

**WNBF 1290 AM  
BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK**

**ISSUE RESPONSIVE PROGRAM LISTING  
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## Introduction

As per the revised Federal Communications Commission Public Inspection File Rule (section 73.3526 (A)), This document is submitted in the licensee's good faith judgment.

The issue responsive news stories listed are those which represent the station's more significant treatment of the issues which we believed to be of the greatest concern during the preceding three months.

In order to allow for extended listener responsiveness, community ascertainments are conducted on an on-going basis. Areas not covered within our programming and news segments are addressed in public service announcements.

The following issues were of greatest community concerns to the listeners in the WNBF broadcast area for the quarter:

- Economy/ Jobs
- Health/ Safety
- Environment/ Gas
- Hunger/ Homelessness
- Family/ Education

ECONOMY/ JOBS/ PERSONAL FINANCE

- NEWS RADIO 10/2/14 4:03pm, 5:03pm, 5:30pm :50  
10/3/14 5:30am, 6:30am, 7:30am, 8:30am  
10:04am  
This feature addressed interest in promoting opportunity and support for new businesses, taking advantage of high technology research available through the local SUNY schools by publicizing the ground breaking for the new Southern Tier High Technology Incubator in Downtown Binghamton.
- FIRST NEWS 10/15/14 6:04am, 7:04am, 8:04am, 9:04am, 11:04am :50  
This feature addressed concern about helping the growing industry of yogurt production locally and in New York State by informing residents that a Yogurt Summit is being held in Ithaca this week.
- FIRST NEWS 10/23/14 6:04am, 7:04am, 8:04am, 9:04am, 11:04am :40  
In response to concerns that high technology start up or growing businesses have the latest science and tools locally, WNBF aired this feature dealing with the ribbon cutting officially opening the Binghamton University Center of Excellence linking businesses with university research facilities.
- FIRST NEWS 10/24/14 7:04am, 8:04am, 9:04am, 11:04am :50  
This feature dealt with attracting and keeping development in downtown areas of small to medium sized cities by publicizing that Binghamton Mayor Richard David is at a conference of the Mayor's Institute on City Design at which he is presenting a proposal to convert a downtown parking garage into a mixed-used facility that will include residences and businesses in addition to parking.
- FIRST NEWS 10/27/14 6:04am, 7:04am, 8:04am, 9:04am, 11:04am :50  
This feature addressed concerns about possible future jobs and money coming into the region should a gambling license be granted to one of three local proposals by informing listeners that a problem that could have sunk Traditions at the Glen's chances has been resolved and the Town of Union proposal is still under consideration.
- FIRST NEWS 11/3/14 6:04am, 7:04am, 9:04am, 11:04am :30  
This feature responded to interest in developments in the competition for a Southern Tier gaming license by informing listeners that Tioga Downs has unveiled its \$15 million parking garage that it hopes will help it beat the two other competitors.

ECONOMY/ JOBS/ PERSONAL FINANCE

SOUTHERN TIER CLOSE UP 11/8/14	2:10pm	15:00	This edition of the weekly, local public affairs show addressed interest in growing local, mainly smaller businesses as host, Kathy Whyte talked to the president of the board of Global Business Alliance of Greater Binghamton, Steve Day and board member, Karen Klecar about an upcoming workshop to guide entrepreneurs and business owners through the process of entering the export market.
NEWS RADIO 11/19/14 and 11/20/14	2:03pm	:50	5:30am, 6:30am, 7:30am, 8:30am, 10:04am This feature addressed local economic and employment issues by informing residents that Mountain Fresh Dairy is preparing to start producing milk products again at the former Crowley Plant on Binghamton's South Side.
NEWS RADIO 11/20/14 and 11/21/14	3:30pm	:40	5:30am, 6:04am, 6:30am, 7:04am, 7:30am 8:04am, 8:30am, 9:04am, 10:04am, 11:04am 12:30pm In response to concerns about employment levels locally and across New York State, WNBF aired this feature publicizing those rates over the past year.
FIRST NEWS 12/1/14	6:30am, 7:30am, 10:04am, 1:04pm	:40	This feature responded to concerns about preserving local agricultural business by publicizing the start of Broome County accepting proposals to have property owners' land placed in a certified agricultural district.
FIRST NEWS 12/8/14	7:04am, 9:04am, 11:04am, 1:04pm	:40	In response to concerns about keeping large employers in the area, WNBF aired this feature informing residents that, after warning in February that it would close its book distribution warehouse in Kirkwood, Penguin Random House has filed a WARN act notice with the New York State Labor Department saying it would start laying off 286 employees at the end of January.
FIRST NEWS 12/10/14	6:04am, 7:04am, 8:04am, 9:04am	:40	This feature addressed labor issues by publicizing the upcoming Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce Project Homecoming Career Fair at the Oakdale Mall December 30.

