 14, 2016- 8:00 am- WNYA- May 13, 2016- 10:00 pm

Construction has started on the new 120-million dollar Taconic High School in Pittsfield. The three story building will take three years to complete. It's right across the street from the existing high school, which opened in 1969. The state of the art school will maximize natural light, and have solar panels on the roof. The biggest change, is the integration of the vocational and academic classrooms.

Transgender School Policy- WNYT- May 13, 2016- 12:00 pm- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm

It's the bathroom conversation that's being heard from the oval office to every high school principal's office in America. The president's controversial ruling on transgender students and bathrooms. Those opposed to President Obama's bathroom directive insist it has nothing to do with transgender bias, it has everything to do with keeping the president- and his policies- out of your child's school bathroom. A letter was sent to every school district in America that orders them to allow transgender students to use the bathrooms of the gender with which they identify with. For school districts that don't comply, they could face legal action or a loss of federal funding. Texas Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick maintains the federal government has no business in local bathrooms. However, Watervliet Superintendent Lori Caplan says even though her district has had a policy in place since January, no one has exercised it yet. She also believes what people should be focusing on is celebrating diversity, but in other parts of the country, the issue has caused an uproar. Last fall, students in Missouri walked out in protest after a transgender classmate was allowed to use the girls' bathroom. Schenectady Superintendent Larry Spring says transgender students using the nurses' office seems to work in his district, and he believes all of his students are treated with dignity and sensitivity.

Vanderheyden Gala- WNYT- May 13, 2016- 11:00 pm- May 14, 2016- 8:00 am- WNYA- May 13, 2016- 10:00 pm

It was a night to remember for some local teenagers from Venderheyden Hall in Wynantskill. Last night was the first ever "Royal Gala" at the Poestenkill Fire Company. The event was along the same lines as a prom. It's something many people going to Vanderheyden would not get to experience otherwise. The facility helps kids who've had a difficult upbringing as well as students with special needs.

Graduations- WNYA- May 14, 2016- 10:00 pm

Thousands of local college students accepted their diplomas today. The College of Saint Rose, Hudson Valley Community College, and the Sage colleges all held graduations today. UAlbany also held ceremonies for its graduate students. We wish the best of luck to all graduates.

Clifton Park Graffiti- WNYT- May 14, 2016- 11:00 pm- May 15, 2016- 7:00 am- 8:00 am- WNYA- May 14, 2016- 10:00 pm

A Saratoga County park covered in graffiti. Vulgar, offensive, and nonsensical graffiti cover Clifton Gardens in Clifton Park. On the park bench, up at the rings, and down the slide. Just about everything at the park is covered in spray paint. Now there are gay slurs and plenty of phallic symbols where kids play. The Losees take the trail through the woods to get here, and 10-year-old Arcangelo is far wiser than the vandals, he says it's not fair. Residents also say they hit the neighborhood last week. The n-word and other things cover a fence across Elm Street from the park. The owner was so angry he installed cameras. Mailboxes were tagged too. Even the 7-year-old Joseph is disgusted. As always, call deputies if you saw something. These kids just want to play in peace.

Siena Graduation- WNYA- May 15, 2016- 10:00 pm

The weather wasn't much of a concern for Siena's Class of 2016. Proud friends and family packed the Times Union Center in Albany to watch more than 750 students walk across the stage. Senator Chuck Schumer was on hand to deliver the commencement address as well. We wish all graduates the best of luck.

UAlbany Graduation- WNYT- May 15, 2016- 11:00 pm- WNYA- May 15, 2016- 10:00 pm

UAlbany celebrated its 2016 commencement this morning. Nearly 22-hundred students received their diplomas. This year's class hails from 22 states and 20 countries, including China, France and Pakistan. Students earned degrees in 56 different majors.

Burlington College Closing- WNYT- May 16, 2016- 6:00 pm

A small college in Vermont is closing because of a lack of financial resources. Burlington College has struggled since 2010 when it bought property and buildings from the Roman Catholic Diocese for 10-million dollars. Jane Sanders was the president at the college at the time and wanted to double enrollment by 2020. Sanders is the wife of presidential candidate Bernie Sanders. She left the school in 2011.

