

## **WBGH-TV QUARTERLY ISSUES AND PROGRAMS REPORT**

### **3rd 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 3rd 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
<b>NewsChannel 34 at 6pm</b>	Monday-Friday	6:00-6:30pm
<b>NewsChannel 34 at 11pm</b>	Monday-Friday	11:00-11:35pm
<b>NC34 Daybreak Cut-in</b>	M-F	7:25am, 7:56am, 8:08am, 10:26am

#### **Orange Nation**

**Thursdays 11:00pm**

##### **30-Minute Show**

**9/1/16 - 9/29/16**

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.

#### **Going for the Gold**

**7/31/16 6pm**

##### **30-Minute Special**

On August 5, the Summer Olympics kickoff from Rio and the anticipation couldn't be any bigger! From the return of Michael Phelps, promise of Simon Biles and USA Gymnastics, and return of the Dream Team, Team USA is in a position to make history this summer. Our team of reporters is getting viewers ready and building excitement ahead of the biggest event in sports.

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: 8/10/2016

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:28

Detailed Description:

Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul and Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo are brainstorming ways for women to excel in their careers. They hosted a women's leadership roundtable discussion this afternoon at Binghamton University. They discussed struggles and roadblocks and ways to get around them to achieve aspirations and career goals. Women discussed issues such as societal gender roles, unequal pay and negotiating wage increases. Hochul says she'd like to see more women seek political positions. Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo, who is also the chair of the Legislative Women's Caucus says today's discussion yielded a new initiative for women to collaborate and achieve their goals. Attendees included representatives from SUNY Broome, Binghamton University, local elected officials and women who work in the private sector. Both Hochul and Lupardo say they'd like to hold a follow up to today's discussion.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm

Date: 8/13/2016

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:00

Detailed Description:

Long time Golden Bears reunited in Vestal today to take a walk down memory lane. The Vestal Central Schools 50 Plus Club held their annual picnic at Arnold Park today. The VCS club is made up of former Vestal High School students that graduated 50 or more years ago. People represented classes from 1941 to 1965. VCS 50 Plus Club President Jim O'Hora says it's fun to get former classmates back together to reminisce about their high school days. The V-C-S 50 plus club also provides five 1-thousand dollar scholarships for Vestal High School seniors. Previous scholarship recipients also came out for the event. 270 people came out for this year's picnic.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm

Date: 8/15/2016

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:27

Detailed Description:

The community is coming together to support a local team headed to the Little League World Series. On Saturday, the Maine-Endwell Little League team defeated Keystone, Pennsylvania to advance to the international tournament in Williamsport. People have been watching the coverage at home as well as heading out to local businesses to catch the team in action. One of those places is the Galley on Hooper Road. They've been showing all of the games thus far. Manager Jeremy Dzuba says fans have been following every pitch. Jude Abbadessa struck out the final batter of the game on Saturday. His family, including his father, uncle and grandparents, operates the Crescent Dry Cleaners on Clinton Street in Binghamton. Dad Vince Abbadessa says he couldn't be more proud of his son. Last year's squad lost

in the regional final, just one game shy of a berth to the tournament in Williamsport. The team begins play Thursday at 3 pm. On that morning, Dick's Sporting Goods in Vestal is hosting a pep-rally and send off.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm

Date: 8/19/2016

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:00

Detailed Description:

While the community cheers on the team in Williamsport, there's one fan in particular who's really pulling for them. 8-year year old Blaise Brixner of Endwell has been at every single game the team has had this season. He also says a prayer for each player and coach before every game. He presented each team member with a necklace with a medal of Saint Sebastian, the patron saint of athletes, along with bat and ball charms for good luck. Brixner says he wanted to give them something to boost their spirits on the national stage. When Blaise is playing baseball, he enjoys his role as a 2nd basemen and pitcher. Blaise has made trips to Bristol, Connecticut and was at yesterday's game in Williamsport. He also plans on attending Sunday's game.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm

Date: 8/24/2016

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:10

Detailed Description:

Binghamton University Students are back in town and ready for classes to begin. Students began moving in las weekend and we caught up with some students this week to see if they're ready for classes. Many students tell NewsChannel 34 that they're impressed with the upgraded landscape and improvements to buildings on campus. When it comes to unpacking, one student told us she prefers to get it all done at once, while others set their stuff down and headed straight for the dining hall. Junior Electrical Engineering Major Molly Santoroski says it's exciting to be back in Binghamton. Incoming Freshman Tyler Rowe is from Farmingdale, Long Island. He says he's already made progress on his first day on campus. Rowe says he chose Binghamton because of its beauty and extensive research program. Classes begin this week.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm

Date: 8/30/2016

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:00

Detailed Description:

The world champion Maine-Endwell Little League team will soon begin its celebratory tour. Yesterday, the team was greeted by thousands of fans as they processed from Williamsport to Struble Field. Tomorrow, the boys will head to Citi Field where they will be honored by the New York Mets and Governor Cuomo. They've also been contacted by the Yankees and Red Sox. Last night at Fenway Park, a congratulatory message was broadcast over the stadium screen. According to M-E Little League President Mitch Gorton, they've also been invited to a number of talk shows. Gorton says they will see what stops the boys want to make before confirming future appearances. Cuomo also declared "Champions Night" at the New York State Fair for Thursday, where admission will be free for the M-E community. The team will also take part in a parade and will be showcased on stage. On Friday night, a ceremony will be held before the M-E varsity football game. Then on Saturday, the team will be honored at NYSEG stadium before the B-Mets game.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm

Date: 9/9/2016

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:11

Detailed Description:

2 sets of parents that have dealt with tragic loss are making a positive impact on nearly a dozen schools in our community. Kate and Ron McKan lost their son, Mason, in January of 2012 as a result of SIDS, or sudden infant death syndrome. John and Karyn Koutsaris lost their son Elias 2 months later. To honor their sons, the 2 families raised money for school supplies to donate to local students. The goal was to raise around 12-hundred dollars, but they collected nearly twice as much. Each box includes markers, crayons, paper, glue, scissors, erasers and other supplies. Today, the families dropped off boxes of supplies at 11 Binghamton and U-E Schools. This week, the 2 boys would've entered Kindergarten. Mason would be attending Thomas Jefferson and Elias, George F Johnson.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm

Date: 9/19/2016

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:34

Detailed Description:

While state data shows nearly half of students across New York receive free or reduced lunch, Rick Timbs says the number of underprivileged students may be more than reported. Rick Timbs executive director, statewide school finance consortium says, "you would want to make sure that the metrics that you're using to determine who needs the money are accurate and reliable and sustainable and so those have been lacking in the formula recently."

Timbs says part of the problem with the state's current 40 page foundation aid formula, schools are receiving funding based on poverty census data from 2000. Parents, in many cases, fail to fill out income forms if their student is attending a school that already qualifies for free lunch. Rick Timbs executive director, statewide school finance consortium says, "there's other data sets out there that could actually examine more closely areas where poverty really exists." the board of regents this week presented an option to stop using data from the free lunch program and instead use information off food stamp and medicaid programs or gather income estimates from federal data on tax returns. Another option would ask for family income forms from every student. "we have to update our definitions, we have to update our databases and we have to make sure the data is reliable, accurate and more current." "ultimately the decision to implement changes lies in the hands of the governor and legislature. Timbs says that would be wise considering there are multiple lawsuits pending, dealing with school funding. Robert Lowry, the council of school superintendents deputy communication's director told me fairness demands

Something be done, but new census data is only one piece of the complicated puzzle. In Albany Nick Perreault nc34.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm

Date: 9/21/2016

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:00

Detailed Description:

The Children's Home in Hillcrest is once again offering a service for troubled youth caught up in the court system. It re-opened its non-secure detention center at the main campus located on Chenango Street. The facility can accommodate up to 6 boys and girl ages 8 to 17 years old. The kids stay there as a result of a court order and can receive counseling and other services to get them back on track. In 2014, the detention center had a 12-bed capacity, but was cut due to low numbers and participation. Juvenile Justice Director Kim Musser says when it closed, kids could only stay in Tully or Cortland. Juvenile Justice Director Kim Musser says, "We really provide a program that's more than just detention. When people think of detention, they think of it being punitive and taking the kids out of the home. But, we provided them with services within our community. Once we closed down, they were over an hour away from home." Musser says the kids aren't bad, but have been put in very difficult situations. The program is funded through the Department of Social Services. Since re-opening in May, the detention center has assisted over 20 children.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm

Date: 9/22/2016

Time: 6pm  
Detailed Description:

Duration of Segment: 1:25

Broome County District Attorney Steve Cornwell has announced a new effort to help local schools hire police officers. Cornwell announced the Support for Students Program at Windsor High School today. By contracting with the D-A's office, local districts will be able to hire school resource officers to serve in their buildings. Many districts, including Windsor, have been without S-R-O's since 2010 when state funding for them was ended. Cornwell and school officials will choose retired police officers who will be hired by the D-A, thereby making them full-fledged officers with the ability to make arrests. The districts will cover the pay for the part-time positions. Windsor Superintendent Jason Andrews says the officers will do more than just provide security. Superintendent Jason Andrews says, "It's critical that students have someone with that type of expertise that they can develop a relationship with and feel safe in talking with and really not only issues that are occurring within the school walls but with the community as well." So far Windsor and Whitney Point plan to hire the S-R-O's but Cornwell says other districts have also expressed interest. The Support for Students Program also includes efforts by D-A investigators to address truancy issues on behalf of schools. And Cornwell plans to release a mobile app in November where students and others can make anonymous tips about drug activity.