## ECONOMY/ JOBS/ PERSONAL FINANCE

NEWSRADIO 12/11/14 and 12/12/14	2:03pm 5:30am, 6:04am, 6:30am, 7:04am, 7:30am 8:04am, 8:30am, 9:04am, 10:04am, 11:04am	:60
FIRST NEWS 12/18/14	5:30am, 6:04am, 6:30am, 7:04am, 7:30am 8:04am, 8:30am, 9:04am, 10:04am, 11:04am	:60
FIRST NEWS 12/19/14	5:30am, 6:04am, 6:30am, 7:04am, 7:30am 8:04am, 8:30am, 9:04am, 10:04am, 11:04am	:40
FIRST NEWS 12/22/14	6:04am, 7:04am, 8:04am, 9:04am, 11:04am	:50
FIRST NEWS 12/29/14	5:03am, 6:04am, 6:30am, 7:04am, 7:30am 8:04am, 8:30am, 9:04am, 10:04am, 11:04am	:50

This feature addressed economic development issues as WNBF informed residents that the Southern Tier region has been awarded the third largest amount in the latest round of New York State Economic Development grants.

Broome and Tioga Counties had been hoping for a boost in jobs and the local economy with the award of a casino license. This feature addressed that issue by informing listeners that, instead of awarding the Southern Tier/ Finger Lakes license to the Southern Tier the Location Board recommended a casino in Seneca County in Tyre.

This feature responded to local reaction to the casino license being granted to a farming community near Canada instead of in the Southern Tier with a vow by New York State Senator Thomas Libous of Binghamton that he will appeal the recommendation.

This feature continued to respond to concerns that the real Southern Tier won't get a casino license and the resulting jobs and revenue by informing residents that New York Senator Thomas Libous is moving forward to an appeal to the state Gaming Commissioner and Governor to grant the fourth, uncommitted license to Broome or Tioga County proposals.

This follow-up feature on the casino license concern informed listeners that Governor Andrew Cuomo is now on board to urge the Gaming Commission to reopen the bids and award the fourth license to the true Southern Tier. The feature also told listeners that last week the owners of the locations in Broome and Tioga Counties that had competed for a license are joining forces to pull for a casino at Tioga Downs.

## HEALTH/ SAFETY

FIRST NEWS 10/1/14	6:30am, 8:04am, 11:04am	:30	This feature addressed health issues by publicizing the recall of Price Chopper barbeque pulled pork that could contain unlisted allergens.
FIRST NEWS 10/7/14	6:30am, 7:30am, 8:30am, 10:04am, 12:30pm	:30	This feature dealt with concerns about mental health services in Broome County by publicizing a hearing that will be taking place today hosted by some county legislators to talk about plans to close the Broome Mental Health Clinic.
FIRST NEWS 10/14/14	6:04am, 7:04am, 8:04am, 9:04am, 11:04am	:30	This feature addressed growing concern, even locally, about Ebola by informing listeners that Guthrie Health has started offering advice and guidance for staff and residents about the virus, but caution the more pressing health concern is the flu.
SOUTHERN 10/18/14 & TIER CLOSE UP 10/25/14	12:10pm	15:00	This edition of the weekly local public affairs program addressed safety concerns as host, Kathy Whyte talked with Broome County Fire Coordinator Brett Chellis about Fire Prevention Awareness Month, how to prevent fires in the home and efforts to replace the 18 year old fire safety training trailer that teaches children about fire safety and what to do if the smoke alarm goes off in their home.
FIRST NEWS 10/22/14	6:04am, 7:04am, 8:04am, 9:04am, 11:04am	:40	This feature dealt with work zone safety by informing listeners that Binghamton's New York State Senator is proposing a new 500 foot emergency speed zone and stiffer penalties around crash sites.
FIRST NEWS 11/4/14	6:04am, 7:04am, 8:04am, 9:04am, 11:04am	:40	In response to concern about Ebola, WNBF aired this feature publicizing statements from Broome County government, health and emergency services officials that procedures are in place to deal with the deadly virus and other infectious diseases.
FIRST NEWS 11/11/14	6:04am, 7:04am, 8:04am, 9:04am, 11:04am	:30	This feature responded to concerns that residents be aware as quickly as possible about emergencies, weather dangers and even traffic issues by informing residents that the City of Binghamton is now offering a free service that sends alerts via text or email to residents who enroll.

