

WBGH-TV QUARTERLY ISSUES AND PROGRAMS REPORT 1st Quarter 2016

WBGH-TV's programs, news reports and public services announcements provided significant treatment of the following issues that were important to the community in the 1st quarter of 2016:

Education
Politics
Health/Healthcare
Crime/Law Enforcement
Government (Local)
Economy
Community
Business

Programs: Programs providing the most significant treatment of the above-identified community issues:

Local:

Program	Day	Time
NewsChannel 34 at 6pm	Monday-Friday	6:00-6:30pm
NewsChannel 34 at 11pm	Monday-Friday	11:00-11:35pm
NC34 Daybreak Cut-in	M-F	7:25am, 7:56am, 8:08am, 10:26am

Orange Nation

Thursdays 11:00pm

1/21/16-3/10/16

SU fans are covered with this 30-minute show about Syracuse University athletics. Strong regional appeal in our market due to our proximity to Syracuse.

**JOURNEY: 450 Years of the African American Experience.
60-minute Special**

1/18/16 7:00pm, 2/20/16 1:00pm

Journey: 450 Years of the African American Experience briefly immerses the viewer into a history that has never been told to a broad audience. It pieces together a 450 year long thread of continuous African American history that occurred in Florida that is unlike any history of any other State. The colonies built in Spanish Florida prior to the development of Jamestown, and later, the United States operated under vastly different rules and morals than what most Americans are used to hearing. NewsChannel 34 anchor Jim Ehmke hosts the special, and he also encourages viewers to learn more about Journey at Binghamtonhomepage.com.

THE BIG GAME

2/4/16 11:00pm, 2/7/16 7:30am

John Kucko and our team are in San Francisco for Super Bowl 50. The team provides exclusive content, feature stories and interviews. It's one of the biggest sporting events in the world, and our team is bringing all the excitement home. NewsChannel 34 Sports Director, Sarah Tranelli, looks at our local connections to the Super Bowl.

Countdown to Daytona 30-minute Special

2/20/16 7:30pm

John Kucko and our team are at America's most popular racetrack to preview the Daytona 500. The team provides exclusive content, feature stories and interviews with drivers and fans. Strong regional appeal in our market due to our proximity to Watkins Glen Raceway.

All of the above programming is locally produced news and entertainment programming presenting a mix of news, weather, and sports programming focusing on current issues and events.

National: Program

Day

Time

EARLY TODAY

Monday through Friday

6:30 - 7:00AM ET

As the first broadcast of the day on the NBC Network, Early Today features a comprehensive look at overnight news, the day ahead, plus the latest weather from across the nation. Viewers can expect the latest headlines in world and national news, as well as regular segments on business, sports and entertainment.

TODAY

Monday through Friday

7:00 - 11:00AM ET

This live broadcast provides the latest in domestic and international news, weather reports, and interviews with newsmakers from the worlds of politics, business, media, entertainment and sports.

NBC NIGHTLY NEWS

Monday through Friday

6:30 - 7:00PM ET

NBC Nightly News provides reports and analysis of the day's most newsworthy national and international events. Regular features include the "Fleecing of America," an examination of government waste, "Making a Difference," profiles of remarkable individuals who help others, and "In Their Own Words," segments in which individuals talk about the day's news.

DATELINE

Sundays

7:00 - 8:00PM ET

An award-winning newsmagazine dedicated to investigative reporting, mysteries, and social justice. The news magazine's flexible format allows its principal anchor, Lester Holt, and the show's esteemed

correspondents Chris Hansen, Hoda Kotb, Josh Mankiewicz, Keith Morrison and Dennis Murphy to offer viewers an array of stories that range from mysteries and breaking news, to hidden-camera investigations and documentaries.

MEET THE PRESS

Sundays

9:00 – 10:00AM ET

For over 60 years, Meet the Press has featured headline-making interviews with world-leaders and U.S. newsmakers. President John F. Kennedy once called Meet the Press the “fifty-first state.” Since then, every man who has occupied the Oval Office has appeared on the program

WEEKEND TODAY

Saturday 7:00 - 9:00AM ET

Sunday 8:00 - 9:00AM ET

The weekend broadcasts continue the *Today* tradition of covering breaking news, interviewing newsmakers, reporting on a variety of popular-culture and human-interest stories, covering health and finance issues and presenting the latest weather reports

Syndicated:

The Dr. Oz Show

Monday thru Friday

4:00 - 5:00PM

The two-time Daytime Emmy Award-winning syndicated daily series "The Dr. Oz Show" is hosted by the two-time Emmy Award-winning Dr. Mehmet Oz, trusted health expert, best-selling author, and world-renowned cardiac surgeon. "The Dr. Oz Show" is an entertaining, high-octane, multi-topic hour offering equal parts life-saving information in an “embarrassment-free” zone and where nothing is off limits or out of bounds.

Education – topics covered under this issue include:

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm

Date: 1/4/2016

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 2:31

Detailed Description:

Our area was devastated in 2011 after flood waters engulfed much of the Southern Tier's low-lying valleys. Families, businesses and MacArthur Elementary school in Binghamton were forced to rebuild. NewsChannel 34's Mike Tanzini shows us how students and staff are taking a liking to their new school.

It's been over 4 years and 3 months since students at MacArthur have been in the same building together. Today, kids in Kindergarten through 2nd grades joined the 3rd through 5th graders at what some are calling a bigger and more beautiful MacArthur. 1st grade teacher Jesilyn Bergmann says the students were more than happy to be back to school. Bergman says today feels like a second first day of school. The teachers aren't the only ones raving about the new MacArthur. Students took a tour of the new building this morning. They couldn't wait to talk about their favorite parts of the school. The kids also enjoy having some more breathing room in class.

The facility is considered a green building and utilizes geothermal heating, solar energy and more natural light. The common area is on higher ground along Vestal Avenue and houses a library, media center and gym-atorium. Principal Maria McIver is happy the students are in love with their new school. Construction workers are tying together a few last odds and ends. Although there are a few last minute details that need to be hammered out, everyone is glad to be back under one roof. The reconstruction project was valued at over 79 million dollars. 3rd through 5th graders made their way back to MacArthur in November.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm

Date: 1/11/2016

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:10

Detailed Description:

Binghamton University and SUNY Broome are receiving additional state money to promote diversity and increase access to higher education. SUNY Chancellor Nancy Zimpher announced the awards today during her annual State of the University speech. Together, B-U and SUNY Broome will get 350 thousand dollars to increase diversity among STEM graduates by focusing on first-generation students and community college transfers. The 2 schools will also receive 360 thousand to assist local residents in accessing college and help current students finish their degrees. BU Provost Donald Nieman says the colleges will work closely together. Nieman says the money distributed today comes from 18 million dollars the State Legislature allocated to SUNY to enhance the student experience and increase the number of graduates. All 4 SUNY University Centers, including B-U, received a quarter million dollar award to develop common approaches and assessments with regard to high demand undergraduate courses.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm

Date: 1/21/2016

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:37

Detailed Description:

State Education Commissioner MaryEllen Elia stopped by a number of schools in our area today. The commissioner visited Jennie F. Snapp Middle School, Broome-Tioga BOCES and MacArthur Elementary in Binghamton. At MacArthur, Elia was greeted by teachers before taking a tour of the school. She stopped by a number of classrooms to see how the students like their new environment. She also met with Student Government representatives to talk about a number of programs. Elia says she was very impressed when she walked in and looked around. Yesterday, the Department of Labor released the Consumer Price Index, which is yielding a point-1-2 percent property tax cap. Elia says she's already heard from a number of districts who feel handcuffed. She says she's working with lawmakers to give schools a break. Elia also commented on Common Core. She plans to continue traveling around the state to discuss the changes that have been made to the program. Elia says assessments are temporarily no longer linked to teacher evaluations. She says assessment requirements have changed as well.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm

Date: 1/22/2016

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:04

Detailed Description:

The Binghamton City School District has appointed an interim principal at East Middle School. Joyce Westgate was approved by the school board Tuesday night. Westgate began working for the district in 1968 at West Junior High then served as Benjamin Franklin Elementary principal in 1989, before being named Director of Humanities in 1999. The previous East principal, Lori Czeitner, abruptly resigned 2 weeks ago, amidst a growing controversy at the school regarding student discipline. Czeitner had only been principal for a little over 18 months. Westgate says she's ready to hit the ground running. Westgate retired in 2005, but returned and served as interim principal at Franklin from 2011 to 2013. She says she's already working on new ways to address behavioral issues.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm

Date: 2/17/2016

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:08

Detailed Description:

The public had the opportunity to express their thoughts regarding the Binghamton University Pharmacy School. Founding Dean Doctor Gloria Meredith led a power point discussion detailing the steps moving forward for the school that will be located on Corliss Avenue in Johnson City. Citizens came out to campus to hear what plans are in place. Residents responded positively to the ideas and agree that it will help improve the landscape of the area. Some people inquired about security, community involvement and admissions. Upstate Medical University Representative Domenico Prato says he's glad the idea is finally coming to fruition. The program will enroll about 350 students, with 80 to 90 per class. Meredith says the project is on schedule and a groundbreaking will be held in early summer. The first classes are scheduled to be in session in August 2017.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm

Date: 2/24/2016

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:32

Detailed Description:

More than a hundred parents, teachers and community members came out last night to voice concerns over the state of Binghamton schools. People spoke for well over 2 hours, many addressing on-going disciplinary issues at East Middle School. Some expressed vocal opinions about student safety and discipline. However, a few others felt the students need to be more accountable for their behavior. A group of current and former teachers say they are hesitant to speak out about issues in fear of retaliation. One parent, Hajra Aziz is taking part in a mentor program where parents sit in the classroom to assist the teacher 2 days a week. Aziz says the students were out of control when she first began mentoring, but progress is being made. Superintendent Marion Martinez says parents, teachers and the administration need to work together to solve problems. She says she was heartbroken knowing her own teachers feel threatened to speak out. Other concerns included parents not being notified about incidents that have taken place at East Middle. The school board plans to initiate a survey where parents, teachers and faculty can suggest ideas that will be collected and acted upon.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm

Date: 2/25/2016

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:17

Detailed Description:

The Binghamton City School District has discovered levels of lead in some of its drinking water. District officials met with a consultant 2 weeks ago to discuss 2013 water test results. It identified 7 drinking sources within the district with unacceptable levels of lead, which measures at 15 parts per billion. Sites include the high school kitchen, a faucet at Franklin School and a water fountain at Horace Mann. The district conducted a second test, clearing 5 of the 7 locations to have service restored. 51 locations were labeled as a medium priority, which are not intended to be sources of drinking water. After re-testing, 30 of the 51 came back still showing unacceptable levels. Superintendent Marion Martinez says the district's aging infrastructure could be the root of the problem. Moving forward, the district will test all drinking sources every 3 years and after equipment or fixtures are replaced. The City of Binghamton released a statement saying the school lead levels in no way reflect the integrity of public water. Martinez says any parents with health concerns should consult their physician.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm

Date: 3/10/2016

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:10

Detailed Description:

Binghamton University students training to become school teachers are getting the opportunity to test drive some of their lesson plans. 12 B-U students from the Graduate School of Education are spending 5 weeks tutoring kids at Chenango Bridge Elementary after-school on Wednesdays. 24 younger students participate, allowing for a 2 to 1 ratio and lots of individualized attention. Assistant Professor Nicole Fenty designed the program with a focus on

literacy. Fenty says after the tutoring session ends, the B-U students debrief each other on how things went. Fenty says she also encourages her students to keep the kids engaged with breaks for physical activity. Chenango Bridge Elementary officials say the program is so popular with the kids that more want to sign up.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm

Date: 3/16/2016

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:20

Detailed Description:

Parents and teachers have once again come out in droves to discuss concerns regarding behavior in Binghamton City schools. Last night, hundreds came out to address safety and disciplinary issues at the Binghamton school board meeting. Community activists and Binghamton University students defended the efforts put forth by Superintendent Marion Martinez to decrease the number of school suspensions. They say teachers and staff need to be more compassionate and mindful of the students' lives outside of the classroom. However, many parents and teachers say behavior is out of control and the school board is not addressing any problems. Parent Pam VanPutte <PUTTY> says her son is exposed to unacceptable behavior. The Binghamton Teachers Association recently conducted a vote that shows 97 percent of faculty members do not have confidence in Martinez. The Superintendent released a statement that says her primary goal is to change the culture of the schools. She also says it will take time to fully transition into a more accountable district.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm

Date: 3/24/2016

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:54

Detailed Description:

Binghamton Schools Superintendent Marion Martinez has been voted out of her position and replaced by former Assistant Superintendent Steve Deinhardt. Members of the Board of Education introduced Deinhardt today. The Board held a special meeting last night that only lasted 3 minutes. It unanimously voted to place Martinez on paid leave and have her contract terminated in 60 days. Board President Dave Hawley says he and his colleagues feel that relationships between Martinez and others in the district, notably teachers and administrators, were broken beyond repair. Hawley says he wants people who packed recent board meetings to express their concerns to know that the board was listening. About a 100 people attended the meeting and nearly everyone cheered as Deinhardt's name was announced. He retired as Assistant Superintendent in 2012 after spending 37 years in the district as a teacher, football coach and administrator. Deinhardt says he has strong relationships with the teachers and administrators in the district. He says his first priority will be to start the healing process through increased communication. Deinhardt plans to visit all of the Binghamton schools and their staffs in the coming weeks. He starts the job on Monday. According to her contract, Binghamton must continue to pay Martinez her salary through May 2018 unless she gets another position.

Politics – topics covered under this issue include:

Program Title: NewsChannel 34 at 11pm

Date: 1/5/2016

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:17

Detailed Description:

Some new and familiar faces were sworn into Binghamton City Council last night. Newcomers include Republican Giovanni Scoringi along with Democrats Dani Cronic and 18-year old Binghamton University student Conrad Taylor. In the last election, The Republicans gained the majority by securing the District 1 seat previously held by Democrat Jerry Motsavage. Republican Chris Papastrat was unanimously elected to City Council President. Outgoing President Bill Berg will serve as Minority Leader. Papastrat says he appreciates the support of his colleagues. City Council members addressed the public and spoke about working together and leaving party

affiliation at the door. Bill Berg says a lot of progress has made in the rejuvenation of Binghamton, but more work needs to be done. Papastrat referenced a number of projects that will begin this Spring. They include demolition of 50 Front Street, development at 72 Court, a new parking ramp and an Ellis Brothers renovation on the corner of Hawley and Court.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm
Time: 11pm
Detailed Description:

Date: 1/13/2016
Duration of Segment: 2:01

Governor Andrew Cuomo rolled out his vision for New York during his State of the State speech this afternoon. The Democrat introduced his proposed 145 billion dollar budget that includes upgrades to education, public safety and infrastructure to name a few. Highlights include a 20 billion dollar upstate revitalization plan and a 21 billion dollar investment in education. He also discussed a 6 point 9 billion dollar investment into SUNY and CUNY along with 100 million dollars to help failing schools. Other initiatives include a 4 million dollar New York State Police weapons and equipment upgrade and 25 million dollars to expand the anti-poverty initiative for 10 cities across the state, which does not include Binghamton. Cuomo also says local municipalities need to find a way to consolidate. Things did get a little heated during the speech. Assemblyman Charles Barron from Brooklyn stood up and began interrupting Cuomo, calling him a hypocrite and urging other leaders to "not give Cuomo a pass." The Democrat wants Cuomo to do more to fight poverty and homelessness. While Barron was being escorted out, Cuomo chastised his interruption. Other big projects include an overhaul of Penn Station, JFK and LaGuardia Airports, along with added lines to the Long Island Railroad. Cuomo also defended his controversial 15 dollar minimum wage proposal. The Governor has also mandated that New York be coal free by 2020 and operating on 50 percent renewable energy sources by 2030.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm
Time: 6pm
Detailed Description:

Date: 1/29/2016
Duration of Segment: 1:10

State Senator Fred Akshar is introducing legislation that could give some breathing room to small businesses. The Republican took a tour of Binghamton Precast and Supply Company in Port Dickinson today. It specializes in manufacturing concrete products used in major highway and general construction projects. After the tour, Akshar announced 3 resolutions that he calls a small business revitalization package. The 3 point plan includes cutting taxes, removing the energy surcharge tax as well as making small businesses eligible for the state's STAR program. Akshar says despite the many T-V ads, New York is not business-friendly. Akshar says by removing the energy surcharge tax, small businesses would see a decrease in utility costs. The STAR program provides a partial exemption from school property taxes for homeowners. Akshar's plan would open up this opportunity for qualified businesses that employ 100 or less workers.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm
Time: 6pm
Detailed Description:

Date: 3/8/2016
Duration of Segment: 1:34

After releasing a campaign video yesterday, Jason Garnar officially announced his candidacy for Broome County Executive this morning. The Democrat held a news conference at his home in Port Dickinson surrounded by family members. Garnar says too many opportunities and people are leaving Broome County. He says over 7 thousand jobs have been lost in the past 5 years. He also says our area's infrastructure is in dire need of an upgrade. In addition, the former county legislator says the heroin epidemic is the worst public health crisis to ever hit our area. County Executive Debbie

Preston has not announced a decision on whether or not she will run for re-election. She says she's faced a number of personal challenges since taking office in 2012. Preston lost her mother and husband and she has also battled lung cancer. She says she's cancer free and she thanks her constituents for all of their support. Preston says she will make a decision in the coming months. Meanwhile, Garnar plans to travel throughout our area to meet as many Broome County residents as possible.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm

Date: 3/15/2016

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:29

Detailed Description:

Village of Owego residents are voting in a number of local elections today. The race for mayor as well as other seats will be decided. Mayor Kevin Millar of the Rebuilding Owego party is seeking re-election. He's been mayor for 4 years and says he hopes to make Owego more environmentally friendly. He says he'd like to install solar panels in the village as well as replace street lights with L-E-D technology. Millar says with elections taking place every 2 years, it's hard to keep things moving forward. Millar is running against Taxpayers First Party Candidate Steve May. May has been a trustee for 2 years. He says he'd like to restore financial transparency and accountability to taxpayers. May says the village did not file a number of mandated audits. He says voters feel shut out, in addition to the election for Mayor, races for village trustees along with clerk-treasurer will be decided. You can vote at the fire station on North Avenue. Polls close at 9.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm

Date: 3/18/2016

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:27

Detailed Description:

A Binghamton attorney has announced his candidacy for State Assembly. Republican Dorollo Nixon made his campaign announcement today surrounded by his colleagues and other politicians. Nixon works as an attorney at Lachman and Gorton. He is a graduate of Cornell University and Rutgers School of Law. He says the government is broken in New York and too many jobs are leaving the area. Nixon says our region is no longer living up to its rich history of innovation and opportunity. Nixon criticized Democratic incumbent Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo for being a career politician. He also says she supported ousted Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver on a number of occasions. Lupardo says her record speaks for itself. Nixon has also served on the Board of Directors for Southern Tier Young Professionals, ACHIEVE, and the Broome County Arts Council. He is 37 and lives on Binghamton's West Side.

Health / Healthcare – topics covered under this issue include:

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm

Date: 1/27/2016

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:30

Detailed Description:

New York State has granted permission to a local drug detox unit to add 2 additional beds. The Addiction Crisis Center on Court Street in Binghamton will now have space for 20 individuals seeking emergency treatment. The facility, operated by Fairview Recovery Services, has seen a large increase in the number of people addicted to heroin and other opiates such as prescription painkillers. Last year, the center treated 780 people, 74 percent of whom completed the program and went on to the next level of treatment. Broome County Deputy Commissioner of Mental Health Katie Cusano says it's important for addicts and their families to know that there's help available at

the Addiction Crisis Center, UHS and other treatment facilities. Addicts seeking treatment can call the county's Drug Crisis Line at 762-2257 for more information.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm

Date: 1/28/2016

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:32

Detailed Description:

As of noon today, medical marijuana is now available for purchase in Johnson City. Vireo Health of New York opened 1 of its 4 dispensaries in the state today at the corner of Harry L Drive and Reynolds Road, across from the Oakdale Mall. Patients enter through the front door and must immediately hand over 3 forms of identification, a written prescription from a certified doctor, a state-issued medical marijuana card, and a photo I-D. The medical cannabis is available in 3 versions, an oil, a capsule, and a vaporized form. CEO Ari Hoffnung says it's a historic day for New York State. J-C Mayor Greg Deemie says he's received a number of phone calls from concerned residents about the distribution of medical marijuana. He says some people believe it's operating as a recreational facility. Hoffnung says that is certainly not the case. Qualified patients suffering from 10 medical conditions including cancer, HIV and epilepsy will be able to receive marijuana.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm

Date: 2/2/2016

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:14

Detailed Description:

Security Mutual Life is going red all month to draw attention to women's heart disease. The life insurance company hosted a news conference today in the lobby of its downtown Binghamton headquarters to announce that it has turned its outdoor decorative lighting red. This Friday is Go Red for Women Day, which aims to educate women on the risks of heart disease and stroke and the differing symptoms women experience when having a heart attack. Gina Chapman of the American Heart Association says that instead of a sharp intense pain in the chest, women are likely to experience chest pressure, pain in the back, arm or neck, fatigue or nausea. Chapman says diet, exercise, no tobacco and regular doctor visits are the best way to prevent heart disease and stroke. Chapman recommends a Well-Woman Visit, a doctor's appointment to check blood pressure, cholesterol and overall heart health. The Heart Association, in conjunction with Macy's, is encouraging everyone to wear red on Friday to show support for the cause.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm

Date: 2/4/2016

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 2:21

Detailed Description:

Life is Washable Incorporated, the organization that runs Magic Paintbrush Project, has aimed to provide more opportunities to kids with special needs. Over the past few months, it's expanded its focus to hockey. As we begin our series, Equal Play, NewsChannel 34's Mike Tanzini shows us how every kid can get a fair shake at being the B-Sens' next number 1 fan. The puck tickles the twine, the horn blows and the crowd erupts. Everyone in the house is cheering a B-sens goal. Now, thanks to Life Is Washable, kids with all abilities can take part in the celebration. It's now providing sensory bags, called "Friendly Access Kits" for kids, like 13-year old Elijah who is non-verbal. The bags consist of noise reducing head phones, special sunglasses, a sensory toy and an identification wrist band. Elijah's mother Angela Sager says her son has a newfound interest in hockey. The access kits also include a map of the venue, as well other identifying objects to alert staff members of a person who might need some extra help. Sager has been a longtime Senators fan and has had reservations about attending games in the past. Now that Elijah can utilize the access kit, Sager and her entire family can enjoy the action on the ice.

