

**WNBF 1290 AM  
BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK**

**ISSUE RESPONSIVE PROGRAM LISTING  
October, November, December 2018**

Submitted January 2, 2019

## **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 ascertainment 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:

**Economic issues** (includes stories on job trends, local employment opportunities, economic development projects and proposals and updates on development projects.)

**Hunger/ Homelessness** (includes stories involving on-going and new programs that address food and/or housing insecurity, fund and resource raising efforts and programs that work to improve the lives of the disadvantaged and return them to contributors to society)

**Crime/ Criminal Justice** (includes prevention information, warnings about scam activities, police requests for information in cases like missing persons and warrants.)

**Substance Abuse** (includes stories that are not specific to drug use as a criminal activity but deal with efforts to stop the current addiction epidemic and treatment/ recovery efforts)

**Culture/Arts/Family Education** (includes stories about local history and culture, programs that educate and entertain families and promote new arts and entertainment initiatives)

**Southern Tier Close Up** This weekly, local public affairs program addresses topics specific to the above identified concerns in the community as well as other issues and events promoting not-for-profit agencies, educate residents about public programs and communicates with elected and other community leaders about a variety of issues facing the residents of the Twin Tiers of New York and Pennsylvania.

## ECONOMY/JOBS

FIRST NEWS            10/4/18  
:40 each time

6:04am, 7:04am, 8:04am, 9:04am, 11:04am

This feature concerning the move to locate all the divisions of a pharmacy automation company at a single site in Johnson City near the new pharmacy school addressed concern about future development of the private sector paired with the expansion of Binghamton University programs.

FIRST NEWS            10/9/18  
:30 each time

5:30am, 7:30am, 8:30am, 10:04am

In response to concerns about new technology sparking new business locally, WNBF aired this feature involving a day-long seminar in Binghamton to help local innovators of energy technology learn better development and marketing skills.

FIRST NEWS            10/17/18  
:50 each time

6:30am, 7:30am, 8:30am, 10:04am

This feature dealing with the grand opening of the SUNY Broome Community College Paul and

Marice Calice and Mildred Barton Advanced Manufacturing Center addressed concerns about the availability of qualified workers for jobs that are becoming more technical since the new center is a training facility for emergency jobs in the manufacturing field.

NEWS RADIO 1290 10/18/18 and  
:40 each time  
10/19/18

3:03pm

5:30am, 6:30am, 7:30am, 10:04am

This feature addressed concerns about the health of the local job market and economy in general by informing residents that the Greater Binghamton labor market is still showing poorly in reports from the New York State Department of Labor.

FIRST NEWS 10/23/18  
:30 each time

6:04am, 7:04am, 8:04am, 9:04am, 11:04am

While tourism is often overlooked as a contribution to the local economy, this feature addressed the issue by informing listeners that Broome County has won an award for a multi-media “Be Part of Our Story” marketing campaign promoting the Greater Binghamton area.

FIRST NEWS 11/8/18  
:30 each time

7:04am, 10:04am

This feature addressed concerns about promoting local business by informing residents that a new nonprofit, Be Local Broome has been set up to encourage people to buy locally and help local merchants market their goods and services.

FIRST NEWS 11/15/18  
:30 each time

7:30am, 8:30am, 10:04am

This feature responded to concerns about cooperation among Southern tier counties in attracting new business by publicizing a series of industry summits for eight counties.

FIRST NEWS 11/20/18  
:40 each time

6:04am, 7:04am, 8:04am, 9:04am, 11:04am

This segment responded to concern about the economic impact, among other issues, should recreational marijuana use for adults be made legal in New York State by publicizing that an Assembly

public hearing is being held on the subject today in Binghamton.

FIRST NEWS 11/28/18  
:50 each time

6:30am, 7:30am, 8:30am, 10:04am

This feature dealt with concerns about directing the new development coming to Johnson City with expansion of Binghamton University's presence in the Village by publicizing a discussion of the revitalization of Johnson City hosted by the Binghamton University SUNY Business Education Cooperative of the Southern Tier.

FIRST NEWS 11/29/18  
:30 each time

6:30am, 7:30am, 8:30am, 10:04am

This feature responded to concerns of locally-born industry being able to not only stay but grown in the community by publicizing L3 Link Simulation and Training, which is born out of the flight simulation technology discovered by native Edwin A. Link, is expanding in Broome County and adding jobs.

FIRST NEWS 12/6/18  
:30 each time

6:04am, 7:04am, 8:04am, 9:04am, 11:04am

This feature addressed interest in helping local businesses by publicizing a Made in Broome Christmas Shop open at the Broome County Holiday Artisan Market.

