

# ISSUES AND PROGRAMS

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**WEBO (AM) OWEGO, NY  
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**W253CH 98.5 (FM) OWEGO, NY  
W267BQ 101.3 (FM) CANDOR, NY  
W286CS 105.1 (FM) WAVERLY, NY  
W300BV 107.9 (FM) ENDICOTT, NY**

## GOVERNMENT

### PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH, AND WELFARE

Emergency Alert System (EAS)—Weather warnings, Civil Defense Warnings, and Amber Alerts WEBO relayed “warnings” received through the EAS decoder during the period covered by this report. By relaying these EAS messages over the air, WEBO kept residents of the Owego, Candor, Waverly, Endicott and Tioga County, NY area apprised of the latest National Weather Service warnings and vital information.

### PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH, AND WELFARE

#### ALL CATEGORIES (IN NEWS CONTENT)

##### News Coverage

WEBO aired several roughly 3-minute long newscasts relevant to residents of the Owego, Candor, Waverly, Endicott and Tioga County, NY area, during the period covered by this report. These newscasts aired daily Monday-Friday at 6:00am, 6:30am, 7:00am, 7:30am, 8:30am, and additionally on Fridays at 5:00pm & 6:00pm, and Saturdays at 6:00am, 7:00am, 8:00am, 9:00am, 10:00am, 11:00am, and 12:00pm. Additional news reports were aired as needed for breaking news coverage. These newscasts were written, produced, and anchored by WEBO staff.

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### PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH, AND WELFARE

##### Local Weather Coverage

WEBO aired a thirty-second weather report two times hourly (24/7) every day during the period covered by this report, and four times hourly

Monday-Friday from 6:00am-9:00am. These weather reports were forecasted, written, and anchored by AccuWeather in affiliation with WEBO and covered the weather forecast for the Owego, Candor, Waverly, Endicott and Tioga County, NY area.

PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH, AND WELFARE  
RECREATION

Tioga County Sports Report

WEBO aired a twice-weekly ten minute live sportscast during the period covered by this report. The sportscast aired Mondays and Fridays at approximately 8:40am. These local sportscasts covered scholastic sports of interest to Owego, Candor, Waverly, Endicott and Tioga County, NY area residents.

CIVIC, NEIGHBORHOOD, AND FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS  
CHARITIES

PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH, AND WELFARE

WEBO Community Calendar

WEBO aired PSAs for various local non-profit organizations during the period covered by this report. The WEBO Community Calendar aired once-per-hour Monday through Friday from 12:00am to 6:00am, 9:00am and 12:00am, and once-an-hour Saturday through Sunday. One event was announced per hour in rotation with all other current events happening at that time.

PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH, AND WELFARE

Eye on Veterans produced by CBS

WEBO aired "Eye on Veterans" once daily Monday-Friday at 6:45am during the period covered by this report. This one-minute report covered topics specifically of interest to veterans such as health, support, recovery, addiction, employment, veteran owned business start-ups and other topics of interest to veterans in the Owego, Candor, Waverly, Endicott and Tioga County, NY area.

PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH, AND WELFARE

Doctor's Orders produced by CBS

WEBO aired "The Doctor's Orders" twice daily Monday-Friday at approximately 6:15am and 5:15pm during the period covered by this report. This one-minute feature covered medical topics and information of interest to listeners in the Owego, Candor, Waverly, Endicott and Tioga County, NY area.

A partial list of significant issues interviews conducted on WEBO are listed below, along with the most significant programming treatment of those issues/events for the period listed above. The listing is by no means exhaustive.

The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

The public is encouraged to send local events, topics, and stories of interest specifically pertaining to the Owego, Candor, Waverly, Endicott and Tioga County, NY area. Such inquiries should be directed to [News@MyHometownToday.com](mailto:News@MyHometownToday.com) for future coverage.

Respectfully submitted,

David M. Radigan  
February 23, 2023

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WEBO Afternoon Drive with Matt Lewis

DATE: October 6, 2022

TIME: 5:15 p.m.

RE: Village of Owego/Law Enforcement/Community Engagement/Entertainment

WEBO was pleased to welcome Owego Mayor Mike Baratta and Owego Police Chief Joseph Kennedy to the Afternoon Drive with Matt Lewis show to talk about the Village of Owego Appreciation Night planned from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Friday, October 7, at the Tioga County Fairgrounds, Marvin Park, Owego.

The event was initiated last year by the Owego Police Department to celebrate the Owego community, thank first responders, and to foster friendly relationships between law enforcement and the community.