Clifton Park Graffiti- WNYT- May 16, 2016- 11:00 pm- WNYA- May 16, 2016- 10:00 pm

Graffiti that covered a popular playground in Clifton Park has now been cleaned up. The Saratoga County Sheriff's Office says just about every piece of equipment in the playground at Clifton Gardens was spray painted Friday night. There were anti-gay slurs and inappropriate images. Someone also spray painted a private fence and some mailboxes just outside the park last week.

School Budget Votes- WNYT- May 17, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am

School budgets are up for public approval across New York state today. Most polls will open in the Capital Region from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. today, but check with your school district. There are also school board elections and some libraries will present their budgets to voters. A survey by the Siena Research Institute and New York State Association of School Business Officials indicates "66-percent of New Yorkers believe their school districts provide quality education at a reasonable cost to taxpayers."

School Closing- WNYT- May 17, 2016- 12:00 pm

A water main break is forcing Donald P. Sutherland Elementary School to close early. The East Greenbush School District says the water main break is in the Town of Nassau. Students will be dismissed at 12:10 p.m. The school budget voting is on and open as scheduled.

School Budget Votes- WNYT- May 17, 2016- 12:00 pm- 5:00 pm- 11:00 pm- WNYA- May 17, 2016- 10:00 pm

This is the day that school budgets get voted on across New York state. There are also school board elections and some public libraries are having their budgets decided by voters as well. The polls in most school districts are open until 9 p.m. To find out where you can vote, go to your school's website. NewsChannel 13 will post the results, as they come in, on our website WNYT dot com.

School Budgets- WNYT- May 18, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am- 5:00 pm

A big win across the board for schools in New York. The state School Boards Association reports nearly 99 percent of school budgets passed last night. Only seven budgets were defeated out of the 505 that were voted on. None of the budgets in the Capital Region were rejected.

Bennington Hazmat- WNYT- May 18, 2016- 5:00 pm

A school science experiment backfired, sending two students and a teacher to the hospital. Bennington Police say the three were exposed to nitrous dioxide while conducting an experiment at Grace Christian School. The remaining staff and students were evacuated while fire crews ventilated the building.

School Lead- WNYT- May 18, 2016- 5:00 pm

Lead has been found in another local school district- this time in Amsterdam. The school district says tests show elevated levels of lead in water samples at Barkley, Marie Curie and Tecler Elementary Schools. It was found in both drinking fountains and sink faucets, but not in the school cafeterias or kitchens. The district is now providing bottled water to all students and staff. This follows the recent discovery of lead at an elementary school in Niskayuna.

Car Seat Safety Check- WNYA- May 18, 2016- 10:00 pm- May 20, 2016- 10:00 pm- WNYT- May 20, 2016- 6:00 pm

Colonie Child Abduction Drill- WNYT- May 26, 2016- 12:00 pm- 5:00 pm

It's every parent's worst nightmare. Your child- abducted and nowhere to be found. That was the premise of this morning's "drill" in Colonie. The phone call came in, first thing this morning that 14-year-old Megan Powers is missing. Dozens and dozens of police officers are now on the scene on Aspen Road, where a witness reports seeing a teen girl struggle with a man. Cops canvass the neighborhood and question drivers. The scenario, fortunately, is a simulation, but the actions are very real. From a preliminary but incorrect suspect to kicking out the media. A break comes just after lunch time. A local pizza joint has surveillance video and what appears to be Megan's backpack is found in a dumpster outside the restaurant. Less than an hour later, in a quiet Colonie neighborhood, police swarm to a front porch and approach a man on a front porch in a hoodie covered in blood.

Vascular Surgeons- WNYT- May 31, 2016- 5:00 pm- WNYA- May 31, 2016- 10:00 pm

Dr. Manish Mehta is a vascular surgeon in Queensbury. He hopes lessons to students at Shenendehowa High School will mean less work for him down the road. That's because he's schooling them in the ABC's of vascular disease and how to prevent it. Dr. Mehta's been developing the project for some time. He collaborated with biology teacher Gina Barnum to bring his team to the school. One look around the class and you know they're listening. They've brought into the message that their lives depend on the information. Before the school day is out some 900 students will hear the lesson, a lesson aimed at empowering teens to make changes in their lives. For those with a loved one already diagnosed with vascular disease it's the perfect prescription to take from this class.