FIRST NEWS 12/11/18  
:40 each time

6:04am, 7:04am, 8:04am, 9:04am, 11:04am

This feature dealing with a federal award to Binghamton University addressed local job and economic development issues as the funding is earmarked for the CleanTech Entrepreneurial and Economic Development program to help form companies dealing with clean energy technology and applications.

FIRST NEWS 12/13/18  
:30 each time

5:30am, 6:30am, 7:30am, 11:04am

This feature addressed concern that local restaurants have the ability to draw diners as well as the large chain restaurants by informing listeners that the Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce is partnering with the Southern Tier Independent

Restaurants (STIR) to help market local restaurants and organize special events.

FIRST NEWS 12/21/18  
:30 each time

7:04am, 8:04am, 9:04am, 11:04am

This feature responded to concern about parking and its impact on business in Downtown Binghamton by informing residents that businesses downtown have been asked by the Binghamton Economic Development Office to save the on-street parking for customers and refrain from parking overnight or over the two hour limit.

#### HUNGER/HOMELESS

FIRST NEWS 10/24/18  
:40 each time

5:30am, 6:30am, 7:30am, 8:30am, 10:04am

This feature addressed food insecurity issues in the region by publicizing the Food Bank of the Southern Tier is holding an online “Virtual Turkey Drive” to raise \$80,000 to buy meals for needy Southern Tier residents.

FIRST NEWS 10/26/18  
:30 each time

8:04am, 11:04am

In response to concerns about ongoing food challenges in the region, WNBF aired this feature publicizing a Halloween-themed food drive on the Binghamton University campus to raise donated food for the Food Bank of the Southern Tier.

FOOD-A-BAGO :60 each time	daily 11/5/18- 11/12/18	6am-12:00pm 3X per hour  These regular breaks from Roger Neel and Traci Taylor as well as other Town Square Binghamton personalities highlighted hunger concerns in the community as non-perishable food and monetary donations were accepted at a camper during a week-long effort to help the Community Hunger Outreach Warehouse (CHOW) feed families in the area, raising the equivalent of 12 tons of food for the hunger programs.
FIRST NEWS :30 each time	11/5/18	6:04am, 7:04am, 8:04am, 9:04am  This feature addressed food insecurity in the region by publicizing the start of the 20 <sup>th</sup> annual Food-a-Bago drive to fill a camper with food for the Community Hunger Outreach Warehouse (CHOW).
FIRST NEWS :40 each time	11/20/18	7:30am, 8:30am, 10:04am  This feature addressed local hunger issues by publicizing that Ross Park Zoo is offering free admission to people bringing a non-perishable food donation for the Community Hunger Outreach Warehouse to the zoo this weekend.
FIRST NEWS :50 each time	11/21/18	6:04am, 7:04am, 8:04am, 9:04am  In response to concerns about families that can't afford extra food to celebrate Thanksgiving, this feature aired dealing with final preparations and the details about the annual free Thanksgiving Community Dinner in the City of Binghamton.
FIRST NEWS :50 each time	11/26/18	5:30am, 7:04am, 8:04am, 10:04am  This feature addressed concerns of families that may have to choose between paying for food and shelter or spending money on Christmas gifts by publicizing the start of

sign ups and collection of donations for the local Broome County Toys for Tots program operated by area police agencies.

FIRST NEWS  
:30 each time

11/28/18

7:30am, 10:04am

In response to concerns about the continued need for food support in the region, WNBF aired this feature publicizing a promotion with the Binghamton Devils exchanging a free hockey game ticket for a food donation to the Community Hunger Outreach Warehouse (CHOW)

FIRST NEWS  
:40 each time

12/3/18

8:04am, 9:04am, 11:04am

In response to concerns about hunger insecurity in the region, WNBF aired this feature publicizing a free event for children at a hotel in the Town of Dickinson where participants are encouraged to bring food donations to support local food pantries.

FIRST NEWS  
:30 each time

12/4/18

6:04am, 7:04am, 8:04am, 9:04am, 11:04am

This feature responded to concern about addressing food insecurity in the region by publicizing a creative food drive where the Broome Library will reduce fines on borrowed material by \$1 in exchange for donations of non-perishable food for the Community Hunger Outreach Warehouse (CHOW).

