

Quarterly Issues and Program List

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20.1	Community	6:00pm	1/1/2021	1:47	NewsChannel 34 at 6pm	The city of Binghamton is giving kids and families a chance to get in some outdoor fun during these cold winter months. For the second straight year, the city has built an ice rink in a city park. After having it set up in Rec Park last winter, the rink now resides at Cheri Lindsey Park on Binghamton's North Side. This year, the city added underground electric lines to connect to a refrigeration unit to keep the ice frozen, as long as the weather is below 50 degrees. Mayor Rich David says that the rink gives kids a place to enjoy the weather, and is something that this side of town has been waiting for. It didn't take long for the rink to get some use from locals. 10-year old Cooper Lee, with his father, Tim, took to the ice to get in some extra skating and stick work.

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20.1	Health/Healthcare	6:00pm	1/4/2021	1:16	NewsChannel 34 at 6pm	<p>Governor Cuomo spoke more about the vaccine in his COVID-19 briefing today. Regarding the slow roll-out, the New York State Department of Health sent letters to hospitals, stating if they don't use the vaccines they currently have, they won't get any more, as well as face a 100 thousand dollar fine. U-H-S, the Southern Tier's distribution hospital, was on the list of lowest performing hospital systems, having only given out 25 percent of their allocated doses. A spokesperson for UHS says the Governor's numbers understated the amount of vaccine the hospital chain has administered. UHS says the discrepancy arose from a transition from a manual count to a new state reporting system. The spokesperson says UHS is on track to use 100 percent of its vaccine by the deadline this Thursday, if not sooner, and is looking forward to receiving and administering more. The State also plans to expedite the distribution process by potentially setting up drive-thru vaccination clinics as well as using public facilities for distribution.</p>

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20.1	Government (Local)	11:00pm	1/5/2021	2:16	NewsChannel 34 at 11pm	<p>The first meeting of the new Endicott Village Board of Trustees got off to a rancorous start on Friday. During the New Year's Day organizational meeting, Mayor Linda Jackson proposed hiring longtime former trustee and deputy mayor Cheryl Chapman as a part-time clerk. Jackson wanted Chapman, who lost her bid for re-election in November, to stay on at 12 hours per week to finish work on some grants that could benefit the village to the tune of 300 thousand dollars. Plus, the Mayor was willing to convert her secretary from full-time to part-time in exchange, saving the village 27 thousand dollars in salary and health insurance costs.</p> <p>However, 3 trustees, Ted Warner, Pat Dorner and Nick Burlingame, voted against the proposal with only Trustee Eileen Konecny supporting Jackson. The Mayor claims the dispute is rooted in the fact that Warner, Dorner and Burlingame oppose the proposed lithium battery recycling facility in Endicott, while Jackson, Chapman and Konecny have supported it.</p> <p>Burlingame, the newcomer who took Chapman's seat, says he is actively opposed to the SungEel battery recycling project but that's not why he voted against hiring Chapman. He says the voters rejected her so it's time for her to go.</p>
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20.1	Health/Healthcare	6:00pm	1/6/2021	1:32	NewsChannel 34 at 6pm	<p>Meanwhile, the Broome County Health Department has another task on its plate, helping to administer vaccines to those who qualify. The health department received a shipment of 200 doses of the Moderna vaccine this week. It plans to hold 2 vaccination clinics tomorrow and Friday. The state asked health departments to help with the rollout to give those in the 1-A priority group another option for getting their shot. 1-A consists of healthcare workers, nursing home residents and staff and public health workers.</p> <p>Lourdes and UHS are on track to administer all 5 thousand doses they received this week and, while the county does not have numbers on how many shots have been administered in private nursing homes, it has vaccinated 183 residents and 90 staff members at the county-run Willow Point.</p>

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20.1	Education	11:00pm	1/7/2021	1:19	NewsChannel 34 at 11pm	Binghamton University is receiving money for study groups which are working in different ways to combat the coronavirus and the effects of the pandemic. The SUNY system is giving up to 10 thousand dollars each to 3 teams working on different projects ranging from mental health to air purification. Each group has a range of students working with them. There, they will assist, and in some cases, lead parts of each study. 1 group is working on a project called 'Telemental Health for Marginalized Families', which will examine the potential benefits of offering mental health services over the internet for vulnerable and marginalized people.

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20.1	Community	6:00pm	1/8/2021	1:08	NewsChannel 34 at 6pm	<p>A new fund has been created to assist local organizations working to address racial justice. The Community Foundation for South Central New York announced its first round of funding for its new Racial Justice and Equity Fund. Over 27 thousand dollars in total were given to the Broome County Land Trust, Shanel Boyce Consulting, Coaching and Counseling, Support Black Business 607, the Chenango County Historical Society and the Southern Tier Alphas. Community Development Liaison for Visions, Aisha Jasper, served as the Co-Chair of the fund. As a young professional, she says this is a goal she's been working toward for awhile. The grants will pay for financial literacy programs, training for community organizers, a college and career readiness summit for young men and boys of color and more. Jasper says the first round won't be the last, and she encourages groups that didn't get funding to come back and reapply.</p>

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20.1	Health/Healthcare	11:00pm	1/8/2021	1:30	NewsChannel 34 at 11pm	<p>It's time again for Nutrition in the Kitchen, our monthly collaboration with Cornell Cooperative Extension. Today, Nutrition Program Manager Tara Kenyon is preparing sweet potato nachos for us. It's a nutritious snack great for those looking for a healthier diet in the new year. The recipe calls for roasting and crisping the sweet potato slices and then smothering them in black beans, tomatoes, avocados, low-fat cheese and low-fat Greek yogurt. Kenyon says sweet potatoes are very versatile, they can be mashed, baked or even put in a chili. Kenyon says sweet potatoes are also recommended over white potatoes for diabetics and pre-diabetics as they won't raise your blood sugar. The fall root crop can stay fresh in cold storage through the winter and is currently available from vendors at the Broome County Regional Farmers Market Saturday mornings from 9 to 1. You can watch Kenyon make the dish and find the recipe at Binghamton Homepage dot com.</p>

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20.1	Government (Local)	6:00pm	1/11/2021	1:29	NewsChannel 34 at 6pm	<p>Broome County is putting all of the pieces in place to start a large-scale vaccination effort. The only thing missing is the vaccine itself. County Executive Jason Garnar is asking the public for patience as Broome awaits further shipments of the vaccine. As of today, Governor Cuomo made those in the 1-B priority group eligible for the immunizations. It's a far larger cohort than 1-A. 1-B includes essential workers and anyone 75 and older. Cuomo also announced that the state will set up a mass vaccination site at a Binghamton University property in Johnson City next week. Garnar says the county is ready to open a mass vaccination site of its own, once it receives enough doses. Garnar says the state will supply the vaccine for its site next week in J-C.</p> <p>Meanwhile, the Broome County Health Department is only getting 200 more doses this week, same number as it received last week. Garnar says UHS and Lourdes have used up the 5 thousand doses they got last month and have requested thousands more. So far, Garnar says the hospitals estimate that about 25 percent of Broome residents in the 1-A group have received the shot. 1-A consists of healthcare workers, public health employees and nursing home residents and staff.</p>
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20.1	Education	6:00pm	1/12/2021	1:20	NewsChannel 34 at 6pm	A Binghamton University graduate student is hoping to bring his love of the arts to middle school students with the help of a new grant. Canaan Harris is a Whitney Point native in his last semester at BU, where he is getting his Master's in Music Composition. He beat out a number of competitors for a ten-thousand dollar grant from the SUNY Performing Arts, Creation and Curation competition, and will be using the money for a contest of his own. Harris is launching the Southern Tier Opera Project with the Binghamton Area Reading Council and Tri-Cities Opera. The project will engage middle school students and encourage them to write "pocket operas," or mini operas. Harris says the prompt will be Stories from the Southern Tier. Harris hopes to have the contest in the schools by the end of the month, with a due date on May 27th. Winners will be announced on June 10th. He says it is yet to be determined if the operas can be performed live, but he is hopeful that they will be.