## HEALTH/ SAFETY

SOUTHERN TIER 11/28/14 12:10 pm 15:00  
CLOSE UP 12/1/14 This weekly local public affairs program addressed health issues as host, Kathy Whyte talked to Broome County Health Department Medical Director, Dr. Chris Ryan about a new initiative to encourage more mothers to breast feed and more support for those mothers from family and the community.

SOUTHERN TIER 12/20/14 12:10pm 15:00  
CLOSE UP This edition of the weekly local public affairs program addressed health issues as host, Kathy Whyte talked to Broome County Stop DWI coordinator, Chris Mario about the importance of making healthy life choices and the consequences of substance abuse as well as the upcoming annual Broome County Stop DWI Holiday Classic Basketball Tournament that reinforces that message through athletics, workshops and other events.

## NATURAL GAS/ ENVIRONMENT

- FIRST NEWS 10/9/14 6:30am, 7:30am, 10:04am :30  
This feature addressed newer practices to solve comfort and aesthetic issues while benefitting the environment by highlighting the installation of the for first green growing roofs in the City of Binghamton that absorb more water and release cleaner runoff into the Chenango and Susquehanna Rivers.
- FIRST NEWS 10/28/14 6:04am, 7:04am, 10:04am, 1:04pm :40  
In response to concerns that legislation in Albany is wasting too much paper, WNBF aired this feature informing residents that Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo of Endwell is encouraging voters to approve a proposition Tuesday that would have New York State's legislation filed digitally.
- FIRST NEWS 11/3/14 5:30am, 6:30am, 7:30am, 8:30am, 10:04am 1:04pm :50  
This feature responded to concern about natural gas development in the Twin Tiers by publicizing the planned construction of three new gas-fired electrical generation plants, including in Bradford County and that there is already one under construction in Susquehanna County.
- FIRST NEWS 11/4/14 6:30am, 8:04am,7:30am, 10:04am 11:04am 12:30pm :30  
In response to concern about invasive species, WNBF aired this feature informing listeners that the Emerald Ash Borer Beetle has been confirmed in Broome County, south of Binghamton.
- FIRST NEWS 12/5/14 6:30am, 7:30am, 8:30am, 10:04am :50  
This feature addressed environmental concerns by notifying listeners that the New York State Department of Environmental Conservations is taking comments on draft plans to clean up chemical contamination at the TCMF Hillcrest facility.
- FIRST NEWS 12/8/14 6:04am, 6:30am, 7:04am, 7:30am, 8:04am 8:30am, 9:04am, 10:04am, 11:04am, 12:30pm :50  
In response to environmental concerns surrounding all aspects of the natural gas industry, WNBF aired this feature informing listeners that the company recently cleared to develop a major natural gas delivery pipeline is threatening to use Eminent Domain to seize rights of way from reluctant property owners who fear the Constitution Pipeline will pose an environmental hazard.

NATURAL GAS/ ENVIRONMENT

FIRST NEWS 12/18/14

5:30am, 6:04am, 6:30am, 7:04am, 7:30am, :60  
8:04am, 8:30am, 9:04am, 10:04am, 11:04am

This feature addressed interest in the potential for natural gas development in the Southern Tier and Central New York by informing listeners that it won't happen anytime soon since the state says it will extend a moratorium on hydraulic fracture drilling indefinitely.

FIRST NEWS 12/26/14

5:30am, 6:04am, 6:30am, 7:04am, 7:30am :40  
8:04am, 8:30am, 9:04am, 10:04am, 11:04am

In response to concern that many hearings about projects that directly impact the area's environment aren't held locally, WNBF aired this feature informing residents that the first hearing about permits for the Constitution Natural Gas Transmission Pipeline will be held in Binghamton with the second in Oneonta.

