

**WROC-TV QUARTERLY ISSUES AND PROGRAMS REPORT**  
**3Q 2015 – July 1, 2015 – September 30, 2015**

WROC-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 2015:

Crime/Law Enforcement  
 Economy  
 Education  
 Environment  
 Health  
 Politics  
 Veteran Services

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

Local:

Program	Day	Time
News 8 at Sunrise 5&6am	Monday-Friday	5:00-7:00 am
News 8 at Noon	Monday-Friday	12:00-12:30 pm
News 8 at 4	Monday-Friday	4:00-4:30pm
News 8 at 5	Monday-Friday	5:00-5:30pm
News 8 at 5:30	Monday-Friday	5:30-6:00pm
News 8 at 6	Monday-Sunday	6:00-6:30 pm
News 8 at 11	Monday-Sunday	11:00-11:35 pm

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

National:

Program	Day	Time
CBS Evening News	Monday-Sunday	6:30-7:00pm

A daily evening broadcast featuring news reports, feature stories and interviews by CBS News correspondents and reporters covering events across world.

60 Minutes	Sunday	7:00-8:00pm
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60 Minutes is a weekly news program that includes investigative reports, interviews, feature segments and profiles of people in the news.

Face the Nation	Sunday	11:00am-12:00pm
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John Dickerson is the host of "Face the Nation". He also serves as Political Director for CBS News and is a contributor to Slate magazine and its podcast The Political Gabfest. Guests include government leaders, politicians, and international figures in the news. John Dickerson engages panelists in a lively roundtable discussion focusing on current topics.



Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 7/2/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:30

Detailed Description: It's a statewide debate. Should 16 and 17-year-olds be held in state prison? The governor says no and plans to take executive action to "raise the age" of criminal responsibility. An act that many local officials are backing. For some leaders this issue is personal. Councilman Adam McFadden told News 8 two of his brothers were incarcerated before the age of 18. It's the reason he advocates for juvenile criminals to have their own facility. Today there are 96 sixteen and seventeen year olds in state prison. And 700 youth in adult jails. McFadden said, "If you are a young man at 16 in a prison with 35 year old who has been lifting weights for ten years and they come to physically bully you, molest or rape you how do you defend yourself?" McFadden supports Governor Cuomo's executive order to remove 16 and 17 year olds from state prisons and relocate them into separate facilities designed for young people. Cuomo appointed the group Commission on Youth and Public Safety to provide recommendations. Councilwoman Elaine Spaul represented the Rochester region on the commission. Spaul said, "The research tells us young people are more likely to reoffend a high percentage, more likely to commit suicide more likely to drop out of school in fact there is nothing positive that comes out of this and of course 48 other states have taught us lesson learned so we have a good model." New York State and North Carolina are the only two states who have not separated youth and adult prisoners. McFadden hopes that'll change soon for the Empire State. McFadden said, "We have to make sure in terms of youth development we're doing everything we can to help young people avoid the prison system." Spaul and McFadden are both Democrats. We also spoke with Republican Assemblyman Bill Nojay who back the idea and says anyone who has kids should understand why. Governor Cuomo still hasn't released the executive order. There is no word on where these youth facilities will be located or if they will save or increase tax payer dollars.

Program Title: News 8 at 6pm

Date: 7/3/15

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:30

Detailed Description: The Department of Defense issued a "high alert" warning to law enforcement officers nationwide for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. Gates Police Chief James VanBrederode said, "July 4<sup>th</sup> is a big holiday for our country. A very symbolic holiday around the world. That America is independent. If there was ever a time to embarrass our country here to make us feel threatened, this would be a holiday that they would want to target." From police on the streets, to the U.S. Coast Guard, everyone including citizens, is asked to be vigilant and aware. National security officers cite an increased effort by the Islamic state to galvanize so-called sympathizers in the U.S. We can expect increased security at airports, U.S. military bases, ports of entry and national landmarks. Chief VanBrederode said, "Nobody knows their community like the people that live there. When you get that sixth sense in your stomach that something isn't right or is a car in your neighborhood that doesn't belong there, or somebody's walking around the neighborhood that is something that you should call 911 and report it to the police." Authorities encourage us to continue to celebrate all that the Fourth of July symbolizes, but do so with an increased awareness of our surroundings.

Program Title: News 8 at 6pm

Date: 7/7/15

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:30

Detailed Description: Drug use is allegedly behind an increase in crime in Genesee County. The spike is mainly in property crimes and it comes at a time when surrounding counties are seeing their property crime rates go down.

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 7/9/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:30

Detailed Description: Police tracked down 34-year-old Shaun Zimmer in an alley off Lyell Avenue today. He is suspected of robbing convenience stores around Monroe County. Police say Zimmer stabbed a Gates police officer who then shot him. Both are expected to be okay. It turns out, Zimmer was just released from prison. Zimmer is being charged with multiple counts of robbery and attempted aggravated murder of a police officer. Police were wearing body cameras at the time of the confrontation. It's evidence that will be used in this investigation.

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 7/9/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:30

Detailed Description: The New York State parole system lost track of Shaun Zimmer before he went on his alleged robbery spree. Tonight in Gates, roughly a dozen police chiefs from around Monroe County gathered to say enough is enough. Gates Police Chief James VanBrederode said he is "fed up" with the fact that some parolees have been able to elude their officers and commit crimes. Today's incident where one of his officers was stabbed was the final straw. The chiefs aren't blaming any parole officers, they say they are doing as much as they can with the resources they have. The chiefs say the parole system needs more people to monitor parolees as well as better technology. There are 25 parole officers in Monroe County, six more are expected to be added this month. According to the state of New York, parolees accounted for just under 3 percent of all arrests in Monroe County in 2014.

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 7/10/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:00

Detailed Description: The Parole Officers union said Shaun Zimmer had been reporting every week to his parole officer. Zimmer was released from prison in May. He did time for a series of burglaries in 2007. The Parole Officers union says his first missed check-in was on Tuesday, the same day police identified him as a suspect. The union says extra staffing and resources wouldn't have helped in this case. But last night, local police chiefs gathered to call for reform of the parole system. The department of corrections has not responded to our request for comment on Zimmer's parole status.

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 7/16/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:50

Detailed Description: The gunman who killed Rochester Police Officer Daryl Pierson will never walk free again. Today, Pierson's widow got the chance to address her husband's killer face to face. But she was soft spoken. Others, including Pierson's partner, blasted Thomas Johnson for the pain he has caused. Johnson also spoke out, and although he said he was sorry, he also said he's not to blame.

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 7/16/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: :40

Detailed Description: Rochester police tell us there has been an arrest in the theft of 150 bicycles from the Conkey Cruisers Cycling group. Police say they have arrested a Rochester boy and charged him with grand larceny. Because he is a minor his name is not being released. The bicycles were stolen last month. Police were able to recover some of them but they were badly damaged. Members of the community stepped up to help the group replace the bikes, more than 400 were donated. Police say they are still looking for other suspects in the case.

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 7/25/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:00

Detailed Description: A man and woman were arraigned on murder charges in the town of Gates. A 39-year-old man was found stabbed to death in a room at the Motel 6 on Beull Road yesterday morning. Police say the suspects robbed and killed the victim.

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 7/28/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:00

Detailed Description: Mayor Lovely Warren joined the Clergy on Patrol event in Northwest Rochester this evening. It was held at the St. Luke Tabernacle Community Church on Dewey Avenue. The program is designed to give police and clergy members a chance to interact with members of the community. The hope is the events will create a new trust between law enforcement and the people living in Rochester. The program is not restricted to just clergy. Every member of the community is welcome to volunteer. The next event is scheduled for August 24<sup>th</sup>.

Program Title: News 8 at 6pm

Date: 7/29/15

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:30

Detailed Description: A significant drop in crime in Livingston County. The sheriff says all crimes went down 17 percent in 2014. The drop was larger, 25 percent, when the data from 2013 was added. The one factor the Livingston County sheriff says did not play a role, is luck. In 2-14, there were 894 crimes in Livingston County. Rewind back to 2012, when there were almost 1,200. The sheriff says that's because "they are getting the sellers of drugs, the interdiction efforts are getting the addicted folks and when you get those folks help and off the street then your burglaries go down, your larcenies go down and if you look at the stats countywide, that is the huge reduction...property crimes." Over the past two years, Sheriff Dougherty has let the community know what is going on through social media. As for the next two years, the sheriff has three priorities that his department will continue to focus on: sex offenders, welfare fraud and drugs. His goal is to make Livingston County one of the safest counties in the state. The sheriff adds that all members of his department live in Livingston County, which also helps.

Program Title: News 8 at 6pm

Date: 7/29/15

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:20

Detailed Description: A western New York man is facing charges after authorities say he tried to join the Islamic State. Today the FBI and other members of law enforcement raided the Lackawanna home of Arafat Nagi and collected evidence. According to a 28 page criminal

complaint unsealed today, Nagi made two trips to turkey within the last several years, bought extensive combat gear and used social media to spread ISIL beliefs. Prosecutors say they were tipped off by members of the community and they're grateful for the help from the public. Attorney General Bill Hochul said Nagi posed such a threat that they intend to request he remain behind bars pending trial. If he's convicted, he faces 15 years in a federal prison and a \$250,000 fine.

Program Title: News 8 at 5pm

Date: 8/3/15

Time: 5pm

Duration of Segment: 1:00

Detailed Description: State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman has reached a settlement with several major retailers to stop the sale of illegal toy guns online and in stores. According to state law, toy guns that resemble real weapons must have an orange stripe on the barrel. When that feature is not included on the toy, or has been masked in any way, it can cause confusion for law enforcement and civilians. Amazon, Walmart, Kmart and Sears have agreed to pay more than \$300,000 in fines for violating state public safety laws.

Program Title: News 8 at 5pm

Date: 8/5/15

Time: 5pm

Duration of Segment: 1:00

Detailed Description: The prosecutor called this an assassination. 17-year-old Jordan Evans was arraigned on a charge of second degree murder today. He's accused of shooting 19-year-old Keith Brown on June 30 on St. Paul Street. The prosecutor says Evans shot Brown in the head from some distance away, during daylight hours. The prosecutor would not reveal a motive, but sources say this was a gang related shooting. At the time of the shooting, Evans was out on \$10,000 bail. He was allegedly found with a shotgun in April. And indicted on a weapons charge by a grand jury. That case was still pending. Numerous attorneys contacted by News 8 said \$10,000 bail is very common in these types of gun cases. Now charged with murder, Evans is being held without bail.

Program Title: News 8 at 6pm

Date: 8/5/15

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:00

Detailed Description: The U.S. attorney's office is calling it the "largest combination drug bust in U.S. history." Police say 40 kilograms of cocaine, eight kilograms of fentanyl, and 17 kilograms of heroin have been seized from a home in Buffalo. Police say they arrested seven people in connection to the bust in March, and additional arrests are now pending. Investigators say the traffickers were looking to distribute the drugs to all corners of western New York. The street value of the drugs total more than 3.5 million dollars.

Program Title: News 8 at 6pm

Date: 8/6/15

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:00

Detailed Description: A Rochester couple faces gun and drug charges after a raid on their Lake Avenue home. Police say they found more than 30 guns inside the home of Charles and Karen Cummings. They also discovered hundreds of rounds of ammunition, four high capacity magazines, more than 12 ounces of marijuana and a number of prescription pills. The Greater Rochester Area Narcotics Enforcement Team served the search warrant. Some neighbors say they would see a lot of people come and go from the house at all hours. Police say Charles Cummings is a convicted felon.

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 8/6/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:20

Detailed Description: Statistics show transgender people are very often the victims of violent crime. That's why hundreds gathered tonight, to spread awareness and the message that Trans lives matter.

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 8/11/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:00

Detailed Description: Rochester police have made arrests in two twenty year old homicide cases. The killings both happened in the summer of 1995, but we're told they were unrelated. The murders happened two weeks apart in July and August and both happened on Grand Avenue in the city. Thomas Pratt is accused of shooting and killing a man named Omar Fulton on the porch of a Grand Avenue home. Damien Bedell is accused of fatally shooting a man named Darrest Grimes inside his mother's home. The investigation took police across three separate states. Pratt has been serving 25 to life in Attica state prison for another unrelated murder and Bedell has been living in Rochester. Both were arraigned this morning.

Program Title: News 8 at 5pm

Date: 8/12/15

Time: 5pm

Duration of Segment: 1:10

Detailed Description: A father and stepson are facing charges in the murder of a Rochester man outside a community center. 39-year-old Adalberto Marrero-Padilla is charged with 2<sup>nd</sup> degree murder. His stepson, 17-year-old Josue Colon is charged with 1<sup>st</sup> degree gang assault. The victim, 23-year-old Johnathan Padilla was shot and killed outside the Gantt Community Center on North Street Monday. Despite the common last name, Rochester Police say he isn't related to the suspects. Johnathan Padilla's family members say the three knew each other and had problems in the past but it shouldn't have come to this.

Program Title: News 8 at 6pm

Date: 8/14/15

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:00

Detailed Description: The man acquitted of a double murder is not a free man – yet. Charles Pierre served 13 years for two killings in 2003. Yesterday, a jury found him not guilty of those crimes. Today, Pierre was transported to a federal detention center in Batavia. He is not a U.S. citizen and faces deportation back to his native Trinidad. Pierre's defense attorney Van White says he should have the right to choose where he lives. White says he thinks Pierre should go back to Trinidad for a while to see family members. Meantime he remains in custody.

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 8/16/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:30

Detailed Description: One hundred years ago, there was one female police officer in the Rochester Police Department. Today, there are 84: still, that's a small fraction of the overall police force. More than a century after the RPD broke ground with a female hire, it's ramping up recruitment to increase the number of women in the ranks. Officer Christine Wilson started the Females in Law Enforcement or FILE program. It's a one-day all female officer training session and a great place where officers like Christine Wilson can share their experiences and reasons for

joining the force. On August 20<sup>th</sup> there's a training session for women who are interested in careers at the RPD and the good news tonight is that registration is full.