Real Life Kindergarten Cop- WNYT- June 2, 2016- 5:00 am

A Massachusetts boy's call to 911 after his dad ran a red light is going viral. Jonathan Choe spoke with the tiny crime fighter and his father, who says it was all a misunderstanding. Robbie Richardson is one of those precocious kids who likes to follow the rules. Last week, his respect for traffic lights almost got his dad in trouble with the law. After driving home together from the store, the 6-year-old called 911 from his parent's cordless phone. Quincy Police posted the call on social media and it's turned into a big hit. Robbie's dad Mike Richardson says he didn't break any traffic laws, he took a right on red. The police dispatcher eventually spoke to dad and determined everything was fine. More importantly, Robbie's dad knows his son will not hesitate to call 911, if he ever breaks the law.

Car Seat Check- WNYT- June 3, 2016- 5:00 am- 6:00 am

One of the biggest car seat checks in the Capital Region takes place today. It's at Colonie Center at the Sears parking lot. More than 55 car seat experts will be there starting at 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. It is free. You can stop off during that time and make sure your baby's car seat is installed correctly. Since 1998, more than 2000 car seats have been inspected at this event. Only 89 have been installed correctly.

Car Seat Check- WNYT- June 3, 2016- 5:00 pm- WNYA- June 3, 2016- 10:00 pm

Summer vacation is here- so it's important to make sure your children are riding safely in the car. Albany County hosted its 19th annual child safety seat check today at Colonie Center. Certified technicians were on hand to show drivers how to make sure their child's car seats are installed correctly. More often, than not, there's a problem. Since 1998, the county says, more than 2000 car seats have been inspected. Only 89 were installed correctly.

Cantina Kids Fun Run- WNYT- June 5, 2016- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm

Hundreds of kids laced up their soggy running shoes today to help out other kids. The 9th annual Cantina Kids Fun Run was held this morning at Congress Park in Saratoga Springs. The run was started by the owners of the Cantina Restaurant in 2008 to support pediatric emergency care services at Saratoga Hospital. Organizers say the weather couldn't stop people from coming out and having fun. The event is believed to be the only run in our area exclusively for kids. Since it began, it's raised more than 280-thousand-dollars.

Wilton Playground- WNYT- June 8, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- WNYA- June 8, 2016- 10:00 pm

Type 2 Batten Disease took Kaitlin Bowman's sight and ability to walk and talk, but her mother says nothing can take her compassion. Others having fun is their goal. For the better part of two years, they raised 100-thousand dollars to get an accessible playground built at Wilton's Gavin Park. Kids with Batten Disease rarely live past 12. Kaitlin will be 11 in August. She had pneumonia recently and Becky feared she might lose her before their dream came true. But now it is done. They'll soon put up the sign for Kaitlin's Korner, and all who visit here will learn the story of the little girl who inspired it. The official grand opening of Kaitlin's Korner is July 23rd. Like the playground itself, it will have something for everyone- face painting, inflatables, food trucks, and god willing, the little girl who inspired it all will be right in the middle of the fun.

Disabilities Graduation- WNYT- June 14, 2016- 6:00 pm

New York is changing its graduation requirements for high school students with disabilities. The Board of Regents adopted rules today that will let those students earn a local diploma even if they don't pass five regents exams. They must pass the English and math exams and show proficiency in the other three subjects. The rules become effective June 20th, in time for this year's senior class.

Soccer Camp- WNYT- June 15, 2016- 11:00 pm

There is still time to sign up for the 4th Annual WNYT Summer Soccer Camp the week of August 1st at the University at Albany. John Bramley is the head coach with help from players from the University at Albany Men's Soccer Program. It's for ages 6-14 and all proceeds benefit the Thomas Patrick Morrison Foundation. You can register by logging onto our WNYT website and clicking on Sports.

Bailey Wind- WNYT- June 16, 2016- 5:00 am

Bailey Wind is a fighter. She is being honored this morning for her strength and perseverance. The Shaker High School grad just received an award for student athletes who have overcome significant hurdles to achieve academic success while still participating in a sport. The award cites Wind's strength to stick with the dive team at the University of Tennessee while still dealing with the emotional and physical pain from a horrible accident she was in. You'll recall Wind was seriously injured in December 2012 when a drunk Dennis Drue slammed into her car, killing her boyfriend and her good friend.

Summer Meals- WNYA- June 26, 2016- 10:00 pm

Schenectady is making sure all city children have access to food this summer. The city's 22nd annual summer meal program kicks off tomorrow. Kids who qualify for free or reduced price meals in school will be able to get breakfast and lunch throughout the summer from a variety of meal sites and mobile meal vans. They city says last year they fed more than two thousand kids and teens a day. If you want a list of all the city's meal sites, you can go to our website, WNYT dot com and click on News Links.