HUNGER/ HOMELESS/ POVERTY ISSUES

- A MOMENT 10/7/14 8:20am 10:00  
WITH ROGER This feature addressed local hunger challenges as host, Roger Neel talked with Community Hunger Outreach Warehouse (CHOW) spokesperson Leslie Cody about the upcoming Hunger Walk.
- FIRST NEWS 10/20/13 5:30am, 6:04am, 6:30am, 7:04am, 7:30am, 8:04am, 8:30am, 9:04am, 10:04am, 11:04am :50  
This feature dealt with local hunger issues by reporting the turnout for the CHOW Hunger Walk at the Binghamton University Campus that raised thousands of pounds of food for the Community Hunger Outreach Warehouse.
- FIRST NEWS 10/22/14 6:30am, 7:30am, 10:04am :30  
In response to concerns with meeting food needs in the community during the fall and winter season, WNBF aired this feature informing resident that the Community Hunger Outreach Warehouse was one of two charities that will split \$10,077 from the fall Binghamton Restaurant Week promotion.
- FOODABAGO 11/4/14 11:30am, 11:50am :60  
11/6/14 11:25am, 11:50am  
11/9/14 4X per hour 7am-1pm  
These segments from the Foodabago to raise food for the Community Hunger Outreach Warehouse by Roger Neel during the week and during the Barb Mack Polka Show on Sunday addressed hunger issues by helping to raise awareness and over 10 tons of food to feed the hungry through the CHOW program.
- FIRST NEWS 11/13/14 6:04am, 7:04am, 8:04am, 9:04am, 11:04am :50  
This feature addressed concerns about a specific homeless population by informing listeners that the City of Binghamton says it is the first in the U.S. to complete a White House challenge to end veteran homelessness by finding housing for all of the 21 identified homeless vets in the city.
- A MOMENT 11/17/14 8:40am 5:00  
WITH ROGER NEEL During this segment of First News, host, Roger Neel addressed homeless issues as he talked with representatives of the Hunger and Homeless Coalition and Davis College about the local problem and the upcoming Music With a Mission Concert at the college to benefit the work of the Homeless Coalition.
- FIRST NEWS 11/18/14 10:04am :30  
This feature addressed hunger issues by publicizing when the Holiday Train that raises food and money for CHOW will be in Binghamton.

## HUNGER/ HOMELESS/ POVERTY ISSUES

- FIRST NEWS 11/21/14 6:30am, 8:04am, 10:04am :30  
In response to concern that the public and Binghamton University students may not be fully aware of the challenges facing the local homeless population, WNBF aired this feature publicizing this weekend's Sleep Out on the Hinman College quad.
- FIRST NEWS 12/3/14 6:30am, 7:30pm, 9:04pm, 11:04pm :40  
As many families struggle to pay bills, money for food can be scarce and having a traditional holiday meal can be out of reach. In response, WNBF aired this feature informing residents that the free Bandera Family Christmas Dinner is seriously short on funds.
- FIRST NEWS 12/19/14 6:30am, 7:03am, 10:04am :20  
This feature addressed local hunger challenge concerns by informing listeners that Weis Markets is presenting a \$15,000 donation to the Community Hunger Outreach Warehouse through its Fight Hunger Campaign.
- FIRST NEWS 12/19/14 7:04am, 8:04am, 9:04am, 11:04am :30  
Many families facing hunger issues find they may get mainly boxed or canned food from pantries. In response, WNBF aired this feature informing listeners that Chobani Greek Yogurt in Chenango County is donating 1 million cups of yogurt to hunger programs around the state.
- SOUTHERN 12/27/14 12:10pm 15:00  
CLOSE UP This edition of the weekly local public affairs show addressed hunger issues leading into the new year as host, Kathy Whyte talked with Community Hunger Outreach Warehouse director Mike Leahey about how CHOW often finds even more of a challenge meeting hunger challenges in the first few months of the year as holiday donations are quickly gone.