Program Title: News 8 at 5&6pm

Date: 8/16/15

Time: 5&6pm

Duration of Segment: 4:00

Detailed Description: Many questions remain unanswered almost 24 hours after a deadly shooting rocks the city of Rochester. Seven young men shot. Three killed. A community desperate to put an end to the violence. The mass shooting has sparked outrage among residents, city leaders and even the governor. Last night, three young men were shot dead after a basketball game near the Boys and Girls Club in southwest Rochester. Four other men were wounded. Police got their first 911 call at 11:20pm. The suspect or suspects fired seven shots into a large crowd standing outside the Boys and Girls Club. There had just been a basketball game. It was a drive by shooting. Police responded within two minutes to the scene. When they arrived, two men were dead at the scene. One man died after being taken to Strong Memorial Hospital. And four others suffered non-life threatening injuries. Some questions police couldn't answer just yet, whether this was a targeted gang related shooting and what kind of weapon was used. Police are offering a \$10,000 reward for anyone who is able to lead them to the suspects.

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 8/22/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:30

Detailed Description: Rochester police have made an arrest in connection with the Wednesday night shooting. Police say Quartermaine Titus has been charged with criminal possession of a weapon in the second degree. Jonah Barley, Raekowon Manigault and Johnny Johnson were shot and killed. Four other men were injured. Titus is accused of allegedly shooting a loaded gun outside of the Boys and Girls Club Wednesday night during the mass shooting. But police do not believe he is responsible for the murders. District Attorney Sandra Doorley says Titus was part of the crowd. Now, leaders need your help finding who is responsible for the crimes. Titus is no stranger to police. Doorley says he has three prior misdemeanors and one felony charge. At this time, the investigation is still ongoing. If anyone has any information, the police are pleading with the community to come forward and help.

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 8/24/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:20

Detailed Description: Last night's chaos after Rochester's Puerto Rican Festival has many people wondering what's going to be done to prevent the problems. Five people were arrested after the festival. People who live in the area are fed up with the repeated problems. And they would like to see the three day fest shortened to one day. Organizers say that won't solve the problems. The city says it has no intentions of canceling the festival in the future.

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 8/27/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:30

Detailed Description: Tonight Rochester police say they've made an arrest, and seized evidence, in last week's deadly mass shooting. The person behind bars tonight is being held on unrelated charges, but is expected to be charged with the shooting deaths of Johnny Johnson, Jonah Barley and Raekwon Manigault. In addition to the one suspect who is in custody, police have also

recovered two key pieces of evidence. A gun they say was used in the shooting, and the car that police believe was used in the drive by.

Program Title: News 8 at 6pm

Date: 9/2/15

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:20

Detailed Description: Get pulled over in the town of Ogden and you might see a familiar face. Todd Baxter was sworn in little more than a year after retiring as chief of the Greece Police Department. So why is he back in uniform? He says he feels a call to serve. The former police chief will be a patrolman part time once he's trained. Baxter comes to Ogden with nearly three decades of experience. He was a 22 year veteran with the Rochester police before becoming the Greece police chief in 2010. He left the department in 2014 to join the Veterans Outreach Center. And he'll stay on as director there even with his new role in Ogden.

Program Title: News 8 at 6pm

Date: 9/4/15

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:10

Detailed Description: At a time when more and more police departments are getting body cameras, the Wayne County sheriff has decided his department just can't afford it. Besides the cost of the cameras, the sheriff says the department has to pay for an online server, a license and employees to manage the material collected. The department had already received a \$30,000 grant to help pay for the cameras. That money will now go for other equipment including new Tasers and an automated external defibrillators.

Program Title: News 8 at 5pm

Date: 9/7/15

Time: 5pm

Duration of Segment: 1:30

Detailed Description: The local US Marshal's Fugitive Task Force covers both our area and Buffalo. In 2014, they arrested some 256 fugitives in the Rochester area alone. That doesn't happen by chance. The task force must go through intense training. The task force serves violent felony warrants for crimes like homicides, sex offenses, drugs and weapons possession. The task force is made up of officers from the US Marshall Service, the Monroe County Sheriff's Department, Rochester Police, Border Patrol, Immigration and Customs and State Police. Officers from outside agencies rotate out every three years to give others a chance to participate and to make sure they don't get recognized by criminals. US Marshal Senior Inspector Abhay Dave said, "Every agency has their own department standard. Everybody trains differently. So, it's important as a task force that we all train together"

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 9/8/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:30

Detailed Description: Three young men are now facing hate crime charges in Orleans County after police say they burned crosses into the lawn of a Sufi Mosque. Sufism is a mystical sect of Islam. This all happened last week when neighbors of the rural prayer site saw the crosses burning and alerted authorities.

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 9/9/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:30

Detailed Description: Hackers targeted Excellus Blue Cross Blue Shield and now millions of customers are affected. 10.5 million people had their names, birthdates, Social Security numbers,

financial information, and more potentially available to hackers. The CEO of Excellus says the company discovered the breach August 5<sup>th</sup>, but did not alert the public until now because they say they didn't know the extent of the breach. The bulk of those affected, all current and former customers of Excellus since late 2013. The investigation found the initial, and possibly only, attack happened in December of that year. Excellus says they have no evidence the hackers collected any info and have used it inappropriately. That said, Thomas Mahoney of Fingerlakes Healthy System Agency says it's likely the hackers did break in for no reason. He said, "I don't think the fact that it's a healthcare, health insurer changes the intent of the criminals. I think they are looking for information they can use to falsely fraudulently obtain money or create false identities as opposed to it being health information." The FBI is investigating. They told News 8 tonight, "Individuals contacted by the company should take steps to monitor and safeguard their personally identifiable information and report any suspected instances of identity theft to the FBI. Cyber intrusions are a significant threat and the FBI will continue to devote substantial resources and efforts to bring those responsible to justice." To expose the hackers, or hackers who could now have millions of people's personal information at their fingertips. Those affected will receive letters, and they'll be eligible for two years of free identity theft protection. A process that could take a very long time to complete. A call center has been set up for anyone who has questions. The number is 1-877-589-3331.

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 9/9/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:00

Detailed Description: There's a renewed push to end domestic violence in our area. Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley announced today she's hiring a domestic violence coordinator. This is made possible in part by state funding delivered by Senator Rich Funke. The coordinator will guide victims of domestic violence through the legal process, and help them get access to local resources. Doorley says she's confident this new position will put more perpetrators behind bars. Doorley said, "We need someone to be out there right away at the moment of arrest. To sit with that victim, to explain the criminal process, and I envision that this coordinator will be able to do that, and also to gather evidence. If something happens, we want to be able to do evidence-based prosecutions." Doorley says she is looking for a retired member of law enforcement to fill the role of coordinator.

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 9/10/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:20

Detailed Description: Concerns over staffing within the Rochester Police Department. The police union calls the job vacancy rate "unacceptable" and says it's hindering efforts to combat violence. The union says a Justice Department report found the nationwide rate for similarly sized departments is three percent. In Rochester, it's four times that amount.

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 9/12/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:30

Detailed Description: Rochester is reeling from a deadly multiple shooting at a house party that has seen trouble in the past. 6 people were shot, 2 are dead, one person is charged with murder and more arrests are likely. City leaders are calling for an awakening. It happened around 4:30am at a house party at 36 Woodward Street, the second shooting at that home this year. One of the deceased is a cousin of Monroe County Legislator Ernest Flagler-Mitchell. Police were

called to the house a couple of hours before the shooting for the report of a loud party. When police arrived they said it was quiet and asked a couple of people on the porch to leave. About two hours later—gunfire. Rochester police charged 30-year-old William James with one count of murder. Rochester’s mayor is demanding an end to the senseless violence. Neighbors are scared and fed up. In March, two women were shot at this same house during a late night party. They were treated for their injuries are released.

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 9/13/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:30

Detailed Description: Reverend Sammy King is a pastor at a church on Genesee Street. He thinks the poverty in his neighborhood is what’s driving the violence. He said, “Bring jobs to the area. That’s going to be one of the things that’s going to reduce the poverty and stop people from trying to take what other people have.” Rochester ranks 5<sup>th</sup> in poorest cities across the U.S. according to the Rochester Community Foundation. Jamel Barnes who lives nearby doesn’t think poverty is solely to blame. He said, “I believe it starts with poverty. But before poverty, there’s education. So it’s just a trend. We’re desperately seeking to find a way to stop this trend.”

Program Title: News 8 at 5pm

Date: 9/15/15

Time: 5pm

Duration of Segment: 1:30

Detailed Description: Rochester police say the man they arrested for murder in the mass shooting outside the Boys and Girls Club, has admitted to the crime. But they still don’t know why he allegedly did it. 21-year-old Johnny Blackshell Jr. of Chili was out on parole for attempted burglary when he was arrested just days after the shooting. In an unrelated crime. He was being held on illegal weapons possession and possession of stolen property. Since then police have confirmed a stolen AK47, a gun found in Blackshell’s possession, was the same gun used in the drive-by shooting on August 19<sup>th</sup>. Police also believe there were others in the car with Blackshell when Blackshell allegedly fired into a crowd of people. Three young men were killed and four others wounded.

Program Title: News 8 at 5pm

Date: 9/15/15

Time: 5pm

Duration of Segment: 1:30

Detailed Description: Police say a whopping 60% of the guns used in crimes in this city are illegal and stolen. Including the semi-automatic rifle used in the Genesee Street shooting. Police say most of these stolen guns were at one time legal. But were either stolen or traded for drugs or money in the city. They also say many of the stolen guns in Rochester come from out of state. Mayor Lovely Warren said, “This year we have removed almost 50% more illegal guns from our community in nine months than in 2014, but we recognize we must still do more.” The mayor has to come up with a plan to combat the stolen and illegal guns in the city. She’s going to ask city council for more funding to enhance the city’s gun buyback program...which is a tactic that’s been used in the city dating back almost two decades. Mayor Warren also want to develop a strategy using input from major law enforcement agencies in our area and state. On top of that, she hopes to see the creating of a special trial court that specifically handles cases that involve illegal guns. Lastly, she’s calling on the mayors of New York’s big cities to come up with an agenda they can take to lawmakers in Albany. Warren also promised to continue what sees as successful programs like Pathways to Peace and Clergy on Patrol.

Program Title: News 8 at 5pm

Date: 9/16/15

Time: 5pm

Duration of Segment: :50

Detailed Description: A man who raped a teen near the Liberty Pole in downtown Rochester will spend the next 75 years behind bars or more. Michael Caruthers was sentenced today to 75 years to life in prison, the maximum sentence. He was on parole when he raped a 14 year old girl on Liberty Pole way in August of last year. Police say he never checked into the Salvation Army, where he was supposed to be staying after his release from prison. Prosecutor Sara Vanstrydonck said, "Based on everything put on the record, his criminal history, his character and this actual offense, which was heinous enough in my opinion, he should not be back on the streets of any community, much less this community." The prosecutor went on to say she rarely asks for the maximum sentence, but this case warranted that kind of punishment.

Program Title: News 8 at 6pm

Date: 9/22/15

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:10

Detailed Description: Governor Cuomo is signing off on a plan designed to reduce the number of ex-convicts who wind up committing more crime and returning to prison. He's signing an executive order that forbids discrimination in public housing, access to health care, and in hiring for state jobs. The changes are controversial, though supporters say, they're long overdue. On average, New York State releases more than 25,000 people from prison each year. The governor's office cited research that says, without successful re-entry policies, there's a higher rate of re-convictions.

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 9/23/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:40

Detailed Description: There have been three mass shootings in Monroe County this year, all of them, police say, committed by parolees. The Monroe County Police Association is outraged and this Friday they're expected to meet with the Department of Corrections to talk about what they see as a broken system. Gates Police Chief James VanBroderode believes the DOC is trying to save money, but sacrificing public safety. Despite repeated requests for comment from the DOC, no one has responded. To be fair, the DOC is launching a pilot program in Rochester designed to go after parolees who re-offend. But police we've spoken with, including the Gates Police Chief, say there's no evidence that they're doing anything at all. It's sure to come up in the meeting on Friday.

This very issue played out today in Rochester with the arrest of a parolee and his mother for murder. Investigators tell us James McCracken and Jacqueline Staples stabbed and beat a man to death on Norton Street two weeks ago. The victim as 66 year old Robert Pinckney. Court paperwork indicates the pair was trying to rob Pinckney. The prosecutor would not say if the suspects and victim were acquainted. McCracken, who did time in state prison for burglary, was wanted on a parole warrant at the time of the killing.

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 9/24/15

Time: 12:01am (football ran over)

Duration of Segment: 2:30

Detailed Description: A Rochester man doing time for murder hopes he can go home soon. Joey Torres has proclaimed his innocence for years, but no one believed him. Now, a fellow inmate man has confessed to the crime. Rachel Barnhart talked with both men in person inside Attica. Torres used to be a drug addict and alcoholic with a long rap sheet. But he says he's no killer. He's maintained his innocence for the last 14 years. Finally someone agrees with him. The man who says he's the real killer. Torres's family hired attorney Matt Hagen. After reviewing the file, he believed Torres was innocent. He spent a year and a half investigating the case before he got a big break. A witness who identified a different man as the shooter. Hagen went to talk to this man. The man's name: Angel Carrasquillo. He signed a written confession for Hagen. Carrasquillo knows some will question his confession because he has nothing to lose. But he insists he is the real killer. Attorney Matt Hagen is assembling a team to file a motion requesting a hearing on this new evidence. Angel Carrasquillo has agreed to take a polygraph test. Rochester police and the district attorney's office had no comment on this story.

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 9/24/15

Time: 12:01am (football ran over)

Duration of Segment: 1:20

Detailed Description: The Rochester City School District confirms a teacher and former coach has been charged with rape and criminal sex act. Police say the victim is a 15 year old girl. 28-year-old Michael Schimek was an assistant track coach at the school of the arts, and a substitute teacher at Edison Tech. Rochester City School Superintendent Bolgen Vargas said, "We are extremely disappointed and one thing you can rest assure is that person has been removed from the district pending the investigation."

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 9/27/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:40

Detailed Description: Police chiefs in Monroe County are fed up. They say the parole system is broken and that's putting people at risk. On Friday, after repeated requests by the Police Chiefs Association they finally met with the Department of Corrections. Parole officials say they are addressing the problems in the system. Police tell us they'll believe it when they see it. DOCS told the police chiefs during Friday's meeting there are 33 parole officers monitoring a staggering 1800 parolees in Monroe County. That means 55 parolees for every parole officer. The Department of Corrections told News 8 they have begun two new programs designed to keep better track of parolees and detain them at the first sign of trouble. Docs told the chiefs those programs began July 1. But in an email sent to Gates Town Supervisor Mark Assini from Docs on August 6, they said the program hadn't begun and were still a work in progress. The two pilot initiatives DOCS says they implemented are called "Reset" and an enhanced supervision project.