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20.1	Government (Local)	6:00pm	1/13/2021	1:32	NewsChannel 34 at 6pm	<p>With Democrats taking control of the US Senate, there's a renewed effort to provide COVID relief funds to states and local municipalities. Senators Kirsten Gillibrand and Chuck Schumer of New York held a joint virtual conference yesterday to talk about their Direct Support for Communities Act. The act would give money to local governments for essential services, including frontline workers, and cover lost revenues since the pandemic began back in March. Gillibrand says it will be easier to help smaller communities under Democratic leadership. Gillibrand says a total dollar amount for the aid package hasn't yet been determined. Schumer says state and local governments have shouldered the massive burden of contact tracing, testing and securing PPE without financial assistance from the feds. Gillibrand says the bipartisan bill could be passed within a few weeks after the start of the new administration.</p>

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20.1	Religion	11:00pm	1/14/2021	1:33	NewsChannel 34 at 11pm	<p>A local church is taking a coordinated approach to helping those in need during the pandemic. The First Presbyterian Church of Johnson City is using its relationships with other organizations to give essential items to those in need. The church provides clothing donated from Burlington in the Oakdale Mall. It cooks some of its own food, while also receiving donations from organizations like CHOW. It also gets financial help from groups like the United Way. Pastor Robert Peak says helping people means everything to him and his colleagues. Peak says sometimes a person can be the only gospel another may read, and he uses that thought to finish important tasks. Outreach Coordinator Diane Olmstead says she uses the church's most essential lessons every time she goes to work. Olmstead says the church usually receives assistance from a flurry of volunteers. To donate your time or your money, you can call the church at 797-0836.</p>

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20.1	Community	6:00pm	1/15/2021	1:14	NewsChannel 34 at 6pm	<p>The Broome County Historical Society will be taking the figurative locks off one of the most mysterious buildings in Binghamton History. Castle on the Hill: A History and Virtual Tour of the Asylum at the Greater Binghamton Health Center will be held over Zoom Wednesday evening hosted by Broome County Historian Roger Luther. The tour will detail the rich history of the building in the first part, which served as the first addiction treatment center in the country. The second part will be a photo tour, followed by talk about the asylum's future. Luther says the building has been locked to the public since 1993. Those interested in attending via Zoom can get the link at Broome History dot org under programs. Due to heavy interest, if the Zoom event is capped, the event will also be streamed at the Preservation of the Southern Tier's Facebook page. Luther says due to the extremely high interest, he also plans on repeating the presentation in the near future.</p>

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20.1	Environment	6:00pm	1/18/2021	1:34	NewsChannel 34 at 6pm	<p>A longtime advocate and educator on environmental issues is being honored by a local green organization. The Susquehanna Group chapter of the Sierra Club will be presenting the Lynda Spickard Environmental Award to Adam Flint at its virtual meeting tomorrow evening. Flint is the Clean Energy Programs Director for the Network for a Sustainable Tomorrow or NEST. Flint has spent over a decade on energy issues, from both the supply and consumption side. He's been a long proponent of energy efficiency programs and incentives that save people money as well as reduce carbon output. And he's helped to organize and promote community solar projects that allow everyone to share in the benefits of renewable energy. Flint says we know what we need to do to safeguard the environment, we just need to do it. Flint helped to found the Binghamton Regional Sustainability Coalition nearly 12 years ago, which last year was rebranded as NEST. During tomorrow evening's Zoom meeting at 7:30, Flint will present on the importance of trust and unity when it comes to tackling major societal challenges such as climate change or the coronavirus pandemic. You can find a link to the meeting on our website, Binghamton Homepage dot com.</p>
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20.1	Health/Healthcare	6:00pm	1/19/2021	2:29	NewsChannel 34 at 6pm	<p>The state COVID mass vaccination site in Johnson City has now begun administering doses. Inside the massive tents set up in the parking lot of the Binghamton University Foundation building, individuals who are eligible in Phases 1A and 1B were able to get their scheduled vaccinations today. Several BU administrators were in attendance for the opening, as was New York Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul. Hochul was given a tour of the facility, taken through the process, and says she was told by those getting the vaccine that it has been a seamless process so far. BU Vice President of Student Affairs Brian Rose says that, going back to the Vestal campus hosting a COVID testing site since last spring, BU staff members have been vital in making sure operations run smoothly. Rose added that when the state came to the university about setting up the vaccination site, they were more than happy to accommodate. As of now, the site is administering 5-hundred doses per day, with hopes of boosting it to 1-thousand and higher in the coming weeks and months.</p>

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20.1	Economy	11:00pm	1/19/2021	1:25	NewsChannel 34 at 11pm	<p>A new consulting company is looking to develop the leaders of tomorrow and assist the leaders of today with adapting to a changing work environment. Unleashed Potential held a ribbon cutting last week outside of the office of the Greater Binghamton Chamber. The business is geared toward small and medium-sized businesses trying to navigate the transformation of the workplace brought on by the pandemic, as well as cultural and generational changes. Director of Consulting Services Ron Crawford spent many years in leadership and leadership development at Lockheed Martin. Crawford says bosses need to engage and inspire their employees using empathy and compassion as many of the workers have seen COVID turn their world upside down. Crawford says many businesses and organizations are on the precipice of transitioning from Baby Boomer leadership to millennials and need guidance on the differing cultural expectations of the different generations. Crawford will be a speaker at the Chamber's upcoming virtual Bing Biz Con on January 28th. You can find out more information about the new consulting firm at Unleashed dash Potential dot org.</p>

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20.1	Health/Healthcare	11:00pm	1/20/2021	1:12	NewsChannel 34 at 11pm	<p>Last night, a local assisted living facility joined in with the rest of the country to honor those who lost their lives due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Hearth at Castle Gardens in Vestal participated in a national virtual memorial held by the Presidential Inauguration Committee. An illuminated tribute on the side of the Hearth building honored those who passed from the virus, including resident Rose D'Angelo. D'Angelo moved in January of 2018, and passed on November 28th of last year after a week-long battle with COVID. Executive Director Pamela Stento says this past year has been extremely difficult for staff and residents, and that losing Rose felt like losing a member of their own family. This tribute was a part of a national effort, timed at 5:30 with the lighting of the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting pool, and the ringing of bells in churches and towns across the country.</p>

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20.1	Community	6:00pm	1/21/2021	1:11	NewsChannel 34 at 6pm	<p>For the 14th-straight year, a supermarket chain is helping to end hunger in our community. Tops Family Markets in Owego is once again joining the Check Out Hunger campaign to benefit the Food Bank of the Southern Tier. As customers are checking out, they will be asked if they would like to donate 2, 3, or 5 dollars, or even round up their bill. According to Kathy Sautter of Tops, the Food Bank can use 30 dollars to provide roughly an entire month's worth of food for an individual.</p> <p>Sautter says being able to provide funds towards meals for those in the local community plays right into the grocery store's values. The Check Out Hunger campaign is going on at all Tops Family Market locations, which will benefit a total of 9 different food banks. The campaign begins this Sunday and will run through Saturday, February 13th.</p>

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20.1	Business & Industry	11:00pm	1/22/2021	1:13	NewsChannel 34 at 11pm	<p>Local business leaders are preparing to fight for their priorities in Albany at a time when the pandemic is creating enormous challenges. Unlike last year when they gathered inside the Holiday Inn Binghamton, the Greater Binghamton Chamber took to Zoom for its annual Legislative Agenda Rollout. It included a presentation by Justin Wilcox, the new Executive Director of Unshackle Upstate, which advocates for Upstate business interests. Many of the goals remain the same, although the virus has made the stakes higher. Among them, reducing taxes, pausing minimum wage increases, reforming the scaffold law and providing unemployment insurance relief for businesses impacted by COVID. Wilcox, a Democrat who has worked for state lawmakers, says his background allows him to be a bridge between Democrats in Albany and the business community. Wilcox is also a proponent of an Upstate caucus bringing together lawmakers from both parties. After the presentations, Chamber members were able to participate in break-out discussions with state lawmakers Donna Lupardo, Joe Angelino and Fred Akshar.</p>

