

ISSUES AND PROGRAMS

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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.

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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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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.

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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

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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.

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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.

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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 for future coverage.

Respectfully submitted,

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July 1st, 2020

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WEBO Morning Show
DATE: January 13, 2021
TIME: 8:15am
RE: Housing/Tioga County/COVID-19

Maureen Abbot, executive director of Tioga Opportunities, visited the WEBO Morning Show to explain its rental and utility assistance program for those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Tioga Opportunities stepped up to answer the need in the community during the pandemic just as it has for any community needs—in good times or bad—for over 55 years.

Tioga Opportunities, Inc. is the recipient of funding through the New York State Department of State 2020 CARES Act to provide rental and utility assistance to eligible recipients who have been impacted by a reduction or loss of income due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The assistance is up to \$500.00 for rent and \$500.00 for utilities. As people call to apply, Tioga Opportunities talks to applicants to try and help them come up with a plan to work with their landlord on catching up and not falling further behind in rent. People need to understand that they ultimately WILL be responsible for all money owed to the landlord.

There are income requirements. One must be below 200% of the poverty level. As an example, a family of four must make \$52,000 or less a year. If you are approved for assistance, the money goes directly to the landlord and utility company. If you receive Section 8, you are not eligible for rental assistance but can apply for the utility assistance. To apply, call 607-687-4222 ext 353.

Throughout the pandemic, Tioga Opportunities has maintained its many services. This includes transportation by volunteers for individuals in need of therapies or treatments such as dialysis or chemo. It also includes meals as despite congregate dining being prohibited, the meals are provided as "grab and go," and delivered to the senior housing apartments in Owego and Waverly. WIC appointments continue and patients for the clinic continue to be seen.

WEBO Morning Show
DATE: Jan. 14, 2021
TIME: 8:15am
RE: New York State/Government/Economy/COVID-19

Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul spoke on the WEBO Morning Show about some of the highlights in Governor Cuomo's State of the State address this week.

The Lt. Governor acknowledged there has been a lot of suffering within New York due to the pandemic. With that in mind, there is a shift to a new way of thinking about services in our state.

Telemedicine (seeing health providers via computer,) has become popular, and insurances are more accepting of it. This is great for rural areas. You can even be seen by a provider from somewhere else in the country without leaving your home. Tele-education opens up a whole world of possibilities. An example the Lt. Governor provided was you could connect someone living in France with your French class to provide a real-world experience.

While highlighting the possibilities in the worlds of tele-med and education, Lt Governor Hochul acknowledged the need to make sure there is affordable Internet capability for all areas, including rural.

Re-thinking employment, the Lt. Governor acknowledged many people lost their jobs during the pandemic and many of those jobs will not come back, and if they do, they will be very different. People will need job-retraining for the changed economy. One new area for the economy is clean energy jobs, especially for opportunities within the Southern Tier as we transition from a coal-based economy.

On the COVID19 vaccine front: the Lt. Governor assured the vaccine is getting out there, and they would like to have the entire state vaccinated by the summer. To do so, we need more supplies from the federal government including far more than the 300,000 vaccines we are issued every week which we then have to allocate throughout the state. With the Biden administration, she feels we will get those supplies and vaccines and the federal government will get more companies approved to produce the vaccines. So, she is very optimistic that things will turn around with the new administration in the White House. Some good news, NY currently has the 4th lowest rate of infection in the country.

WEBO Morning Show

DATE: Jan. 15, 2021

TIME: 8:15am

RE: Tioga Count/COVID-19/Public Health

Tioga County Legislature Chairwoman Martha Sauerbrey visited the WEBO Morning Show for her weekly update. This week she reports the county had its first corona virus vaccine clinic. The county partnered with UHS, and it was held in front of the UHS building in the Price Chopper parking lot. There were only 100 vaccines available. It was administered via drive-thru and went smoothly. There are plans for more clinics across the county, but those will not be announced until the county is sure they are getting the vaccine. Vaccine supply is a problem not just in our area, but across the state and

country. New York State only received 300,000 doses from the Federal government. On the process of signing up to receive the vaccine, there have been glitches. To access it, go to the Tioga County website and a box will pop up. There will then be a link. Click on it, a form comes up, fill it out, then that will take you to the locations where you can get the vaccine. There should not be locations listed unless we get the vaccine supply. If there are locations listed, you can then set the appt. You must register to receive a vaccine. While it was announced that those 65 and older could get vaccinated, you need to go to a pharmacy to have it done. The process is confusing, but Ms. Sauerbrey says just go to the county website and keep checking. Tioga County residents can register and go elsewhere in the state for the vaccine if there is an open location.