**Economy** – topics covered under this issue include: State budget, cost of living, poverty, job market, development projects and personal finances.

Program Title: News 8 at 5pm

Date: 7/1/15

Time: 5pm

Duration of Segment: 1:30

Detailed Description: Some residents of a local apartment complex are being forced to move. The Rochester Housing Authority will no longer subsidize their rent because of conditions at the Snug Harbor apartment complex in Charlotte. Now, residents either have to pay their rent in full

or move out. The Housing Authority says the residents are living in unsafe and unhealthy conditions. The townhomes did not pass a final inspection Tuesday. The owners have not commented on the situation. RHA says it will help residents transition to new homes.

Program Title: News 8 at 5pm

Date: 7/2/15

Time: 5pm

Duration of Segment: 1:00

Detailed Description: The city of Rochester has now filed a lawsuit against the owners of Snug Harbor. The city wants a judge to force the owner to make improvements. The lawsuit cites more than 100 code violations dating back to 2012. Violations include insufficient smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors, mold, vermin, broken doors and windows and leaky roofs. Because of the code violations, the Rochester Housing Authority is refusing to pay the Section 8 vouchers of tenants who live at Snug Harbor.

Program Title: News 8 at 5pm

Date: 7/3/15

Time: 5pm

Duration of Segment: 1:00

Detailed Description: One of the last hardware stores in the city closed today. Hunt's Hardware on Thurston Road opened 101 years ago. The business has remained in the Hunt family. The owner said the store couldn't compete with a nearby Walmart. Today, customers stopped in for one last purchase and to say goodbye. The owner was not able to find a buyer for the business. It's not clear what will become of the building, which the Hunt family owns.

Program Title: News 8 at 6pm

Date: 7/3/15

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: :40

Detailed Description: The Fourth of July is a big travel weekend. According to Gas Buddy, gas prices have risen slightly over the past few months. But gas is still nearly a dollar cheaper than this time last year. And local travelers aren't letting gas prices keep them home. The average price for a gallon of regular in Rochester is \$2.87. AAA estimates holiday travel will increase .7% over last year because of a better economy. This July fourth weekend is expected to be the most travelled since 2007.

Program Title: News 8 at 6pm

Date: 7/6/15

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:40

Detailed Description: One day after Greek voters rejected a bailout referendum, many are wondering whether the vote will impact the financial stability of the country. Last week, Greece failed to make a crucial debt payment to the International Monetary Fund. As a result, Greece is now considerably closer to exiting the Eurozone. It would make Greece the first state to leave the 19 member currency union since the Euro was formally created in 1999. That would cause domestic economic chaos in the short-term, and more concerning for Europe, raise fundamental questions about the viability of the Eurozone. All of this is putting many in Rochester's Greek community on edge. Families in Rochester are worried about family still in Greece. Michael Dedes was born in Greece. He came to the U.S. nearly 50 years ago. He said, "People there are down, emotionally. The youngsters, they are educated enough, they are hardworking people but there aren't any jobs. For the youngsters, it's very bad."

Program Title: News 8 at 6am

Date: 7/8/15

Time: 6am

Duration of Segment: 1:00

Detailed Description: Monroe County parents and day care providers gathered on Tuesday to ask the county to fix the day care subsidy program. But the person they wanted to talk to - didn't show up. Monroe County commissioner and deputy commissioner cancelled 10 minutes before the meeting was supposed to begin. Parents and providers argue that the county has a hard time finishing paperwork and paying daycares their subsidy money on time. They say the county has eliminated staffing in the office that distributes subsidy money. Some day care providers complain that they have gone months without getting paid by the county forcing them to eliminate staff and keep kids from attending. Nancy Cordero said, "I've been doing this for almost 15 years and this is the first time that I've been experiencing such a big problem with payment issues." Daycare subsidy money has been slashed in Monroe County over a number of years. In 2013, 1.3 million dollars was eliminated for low income families. The county has not responded to our requests for comment.

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 7/12/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:30

Detailed Description: The commercial district of East Rochester is seeing an economic boost as more businesses open in the area. Fueling this boom is millions of dollars in grants.

Program Title: News 8 at 6pm

Date: 7/15/15

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:10

Detailed Description: Developer Morgan-LeChase has started construction on 21 acres of land across from Kershaw Park in Canandaigua, right on the lake's northern shore. Pinnacle North will provide a place to eat, shop and live. The mayor of Canandaigua calling it "a monumental development." By spring of 2017, the project will include new restaurants, retail shops and 135 apartments and condos. Bill Goodrich, CEO of LeChase Construction Services, "I think it will be a catalyst for additional economic development and a compliment for Main Street for some of the businesses and allow for access right to the north shore." The project is laid out in five phases, including 459 lakefront apartments and condos. This will include anything from a one bedroom apartment to a family-size townhouse.

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 7/15/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:00

Detailed Description: Poverty affects millions of Americans. The city of Rochester itself is one of the poorest cities in the country. Tonight a town hall forum, hosted by the Rochester-Monroe Anti-Poverty Initiative, provided members of the community with a venue to share their perspective on the challenges of living in poverty. One woman we spoke with is challenging others to try living on just \$912 a month, so they can understand the struggle of the poor. Insights gathered from tonight's forum will be used to help the initiative efforts to provide families and children with the support they need to break the cycle of poverty.

Program Title: News 8 at 5pm

Date: 7/17/15

Time: 5pm

Duration of Segment: :40

Detailed Description: The local housing market had a very active second quarter. The Greater Rochester Realtors Association says market is performing at levels not seen in years. More than 7,400 homes were listed on the market, and pending sales grew by 6.7%. The median home price is up 2.4% to \$133,000. Andy Burke, Greater Rochester Realtors Association president said,

“The increase in values is driven largely by the lack of inventory so there is more competition for every house that comes on the market. It’s been hard for buyers sometimes to zero in on a house because there are often multiple offer situations. Whenever we see inventory this low and we see multiple offers becomes the norm that tends to drive prices up.” Closings were down over the past year, because fewer homes are on the market.

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 7/18/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: :50

Detailed Description: Thanks to a group of hardworking volunteers, a special home was built from the ground up in just 22 days. Today, Flower City Habitat for Humanity dedicated 43 Murray Street to the Clark Family. The home was made possible through a \$75,000 donation by the Electrical Association of Western New York. Over 25 companies donated materials and labor to this quick build home.

Program Title: News 8 at 5pm

Date: 7/20/15

Time: 5pm

Duration of Segment: 1:00

Detailed Description: Local towns and villages say they’re in a budget bind. They’ll be limited to property tax increases of less than 1 percent this coming year. The property tax cap holds governments to 2 percent increases in the property tax levy. But what many people don’t know is the cap is 2 percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is less. Next fiscal year, inflation is less. Towns can override the tax cap with a 60 percent majority on the board.

Program Title: News 8 at 5, 6, 11pm

Date: 7/22/15

Time: 5, 6, 11pm

Duration of Segment: 5:00

Detailed Description: Today we learned the federal government is going to set up a photonics institute in our area. Photonics is in lasers, fiber-optics, even the phone you use every day. We’re talking hundreds of millions of dollars and possibly thousands of jobs. This win did not come easy. We were up against two strong groups, one on the West Coast and one in Florida. In the end, the Department of Defense chose the group out of Rochester. Two of the leaders of our group, the University of Rochester and RIT. Both will likely play key roles in the institute.

Program Title: News 8 at 5pm

Date: 7/22/15

Time: 5pm

Duration of Segment: 1:10

Detailed Description: Fast food workers across the state could soon be getting a raise. The New York State Wage Board has recommended a pay increase to 15 dollars an hour. The decision was unanimous by the wage board and workers immediately cheered after the vote passed. The decision applies to large fast food restaurant chains with more than 30 locations. The board wants the increase implemented in New York City by 2018 and statewide by 2021. The state labor commissioner still has to sign off on the wage increase. This has received strong support from Governor Andrew Cuomo meaning the commissioner will likely support the board’s recommendation.

Program Title: News 8 at 6pm

Date: 7/23/15

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:00

Detailed Description: Eggs are in short supply in Rochester, which is driving up prices. The problem is a deadly avian flu virus in the Midwest. Pat Bernunzio owns Leo’s Baker in East

Rochester. He says egg prices have tripled over the past 6 weeks. Leo's goes through about 500 dozen eggs a week, and the worst part, there's no way to get around the huge price hike. Bernunzio says it could be up to a year and a half before the prices come back down, so customers will see the difference when they go to buy dessert. Another business we spoke to, Balsam Bagels, says it had to raise its signature sandwiches by a dollar just to keep up with the price hike.

Program Title: News 8 at 6pm

Date: 7/24/15

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: :50

Detailed Description: Some disappointing news for Xerox tonight. As many as 3,000 jobs will be cut worldwide from the company's service operations. Xerox has been transitioning from a copier business to a service business. The second quarter earnings report showed a 7 percent drop in revenue. Local financial experts say Xerox is facing stiff competition, and quite a lot of debt. Xerox told us it's too soon to predict how the cuts will impact Rochester. The company employs 6,600 workers here.

Program Title: News 8 Special Report

Date: 7/27/15

Time: 11:01am-12:39pm

Duration of Segment: 1 hr 38

minutes

Detailed Description: Full coverage of Vice President Joe Biden's visit to Rochester to announce a new Photonics Institute will be built in our area. This life changing announcement means more than 600 million dollars and the potential to create thousands of jobs in the Rochester area. There are still many unanswered questions as to what's next and what does this truly mean for our communities.

Program Title: News 8 at 5&6pm

Date: 7/31/15

Time: 5&6pm

Duration of Segment: 4:00

Detailed Description: Today the state Department of Health awarded its five licenses out of a pool of 43 applications for medical marijuana manufacturing facilities. Columbia Care LLC will operate its growing facility in Monroe County. It will partner with Eastman Business Park to open a dispensary on its campus. Columbia Care will both manufacture and dispense medical marijuana from Eastman Business Park. And they have to be up and running by January. That's why this location was so appealing. Much of what's needed is already in place. Gates, barbwire fencing, and around the clock security at Eastman Business Park are expected to help protect the future of medical marijuana manufacturing in Monroe County. The dispensary will be located in the old ESL Credit Union in the Theatre on the Ridge along Ridge Road. And in total, the operation is expected to create about 200 jobs and 50 million in economic activity. Columbia Care is currently licensed in five other states. They are one of the nation's leading medical marijuana companies.

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 8/4/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:00

Detailed Description: Lots of people love New York. But it turns out, they love Rochester too. Tourism officials are over the moon tonight about new survey results. According to Visit Rochester, more than a billion dollars were pumped into the area last year thanks to visitors and tourists. Two million people discovered Rochester is a great vacation spot. Visitors spent money

on food, hotels and recreation, vacation homes and transportation. 75 million dollars were generated in local taxes. Tourism officials couldn't point to any one thing last year that drove more visitors to Rochester. They say they will continue to market to international travelers, and they hope to see improvements to the Rochester Convention Center.

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 8/7/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:20

Detailed Description: Whenever a large convention comes to downtown, that's money into our economy. One is in town tonight, days after Visit Rochester announced tourism has brought in one billion dollars over the past year. The city brings in money in all sorts of ways, including conventions. Like the Jehovah's Witness convention which kicked off this Friday. And this particular convention brings in a lot of people from across the Empire State.

Program Title: News 8 at 5pm

Date: 8/7/15

Time: 5pm

Duration of Segment: :50

Detailed Description: The president of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York was in town today, and he brought some good news with him. William Dudley spoke to members of the Rochester Business Alliance. He says despite the downsizing of companies such as Kodak, Xerox, and Bausch and Lomb, Rochester is not down from the count. Dudley said, "Rochester continues to reinvent itself and is much more diverse with an employment base that is no longer concentrate among just a few large manufacturers." Dudley points to solid growth in several areas of the local economy, such as health care, education and hospitality.

Program Title: News 8 at 5pm

Date: 8/14/15

Time: 5pm

Duration of Segment: :50

Detailed Description: Rochester's Harris Corp plans to bid on billions of dollars in radio orders for the U.S. Army. Congresswoman Louise Slaughter made the announcement today. Slaughter worked to prohibit the Army from awarding no-bid contract, which means companies like Harris will no longer be shut out. As a result, Harris Corp. announced last month it would bring 100 new jobs to Rochester. Slaughter said, "I'm totally confident that Harris, because of the kind of work that they do, and the reputation that they have, of really creating quality radios, will put them in a very high possibility of getting some or all of that contract." Harris is the global supplier of secure radio communications for military, government and commercial organizations. The winners of the contract won't be announced until next year.

Program Title: News 8 at 4pm

Date: 8/18/15

Time: 4pm

Duration of Segment: 1:00

Detailed Description: Relief for some PennYan business owners still reeling from heavy flooding more than a year ago. FEMA has agreed to pay for the last five major flood repair projects. Senator Chuck Schumer pushed for the additional payments. Initially FEMA only agreed to pay for a dozen projects. The village of Penn Yan applied for 2.5 million dollars in relief. It still needed \$410,000 to make the most visible repairs complete. Flooding in May 2014 devastated many homes and businesses, washing out sidewalks, road surface and retaining walls.

Program Title: News 8 at 5pm

Date: 8/24/15

Time: 5pm

Duration of Segment: 1:00

Detailed Description: A troubling day on Wall Street after an unprecedented 1,000 point decline at the open today, the Dow closed with a loss of nearly 600 points. It was an extremely turbulent day for U.S. stocks driven by deep fears about China's economic slowdown. The 588 point decline was the worst for the Dow since August 2011.

Program Title: News 8 at 6pm

Date: 8/26/15

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:00

Detailed Description: One company is being recognized for its growth. Congresswoman Louise Slaughter toured the General Motors plant on Lexington Avenue. Workers there make fuel systems and ignition parts. Congresswoman Slaughter praised the company for hiring local workers, and for innovations that have reduced waste. The plant manager says it comes down to making quality products. Slaughter says GM has made 165 million dollars in investments in this plant because of Rochester's highly skilled workforce.