FIRST NEWS  
:30 each time

12/6/18

6:04am, 7:04am, 8:04am, 9:04am, 11:04am

This feature responded to the problem of children going hungry over the holidays when school breakfast and lunch programs aren't available by informing residents that local politicians and other volunteers gathered to fill backpacks with food for children for the holidays.

FIRST NEWS  
:30 each time

12/12/16

5:30am, 6:30am, 8:30am, 10:04am

This feature addressed concerns about the homeless problem in the region by informing residents that the Family Enrichment Network is getting \$1.4 million for housing and support services for homeless veterans, domestic violence survivors and people with mental illness.

FIRST NEWS  
:30 each time

12/18/18

6:30am, 8:04am, 10:04am

This feature responded to the increase demand for emergency food during the holiday break by informing listeners that the Binghamton Devils hockey team donated 6 barrels of food to the Community Hunger Outreach Warehouse through its "Put the Biscuit in the Basket" food drive November 28-December 13.

#### CRIME/CRIMINAL JUSTICE

FIRST NEWS  
:60 each time

10/1/18

5:30am, 6:30am, 7:30am, 8:30am,

This feature addressed concerns about the violators of the "Do Not Call" registry by informing residents that an audit by New York State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli said nuisance calls have jumped but enforcement is almost non-existent.

FIRST NEWS  
:30 each time

10/2/18

6:04am, 7:04am, 8:04am, 9:04am, 11:04am

This report responded to a request by Binghamton Police to find a suspect who stole from the Trinity Memorial Church, possibly during services, on Sunday, September 23 and included information

where surveillance photos of the suspect can be seen on the WNBF website.

FIRST NEWS 10/12/18  
:40 each time

5:30am, 6:04am, 6:30am, 8:04am, 8:30am, 9:04am

10:04am, 11:04am

This feature responded to word from Governor Andrew Cuomo's office about a scam where some people in the 607 area code are getting calls from someone offering to register them to vote over the phone in order to get their personal information.

FIRST NEWS 10/16/18  
:30 each time

7:04am, 8:04am, 9:04am

In response to concerns about support for the victims of domestic and relationship violence in the community, WNBF aired this feature publicizing today's Clothesline Project demonstration on the Binghamton University Campus as part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

FIRST NEWS 10/29/18  
:30 each time

6:04am, 7:04am, 8:04am, 9:04am, 11:04am

This feature addressed concerns about transparency of police work and relations between community and law enforcement by informing residents that \$90,000 in New York State Public Protection grant is going to Vestal and Endicott Police Departments for body cameras.

FIRST NEWS 11/2/18  
:30 each time

5:30am, 6:30am, 7:30am, 8:30am, 10:04am

In response to concern that people may have not checked Halloween candy for tampering, WNBF aired this feature informing residents that candy that appeared covered with a green mold and other anomalies in treats have been found in the area.

FIRST NEWS 11/9/18  
:50 each time

5:30am, 6:30am, 7:30am, 8:30am, 10:04am

This feature responded to concern about fake utility workers scamming their way into homes to steal items by publicizing a warning from the New York State Police about a Franklin couple that had been distracted by two men with walkie talkies claiming to be from a utility company while another person

went inside the home and stole money and other items.

FIRST NEWS 11/29/18  
:40 each time

5:30am, 6:30am, 7:30am, 8:30am, 10:04am

This feature responded to concerns about gun violence by informing residents that New York State Senator Fred Akshar is conducting a survey of constituents regarding a proposal to have authorities check social media postings and gaining password and other information before granting gun permits.

FIRST NEWS 12/3/18  
:30 each time

8:04am, 9:04am, 11:04am

In response to concerns about continued scams surfacing, WNBC aired this feature warning resident that New York State Police have gotten several complaints recently from businesses where a caller claims to be with New York State Electric and Gas and threatens to turn off service unless immediately paid using a prepaid debit card.

FIRST NEWS 12/10/18  
:40 each time

6:30am, 8:30am, 10:04am

This feature responded to concerns about people either having gift card information stolen or losing out on value through ignorance about fees and restrictions by publicizing cautions issued by New York State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli and law enforcement agencies.

NEWS RADIO 12/11/18  
:50 each time

5:30am, 6:30am, 7:30am, 8:30am, 10:04am

This feature pointed out to listeners that Broome County has a new offender registry by publicizing John Elmer of Binghamton is the first convicted animal abuser required to be listed on the county's new registry and is banned from owning or dealing with animals for at least 15 years.