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20.1	Health/Healthcare	6:00pm	1/25/2021	1:34	NewsChannel 34 at 6pm	<p>Among those frustrated with the slow pace of the coronavirus vaccine rollout, people with underlying medical conditions are desperately seeking answers.</p> <p>The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention placed the immunocompromised in the 1-C priority group along with those 65 and older and essential workers who are not on the frontlines. However, the CDC has yet to release guidance on what specifically constitutes immunocompromised. As a result, when New York recently opened vaccine eligibility to those 65 and older, it did not also include people with weakened immune systems. That has lead some people to frantically seek answers from healthcare workers and government officials, including Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo whose office has been inundated with inquiries. Lupardo blames the Trump administration for failing to better organize the vaccine rollout. She's hopeful that the CDC, under President Biden's leadership, will soon provide the necessary guidance. Lupardo says that in retrospect, it was a mistake for New York to lower the eligibility age to 65 when it did given that 7 million New Yorkers are now eligible at a time when the state is only receiving 250 thousand vaccine doses per week.</p>
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20.1	Transportation	11:00pm	1/26/2021	1:34	NewsChannel 34 at 11pm	<p>The New York State Department of Transportation is holding an online meeting this week to discuss plans for a massive redesign of a major Binghamton roadway. On Thursday, The D-O-T will be laying out 2 detailed plans on a redesign effort of Route 363 in Binghamton. The 2 plans feature significant overhauls to the stretch of 363 between Carroll Street and the State Street and North Shore Drive intersection. According to Scott Cook of the D-O-T, the construction will cost between 15.2 million and 21 million dollars depending on the proposal. However, the cost will be covered entirely by funds from Governor Cuomo's 2016 New York Rising plan.</p> <p>With further plans for a Greenway that expands into Vestal, Cook sees this as a way to connect downtown with people from all across the area no matter how they get around. Cook added that once a proposal is decided on, they plan on having a completed design report in the spring of 2022, with hopes of breaking ground that construction season. He also gave a rough estimate of an 18-month construction timeline, with no plans for off-site detours. If you would like to be a part of the meeting this Thursday, it is at 5 P-M and the link can be found at D-O-T dot N-Y dot Gov slash 363 Gateway</p>
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20.1	Business & Industry	6:00pm	1/27/2021	1:29	NewsChannel 34 at 6pm	<p>Chobani is one of 16 companies to take on a new New York State initiative giving new pathways and opportunities to workers. The Pathways Pledge for New York State Employers proposed by Governor Cuomo and the Reimagine New York Commission commits public and private sector employers to make their workforces more equitable and inclusive, and to provide more workforce development opportunities in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. As part of the pledge, employers commit to reforming their talent recruitment, investment, and promotion policies, which for Chobani means continuing and expanding many of its current practices. Chobani hopes to inspire other companies to join. Chobani's CEO Hamdi Ulukaya is a member of the Reimagine New York Commission and the Greek yogurt producer was quick to sign on to the initiative. Company President Peter McGuinness says doing the right thing is always best for business. McGuinness says that providing pathways to higher positions and having a come-as-you-are philosophy has helped Chobani retain workers and support their community. About one third of Chobani's workers are refugees who live in Utica, about 40 minutes away.</p>

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20.1	Community	11:00pm	1/27/2021	1:22	NewsChannel 34 at 11pm	<p>January is Get Organized month, and Goodwill is reminding people to donate rather than throw out. The nonprofit is spreading the message as they continue to seek clothing and household item donations. Goodwill suggests rethinking your home's organization and determine what items may no longer be necessary. District Manager Wyatt Edwards says this time of year is among the highest-volume for donations, as people are looking to clear some space following the holidays. In total, Goodwill stores across New York and New Jersey received over 43-million pounds of donated items according to Edwards. The main mission at Goodwill is to help those in need, and donating items can do more for someone than you may think. Goodwill continues to accept donations despite the pandemic. Some of their most popular items, and often most needed, are women's clothing, coats, and shoes. If you have any unwanted items and would like to donate them, you can drop them off at the side door of the Vestal Parkway Goodwill location.</p>

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20.1	Crime/Law Enforcement	11:00pm	1/28/2021	1:35	NewsChannel 34 at 11pm	<p>Local criminal justice reform activists accuse Mayor Rich David and the City of Binghamton of refusing to listen to what the people say regarding police reform. The Divestment, Accountability, Reinvestment in Our Community, or DAROC, task force held a news conference yesterday outside of City Hall regarding the mayor's announcement earlier this month of the Binghamton Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Steering Committee. Several DAROC members spoke, saying that during multiple events over the past few months, they have collected survey data from roughly 700 people in the community about what they would like to see change in regards to policing. DAROC member Maliyka Muhammad says she has tried for months to contact members of the city and county, and says she has not heard back until this committee was announced. Muhammad says her group wants the city to consider what its citizens are asking for. With that data, the organization released a list of several changes they would like to see including eliminating racial profiling, minimizing use of force, increased transparency and accountability, as well as re-investing funds into the community. NewsChannel 34 reached out to the mayor's office for comment, but they declined to respond.</p>
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20.1	Crime/Law Enforcement	11:00pm	2/1/2021	2:23	NewsChannel 34 at 11pm	<p>The Binghamton Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Steering Committee is holding two more meetings this week as members continue towards their April 1st deadline for a reform plan. The 25 person committee was put into place last month per Governor Cuomo's Executive Order back in June, with the objective of taking community input and putting together a plan for police reform and-or improvements. One member of the committee is Nicole Sirju-Johnson, the President of the Broome-Tioga NAACP. Sirju-Johnson says that she doesn't see one particular area as needing adjustments, but rather several concerns, and that she's glad she was asked to be a part of the committee so these concerns can be addressed. With concerns such as movement of law enforcement personnel from one city or town to another, the extent and relevance of particular aspects of police training, as well police interactions with people of color, Sirju-Johnson believes there's a lot to work on in the coming months. However, she does have some optimism in the legitimacy of collecting data from the public about their wants and needs as the surveys and community feedback will be handled entirely by an unbiased, external entity, the Finn Institute for Public Safety in Albany.</p>
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20.1	Education	6:00pm	2/2/2021	1:43	NewsChannel 34 at 6pm	A Binghamton high school senior is being aided in his effort to become an international businessman by a prestigious scholarship. Malik Griffith has been awarded the annual Patriot Scholarship. It was established in the late 1980's with funds from an anonymous donor and provides a Binghamton High senior with 5 thousand dollars for the first year of college and 25 hundred each year for the following 3 years. Griffith says he'd like to pursue a career in international business and real estate where he can put his leadership skills to work. And he wants to serve a a role model for his younger siblings

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20.1	Government (Local)	6:00pm	2/3/2021	2:25	NewsChannel 34 at 6pm	<p>Some residents of Endicott are calling for Mayor Linda Jackson to resign following her behavior during a virtual village board meeting on Monday evening. Jackson was seen during the nearly 6 hour Zoom call drinking from a wine glass from her home. Residents say she and Trustee Eileen Konecny were giggling and laughing during some of the public comments and Jackson also turned off her web cam while concerned constituents were addressing the board. Monday evening's meeting featured the rest of the board voting to rescind a law enacted last year that critics say paved the way for a controversial battery recycling plant to be established on the Huron Campus. Opponents of the project have been very critical of Jackson for her support of the project. Jackson says she and Konecny were simply relieving the tension and that the wine glasses had juice in them. Jackson says that in retrospect, it wasn't good judgment and that she won't use wine glasses during a village Zoom meeting again. Trustee Nick Burlingame says the impression that the Mayor was drinking wine created an awkward situation. Burlingame says the action the board took on Monday effectively killed the project proposed by SungEel MCC Americas.</p>

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20.1	Government (Local)	11:00pm	2/8/2021	1:09	NewsChannel 34 at 11pm	<p>After nearly 100 days, the lone remaining empty House seat has finally been filled. Earlier this afternoon, Republican Claudia Tenney's victory in the 22nd District race, a 109 vote margin, was certified by the State Board of Elections unanimously, 4-0. Shortly after, Democrat Anthony Brindisi conceded the race, releasing a statement saying he called Tenney to congratulate her and offered help to make the transition process smooth. After being first elected in 2016, Tenney will re-join Congress after losing to Brindisi in the 2018 race. Tenney says that while the Democrats may control the House, she is optimistic they can reach across the aisle and do what's best for the state and the country. After Brindisi released his message, Tenney tweeted out that she appreciated his call and that she looked forward to working with him to complete the transition process.</p>

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20.1	Economy	6:00pm	2/9/2021	2:14	NewsChannel 34 at 6pm	<p>The local business community still has some uncertainty to work through as it transitions from pandemic response to pandemic recovery. The Greater Binghamton Chamber held a hybrid version of its annual Economic Forecast breakfast today at the Holiday Inn in Binghamton with a limited number of guests in attendance and everyone else joining by Zoom. M&T Bank Regional Economist Gary Keith says it's his most difficult year to predict yet due to COVID's ongoing impact on business shut downs and restrictions. Last year, Keith gave his rosiest forecast of the Greater Binghamton economy to date and he says many of those fundamentals remain strong. However, he says the pandemic's effects have been wildly uneven, devastating certain sectors like leisure and hospitality and brick-and-mortar retail.</p> <p>Chamber President and CEO Stacey Duncan says contingency planning and relationships with suppliers, vendors and customers are key. The Chamber also announced the winners of its 4 Building B-C Awards.</p>