**Politics** – topics covered under this issue include:

Program Title: NewsChannel 34 at 11pm  
Time: 11pm  
Detailed Description:

Date: 7/15/2016  
Duration of Segment: 1:12

Petition time has come for independent candidates to try and get on the November ballot. That includes Libertarian Rich Purtell of Apalachin who is running for the 52nd State Senate seat currently held by Republican Fred Akshar. Purtell favors a minimal approach to government focused on the principles of the U-S Constitution. He says Libertarians are fiscally conservative and socially tolerant. Purtell, who works in the H-V-A-C and construction industry, is especially fighting against what he calls crony capitalism and pay-to-play schemes. He opposes Start-Up New York and the Upstate Revitalization Initiative because they don't work for small businesses. Because the Libertarian Party does not have a secure ballot line in New York, Purtell must gather 3 thousand signatures from registered voters in 3 weeks. That's 3 times the number of signatures required for Democrat and Republican candidates.

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

Date: 7/25/2016  
Duration of Segment: 1:28

A coalition of gun rights supporters and state and federal Republican candidates held a rally in Norwich on Saturday. The 2nd annual Bring Back America Festival took place in the Town Square East Park, featuring booths, musical entertainment and a number of invited speakers. Among them, Wendy Long, Republican candidate for US Senate from New York who will be opposing Chuck Schumer in the Fall. Long says people she speaks with are nostalgic for the past. Long is calling for a stronger military but an otherwise smaller government. A lead organizer of the event was SCOPE, the Shooters Committee On Political Education. A common theme was that 2nd amendment gun rights are under attack in New York and across the country. Astorino ran unsuccessfully for New York Governor in

2014 and is considering a 2018 run. Other speakers included Congressional candidate Claudia Tenney and State Senator Fred Akshar.

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

Date: 8/1/2016  
Duration of Segment: 1:35

Democratic candidate for Broome County Executive Jason Garnar says he has a solution for concerns over parking in downtown Binghamton. Garnar held a news conference last week outside the Collier Street parking ramp which is currently being demolished. He says with the loss of the ramp's 535 spots, parking is at an even greater premium in the city. The former county legislator says the parking spaces underneath Governmental plaza where county employees park during day should be made available to the public on evenings and weekends. Garnar concedes that the county does open up the underground garages for special events such as hockey games and last Friday's James Taylor concert for 4 dollars a car. Broome County Executive Debbie Preston says that 9 months ago, she held meetings with city officials and LAZ Parking, which operates the Water Street and State Street ramps, to discuss the situation. Preston says the critical time of need is during weekday business hours when the government plaza garage is already full with public employees who themselves pay a monthly charge to park there.

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

Date: 9/2/2016  
Duration of Segment: 1:36

Local Republicans came together to mingle and support their platform for the upcoming election in November. The event was held last night at the Holiday Inn Binghamton. NewsChannel 34 caught up with Congressional Candidate Claudia Tenney who won a primary election in June. She says her grassroots campaign has met with voters all over the district, which stretches from Utica south to our area. Tenney says she's been more accessible than her opponents, Democrat Kim Myers of Vestal and Independent Candidate Martin Babinec. The featured guest for the dinner was Congressman Chris Collins, who serves Western New York. In February, he became the first member of Congress to endorse Donald Trump. He also serves as the co-chair for the Trump campaign. He says people should vote for Trump because he has the experience to succeed. Collins also announced his official endorsement of Tenney's campaign for Congress.

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

Date: 9/8/2016  
Duration of Segment: 1:05

Akshar's opponent in this November's election, Democrat Sharon Ball, outlined her agenda for ethics and campaign finance reform today. Ball held a news conference outside of Governmental Plaza to decry a lack of more stringent ethics reforms in Albany following the corruption convictions of 2 former legislative leaders. Ball says she supports stripping pensions from lawmakers who are convicted of felonies. She wants to bar the use of campaign funds to pay legal fees. The Democrat wants to close the LLC loophole which allows donors to exceed campaign contribution limits. And Ball opposes any pay raises for legislators unless limits are imposed on their outside income. Akshar says he supports more disclosure and transparency. However, he says Assembly Democrats package many proposed reforms with a plan for public financing of elections which is something he adamantly opposes.

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

Date: 9/29/2016  
Duration of Segment: 1:43

A new Siena College poll shows a tight 3-way race to replace retiring Republican Congressman Richard Hanna. The 3 candidates for the 22nd District which extends from the Utica area south to Greater Binghamton, debated at SUNY Broome this morning. The poll shows Republican Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney leading with 35 percent followed by Democratic Broome County Legislator Kim Myers at 30 percent and third-party candidate businessman Martin Babinec in striking distance at 24 percent. Tenney says her familiarity with voters across the district is helping to counteract the fact that she's being grossly outspent. Republican Candidate Claudia Tenney says, "I think it's my strong name I-D and my courage in standing up to Richard Hanna in 2014 which gave me the name I-D and a lot of recognition that way. Neither one of these candidates, they claim they stand for something, but neither one of them took on Richard Hanna." Myers, whose father founded Dick's Sporting Goods, is a relative newcomer to politics. She expects her numbers to improve as more people get to know her, especially in the northern portion of the district. Democratic Candidate Kim Myers says, "One of my opponents has been a State Assemblyperson for years. So, as I get out and I get people to know me, get to present myself, I'm very, very encouraged." Babinec is a former Silicon Valley entrepreneur who is largely self-financing his campaign. He says the poll proves he's not a spoiler, but that he's in it to win it. Upstate Jobs Party Candidate Martin Babinec says, "I have drawn votes equally from both major party candidates, as well as independent voters. And I have drawn votes equally across the entire district." Today's debate covered issues from the role of government in job creation to special interest financing of campaigns.

**Health / Healthcare** – topics covered under this issue include:

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

Date: 8/8/2016  
Duration of Segment: 1:01

Johnson City police and fire personnel are taking part in a friendly competition to save lives in a difference capacity. They're taking part in the Battle of the Badges blood drive. Police officers, fire fighters and the general public can donate blood and choose which organization they'd like to represent. Donations were collected from 1 to 6 at the Sarah Jane Methodist Church on Main Street. Red Cross Account Manager Theresa Blank says emergency workers are constantly making sacrifices for our community. In addition to collecting blood donations, everyone who attended the event signed cards for local police officers and firemen. The Red Cross is also sending cards to Dallas and Baton Rouge in wake of recent police killings there.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm  
Time: 6pm

Date: 8/12/2016  
Duration of Segment: 1:08

## Detailed Description:

Animal Adventure is holding a special event this Sunday to honor heroes in our community and help a little boy in need. Ava's Little Heroes will take place Sunday from 10 to 5 with kids encouraged to dress in the favorite super hero costume. The fundraiser includes different vendors, raffles and drawings plus admission to the park which boasts 6 new species this year including black bear cubs, spotted hyenas, patas monkeys and wildebeests. The event is in honor of owner Jordan Patch's baby daughter Ava who was born in January with a brain condition that causes seizures and spasms. Patch says that while his family's insurance is covering their expenses, he's met other families along the way who can't pay their medical bills. Proceeds from Ava's Little Heroes on Sunday will benefit the family of Braden Bello of Endicott. The day begins with a ceremony that includes State Senator Fred Akshar and Iraq War veteran Rick Yarosh. For more info, go to The Animal Adventure Park dot com.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm

Date: 8/26/2016

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:29

## Detailed Description:

Calling it the greatest healthcare emergency in the history of our area, Broome County's D.A. says people are dying of illegal drug overdoses at 4 times the national average. District Attorney Steve Cornwell announced the results of his own, personal investigation today and he says 53 people have died from overdose deaths so far this year. That total is in stark contrast to a tally recently released by the County Health Department which put the number at 11 over the first 6 months of the year. Cornwell says he found 48 deaths attributable to heroin or other opioids, and another 5 from other drugs such as cocaine and methamphetamine. He says, at this rate, the number is on pace for 80 O-D's this year. Cornwell says he didn't rely solely on toxicology reports, which often can take many weeks to produce. He says he worked closely with the county coroners and used information on death certificates. The D.A. also says he has requested local police agencies to forward details on all suspected overdose cases to his office. However, one local police chief, who is skeptical of Cornwell's numbers, told NewsChannel 34 that no such request was made and no such information provided to the D.A.'s office.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm

Date: 9/13/2016

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:34

## Detailed Description:

Lourdes Hospital has announced a partnership with what many consider to be the best cancer center in America. Lourdes has become a certified member of the M-D Anderson Cancer Network. Houston-based M-D Anderson is dedicated solely to ending cancer. Under an affiliation process that began 2 years ago, Lourdes is now part of Anderson's quality assurance program and has access to all of its clinical trials. Plus, Lourdes nurses and physicians can engage in peer-to-peer reviews of any challenging cases. "They can send the information to MD Anderson electronically with their cell number and a specialist from MD Anderson will call them back on their cell phone and discuss it with them. For as long as it needs to be discussed. You don't find that everywhere." "This is an incredible opportunity to work with an outstanding academic center. And to have our program, which is an outstanding program in this community, be able to bring a full-scale approach to cancer care." Oncologists from throughout the network hold weekly video-conferences to discuss the latest in cancer care. Chief Nursing Officer Linda Miller says this new arrangement allows local patients access to M-D Anderson's world-renowned expertise while remaining close to home. "That is so important to patients and their families when they're going through being newly diagnosed with cancer and all of their treatment." Lourdes cancer specialists will also have the opportunity to present especially rare or complex cases to M-D Anderson's Tumor Board.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm

Date: 9/16/2016

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:29

## Detailed Description:

Norwich Pharmaceuticals is taking a break from its everyday duties to help spruce up the community. Employees left the office and took part in a day of caring. They stopped at over 20 places and organizations to make a difference. NewsChannel 34 caught up with the volunteers at the Norwich YMCA. There, they landscaped the entrance and also painted a few conference rooms. Human Resources Manager Luke Murphy says no matter what the project, the team is always willing to lend a hand. Human Resources Services Manager Luke Murphy says, "It's going from the 4 walls that we work inside of every day and coming out and continuing our team work, camaraderie and building relationships and friendships. There's no price tag on that."

Jamey Mullen is the Executive Director of the YMCA. He was planning on having the facility landscaped professionally, until the Norwich Pharmaceuticals team offered to do the work. He says the nearly 5-thousand dollars he was going to use to fund the project will now be used for other programming. YMCA Executive Director Jamey Mullen says, "It was almost \$4500. As a non-profit, we rely on revenue from our membership base, program base and charitable donations. For us to be able to save that money with volunteers doing that work for us, it will allow us to allocate those funds back to the kids programs." Other volunteer efforts included improvements to the Norwich Fire Station, the United Way and a Main Street Clean-up.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm

Date: 9/30/2016

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:14

## Detailed Description:

Fairview Recovery Services in Binghamton unveiled a new facility dedicated to women conquering addiction. State and local elected officials cut the ribbon on the brand new 3-story women's treatment center at its facility on Merrick Street. Women receive treatment at New Horizons or the Addiction Center of Broome County then eat, sleep and stay at the Fairview center. The facility includes bedrooms, lounges, living areas along with recreation space, exercise equipment and a kitchen and dining area. It can accommodate 16 adults and 2 children. Fairview Recovery Executive Director Michele Napolitano says separating mother and baby is one of the biggest barriers for moms seeking treatment. Fairview Recovery Executive Director Michele Napolitano says, "They don't want to leave their children to come to treatment. Who could blame them? In this case, they can bring their child with them. If they're pregnant, they can give birth and still be in treatment. We're very excited about that." Also announced was an Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse State Grant worth 1 point 7 million dollars. Fairview will use the money to create a recovery center. It is not a treatment center, but rather a centrally-located one-stop-shop for people to receive information on treatment and other programs and services.

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

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm

Date: 7/1/2016

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:01

## Detailed Description:

The man accused of running down and killing a New York State Trooper will be heading to trial in a few weeks. Yesterday, a pre-trial hearing was held for Almond Upton. Upton is accused of intentionally driving into Trooper Chris Skinner while the officer was conducting a traffic stop on Interstate-81 in May, 2014. Upton was originally indicted on 11 counts but now only faces first degree murder. Special Prosecutor Ben Bergman decided to drop 10 charges, including reckless driving and assault, in order to make it easier for jurors to decide the case. Judge Joe Cawley is also considering what evidence can be presented. State Police investigators allege that Upton hit Skinner while traveling 93 miles an hour, and that he never used the brakes. Public Defender Mike Baker is arguing that Upton is not mentally capable and should not be found responsible for the death. Police interviewed Upton following the

incident, during which he allegedly claimed that Jesus and the Devil told him to do it. Jury selection is scheduled to begin on July 11th.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm

Date: 7/11/2016

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:08

Detailed Description:

The Vestal woman who pleaded guilty to kidnapping 2 Binghamton teens was sentenced today. Amanda Hellman was given 10 years in state prison for the kidnapping charge. In April 2015, Shaleen and Kylea Fortner disappeared while waiting for their school bus. Almost a year later, they were found healthy and safe at Hellman's home in Vestal. Today she told her family that she was very sorry for her actions. She says she failed Kylea and Shaleen and she never meant to put them in any danger. Broome County District Attorney Steve Cornwell says Hellman was motivated by drugs. The guilty plea came as a result of an agreement between Cornwell and Hellman's attorney, Ron Benjamin. The teens' mother, Cindy Fortner, who assisted Hellman in the kidnapping, pleaded guilty to conspiracy charges last week. She faces anywhere from 2 and a half to 8 years in prison.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm

Date: 7/12/2016

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:59

Detailed Description:

The City of Binghamton has reached an agreement with a social club on Chenango Street that it had threatened to lock down. The Elks Club Antler Lodge, a fraternal non-profit organization serving a mostly African-American clientele, has agreed to a series of restrictions on its operation. In order to avoid a lockdown, the lodge will no longer serve alcohol after midnight, all patrons must leave by 12:30 and all staff by 1:30 in the morning. The Antler Lodge also agreed to operate video surveillance and make those recordings available to Binghamton Police on request.

The club was first threatened with a lockdown following a murder outside the lodge in July of last year. Mayor David says there's been a lot of back and forth negotiations since then. Christina Archie is a lead officer with Elks United. She says it's not a night club but rather a social hall with a bar and banquet room to host bridal and baby showers and other receptions. Today, a memorial gathering was being held to honor the son of one of the founding members who recently passed. Archie says there's never been a disturbance inside the Elks Home. She says the Mayor is being misleading and deceitful. Mayor David says the Lodge has agreed to sell its building to STK Partners which is developing a 2 and a half million dollar housing and commercial development next door. Archie says that Elks United may reconsider the deal.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm

Date: 7/14/2016

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:51

Detailed Description:

For the second year in a row, an officer from Broome County has been recognized as Police Officer of the Year in New York State. This year, the award goes to 2 members of New York State Police Troop C. Troopers Donald Atkinson and Lawrence Gurdo the Second were honored for rescuing a teenaged girl who was being sucked into an intake tunnel at the Whitney Point dam. They risked their lives jumping into the lake in full uniform to save the girl. Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul bestowed the medals upon the men during a ceremony today at Tioughnioga Riverside Academy. Atkinson was on patrol near Whitney Point Lake and was first to respond to reports of the girl in danger. Gurdo, who arrived afterward, followed him in with a rope. Atkinson says he couldn't see the girl who was already being pulled into the tunnel by the raging water. Swimming to the girl, the troopers used the rope to pull her to safety. The 14 year-old girl survived and the officers changed into dry clothes and finished out their shifts. Last year's honoree, JC Patrolman Lou Ciocci, also attended today's ceremony.

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

Date: 7/20/2016  
Duration of Segment: 1:25

The 2 witnesses that saw Trooper Chris Skinner during his final moments of life testified in court today. 62-year old Almond Upton faces a 1st degree murder charge for intentionally driving into Skinner Minutes before the crash, Skinner noticed a black B-M-W speeding along Interstate 81. The driver of the B-M-W, Sarfaraz Prumoni of New Jersey, testified that Skinner put his lights on and proceeded to pull him over. Prumoni says he gave his license and registration to Skinner. Seconds later, he says he felt a massive impact and his airbags went off. He says he could not open the drivers-side door, and he and his passenger, Ikramuddin Mondani exited out the passenger side. Prumoni says they immediately began looking for Skinner and only found his uniform hat sitting on the shoulder near the front of his BMW. Then, State Trooper Craig Sicina was called to the stand. Sicina says he and Skinner were detecting speeders along I-81. He says Skinner picked up the B-M-W going at 83 miles per hour. Sicina says Skinner offered him the stop, but Sicina declined and said he would pull over the next one. While conducting a traffic stop moments later, Sicina heard heavy scanner traffic and drove to the scene. Upon arrival he says he noticed a large pile of mud and grass. When he approached the pile he noticed bones sticking out. He said "I knew what it was, but didn't want to know what it was." He then called for help and said "it didn't look good."