Sager says even no matter what the outcome, seeing her son enjoy the game is a victory. The friendly access kits will be available at Binghamton Mets games and B-U athletic events.

Life is Washable representatives are currently in talks with the NBA and NHL to introduce them at major league sporting events.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm

Date: 2/29/2016

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:37

Detailed Description:

The mission to open a comforting environment for people living their last days is complete. Yesterday, a ribbon cutting was held to open the Mercy House of the Southern Tier. Hundreds gathered to take a tour of the facility, located at the former Saint Casimir's Church on McKinley Avenue in Endicott. The 10-bed, non-denominational home serves as an alternative to an assisted living center, and residents will receive 24-hour care and home cooked meals. It includes a private bedroom with cable and there is also a library and a chapel. President Anthony Panaccia says Mercy House has been a long time coming. Mercy House was inspired by Father Clarence Rumble, modeled after the Francis Home in Syracuse. He says he wanted to bring a similar facility to the Southern Tier. Father Clarence says the presence of Saint Casimir's is embedded into Mercy House, as designers kept the stained glass windows and other church-like features. Pews were even placed in bedrooms for additional guest seating. Father Clarence says Saint Casimir's is not forgotten. Money for the project has come from a variety of sources. Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo secured a 250-thousand dollar grant, and the Lourdes Foundation will be donating the same amount. Mercy House is comprised of 7 employees and over 200 trained volunteers. For more information, log on to Mercy House Southern Tier dot com.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm

Date: 3/11/2016

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:24

Detailed Description:

A support program that's been run by Catholic Charities for over 30 years may be taken over by another organization. Broome County has recommended the Mental Health Association of the Southern Tier administer The Four Seasons social club. Four Seasons, which is currently located at 290 Front Street in Binghamton, is a club for people with mental illness. It provides support and employment opportunities for them as well. The program was put up for bid and both organizations had a chance to present how they would operate it. M-HAST proposed running it for 500 thousand dollars, while Catholic Charities bid 800 thousand. Catholic Charities Executive Director Lori Accardi says club members will have to make major adjustments if M-HAST takes over. Accardi says the county's request for proposal was unclear, ambiguous and did not address the necessary services. At Tuesday's legislative committee meeting, Accardi urged representatives to re-open the bidding process. M-HAST's Executive Director Keith Leahey says he felt it was a "straight forward and standard procedure." He also says the group would most likely re-bid for the program. The topic will be discussed by the entire legislature next week.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm

Date: 3/23/2016

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:27

Detailed Description:

Broome County has slipped a bit in a national ranking of health outcomes compiled by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Broome was slotted 56 out of 62 counties in New York State, down from a ranking of 52 the year before. The annual study uses the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's behavioral risk factors surveillance system to measure such factors as smoking, obesity, physical activity, excessive drinking and sexually transmitted diseases. Broome County Health Department officials say that while the data is beneficial, the ranking doesn't tell the whole story. Deputy Director of Public Health Sean Britton says New York State overall is healthier than the

national average. And Broome was particularly hurt by a statistic called "years of productive life loss" which counts every year that someone dies before the age of 75. Broome saw significant improvement in obesity rates where it now ranks in the top 10 percent nationally. It's also in the top 10 for water quality. Tioga County ranked 36th, Chenango 39th and Delaware 42nd.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm

Date: 3/25/2016

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:01

Detailed Description:

Broome County is looking to be more proactive about preventing Lyme Disease. County Executive Debbie Preston held a news conference yesterday to discuss preventative measures, tips and initiatives for combating the disease. It's spread by the bite of an infected deer tick. Health Department Medical Director Doctor Christopher Ryan says the risk of obtaining Lyme Disease is greatly reduced if the tick is removed within the first 36 hours. Ryan says sometimes it takes a while to get infected. The Health Department will be giving out 1 thousand free tick removal kits. It consists of tweezers, alcohol swabs, a tick disposal bag and a tick identification card. For additional tips on how to avoid ticks, log on to Binghamton Homepage dot com.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm

Date: 3/28/2016

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:01

Detailed Description:

There's a new place for people who have suffered traumatic brain injuries to gather and socialize. Choices Structured Day Program opened in February in the Endicott Apartments Complex formerly known as the Executive Inn. Choices provides social activities such as arts and crafts, computers, support groups and karaoke night for clients who receive funding through a T-B-I waiver. Participants are covered by T-B-I waivers whether their injury was external, such as an accident, or internal including strokes, tumors or aneurisms. Program Director Judy Olson says the staff and clients develop a special bond. The day program site has been in the works for the last couple of years. It currently has 3 clients but hopes to grow to as many as 20 by year's end. For information on obtaining a T-B-I waiver, Olson recommends contacting the Southern Tier Independence Center.

Crime / Law Enforcement – topics covered under this issue include:

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm

Date: 1/6/2016

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:05

Detailed Description:

2 women have been arrested for stealing money from the public. 54-year old Linda Vail and 48-year old Laura Landers were arraigned in the Town of Conklin Court on unrelated charges this afternoon. Vail is accused of stealing over 12 thousand dollars from the Town of Vestal Court, from 2010 through 2011, while she worked as a town clerk. Landers is accused of stealing over 77 hundred dollars from the Nanticoke Fire Department from 2012 through last year. Broome County District Attorney Steve Cornwell says although he's focused on drugs and violent crimes, anyone who breaks the law will be punished. Cornwell says today's arrests are only the tip of the iceberg, as more people will be apprehended on similar crimes in the coming weeks and months. Both women were released and will appear in court at a later date.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm
Time: 11pm
Detailed Description:

Date: 2/12/2016
Duration of Segment: 1:11

Binghamton police have arrested 3 teens and a 12-year old in connection with a number of robberies on the West Side. Binghamton police have arrested 16-year old Aali Tillman and 17-year old James Carmichael, both of Binghamton. Police also arrested a 15-year old Binghamton boy and a 12-year old Johnson City boy. Investigators say they were responsible for at least 5 robberies on Oak and Clinton Streets. Police say they stole vehicles, cell phones along with personal items. 4 of the victims are Binghamton University students. Police Chief Joe Zikuski says there's no place for this type of behavior in our community. Both Carmichael and Tillman remain in the Broome County Jail. The 15-year old and 12-year old have been forwarded to family court. Zikuski says all 4 have extensive criminal records in juvenile family court. The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information can call detectives at 772-7080.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm
Time: 11pm
Detailed Description:

Date: 2/16/2016
Duration of Segment: 1:20

The person who allegedly shot and killed a man in Binghamton last weekend has been arrested. Police Chief Joe Zikuski says 19-year old Jonathan Garcia of Binghamton was arrested last evening in Miami-Dade County by the U-S Marshals Task Force. Zikuski says an arrest warrant was obtained at 3:30 this morning, charging Garcia with 2nd degree murder. On Sunday, Police responded to the area of Lake Avenue and Merrill Street around 1, after receiving a report of a man who had been shot. 28-year old Jamaal Moses was taken to Wilson Hospital where he later died from his injuries. After the incident, Binghamton Police received information that Garcia may be in or heading to Florida. Zikuski says he has many family members there. He says it was critical that he was stopped before reaching Miami. Zikuski says the incident was the result of a drug deal gone wrong. He also says Garcia was not armed at the time he was stopped and the weapon has not yet been located. Garcia was arraigned this afternoon and will remain at Dade County Correctional before returning to Binghamton.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm
Time: 6pm
Detailed Description:

Date: 3/9/2016
Duration of Segment: 1:16

Concerned residents and members of law enforcement met recently to discuss ways to combat crime on the city's Westside. Newly elected Councilwoman Dani Cronic organized a Crime Watch meeting last Friday at Champz Sports Grille on Main Street. The event brought together homeowners, renters and students with members of the Binghamton Police Community Response Team and Binghamton University Police to share advice on how to stay safe and encourage people to get to know their neighbors. Cronic says people had their questions answered and many signed up to participate in, or even be block captains for, an organized Crime Watch network. Cronic is planning another meeting for this Friday evening at 7 at Champz to discuss after-school options for Binghamton students. If you'd like more information about the Crime Watch or would like to participate, email the Councilwoman at DJ Cronic at City of Binghamton dot com.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm
Time: 11pm
Detailed Description:

Date: 3/30/2016
Duration of Segment: 1:04

The Broome County Sheriff's Office is moving forward on an initiative to help addicts get treatment. Sheriff Dave Harder along with County Executive Debbie Preston have teamed up with U-H-S, Fairview Recovery Services and Broome Opioid Addiction Council to begin the Sheriff Assisted Recovery Program. Anyone seeking help can call the sheriff's office or stop by the station to receive help. They will be taken to the Addiction Crisis Center on Court Street in Binghamton or UHS Hospital located on Mitchell Avenue free of charge. UHS Administrative Director of Behavioral Services Alan Wilmarth says it's taken a lot of collaboration to get to this point. Trained volunteers will assist and mentor addicts. The program is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. To seek help call 778-1911 extension 1.

Government (Local) – topics covered under this issue include:

Program Title: NewsChannel 34 at 6pm

Date: 1/1/2016

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:29

Detailed Description:

And over in the Town of Vestal, some familiar faces were sworn-in. Democrat John Schaffer was re-elected as Town Supervisor for a 4th term after defeating Republican William Kelley. Schaffer says he's proud of the work he and the board has done over the last few years. He cited big victories for Vestal including updated flood clean-up and creating a budget that yielded a tax cut. He says he will focus on continuing to improve infrastructure, highways and roads. Schaffer says he was one of the few Democrats to claim victory from the last local election. Also sworn-in today was Deputy Town Supervisor and Republican Fran Majewski. This is his 4th term as Town Councilman. He was surrounded by family members as he gave the oath today. Majewski says there's a lot of work facing the board, but the main focus is always the budget. Also sworn-in today was Democratic Town Councilwoman Patty Fitzgerald. She serves on the Public Works, Personnel and the Planning and Zoning town board committees.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm

Date: 1/7/2016

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:07

Detailed Description:

Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo has announced new code enforcement training that looks to prevent future parking structure failures. The Department of State, or D-O-S, will now offer a training course for local code enforcement officers on the inspection of parking ramps. Last July, the U-H-S parking garage in J-C collapsed unexpectedly and in November, the City of Binghamton closed the Collier Street ramp. Lupardo is also proposing legislation that would require periodic structural inspections of all parking garages statewide. Under the current law, enforcement officers look over garages every 3 years, but only inspect for fire safety and maintenance. The training, entitled "Procedures and Techniques for Inspection of Parking Structures," will take place on Thursday, January 21st from 9 to noon in the Binghamton City Council chambers.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm

Date: 1/12/2016

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:03

Detailed Description:

The City of Binghamton is showing off its winter-weather fighting arsenal, just in time for snowfall. The City has 33 vehicles from 3 different departments that will pitch in and help clear streets. Vehicles include snow plow trucks, salt trucks, along with smaller trucks that can also be used to help remove snow from roadways and drop salt. The City currently has 200 thousand tons of salt, with more being delivered every day. Public Works Commissioner Terry Kellogg says plowing and salting is not an easy job, and the public should share the road with workers. Mayor Rich David also urged residents to keep an eye on dropping temperatures to avoid frozen pipes. Last winter, a

frozen-pipe epidemic resulted in some residents going without running water for over a week. He says the City has purchased a jetting machine that can help unfreeze pipes.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm

Date: 2/23/2016

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:11

Detailed Description:

The DEC is seeking public input on its plans to cleanup one of the former IBM buildings in Endicott contaminated by the toxic plume. The DEC will hold a meeting on Monday, March 7th from 6 to 8 at the First United Methodist Church on McKinley Avenue in Endicott. A discussion will take place on a proposed remediation plan for former IBM Building 57, located at the corner of Hayes Avenue and Wayne Street, now occupied by B-A-E. Public comments on the proposal can be submitted through March 20th. Last March, the DEC held a meeting showing a 97 percent reduction of TCE concentration in groundwater since 2004. Western Broome Environmental Stakeholders Coalition Member Wanda Hudak says this update will provide long-awaited answers. An IBM spokesman says the company continues to work with the DEC to address the issues on site. For information on how to send a comment to the DEC, log on to our website, Binghamton Homepage dot com.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm

Date: 3/10/2016

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:10

Detailed Description:

Advocates are rallying for paid family leave in New York State. A news conference was held this afternoon at the YWCA in Binghamton to draw support for legislation that would require employers to offer their employees family leave. Speakers included Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo, YWCA Director Carol Coppens along with other community members. Proponents say the U-S is 1 of only 2 countries in the world that don't require paid family leave. Campaign Organizer Blue Carreker says she could've used time off when she was caring for her ill son. Supporters are asking to earn at least two thirds of their weekly pay for 12 weeks. Lupardo hopes legislation will be passed this session.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm

Date: 3/22/2016

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:28

Detailed Description:

US Senator Chuck Schumer is sponsoring legislation that would treat people with disabilities the same regardless of where they choose to live. Schumer visited the Southern Tier Independence Center in Binghamton yesterday to announce his support of the Disability Integration Act. The bill would provide the same access to long-term care funding for those who choose to live with their families or in group homes as they would receive if they lived in an institutionalized setting. The legislation would provide the funding only for those who are eligible to live in an institution. Since its founding more than 3 decades ago, STIC has been a strident advocate for independence, inclusion and community integration. If passed, the Disability Integration Act would prohibit public entities and insurance providers that pay for long-term services and supports from using waiting lists, screening people out, capping services, under-paying workers for services or taking any other actions that would restrict home and community-based services for the disabled.

Economy – topics covered under this issue include:

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm

Date: 1/15/2016

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:13

Detailed Description:

People 55 and older will soon be moving into a new rental community in Endicott. Phase one of the Skye View Heights project is complete, and people can begin taking tours of the new spaces located along East Franklin Street. Each unit is comprised 2 apartments. Each apartment features a living area, kitchen and dining area, along with a master bed and bath. The second bedroom is a guest room with an attached bathroom that can also be accessed from the living area. The spaces are geared toward people who are looking for a more independent alternative to a senior community style of living. Marketing Director Judy Farneti says there's nothing like it in the area. Skye View Heights is named for its view and proximity to Skye Island Drive. Phase 2 includes units along a cul-de-sac that will be built along Groat and Overton Streets. The apartments also include a washer and dryer, stainless steel appliances, inside and outside maintenance. There will be 22 units in total once the project is complete, which will house 54 families.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm

Date: 1/19/2016

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:16

Detailed Description:

A regional forecaster predicts more tough sledding ahead for the local economy in the year ahead with a cause for optimism for longer term revitalization. Vice President and Regional Economist Gary Keith of M and T Bank delivered his annual economic forecast today during a breakfast sponsored by the Greater Binghamton Chamber. Keith says last year continued a long trend of losses in the manufacturing sector in Greater Binghamton. He says Broome and Tioga Counties have lost 7 thousand manufacturing jobs since 2007. Keith says our area has a greater portion of jobs tied to manufacturing than the rest of the state. He says education, healthcare, tourism and agriculture are sectors that could provide new growth. And Keith says the recent announcement of 500 million dollars worth of state Upstate Revitalization Initiative money will form a backstop to the local economy, giving entrepreneurs, other businesses and lenders the confidence to back new ventures.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm

Date: 1/20/2016

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:13

Detailed Description:

Now that the Southern Tier has won a half billion dollars in state economic development aid, local leaders are turning to the community to support the revitalization effort. B-U President and Regional Economic Development Co-Chair Harvey Stenger discussed the Upstate Revitalization Initiative win at a meeting of the Binghamton University Forum today. The first phase of the 5 year plan is already underway including site preparation work for the new B-U Pharmacy School along Corliss Avenue in Johnson City. Stenger says the council's job now is to convince the business community that the award is the beginning of an economic renaissance for our area. Stenger says other significant projects slated for this year include the mixed use development at 7 Hawley Street in Binghamton, a greenway along the Vestal Parkway connecting downtown Binghamton with the B-U campus and an industrial 3-D printing center in Endicott.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm

Date: 1/26/2016

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:45

Detailed Description:

The Southern Tier Regional Economic Development Council met for the first time today since being one of 3 winners in the state's half billion dollar competition. The council received clarification from state officials on how businesses and organizations can submit applications for both the 500 million dollars in Upstate Revitalization Initiative money and the traditional Consolidated Funding Application or CFA process. Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul, who oversees the councils on behalf of Governor Cuomo, attended the meeting and provided members with an abridged version of his State of the State address. She says the Southern Tier has reason to celebrate. The 500 million is spread out over 5 years with 100 million per year starting this year. While much of the money has already been designated for specific projects across the 8 county region, there are also a number of funds established with general goals that businesses and organizations can apply for. BU President Harvey Stenger is a co-chair of the council. Stenger says the council is expected to leverage 5 times the amount in private investment to compliment the 500 million dollars in U-R-I money, although not every project needs to reflect a 5 to 1 ratio. Businesses and organizations can find links to the application process on the Empire State Development website, esd dot ny dot gov.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm

Date: 2/8/2016

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:59

Detailed Description:

Now that the Southern Tier has been designated to receive 500 million dollars over 5 years in Upstate Revitalization Initiative money, local businesses and organizations are finalizing their proposals in order to get the work started. Tonight, we begin a week-long series What Does A Half Billion Buy? with a look at one of those projects, a significant expansion of the Goodwill Theatre complex.

While demolition continues to make way for the new B-U Pharmacy School, the Goodwill Theatre complex across the street is preparing to do some building of its own. The performing arts center has been designated 5 million dollars over the next 4 years, 3 million of it to be spent this year. Those funds will be used to repair the foundation of the former firehouse building, shore up a wall on the historic Goodwill Theatre and develop design plans for a new connector building between those structures. Once Kradjian's vision is fully implemented, the complex will house 4 stages as well as a training academy for theater students. She says the mix of academics, medical professionals and artists will provide the vibrancy needed to completely change the neighborhood. Kradjian says the Goodwill Theater is starting a capital campaign to raise the remaining funds for the project.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm

Date: 2/19/2016

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:10

Detailed Description:

A local family is sharing the love of their grandmother's cooking by opening a new restaurant. Muffer's Kitchen serves traditional southern cuisine, including fried chicken, fish and pork chops along with such classic sides as candied yams, baked mac and cheese and corn bread. 5 months ago, Damien Cornwell and his relatives Sean, Arnold, Rhonda and Dionne opened the eatery which is named for their grandmother who they knew as Muffer. Cornwell says he and his cousins grew up surrounded by the lessons, warmth and homecooked meals of his grandparents' kitchen. He says they knew they had a hit when they started selling the food from a sidewalk stand in downtown Binghamton. Muffer's Kitchen is located on Glenwood Avenue in Binghamton. It's open Tuesday through Saturday 11 to 9 and Sunday noon to 9. It also delivers anywhere in the area.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm

Date: 3/3/2016

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:10

Detailed Description:

Members of SUNY BEST gathered yesterday to hear details on the newest state competition to help bring clean-energy jobs to our area. The SUNY Business and Education Cooperative of the Southern Tier hosted a seminar for speakers Brian Bauer and Bryan Berry. Bauer discussed 76 West, a new competition that will award money to clean-energy companies who are either located in the state, or are willing to re-locate to the Southern Tier. Berry, who serves as Assistant Director for Technology and Business Innovation for NYSERDA, says the entire state can benefit from this initiative. The competition will hand out 1 grand prize worth 1 million dollars, a 500-thousand dollar semifinal prize and four 250 thousand dollar awards. It's geared toward new businesses who have been established within the past 7 years, but older companies can also qualify. Winners will be crowned at a gala in Binghamton sometime in July.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm

Date: 3/31/2016

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:18

Detailed Description:

A local development team plans to rehab a vacant historic building on Binghamton's Northside for commercial space and apartments. Mayor Rich David joined members of S-T-K Partners today to announce the project. It encompasses several buildings at the corner of Chenango and Eldredge Streets, just north of the viaduct. The developers plan a café along with 17 thousand square feet of rentable commercial space on the first floor. Upstairs will be several apartments housing 49 beds that appeal to students or young professionals. Steve Reid, along with partners Tony Brzezowski and Keith Twitchell began the process a year and a half ago. Reid's family once ran Binghamton Heating and Ventilating Company at the site. The developers recently purchased 2 blighted buildings next door on Eldredge and plan to demolish them to create an eco-friendly parking lot. There's also plans for a community room as well as project space for fledgling businesses. The project is expected to be complete by June of next year.

Community – topics covered under this issue include:

Program Title: NewsChannel 34 at 6pm

Date: 1/14/2016

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 2:28

Detailed Description:

Being an umpire takes a lot of patience, practice and a solid understanding of the rules. Local umpires recently learned lessons from people who've been on the biggest stage in baseball. NewsChannel 34's Mike Tanzini gives us a look at what people are taking away from a day with the guys simply known as "blue." Being an umpire isn't simple, but learning from the professionals makes understanding the game a little easier.

Umpires from around the region came out to the Edge sports complex in Vestal on Saturday to gain insight and advice from Major and Minor League officials. Rob Drake was behind the plate for the National League Championship Series last year. He says officials in the Northeast don't usually get a lot of action during the cold months. Umpires learned techniques in the field. "Out! Remember, still watch this after you whack him out." And also got feedback while calling balls and strikes.