## FAMILY/ EDUCATION

- FIRST NEWS 10/3/14 6:04am, 7:04am, 8:04am, 9:04am, 11:04am :30  
This feature addressed concerns that all factors of learning are being addressed as states focus on the CORE initiatives by informing listeners that Chenango Forks is being awarded a grant and recognition for adding arts to the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math curriculum to launch the STEAM academy.
- SOUTHERN 10/4/14 12:10pm 15:00  
TIER CLOSE UP  
This edition of the weekly local public affairs program addressed concerns of the availability of entertaining and, sometimes educational programs for families as host, Kathy Whyte talked to the C.E.O. of the Goodwill Theatre and Schore Family Firehouse Stage, Niama Karadjian about the upcoming Firehouse Stage season and works to rehabilitate the historic buildings on Willow Street, Johnson City.
- FIRST NEWS 10/7/14 5:30pm, 6:30pm, 7:30pm, 8:30pm :40  
10:04am, 1:04pm  
In response to concern of a lack of an outdoor public skating facility in Broome County since the Grippen Park Ice Rink was destroyed by the 2011 flood, WNBF aired this feature dealing with the announcement that construction is expected to begin in the upcoming weeks on a new rink at Highland Park in Endwell.
- SOUTHERN 10/11/14 12:10pm 15:00  
TIER CLOSE UP  
This edition of the weekly public affairs program addressed 30 years of educating and entertaining children and families in the area as host, Kathy Whyte talked to Pokey Crocker and Martha Steed of the Discovery Center of the Southern Tier in Binghamton about all the events in October celebrating the children's museum 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- FIRST NEWS 10/16/14 5:30am, 6:04am, 6:30am, 7:04am, 8:04am :50  
8:30am, 9:04am, 10:04am, 11:04am, 2:03pm  
This feature addressed interest in obtaining college degrees at home by informing residents that the State University of New York is adding 56 degree and certificate programs to its Open SUNY Plus online program.
- FIRST NEWS 10/21/14 6:04am, 7:04am, 8:04am, 9:04am, 11:04am :30  
Many people consider dogs members of their family. In response to interest in regulations concerning dogs, WNBF aired this feature dealing with a proposal before Binghamton City Council to limit the number of dogs a household can own to four.

FAMILY/ EDUCATION

- FIRST NEWS 10/22/14 6:04am, 7:04am, 8:04am, 9:04am, 11:04am :40  
Many working families find challenges in finding affordable child care. In response, WNBF aired this feature publicizing changes in Broome County Department of Social Services Child Care Plan that includes lowering the amount parents are required to pay for subsidized child care.
- FIRST NEWS 10/24/15 7:30am, 8:30am, 10:04am :40  
This feature addressed concerns that young children and their families can have safe, non-scary Halloween fun by publicizing Saturday's Halloween Spooktacular at the Discovery Center of the Southern Tier.
- NEWS RADIO 10/30/16 & 4:03pm :30  
10/31/14 7:30am, 10:04am, 1:04pm  
This feature responded to concerns that local libraries would have to cut programs that benefit families and education if an increase in the library tax is not approved by Town of Union voters Tuesday.
- SOUTHERN 11/1/14 12:10pm 15:00  
TIER CLOSE UP  
This edition of the weekly local public affairs program addressed issues of family dynamics as host, Kathy Whyte talked to the executive director of the Crime Victims Assistance Center, Raini Baudendistel about domestic violence.
- SOUTHERN 11/15/14 12:10pm 15:00  
TIER CLOSE UP  
This edition of the weekly local public affairs program addressed family and community concerns as host, Kathy Whyte talked to Binghamton High School honor students Julia Guy and Natalie DeBoer about the preparations for this year's annual free Community Thanksgiving Dinner that is open to everyone regardless of social or economic circumstances.
- SOUTHERN 11/22/14 12:10pm 15:00  
TIER CLOSE UP  
This edition of the weekly local public affairs program addressed family and education issues as host, Kathy Whyte talked to Roberson Museum and Science Center Marketing Director, Jason Fiumi about this year's Home for the Holidays displays and the history of the Roberson Museum.

FAMILY/ EDUCATION

SOUTHERN 12/13/14  
TIER CLOSE UP

12:10pm

15:00

This edition of the weekly local public affairs program addressed issues facing families with children as host, Kathy Whyte talked to Broome County Toys for Tots coordinator Police Sergeant Steve Ward about the local program, how people can sign up their children, what toys they need and how people can donate money.

## **Addendum**

**"Binghamton Now"**: In addition to the feature programming listed in the previous record, News Radio 1290, WNBF airs a daily live talk show in which the host interviews diverse local leaders and members of community organizations as well as engaging in discussion with callers about a variety of issues identified by the community and local leaders as of high concern.

The program airs Monday through Friday for one-hour, seven-minutes between 9:10 and 11:55 am.

**Encounter**: This community affairs program produced by the Broome County Council of Churches airs at various times on Saturdays and Sundays, is twenty-eight minutes in duration and deals with a number of topics ranging from personal finance, disaster recovery and faith-based issues.