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20.1	Transportation	11:00pm	2/10/2021	4:01	NewsChannel 34 at 11pm	<p>Public comment period ends this week for a major overhaul of an entry to downtown Binghamton that is aimed at extending our area's network of river walks. However, some question whether the project will achieve its stated goals and worry that it will create a major traffic headache getting into and through the city. It's called the New York Route 363 Gateway. Its stated purpose includes adding onto the Two Rivers Greenway system while improving river views and physical access to the river. Binghamton resident Stephen Menz says with the plan calling for a new biking and walking lane on the north side of the 8 foot flood wall, no one will be enjoying the river view. The state plan calls for 363, otherwise known as North Shore Drive, east bound to become single lane, allowing space for construction of the trail from Washington Street to Carroll Street near the Rock Bottom Dam. But that's not all. The plans call for the elimination of 2 access ramps, one allowing traffic to circle behind the Arena from North Shore onto the State Street Bridge and the other that allows traffic that came north over the bridge to circle around and merge onto North Shore heading west toward Riverside Drive.</p>

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20.1	Health/Healthcare	6:00pm	2/11/2021	1:36	NewsChannel 34 at 6pm	<p>A joint effort is underway to inform the local Black community about vaccine safety as the virus has ravaged communities of color. Local historian Brenda Brown is holding her 44th annual Black History Month program this Saturday. However, rather than gather at the public library, this year's event will be virtual over Zoom.</p> <p>Brown is partnering with the local NAACP and the Delta Sigma Theta sorority to put on a panel discussion led by Clinical Pharmacist and Binghamton City Council Person Angela Riley about building trust in the vaccine among the Black and brown communities. Riley says she recently received her first dose. Riley says she had some pain in her arm and a slight headache, which she characterizes as mild side effects.</p> <p>She'll be joined on the panel by Doctor George Stanley and 2 local folks who participated in vaccine trials. Brown says Communities of Color have been disproportionately impacted by COVID. The program runs from 2:30 to 5:30 Saturday and will also include a look at historical photos of African-Americans in Broome County as well as a discussion of the recent film Ma Rainey's Black Bottom. You can find a link to the Zoom event at Binghamton Homepage dot com.</p>

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20.1	Education	11:00pm	2/12/2021	1:26	NewsChannel 34 at 11pm	<p>Today was day 2 of classes at Binghamton University, with the student move-in process completed. That included all students who were new to campus, which is roughly 3-hundred, and they were greeted with a small celebration inside the Union Center Marketplace.</p> <p>President Harvey Stenger made an appearance, and gave an update on how the process went bringing everyone back to campus. According to Stenger, out of over 6-thousand tests administered for on-campus students during the last week, only 7 came back positive.</p> <p>Stenger says the start to this semester feels better than the fall, and that there are measurements in place to ensure students can enjoy themselves while staying safe through the next few months. Stenger reiterated B-U's testing policy for the semester, saying they'll be testing every student, faculty and staff member who comes on campus once a week, roughly 11-thousand tests. Stenger also described the shortened, 14-week spring semester as a sprint, with no designated breaks for students outside of the 3 rejuvenation days added to the academic calendar. Classes are scheduled to end on May 18th, with finals to directly follow.</p>

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20.1	Health/Healthcare	6:00pm	2/15/2021	1:41	NewsChannel 34 at 6pm	<p>A local group is working to ensure that underserved populations don't get left behind when it comes to vaccine distribution. The Southern Tier Health Equity Task Force was established under a mandate from Governor Cuomo when he created the regional hubs to oversee the vaccination rollout. The group had been meeting for weeks to lay the groundwork for pop-up clinics like the 2 that took place in Binghamton and Endicott the week before last. They sought partners such as the Broome County Office for Aging, senior housing developments and local faith-based organizations to help identify people of color and undocumented immigrants who may have barriers to accessing the vaccines. The task force also helped to identify potential clinic sites while considering available space, transportation, staff for set-up and break-down and the availability of language interpreters. LoriAnne Welch of the Broome County United Way serves as one of the co-chairs. Welch says the task force worked with UHS, the county and the state to develop a plan that helped make the first pop-up clinics a success.</p>

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20.1	Business & Industry	11:00pm	2/16/2021	1:40	NewsChannel 34 at 11pm	Greek Peak Mountain Resort has added a new amenity for both its guests and the surrounding community. Carvers Steakhouse opened inside of Hope Lake Lodge in December. It features high-end steaks in a family-friendly casual atmosphere. That includes locally-sourced Wagyu beef from Madison Wagyu in Cazenovia. The Japanese breed of cattle is known for its tenderness, marbleization and buttery texture and taste. Front of House Manager Tyler Dunn has operated fine dining restaurants at ski resorts in Park City, Utah.

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20.1	Government (Local)	6:00pm	2/17/2021	1:03	NewsChannel 34 at 6pm	<p>Binghamton Mayor Rich David and State Senator Fred Akshar shared some big news regarding public safety this morning. The Southern Tier Crime Analysis Center will be expanded into a new Multi-Jurisdictional Crime Analysis Center, and will be moved from the basement of City Hall to the former Fire Department Headquarters. The expansion is backed by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, which also provided 500 thousand dollars in computer equipment and furniture for the new location, as well as supported some construction costs. The new center will employ about 18 people from different departments, which greatly increases the current department size. The facility is currently undergoing renovations, and will be opened at the end of April.</p>

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20.1	Education	11:00pm	2/17/2021	1:17	NewsChannel 34 at 11pm	<p>A Binghamton University alumnus is using his personal story of adversity and perseverance to help others start their careers. Bruce Freeman will be holding a seminar through B-U next week titled Turning Adversity Into Opportunity, Career Planning in the COVID-19 Economy. Freeman's had to overcome multiple struggles, including an M-S diagnosis that has confined him to a wheelchair, but has fought through them to become a professor, entrepreneur, as well as a published author.</p> <p>Freeman says this isn't a typical career seminar, but rather a chance to teach students to deal with, and conquer, adversity. One of Freeman's main messages to college students preparing to enter the job search is to show companies what they can do for them. Freeman's virtual seminar will be next Wednesday from noon to 1.</p> <p>Registration closes this Sunday, so if you would like to be a part of it, you can register at B Connect Alumni dot Binghamton dot E-D-U and click on Upcoming Events.</p>

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20.1	Health/Healthcare	11:00pm	2/18/2021	1:19	NewsChannel 34 at 11pm	<p>The American Civic Association is hosting a webinar to help those that they serve gain access to the COVID vaccine. The webinar, entitled Addressing COVID-19 Equity and Concerns, will be held tomorrow morning at 11 over Zoom. The webinar will feature medical professionals and community leaders giving COVID vaccine information for those in underserved communities. A-C-A Executive Director and C-E-O Mayra Garcia says that this is an opportunity to give everyone, including those who are underserved and lack resources, the chance to find the information they need to get their vaccine. Garcia also serves as a Co-Chair of the Southern Tier Health Equity Task Force, which assists in the planning for the pop-up vaccine clinics for the underserved population in Broome County. Garcia mentioned that she expects more pop-up clinics in the near future, and is hopeful to even host one at the A-C-A. To learn more about tomorrow's webinar, and to find the Zoom link, visit American Civic dot com.</p>

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20.1	Health/Healthcare	6:00pm	2/19/2021	1:21	NewsChannel 34 at 6pm	<p>February is American Heart Month, and despite the COVID pandemic continuing to remain prevalent, doctors are urging people not to ignore potential signs of heart issues. Heart Disease remains the number one killer of American citizens, and any symptoms of a heart condition need to be closely monitored by a doctor. However, Doctor Alon Yarkoni at UHS Medical Center says they've seen many people who have been reluctant to come into the hospital or doctor's office to be checked out due to fear of contracting the virus. Despite that, Yarkoni says you should still remain in contact with your doctor if you're experiencing any heart issues as some symptoms of COVID can also match symptoms of potentially deadly heart conditions. Doctor Yarkoni says it's been a challenge over the last year to properly diagnose patients with these symptoms because of how similar they are to one another. However, he added that with all the testing equipment the hospital system has they have been able to more easily determine what the symptoms are stemming from.</p>