Mike Tanzini says: Even I work as an umpire in greater Binghamton so I figured I'd stop down and get some tips as well. Colleen Curtin is an umpire in the Endicott Chapter. She says officiating is a great way to stay close to the game she's always loved. Curtin also enjoys seeing the kids light up when they realize a woman will be calling the game. The pros say they enjoying teaching the same lessons they were taught. Drake says every umpire has each other's back. Both the Endicott and Binghamton Umpire Chapters are accepting new members.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm

Date: 1/25/2016

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:06

Detailed Description:

The City of Binghamton is keeping tabs on how many people are experiencing homelessness. The Southern Tier Homeless Coalition is administering a Point In Time, or PIT count, in order to see how many people are struggling to find shelter. Teams will patrol the streets in search of homeless people to generate an accurate count, which is required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Funding for organizations is traditionally based off of the number of people that are encountered. Homeless Coalition Representative Rebecca Rathmell says it's more about education than simply keeping a tally. Rathmell says the Homeless Coalition will also hand out draw string bags containing a fleece blanket and toiletries. Rathmell says the number of unsheltered homeless people living in our area has tripled over the past 5 years. She says many homeless people will seek refuge under bridges and in businesses that are opened 24-hours.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm

Date: 2/1/2016

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:04

Detailed Description:

Local runners will be lacing up their sneakers to take part in a new series of races in our area. Deputy Broome County Executive John Bernardo and Binghamton Mayor Rich David discussed details of the new Empire Road Race Series, sponsored by Visions. It's made up of 5 popular races, The Saint Patrick's Day 4-Miler, Forks 15-K, Parade Day Mile, and the Parlor City 5-K. 2 new races will be added to complete the series, the Herald Victory Marathon and the Beers and Beast 5-Miler. St. Pat's Race Director Tom Ryan says the series will introduce new opportunities for runners when hitting the pavement. The series begins with the Parade day, Saint Patrick's and the Forks 15-K races which take place next month. Participants will be able to keep track of their times and a grand prize will be handed out at the end of the season. To register, or for more information, log on to Empire Race Series dot Run.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm

Date: 2/3/2016

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:12

Detailed Description:

Amazing Grace and the Power of Forgiveness is the theme of this year's Black History Month exhibition at the Jeffrey Kraham Broome County Public Library. The displays focus largely on the Black Lives Matter movement, including a quilt with the names of African-Americans who have died during interactions with police. There is also a parallel drawn between the shooting massacre last June at a black church in Charleston, South Carolina and the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama in 1963 that killed 4 African-American girls. Exhibit Coordinator Brenda Brown says she was inspired by the forgiveness expressed by the families of those who died in Charleston. The exhibit is in the second floor gallery space and open during normal library hours when the room isn't in use. There will be a special program on Saturday February 13th from 2:30 to 4:30 featuring a variety of local speakers.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm

Date: 2/5/2015

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:18

Detailed Description:

Tomorrow evening, Binghamton Senators fans will be wearing purple for the team's contest with the Rochester Amerks. It's Power to the Purple Night in support of the D-I-F-D or Do It For Daron organization. D-I-F-D promotes youth mental health and suicide prevention. It's named for the Daron Richardson, daughter of B-Sens coach Luke Richardson, who lost her life to suicide 6 years ago at age 14. Luke Richardson says D-I-F-D nights are also held in Ottawa and at Cornell University and the program has spread as far away as Mexico and Germany. He

says everyone, friends, family, coaches and guidance counselors, can play a role. Purple was Daron's favorite color. Fans mentioning D-I-F-D can get 15 dollars tickets to tomorrow's 7:05 game. 2 dollars from every ticket sold will benefit the Mental Health Association of the Southern Tier. The team will wear special purple jerseys and, after the game, fans wearing purple will form the shape of a heart on the ice for a commemorative photo.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm
Time: 6pm
Detailed Description:

Date: 2/22/2016
Duration of Segment: 1:56

The Oscars are only a few days away, and all week we'll be exploring Binghamton's connections to Hollywood. Tonight, we feature Binghamton's go-to destination for critically-acclaimed films that you might not otherwise see on the big screen. The Art Mission and Theater is located downtown in an old former railroad hotel. An unconventional location for a movie theater, but then again the movies themselves are unconventional. The arthouse theater strives to show the best in independent, experimental and foreign language films, meeting a need for cinephiles that the big chains may not. And while the movies aren't in 3-D and the chairs may not recline, Executive Director Rebecca Sheriff says that seeing a film at the Art Mission is a unique experience. For local Oscar fans, the Art Mission may be the only place to catch up on all the nominees. Most recently, it was the only theater showing best picture nominee "Spotlight," and it will soon get "Son of Saul," a Hungarian film that is a front-runner for Best Foreign Film. The Art Mission and Theater is a non-profit organization that gets funding from the Broome County Arts Council. Sheriff says this status legitimizes it as an artistic outlet that stands among the others in the area. The Art Mission and Theater also features an art gallery, a National Theater Live! Series, and occasional team trivia. For more information visit artmission.org. You can watch the Academy Awards broadcast this Sunday starting at 7 on NewsChannel 34.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm
Time: 6pm
Detailed Description:

Date: 2/26/2016
Duration of Segment: 2:26

This Sunday is Oscar Sunday, and all week we've been preparing by exploring Binghamton's connections to the movies. NewsChannel 34's Allen Wengert tells us how a Binghamton University film student played a special role in last year's Academy Awards. Justin Craig always knew he wanted to make movies. So when the Ballston Spa native heard about the annual Team Oscar competition, he knew he had to enter. Students had to make a short film about the best piece of advice they'd ever received. For Justin, it was to never eat a banana while making eye contact with someone. He entered his short film, Banana, and waited for the winners to be announced on "Jimmy Kimmel Live!" weeks later. Justin was off to spend a week in L-A with the other winners, where he visited studios, met celebrities, and saw movies that hadn't yet been released. But the main focus of the trip was his role in the Oscars ceremony, where he would help deliver statues to the winners. Justin says the big night felt like a blur. There was one moment in particular that stood out though, when actor Channing Tatum presented the Team Oscar winners on stage. Justin graduated in December 2014 and has since moved out to L.A. to pursue a career in film and TV. And now that he's been on that Oscar stage once, Justin can't wait to get back there again. Since moving out to L.A. Justin has appeared as a background actor in a number of TV shows.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm
Time: 6pm
Detailed Description:

Date: 3/1/2016
Duration of Segment: 1:08

The City of Binghamton broke ground today on what will be the largest fully accessible park in Upstate New York. Work on OurSpace Park is expected to begin tomorrow. The 750 thousand dollar project will transform 4 acres of

Recreation Park into an area that is fully adaptive and inviting. Design elements include a gather space, grow space, play space, open space, crowd space and a tree deck. Project Coordinator Jen O'Brien says OurSpace will provide a safe, quiet and accessible recreational area that is welcoming to all ages and all abilities .O'Brien says the project began when she was approached by B-U students in the School of Management honors society, PricewaterhouseCooper Scholars, about building an accessible playground. The project is being funded by a 500 thousand dollar grant from the state and over 250 thousand dollars worth of local donations and volunteer resources. The goal is to have it completed by Memorial Day weekend.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm

Date: 3/7/2016

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:07

Detailed Description:

Veterans, their spouses and offspring will be returning to Greater Binghamton this Summer. The New York State American Legion will hold its annual convention at the Floyd Maines Veterans Memorial Arena from July 13th through the 16th. The veterans will be joined by the Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion annual conventions. A thousand out-of-town visitors are expected to attend with the Legion staying at the Holiday Inn, the Auxiliary at the DoubleTree and the Sons at Quality Inn and Suites in Vestal. Broome County Legislature Chairman Dan Reynolds says the Arena board agreed to waiver the customary 8 thousand dollar fee. This is the 4th time since 1999 that Binghamton has hosted the convention. Organizers say the region is centrally located in the state, has affordable hotels and restaurants and that spouses enjoy shopping at Boscov's downtown.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm

Date: 3/14/2016

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:02

Detailed Description:

People learned the proper way to pair their favorite dishes with a particular wine at a special event this weekend. The Boys and Girls Club of Western Broome Family Center held its annual gourmet dinner and wine fundraiser on Saturday, sponsored by Visions. Executive Director Rick Materese's nephew, Nick, is a wine aficionado who discusses different types of wines, their origins, and how to pair them. The 5-course dinner included a chicken and mushroom crepe along with a seared pork tenderloin. Materese says the club wouldn't be able offer programs if it weren't for the support of the community. The Club offers recreation programs, after school opportunities, gymnastics, pickle-ball and homework help. About 130 people attended the fundraiser. The money will be used to fund everyday operational costs.