The free event is sponsored by local business leaders, including Floyd Hooker Foundation, Tioga State Bank, Upstate Shredding, Cops4 A Cause, Tioga Downs Casino Resort, Greenlight Networks, Owego Fire Department, Visions Federal Credit Union, Price Chopper, Owego Pennysaver, Wagner Lumber, Southern Tier Hardwoods, and Scott, Smith, and Son.

Besides free food, cooked by local officials, there will be games, giveaways, hay wagon rides, live music, a bonfire, and fireworks, face painting and some Halloween-themed activities — a pumpkin carving contest and pumpkin painting. Attendees are encouraged to bring pumpkins pre-carved, and prizes will be awarded. A decorative Halloween Tent will offer free gear for children. First responders and trucks will also be on-hand, offering a touch-a-truck experience for youth.

Music will be provided throughout the event. Kicking off the evening is Ghosties on Third, a Dave Matthews-inspired band with local musicians Joshua Schechter on lead and vocals, Ryan Marchewka on bass, Terry Morey on drums, and Keith Nichols on keyboards. Following their opening performance will be Devon Lawton & The In-Laws, performing a blend of country and rock.

Highlighting the evening at 8:00 p.m. will be a return of Stone Senate to Owego. The band, hailing from Nashville, Tenn., performed in 2018 at Owego's Strawberry Festival. The band's harmonica player and manager, Chris Sauerbrey, was born and raised in Owego.

There will also be a "Ghost Ride" by Salter Cycle Service leading participants on a trail of haunted places before returning to the fairgrounds to enjoy food and entertainment. Registration is 2:30 p.m. at the fairgrounds, with kickstands up at 3:30 p.m. A donation for the ride will benefit the Rebecca Weitsman Memorial Dog Park and K9 Maggie, of the Owego Police Department.

WEBO NEWS

DATE: October 26, 2022

TIME: Various between 6:00 a.m. and noon in condensed version

Appeared as shown below on website: [myhometowntoday.com](http://myhometowntoday.com)

RE: Broome, Chemung, Tioga Counties/Prescription Medication/Drug Overdoses

Residents in the Southern Tier looking to keep unwanted and unneeded medications from falling into the wrong hands potentially leading to dangerous or even tragic consequences, can safely dispose of them between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., Saturday, October 29, at select collection sites during the federal Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) National Prescription Drug Take Back Day.

Local agencies in Broome, Tioga, and Chemung counties will host collection sites in an effort to keep communities clean and safe.

In Broome County, the Broome County Sheriff's Office will accept any medications from aspirin to controlled substances including sharps at these five locations:

Broome County Sheriff's Office – 155 Lt. VanWinkle Dr., Binghamton

Johnson City Elks Lodge – 4212 Watson Blvd., Johnson City

Whitney Point Fire Department – 2665 Main St., Whitney Point

United Health Services – 4417 Vestal Parkway East, Vestal

West Windsor Fire Department – 9 Karla Dr., Windsor

In Tioga County, the Tioga Advocacy Support and Prevention Coalition (Tioga ASAP) in conjunction with the Tioga County Sheriff's Department will host a drive up and drop off event at two locations:

Tioga ASAP's office — 72 North Ave., Owego, in the parking lot next to the Owego Police Department.

Valley United Presbyterian Church — 459 Park Ave., Waverly.

In Chemung County, the Chemung County Sheriff's Office will accept medications, ointments, sprays and sharps with no questions asked at either of two Elmira locations: the Southport Volunteer Fire Department, 1001 Carl St. and the West Elmira Volunteer Fire Department, 1299 W. Water St. Residents are asked to keep the medications in their original containers with the labels intact, however, they may blacken out their name.

To search for additional locations, visit the DEA website at [dea.gov/takebackday](http://dea.gov/takebackday) for a database updated frequently with new collection sites.

WEBO News

DATE: October 27, 2022

TIME: Various between 6:00 a.m. and noon in condensed version

    Appeared as shown below on website: myhometowntoday.com

RE: Tioga County/Youth/ Sports/Soccer

Tioga County high-school soccer will be well-represented in the Section IV championship Friday and Saturday with three teams vying not just for their Section Titles but also for the right to move on to the state playoffs.

The Owego girls soccer team advanced to the Class B championship Tuesday night with their overtime win against Waverly 1-0 and will play Chenango Valley Friday in Johnson City for the Class B title.