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20.1	Health/Healthcare	6:00pm	2/22/2021	1:46	NewsChannel 34 at 6pm	<p>UHS has launched a new program to monitor COVID patients in their own homes after discharge. The Hospital Care at Home program allows doctors from U-H-S to connect with COVID patients, who also have another underlying condition, while they recover in their home. One of the patients that was a part of the program is John Lodge, who tested positive for COVID in early January. Lodge went to a walk-in clinic for a chest X-ray and EKG due to congestion he was having in conjunction with the virus. The x-ray showed that Lodge actually had developed atrial fibrillation from COVID, and was admitted into Wilson Medical Center. After 4 days at Wilson, Lodge was approached by doctors about the home care option, which Lodge accepted. He was sent home with a blood pressure machine and a pulse oximeter, and met virtually with his doctor and nurse each day for 10 days. Lodge says his experience with the program was terrific, and recommends anyone who has the opportunity to do it take advantage. Lodge says that while it's frustrating to now have a heart condition that didn't exist prior to COVID, he is thankful that he has something that can be treated so he can continue to live his life.</p>

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20.1	Community	6:00pm	2/23/2021	1:22	NewsChannel 34 at 6pm	<p>Professional golf in our area has reached a milestone, and the Dick's Sporting Goods Open is planning to celebrate this year. This year is the 50th anniversary of the start of the BC Open at En-Joie Golf Course in Endicott back in 1971. In the spirit of the semi-centennial, Johnny Hart's grandson and current artist of comic strips B.C. and Wizard of Id, Mason Mastroianni, worked with the event's organizers to make a new logo tying together the history of the BC Open with its successor the Dick's Sporting Goods Open. Now fans can commemorate the anniversary with a line of merchandise offered by Logowise. Karede says he's happy the tournament has kept its local connection through the years through the Hart comics and more recently through their hometown sponsor. The Dick's Sporting Goods Open is run by Broome County Community Charities. Since the beginning, it has raised over 18 million dollars for charity in our area. This year's tournament will run from June 28th to July 4th. To purchase 50th anniversary merchandise, go to DSG Open dot com. The special online store closes on Sunday.</p>

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20.1	Government (Local)	6:00pm	2/24/2021	1:18	NewsChannel 34 at 6pm	<p>Last night, Rich David delivered his final State of the City Address during his 8-year term as Mayor of Binghamton. David gave the address over Zoom last night, and touched on a variety of topics over the course of a roughly 40 minute speech. Among the subjects were a mixed use parking project to replace the Water Street parking garage, efforts to continue to fend off tax hikes, with hopes of doing a tax cut if the budget will allow, as well as continuing work with the community on police reform. David says that it was a bittersweet moment for him delivering the speech for the last time, but he's proud of what he and his staff were able to accomplish during his time in office. David cited some of his proudest accomplishments as the Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Treatment Plant renovation as well as construction on downtown parking garages and reconstruction of city streets. David cannot run again due to term limits.</p>

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20.1	Education	11:00pm	2/24/2021	1:12	NewsChannel 34 at 11pm	<p>The memory of a Binghamton High School student who loved to read is once again being passed on. Harper Stantz was a junior at Binghamton when she was killed by a drugged driver in 2019. Now, for the second year in a row, her friends and classmates are collecting books to donate to Harper's former elementary, Horace Mann, as well as Calvin Coolidge. The idea came from Harper's friend, Caroline, and is currently being run by Caroline's mother, Liza Turner, while her daughter is at college. Turner says last year they were able to have an event celebrating both books and Harper at Horace Mann, but, due to the pandemic, things are different. Turner feels good about getting to their 2 thousand book goal. If you want to donate, you can find a few different ways at Binghamton Homepage dot com. Each donor gets their name written inside their book, and the books will be marked with a yellow Harper's Library sticker.</p>

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20.1	Transportation	11:00pm	2/25/2021	1:29	NewsChannel 34 at 11pm	<p>A major local summer attraction is back on the schedule with some slight COVID modifications. The Greater Binghamton Air Show is planned to take place for the first time since 2018. Last year's event was canceled due to the pandemic. This year's event, presented by Tioga Downs Casino Resort, will take place over 2 days in July at the Greater Binghamton Airport in a drive-in style format. Each vehicle will get a roughly 20 by 20 foot area to park and even set up lawn chairs provided they remain within their box. Among the aircraft featured will be the United States Air Force Thunderbirds and the U-S Army Golden Knights parachute team. Heefner says other aerial attractions under consideration are Geico Skytypers, Jerry Conley's Vampire and the Super Chipmunks. This year, all of the entertainment will be in the skies, there will be no airplanes to tour on the ground. The Air Show is scheduled for July 17th and 18th. A ticket price has yet to be determined. More information will be posted to Fly BGM dot com as it becomes available.</p>

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20.1	Health/Healthcare	6:00pm	2/26/2021	1:16	NewsChannel 34 at 6pm	<p>A smoothly run operation vaccinated 250 people from underserved populations today in Binghamton. The American Civic Association hosted a pop-up POD from 9 to 4:30 at its location on Front Street. The focus population was immigrants, refugees, people of color and farm workers. As Co-Chair of the regional Health Equity Task Force, ACA Executive Director Mayra Garcia is working as an ambassador to reduce vaccine hesitancy among immigrant communities.</p> <p>Garcia says the effort fits perfectly into the mission of American Civic. Garcia praised the efforts of the Health Equity Task Force, UHS and city, county and state officials in helping to coordinate the clinic. She says that while she had been lobbying to host one, she was only notified about the opportunity on Wednesday.</p> <p>The ACA managed to have interpreters on hand who speak Spanish, Laotian, Vietnamese, French and Arabic for those who needed translation. Garcia says the ACA still has a long waiting list of those eligible for the vaccine. But she encourages people not to give up, she expects more pop-up PODS to take place in the near future.</p>

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20.1	Business & Industry	11:00pm	3/1/2021	1:34	NewsChannel 34 at 11pm	<p>A Binghamton startup is looking to take unwanted recyclable materials and turn it into something needed by the concrete industry. KLAW Industries plans to take recyclable glass that is considered too contaminated for other uses and purify and process it into a cement replacement for concrete manufacturers. Founded almost 2 years ago, KLAW has an office in the Koffman Southern Tier Incubator and has established a prototype facility in a garage in the city's First Ward. As purity standards for recycled materials have become more strict, trash haulers have had a hard time finding buyers for it and have had to charge customers and municipalities more to cover the cost of landfilling it. Conversely, concrete manufacturers have seen other sources of cement alternative dry up as coal-fired power plants and steel foundries in this country close. Kumpon says KLAW has been working closely with Taylor Garbage and concrete maker Barney and Dickenson in developing their plan. The next steps are to settle on a location for a pilot plant and secure purchase orders from area concrete companies.</p>

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20.1	Community	6:00pm	3/2/2021	1:18	NewsChannel 34 at 6pm	<p>A new foundation in our area is celebrating the addition of a longtime local leader to its board. Former State Senator Jim Seward is joining the Community Foundation of Otsego County as a board member. The foundation began in June of 2019. While COVID may have hampered its ability to raise and distribute money, the foundation wasted no time joining a COVID emergency relief fund back in April. In a matter of six short weeks, it was able to raise well over 200 thousand dollars and distribute that money between 25 different non profit organizations. President of the board, Harry Levine, says they are looking to fill a leadership role within the Otsego community. The Community Foundation of Otsego County conducted a survey regarding community needs and desires. The goal is to pick two or three large ideas and establish support for existing non profits. While the organization is currently being operated by volunteers from their homes, Levine says the plan is to eventually have an office and staff. You can get more information at cf.otsego.org.</p>