Business – topics covered under this issue include:

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm

Date: 1/18/2016

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:10

Detailed Description:

Developers held a beam-signing ceremony Friday for the casino in Seneca County that won the Southern Tier license in the first round of the state's casino competition. The new Lago Resort and Casino recently received a license from the New York State Gaming Commission. Rochester developer Wilmorite is partnering with West Coast-based Peninsula Pacific for the 425 million dollar project. Lago has been in the works for several years. Since its inception, the project has faced opposition from neighboring upstate casinos Finger Lakes Gaming & Racetrack and Turning Stone. Although the site is just finishing up laying its groundwork, Wilmorite is optimistic that it's on pace to be complete early next year. Wilmot says the Italian-themed architecture of Lago will make it unique, but it will also utilize resources from the Finger Lakes region. The project is expected to create about 18 hundred jobs during its construction, and just as many when the casino opens in the first quarter of 2017.

Program Title: NewsChannel 34 at 6pm

Date: 2/9/2016

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:04

Detailed Description:

People at the Oakdale Mall will be shopping from zero to sixty when they see what's on display this week. The Greater Binghamton New Car Dealers Association is holding its annual auto show starting today through Monday. Over 100 new cars and trucks from 18 different manufacturers are featured. New this year are donations to 3 local organizations, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Binghamton and Western Broome and the Impact Project, which provides large-scale home repairs for those in need. Each group received 1 thousand dollars. Impact Project Executive Director Jim Willard says it feels different to be on the receiving side of a donation. The Car Dealers Association also makes a donation to every high school in Broome County to host a substance-free post prom party. Participating dealers are Gault, Matthews, Miller, Serafini, Botnick, Feduke and Jack Sherman.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm

Date: 2/11/2016

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:26

Detailed Description:

Some teenaged businessmen and women released the results of their entrepreneurial enterprise today. The New Visions Business Academy created a company called Incoming as part of the Junior Achievement program. It produced a plastic accessory for iPhone and iPad chargers to keep the cords from fraying and breaking. The students commissioned a 3-D printer to produce what they dubbed The Reinforcer at a cost of 46 cents apiece and then sold them to friends and family for 5 dollars. In the end, Incoming generated more than 26 hundred dollars in net income from sales and sponsorships while paying back investors with a 20 percent dividend and each member receiving a modest salary. 14 high school students from 9 local school districts make up the academy. Lexi Pourby of Binghamton High School was the Team Lead for Marketing. Incoming used its profit to make two 1 thousand dollar donations, one to Maddie Shaw, a Binghamton girl who is battling cancer, and one to A Room To Heal. The Junior Achievement program is operated locally by the Greater Binghamton Education Outreach Program or GBEP which is a division of the Greater Binghamton Chamber.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm

Date: 2/15/2016

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 2:28

Detailed Description:

For the past few weeks, we've been asking you where you like to get your pizza. Well, Tori from Apalachin says she enjoys Rossi's Pizza. She likes the crust, sauce and the fresh ingredients. As we begin NewsChannel 34 Pizza Week, Mike Tanzini connects with his Italian roots by making a pie at Rossi's. John Lanza started working at Rossi's Pizza when he was just 15 years old. Now, he owns the place. Lanza, along with his brother, Tom, purchased the pizzeria in 1994 from Sam Rossi. He says he's still finding ways to improve the business. As he shows me the ropes of pizza making, Lanza says Rossi's is a popular place to grab a slice because of its consistency and ingredients. When it comes to cheese, Rossi's uses a blend that's grated in-house. The North Side institution started as a market operated by Luigi Rossi in the 1940's. It began offering pizza in the 1970s. Lanza says he has no plans of giving up his successful location. After 7 minutes in the oven, it's time to cut, cool and enjoy. Rossi's also offers a frozen pizza that's available at area markets and grocery stores. Rossi's pizzerias are located at 332 Oak Hill Avenue in Endicott, 143 Harry L Drive in Johnson City and 1551 Upper North Street in Owego.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm

Date: 2/18/2016

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:16

Detailed Description:

The City of Binghamton is once again providing an opportunity for entrepreneurs to start something new in the community. Details of the 7th annual Binghamton Business Plan Competition were announced today. Entrepreneurs can apply to win a 5-thousand dollar grant, 5-hours of legal consultation and accounting services, a 1-year start-up office space at The Agency, as well as other prizes. The 2012 winner was CommuniKey, an electronic app that encourages people to shop locally by offering discounts and incentives. Director of Business and Public Relations Adam Sabol says the competition helped improve the original idea. Applicants must have a plan or an existing business that's less than 5 years old and demonstrate how it would be financed. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend a free business workshop. It will take place next Wednesday at the Holiday Inn Binghamton from 5 to 8 pm. For a full list of prizes and sponsors, along with addition requirements, log on to our website Binghamton Homepage dot com.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm

Date: 3/21/2016

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:11

Detailed Description:

Local farmers are rallying against Governor Cuomo's proposed 15 dollar minimum wage saying the massive hike could be the final step toward putting them out of business. The New York Farm Bureau and Greater Binghamton Chamber organized a meeting today at Apple Hills in the Town of Chenango. Producers of fruit, milk, potted plants and lumber all discussed how the increased wages would cost them hundreds of thousands of dollars in additional payroll costs forcing them to shut down and eliminate all of their jobs. Apple Hills Co-Owner and Broome County Farm Bureau President Dave Johnson says this would significantly reduce the amount of locally grown produce available in our area. Dairy farmers and lumber mills say their products are governed by commodity pricing so they can't simply resort to raising their prices. The Farm Bureau estimates that nearly 2 thousand farms in the state would be forced out of business by a 15 dollar per hour minimum wage.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm

Date: 3/29/2016

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 2:37

Detailed Description:

A man who has spent his career helping people to look their best is now looking to leave a lasting legacy on his adopted home town. Anousheh Salimi has been styling hair since he arrived in Binghamton in 1979. Now, with a new school and a new salon, he's looking to groom future generations of hair stylists.

Anousheh Hair Design has a new home at 42 Pennsylvania Avenue where clients can receive the fresh and current styles that are popular in major metropolitan areas. The salon moved out of the building behind it to make way for the Anousheh School of Hair. For 2 years now, the school has been teaching aspiring hair stylists how to use their tools to achieve the look they're looking for. The Anousheh School is more rigorous, going 250 hours longer than the minimum that state regulations require. The instructors say they're teaching a passion for hair. And now with the salon, Salimi can offer graduates an immediate job while still working under his tutelage. Thus providing the Anousheh look at a significantly lower price. Salimi says he's committed to the area that helped him become successful. Anousheh Hair Design offers cuts, colors and highlights as well as manicures and pedicures. Call 723-5428 for an appointment or just walk in.

Public Service Announcements: In addition to the above programming WBGH-TV broadcast public service announcements related to the following issues:

Health - American Red Cross, Department of Health Stroke Prevention, Perinatal Network, MS Society, Autism, Department of Health and Human Services.

Consumer Safety – Domestic Violence Prevention.

Community: Foundation for a Better Life, Music For the Mission, Making Home Affordable, United Way, Boy Scouts, New York State Broadcasters Association, National Association of Broadcasters, Catholic Schools of Broome County, Bridge Run, Achieve Bowling Tournament.

National Security: Marine Corps, USO, Peace Corps, Air Force, Gary Sinise Foundation.

Environment: Habitat for Humanity, Emergency Preparedness.

These public service announcements were broadcast at various times throughout the day.