Program Title: News 8 at 6pm

Date: 9/9/15

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:10

Detailed Description: Downtown Rochester could one day be a high-tech hub, if local leaders have their way. A groundbreaking ceremony was held at the Sibley Building today for high tech Rochester. That's where the startup incubator is relocating from Henrietta. At any given time, high tech Rochester has 15 to 25 startup companies. Younger entrepreneurs say they want to be downtown and the agency will be joined by venture capital firms at the new office. Jim Senall of High Tech Rochester said, "The rest of the building is going to fill up with other technology companies, so you can imagine, they start here, they grow a little bit, they decide to stay in the building, or across the street or one of these buildings in the community. We're just going to see a lot more startups, a vibrant community, a lot more jobs, and creating a real ecosystem and buzz here." High Tech Rochester's new office will open next year. The historic Sibley tea room will be preserved and turned into co-working space. The project costs 24 million dollars.

Program Title: News 8 at 6pm

Date: 9/17/15

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:30

Detailed Description: Poverty continues to have a grip on our community, despite numerous efforts to reverse the trend. A new census report found the poverty rate in Monroe County went down slightly from 15.8 percent in 2013 to 14.2 percent in 2014. In Rochester, the rate was much higher. Poverty stands at just under 34 percent, not much better than 35.4 percent in 2013. And when it comes to children, the poverty rate went up to 56 percent in 2014. City officials and the United Way are already looking to turn those numbers around through the Rochester-Monroe Anti-Poverty Initiative. The group released its first progress report on poverty this month. It details changes the community can make to decrease poverty throughout greater Rochester. The report zeroes in on three different aspects...empowering people, enabling sustainable and progressive employment, and breaking the cycle of poverty with education. The group aims to reduce poverty across Monroe County and Rochester by 50 percent over the next fifteen years.

Program Title: News 8 at 6pm

Date: 9/17/15

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:30

Detailed Description: After weeks of speculation, we know where the new photonics institute will be located. But it's not the answer many were expecting. The institute will occupy three

locations. The Legacy Tower, the Sibley building and the Eastman Business Park. The old Bausch and Lomb building, or Legacy Tower, will be home to the photonics headquarters. While the Sibley building will house workforce development. The Eastman Business Park will be home to photonics manufacturing, and that is where the bulk of the jobs are expected to be created. There will be a new board moving forward who will oversee the direction of the project. That will be made up of three state officials, two from SUNY Polytechnic, and one from both U of R and RIT.

Program Title: News 8 at 6pm

Date: 9/29/15

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:30

Detailed Description: An Ontario County town could lose almost half of its revenue if a landfill closes. The Ontario County Landfill in the town of Seneca is in limbo and town officials and residents are worried. Seneca residents haven't had to pay property taxes since the landfill moved in twelve years ago. But the landfill is running out of room. Operators are waiting for the state to give permission on an expansion. If it doesn't come, the landfill will close. The worst could mean an increase of hundreds of dollars a year for some property owners. Without the expansion, the landfill is expected to fill up by April 2016. Jerry Leone, the regional manager with Casella says he's not sure where the waste would go if that happens. He said, "We're one of the fifth largest landfills in the state of New York. It's a pretty important asset to the state and local communities. So closing the facility would certainly have its impacts regionally in this area." But one thing is clear if the landfill shuts down, people could potentially lose their jobs.

Program Title: News 8 at 6pm

Date: 9/29/15

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:00

Detailed Description: Wade's Market in Farmington will not relocate, despite an announcement just last month saying it would. That means more than 150 jobs are back on the chopping block. The store on Route 96 will close next month to make way for Tops. The plan was to relocate to Macedon, and open up three other locations. Owner Jim Cheney told News 8 that, "Our plans were based on projected numbers. Once actual costs were received, it became apparent that it was cost prohibitive to continue at this time." Cheney also said, "We went into our expansion plans with the best intentions. Unfortunately, no matter how big the dreams, you cannot escape reality no matter how badly you want to make something happen." There are 150 people who will lose their jobs because of the closure. Tops Friendly Markets, who again, is moving into the space Wade's currently occupies, offered those employees jobs. Wades will vacate by October 25<sup>th</sup> and Tops is expected to open by Thanksgiving.

**Education** – topics covered under this issue include: How to improve student performance in schools, school success stories and what programs are available to the public to further their education.

Program Title: News 8 at 5pm

Date: 7/1/15

Time: 5pm

Duration of Segment: 1:30

Detailed Description: Parents at a Rochester elementary schools say the superintendent is taking away a lifeline for their children. The future of the Boy's Academy at School Number 9 is in doubt. Parents attended a contentious meeting today to discuss changes for the upcoming school year. The district plans to transfer grades 7 and 8 to an existing boys' school at the Charlotte

campus. And no decision has been made if grades three through six will continue to have all boys classes. The district says test scores remain low at School Number 9 and the state is forcing him to act.

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 7/1/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:30

Detailed Description: The University of Rochester has officially taken over East High School. 195 teachers, many of who are new to the school, are now preparing for their first school year as part of what you could call a grand experiment. But not everyone is convinced that experiment is going to work. A world of expectations rests on the shoulders of Marlene Blocker. She's one of the new East High principals, sixth through eighth grade. 65 other employees will also walk into East for the first time. 80 will be returning. Blocker believes the East High, University of Rochester partnership has the chance to create a new way to educate kids. East High was failing, low attendance, high suspension and a low graduation rate. They were on a path to closure until U of R stepped in. Cynthia Elliot said, "I really do have reservations about whether this is going to succeed unless leadership can go in there and move people out of the way who are not 100 percent supportive for children in that school." Blocker thinks she and the other administrators have what it takes to do that. The new superintendent, Steve Uebbing said tonight that he believes in all the people he hired. But if someone doesn't meet expectations, they'll be let go after three years.

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 7/3/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:30

Detailed Description: Parents are mad. Earlier this week, they heard plans of the Rochester City School District moving the Boy's Academy at School Number 9 to Charlotte. The district says changes need to be made with the struggling school or the state could take over. Parents and students were livid at a meeting earlier this week. At a press conference Friday night, one mother stood by the staff of School 9. She says the reason they struggle is because they never turn a student away. The Faith Community Alliance wants the school district to be more transparent about making their decision making. They believe moving the Boy's Academy from School Number 9 is a cautionary tale for parents at other schools. Superintendent Vargas said on Wednesday that the changes are necessary. Parents plan on holding a meeting regarding the changes at School Number 9 on Tuesday night at 7pm at St. Michaels Church.

Program Title: News 8 at 5pm

Date: 7/6/15

Time: 5pm

Duration of Segment: 1:20

Detailed Description: Today Dallas-based transportation company MV Transportation announced it wants to bus city students to and from school. That means it is competing with RTS which is trying to iron out a new deal with the school board. RTS cancelled its old contract because of repeated violence at the downtown transit center. MV Transportation will have to make a bid to the school district to bus students. We reached out to RGRTA for comment and are waiting to hear back.

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 7/11/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:00

Detailed Description: Rochester Institute of Technology is looking to become a leader in the digital media industry, and state funding, plus some magic, could help them achieve that. RIT announced it will be receiving 12 million dollars from the state, 12.4 million from Cisco Systems, and three million from Dell. The funding will go towards magic spell studios. It's a university program that will link RIT's academic programs with high-tech facilities needed to commercialize computer gaming, film and animation, graphic design and more. School officials say the announcement should help more than just RIT. Jennifer Hinton, Assistant Director of the RIT Center for Magic said, "Unfortunately, all the great talent that we're developing here often bleeds to the west coast when students graduate. So the new facility will not only benefit RIT, but also Rochester because we'll be able to keep that talent that is homegrown right here." That new state-of-the-art studio is expected to create 35 to 50 jobs in the first five years. The goal is to create over 100 jobs in the next 10 years.

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 7/16/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:00

Detailed Description: Tonight for the first time in more than a decade, the state of New York is launching a major drive to turn around failing public schools. 144 schools statewide have been placed on the list, including 14 schools in the Rochester City School District. That means they will be placed under receivership under a state law passed this spring.

On the same day the list was released to the public, the state's new education commissioner was in Rochester. Mary Ellen Elia met with school district leaders and staff. Elia says the city's most troubled schools will received an unprecedented amount of attention. Elia said, "I've met some very dynamic principals and leaders today who are focused on what's happening in every classroom to improve instruction for every student." We've got a link to the state's list of struggling, and persistently struggling schools. Along with the education department's plan to turn things around.

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 7/21/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:30

Detailed Description: The state Education Department has issued guidelines on how school districts should accommodate transgender students. For example, the guidelines say school should use names that the student prefers. And, students should be able to use the bathroom with which they identify. The goal is to help districts promote a safe and discrimination-free environment for transgender students. The new guidelines have been given to every public school district in the state.

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 7/23/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:30

Detailed Description: The way teachers and administrators discipline students the Rochester School District could be changing. Many community members and educators have said for years there are too many suspensions in the city. A draft code of conduct released Thursday offers specific ways to address and eliminate racial disparities in suspensions and for the first time...it lays out a student's bill of rights. The report won't be ready by September. In the meantime, the Rochester Community Task Force wants parents to read the draft and share their thoughts and recommendations on the district website.

Program Title: News 8 at 6pm

Date: 7/24/15

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: :50

Detailed Description: Some local high school students were given the opportunity to take a trip back in time through Rochester's history. It was all part of an exhibition opening hosted by the University of Rochester's Scholars Program. It's a summer course called "Hands on History: Telling Stories with Stuff." The students spent two weeks working with various artifacts, rare books and other items in a one of a kind collection. Rochester Scholars is a pre-college, residential academic program that offers students throughout the world an opportunity to experience college life and explore career options.

Program Title: News 8 at 5pm

Date: 7/30/15

Time: 5pm

Duration of Segment: :50

Detailed Description: New students at Rochester's Young Women's College Prep charter school are learning what it takes to get to college. The school is the first all-girls public school in the city. All this week incoming seventh graders have been participating in the school's "Bridge Program" held at Nazareth College. It's an opportunity for the girls to meet each other and their teachers through team-building exercises. Right now, Young Women's College Prep is for 7<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> grade girls. The school says it will expand to 12<sup>th</sup> grade over the next two years.

Program Title: News 8 at 6pm

Date: 7/30/15

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:30

Detailed Description: The Obama Administration is looking at providing grants to help some prisoners take college courses. It's reignited a debate that goes back two decades. The goal is to help inmates get training for jobs once they are out. The Education Department and Justice Department are expected to announce a pilot program as early as tomorrow. The program would give some prisoners access to the federal Pell grants which are typically for low-income students and do not have to be repaid. Some people say inmates should not get those perks. Brianna Dubolino is an MCC student and said, "I just don't think it's fair for people who have been through those kind of things to get the same amount of support that other people are working really hard to get." Congress banned prisoners from being eligible for Pell grants back in 1994. The administration can't lift the ban without Congressional approval. But the Education Department can use its authority to temporarily run a pilot program.

Program Title: News 8 at 6pm

Date: 8/3/15

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: :45

Detailed Description: This isn't your average science fair. These Rochester City School students spent the past week testing water quality of Lake Ontario near Charlotte Beach. They were learning why the beach is often closed to swimmers, like it was today. Here are the findings they presented to the community. Kiyree Warnick said, "We found out part of Charlotte Beach where people are swimming has the most bacteria. When you go further down the pier, it has less bacteria." To check the condition of the beach each day, you can call the beach hotline at 753-5887.

Program Title: News 8 at 6pm

Date: 8/3/15

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:20

Detailed Description: Fourteen Rochester schools are now labeled as failing, and the state is threatening to transfer control of them to someone else if the district can't turn them around soon. Tonight was the first of many public forums seeking public input. It focused on School 34. Teachers, administrators, parents and students attended the meeting and discussed a plan to turn School 34 from struggling to successful.

Program Title: News 8 at 5pm

Date: 8/10/15

Time: 5pm

Duration of Segment: 1:00

Detailed Description: Today, hundreds of Rochester City School students reported for their first day of school at Monroe High. Teachers hope to give these students, who primarily speak English as a second language, a head start on the school year. They'll attend a half a day of school now through August 26<sup>th</sup> and transition to full day classes when the rest of the district starts next month. The state Education Department has labeled Monroe High as a "struggling" school. It must demonstrate significant progress this year, or an outside organization will be appointed to take over.

Program Title: News 8 at 5pm

Date: 8/12/15

Time: 5pm

Duration of Segment: 2:00

Detailed Description: The worst in the state. That's how the Rochester City School District performed on the controversial Common Core tests last spring. Statewide, 31% of students were proficient in English and 38% of students were proficient in math. Both of those statistics are up from the year before. Also, 20%, or more than 363,000 third through eighth graders opted out of the exams. Superintendent Bolgen Vargas says the results from last year's testing are disappointing, but he has a culprit. He claims a high opt-out rate hurt the district's results. Opting out is to protest against using tests to evaluate teachers and against the Common Core curriculum as a whole. Out of the five largest school districts in the state, Rochester had the highest opt out rate. 20 percent of students did not take the math portion of the test and 15% didn't take the ELA portion. Vargas says that hurts the district results. Some city schools opt out rates were much higher than the state average. At School 58, 83 percent of the students didn't take the test for English. And at School of the Arts, 29 percent opted out. Vargas says the district will encourage parents and students to take the tests earlier this coming school year. He also says the district is still catching up to the higher standards of Common Core. There are some educational advocates who say the even though over 360,000 students didn't participate in the testing, the state's results wouldn't be much different, even if every student took the test.

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 8/16/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 2:00

Detailed Description: A shocking number of Rochester City high school students are stuck in the ninth grade. East High School alone failed more than half of their ninth graders last school year. Research shows these are the students most at risk of dropping out. East's new leader under the district's partnership with the University of Rochester plans to give 9<sup>th</sup> graders a new roadmap. Some of East's persistent ninth graders will get into a GED program. Some will double up on English and math with intense support. East High will have more social workers and psychologists to help students. The school is also putting more special education students into regular ed classes, after finding very few of them ever graduate. The first day of school is September 8<sup>th</sup>.