In boys' soccer Wednesday evening, both Owego and Spencer-Van Etten/Candor (SVEC) scored decisive victories to advance to their respective title games which will be held Saturday at Wright National Soccer Campus, Oneonta.

Owego blanked Chenango Forks 6-0 in the Class B semifinal and will face Oneonta while SVEC outscored Bainbridge-Guilford 6-3 in the Class C semifinal and will face Trumansburg.

WEBO News

DATE: November 7, 2022

TIME: Various between 6:00 a.m. and noon in condensed version

Appeared as shown below on website: myhometowntoday.com

RE: Federal, State and Local Political Elections/New York State and Pennsylvania

Tuesday is a general election day in New York and Pennsylvania. Voting polls will be open Tuesday from 7-00 a.m. to 8:00 p m. Pennsylvania, and from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. in New York. Contact your county's board of elections if you are uncertain about your polling location.

At the top of each state's ballot is the race for governor. Democrat Kathy Hochul, who was elevated to governor after Andrew Cuomo resigned in disgrace amid sexual harassment allegations, is running for her first full four-year term as New York's governor. Congressman Lee Zeldin is the Republican candidate largely focusing his campaign on the state's rising crime rate. Hochul has stressed gun control, abortion rights and increasing job opportunities.

In Pennsylvania's race for governor, voters will choose between state Attorney General Josh Shapiro, a Democrat, or state Sen. Doug Mastriano, who is on the Republican ticket. Democratic Gov. Tom Wolf will leave office in January after serving two terms as Pennsylvania's governor.

In the race for a U.S. Senate seat from Pennsylvania, Lt. Gov. John Fetterman is the Democratic candidate; Republican Dr. Ahment Oz is the GOP candidate. Oz gained notoriety as a medical expert for five years on the Oprah Winfrey Show

In a notable race in Broome County, Republican state Sen. Fred Akshar, of the 52nd District, decided to run for Broome County Sheriff rather than seek re-election to a fifth term in the state Senate. Democratic candidate is Kate Newcomb, who is a 30-year veteran and current captain in the sheriff's office. Akshar is a former undersheriff who was appointed to the position by retiring Sheriff Dave Harder. However, Harder has endorsed Newcomb. Akshar' has received almost unanimous support of the union representing rank-and-file active-duty sergeants, detectives, road patrol deputies and sworn officers.

Voters in Tioga and Broome counties will play a role in deciding who goes to Washington from the newly drawn 19th Congressional District. Josh Riley, of Ithaca, is a first-time candidate on the Democratic ticket while the Republican candidate is Marc Molinaro of Red Hook.

WEBO News

DATE: November 14, 2022

TIME: Various between 6:00 a.m. and noon in condensed version

Appeared as shown below on website: [myhometowntoday.com](http://myhometowntoday.com)

RE: Broome, Tioga Counties/Youth/ Sports/ Football

What a weekend for high school football in Tioga County. Two teams won Section 4 championship games on Friday and advanced to the New York State regional playoffs this weekend against Section 3 winners from the Syracuse area.

Waverly beat defending NYS Class C champion Chenango Forks, 28-14, to win the school's fourth overall Section 4 football championship. Wolverines last victory over the Blue Devils was during the 2008 season. Tioga Central, defending NYS Class D and two-time state champions, easily advanced with a 48-14 win over Delhi and added a tenth sectional football title to the school's trophy case.

Celebrate, good times.

As impressive as it is with two teams from Tioga County in the state tournament, it is not the first time Tioga County football fans can follow two local schools in the NYS playoffs. The same schools — Waverly and Tioga — each won sectional titles in both the 2015 and 2011 seasons. In 2017, Tioga Central and Newark Valley also went to the state tournament.

Broome County schools also won two Section 4 titles last weekend. Defending NYS Class B and six-time state champion Maine-Endwell beat Norwich, 37-13, and Union-Endicott beat Vestal, 30-14, in the Class A championship game. Corning in Steuben County won Class AA by beating Elmira, 46-24.

Central New York regional playoffs are scheduled for this Friday, November 18, and Saturday, November 19, at Cicero-North Syracuse High School. The schedule is:

5pm Friday: Tioga Central vs. Dolgeville, Class D

8pm Friday: Union-Endicott vs. West Genesee, Class A

12noon Saturday: Waverly vs. General Brown, Class C

3pm Saturday: Maine-Endwell vs. Homer, Class B

6pm Saturday: Corning vs. Cicero-North Syracuse, Class AA



WEBO Live Broadcast

DATE: December 7, 2022

TIME: 11:00 a.m.