FIRST NEWS 12/19/18  
:60 each time

6:04am, 7:30am, 10:03am

This feature responded to a request for help from New York State Police and local animal advocates for information leading to the arrests of criminals who threw two beagles onto Interstate 81 near

Marathon that were rescued by a passing trucker and publicized information that has been made available about the case, possible suspect vehicle and how residents can help the dogs.

FIRST NEWS 12/21/18  
:60 each time

5:30am, 6:30am, 7:30am, 8:30am, 10:04am

This feature updated residents concerned about gun violence and permit background checks by informing listeners that New York State Senator Fred Akshar tells us that it will be a few more days before the results of his survey about checking online history for gun permits can be released due to the record number of responses.

#### SUBSTANCE ABUSE

FIRST NEWS 10/5/18  
:40 each time

5:30am, 6:30am, 7:30am, 8:30am, 10:04am

This feature addressed concerns about the continued problem of substance abuse in the region by publicizing the latest figures from the Broome County District Attorney's Office that shows the number of drug overdose deaths has gone down again from January 1 through September 30 of this year along with comparisons to numbers from previous years.

NEWS RADIO 10/9/18 and  
:50 each time  
10/10/18

3:03pm

5:30am, 6:30am, 10:04am

This feature addressed concerns that a new detox center for addiction disorders in the Town of Dickinson would be a dumping ground for people from elsewhere in the state or country by informing residents that the majority of people being treated at the health center in its first six months of operation are from Broome County.

<p>FIRST NEWS            10/25/18 :40 each time</p>	<p>5:30am, 6:04am, 6:30am, 7:04am, 7:30am, 8:04am  8:30am, 9:04am, 10:04am, 11:04am In response to concerns about addressing the addiction problem locally and in New York State, WNBC aired this feature outlining recommendations from the New York State Senate Task Force on Heroin and Opioid Addiction that had conducted hearings across the state.</p>
<p>FIRST NEWS            11/27/18 :50 each time</p>	<p>5:30am, 8:04am, 10:04am  This feature publicizing events benefitting nonprofits for #GivingTuesday specifically focused on local substance abuse issues by informing listeners that TruthPharm is a group getting donations and is also hosting the Shawna Has a Secret experience at local schools where a mock-up of a teen's bedroom is set for parents and others to go through to find areas indicating drug use or where drugs may be hidden.</p>
<p>FIRST NEWS            12/13/18 :30 each time</p>	<p>5:30am, 6:30am, 7:30am, 11:04am  This feature responded to concerns about programs to help people recover from addiction by publicizing the award of a \$265,500 federal grant for the Addiction Center of Broome County and the Broome County Health Department to expand peer and medically-assisted recovery programs.</p>

## CULTURE/ARTS/FAMILY EDUCATION

FIRST NEWS :30 each time	10/3/18	6:30am, 7:30am, 8:30am, 10:04am	This feature responded to concern that local schools and students get recognition for academic achievement and not just accomplishments in athletics by informing residents that Chenango Forks is named a National Blue Ribbon School for graduation rates and achievements in math and English.
FIRST NEWS :30 each time	10/15/18	6:04am, 8:04am, 10:04am	This feature responded to interest in preserving local history by updating residents on the progress of work of Cornell university students meeting with residents and local leaders to re-think the use for the historic entrance of Ross Park Zoo.
FIRST NEWS :50 each time	11/9/18	6:04am, 8:04am, 9:04am	In response to concerns about families that can't afford traditional holiday trappings including food and gifts, WNBF aired this feature dealing with the launching of the 2018 Broome County Toys for Tots program later this month.
FIRST NEWS :40 each time	11/14/18	7:04am, 8:04am, 9:04am, 11:04am	In response to interest in family-friendly events that celebrate the arts and local history, WNBF aired this feature informing residents that the 64 <sup>th</sup> annual holiday display at the Roberson Museum and Science Center in Binghamton opens this weekend.
FIRST NEWS :30 each time	11/19/18	6:04am, 7:04am, 8:04am, 9:04am, 11:04am	This feature responded to interest in activities for families that involve the arts and sciences by publicizing the Humanities Night event at the Chenango Valley School District.

FIRST NEWS            12/6/18 &  
                              :30 each time  
                              12/7/18

8:04am, 10:04am

6:04am

In response to interest in children having a chance to learn self-confidence while gaining an appreciation for the arts, WNBF aired this feature about the Binghamton Children's Choir upcoming performances and publicizing that the choir is currently accepting singers for next season.