Teen Summer Sleep- WNYT- June 27, 2016- 6:00 am

Many teenagers just beginning summer break are enjoying the luxury of sleeping late, but should parents let them? A sleep expert at Cleveland Clinic says- the answer lies somewhere in between. She says teenagers should just be allowed maybe one or two hours of extra sleep. At the same time, they shouldn't be allowed to sleep until noon because it will become difficult to get back on track when school starts in the fall. You can tell us your opinion on my Facebook page- Phil Bayly WNYT.

Soccer Camp- WNYT- June 27, 2016- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm- June 28, 2016- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm- June 29, 2016- 6:00 pm- June 30, 2016- 11:00 pm

If you haven't signed your kids up for camp yet, consider our fourth annual WNYT Soccer Camp hosted by former World Cup Coach John Bramley and NewsChannel 13. You can register by logging onto our WNYT web site and clicking on Sports. It's the week of August 1st at the University at Albany.

Cohoes Youth Center- WNYT- June 29, 2016- 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm- 11:00 pm- WNYA- June 29, 2016- 10:00 pm

Dunkin' Donuts is giving some dough to help a local church start a youth center. It's the vision of Pastor Wendell Williams and his wife Dona at Good Ground Family Church in Cohoes. They've been working on the Connect Center for Youth for years, relying on volunteer labor and donations. They need 75-thousand dollars for the next phase of the project. It will include a basketball court, weight room and homework room. Dunkin' Donuts is donating five-grand and putting collection boxes on their counters at dozens of locations throughout the area. If all goes as planned, the center will open sometime next year. If all goes as planned, if faith prevails, Pastor Wendell's vision will come to fruition next year.

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April 2016 - June 2016 - Elaine Houston - Morgan Hume is an exceptional high school student from Lansingburgh and she is in the New Visions program. She is also a blogger and is learning to edit at school. She has been with me for 3 months. She wants to be a producer and stay behind the scenes. She has gone out with me numerous times and gotten firsthand knowledge of how to conduct oneself at an interview. She is personable, asks great questions and is aware of social studies and what's going on in her community as well as who's who in the political contest going on right now. She re-wrote a story that I covered and did a pretty good job with it. I believe she will probably have a great college career. She leaves in June just before she graduates from high school.

April 2, 2016 - Rodger Wyland - Rodger was the emcee at the Academy of Holy Names Gala that was held at the Renaissance Hotel, Albany. There were roughly 250 people in attendance.

April 5, 2016 - Rodger Wyland - Rodger participated in Trophy Night at Shenendehowa High School. Over 300 children that played recreational basketball received a trophy.

April 5, 2016 - Eric Hoppel/Christine Kimball - Managers of WNYT/WNYA attended a job fair for full-time employment at Hudson Valley Community College. Many students attended the event looking for entry level/full-time positions. Copies of job postings were handed out.

April 7, 2016 - Benita Zahn - Benita emceed a gala supporting the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall in Troy, New York. There were roughly 500 people in attendance.

April 7, 2016 - Jason Gough, Tamarac High School Science Expo - Jason spoke to students, teachers and parents at Tamarac High School. The topics covered were El Nino, ice core sampling as it relates to climate/global warming and CO2 levels.

April 12, 2016 - Benita Zahn - Benita emceed the Jefferson Awards at The Century House in Latham, New York. There were 150 guests in attendance at the banquet.

April 13, 2016 - Rodger Wyland, Rensselaer Chamber Breakfast - Rodger participated as the moderator for the Rensselaer Chamber Association at the Renaissance Hotel in Albany, New York. There were roughly 250 people in attendance.

April 14, 2016 - Benita Zahn gave a speech to the United University Women's Association in Saratoga, New York. 75 people attended the meeting.

April 16, 2016 - Rodger Wyland was the auctioneer at the Saint Gregory's School Gala Fundraiser in Loudonville, New York. 100 people attended the event.

April 18, 2016 - Benita Zahn, Sage College - Benita spoke to a class of 20 Journalism students at Sage College in Albany, New York.

April 19, 2016 - Benita Zahn gave a speech and emceed a gala for the Independent Living Centers in Troy, New York. There were 200 people at the event.

April 20, 2016 - Benita Zahn - Benita gave a speech to people attending the Project Management Institute in Albany, New York. There were 200 people in attendance.