RE: Veterans Day/Tioga County

WEBO proudly hosted a live broadcast of Tioga County's annual Veterans Day ceremony in Owego. The broadcast began at 11:00 a.m. in the Glenn A. Warner Memorial Hall Post 1371, Veterans of Foreign Wars. The ceremony was broadcast across all five WEBO frequencies, 1330-AM, 98.5-FM, 101.3-FM, 105.1-FM, and 107.9-FM.

VFW Honor Guard Bugler Steve Polinsky played Taps at 11:00 a.m. to open the program, symbolizing General John J. Pershing sounding taps at 11:00 a.m. on Nov. 11, 1918, signaling the end of fighting in WWI. Following Taps was the Posting of the Colors, the National Anthem by bugle and Invocation by Deacon Michael Donovan.

Speakers and presentations included:

The Twin Tiers Honor Flight Missions 13, 12 and 5 by Guardians Navy Veteran and retired 11-year President of the Southern Tier Veterans Support Group Al Eaton and his wife, Monica.

The NYS Rt. 38 Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway of Valor by organizer and Vietnam Bronze Star Recipient and Danny Baker, a former Ithaca police officer.

The PACT Act Legislation Camp Lejeune Water Contamination Act of 2022 and ETS Sponsorship and Dwyer Program by Tioga County Veterans Service Agency Director Michael Middaugh.

A Moment of Silence remembering Owego's oldest resident, 100-year-old Nina Warner Kravec. Her brother is WWII Fallen Hero Glenn A. Warner who is buried in Margraten, Netherlands, with 8,500 WWII heroes. Erwin Flohr of the Netherlands, who visits the grave, remembered Elaine.

A roll call of deceased Tioga County Veterans since Memorial Day provided by Estey Munroe and Fahey Funeral Home, Owego.

A quilt from the Alley Quilters was presented by Iraq Combat Flight Nurse Danielle Ingram to Commander George Carrigan of the VFW Honor Guard.

A poem by John McRae "In Flanders Fields" was read by Vietnam Veteran Lew Sauerbrey. Dorolyn Perry spoke on VFW Auxiliary Buddy Poppy Program.

Throughout the program, a memorabilia table displayed Marie Ward's WWII Scrapbook of GI Letters home and Class of 2022 Owego Free Academy graduate Ryan Trenchard's Eagle Scout project, "Fallen Heroes Buried in Tioga County Cemeteries."

WEBO News

DATE: Dec. 12, 2022

TIME: Various between 6:00 a.m. and noon in condensed version

    Appeared as shown below on website: myhometowntoday.com

RE: Village of Waverly/Misappropriation of Funds/Judicial

New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli, Tioga County District Attorney Kirk Martin and the New York State Police have announced David Shaw, 67, of Sayre, the former parks and recreation director of the Village of Waverly, pleaded guilty to official misconduct for destroying and altering Village of Waverly Recreation League records. Shaw was sentenced to one-year conditional discharge and paid full restitution of \$16,525 in connection with his crimes. This plea was a result of a joint investigation between DiNapoli's office, Tioga County district attorney and New York State Police. Shaw, 67, of Sayre, PA, was responsible for collecting funds for child sports registrations, fundraisers, tournaments, and field trips. A forensic analysis and review of recreation records found that Shaw collected cash regularly, but failed to deposit all funds into village accounts, and \$16,525 in cash collected by Shaw between November 2015 and August 2018, was unaccounted for. Shaw confessed to misappropriating \$16,525 in village funds during his employment at the village. Shaw further admitted that from May 2018 through June 2018, he altered and destroyed receipts and records of the Village of Waverly Recreation Department to cover the \$16,525 he diverted. He has served as recreation director since 2015. In connection with his guilty plea, Shaw resigned from his position with the village effective November 11, 2022. He was sentenced by Judge Richard Gorman in the Village of Waverly Court.

WEBO News

DATE: December 22, 2022

TIME: Various between 6:00 a.m. and noon in condensed version

Appeared as shown below on website: myhometowntoday.com

RE: Agriculture//Youth/Education/Owego

A \$1,000 Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) grant has been awarded by Farm Credit to Grayden Stanton, a student at Owego Free Academy. SAE grants are designed to help Future Farmers of America (FFA) members create or expand SAE projects, a component of the agriculture program that students complete.

