

Oct 6

Community Focus with Michael Burrell

15 minutes

We spoke to Michael Burrell a local singer who has become very popular in the area in the last 5 plus years. He sings professionally at local events and at several local adult residence facilities both in the Elmira/Corning area and in Rochester. He will be featured this coming Thursday night at a one man show at the majestic Elmira Heights theatre. He spoke of the program and the songs that he hoped to bring to attendees and how to get tickets.

Oct 13

Community Focus with Marla Skye

15 minutes

Marla Skye is a local radio talent, retail manager and has been teaching various exercise classes over the last decade. Very popular with women of all ages, these classes are clever, themed and a great workout. She spoke of the benefits of dance as an exercise and the benefits of working out with humor and like minded ladies.

Oct 20

Community Focus with CCLD

15 minutes

A discussion of the many programs still going on at the library both downtown and at the many branches across the county. The library is a vital part of the community 12 months of the year and we appreciate all that they do. Please subscribe to their newsletter to keep up on the many programs and classes that are offered through the winter months.

Nov 3

Community Focus on Veterans

15 minutes

As Veterans Day comes we found ourselves at the Viet Nam Veterans Memorial Museum a very inspiring place...and though small it is packed with history of a time so many Americans would like to forget. Denny Wolfe, museum director and Viet Nam veteran spoke with us about the museum and all the programs that they do to help veterans across the decades of conflict that have been served by our brave men and women in the service.

Nov. 10

Community Focus on Exercise

15 minutes

We talked with Marla Skye on her new program Dance Fit Divas that has been expanded from the Corning area to downtown Elmira in a previously unused storefront on East Water Street as she and her partners take advantage of the new Elmira Revitalization Effort that involves the new apartments/storefronts next to the viaduct, the contested traffic circle on Main Street and of course the new collegegoing up just south of Elmira College. Projects in the works for so long now seem to be coming together.

Nov. 17

Community Focus with Paul Perine of Hesselsons

15 minutes

Mr Perine is a hunting expert here in this area. He gave some great advice on hunting licenses, equipment, safety and places that are legal to hunt. He also covered laws and requirements in both NYS and Pa. When asked what the current trend in deer and small game hunting was, he replied women hunters are a market that is just now beginning to be tapped. He also predicted the 2019 deer season to be a very good one.

Nov 24

Community Focus – Holiday Music with Ray Ross

15 minutes

It's that time of year again when we are looking forward to the holiday season. Tower Broadcasting knows that an important part for so many people is access to quality holiday music. Mr. Ross, general manager of the company, tells us how his stations are going to provide the perfect holiday background music to your season, and he discussed the significance of music to our daily lives.

Dec. 1

Community Focus on the 2019 Arctic League Broadcast

15 minutes

The Arctic League is a strictly local fundraising effort to provide Christmas gifts to children in Chemung County that might otherwise go without gifts. Their biggest fundraiser was later in the afternoon this program aired. Board Member Dave Siskin told us about the charity, how to sign up a child, how to donate and he was proud to say that EVERY cent donated went directly to the children. Office expenses, etc. are covered privately by board members. Probably one of the only charities in the world that can claim that.

Dec. 8

Community Focus – Shop Local, Shop Small

15 minutes

Every community realizes the importance of small business to its economy, especially during the holidays. This week we went to The Shoppes at Oldies But Goodies, a new venture that allows even the very smallest of businesses an opportunity to compete in a business environment that includes so many big box stores. Vendors rent space in the huge former antique store and can display their wares without having to man the space for hours and hours. Customers shop their little spaces and then cash out at a central place manned by OBG staff. The Oldies But Goodies firm also does the sales tax and sales bookkeeping and sends a check to the vendor for his/her sales monthly along with proper tax documentation.

Dec. 15

Community Focus – Contata Singers

15 minutes

We spoke to the director of the Contata Singers about their formation and the many events they have throughout the year. The choir, very large and comprised of people of all ages and all walks of life, is very active in the community. We spoke during a break in one of their practices before their big holiday concert at Park Church and we were able to stay and record some of their selections that will be presented at the concert. Their sound was very inspiring.

Dec. 22

Community Focus ---Special Holiday Show

15 minutes

Beginning with a replay of the amazing performance of Lady Huntington at the Clemens Center starring Dave Siskin and Carl Proper....a holiday tradition. In keeping with the local Christmas performances, Lady Huntington was followed by local greats the legendary Sgro Brothers playing La Pastoral, a song of much meaning to their family. And we ended with local singer Michael Burrell's very moving "Away In A Manger". A show full of local talent from Elmira.

Dec. 29

Community Focus on Hanukkah

15 minutes

We spoke to Dave Siskin about the significance of Hanukkah as a part of the wonderful history of the Jewish people. Mr. Siskin told us the story of the oil lamp, of the Menorrah and its lighting and the many ways that Jews celebrate it with their own family traditions. He also explained the ways in which some of these traditions mirror some of the Christian traditions as well. Though Hanukkah goes 8 days and is surrounded by so much heritage it is still according to Mr. Siskin considered a minor holiday in the Jewish calendar.