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20.1	Education	6:00pm	3/3/2021	1:16	NewsChannel 34 at 6pm	<p>The number of COVID cases on the Binghamton University campus are rising at a rapid rate. Over the past 2 weeks, BU has seen 437 positive tests come back. Since just last Saturday, the university has had another 140 new cases.</p> <p>The numbers have jumped significantly each day, with no new positives on the 28th, but then 48 on the 1st, and 70 new cases yesterday. There are also 535 students under mandatory quarantine. The school has now filled half of its quarantine space and is actively seeking additional room for quarantining those who have the virus and isolation space for those who have been exposed. A BU spokesperson says the campus remains under the 5-percent positivity threshold, currently at 2 point 15, and have instituted precautions such as pausing most campus activities, moving to take-out dining, and limiting bus runs. In-person classes continue. BU is experiencing a far more significant outbreak than its fellow university centers in Buffalo, Albany and Stony Brook which have similar or larger student populations. UAlbany, who's student population is comparable to B-U's, had only 8 new positive tests yesterday, with only 86 total positives over the last 14 days.</p>

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20.1	Cultural	11:00pm	3/3/21	1:09	NewsChannel 34 at 11pm	<p>Binghamton is celebrating Women's History Month. What was once known as Women's History Week quickly turned into Women's History Month to recognize women's countless efforts and contributions to history. Mayor Rich David and the Broome County Status of Women Council held the annual flag raising ceremony outside of City Hall. Speakers noted that women have been on the forefront for every social movement and social change that has happened in this country. City Councilwoman Angela Riley says its important to not only look back on the struggles and achievements, but to focus on what needs to happen for women in the future. Mayor David asks that we continue to support and salute women in Broome County for their continued efforts to fight for what they believe in. Women have been fighting for the same rights for decades now, they fought for the right to vote and they continue to fight for equal pay. International Women's Day is coming up on Monday.</p>

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20.1	Transportation	6:00pm	3/4/21	2:49	NewsChannel 34 at 6pm	<p>A local organization took transportation assistance to a new level today by getting a resident to a medical clinic in Cleveland to get him the help he needs. NewsChannel 34's Jackie Gillis shows us what happens when you never lose hope. Endicott resident, Bill Dalton, is getting ready to take off for the skies. Just when he thought it would be the end of the line for him because he had no way of getting to the Cleveland Clinic, his luck changed. Two non-profit organizations got together to make it possible to get Dalton the help he needs. Dalton suffers from lung conditions, one of those being emphysema. Getthere has been working with Dalton since June of 2019. It has gotten him to all of his local doctors appointments and even went as far as booking all of his plasma appointments 9 months in advance. Getthere helps people with transportation to their doctors appointments and it even helps fund transportation for people if they cannot afford it on their own. Stephanie Button, a Mobility and Transportation Advocate at Getthere, has been working tirelessly to get Dalton the help he needs.</p>

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20.1	Transportation	6:00pm	3/5/21	1:32	NewsChannel 34 at 6pm	<p>A transportation program is helping residents of a notorious food desert get to the store to do their shopping. The Wellness Wagon offers rides to people living on Binghamton's Northside 3 days per week. The trips begin and end at the Lee Barta Center on Liberty Street and go to the Vestal Walmart on Mondays and Fridays and the Weis on Robinson Street on Wednesdays. The program was launched by VINES in 2019 using buses but was initially interrupted by the pandemic. It was brought back last November with limited capacity due to COVID safety protocols. Program Assistant Jibreel Cooper says the temporary stoppage proved how valuable the service had become. Lisa McGowan and Gregory "Prince" Oliver live in the Town and Country Apartments. They were getting a cab ride today from the Wellness Wagon to purchase food and other essentials at Walmart. The program does provide door-to-door service to some residents with mobility issues including Oliver who has an artificial leg. Oliver has been using the service for about two years now, and says he doesn't know how else he'd get to the grocery store. To find out if you're eligible, go to vines gardens dot org or you can contact Jibreel Cooper at jibreel at vines gardens dot org.</p>

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20.1	Community	11:00pm	3/8/21	1:07	NewsChannel 34 at 11pm	<p>Earlier today, an area casino made a sizeable donation to ensure community members who are food insecure can enjoy a delicious meal this Easter. Tioga Downs Casino and Resort donated one-hundred thousand dollars to the Food Bank of the Southern Tier to help go towards providing Easter dinners next month. The large sum of money donated can provide 5-thousand meals, including ham and all the fixings, to those in need. Tioga Downs Owner Jeff Gural says it's important to him to give back to this community, and that this was a way to ensure that thousands of people are able to enjoy an Easter dinner that otherwise wouldn't have been able to. The 5-thousand ham dinners will be distributed to families in several counties, including Broome, Chemung, and Tioga Counties.</p>

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20.1	Government (Local)	6:00pm	3/9/21	1:33	NewsChannel 34 at 6pm	<p>During his weekly county briefing, Broome County Executive Jason Garnar singled out a particular age bracket that has been the most responsible for the higher COVID positive numbers. Garnar stated that 63-percent of the county's new positive cases came from the 18 to 24 age group. He also added that Binghamton University is a major part of that, however he did note that the campus numbers are beginning to decrease after a surge the last couple of weeks. Garnar also announced that the county's rapid testing site will be closing down at the end of this week. The site, which opened in October, has conducted over 13,500 tests and found over 1,800 positives. Broome County Health Director Rebecca Kaufman says most of their resources at the rapid site will be moved to the vaccine site at SUNY Broome as the need for vaccines has trumped the need for testing. While this site will be closing, those in need of testing will still be able to get them at UHS, Lourdes, Endwell Family Physicians and Binghamton University. Garnar also said the county received 1,170 Pfizer vaccines today for those who are eligible under the new guidelines. To register, you can visit Go Broome County dot com.</p>

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20.1	Crime/Law Enforcement	6:00pm	3/10/21	1:28	NewsChannel 34 at 6pm	<p>The City of Binghamton has released a report conducted as part of the Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative process through Governor Cuomo's Executive Order put into effect last June. The Finn Institute, the city's independent research provider, put together the report through collaboration with the city's steering committee, as well as members of the community, to gauge the level of reform that may be needed for the Binghamton Police Department. In a statement released by Mayor David's office, they said that while this report is not the final proposal, it will be included in the city's larger plan for change. The report analyzed data from the B-P-D to assess any racial or ethnic disparities in particular situations, as well as conducted surveys from community members and compiled public comments, and then put together a list of recommended best practices. Among the police data analyzed were instances of force used by B-P-D officers against citizens, which saw officers use force similarly between Black and White individuals between 2-17 and 2019. Force was used 342 times on Black individuals, compared to 305 White individuals in that same time span.</p>

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20.1	Economy	11:00pm	3/10/21	2:13	NewsChannel 34 at 11pm	<p>A wine, beer, and spirits tasting room is thriving since it's opening in Chenango Forks late last year. Madrona Tasting Room first opened their doors on black Friday of 2020, and they haven't looked back. The tasting room is located at the old Black Bear Winery location on County Road 1 in Forks and offers a wide variety of adult beverage options. The facility features a rotating list of New York-based wineries, breweries, and distilleries for people to sample through flights, enjoy a full glass, and even purchase to take home. Madrona's Site Manager Amanda Lee says the idea for the place came about through experiences at other locations for both her and owner Rob Schuerch, and that the reception has been above her expectations. Currently, Madrona is featuring guest taps from Talking Cursive Brewery out of Syracuse, as well as Thousand Islands Winery along the St. Lawrence River in Alexandria Bay. For Thousand Islands Assistant Wholesale Manager Eddie Colon, his passion for wine made it an easy decision to partner with Madrona. As for Talking Cursive's Andrew Brooks and Paul Zemba, they see this as an opportunity to extend their reach and get their local products out to a larger community.</p>

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20.1	Transportation	6:00pm	3/11/21	1:34	NewsChannel 34 at 6pm	<p>The Greater Binghamton Airport is optimistic that a federal grant application, which could greatly boost their services, will be approved. The airport submitted an application to the Small Community Air Service Development Program, which is designed to help smaller communities further enhance their air services. According to Commissioner of Aviation Mark Heefner, B-G-M is seeking a 1-million dollar grant, with hopes of adding additional flights to a new Southern hub. Heefner says the grant application is being supported by several New York State politicians, including Congresswoman Claudia Tenney, and Senators Kirsten Gillibrand and Chuck Schumer, along with other local officials, which Heefner says is invaluable to getting the approval. The application was submitted at the beginning of the month, but Heefner says he is unsure when they could hear back about approval, adding it could take up to a year. If the application is approved, Heefner says the airport's top choice for a Southern hub would be Dulles International Airport in Washington D.C. Other options being considered are Charlotte's Douglas International as well as Hartsfield-Jackson International in Atlanta.</p>