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

Date: 7/26/2016  
Duration of Segment: 1:21

In the wake of recent events in Dallas and Baton Rouge where police officers were targeted and killed, a group of Greater Binghamton residents came out to show support for local law enforcement. A "Back Blue Lives" gathering was held last night outside of Binghamton City Hall.

People made signs and wore clothing that pay homage to police officers. The group marched outside Government Plaza to thank and shake hands with Binghamton patrol officers.

Organizer and "Blue Mom" Linda Hamilton says people are quick to blame police officers for difficult decision making. Demonstrators holding "Black Lives Matter" signs lined up along the march route.

One of the sign-holders, Epiphany Munoz says they didn't show up to protest. Instead, Munoz says she wants to remind people that Binghamton cops are not being victimized. Some people who showed up in support of law enforcement spoke with the Black Lives Matter demonstrators, including Sergeant Sam Davis of the Broome County Sheriff's Office. About 100 people attended the event.

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

Date: 7/28/2016  
Duration of Segment: 1:15

Police from across the area raided 6 homes this morning as part of Broome County's largest heroin bust ever. Local law enforcement officials announced 7 arrests resulting from a year-long investigation dubbed Operation Get Money. SWAT teams from Binghamton, Johnson City, Endicott, the Sheriff's Office and State Police conducted the search at 6 A-M today and seized 27 hundred bags of heroin and 38 thousand dollars in cash. 3 of the 7, 37 year-old Terrance "Money" Wise of Pierce Avenue in Endwell, 25 year-old Jamie Krmenech of Prescott Ave in the Town of Union and 35 year-old David Mikulski of Glenwood Ave in Binghamton were charged with running the operation. Also arrested were 30 year-old Anthony Guccia of Prescott Ave, 32 year-old Christopher Clerveau of Kirkwood, 26 year-old Karen Sadonis of Endicott and 24 year-old Cassandra Bennett of Johnson City. Officials say Terrance "Money" Wise has a prior drug conviction, served as the head of the drug ring and traveled to New York City to obtain the heroin.

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

Date: 8/3/2016  
Duration of Segment: 1:14

A grand jury has handed up a 94-count indictment following the biggest heroin bust in Broome County history. Broome County District Attorney Steve Cornwell says 7 people were indicted today. 3 of the 7, 37 year-old Terrance "Money" Wise of Pierce Avenue in Endwell, 25 year-old Jamie Krmenech of Prescott Ave in the Town of Union and 35 year-old David Mikulski of Glenwood Ave in Binghamton were charged with running the operation. Last week, police agencies from across our area raided 6 homes and confiscated over 27 hundred bags of heroin and 38 thousand dollars in cash. Cornwell says there's no place for these crimes in our community. Also indicted were 30 year-old Anthony Guccia of Prescott Ave, 32 year-old Christopher Clerveau of Kirkwood, 26 year-old Karen Sadonis of Endicott and 24 year-old Cassandra Bennett of Johnson City. Cornwell says 2 of the witnesses who bought the heroin have signed up for his Operation SAFE treatment program.

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

Date: 8/4/2016  
Duration of Segment: 1:03

After deliberating for 7 hours, the jury in the Almond Upton murder trial has not generated a verdict. Upton is accused of killing New York State Trooper Christopher Skinner in 2014 on Interstate 81 and faces a 1st degree murder charge. The jury submitted many notes to Judge Joe Cawley regarding clarifications of definitions and requests for testimony. First, they wanted an explanation of the meaning "lack of substantial capacity to know or appreciate," a reference to Public Defender Mike Baker's insanity defense. Then, they were read the testimony of Trooper Orry Ostrander, the man who took Upton into custody. Later in the afternoon, the jury requested testimony from Upton's son Michael and wife Judy. On the stand, Judy and Michael said Upton's behavior was erratic and paranoid. Finally, they were looking to hear from Ostrander regarding the timetable between the moment Upton hit Skinner and when he was taken into custody. However, Baker and special Prosecutor Ben Bergman both debated about what the jury had requested for over 30 minutes. Deliberations continue tomorrow.

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

Date: 8/14/2016  
Duration of Segment: 1:00

Russia's only track and field competitor has been suspended for the remainder of the Olympics. Darya Klishina is a long jumper who was allowed to compete after appealing to the international track and field governing body. She was the only 1 of 136 Russians who appealed and got the green light to compete in Rio. The track and field federation said the suspension was based on new information received by the governing body. They did not elaborate on this new information. Klishina has appealed the suspension to the court of arbitration for sport. The rest of the Russian track and field team was barred from the Rio games after a report revealed "systematic doping" among Russian athletes, by the world anti-doping agency. The report said the doping was supported by the Russian government over several years, including at the 2014 Sochi winter Olympics. To compete in the Olympics, Russian athletes had to prove they were not involved in the doping system and were subjected to drug tests outside the country.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm  
Time: 6pm

Date: 8/16/2016  
Duration of Segment: 1:07

### Detailed Description:

Tioga County is coming together to brainstorm ways to combat the area's heroin epidemic. Tioga County's Opioid Coalition held a meeting today at the Health and Human Services Building on Route 38 in Owego. The coalition is made up of members from the Tioga County Department of Health and Mental Health, representatives from law enforcement including District Attorney Kirk Martin, along with a number of faith-based organizations. They discussed strategies moving forward that could help curb the epidemic. Tioga County Legislative Chairwoman Marte Sauerbrey says bringing everyone together is the only way to come up with an effective solution. The conversation was guided by Community Planner Earl Greene, who built the coalition. They meet once a month and Greene is spearheading ways to engage the community to help fight the epidemic.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm

Date: 8/17/2016

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:58

### Detailed Description:

2 local lawmakers are calling on Albany to revise its policy regarding the expiration of sex offenders from the registry. Binghamton City Councilman Conrad Taylor and Broome County Legislator Mary Kaminsky held a news conference at Cheri Lindsey Park. The Democrats say a level-one offender is removed from the database after 20 years. Level 1 offenders are considered by the courts to be the least dangerous, in comparison to levels 2 and 3. Taylor says 17 sex offenders have come off the registry since January in Broome County. He says these people are harmful and do not belong in our community. David Lindsey is a Northside resident who used to represent the neighborhood on the Broome County Legislature. As a former police officer, he's been keeping tabs on sex offenders who move into the area. He says once they're released from the registry, it makes it difficult to check up on them. Lindsey also has a tragic personal history with the threat posed by sex offenders. His 12 year-old daughter Cheri, for whom the park is named, was killed by a convicted sex offender while she was on her paper route in 1984. Taylor and Kaminsky are encouraging the State Assembly to pass 2 bills which would revise the law. Taylor says he'd like to see offenders stay on the registry for 30 years instead of 20. The 2 lawmakers are also urging residents to sign a petition about the issue.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm

Date: 8/31/2016

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:31

### Detailed Description:

Binghamton Police are investigating a Westside shooting that left one man dead and another severely injured. Police responded to 1 Mozart Street at around 11 this morning for a report of shots fired. According to Chief Joe Zikuski, 2 men drove up in a gold Ford Taurus and entered the residence. Zikuski says at least 2 shots were fired from inside the home. Police say 1 man was shot to death and the other was shot in the arm, but defended himself against the suspect. Zikuski says the victim managed to incapacitate the shooter before police arrived on scene. Zikuski says the surviving victim may lose his arm. Justin Wrighter witnessed the incident. He is a landscaper and was scheduled to mow a lawn at a neighboring property. He says he didn't know they were gun shots. Zikuski says it was not a random incident and the 3 men knew each other. He also says it was not a home invasion. The weapon used was described as a long gun. Police are not identifying any of the people involved, and they believe no one else was involved. The investigation is ongoing.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm

Date: 9/1/2016

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 2:03

Detailed Description:

Last week's 10-car pile up on Route 17 is getting national attention after a dash cam video from the incident showcased a heroic effort to save a woman from her burning car. On Monday, Mayor Rich David released this dash cam video that broadcasted the entire incident as it unfolded. The accident occurred when a tractor trailer's brakes failed, causing it to barrel into a number of cars on the highway. An elderly woman was trapped in her vehicle until 4 good samaritans, Ed Staff, Doug Kumpon, Albert Fiori and Chris White came to her aid. Right after the crash, they got out of their cars when they saw the woman in distress pleading for help. They worked to free her from the car and pulled her out just as her vehicle had burst into flames. While other people were passing by and taking photos of the scene. They were able to use a fire extinguisher to break the window and drag the woman out. That fire fighting tool played a big role in freeing her from the vehicle, as more flames began spitting out of her car. The woman was treated with minor injuries. Emergency responders say it was a miracle that nobody died. The driver of the tractor trailer was ticketed for inadequate breaks. All 4 met with Mayor Rich David where he recognized them as heroes. The video made national headlines and was featured on NBC and ABC news, along with CNN.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm

Date: 9/7/2016

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:12

Detailed Description:

A protester demonstrating unfair construction wages at the Dick's Sporting Goods Distribution Center was struck by a vehicle this morning. New York State Police responded to the entrance of the construction site at around 7:30. Unionized operating engineers have been protesting over the past few days, calling for the contractor, D and W, to pay the standard prevailing wage, which is negotiated by unions. It is 58 dollars an hour, which includes benefits and other health package items. The job is being performed by non-union workers, which eliminates the requirement to pay the negotiated wage. According to State Police, a dump truck traveling at a low speed made contact with a person who was in its path. However, the person struck was found to be at fault. Police initially received a report from the company saying the entryway was blocked by organizers. Operating Engineers Business Representative Robert Aikens claims the protester was hit on purpose. Aikens says the protester was taken to Lourdes Hospital and is being treated for a wrist injury.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm

Date: 9/20/2016

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:02

Detailed Description:

The Binghamton Police Department is taking on new recruiting efforts to add to its ranks. Mayor Rich David held a news conference this afternoon to discuss new ways of attracting prospective police officers to the force. The city is unveiling a new recruitment website as well as a department career fair taking place tomorrow. The website, Join BPD dot com, features all of the employment opportunities including positions on the SWAT Team, community response, patrol and special investigations. Investigator Charles Woody Junior says people can inquire about any aspect of the job. Binghamton Police Investigator Charles Woody Jr says, "There will be some of us there tomorrow. We are very knowledgeable in regards to what is needed for this job in the City of Binghamton. We're going to be on hand to answer those questions. There's no question too big or too small. Just come in to see what we have to offer." The career fair will be held tomorrow from 6 to 8 at Binghamton City Hall. The website has already reached over 16-thousand people and has garnered over 150 responses. For more information log on to Join B-P-D dot com.

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

Program Title: NewsChannel 34 at 6pm  
Time: 6pm  
Detailed Description:

Date: 7/18/2016  
Duration of Segment: 1:07

The Collier Street parking ramp will be demolished next week. A news conference was held today to announce a nearly 275-thousand dollar grant, secured by State Senator Fred Akshar, that will fund part of the demolition of the parking ramp. Gorick Construction of Binghamton will begin removing the building next Monday. The grant will help pay for over half of the total project cost. Gorick agreed to take it down for 484 thousand dollars. Binghamton Mayor Rich David says the project will improve one of the City's most traveled gateways. David says the demolition will take about 6 weeks. Then, the city plans to pave a ground-level parking lot that will accommodate about 75 spaces. David says he'd eventually like to have the parcel developed for either residential housing and/or commercial use.

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

Date: 7/27/2016  
Duration of Segment: 1:01

State Senator Fred Akshar officially announced his bid for re-election recently. Akshar held a campaign fundraiser at Chenango Valley State Park catered by Salamida Spiedies. The event included temporary tattoos, a bounce house, an ice cream truck, a photo booth and plenty of the Southern Tier's favorite delicacy. Akshar says while the event was light-hearted and informal, he did speak with many residents regarding issues in our community. He wants to fulfill his promise of being an approachable politician. About 300 people attended the fundraiser. Akshar won a special election last year to serve the remainder of former Senator Tom Libous' seat after he was convicted of lying to the FBI. Akshar will be opposed by Democrat Sharon Ball. Libertarian Rich Purtell is also trying to make the ballot.

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

Date: 8/18/2016  
Duration of Segment: 1:35

State Senator Fred Akshar is looking for ways to improve the business climate in our area. The Republican held a roundtable discussion with the Business Advisory Board. Attendees include Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Jennifer Conway, Commerce Chenango CEO Steve Craig, along with representatives from Roto Rooter, M and T Bank and local farms. Topics discussed included ride sharing services such as Lyft and Uber along with issues that get in the way of day-to-day business. Akshar says in order to meet everyone needs, you must hear from a variety of perspectives. Jen Conway brought up a number of topics that she's experienced while representing the member businesses of the chamber. She says instead reacting to bills passed in Albany, businesses should be at the forefront in helping to create legislation. Other topics included ever-changing regulations, especially in regards to environmental testing. Akshar says he will take the concerns to Albany to help produce legislation for businesses to grow.

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

Date: 8/22/2016  
Duration of Segment: 1:04

The City of Binghamton has received millions in federal funding to purchase and demolish nearly 2 dozen blighted properties. Mayor Rich David announced the details for the 2 point 7 million dollar FEMA Demolition Grant today. The city will purchase and demolish 23 properties that are located in flood hazard areas including Tudor, Carrol and Duke Streets. Before applying for the grant, David says he discussed the details with owners of the property to see if

they'd be interested in selling. David says those who currently live in the targeted sites can receive assistance for finding a new place to live. Owners will be paid market value for their parcels. David says the entire project needs to be complete by December 31st 2018. He envisions newly-designed neighborhoods that will include green spaces in place of the demolished structures.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm

Date: 9/14/2016

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:43

Detailed Description:

Mayor Rich David laid out his vision for the City of Binghamton last night, while providing homeowners some tax relief for the first time in decades. The Republican discussed his plan to utilize the 92 point 1 million dollar budget. David is continuing a major investment in infrastructure, proposing 5 and a half million dollars for street reconstruction. Another highlight is a plan to fully rehabilitate the East Clinton Street bridge. However the biggest news for taxpayers was a proposed point two five percent residential tax decrease, the first since 1998. David says he feels confident about handing it off to City Council. Mayor Rich David says, "I feel the budget message was well-received by taxpayers and residents. It hits all of the themes residents were concerned about. They were concerned about high taxes, so obviously they're very pleased that taxes are going down." Democratic City Councilman Conrad Taylor represents downtown along with the Northside. He says the residential decrease, along with a point eight four percent cut for commercial properties, is a good sign that Binghamton is open for expansion. City Councilman Conrad Taylor says, "It's less than 1%, it's not a lot, but it means a lot. It says a lot from the administration but it's also in line with mine and my colleague's priorities. We want to send a signal that Binghamton is a place to do business and Binghamton is a place to move to. Other big plans include demolishing dozens of blighted properties, welcoming 6 new officers from the Law Enforcement Academy and installation of police car cameras. He also says the city has saved 60 percent on energy savings since converting to L-E-D street lights.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm

Date: 9/27/2016

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:16

Detailed Description:

Local police agencies, fire departments and crime victim advocates are receiving state public protection grants. State Senator Fred Akshar announced the funding at a news conference at Recreation Park in Binghamton today. The Republican secured 320 thousand dollars to be split among 24 agencies across his Senate district. Akshar says he has 3 goals in mind with the money, improve transparency and police/community relations, direct assistance to small, rural departments, especially volunteer fire, and do more for victims of crime. State Senator Fred Akshar says, "The men and women who put the uniform on every single day, putting their own lives at risk, do so because they care about our community. It is incumbent upon all of us, not only elected leaders, local leaders, but all of us as a community to stand strong and support them." Norwich Police will use 50 thousand dollars to outfit its officers with body cameras. Johnson City will spend 50 grand on body cams and updated police car computers. Binghamton gets 25 thousand for a handheld 3-D crime scene scanner, plus overtime for officers to interact with kids at the Binghamton Boys and Girls Club. And the Broome County Sheriff's Office is using 25 thousand dollars on substance abuse counseling for inmates at the jail, as well as more doses of the overdose antidote Narcan.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm

Date: 9/28/2016

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:17

## Detailed Description:

Five local men who saved a woman from her burning car are being recognized with the City of Binghamton's highest honor. Doug Kumpon, Ed Staff, Chris White, Fred Teribury and Albert Fiori all received a key to the City today. They were honored for their heroic actions taken during a 10-car pile up on Route 17 last month. Staff, White, Kumpon, Teribury and Fiori helped a woman escape from her vehicle that had quickly burst into flames. Teribury, a former special forces medical M-C-O, also assisted and treated other motorists. Although there were no fatalities, officials say the woman would've died had she not been rescued. Rescuer Doug Kumpon says, "I watched the accident and saw the car burst into flames. I told my daughter that I had to pull over to make sure everybody got out of that car. That's what happened. Rescuer Ed Staff says, "I was headed home from work. Normally, I don't go that way because Clinton Street is so backed up. It came on the radio that it was clear sailing on the highway. I was in the right place at the right time." The dash cam video was recovered and was put on social media to help identify the heroes. The woman from the car, who wished to remain anonymous, recently met with the heroes to express her gratitude. She is doing just fine.