April 23, 2016 - Benita Zahn - Benita was interviewed by the hosts of WGY Radio live to discuss a Life Happens segment. Audience - Entire Capital Region

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April 23, 2016 - Rodger Wyland - Rodger was the Master of Ceremonies at the Doc Sauer's Foundation gala. The event celebrated the 60th Anniversary of Doc Sauer's first college basketball team.

April 27, 2016 - Sarah Darmanjian - Lynn Fowler- Daycare Owner - I gave a station tour to seven children between the ages of 6-13 and three adults from a private daycare in Albany. The group was given a tour of master control, the control room, and the studio. They spent 10-15 minutes with Bob Kovachick learning about how the news is produced.

May 2, 2016 - Rodger Wyland -Rodger was the Master of Ceremonies at the Great Danes University of Albany, Winter Awards Ceremony. The event was held at the SEFCU Arena, in Albany, NY.

May 3, 2016 Benita Zahn-Benita was the Mistress of Ceremonies at the To Life Gala, Winter Awards Ceremony. The event was held at SEFCU Arena, Albany, NY.

May 3, 2016 - Jessica Layton - Jessica was asked to speak to students attending Hoosick Falls Elementary School. She spoke to the students and teachers about her career and position with WNYT-TV.

May 6, 2016 - Benita Zahn - Benita gave a speech and was the Mistress of Ceremonies for Senior Services of Albany at their Third Age Awards gala. There were over 200 people at the event.

May 6, 2016 - Jessica Layton - Jessica was the Mistress of Ceremonies at the Double H Ranch fundraiser at the Sagamore in Lake George, New York. There were over 200 people at the event.

May 7, 2016- Benita Zahn - Benita was the Mistress of Ceremonies at the Community Hospice Gala at Mallozzi's Restaurant in Troy, New York. There were over 150 people at the event.

May 10, 2016 - Christine Kimball - I gave a tour to fourteen University of Albany meteorology students and their advisor. They were given a tour of A control, the studio and newsroom. The students also met with Bob Kovachick to have all their weather and equipment questions answered.

May 11, 2016, Kumi Tucker - Kumi was the MC/host of a Comfort Cuisine fundraiser for Troy Boys and Girls Club at Revolution Hall in Troy, New York. There were 275 people in attendance.

May 12, 2016 - Ashley Miller - Ashley participated in a panel at Shaker Junior High School in Latham, New York for a group called Girls Take Charge. Ashley spoke to about 30 junior high and high schoolers about her position with WNYT and about being a woman in the industry.

May 16, 2016 - Benita Zahn - Benita participated in the Jonesy Open at the Capital Hills Golf Outing. She was the host and participated at the awards ceremony. There were over 100 people at the event.

May 16, 2016, Rodger Wyland -- Rodger participated in and was the Master of Ceremonies at the Sisters' of St. Joseph's Golf Outing in Colonie, New York. There were roughly 150 people in attendance.

May 18, 2016 - Benita Zahn - Benita was the Mistress of Ceremonies at the STOP DWI/MADD Gala at Mallozzi's Restaurant in Rotterdam, New York. The event was held to raise money for the cause.

May 21, 2016 - Rodger Wyland - Rodger was the Master of Ceremonies at RaiderFest at Colonie High School in Colonie, New York. The event was held to raise money for the Colonie High School football program.

May 21, 2016 - Kate Corey was mistress of ceremonies at Victoria Acres 2nd Annual Barn Dance Fundraiser where 100 people were in attendance. The mission of this organization is to empower children and adults with physical and developmental challenges through the use of equine assisted activities.

May 22, 2016 - Rodger Wyland - Rodger spoke at the Capital Region Hall of Fame banquet to raise money for their Basketball program.

May 26, 2016 - Layton & Zahn Go Red for Women

May 25, 2016 - Kelly Lynch and Rodger Wyland - Rodger and Kelly both spoke at an event to raise awareness for the Adirondack Aquatic Center in Malta, New York. I spoke as a swim parent, he spoke as a sports anchor. Probably about 75 people were in attendance.

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May 26, 2016 - Kelly Lynch - Kelly spoke to middle school students at Shenendehowa about kindness, doing good deeds, and how we cover 13 Kids who care, highlighting kids just like them who are doing good things in their community. There were probably 75-100 kids there.