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20.1	Community	6:00pm	3/12/21	1:44	NewsChannel 34 at 6pm	<p>After suffering from a tragic loss, a Tioga Hills Elementary student discovered the doing random acts of kindness can totally change someone's day. As NewsChannel 34's Emily Venuti shows us, you're never too small to have big dreams.</p> <p>10-year-old Ben Cucci is like most 5th graders; he's an athlete, enjoys being on his school's student council - but there's one very different thing about Ben.</p> <p>He runs his own non-profit. In 2016, Ben's little brother, Nathan was born, and tragically died 9 days later. Ben created Nathan's Butterflies in memory of his brother, and it's been a legal non-profit for the past 3 years.</p> <p>Nathan's Butterflies focuses on doing random acts of kindness for the community, with lots of support.</p> <p>Rhonda Rhum is a counselor at Tioga Hill Elementary, where Ben is currently in school. She says that before the pandemic, Ben and executive board worked to secure a large number of school and cleaning supplies for his fellow students.</p> <p>Ben says he raises money through picnics, raffles and other fundraising events.</p>

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20.1	Education	11:00pm	3/15/21	1:27	NewsChannel 34 at 11pm	<p>A homegrown national retailer is making sure local students have the footwear they need to get to school safely. Dick's Sporting Goods is donating some of its excess sneakers and boots along with some apparel to kids at Horace Mann Elementary in Binghamton. Kim Myers, daughter of Dick's founder Dick Stack, brought the donations to the school's cafeteria this morning and the students were called down to try them on.</p> <p>Myers says giving back is a hallmark of what the company is about and she gets to feel like Santa everyday. About 150 kindergarten through third graders received a pair of sneakers and a pair of boots each. Principal Peter Stewart says that attendance is extremely important and he doesn't want lack of quality shoes to keep students from coming. Myers says she has plenty more inventory and encourages schools whose students need better shoes to contact her. Aside from schools in our area, she's also sent some items to Syracuse students. Her one stipulation is that each school provide specific sizes and the initials for each student so she can make certain they get the shoes that work best.</p>

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20.1	Women's Issues	6:00pm	3/16/21	3:43	NewsChannel 34 at 6pm	<p>Tonight we return to our Remarkable Women series with a woman who is no stranger to hard work. Naima Kradjian grew up with an "anything is possible" attitude, and now that attitude is reflected in her long-term project to restore and expand the Goodwill Theatre in Johnson City. NewsChannel 34's Emily Venuti shows us how Naima connects passion and productivity everyday. Naima Kradjian comes into work every day with the same goal – improve the performing arts in Greater Binghamton – and she's prepared to do whatever it takes to get there.</p> <p>Over the past 18 years, Naima has worked tirelessly on an ongoing project to restore the Goodwill Theatre and Firehouse Stage and ultimately make Johnson City a theatre destination. Naima started her career in New York City, where she lived for 6 years making a living booking commercials and even a soap opera. Her life of glitz and glamour came crashing down, however, when newly married Namia was struck by a drunk driver, crushing her legs and killing her husband. With her performance career pushed aside, Namia moved to Binghamton and rediscovered her passion and turned to behind the scenes work, and, helping artists better themselves and their craft.</p>
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20.1	Government (Local)	11:00pm	3/17/21	1:20	NewsChannel 34 at 11pm	<p>The state continues to provide Broome County with larger shipments of vaccine, although it's still not enough to keep up with demand as the state expands eligibility. County Executive Jason Garnar held his weekly coronavirus briefing from his home in Port Dickinson as he continues a quarantine scheduled to end on Friday. While this week the county ran a Pfizer clinic for essential workers and a Johnson and Johnson for those 60 and older, going forward, all of its clinics will be open to whomever is eligible. That list now includes public-facing government staff, non-profit employees and essential building service workers. Over 50 thousand Broome residents, or 27 percent, have now received at least one dose of vaccine and 30 thousand are fully vaccinated. And Garnar says Broome's COVID numbers are improving, including positivity rate and hospitalizations, and he credits Binghamton University with controlling the outbreak it had at the beginning of the semester. By the way, Garnar is in quarantine due to an exposure. He says he recently tested negative, feels fine and has no symptoms.</p>

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20.1	Crime/Law Enforcement	6:00pm	3/18/21	2:29	NewsChannel 34 at 6pm	<p>Some local criminal justice reform activists are outraged at what Broome County has proposed for its Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative plan. Members of Justice and Unity for the Southern Tier, or JUST, say the proposal is neither reform nor a collaboration. JUST held a news conference this afternoon denouncing what they say is more of a public relations effort consisting of 6 sentences rather than reform.</p> <p>The proposal calls for creating a plan to recruit more minority candidates to join the Sheriff's Office and more training in advance of Civil Service Exams. It would expand mental health programs in the community and assist those arrested with accessing drug treatment programs. And it would look for ways to promote more engagement between the community and officers. JUST member Andy Pragacz says groups like his were shut out of the process and that the county's task force ignored the results of conversations the group recorded with over 700 stakeholders since protests over the killing of George Floyd began last summer. JUST called on the Broome County Legislature to reject the plan during its session today, although Pragacz called that unlikely.</p>

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20.1	Community	11:00pm	3/19/21	1:30	NewsChannel 34 at 11pm	<p>A play about one man's journey has been turned into a streaming film meant to spark conversations about race. "Rhapsody in Black" is written and performed by Leland Gantt. Viewing of the performance locally was made possible through a collaboration between SUNY Broome and the Goodwill Theatre's Schorr Family Firehouse Stage. In the play, Gantt examines the impact racism has had on his self-image, including the hierarchy between light and dark-skinned Blacks as well as experiencing harassment from law enforcement. Tomorrow afternoon, SUNY Broome and the Firehouse Stage will host a virtual panel discussion about the issues raised in the video. The school's Vice President for Student Development and Chief Diversity Officer Carol Ross-Scott is one of the panelists. She says it's important for people of various backgrounds to talk to one another. The Firehouse is one of 14 theaters across the country that is taking turns streaming the performance for one week at a time. The panel discussion takes place tomorrow at 4 P-M and will include other college administrators, community activists and Gantt himself. For links to view the free play, to watch the panel discussion and to submit questions or comments, go to Firehouse Stage dot org.</p>
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20.1	Health/Healthcare	11:00pm	3/22/21	1:10	NewsChannel 34 at 11pm	<p>A local hospital has been administering an advanced COVID treatment since Christmas. Lourdes Hospital is offering Monoclonal Antibody Treatment, a therapy used to combat the coronavirus. Our bodies naturally produce antibodies to help fight off any sickness we may have. However, when our body encounters something new, much like COVID, it takes a little longer for our bodies to produce the necessary antibodies. Hospital officials say the monoclonal antibody infusion contains no live COVID-19 nor anything else that could make you sick. Senior Director of Client Services Stacie Hansen says that for it to be effective, you must get the treatment very quickly after testing positive. There are different types of Monoclonal treatments. Hansen says your doctor will be able to tell you which one you qualify for. The infusion is done by I-V and it's a one time treatment. Depending on which therapy you receive. treatment can take 2 to 3 hours.</p>

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20.1	Business & Industry	6:00pm	3/23/21	1:12	NewsChannel 34 at 6pm	<p>A law intended to prohibit the sale of tobacco is creating a major roadblock for a proposed development in Endicott. Byrne Dairy wants to build a convenience store and gas station at the former Friendly's location on East Main Street in the village. However, the Syracuse-based chain is reluctant to build if it can't sell cigarettes and other tobacco products in its store. But a law passed last May in the village prohibits new businesses from selling tobacco within 1 thousand feet of a school. The proposed Byrne Dairy location would be closer than that to Jennie F Snapp Middle School. Mayor of Endicott Linda Jackson supports the project and says the village is looking at possible work-arounds or even amending the law. Jackson is referring to the SungEel lithium-ion battery recycling facility and another recycling company proposal that did not come to fruition. Byrne, which is known for its milk, ice cream and other dairy products, would also include a coffee bar, groceries, made-to-order subs and more. Jackson says that if the issues with tobacco can be resolved, Byrne Dairy plans to move quickly on the development.</p>