## **Economy** – topics covered under this issue include:

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm

Date: 7/6/2016

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:13

### Detailed Description:

A flood-damaged miniature golf course in Conklin is being brought back to life by, and for the benefit of, local non-profits. The Maines family recently donated a nearly 5 acre parcel to the Conklin Fair committee for parking for the fair which begins next week. Along with it came the old mini golf course which hasn't been in operation since the 2006 flood. A legion of volunteers has stepped up, providing over 1 thousand hours of work cleaning up debris, painting and landscaping. 15 local non-profits and several businesses have adopted individual holes, many providing special decorations and obstacles. Conklin Fair President Bill Krasowsky says people have fond memories of the course. Conklin Fair Mini Golf is scheduled to open next Tuesday at 4 with a special dedication to the late Paul Preston, Krasowsky's predecessor as Fair President. Once open, local non-profits will take turns operating the course with the proceeds going to their organizations. Hours will be 4 to 9 Monday through Friday and noon to 9 on the weekends.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm

Date: 7/7/2016

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:04

### Detailed Description:

An unexpected opportunity has added to efforts to revitalize the Front Street Gateway entering the City of Binghamton. A dilapidated home at 250 Front recently came on the market among several historic homes that the First Ward Action Council is rehabilitating. Action Council Executive Director Jerry Willard quickly reached out to the Broome County Land Bank about acquiring the property, lest it fall into the hands of an owner who wouldn't take care of it. This morning, Willard was joined by city, county and Land Bank officials to celebrate its demolition. Willard says it's a case of addition by subtraction. The Land Bank is using 78 thousand dollars provided by the New York Attorney General's Office for the demolition. The lot will be used as a small park and community garden.

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

Date: 7/21/2016  
Duration of Segment: 1:10

The group of community leaders who will decide how the Southern Tier's half billion dollar economic development award will be spent met today. The Regional Economic Development Council began its meeting at Binghamton University with complaints by some members that they don't have voting privileges within the group. Turns out, the rules the state established for the council bars government employees from voting on council decisions, with the exception of the most senior State Senator and Assembly member from the region. BU President and Council Co-Chair Harvey Stenger says the group is making steady progress in allocating the Upstate Revitalization Money, a program the state has dubbed Southern Tier Soaring. Stenger says 60 million of the first 100 million dollars has been designated already, with 20 million going toward B-U's Flex-Tech center on the Huron Campus and 5 point 2 million supporting the Dick's distribution center announced earlier this week.

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

Date: 8/6/2016  
Duration of Segment: 1:00

An organization that provides large-scale home improvements is making life easier for a local resident in need. The Impact Project assisted, Robin Nesbit, a widow who has been dealing with water leaking through her roof. Specifically, water frequently comes into her kitchen and bathroom ever since she bought her home in Greene in 2009. Volunteers installed a new roof, re-wired her electric and landscaped her entire yard. Along with finishing the project in a swift 2 and a half hours, organization Director and Founder Jim Willard was pleased to mark another milestone of the program. This was The Impact Project's 84th job since its inception in 2004.

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

Date: 8/11/2016  
Duration of Segment: 2:23

During a stop in Syracuse today, governor Cuomo once again stated his influence and focus on transforming upstate New York. This comes just days after Cuomo criticized the state comptroller's audit which questioned the state's economic development spending.

Newschannel 34's Nick Perreault took a look at what the numbers say about job growth under the governor. The department of labor says under the governor's administration, 824,000 private sector jobs have been created. While the state has made improvement the state business council says a few good years doesn't mean a trend. Looking at the department of labor statistics

From June of 2011 to June of this year, the Mohawk Valley, southern tier and Central New York only noticed around a one percent growth in the workforce or a few thousand private sector jobs. Western New York and Finger Lakes had nearly 4 percent growth all a fraction compared to New York cities 16 percent and 535,000 jobs out of the 824,000 created under the governor. While Pokalsky says you can't deny Cuomo's attention to upstate, citing developing regional economic development councils and the state's multi-million dollar competitions, the state needs to focus on incentives, like healthcare and workers compensation to keep companies here longer. Until numbers return to pre-recession figures the business council says New York has work to do. Cuomo's office offered the following statement: while there is always more work to do, programs such as regional economic development councils, upstate revitalization initiative and the buffalo billion are continuing to build on this administration's work and unprecedented commitment of resources and energy to upstate.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm  
Time: 6pm

Date: 8/25/2016  
Duration of Segment: 1:05

## Detailed Description:

United Airlines is cutting its ties with the Greater Binghamton Airport. Greater Binghamton was notified by the air carrier on Tuesday that it will no longer provide service effective November 27th. United provides direct flights from Binghamton to Newark, New Jersey. Delta and American Airlines will be the only remaining providers. Delta offers a direct to Detroit and American flies to Philadelphia. Deputy Aviation Commissioner Mark Heefner says at the end of the day business is business. The turbo-prop planes sit around 30 people on the aircraft compared to a jet that seats 50 to 200 passengers. United was making 1 to 3 flights to Newark daily during the week and about 1 or 2 on the weekends. However the airport did receive some good news. It's receiving over 10 million dollars in federal funding to improve the main runway. Work could begin by the end of the year.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm

Date: 9/15/2016

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:02

## Detailed Description:

The Regional Economic Development Council met today to discuss progress on the URI half billion dollar prize, as they gear up for another round of grant submissions. The Council first discussed the latest round of REDC Consolidated Funding Applications, or CFA's for 21 priority projects. These include a renovation and expansion of Binghamton Precast as well as a mixed use facility on North Depot Street in Binghamton. Our region has been selected as a top performer for the past 3 years. When it comes to the half billion, plans are still being submitted. Stenger says people are anxious to see projects get underway. Southern Tier Regional Economic Development Council Co-Chair Harvey Stenger says, "I think that everybody is impatient. You always want things to happen as quickly as possible. That's just human nature. We won this URI award less than a year ago. 500 million dollars with a 2.5 billion dollar match is not an easy thing to pull together in 7 or 8 months." Stenger along with REDC representatives will present the latest proposal in Albany on November 1st.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm

Date: 9/23/2016

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:30

## Detailed Description:

A local advertising agency held a free conference today focused on utilizing media. RVSA held its inaugural Media Summit at the DoubleTree Hotel in Binghamton. The day-long event covered ways small businesses and non-profits can use social media, digital media and traditional media to communicate with their customers and clients. RVSA is a family operation that's been in business for 47 years. Third generation member Cortney Whalen says no budget is too small to find effective ways to get your word out. Director of Digital Media Cortney Whalen says, "We want to hear your story. And I think what sets us apart is that we offer personalized attention to our clients needs. We haven't grown so large that we can't keep in mind your mission and speak from your heart and mission as well." RVSA brought in 2 keynote speakers. The first was Ithaca Mayor Svante Myrick. Myrick spoke about the importance of open communication that speaks to not only where you are but where you're going. Ithaca Mayor Svante Myrick says, "The right message at the right time really can change the world. And I think that's important for us here in the Southern Tier to know and to remember that as long as we keep communicating, talking to each other, good things can happen." The other speaker was Christie Vilsack who is a Senior Advisor for International Education at USAID. She works to improve education in poor countries in an effort to improve their standard of living, international trade and security.

Mayor Myrick remained in Binghamton this evening to speak at the Freedom Fund Dinner of the Broome Tioga chapter of the NAACP.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm

Date: 9/26/2016

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:41

Detailed Description:

The Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce has a new leader and it's now looking for a brand new look. President and CEO Jennifer Conway has been on the job for nearly 6 months now. Under her leadership, she's launched an effort to solicit feedback from the Chamber's membership on what role they want to see the organization take in the community. Conway says that since she took over, she's been on a fact-finding mission, getting to know the major players in the area, looking for new partnerships and building and strengthening the existing ones. Chamber President Jennifer Conway says, "I think it's really important not to come in and just make these broad sweeping changes or edicts that I think this is the way that the community should be going. But understanding who Binghamton is, and the people of Binghamton and the Greater Binghamton area. And where are we all going to go together. Because this isn't about me, and it's not really about the Chamber, it's about the community." Conway says she thinks Greater Binghamton's strengths lie in its people, their passion and their persistence. She thinks the area's economy is on the verge of a resurgence. Conway says, "We have all these great assets. Bringing the people and the resources together at the table. And dreaming and brainstorming and seeing what we can accomplish, project by project, is creating a momentum that I believe is going to be unstoppable." The Chamber is also embarking on a branding overhaul with the assistance of local firm Idea Kraft. It will entail a new logo, new website and new marketing materials. Plus, the Chamber plans to move out of its MetroCenter offices in downtown Binghamton to join The Agency in a new one-stop economic development facility under construction on the SUNY Broome campus.