Program Title: News 8 at 6pm

Date: 8/17/15

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:30

Detailed Description: The state is demanding the districts with high opt-out rates have a backup plan. If they can't use test scores, they must use something else to give teachers a grade.

Rochester teacher Matt Lavonas said his two strongest students opted out of the state exams. He is expecting his rating as a teacher to suffer. His union believes the entire model of evaluating teachers based on test scores needs to be thrown out, especially with 220,000 third through eighth graders across the state sitting out the exams. The state is demanding backup plans for any teacher who had fewer than 16 students take the tests. Those plans include grading teachers as a group or using locally developed test scores. In Fairport, where 2/3 of students opted out, the superintendent doesn't plan to penalize teachers based on the state-mandated evaluations. The backup plans are called student learning objectives, they're supposed to track a student's growth over the past year. But districts are saying they can't go back and measure now. The school year is over and another one is about to begin.

Program Title: News 8 at 6pm

Date: 8/18/15

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:30

Detailed Description: As schools across the area get ready to start the fall semester, a lot of eyes will be on one of Rochester's most troubled schools. Today East High School welcomed 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders. It's the first orientation since the University of Rochester took over in July. The partnership saved East High from being closed by the state due to poor performance. The U of R has said it plans to help students by extending the school day and reducing the student body over time. East High's principal says now we'll find out if the partnership pays off. Orientation for 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be tomorrow. Ninth graders will be next Tuesday, and grades 10 through 12 will be next Thursday. The first day of school is September 8<sup>th</sup>.

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 8/20/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: :50

Detailed Description: Tonight some Rochester City School students took a big step towards a brighter future. Students who have met all of their necessary requirements, received their high school diplomas at the summer graduation ceremony. For many Rochester families this is an important milestone. One that gives these students an opportunity to grow and become productive members of society. Students we spoke with say the fact that they didn't graduate on time was disappointing, but they didn't let this setback keep them down. Next week on Tuesday, Superintendent Bolgen Vargas will provide his annual update to the community on the state of schools in the Rochester City district.

Program Title: News 8 at 6pm

Date: 8/21/15

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:00

Detailed Description: The newest class of Rochester City Scholars were officially welcomed to RIT this evening. This year, 18 students from the Rochester City School District will be part of the sixth freshman class to enter the program. Financial challenges prevent more than three quarters of its students from entering college. RIT President Bill Destler launched the initiative in 2010 to make sure that students who are eligible can go to school. The students are graduates of East High School, School of the Arts, World of Inquiry, Rochester STEM High School,

Rochester Early College International High School, Joseph C. Wilson Magnet High School and James Monroe High School. In July 2014, the Destlers pledged a one million dollar endowment to the Rochester City Scholars program to ensure the future of the program.

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 8/21/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:00

Detailed Description: Exciting news for families who are waiting to learn English. Tonight, Senator Rich Funke and the Ibero American Action League celebrated the launch of a new free and open to the public English as a second language program. Funke says the program will be supported by state funds. Ibero will hire a program coordinator who will help non-English speakers gain critical communication skills. The program will consist of one hour classes at Ibero's Early Childhood Center on Clifford Avenue and Ibero's main office on East Main Street.

Program Title: News 8 at 6am

Date: 8/26/15

Time: 6am

Duration of Segment: 1:00

Detailed Description: Worries remain for the 300 local students who were attending the Everest Institute when it closed. Many were stuck with student loans after the Rochester campus abruptly shut down in April. At least a dozen students have since reached out to Empire Justice for help with loan forgiveness. Empire Justice tells us those who aren't going back to school could get a full reimbursement. But students who continued their education at another school may not have their loans forgiven if they entered into a comparable course of study. That's keeping some of them from reapplying. If you're one of the more than 300 students who need help with student loan forgiveness, Empire Justice encourages you to contact them. The number to call is 585-454-6500.

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 8/25/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:30

Detailed Description: In a matter of days, tens of thousands of students will head back to school in the city, and when they do, they will be under a spotlight. That's because their Common Core test scores were the worst in the state, and 14 city schools are failing. Superintendent Bolgen Vargas gave his state of the schools address tonight and highlighted the Rochester City School District's strengths and weaknesses. Vargas sees what we see. Low graduation rates and poor attendance, and the state's recent report. Vargas has created an action plan. He is trying to "change the culture" at RCSD by adding more art, music and sports classes, hiring a social worker for every school and using suspension as a last resort for punishment. But more needs to be done. Vargas says he expects graduation rates to go up a tick. From the current rate of 43.4 percent to 45.5 percent in June of 2015. The state education department will release the official June 2015 graduation rates to confirm RCSD's projection in the coming months.

Program Title: News 8 at 6pm

Date: 8/26/15

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: :40

Detailed Description: A special graduation ceremony, for an inspirational group of women. They are all going into the technology field, and they all have jobs lined up at Xerox. The women are part of the Rochester chapter of "Step it up America." The organization works to educate

minority women, and help get them jobs in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. 21 women graduated this year.

Program Title: News 8 at 5pm

Date: 8/27/15

Time: 5pm

Duration of Segment: 1:00

Detailed Description: School hasn't even started yet, but the Rochester City School District is already trying to improve attendance this year. School leaders and volunteers went door-to-door today for a truancy blitz. It's an effort to encourage students to go to class. Last year, more than 9,000 city students were "chronically absent." Classes officially begin next week.

Program Title: News 8 at 6pm

Date: 8/28/15

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:20

Detailed Description: An exciting day for incoming students at the College of Brockport in more ways than one. The class of 2019 moved into their dorm rooms for the first time to discover that their president is also their dorm mate. When Dr. Heidi MacPherson found her home would be under construction this fall, she thought she'd spend the first semester on the job with the students. Dr. MacPherson is making it a priority to get out and meet her students. Her focus is on growing the living and learning communities that adjust them to campus life...and allow them to make friends that share similar interests.

Program Title: News 8 at 6pm

Date: 9/1/15

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: :45

Detailed Description: Today a local teacher known for going above and beyond was thanked in a special way. Tosca Lindberg thought she would be attending a routine staff meeting at the Rush-Henrietta Learning Center. Until Walmart associates unexpectedly "interrupted" to recognize her for her sacrifices. Lindberg started and runs the student store, "the Bodega," spending her personal time picking up donations for the store and often purchases supplies for the store with her own money. She was presented with a \$513 gift card to supply her classroom, a supply of products to stock the student store, and a personal "back-to-school" survival kit.

Program Title: News 8 at 6pm

Date: 9/1/15

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: :50

Detailed Description: The first day of school can be exciting for most students. But some dread the experience. We asked a local pediatrician what parents can do to alleviate that anxiety. If a certain person or situation is stressing your kid out, try role playing ways to handle it. It is also important to talk to your child and ask what exactly is bothering them. Making excuses to not go to school could be a sign your child is stressed about something. If you're concerned there is a more serious issue, always call your pediatrician.

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 9/1/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:00

Detailed Description: The New York state Department of Education is investigating a recent move by the Rochester City School District. In June, parents learned that all seventh and eighth

grade boys from the Boys Academy would be moved from School number 9 to the Leadership Academy for Young Men on the Charlotte High School campus. Parents and students we talked with are outraged over the changes. And they say they aren't being told why they're being relocated in the first place. Iliana Justiniano says her son Juan attended seventh and eighth grade at the Boys Academy and she says it changed him for the better. She also says the Charlotte campus is too far away if there's an emergency. Plus, she believes all of the students share a special bond and shouldn't be separated. In a statement the district said in part: "Dr. Vargas believes this change is in the best educational interest of the 46 boys joining Leadership Academy and the future of School Nine, which faces the risk of outside receivership unless achievement scores improve this year.

Program Title: News 8 at 5pm  
Time: 5pm

Date: 9/2/15

Duration of Segment: 1:10

Detailed Description: The new school year is officially underway in the Rochester City School District. And for three city schools in particular, the new year means longer school days, bringing the total to 13. These schools are open from 9am until 5pm and they offer students extra opportunities for learning and choices for extra-curricular classes. Some new classes include yoga, gardening and broadcast journalism courses. In all, the expanded learning schools provide an additional 300 hours of instruction and support.

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm  
Time: 11pm

Date: 9/2/15

Duration of Segment: 1:00

Detailed Description: Some high school students in Rochester received an encouraging welcome to the new school year. Volunteers shared motivational messages with students at the Leadership Academy for Young Men, Wilson High School, as well as Schools 19 and 5. They were greeted by 100 Rochester men and brothers from the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, respectively. These men say they want students to know there are people in the community who support them. The goal was to also show their support for all the educators in Rochester.

Program Title: News 8 at 5pm  
Time: 5pm

Date: 9/3/15

Duration of Segment: 1:20

Detailed Description: We are just days into a new school year, but the controversial Common Core conversation continues. Today, Governor Cuomo released a bold statement vowing to create a panel that will address Common Core concerns. He says in part, "Those standards will only work if people, especially parents, have faith in them and in their ability to educate our children. The current Common Core program does not do that. It must." Meanwhile, a new opt-out letter has been circulating among parents. Parents who are part of this early opt-out push tell us it's about setting the tone for the rest of this school year. The new refusal letter was drafted by a number of parents from across the state. And by signing the letter and sending into school, it allows their child to opt out of any applicable testing. The new commission will review Common Core before reporting back to the governor. Cuomo says he plans to share the findings during the State of the State in January.

Program Title: News 8 at 6pm  
Time: 6pm

Date: 9/4/15

Duration of Segment: 1:00

Detailed Description: Just three days into the school year and we learn one in four students skipped school in the Rochester City School District. Student attendance was 76.6 percent on Wednesday, the first day of school. It didn't get much better on Thursday. Superintendent Bolgen Vargas said starting classes before Labor Day may have been a factor, but that's still no excuse. Vargas said, "The first day, the attendance was so low, it is unacceptable. It's a wakeup call to the community. We are not going to end the low performance of our students unless we get our children to come to school every day." Nearly 28 percent of elementary students in the Rochester City School District were chronically absent last year. The superintendent is calling on every child to attend school at least 95% of the time.

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 9/4/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:30

Detailed Description: The vice president of the Rochester School Board, Cynthia Elliott, is in hot water. The Rochester Teachers Association has filed a class action grievance against Elliott for verbal abuse, harassment and intimidation. It all stems back from a meeting of new teachers at School Number 8 on Tuesday. Teachers at the meeting say Elliott went on a curse filled rant about how they should quit if they can't handle urban students and their parents. Elliott admits swore at those teachers. She said, "I did say if they can't work with urban children, this may not be the job for them." She said, "You got to know how to respect parents or if you don't know how to respect them then they (parents) will tell them (teachers) to go (expletive) themselves." Jonathon Debruyn has been teaching with the district for 23 years and was in that meeting. He said, "I get that she's supposed to manage the district but making enemies with teachers isn't the way to do that." He felt that Elliott's rant was unproductive, highly unprofessional and disrespectful and so does the Teachers Association. Elliott says she only cursed because she was quoting a parent and she wanted to remind teachers they need to be tougher when dealing with inner city students. The RTA says they want Elliott to be punished with either a suspension or be removed from the school board. Elliott can only be suspended by the state commissioner of education.

Program Title: News 8 at 6pm

Date: 9/8/15

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:00

Detailed Description: You don't usually see this kind of fanfare on the first day of school, but teachers and administrators went all out to welcome students for the first day at the new East High school. 1,500 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders were greeted with high fives, a band and cheering teachers and administrators. The school is now under the control of the University of Rochester. Students seemed to enjoy walking the gauntlet and many say they are looking forward to the new school year.

Program Title: News 8 at 6pm

Date: 9/11/15

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:20

Detailed Description: A new school is open in Fairport, and it was started by parents who don't want their kids educated using the Common Core standards. It's called the Wooden School. There are seven students enrolled, spanning grades four through ten. The private, non-profit school is focused on academics and athletics. The students spend at least an hour and a half each school day training in sports. The curriculum is from an online learning program based in California. So students will earn a California diploma when they graduate.

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 9/20/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: :50

Detailed Description: In just two weeks, students across the state will be required to learn lifesaving skills. A new regulation means 200,000 high school students will be trained in CPR. North Rose Wolcott, in Wayne County, was the first CPR Smart School in New York. Greece Central and Fairport Central followed suit. Dr. George Porter knows that for victims of sudden cardiac arrest, performing CPR can double or triple the chance of survival. The CPR in schools law goes into effect October 7.

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 9/21/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: :30

Detailed Description: Passing students without proper documentation. That's what the state comptroller says happened in five districts it audited. One of those districts was Fairport. The audit covered grade changes made by non-teachers between July 2013 and May of this year. The audit found among all districts, 44 percent of changes were made without documentation of a teacher authorizing the change. In nearly all the cases, the student's grade went from failing to passing. The state asked Fairport school officials for a response. They have not commented.

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 9/22/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:30

Detailed Description: It may seem early for a report card, but East High School in Rochester isn't wasting time. Two weeks into the school year, under a partnership with the University of Rochester, East has released a progress report. This year, over 20% of students didn't show up on the first day of school. East's new superintendent says most of these were students who are repeating ninth grade, and who have a history of skipping class. Tonight, the numbers are better. The meeting at East High is one they have to put on by law, because they were designated as a persistently struggling school. For the first week of school this year, East High's lower school, grades 6 through 8 saw an average 94% attendance rate. The upper school, grades 9 through 12, saw an average 78% attendance rate. Disappointing numbers, but on par with the rest of the city schools. But at East, those percentages increased slightly the second week. Of the 1500 kids enrolled at East, 95 have yet to set foot inside the school. Superintendent Shawn Nelms says they have created options to re-engage the students. Everything from programs to target freshman who failed last year, to GED preparation for those who dropped out altogether. As the U of R intervenes, hopes are high, but the stakes are even higher. It's expected that of the current seniors at East, less than half will graduate. The estimate that of the current 6<sup>th</sup> graders at East, 84% will graduate when they're seniors, six years from now.

Program Title: News 8 at 6pm

Date: 9/28/15

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:00

Detailed Description: Governor Andrew Cuomo has announced the launch of a new Common Core task force. It is made up of education officials, teachers, parents and state representatives. The group is charged with reviewing and making recommendations to overhaul the current Common Core system and the way students are tested in New York State. Governor Cuomo says the education system needs to change. The task force is expected to provide their

recommendations by the end of the year. A new website has been launched to encourage the public's input. We have a link to that on our website.