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20.1	Crime/Law Enforcement	6:00pm	3/23/21	1:14	NewsChannel 34 at 6pm	<p>The Binghamton Police Department is looking for new recruits. The first step for anyone interested in joining the force is to take a civil service entry level police exam. Applications for the next exam, set to take place on May 15th, are due by April 5th at 4:45 p.m. The test involves reading comprehension with written multiple choice answers. Candidates who score well must then complete a physical performance evaluation, background tests, and interviews with the chief of police before being hired and sent to the Broome County Training Academy. The department says it want as diverse a pool as possible, desiring candidates from all walks of life. Lieutenant Dave Bidwell says it's a great opportunity to serve your community. More information and applications for the exam can be found at join BPD dot com. Or you can contact Lieutenant Bidwell at 772-7093. He's happy to answer questions and even provide practice exams.</p>

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20.1	Government (Local)	6:00pm	3/24/21	1:13	NewsChannel 34 at 6pm	<p>Calling it nothing more than political theater, the head of the New York Republican Party came to Binghamton today to blast the Assembly's impeachment process. GOP Chairman Nick Langworthy held a news conference outside of the State Office Building. Langworthy accuses the Democrats who control the Chamber of slow-walking their investigation into sexual harassment allegations against Governor Cuomo as well as his reporting of nursing home deaths in the state. The Republican Chair says the Democrats already have the votes to impeach but they're stalling so that they can raise taxes and spending with Cuomo still at the helm. Langworthy accuses the Democrats of wanting the voters to forget about Cuomo's scandals as the months-long investigation drags on. And he says some of Cuomo's accusers are choosing not to cooperate because of the law firm that the Assembly working with.</p>

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20.1	Community	11:00pm	3/25/21	2:34	NewsChannel 34 at 11pm	<p>Grippen Park BMX has been around for quite sometime now. However after recent concerns from the County, Grippen Park BMX may be no more. NewsChannel 34's Jackie Gillis, takes a deeper look into what's going on. BMX parks have been in Binghamton since 1982, but it did not move to Grippen Park until 2010. Grippen Park BMX is the only indoor track in the Northeast and is known for bringin in riders all the way from Canada. A board member at GP BMX, David Planavsky, says that this place is a way to get the youth out of the house and have some fun. A couple of months ago, Track operator, Gary Gitchell, says he received a letter from the County letting them know that they were being evicted due to some safety concerns. Gitchell is aware that there are some code violations but believes that these are all easily fixable and according to him, little to no cost to the county. After receiving the report back from Delta Engineering, Gitchell is more confused than before. Gitchell and Planavsky mentions how this track can bring a lot of money to the area, and being that this is the only indoor track in the Northeast, it wasn't uncommon that this track had many visitors, especially during the winter time.</p>
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20.1	Community	6:00pm	3/26/21	2:55	NewsChannel 34 at 6pm	<p>An outpouring of support for a Binghamton man who was seriously injured in a farming accident is smashing fundraising goals for him and his family. Travis Flanagan had to have both of his legs amputated below the knee after his overalls got caught in a corn picker which pulled him in. The accident took place on March 13th. Flanagan was alone at a farm in Greene at the time as his father had gone to another location to drop off some previous loads. Once his father returned, an ambulance and medical helicopter from Guthrie were called and Flanagan was life-flighted to Upstate Medical in Syracuse. Flanagan is no stranger to medicine as he works as a certified registered nurse anesthetist for Susquehanna Anesthesia Affiliates which serves UHS hospitals. Fellow anesthetist and friend Dom Cosmello says Flanagan is a true professional who he has trusted when he's had to go under anesthesia. And Cosmello says Flanagan's an upbeat and positive person with old fashioned family values. And his colleagues are now paying him back. They quickly established a GoFundMe page which has raised over 207 thousand dollars. Flanagan's wife Lindsay is also an anesthetist with Riverside Anesthesia which serves Lourdes, so both hospital communities have supported them.</p>
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20.1	Education	11:00pm	3/29/21	1:09	NewsChannel 34 at 11pm	Some local aspiring chefs got a bit of reality T-V experience last week. On Friday, students in the culinary program got to compete in the first annual Chopped competition. It was modeled after the popular reality cooking contest from the Food Network. There were four teams, orange, green, blue and aqua. The competition consisted of 3 rounds, appetizer, entree, and dessert and each round contained all surprise food items. The theme for this competition was College Cuisine. Vice President of Student Development, Carol Ross-Scott is the reason the event was started and she got the honor of chopping the teams. SUNY Broome President Kevin Drumm says that food always brings people together so he thought this was a great idea. There were four judges and after each round they got together and decided who was going to be chopped.

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20.1	Community	6:00pm	3/30/21	1:17	NewsChannel 34 at 6pm	<p>The Central New York Make a Wish foundation is kicking off a new initiative to fund the nearly 200 wishes that have been left waiting to be filled over the pandemic. The "Wish Heroes" campaign is a month of virtual fundraising. The organization hopes to raise 50 thousand dollars for the wishes of nearly 200 critically ill children throughout the organization's 15 county territory. Greater Binghamton Chamber Chief Operating Officer Amy Shaw lost her daughter Maddie to cancer in 2019, but before that, Make a Wish gave her the trip of a lifetime to the Nickelodeon Resort in Punta Cana. Shaw says Maddie got to call all of the shots. You can help the Wish Heroes campaign by starting a fundraising page or supporting local fundraisers by going to CNY dot wish dot org The event ends on World Wish Day, which is April 19th.</p>

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20.1	Community	11:00pm	3/31/21	1:57	NewsChannel 34 at 11pm	<p>Members of the Broome County Martin Luther King Commission believe the legacy of the civil rights leader should be celebrated more than just once a year. So, the organization that traditionally holds a procession and church service on the evening of the MLK Junior holiday has decided to hold events each season. That begins with a march and barbecue this Saturday. It's scheduled to begin at noon at Columbus Park with prayers and then a march with singing down Court Street to the Peacemakers Plaza and MLK statue near the Chenango River. President of the Commission Reverend Arthur Jones and his wife Delores say it's meant more as a peaceful gathering than a protest. Reverend Jones says the event poses an opportunity to reclaim Columbus Park as a safe place following a recent shooting there. Over at Peacemakers Plaza, there will be free hot dogs and hamburgers from Jones's church Mount Sinai and Rossi's is donating pizza. Plus there will be entertainment including live music, dancers, a step team and speakers. And community organizations have been invited to set up tables to inform people about how to get involved.</p>

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The station also aired the following public service announcements during the instant quarter:

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Community	60,30 seconds	Foundation for a Better Life -Veterans
Community	60,30 seconds	Foundation for a Better Life -College
Community	60,30,15 seconds	Dare to STEM
Community	60,30,15 seconds	Belonging
Community	30,15 seconds	Music for the Mission
Community	10 seconds	HHS / AdoptUSKids - Dinner
Community	10 seconds	HHS / AdoptUSKids - Mailbox
Community	30 seconds	Hunger Is
Community	30 seconds	New York State Broadcasters -Workzone
Community	30 seconds	New York State Broadcasters - Impaired
Community	30 seconds	New York State Broadcasters - Distracted
Community	30 seconds	New York State Broadcasters – Drugged
Community	60,30 seconds	Humane Society Pet Adoption
Community	30 seconds	Alzheimer’s Association Julie/Les
Community	30 seconds	Alzheimer’s Association Cynthia/Ed
Community	30 seconds	Alzheimer’s Association Shon/Theresa
Community	30 seconds	BC Office for Aging Foster Grandparent
Community	60 seconds	AARP Caregivers
Community	30 seconds	Binghamton Philharmonic
Consumer Safety	15 seconds	AARP House Hunting
Consumer Safety	30 seconds	AAA Distracted Driving
Environment	60,30,15 seconds	U.S. Forest Service: Lake Trail, Forest Trail
Environment	60 seconds	Keep America Beautiful
Environment	15 seconds	FEMA Disaster at your doorstep
Health	60 seconds	St. Jude
Health	15 seconds	NYS Lottery Responsible Gaming

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Health	60 seconds	Autism Speaks, World of Autism
Health	30 seconds	Mothers and Babies Safe Sleep
Health	30 seconds	Mercy House Community Support
Health	30,15 seconds	Autism Speaks Big Day
Health	60 seconds	Alcoholics Anonymous
Health	10 seconds	NYTSA Play Place -car sea
National Security	30 seconds	Army National Guard- Trade Skills
National Security	30 seconds	Army National Guard- Serve Close to Home
National Security	30 seconds	Army National Guard- Giving Back
National Security	30 seconds	Army National Guard- Fire Response
National Security	30 seconds	Army National Guard- CoVid19 Response

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