**Community** – topics covered under this issue include:

Program Title: NewsChannel 34 at 6pm

Date: 7/4/2016

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:27

Detailed Description:

People took to the streets in Montrose today to celebrate a 40-year tradition. The 40th annual 4th of July parade was held this morning at 11. This year's theme was "The Olympic Spirit." Hundreds of parade-goers lined up along the streets donning red, white and blue to capture candy, watch the floats and salute those who defend our freedom. In addition to the parade, the event's famous chicken barbeque is also a favorite amongst attendees. Montrose-native Megan Geisler says people young and old are proud to be American. Felicia Wilcox has been coming to the parade every year since she was born. She says there are a lot of great activities for people of all ages. Wilcox says there is a sense of pride being from Montrose because they truly cherish freedom. The parade included motorcycles, police and fire trucks, classic military vehicles and Olympic-themed floats. The Montrose High School Band played some patriotic tunes. The event is sponsored each year by the Montrose Kiwanis, Lions and Rotary clubs.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm

Date: 7/8/2016

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 2:11

Detailed Description:

Last year, we showed you the instrumental role that volunteers play during the tournament. This year, I wanted to take it one step further to become a volunteer myself. As part our on-going series, NewsChannel 34 Helping Hands, I stepped onto the course to donate my time as a Marshal. The marshals are a key component to any golf tournament

Whether you've attended a professional golf tournament in person or you watch it on television, you've probably seen those people holding those sign that say to be quiet. No, they're not trying to be rude, they're trying to keep the tournament running smoothly. Dave Baker is marking his 41st year as a marshal and is the leader of the pack. But today marked day number one for me. I was stationed on the 11th green during Wednesday's Pro-Am, and I helped players find their ball as they approached the green. During the Pro-Am, our main responsibility is helping the golfers find their balls out on the course. But when the tournament begins, marshals must make sure the gallery remains very, very quiet. Throughout the afternoon, I became very familiar with the 11th hole and caught a glimpse at home the amateurs and pros were strategically selecting their next shots. It was a long, hot day, but I had one of the best seats in the house. Yes, you're on one hole for a day. But, you're inside the ropes next to all of the players seeing all of the shots, especially if you're on the tee box or on the green. It's up close and personal. I even got a polo and hat for my efforts. Dave certainly has me beat in that category. I've attended the tournament as a fan and as a reporter. But now, I can say I was an instrumental part of one of our area's biggest events. Baker says because of the timing of the tournament it was a little more difficult to find volunteers. He put out a call to the Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce and got a wave of responses right before the tournament started.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm

Date: 7/13/2016

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:28

Detailed Description:

The home of the Conklin Fair will now honor its former leader. The Maines family has donated a piece of land to the Conklin Fair Committee in memory of Paul Preston. The late husband of Broome County Executive Debbie Preston, Paul served as Conklin Fair President and played an instrumental role in evolving the event over the years. The ceremony included the unveiling of a sign marking the location as the Paul H Preston Conklin Fair Complex. The 5-acre parcel along Conklin Road includes a large area used for fair parking as well a miniature golf course. Debbie Preston says Paul has a lasting legacy in the town. The recently-opened mini-golf course was badly flooded in 2006 and had not been in operation since. Once the donation was made, Conklin Fair President Bill Krasowsky says they weren't sure what to do with it. Over 20 organizations are operating the golf course and keeping a portion of the proceeds. The Conklin Fair begins tomorrow.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm

Date: 7/22/2016

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:34

Detailed Description:

A longtime community leader has left a substantial gift to the Roberson Museum and Science Center which will significantly boost its coverage of the natural sciences. The estate of Robert Ford Schumann gave Roberson 250 thousand dollars which will be used to fund 2 long-running exhibitions. One will transform the Irma M Ahearn Gallery into a display called A Walk In The Woods. The interactive exhibit will feature the sights and sounds of 4 different local habitats: wetland, forest, meadow and backyard. It will also give Roberson an opportunity to rotate specimens from its 3 thousand piece Lee Loomis collection of stuffed birds and mammals. The other recurring annual exhibit will be from Nature's Best Photography, a print magazine that features large-format, award-winning nature photos. Schumann was a local car dealer and philanthropist who once sat on the boards of Roberson and the National Audubon Society. His son David says his love of nature, and especially birds, began at a young age. Schumann passed away in 2011 at the age of 90. The Nature's Best Photography exhibit is scheduled to go up next February while A Walk In The Woods is expected to open by September of 2017.

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

Date: 7/29/2015  
Duration of Segment: 1:13

The United Way of Broome County wants to hear from you about ways to improve our community. The organization has been soliciting suggestions for the past 2 years on ways to reinvigorate our area. People were asked about what issues and services matter most to them. United Way representatives narrowed the top categories to include health and safety for seniors, local prosperity for recent graduates along with economic stability of families. Now, 5 community forums will be held to talk about ways to combat those issues. United Way Director of Community Impact and Engagement Phillip Ginter says they want to hear from the people who have been impacted the most. Sessions will be held on Monday and Tuesday at the DoubleTree Hotel from 9 to 12 and 1 to 4 on both days. Another will be held on August 9th from 5:30 to 7:30 in the Jeffrey Kraham Broome County Library Decker Room. Anyone who wants to attend can register by calling the United Way at 240-2014.

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

Date: 8/2/2016  
Duration of Segment: 1:10

The Town of Owego is raising money to build a memorial to the September 11th attacks in time for the 15th anniversary. Today, the Mildred Faulkner Truman Foundation made the largest donation to the effort so far, a check for 2 thousand dollars. The concrete memorial includes a walkway, granite monuments and a section of PATH train rail taken from beneath Ground Zero in New York. The approximately 50 thousand dollar project includes a design that shows the map of the Northeast states with the flight paths of the planes engraved in the granite. Town Supervisor Don Castellucci says there are additional ways the memorial will be different from other small town tributes. The Town still need to raise as much as 45 thousand dollars to complete the project. Castellucci says local contractors are donating their services and only charging for the materials. He says the goal is to have it officially dedicated on Sunday September 11th at 8:30 A-M. For info on how to donate, go to Town of Owego dot com.

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

Date: 8/7/2016  
Duration of Segment: 1:05

Area boating enthusiasts had their creativity on display in Whitney Point today. The Ahwaga Canoe and Kayak club held its first ever Pimp Your Boat competition in Dorchester Park. Club members decked out their boats in all sorts of unique accessories to show off to fellow club members before setting sail. Trip leader Sharon Canfield said preparations for their annual picnic were underway when the council came up with the idea for the Pimp Your Boat competition to be held with the picnic. Canfield adds that the competition and picnic are only a small sample of what the club has to offer. Canfield says one thing the club does take seriously is safety. After the trip today members voted on the best designed kayak with the winner receiving free membership to the American Canoe Association for 2017.

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

Date: 8/9/2016  
Duration of Segment: 1:37

Local artists are coming together to showcase their beauty shots of Binghamton. Organizers Matthew Card and Steven Palmer are hosting the Art of Binghamton exhibit at Roberson Museum this Friday. It's a free art showing funded in part by Ty Muse, CEO of Visions Federal Credit Union. Nearly 20 artists from our area have submitted their best Binghamton-themed paintings, photographs and other works. Some depict the many beautiful structures in the area,

while others are focused on themes or references to the area. Card says it's a chance to see Binghamton through many different lenses. Steven Palmer says it was difficult to choose which works he wanted to show off. He says local artists have a certain eye when it comes to creating and replicating Binghamton's features. The event runs from 5 to 9 at Roberson Museum and there is no charge for entry. It will also feature live music from a number of local bands. Food and beverages will be provided by Binghamton Brewing Company, Enfield's, Strange Brew, Glen Park Vineyards and others.

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

Date: 8/20/2016  
Duration of Segment: 1:08

Some Binghamton bicyclists hopped on their bikes to enjoy a cruise around town today. The 10th annual Binghamton Bridge Pedal took place this morning. The 8-mile leisurely ride around the area began at 9 at Tech works located at 321 Water Street in Binghamton. The course takes people through various area landmarks such as Otsiningo Park, the South Washington Street Bridge and the American Civic Association memorial. Executive Director for the Center of Technology and Innovation Susan Sherwood says her favorite part is seeing people of all ages mingling with one another. Around 100 people participated. The event also included a local food fest, featuring vendors with various treats from around the area. Also, Tech Works was open for people to stop in and check out local innovations from years past. Proceeds will be put toward renovating the Tech Works' Water Street location.

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

Date: 8/23/2016  
Duration of Segment: 1:21

The Art Mission and Theatre is looking to showcase local and national works as they prepare to launch a full-scale film festival. It is currently collecting submissions for the Binghamton-Babylon Film Festival. It was inspired by Santino DeAngelo, a board member for the Art Mission. He was riding on a train and saw a man reading a book entitled "Binghamton Babylon" a work written by Scott M McDonald about the cinema department at SUNY Binghamton in the 1960s and 70s. The event will be a 5-day festival, sponsored by the Victor and Esther Rozen Foundation. Submissions must be a narrative or documentary style film that is between 3 and 15 minutes long. DeAngelo says they're looking for something that's both visually and mentally captivating. The event takes place from October 12th through 16th. Submissions are due September 15th. WSKG is partnering with the event and will be showcasing its Rod Serling Film Festival in conjunction with Binghamton Babylon. The cost to submit a film is 25 dollars. For more information log on to Binghamton Babylon dot com.