WEBO Morning Show

DATE: Jan. 22, 2021

TIME: 8:15am

RE: Tioga County/Employment/Law Enforcement/COVID-19/Public Health

Tioga County Legislative Chairwoman Martha Sauerbrey visited the WEBO Morning Show for her weekly update on the county's activities. She reports a lot going on. Employment—There is an upcoming job fair. Normally a big, yearly, in-person event, this year it will be virtual. The Tioga County Career Center is working with the Tioga County Chamber of Commerce on the logistics of creating this virtual job fair for March 10th. They are in the process of recruiting businesses. For those with limited or no access to computers, arrangements are being made with the former Owego Treadway to offer computer time. More details will be released as event planning progresses.

Law Enforcement-- Next Wednesday, the county will host the police reform and reinvention collaborative community conversation, a mandate of Governor Andrew Cuomo. This event will take place over Zoom with a limit of 50 participants. The public is invited to take part. The Tioga County sheriff, the district attorney, and a probation department representative will be available. The sheriff will present the process the county has been working through and all the things the governor wanted to address. There will be a question-and-answer time for the community. People from all over the county are encouraged to participate! Once this meeting is completed, the process will be "wrapped up" and sent to the Department of Budgets before April 1st. Receiving annual monies from the state is dependent on us completing the mandate and sending it in.

COVID-19/Public Health—Ms. Sauerbrey says, "I cannot tell you how confusing the whole experience is!" However, as we move forward and as more doses of the vaccine arrive, she says things will settle down. It will take a couple months to make it all happen. Right now, essential workers and individuals over age 65 are the only ones who can get the vaccine. Unfortunately, at this time, those over 65 cannot get the

vaccine locally and will need to travel to a neighboring county or elsewhere in the state to receive it. Supply is the problem. Tioga County only received 100 vaccines last week.

There are 19 million people in New York State, and last week the state only received about 250,000 vaccines to distribute throughout the state. Ms. Sauerbrey says with the change in the White House (President Biden) things might change. She reminded listeners they can go elsewhere in the state for the vaccine. Once the county receives enough in supply, she says there are plans to do three clinics a week; all we need are the vaccines!

WEBO Morning Show

DATE: Jan 29, 2021

TIME 8:15am

RE: Tioga County/Law Enforcement/Sports/Education/COVID-19/Public Health

Tioga County Legislative Chairwoman Marta Sauerbrey visited the WEBO Morning Show with an update. She says it was a very busy week.

Wednesday evening was the state mandated police reform/reinvention and collaborative community meeting. There were about 30 people on the call. There were more residents registered, but they did not join in on the call. There were representatives from every town and village, so there was a broad input from people all over the county. The Sheriff did a presentation. There were some very good questions brought up by participants that were discussed. There was some good input from the meeting, which was the whole point of getting together. It has been a very time-consuming effort, but one thing learned that night is younger people didn't participate in the call, so it would be a good idea for law enforcement to craft a relationship with youth and younger adults.

Another point brought up during the meeting was mental health workers should ride along with officers in case they are responding to a crisis situation. A suggestion was to have an iPad in police cars to have a counselor available virtually because logistically, it will be tough to have an actual mental health counselor in the vehicle.