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 9/29/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:20

Detailed Description: Wi-Fi for all could be coming to a computer near you. News 8 has learned computer access in Rochester could be free by this time next year. According to Connected Magazine, the city of Rochester, two out of three Rochester households have internet of some kind. That puts it near the bottom of connected cities in the country. Tonight there's a proposal to make Wi-Fi free, citywide. The Rochester City School District is looking to fix the city's internet problem. The idea for the school district is for every student to go home with a school issued device. They can't do that now. "We don't allow those students to take those devices home, because we don't have that equitable access," said Ann Marie Lehner of the RCSD. So with help from a grant from the New York State Broadband program and New Yorkers voting in favor of the Smart Schools Bond Act last year, the school district plans on making their schools into community Wi-Fi hubs. On Monday, the school district started a feasibility study on their community Wi-Fi project. That's expected to take until the end of the year. They hope to have Wi-Fi up in the fall of next year. And it won't be everywhere right away. It will be limited to certain areas at first.

Program Title: News 8 at 6pm

Date: 9/30/15

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:10

Detailed Description: It's the most important meal of the day, yet many youngsters are going to school without it. We're talking about breakfast, of course. At Dudley Elementary School in Fairport, a food cart brings the breakfast to you. Students, whether on a subsidized food program or not, can choose items from the five food groups, from one of two breakfast carts. Former New York Giants punter Sean Landeta helped kick off the program. Originally 20 kids signed up for the program, now it serves more than 150.

**Environment** – topics covered under this issue include: Plans for sustainability and recycling ideas.

Program Title: News 8 at 5:30pm

Date: 7/2/15

Time: 5:30pm

Duration of Segment: 1:30

Detailed Description: More and more restaurants are trying to go local using produce and meat from the area to fill in their customers plates. Chefs at the New York Wine and Culinary Center are doing more than just preparing food, they're growing some of it too. A small garden, located behind the Canandaigua facility is sprouting all kinds of new ideas for the chefs. The garden has everything from typical vegetables like cucumbers and squash to herbs like six different varieties of basil. They even have fruit trees: apples, apricots and pears and grape vines and it's all organic. This is a very small amount of produce needed for the cooking classes they offer here and the upstairs Bistro Restaurant. They do use local farms to provide the rest. But the garden is fun and it offers a chance to educate the public.

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 7/4/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:30

Detailed Description: If you've ever shopped at a store or market and wonder what happens when food doesn't get sold, chances are it's getting thrown away. The USDA estimates 133 billion pounds of food in the U.S. is wasted each year. There is a local effort to stop the waste. Khory Humphrey knows almost every farmer at Rochester's public market, but he wasn't always so into fruits and vegetables. His humble beginnings may have taught him something, because soon after visiting, he saw an opportunity ripe for the picking. He said he started seeing at the end of market, a lot of food waste, stuff that fall son the floor that they just kind of will have to toss. That's when he began soliciting donations from vendors to give food that wouldn't sell, to the homeless. Since January he says he's collected thousands of pounds. Barrita Shanks of Seven Bridges Farms is one of the many vendors who donates leftovers to Khory and she's the only vendor who gives meat. Khory's works hasn't gone unnoticed. Now dozens of volunteers are showing up to help the one-man project become the Flower City Pickers and they need more. Pickers sort through food, load it in donated vans and carts, then rotate distribution to different shelters each Saturday. It's an eco-friendly approach to disposing waste, and finding hidden and healthy treasures. Khory's dream is to turn the Flower City Pickers into a non-profit group, but he says he can't do it alone and needs more volunteers. You can find the Flower City Pickers every Saturday from 1 to 3pm at Rochester's public market.

Program Title: News 8 at 6pm

Date: 7/8/15

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:30

Detailed Description: A new public park is coming to Pittsford, and it's different than most others. Earlier this year, the town of Pittsford won more than \$170,000 from a state grant for a new town-village collaborative public park and preserve. It's located along the north side of the Erie Canal near the western town-village line. The nature trail will connect the existing Erie Canal path and the little-known Auburn trail. If all goes well, the project should begin this fall or early winter.

Program Title: News 8 at 5:30pm

Date: 7/9/15

Time: 5:30pm

Duration of Segment: 1:30

Detailed Description: It's a community treasure that dates back to 1915. The Sonnenberg mansion and gardens in Canandaigua was once home to philanthropist Mary Clark Thompson. And now, one of her many projects is coming back to life. Volunteer and Education Manager Pam Gangloff said, "Mary she did have a large kitchen garden and donated a lot of that food. Any food that she grew was to the community so that's what we're going to duplicate. We're bringing 1915 to 2015. We're going to re-do it so it's very exciting." A new children's garden is being built right near the entrance to the state historic site. The hope is that it will produce lots of produce that will be donated to the Gleaner's kitchen, which provides hot meals five days a week, just down the road. David Hutchings, the Sonnenberg executive director said, "We're hoping for maybe 800-1,000 pounds of produce that would be produced by this garden." The garden was made possible by 3500 dollars in grants that came from Thompson Health and the local Rotary clubs. The soil is organic and is made from compost that came from garden scraps at Sonnenberg. The garden will also be handicap accessible, so that special needs children can enjoy it too.

Program Title: News 8 at 5:30pm

Date: 7/23/15

Time: 5:30pm

Duration of Segment: 1:30

Detailed Description: You've probably seen the ads, or the billboards, maybe even visited the website or Facebook page. But do you know how to help the water in Lake Ontario? The Monroe County Stormwater Coalition uses Larry the H2O Hero, to show people what they can do to help the lake. Things like limiting fertilizer use and sweeping grass clippings back into the lawn. Properly disposing of pet waste and using commercial car washes, so oils and detergents are kept out of streets and driveways. Paul Sawyko, coordinator of the water education collaborative said, "People don't realize storm drains in the street or backyard, they all go directly to a creek, pond or retention pond, even the river without any kind of treatment." The campaign isn't new. It's been around since 2006 and it appears it is working." Sawyko said, "We run surveys. Every three years we have been able to do them and we see small incremental increases, but at least we are going in the right direction." Educational billboards went up in the Robach Community Center at Charlotte Beach just about a year ago. It's one of several in our area. Rochester is one of 43 areas of concern in the Great Lakes where the environment has been significantly harmed by human activity. One misconception is that factories are the major pollutants. When in fact, 80% of the problem, comes from runoff. Sawyko said, "Industry is well controlled. Premier Program took care of that. Bu this rainfall runoff is something that citizens have to get involved in."

Program Title: News 8 at 6pm

Date: 7/23/15

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: :50

Detailed Description: The Monroe County Civic Center Complex is going green. Today, officials announced the completion of the Energy Conservation Improvements Project. The project includes several upgrades, including new solar panels, LED lighting and water saving technology. The improvements will aid in the county's efforts toward energy efficiency. The upgrades will save the county more than 16 million dollars over the next 15 years.

Program Title: News 8 at 6pm

Date: 7/24/15

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: :40

Detailed Description: A multi-million dollar project designed to make Rochester's High Falls District even more beautiful is moving forward. Greentopia say sits 85 million dollar, garden aerial capital project will enhance one of the city's most vibrant areas. Construction on the project is expected to begin in two weeks. The project will consist of three phases. It will include a falls overlook, a possible winter garden, parks, and construction of a zip line across the river. The project is being paid for through public and private dollars.

Program Title: News 8 at 5:30pm

Date: 7/30/15

Time: 5:30pm

Duration of Segment: 1:30

Detailed Description: A fish that is a descendent of the dinosaurs is being used to determine the health of the Genesee River. The Lake Sturgeon study and the promising news it's bringing about one of our main waterways. They are just a year and a half old, but these Lake Sturgeon may be the solution to a problem dating back half a century. Dr. Jeff Wyatt said, "The real reason we're doing this is to now show that the Genesee River is healthier than ever as it relates to Sturgeon survival, Sturgeon growth, their an incredible bio indicator of a healthy environment." About fifty years ago, Sturgeon all but disappeared form the Genesee River for many reasons like habitat loss, overfishing, and pollution. Since 2001, 4,000 Sturgeon have been released into the Genesee River. And scientists have been tracking them with microchips ever

since. The results are promising. Paul Sawyko, coordinator of the Water Education Collaborative said, "The river water quality has actually improved quite a bit to the extent that now the habitat is better for Sturgeon. The macro invertebrates they eat can survive so the Sturgeon can survive in the river." There are plans to add a thousand more fish each year for the next decade. The Lake Sturgeon aren't your average fish. They can live to be 150 years old, can be 8 feet long and weigh up to 200 pounds. It takes 15-20 years for Lake Sturgeon to spawn. That's one reason why they were wiped out before. People were taking them before they were even old enough to reproduce. Now they are protected, it is illegal to possess one.

Program Title: News 8 at 5pm

Date: 8/12/15

Time: 5pm

Duration of Segment: 1:30

Detailed Description: Tops and Wegmans will no longer carry health care products with micro beads, the tiny plastic beads used in some facial scrubs and toothpaste. The beads get into waterways and threaten wildlife. The AG's office says Monroe County residents wash down the drain nearly a ton of micro beads every year. After Erie County banned micro beads, Tops decided to pull products with micro beads from all of its 150 stores. While Tops Markets takes the lead on the ban, Wegmans is not far behind. The supermarket says for the past two years, it has been working with manufacturing to remove products that contain micro beads. Wegmans will be micro bead-free before the end of year, sooner if possible.

Program Title: News 8 at 5:30pm

Date: 8/20/15

Time: 5:30pm

Duration of Segment: 1:30

Detailed Description: A program that turns vacant city lots into beautiful fields of flowers is expanding once again. Two local stores are now selling the flower bouquets made by Greenvisions. This is the third year for the Workforce Development Program known as Greenvisions. They started off selling flowers at the public markets. But now their bouquets can be found at the East Ave. Wegmans and Hart's Grocery stores too. The program is also doing a delivery service, special events, and even weddings. Greenvisions has expanded their gardens. They have twice the amount of flowers than they had last year. And the program is about more than just selling flowers. It teaches young people about business and responsibility.

Program Title: News 8 at 5:30pm

Date: 9/3/15

Time: 5:30pm

Duration of Segment: 1:30

Detailed Description: Many people think of mid-summer as the main growing season in our area. But really, early September is prime time for many local fruits and vegetables. The Good Food Collective works with local farmers to gather the food. They box up pre-ordered shares daily. Food gets from the farm to the customer usually within a day, two at the most. Shelly Thomas is the director of operations at the Good Food Collective. She said, "Here you are getting stuff that was picked yesterday, picked today from right up the road. You're supporting your local economy and when it's picked that recently, you have more nutrients, better for you, better for your family." One the boxes are finished they are loaded into trucks and then delivered to about 70 different businesses in our area throughout the week. The Good Food Collective also has express boxes that can be picked up at sites throughout the area, and they go to a few farmers markets, where members can make their own boxes. Their goal is to get local food to local

people in the easiest way possible. The fall harvest season starts October 5<sup>th</sup>. You can still sign up for the fall shares. Also, new this year they are offering an apple-only share.

Program Title: News 8 at 5pm

Date: 9/8/15

Time: 5pm

Duration of Segment: 1:00

Detailed Description: Monroe County plans to install the largest solar panel installation in upstate New York. The county plans to lease land in Penfield and Greece to a Buffalo company that will install the solar panels. The county would buy electricity produced by the solar installation at a savings of \$366,000 a year. The county legislature has to vote on the deal.

Program Title: News 8 at 5:30pm

Date: 9/10/15

Time: 5:30pm

Duration of Segment: 1:20

Detailed Description: Some young businessmen in our area have found a way to turn their love for the environment into a small business. They've opened up a redemption center, an idea they got in high school. Trevor Kennedy and Ian Palmer are the owners of Cash Cans. They collect bottles and cans with a deposit. Sort them, and then send them to a recycling center. "They take them and crush them or melt them do whatever they need to do with them and sell them back to the distributors like Coke, Pepsi, Tops, Walmart and they reuse them to make plastic benches, whatever they need to do for recycled objects because everything is recyclable now." Cash can recycling opened up in Mendon about 9 months ago and recently business has really been taking off. Palmer and Kennedy got the idea for a redemption center when they participated in their high school's environmental club. After two years at MCC, they had the money and the knowledge to make their dreams a reality. They chose Mendon, because aside from grocery stores, there were no other redemption sites here. They offer six cent Saturdays twice a month and all charities can get six cents too.

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 9/14/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: :50

Detailed Description: Monroe County is proposing a ban on micro beads. The tiny beads are found in products like facial cleansers. Recently people have raised concerns about beads getting into waterways and threatening wildlife. A ban is also being proposed in Albany County. And lawmakers there say it's too costly to upgrade New York's wastewater plants to be able to trap micro beads when they enter the waterways. Micro beads are already banned in Erie County. As a result, Tops and Wegmans no longer carry products containing micro beads.

Program Title: News 8 at 5:30pm

Date: 9/24/15

Time: 5:30pm

Duration of Segment: 1:20

Detailed Description: This is pollution prevention week. Important work is being done at RIT's Golisano Institute for Sustainability to eliminate food waste. Inside the energy development lab at RIT, is a glimpse into the future. They are figuring out ways to re-use food waste, by converting it either into biodiesel or capturing the gases it lets off for energy. One machine measures the amount of gas emitted from different combinations of food. It will give researchers a better idea of what will produce the most energy. Both masters and PhD students are taking part in the research. The hope is the work being done will translate into a waste free future for all of us.

**Health** – topics covered under this issue include advice on living a healthy lifestyle.

Program Title: News 8 at 5pm

Date: 7/2/15

Time: 5pm

Duration of Segment: 1:30

Detailed Description: A one million dollar federal grant is coming to Rochester to help lower the teen pregnancy rate. An official group of local non-profits and organizations is coming together to use the money. Teen pregnancy rates have hit a record low nationally, down 20 percent from 2012. That drop has been seen across Monroe County, but in Rochester, some zip codes have the highest teen birth rates in the state. With 388 births by teen moms ages 15-19 in the year 2013. In a city where half of children already live in poverty, advocates say it creates a cycle of struggle. Congresswoman Louise Slaughter's one million dollar effort will now support a partnership of clinics and non-profit groups, in preventing teen pregnancy, groups like the Highland Family Planning Health Clinic located on S. Clinton Avenue. The money will be used to hire health educators that can go into the city school district and to youth serving organizations to talk about how to have healthy relationships, how to prevent pregnancy, STDs and STIs.