April 2016 - June 2016 - Elaine Houston - Morgan Hume is an exceptional high school student from Lansingburgh and she is in the New Visions program. She is also a blogger and is learning to edit at school. She has been with me for 3 months. She wants to be a producer and stay behind the scenes. She has gone out with me numerous times and gotten firsthand knowledge of how to conduct oneself at an interview. She is personable, asks great questions and is aware of social studies and what's going on in her community as well as who's who in the political contest going on right now. She re-wrote a story that I covered and did a pretty good job with it. I believe she will probably have a great college career. She leaves in June just before she graduates from high school.

May 27, 2016 - Rodger Wyland - St. Pius X School - Golf Tournament - Rodger participated in and was the Master of Ceremonies at the St. Pius X School Golf Tournament in Albany, New York. There were roughly 125 people in attendance.

June 2, 2016 - Kumi Tucker - Kumi participated as the Award Presenter and speaker at the March of Dimes Spirit of Beauty Awards Celebration at The Plaza Hotel in New York, New York. There were 350 people in attendance.

June 3, 2016, Benita Zahn - Benita was the Mistress of Ceremonies and gave a speech at the Women of Excellence banquet. The Albany Chamber of commerce sponsored the event. There were 500 people in attendance in Albany, New York.

June 4, 2016, Eric Hoppel, - Eric is the President of the NYS APA Board for 2015-2016. He attended a board meeting and awards ceremony hosted by the Associated Press at the Holiday Inn in Saratoga Springs, NY. There were over 300 people in attendance.

June 11, 2016, Benita Zahn - Benita was the Mistress of Ceremonies and gave a speech at the Red Cross Gala. The gala was sponsored by the Red Cross. The event was held in Saratoga Springs, New York and there were 600 people in attendance.

June 16, 2016, Benita Zahn - Benita was the Mistress of Ceremonies and gave a speech at the Key For Women event. The event was held in Schenectady, New York and there were 350 people in attendance.

June & July 2016 - Houston - Emily Sarra is here today and just graduated from SCCC. She is waiting to be accepted in the communications program at St. Rose. She will be coming one day a week-for June and July.

June 14, 2016 - Elaine Houston - Rachel Tyson will come to the station on June 14th-she a junior from Marist College majoring in communications and will spend one day a week for June and July.

June 16, 2016 - Elaine Houston - Natalie Joseph will come to the station on June 16th-she is a senior at Niskayuna-a member of the New Visions program and will go to the College of St. Rose and will spend one day a week with me.

June 23, 2016, Benita Zahn - Benita was the Mistress of Ceremonies and gave a speech at the Catholic Charities gala. The gala was held in Albany, New York and there were 450 people in attendance.

ASCERTAINMENT MEETINGS

The Capital Region broadcasters hold monthly ascertainment meetings to discuss current issues and needs of various agencies throughout the area. Each speaker presents the problems and wants of the organization and how the media can help it overcome the obstacles. Ascertainment meetings were held on April 12, 2016, May 26, 2016 and June 14, 2016.

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QUARTERLY REPORT OF CHILDREN'S
PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS
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<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
Ad Council	No Texting and Driving
PSA Central	Bullying Prevention
Advertising Council	Understanding the Austism world
PSA Central	Encouraging good oral health
Girls, Inc.	Encouraging self-esteem in girls
PSA Central	Child Safety-passenger and walking
Ad Council	Drop Out Prevention
Partnership for a Drug Free NY	Drug abuse awareness
PSA Central	Access to college-for those in need



A :10 announcement aired during the 2nd quarter of 2016 on WNYT-TV and WNYA-TV stating that Children's Programming Reports are available for public inspection at the WNYT/WNYA Studio at 715 North Pearl Street, Albany, NY 12204 and on WNYT's website www.wnyt.com

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING COMPLIANCE REPORT

STATION WNYX/WNYA

REPORTING PERIOD: _____

DATE FILED: 7/7/16

During the Reporting Period this Station broadcast the following programs which were originally produced and broadcast for an audience of children age 12 and under

Title & Type of Program (Type, format, special, educational, or other identifying words)	Length of Program	Date(s) Aired	Maximum Broadcast Minutes in This Program (including commercial breaks) Do not include time for news, sports or local events to substitute the report for actual.	Was Commercial Breaks as Reported on Any Day? If YES, explain EACH discrepancy in detail. If NO, explain why - YES = incorrect If P, explain why - P = partial
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