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

Date: 8/29/2016  
Duration of Segment: 2:07

More sports celebrities will be rolling into town later this week for the 15th annual Jim "Mudcat" Grant All-Star Golf Tournament. The event raises money for 4 local charities, including the Broome County Urban League. Last year, each organization received 10 thousand dollars from the proceeds. At the Urban League, the money helps to fill in any gaps in its programs and services directed toward youth and families. The League runs an inclusive after-school program at United Presbyterian Church in Binghamton for kids with special needs that includes food and homework help. CEO Jen Lesko says that after working the tournament for the past 10 years, the visiting athletes are like family. The organizers of the tournament, Jim "Mudcat" Grant and Security Mutual Life chose local charities that specifically

benefit youth and help to feed the needy. In addition to its 2 food pantries, Catholic Charities of Broome County has launched Summer lunch programs in Binghamton and Endicott. Lori Accardi is Executive Director. The Jim "Mudcat" Grant All-Star Golf Tournament takes place this Thursday at The Links at Hiawatha. This is the 15th year. Each year, Grant is joined by fellow members of The Black Aces, former major league baseball pitchers who won 20 games in a season. CHOW and the Binghamton Boys and Girls Club also receive funds. We'll hear more from them tomorrow. If you'd like to donate money to one of the charities, go to Allstar dash golf dot com.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm

Date: 9/5/2016

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:00

Detailed Description:

An end of summer tradition concludes today in Johnson City. The 49th annual J-C Field days are wrapping up at Northside Park on Harry L Drive. The event includes rides, games, delicious summer treats such as fried dough, funnel cakes, blooming onions, and other goodies. Today's events included live music from Miles Ahead and Old Friends, along with a fireworks show later tonight. 10-year old Avery Palumbo came out to ride the scrambler and also walked away with a few prizes. He says the event is his favorite part of the summer. Admission is free and rides are 2 dollars each. Proceeds from the field days fund the participating non-profit organizations. Also included was the "Fill the Boot" initiative. People place money in a fireman's boot with proceeds benefiting muscular dystrophy. If you want to catch the fireworks, they start at 9:30.

**Business** – topics covered under this issue include:

Program Title: NewsChannel 34 at 6pm

Date: 7/5/2016

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:08

Detailed Description:

A representative from New York's Federal Reserve Bank was in our area to discuss the business climate in our area. a roundtable discussion was held at The Center, a start-up incubator run by the Agency. The event was sponsored by the Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce. It featured Panelist William Dudley who is President of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. He spoke with local business reps about concerns and the future outlook of the economy. Concerns include retaining graduates, the minimum wage increase, and miscommunications regarding the 500 million dollar economic revitalization award. Chamber President and CEO Jennifer Conway says the organization is always looking for ways to help its member businesses. Represented business include Mirabito Energy Products, Security Mutual Life and Visions. In addition to discussing the local climate, Dudley discussed inflation and growth nationwide.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm

Date: 7/19/2016

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 2:10

Detailed Description:

Governor Cuomo came to town today to celebrate a major investment in our community by Dick's Sporting Goods. Dick's announced that it will build a 100 million dollar state-of-the-art distribution center in the Broome Corporate Park in Conklin. The 650 thousand square foot facility will be the size of 15 football fields taking up 123 acres of remaining space in the corporate park. Dick's says it will create 466 full time jobs serving 200 stores in the Northeast. Now one of the country's largest sporting goods retailers, Dick's began in 1948 when Dick Stack opened a small bait and tackle shop in Binghamton. In 1984, his son, Ed Stack, took over the business which had grown to 2 large stores in Binghamton and Vestal. Ed Stack launched a major expansion of the chain, eventually moving its corporate offices to the Pittsburgh area in 1994. Ed Stack says the company considered a number of potential locations. He credits his sister, Broome County Legislator Kim Myers, with being an early advocate for Greater Binghamton. Myers

is also the Democratic candidate for the 22nd Congressional seat currently held by Richard Hanna. Dick's plans to start construction of the new distribution center in August with a completion date of early 2018.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm

Date: 8/5/2016

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 2:41

Detailed Description:

There are hundreds of vendors that make their way to the festival each year, but there's one very visual exhibit here that catches a lot of attention. Here's a closer look at a place that will blow your mind by blowing glass. A 4-thousand degree torch, some tools and glass is all you need to make a masterpiece. The Binghamton area prides itself on visual arts like painting and sculpture, but if you drive about an hour west of here glass rules all. It all started in 1951 when Corning Glass wanted to give back to the community by donating a space for people to come and gather.

That place is the Corning Museum of Glass. Eric Goldschmidt is a flamemaker and demonstrates how to make art with glass.

New this summer is a tribute to Rudolf and Leopold Blaschka, 2 glass artists that created models of invertebrate sea forms, like jelly fish and other creatures, in the late 1800s. Goldschmidt says combining history with glass making generates a lot of excitement. Goldschmidt began his crafting career as a candle maker until his roommate created a glass blowing studio in their garage and immediately fell in love with the process. Now, he's teaching amateurs as patrons can sign up to make their own glass at the museum. If you're not quite ready to blow your own, you can simply ease into the process by watching Eric perfect his craft at Spiedie Fest. The Corning Museum of Glass exhibit is located right across from the playground near many of the food tents. For more info, log on to C-M-O-G dot org.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm

Date: 8/21/2016

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:16

Detailed Description:

Greater Binghamton's original Japanese steakhouse celebrated 4 decades in business this year. Kampai in Vestal held a 40th anniversary festival today in its parking lot in Vestal. There was a variety of Japanese foods including chicken yakitori and takoyaki filled with octopus. Entertainment included Japanese folk dancers from New York City, the Kizuna Japanese drummers and a Kendo demonstration by local karate master Hidy Ochiai. There were also games, caricatures by Jon Bon Fed and fashions by Kyoto Kimonos. Richard Matsushima founded Kampai in 1975. His son Andrew says his father originally planned to open a hibachi restaurant in Detroit when he was convinced by someone he met to choose the Binghamton area. Originally just a hibachi restaurant, Kampai added the area's first sushi bar in the 1980's and later expanded with a kitchen and dining area with traditional Japanese cuisine. Next, Kampai plans to add a tea room and tea gallery.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 6pm

Date: 9/6/2016

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:55

Detailed Description:

After receiving its official casino license last week, Tioga Downs is making way for its new state-of-the-art hotel. The Nichols-based racino hosted a groundbreaking ceremony this morning with local dignitaries, construction representatives along with Tioga Downs owner Jeff Gural. The new hotel will include over 100 rooms, most with views of the track, a rooftop banquet and conference center and 3 pools, including one hooked up to a giant water slide. It will also house an Ageless Spa, a locally owned spa out of Horseheads. The hotel will employ over 300 people. Gural says the development will make the full-fledged casino a true destination. Gural says construction for the expanded casino has been running smoothly. It will offer the full assortment of table games including poker, blackjack and roulette. Gural says there's only a few more things to check off of the list before it's fully operational. Before details on the hotel were announced, Gural presented a check for over 100 thousand dollars to the Southern Tier Veterans Support Group. Each year, Tioga Downs hosts a benefit concert for veterans, where Gural matches ticket sale proceeds which are all given to the organization. This year's concert featured Grand Funk Railroad. Other

casino additions include a P-J Clark's burger joint. Once the expansion is complete, the Tioga Downs will employ over 1-thousand people.

Program Title: NewsChannel34 at 11pm

Date: 9/12/2016

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:21

Detailed Description:

The owner of a popular Binghamton business is at odds with City officials after its expansion project was forced to come to a halt. The Old Union Bar and Restaurant on Clinton Street has recently began installing a newly-expanded indoor dining area, a 2nd floor kitchen along with an outdoor patio. Owner Adam Kipp says he spoke with code enforcement officials about every detail in the project and was given the go-ahead. 7-weeks later, Kipp was told he was in violation because he needed to add a sprinkler system. The sprinklers are a state requirement, not a City mandate. Kipp says he was never told he had to add it until well after construction had started. He's says he's offered different solutions and alternatives, but code enforcement won't budge. The City's fire marshal says "Our primary goal is to make sure every project meets New York State fire safety codes to ensure public safety. These fire safety codes are stringent but important." Mayor Rich David says he has met with both sides and they are trying to resolve the issue. NewsChannel 34 reported on a similar situation at Robot City Arcade in March, which is also located on Clinton.

**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, Alcoholics Anonymous, Hunger Is Campaign.

**Consumer Safety** – Domestic Violence Prevention, New York State Lottery Teen Gambling 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, I Run For Half Marathon, Duck Derby, Students Against Destructive Decisions,

Catholic Schools of Broome County, Dick's Sporting Goods Volunteers, Mace Madness, Broome County Council of Churches, Women Fore Women Golf Tournament, Traci's Hope, Greater Binghamton Business Expo, Wingfest, Chamber Wine Tasting.

**National Security:** Marine Corps, USO, Peace Corps, Southern Tier Veteran's Association.

**Environment:** Habitat for Humanity, Emergency Preparedness.

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