Program Title: News 8 at 5pm

Date: 7/2/15

Time: 5pm

Duration of Segment: 1:00

Detailed Description: The American Red Cross is urging eligible donors to give blood or platelets to help prevent a summer shortage. Surveys show that more than 40 percent of eligible donors plan to travel the week before or after Independence Day, an indicator that many may be unavailable to give. Fewer blood drives are also scheduled the week before and after Independence Day, because many people are on vacation. The Red Cross tells us, there is always a need, regardless of holidays. Blood donors with all types, especially O negative, A negative and B negative, and platelet donors are urged to schedule an appointment. Those who come to donate from July 2-6 will receive a Red Cross embroidered baseball cap, while supplies last. To make an appointment and for more information, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-Red-Cross.

Program Title: News 8 at 6pm

Date: 7/2/15

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:00

Detailed Description: Tonight the outpouring of support for the Conkey Cruisers continues. The Conkey Cruisers are holding a bike drive today from noon until 8pm at 92 Conkey Avenue. Their goal is to replace more than one hundred bicycles that were stolen over the weekend. By noon today, they'd already collated 100 bikes. While some bikes were recovered from the theft, they were badly damaged. Volunteers said the turnout today has been fantastic. Anyone with information on the theft is asked to call Investigator Andrew Mackenzie at 428-1128. Mayor Lovely Warren has donated 20 bikes to the cause. If you still would like to donate, the drive runs until 8pm tonight.

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 7/12/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:30

Detailed Description: This week Medicare announced its plans to pay doctors to counsel patients about end-of-life care. Some doctors already have such conversations with their patients without billing extra. Certain private insurers have begun offering reimbursement. But an opening to roughly 55 million Medicare Americans could make such talks far more common. Advance care

planning would be entirely voluntary for patients. Doctors say it would include naming a person in your life to represent you as a healthcare proxy if you are not able to make decisions for yourself, as well as, drawing up a living will when you are still healthy. A process that takes the burden off of your family in the final moments of your life. Medicare will accept comments about the proposal for 60 days. A final decision will be made by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 7/13/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:30

Detailed Description: America's senior population is growing faster than ever before. Just in Monroe County, there are 268,000 people 50 years of age and older. Earlier today, the White House held its conference on aging. Something that happens only once every ten years. It focuses on the issues seniors face as they look for caregivers and maintain their health. This year the conference was live streamed for the first time since it began in the 1960s. It included remarks from President Obama and engaged seniors with discussion and live-tweeting to set the policy agenda for America's 76 million aging seniors. Angie and John Sinacore are residents of St. John's Living Center in Rochester. Angie just turned 85 and John is 91. They participated with seniors at 600 locations across the country in the conference on aging. The conference also focused on caregiving. According to AARP, of the 6.8 million seniors in New York State, more than half have had to serve as a caregiver for a family member or spouse in the past five years. Also today, the Obama Administration launched [aging.gov](http://aging.gov), a resource for older Americans, their families and other caregivers. People can access information on programs such as Social Security and Medicare.

Program Title: News 8 at 6pm

Date: 7/20/15

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:30

Detailed Description: For the fourth straight day, visitors have not been allowed to swim at Ontario Beach Park. Durand Eastman beach was also closed. According to Monroe County health officials, the closure stems in part from the frequent heavy rainfall we've seen recently that has caused high bacteria levels. Warm, dry weather like we had today can help improve conditions, but there is no clear answer to when beaches will reopen. A vacuum pump was installed last year near Charlotte Pier, meant to address algae, and does not help the bacteria in the water. However, health officials hope to use the pump more next month, when the algae is in bloom.

Program Title: News 8 at 6pm

Date: 7/21/15

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:30

Detailed Description: This is the first day the Golisano Children's Hospital is up and running. The 145 million dollar facility welcomed all its patients from the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of Strong Memorial Hospital earlier today. The children were welcomed in style. There was a scavenger hunt for each child to find where their room would be, as well as a chance for them to cut the ribbon on their brand new room. Most children couldn't wait to move into the new building. Others, like Jacob Noyes, were a little nervous after spending so much time in the main hospital. After some

convincing from Jacob's mom and all of the activities planned by the staff here at Golisano Children's Hospital, Jacob is liking his new room on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor.

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 7/28/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:00

Detailed Description: Receiving healthcare in a group setting may seem unfamiliar to many but for some expecting mothers in Rochester, it's making a difference. Unlike traditional office-based prenatal care, this form of group care helps provide emotional support and helps educate women in a group setting. The biggest difference is the women helping each other out. Rebecca Alley, the nurse manager for Rochester General Women's Health Services said, "If a woman comes in and says, 'look I don't have the money to go out, or I don't have access to fresh fruit,' another woman may go, 'have you been to Public Market, maybe we can go, we can meet up there. I can give you recipes we've tried,' and it really is coming from that peer support." Besides the support the women gain, Alley says there is evidence the group care has improved birthing outcomes including fewer pre-term delivery rates.

Program Title: News 8 at 5pm

Date: 7/30/15

Time: 5pm

Duration of Segment: :50

Detailed Description: July is National Latino HIV Testing month. And a local organization is helping people get tested. Today, the Ibero American Action League hosted an HIV testing clinic at Samuel Torres Park on North Clinton Avenue. Ibero says the highest concentration of HIV positive individuals are between the ages of 13-25 in the Latino and African-American communities. The organization says it wants people of all backgrounds to get the information and resources they need. Funding from the Hispanic Federation will help provide testing for today's clinic.

Program Title: News 8 at 6pm

Date: 8/10/15

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: :50

Detailed Description: Helping doctors at Golisano Children's Hospital treat kids with cancer. The great work they do will continue thanks to a \$50,000 donation. The check was presented this afternoon by "Hyundai Hope on Wheels." Some of the young patients who will benefit were there. They got to dip their hands in different color paint, then put their handprints on an SUV that commemorates their battle. The University of Rochester has received nearly half a million dollars from Hope on Wheels since 2007. Also at Golisano Children's Hospital, a first look at the new "family room." It has comfortable seating areas, a gas fireplace, several TV's and Wi-Fi. There is also a free laundry area. The family room was provided by Ronald McDonald House Charities of Rochester. It is open seven days a week from nine am to nine pm.

Program Title: News 8 at 6pm

Date: 8/14/15

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: :40

Detailed Description: Today, dozens of people were able to get free health screenings at Rochester's Trillium Health. Medical professionals performed a whole host of tests, including blood pressure, HIV and Hepatitis C. Experts were also on hand to answer questions regarding nutrition, medication and behavioral wellness. The annual health assessment day was free and open to the public.

Program Title: News 8 at 6pm

Date: 8/17/15

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: :50

Detailed Description: It was a big day at the UR Medical Center, after much planning, members of the medical center, supporters and family members broke ground on an outpatient imaging and autism center. The 28 million dollar clinic will be a three story state of the art facility that doctors say will provide leading edge technology in imaging. The third floor of the center will focus on threatening children and teens with developmental disabilities, including autism. Doctors say families visiting the new center can expect an environment where those children will feel safe and comfortable. The facility will be completed in early 2017. UR says it will provide services not just for Rochester, But for the region.

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 8/23/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:00

Detailed Description: Tonight local doctors are sounding a warning about e-cigs. Although many people use e-cigs, or “vapes” to quit smoking, a new federal study says they may have the opposite effect. The NIH study showed that 9<sup>th</sup> graders who used e-cigarettes, compared to those who didn’t, were more likely to start using tobacco products. Alex Kajosz has been working at a vape store over the summer and says he’s seen many drop tobacco in favor of e-cigarettes. E-cigarettes are still relatively new and there are conflicting studies. One study by Public Health England has shown e-cigs do less damage than smoking tobacco.

Program Title: News 8 at 5pm

Date: 8/24/15

Time: 5pm

Duration of Segment: 1:15

Detailed Description: New research shows while deaths from heart disease have declined dramatically over the last few decades for older adults, young people and in particular women, are not seeing those improvements. Researchers say increasing rates of diabetes and obesity in younger adults may be contributing. Also, studies suggest diabetes and obesity may pose a greater heart disease risk to younger women than others.

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 8/28/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:30

Detailed Description: Living life to the fullest without legs has its challenges, and without prosthetics, it can be nearly impossible. Andrea Hill will be the first person to tell you that. So when she heard there was a proposed policy change in Medicare surrounding patient eligibility for lower limb prosthetics, she was alarmed. So she and dozens of amputees and their families gathered in Washington, DC this week demanding Medicare reconsider. And after hours it seems their rally was effective and that Medicare was going to relook at what was written. Nothing set in stone, but a step in the right direction, because for people like Andrea Hill, her prosthetics are more than just something that gets her from point A to B, their her freedom and she doesn’t want a change in a Medicare policy to take that away from her.

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 8/31/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:30

Detailed Description: New York students must have all their vaccines up to date before heading to school. It’s a new requirement that local doctors and the health department say is a smart move. Children entering kindergarten through grade 12 will be required to have two doses of

measles, mumps and the rubella vaccine. Children kindergarten through grade 5 will need five doses of the vaccine for diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis. And children entering kindergarten and grades 1, 6 and 7 must have four doses of the polio vaccine. The state says the new rules will give children the best protection from devastating diseases. Students who received initial doses of the vaccines may still attend school, only if their parents can show they have scheduled appointments for final doses. Also, religious exemptions still apply. If you still need to get your vaccinations, the Monroe County Department of Health is at your service. Their immunizations clinic will have extended hours. They will be open from 11am to 6pm every Wednesday in September, as well as Thursday September 10 and 17.

Program Title: News 8 at 6pm

Date: 9/15/15

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:00

Detailed Description: Rochester's homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless, got a helping hand today. The services they need were made available all under one roof. People were given access to everything from legal aid to health and medical screenings at the Blue Cross Arena. Volunteers paired up with a person in need to help navigate the booths and make sure they know about every opportunity that might help turn their lives around. Project Homeless Connect has been helping the needy in our community through this event for five years.

Program Title: News 8 at 6pm

Date: 9/30/15

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:15

Detailed Description: With News 8's Scott Hetsko's recent heart transplant, the issue of organ donation hit close to home. But before this, the issue hit close to home for thousands upon thousands of New Yorkers. Take Lea Sobieraski. The SUNY Geneseo student received a life-saving liver transplant a couple of years ago. Her donor could have saved up to seven other lives. It's that kind of impact the Finger Lakes Donor Recovery Network wants you to know about. But they also want you to know the benefit of registering can have on your family. Amy James, the community education manager at FLDRN said, "It changes the conversation with the family at the hospital, it changes from we're here to honor our loved ones wishes which is a wonderful thing to say, and it changes from can you think about organ donation too, which is a terrible time to have to think about that." Right now, New York has one of the lowest registration rates in the country. To become a donor you go to a website and fill out a form, then mail it in. We have a link to that website on RochesterFirst.com.

**Politics** – topics covered under this issue include: Local, state and national politics.

Program Title: News 8 at 5pm

Date: 7/9/15

Time: 5pm

Duration of Segment: 2:00

Detailed Description: Tonight Rochester and its suburbs are reaping the financial benefits of a visit by Governor Cuomo and his top aides. The governor and his cabinet spent the day in Rochester, as part of his "Capitol of the Day" program. After a meeting and several tours, the governor announced a 12 million dollar grant to RIT for video game development programs. The move will create 100 jobs. The state will also devote \$100,000 to improve Irondequoit Bay Marina Park. All that, on top of 6 million dollars toward Rochester's anti-poverty campaign. Among the many photos coming out of the governor's day-long visit: lunch at Nick Tahoes. The landmark restaurant famous for its garbage plates.

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 7/9/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:00

Detailed Description: Today, Monroe County Clerk Cheryl Dinolfo picked up an endorsement from Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino in her bid for Monroe County executive. Astornio, the Republican who lost to Governor Andrew Cuomo in the gubernatorial race, said he back Dinolfo because of her commitment to people. Astornio pointed to Dinolfo's record of returning more than 30 million dollars to taxpayers as county clerk. Meantime, Democratic candidate Sandy Frankel released a statement saying in part: "Over the course of his career in public service, Astorino has praised those who have stood in the way of marriage equality on numerous occasions instead of standing with Bill Reilich and accepting Astorino's endorsement, Dinolfo should rebuke his out-of-date, super-conservative viewpoints.

Program Title: News 8 at 5pm

Date: 7/15/15

Time: 5pm

Duration of Segment: 1:10

Detailed Description: The head of the local Democratic committee is stepping down at the end of the month. Dave Garretson cited health and family reasons. Garretson took over as chairman in September. Garretson leaves the party with more than \$61,000 in the bank. The local Republican party has more than a half million dollars. Monroe County Republican Chairman Bill Reilich released a statement saying in part: "The primary role of any chairman is to unify the party, generate financial support and most of all – win elections. Given Mr. Garretson's failure to make substantial progress in any of these aspects, it's no surprise that his brief tenure as chairman has come to an end."

Former State Senator Ted O'Brien has been named the new assistant attorney general in charge of the AG's Rochester regional office. O'Brien will oversee matters such as consumer fraud and public advocacy litigation. He formerly represented the 55<sup>th</sup> state senate district. He lost last year's election to current Senator Rich Funke.

Governor Andrew Cuomo's approval ratings have slipped since May. That's according to a new Siena College poll. Cuomo's favorability rating has dropped below 50 percent for the first time since he's been governor. Voters also gave Cuomo low grades on education, the economy and corruption.

Program Title: News 8 at 6pm

Date: 7/15/15

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:20

Detailed Description: An executive order by the governor is getting some criticism. With the order, the state attorney general will now oversee investigations of officer-involved civilian deaths instead of the district attorney. Some groups believe the order is too vague, and does not easily allow the public to know what is going on. District attorneys across the state plan to write the governor asking him to revise the order. They say it doesn't identify what constitutes a weapon, or doesn't consider how to proceed if a person dies days or weeks after an incident.