Also this week: High-risk school sports could open again if your county health department says it's ok. After much discussion, Tioga County has said yes, high-risk school sports can resume in Tioga County, but there are concerns. Our numbers are high, so there could be consequences. In our county, there are six school districts, of which five belong to the IAC and one belongs to STAC. The IAC league has all agreed on the same plan, then presented it to Owego (the STAC school) and all now agreed to the plan for return to play of the high-risk sports. There will be no spectators, and players will need to wear masks. The latest agreement was schools would just play

each other in the county. The public health department cannot police what the schools are doing, so schools need to take care of matters themselves. And they are.

On the vaccination effort in the county: Public Health has plans to do clinics every week when we receive vaccines. Every week we put an order in for roughly 600 doses, but we usually only get 100 although this week we got 300. There has been one clinic in Berkshire for first responders, and today there will be one for those individuals who age 65 and older.

WEBO News

DATE: Feb. 10, 2021

TIME: various, 6:00am-12:00pm

RE: Infrastructure/Town of Owego/Federal Funding

U.S. Senators Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand have announced more than one million dollars in federal funding to repair roads and culverts damaged from severe flooding events in the Town of Owego. In August 2018, storms eroded the supporting soil under and near the Dutchtown Road culvert, posing an urgent threat to the health and safety of surrounding communities. The Senators say that this funding will fix structural concerns, repair infrastructure to its pre-disaster design, and implement measures to prevent damage from future flooding. The funding was allocated from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency. Sen. Schumer said, "Restoring vital infrastructure damaged in Owego's 2018 storms will not only mitigate the risk of future flood damage, but also increase economic opportunities and investment."

WEBO Morning Show

DATE: Feb. 12, 2021

TIME: 8:15am

RE: Economic Development/ Village of Owego

Jim Mead, owner of the Early Owego Antiques Center visited the WEBO Morning Show to discuss the store's upcoming 8th anniversary celebration.

The Early Owego Antique Center came to be while the building, the old Newberry's store, was vacant. Jim and his wife kept saying "someone ought to do something with it." The couple took their love for antiques and decided to, "do something with it." After researching by visiting similar stores across the region, they developed the business plan. The condition of the building was derelict. The upstairs was boarded up, and the whole building was in a state of disrepair. But Jim says it was fun to open it up and renovate it and in doing so, it doubled the space. The building is 20,000 square feet under retail use. There is something for everyone.

One of the unique things about the store is there are a lot of different antique sellers. 90+ dealers currently sell there with all their eclectic offerings. The most successful sellers are the ones that work their booths and change their offerings regularly. There is a promotion going on this month for the store's 8th anniversary-- a \$25 gift certificate will be awarded every week. Entries will be pulled on Sunday evenings. No purchase is necessary, and customers can enter once per person per week. The store is open 10:00am-5:00pm daily but closed Tuesdays to avoid Federal Monday holidays as well as to catch visitors from the weekend who would be leaving on Mondays.

WEBO Morning Show

DATE: Feb. 17, 2021

TIME: 8:15am

RE: Public Health/Public Services/Healthcare

Nancy and Erika from the Addiction Center of Broome County visited the WEBO Morning Show to talk about the organization's Health Home Services program.

Health Home is a program that coordinates services for clients to help them be healthier, hopefully leading to fewer crises and less emergency room visits. Care managers become coordinators of a person's services to ensure all providers are on the same page for the client as well as ensuring there are no duplication of services. Care managers also make sure clients are accessing their services as many are lacking the ability to obtain the proper health services that they need to become healthy and stay healthy.

Something drives people to abuse substances. You have to fix the underlying cause to fix the substance abuse issue. Health Home coordinates to make sure these root causes are being taken care of, so that the other help being offered by ACBC sticks.

Now, while these care managers work very closely with outpatient counselors at ACBC, they will also work with clients who receive services from other places as well as clients not in treatment for substance abuse but instead have significant health problems. They also help their clients to apply for Medicaid as receiving Medicaid is a qualification to receive Health Home services.

Health Home prides itself on how hands on they are with clients. Nancy and Erica say in care management, you won't see anyone else as involved as Health Homes. They connect their clients to providers, and then also get them to their appointments or ensure they are going there. They provide advocacy for clients. Whatever clients want to better themselves Health Homes helps them. They also work to find affordable housing, assist with food security by showing clients how to access food pantries, and provide transport to look at different apartments or to get clients to their appointments.