Grayden is a member of the Owego FFA Chapter. His application was selected from among 1,296 applications nationwide. Grayden's SAE project focuses on poultry production. He has his own flock of laying hens and will use these funds to expand his egg production and increase profits.

An SAE requires FFA members to develop and operate an agriculture-related business, work at an agriculture-related business, or conduct agricultural research experience.

Upon completion, FFA members must submit a comprehensive report regarding their career development experience. This year, 30 different sponsors funded SAE Grants.

The National FFA Organization is a school-based national youth leadership development organization of more than 850,000 student members as part of 8,995 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

WEBO News

DATE: December 23, 2022

TIME: Various between 6:00 a.m. and noon in condensed version

    Appeared as shown below on website: myhometowntoday.com

RE: New York State/Pennsylvania/Weather

At this hour, temperatures in the Twin Tiers continue to fall from an unseasonable high of 45 degrees earlier today to an expected overnight low of 3 degrees.

This radical 42-degree plunge in temperatures is what forecasters at the National Weather Service at Greater Binghamton Airport call a flash freeze ... that along with 1-3 inches of snow could cause very hazardous road conditions in the Twin Tiers.

Then, a wind chill advisory goes into effect tonight ... southwest winds gusting to 33 miles per hour will result in a wind chill of minus-17 ... these potentially damaging winds will continue until noon Saturday when winds subside somewhat, but wind chills will still be dangerous to exposed skin.

New York Gov. Kathy Hochul declared a State of Emergency on Thursday night for the entire State ... it continues through Monday.

#### HOCHUL SOUNDBITE

At one time or another since Thursday night, at least one area of New York State has been under a weather advisory or warning for blizzards, coastal lakeshore flooding, destructive high winds, dangerous wind chills, lake effect snow and winter storms.

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation in District 3 advises motorists in the Northern Tier, including Bradford County, to be aware of road conditions tonight and this weekend ... limit travel if possible.

Thermometer rises to 22 on Christmas Day but still gusty winds.

What's normal? 32 for a high and 20 for a low are the average temperatures for December 24 and 25 ... record low temperature for Christmas Eve is minus-11 in 1989 ... and minus-18 on Christmas Day in 1980.

Another holiday, another reminder ... law enforcement agencies across New York State are staffed with extra road patrols for the statewide STOP-DWI / STOP-DUI Holiday Crackdown through January 1 ... you can expect sobriety checkpoints ... law enforcement says these highly visible efforts during holiday periods have resulted in significant reductions in alcohol and drug-related crashes and fatalities.

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**The following also posted December 23rd to our website, myhometowntoday.com:**

*New York State under state of emergency as Arctic air freezes Southern Tier  
New York Gov. Kathy Hochul has declared a State of Emergency for the entire State in advance of a significant winter weather system that will bring mixed hazards across the state continuing through Monday. Heavy rain and snow, strong winds, coastal and lakeshore flooding, and flash freezing are all possible in various regions across the state throughout the holiday weekend. In addition, lake effect snow is expected to impact areas along Lakes Erie and Ontario beginning Friday night and continuing into Monday with total snow accumulations forecast to reach up to three feet.*

*"With Mother Nature throwing everything she has at us this weekend, I encourage New Yorkers who are considering travelling for the holidays to do so before Friday or after Sunday to stay safe," Hochul said. "Our agencies are well prepared, coordinated, and ready to deploy assets and equipment if needed to respond to the storm. We want all New Yorkers to get where they need to go safely to celebrate the holidays with loved ones.*

*Starting today and continuing into Saturday morning, much of the state is expected to see strong winds up to 60 miles per hour as temperatures will drop quickly and significantly, by more than 35 degrees in some regions, causing flash freezing, below zero wind chills and icy road conditions. Winds on Friday and Saturday will be strong enough to cause downed trees and power lines.*

*Friday night and continuing through Monday, lake effect snow will impact areas off Lake Erie and Lake Ontario, and strong winds are expected to cause blowing and drifting snow with near zero visibility and localized blizzard conditions. Buffalo and Watertown areas could see up to three feet of snow through Sunday night. Below normal, freezing temperatures with low wind chills are expected to persist through Monday for upstate regions.*

*Hochul urged New Yorkers to take all necessary precautions, if traveling this week, and plan ahead for significant weather impacts.*

*Blizzard Warnings, Coastal Flood Warnings, Lakeshore Flood Warnings, High Wind Warnings, Wind Chill Warnings, and Winter Storm Warnings are all in effect this weekend throughout various counties across the state.*