Program Title: News 8 at 5pm

Date: 7/30/15

Time: 5pm

Duration of Segment: :50

Detailed Description: The new leader of the Monroe County Democrats says she's excited about her position. Jamie Romeo was elected chairwoman last night. She replaces Dave Garretson, who stepped down earlier this month. Romero, who is only 30 years old, says she's excited about

what's happening with local races, and it's time for younger Democrats to step up. Romero said, "When I saw the opportunity to be able to lead, to help bring that younger perspective more forcefully, I thought maybe this was the right time." Romeo had been serving as the party's executive director.

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 8/1/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: :50

Detailed Description: A federal judge is ordering Hillary Clinton to confirm, under penalty of perjury, that she has turned over all work-related emails during her tenure as Secretary of State. It was revealed that Clinton, who is running for the Democratic presidential nomination, used a private email account and separate server located in her New York home for government business. We had a chance to talk to Senator Chuck Schumer how this may affect her campaign. Schumer said, "The main thing that Hillary should do and the main thing voters want: talk to the middle class about how they can get their incomes going up again. That's who's gonna win the presidency...all this other stuff is gonna be fluff." As of Friday, Clinton also released eight years of tax returns and her medical history in an effort to show transparency.

Program Title: News 8 at 5pm

Date: 8/4/15

Time: 5pm

Duration of Segment: 1:30

Detailed Description: Rochester's mayor has yet to endorse a candidate in the race for Monroe County Executive. The race is the biggest in local politics this year. As mayor, Lovely Warren is one of the top Democrats and has one of the biggest campaign funds. But the mayor is so far withholding her endorsement of the Democratic candidate, Sandra Frankel, and did not close the door on endorsing her Republican opponent, Cheryl Dinolfo. Sandra Frankel said she and the mayor are meeting regularly.

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 8/6/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: :40

Detailed Description: Senator Chuck Schumer says an inspection of all rail crossings in the Rochester area is complete. In June, the senator urged the Federal Railroad Administration to inspect all 81 crossing gates and signals in the area. Schumer says 88 defects were found and have been corrected. The FRA also confirmed that at times, gates were wrongly triggered because they went into fail-safe mode. Schumer called for this investigation after a driver willingly drove around the gate at the King Road crossing in Chili and was killed by a train.

Program Title: News 8 at 5pm

Date: 8/7/15

Time: 5pm

Duration of Segment: :50

Detailed Description: Senator Chuck Schumer says he will vote against the Iran deal when Congress takes up the issue in September. Schumer issued a three page statement saying, in part, "There are serious weaknesses in the agreement. It would allow Iran, after 10 to 15 years, to be a nuclear threshold state with the blessing of the world community." During a Senate hearing Wednesday, Schumer called this the most important vote of his political career and he said he wouldn't be swayed by the intense lobbying effort from the White House. The White House insists it's not concerned. The president has promised a presidential veto if Congress rejects the deal. At this point, Republicans don't have enough Democrats in their corner to override that veto.

Program Title: News 8 at 6pm

Date: 8/10/15

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: :30

Detailed Description: Today, the Monroe County Democrats announced their slate of candidates for county legislators. This year is the first time in four years all the seats are up for grabs. Also, ten legislators will not be able to run due to term limits. That means one third of the legislature will be new faces. Carrie Andrews, the Democratic minority leader said, "They're going to have new ideas and new energy and new relationships to bring to it and a fresh perspective." We are awaiting a response from the Republican Party. We have the list of Democratic candidates on rochesterhomepage.net.

Program Title: News 8 at 6pm

Date: 8/10/15

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: :50

Detailed Description: Monroe County Executive candidate Sandy Frankel announced she has picked up some endorsements from key democratic leaders. Congresswoman Louise Slaughter and Assemblyman Harry Bronson threw their support behind the former Brighton town supervisor at her new campaign field office on Lyell Avenue. Frankel said, "I want to thank you for standing with me, and supporting me in my fight and our fight to bring your brand of honest, capable leadership to county government. We need a change. We need a new direction." Frankel will be facing Republican Cheryl Dinolfo in the upcoming November election.

Program Title: News 8 at 5pm

Date: 8/19/15

Time: 5pm

Duration of Segment: 1:10

Detailed Description: If you're in Henrietta you've probably seen a lot of Jack Moore signs across town, there's about 300 of them. Seen any of his Democratic challenger, Mike Yudelson's signs? That's because there are none...and he's crying foul. It's all because of a new town code in Henrietta. Supervisor Jack Moore has a challenger in his Republican primary...so he and his supporters can place signs 30 days before the primary and leave them up until the general election, if Moore wins the primary. Democrat Mike Yudelson isn't running in a primary, so he's not allowed to put his signs up until October, 30 days before the general election. The old code allowed candidates to have signs up 75 days before the election. The old code allowed candidates to have signs up 75 days before the elections. The change is something Yudelson and supporters say is not fair. Yudelson wouldn't say if he thought Moore made the change to benefit his campaign. Moore says the codes were approved before he knew he had a challenger in the primary.

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 8/24/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:05

Detailed Description: The biggest race for us this year got more heated. The Democratic candidate for Monroe County Executive, Sandy Frankel, laid out what need to change. She criticized Republicans, including her opponent, current County Clerk Cheryl Dinolfo. Frankel says they have mismanaged the county for the past 23 years they've been the majority party. She said out several democratic proposals she wants revisited. They include: establishing an office of public integrity, adopting the budget before election day, so voters are more informed going to the polls, and reforming LDCs. County Republicans responded by saying Frankel is spreading untruths about Cheryl Dinolfo. Their statement goes on to say: "The truth is that Cheryl Dinolfo

is the only candidate in this campaign that will keep taxes flat, create and protect jobs, eliminate LDCs and create an office of public integrity.”

Program Title: News 8 at 6pm

Date: 9/1/15

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:20

Detailed Description: Continued violence in Rochester has become a pivotal point in the race for Monroe County Executive. Democratic County Executive candidate Sandy Frankel announced her anti-violence agenda today, saying the community should have support and outreach groups.

Program Title: News 8 at 6pm

Date: 9/8/15

Time: 6pm

Duration of Segment: 1:00

Detailed Description: A bill in the Senate aims to slash funding to programs that help first-time homebuyers. But, Senator Chuck Schumer is working to change that. Schumer says the proposed bill would cut funding to the home investment partnerships program by 92 percent, or more than 800 million dollars. The federal program is meant for first time buyers with a low income. It helps rehab rundown homes and assist the buyer with down payment and closing costs. Since 2002, more than 600 homes in Rochester have been renovated thanks to home funding. Senator Schumer says the homes being rehabbed revitalize areas that would otherwise be riddled with abandon or rundown properties. He says he's confident he'll be able to get the funding restored.

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 9/10/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:00

Detailed Description: As is usually the case in primaries, especially in local elections, turnout was low today. For example, in Monroe County, 10.2 percent of Democrats voted, while 9.7% of Republicans went to the polls. In the Democratic primary for Rochester city council, incumbents Elaine Spaul, Adam McFadden and Michael Patterson won. And Molly Clifford won by a mere 42 votes in her bid for an open seat. In the Republican primary for Henrietta town supervisor, incumbent Jack Moore defeated William Wu in a landslide. Former Rochester Police Chief Jim Sheppard defeated current City Parks Director Mitch Rowe in the race for the Monroe County Legislature's 23<sup>rd</sup> District. And in Orleans County, the Republican primary for sheriff as a nail biter between two current deputies. Randy Bower defeated Thomas Drennan by just 17 votes.

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 9/10/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: :50

Detailed Description: A new fight in the debate over minimum wage. It could go to 15 dollars an hour for all workers in New York, not just in the fast food industry. Governor Cuomo announced his proposal accompanied by Vice President Joe Biden. He says it would be phased in over several years to help businesses prepare. The "Fight for 15" movement has been pushing for this change, and has held local rallies. Cuomo says it's time New York stepped up to close the wealth gap. The change would make New York the state with the highest minimum wage. Right now it is \$8.75 an hour.

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 9/20/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:00

Detailed Description: Many people think the race for Monroe County Executive is a shoo-in for Cheryl Dinolfo. But her Democratic challenger says a new poll shows otherwise. Sandra Frankel tells us she believes she has a “real chance” after conducting an independent poll through the group Global Strategies. The Global Strategies poll, conducted a few weeks ago, was taken with more than 400 likely voters across Monroe County. According to the poll, Dinolfo holds a seven point lead over Frankel among likely voters. The number – Dinolfo 46 percent and Frankel 39 percent. Frankel is optimistic. When we asked for comment from Cheryl Dinolfo, the Monroe County GOP chairman sent us this statement instead: “Voters understand that push polls paid for and advertised by a campaign are propaganda and hopelessly biased. The truth is that the only poll that matters happened on Election Day. I’m confident that the voters of this community will elect Cheryl Dinolfo by a wide margin. And Frankel’s message? Voters want change from what she calls the Republican Regime. If so, that would be a change from years past. The position has been held by a Republican for the past 24 years. Election Day is November 3<sup>rd</sup>.”

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 9/21/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: :30

Detailed Description: The right to vote is one of the defining attributes of our country, yet fewer than half of people in Monroe County turn out to vote in non-presidential elections. Tonight, the League of Women Voters held a meeting to discuss the reasons behind low voter turnout and what can be done to turn those numbers around. This was at the Asbury First United Methodist Church on East Avenue in Rochester. The meeting looked at everything from cultural reasons to fatigue, and just plain apathy. According to the Monroe County Board of Elections, only 46.9 percent of registered voters in the county cast a ballot in 2014.

**Veteran Services** - topics covered under this issue include: programs and services available to local veterans and honoring local veterans.

Program Title: News 8 at 5pm

Date: 7/3/15

Time: 5pm

Duration of Segment: 1:00

Detailed Description: For some military veterans who struggle with PTSD, fireworks and other loud noises are a painful reminder of war. And there’s a growing movement to raise awareness around 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend about being courteous to them when fireworks are nearby. A group called Military with PTSD is sending out free lawn signs for combat veterans who want their neighbors to know they are sensitive to noise. They say they want people to enjoy fireworks, but be mindful that unexpected noise in the days ahead or after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July can trigger stress symptoms. The US Department of Veterans Affairs says of the military personnel who spent time in Iraq or Afghanistan, up to 20 percent experience PTSD. For Vietnam, that number is even higher at 30 percent. Local experts say it’s just an example of the different struggles war vets face when they reenter civilian life. Local groups like Warrior Salute provide counseling and support to veterans with PTSD. They say the best thing veterans with PTSD can do prepare is to prepare ahead if they have concerns about the noise and if needed, seek the help of their clinician.

Program Title: News 8 at 5pm

Date: 7/9/15

Time: 5pm

Duration of Segment: 1:00

Detailed Description: For just about four years, mothers with sons and daughters in the U.S. military have had a special place to turn in the Rochester area. Blue Star Mothers provides support for moms of those serving in the armed forces. They send care packages across the globe to support those overseas. On the group's anniversary, members say the support among the mothers helps get them through a difficult situation. The Blue Star Mothers meet at 10am on the third Saturday of every month at the Veterans Outreach Center on South Avenue.

Program Title: News 8 at 5pm

Date: 7/10/15

Time: 5pm

Duration of Segment: 1:00

Detailed Description: Local retailer, Hickey Freeman, is helping veterans "Dress for Success." Today Hickey Freeman donated more than a thousand pieces of business attire to the Veterans Outreach Center including suits, sport coats, vests and trousers. This donation will help the VOC's efforts to put local veterans back to work. The need is always great, and representatives say they are grateful for the support. The donation goes to the VOC's clothing program called the "Quarter Master Club." Clothing is available for both men and women veterans. And it's all free.

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 8/9/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:00

Detailed Description: Over the past seven years, Honor Flight Rochester has become one of the largest Honor Flight groups in the country and now you're invited to keep the mission going. Next Sunday, members of the area's drum corps community will perform all day to raise money for honor flight. Each year, their benefit helps send veterans to Washington, DC, to visit the nation's war memorials. Next Sunday will be the 6<sup>th</sup> concert put on by Brass Musicians to raise money for the cause. The benefit concert for Honor Flight Rochester is called the Ultimate Brassacular. It's next Sunday from noon until 7pm at the Greece American Legion Post festival site on Dorsey Road in Greece. Tickets are 12 dollars per person and 40 dollars per family of 4.

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 8/15/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:00

Detailed Description: A special day for America's wounded veterans. The Greece American Legion held its fourth annual Wounded Warrior benefit concert. The daylong event supports the New York Warrior Alliance. The organization helps wounded military members and their caregivers by honoring their service with donations to aide in their recovery. The commander of the Greece American Legion says today's concert is a way to show vets that they belong in a community that cares about them. Ralph Presciutti said, "We get them here and they become a part of this family. I just had one vet standing there tell me he's been back three years and this is the first time he felt like he's been home." Sweetheart and Heroes to Heel the Heroes also received donations from today's event.

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 8/16/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: 1:00

Detailed Description: Members of Rochester's legendary Drum and Bugle Corps community played today in a benefit for Honor Flight Rochester. Everyone from the Mighty St. Joe's to The Ghost Riders and Prime Time Brass pulled out all the stops in an all-day event for local veterans. Thanks to this annual musical fundraiser, Honor Flight has been able to send 100 World War

Two and Korean War veterans to the memorials in Washington DC. The event today was expected to raise thousands of dollars for Honor Flight.

Program Title: News 8 at 11pm

Date: 9/12/15

Time: 11pm

Duration of Segment: :30

Detailed Description: Veteran supporters in our community ran this morning to raise money for the Veterans Outreach Center of Rochester. Folks laced up their sneakers and ran the Pound the Ground race, despite the rain, through Mendon Ponds Park. A new Battle of the Branches fundraiser is also tied to the race. It raised money to support several branches of the military.

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

Crime Prevention - Drugged/Drunk Driving Prevention, Train Track Safety, Internet Safety, National Guard Recruitment, child sex abuse help, Catherine's Peace Team

Economy – Open Door Mission donation, Habitat for Humanity apply for a home, Summer meal program

Education - Common Core Support, Student School Attendance Outreach, Junior Achievement

Environment - Arbor Day Foundation- Explore Nature, Recycling

Health - Flu Prevention, local cancer services, organ donation, swimming, healthy eating, gambling addiction help

Veterans – Sinise Foundation Helps Vets