The main goal of Health Homes as a care management agency is to see clients become independent on their own. To access the program, call 607-217-5449 which is a direct office number. People can also stop into the office. Physician offices can refer them. Insurance companies sometimes will make a referral. ACBC counselors can refer them. Emergency rooms can refer them. Even if someone is not an ACBC outpatient, they can still be a part of Health Home.

WEBO News

DATE: March 1, 2021

TIME: various, 6:00am-12:00pm

RE: New York State Government/Governor Cuomo/Sexual Harassment

Governor Andrew Cuomo has issued an apology after a second former aide came forward with accusations of sexual harassment. In a statement, Gov. Cuomo said he "never intended to offend" or "harm." He conceded he has "teased people about their personal lives" and said he now understands his interactions "may have been insensitive or too personal." Cuomo's statement, the fourth of the day issued from his office, said "I acknowledge some of the things I have said have been misinterpreted as an unwanted flirtation. To the extent anyone felt that way, I am truly sorry about that." It follows 25-year-old Charlotte Bennett's accusation in the New York Times that Cuomo asked repeatedly about her sex life and made her feel like he wanted to sleep with her. New York attorney general Letitia James announced she plans to bring in an independent third-party to investigate these allegations against the governor.

WEBO News

DATE: March 8, 2021

TIME: various, 6:00am-12:00pm

RE: Education/Community Involvement

The 41st annual Scholarship Challenge will conclude Saturday at the Sayre Theater, and we now know who the finalists are. Facing off will be Tioga central, Waverly, Newark Valley and Loyalsock. The event will be broadcast live Saturday at noon. Station owner Dave Radigan notes the students are vying for school funding. Around \$6,000 will be awarded with \$3,000 going to the final winner on Saturday. The Scholarship Challenge is broadcast on Choice 102 & 960 AM WATS, and now also on WEBO's 5 signals. The first competition was launched in Sayre in 1979.

WEBO News

DATE: March 10, 2021

TIME: various 6:00am-12:00pm

RE: COVID-19/Public Health/New York State/Tioga County

Governor Andrew Cuomo announced a new expansion of COVID-19 vaccine eligibility in New York. Beginning today, all New Yorkers 60 years of age and older will be eligible to receive the vaccine, while public facing essential workers from governmental and nonprofit entities will be eligible beginning March 17. This expansion also includes public-facing essential building services workers. Additionally, the Governor announced that with increased supply of the vaccine, restrictions concerning which segments of the eligible population specific providers can vaccinate will be relaxed to align with the expanded eligibility on March 17.

For individuals having trouble scheduling a COVID-19 vaccine appointment online, Tioga Opportunities can help if you are eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine and do not have a computer, internet access, or the ability to register online. Tioga Opportunities is offering assistance in finding and booking online COVID-19 vaccination appointments to eligible community members.

To request assistance with scheduling your vaccination appointment or for more information, call 607-687-4120. Tioga Opportunities cannot guarantee an appointment but will assist in making appointments as time slots are available. Tioga Opportunities is committed to supporting the community and responding to needs in light of COVID-19. To see how Tioga Opportunities may be able to help, call 607-687-4222 or visit the website at www.tiogaopp.org.

WEBO News

DATE: March 15, 2021

TIME: various, 6:00am-12:00pm

RE: COVID-19/Tioga County, New York/Populations

On the roughly one-year anniversary of the first announcement of a confirmed case of COVID-19, Tioga County reached the dubious distinction of reaching a cumulative total of 3,000 confirmed cases. By percentage, approximately 6.23 percent of Tioga County's latest Census-reported population of 48,203 people have been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the past year.

The virus has contributed to 70 deaths of Tioga County, New York residents since last March. Approximately 50 percent of those deaths can be estimated as nursing home residents. Before the health department stopped providing specific data about residency — nursing home or general population — of deaths, the first 30 deaths of Tioga residents were reported as nursing home residents. No specific personal information about the deceased was reported by the health department to respect the privacy of the individual and family.