## SOUTHERN TIER CLOSE UP

SOUTHERN TIER 15:00 CLOSE UP	10/6/18	12:10pm	This edition of the weekly, local public affairs program addressed cultural, historic and education interests as host, Kathy Whyte talked to Broome County Historian Gerald Smith about the celebration of 100 years of the Broome County Historical Society, interest in history and the importance of learning about and preserving the past.
SOUTHERN TIER CLOSE UP	10/13/16	12:12pm 15:00	This edition of the weekly, local public affairs program addressed women's health, homeless and employment issues as host, Kathy Whyte talked with Binghamton YWCA Senior Project Director, Crystal Sackett about the upcoming Spirit and Spirits Ball that raises money for all of the programs of the agency including housing for homeless women with help in gaining employment, transportation for health screenings and other health programs like ENCOREPlus breast and cervical cancer education, detection and support.
SOUTHERN TIER CLOSE UP	10/20/18	12:10pm 15:00	This edition of the weekly, local public affairs program addressed crime and relationship issues as host, Kathy Whyte talked to the director of the Crime Victims Assistance Center in the Southern Tier, Raini Baudendistel about Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the changing attitudes and conversations about relationship violence and how people can find help, advice and even legal counsel.
SOUTHERN TIER	10/27/18	12:10pm 15:00	

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This edition of the weekly, local public affairs program addressed family, education, history and arts issues as host, Kathy Whyte talked with Roberson Museum and Science Center executive director Michael Grasso about this year's Home for the Holidays exhibit at the museum, arts and crafts activities and some of the events and exhibits planned for 2019.

SOUTHERN TIER

11/3/18

4:45pm

15:00

CLOSE UP

This edition of the weekly, local public affairs program addressed hunger insecurity as well as health and social issues associated with hunger as host, Kathy Whyte talked with Mary Whitcomb of Catholic Charities of Broome County about that agency's food pantries and other programs that address the underlying issues driving poverty and hunger in the area.

SOUTHERN TIER

11/10/18

12:10 pm

15:00

CLOSE UP

This edition of the weekly local public affairs program addressed concerns of needy families who may face hunger or homeless issues as host, Kathy Whyte talked with 2019 Broome County Toys for Tots coordinator Binghamton Police Officer Chris Marshall about the program that has been operating locally since the 1960s, the details of signing up for this year's toy distribution and how people can help.

SOUTHERN TIER

11/17/18

12:10pm

15:00

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SOUTHERN TIER	12/1/18	12:10pm	<p data-bbox="285 707 360 745">15:00</p> <p data-bbox="857 741 1442 1066">This edition of the weekly, local public affairs program addressed cultural, historic and education interests as host, Kathy Whyte talked to Broome County Historian Gerald Smith about the celebration of 100 years of the Broome County Historical Society, interest in history and the importance of learning about and preserving the past.</p>
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SOUTHERN TIER	12/8/18	1:45pm	<p data-bbox="954 1144 1029 1182">15:00</p> <p data-bbox="857 1184 1442 1472">This edition of the weekly, local public affairs program addressed issues facing local businesses in becoming successful in the Binghamton area but also expanding outside the area as host, Kathy Whyte talked to Be Local Broome coordinator Winter Clark about the new group concentrating on local business promotion and growth.</p>
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SOUTHERN TIER	12/15/18	12:10pm	<p data-bbox="285 1549 360 1587">15:00</p> <p data-bbox="857 1583 1442 1837">This edition of the weekly, local public affairs program addressed health issues as the American Red Cross Blood Services Sr. Account Manager, Theresa Blank talked with host, Kathy Whyte about the challenges facing the collection of blood many times of year, especially during the holidays and over</p>
CLOSE UP			

the winter but how much life-saving good one donation can make.

SOUTHERN TIER 12/22/18

12:10 pm

15:00

CLOSE UP

This edition of the weekly, local public affairs program addressed a number of issues including politics, legalizing recreational marijuana, investigating social media history when granting gun permits and legislative pay raises as host, Kathy Whyte talked with New York State Senator Fred Akshar (R. Binghamton) about the ongoing issues facing the state legislature.

SOUTHERN TIER 12/29/18

12:10pm

15:00

CLOSE UP

This edition of the weekly, local public affairs program addressed issues facing local businesses in becoming successful in the Binghamton area but also expanding outside the area as host, Kathy Whyte talked to Be Local Broome coordinator Winter Clark about the new group concentrating on local business promotion and growth.

**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 a total of three hours between 9:10 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

**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.

**Community Calendar:** These :60 announcements include a listing of several events each time, providing free publicity to a variety of non-profit groups and charitable interests in the community and air periodically throughout the day over all day-parts.