# ISSUES & PROGRAM REPORTS FOR

WSCP-AM Sandy Creek, N.Y FOR 2nd (April 1<sup>st</sup> – June 30th) QUARTER 2014 Prepared by Gary Dennis

# ISSUES OF CONCERN TO SANDY CREEK N.Y., OSWEGO COUNTY ADDRESSED IN RESPONSIVE PROGRAMMING IN THE 2nd OUARTER 2014:

- **POP CULTURE:** Local celebrities share stories about the past and Talk about the rich culture this area enjoys.
- ECONOMY/AGRICULTURE: New York's economy over the past year grew at an All time high and the State's unemployment rate stands

  At an all time low. The positive and negatives of the new Farm bill on local consumers.
- ELDERLY CARE: Local Hospice sponsors its spring fund raiser, the first of several held during the year.
- ENVIRONMENT/RECYCLING: What does earth day mean to the average citizen? People should act like very day is earth day.
- SOCIAL SERVICES & DISABILITIES ARC of Onondaga has been providing quality programs for people with disabilities of all ages.
- OSWEGO COUNTY ISSUES: A detailed conversation over several weeks covering the serious issues confronting Oswego County residents and community leaders.

WSCP-AM Program that addresses community issues. "Issues And Answers Our Community" Sunday morning 6AM. 2nd Quarter 2014

# Most Significant Issue–Responsive Programming

2nd Quarter 2014 April 1st through June 30th

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# ISSUE: Economy/Agriculture

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Melissa Sullivan – Mayflower Director of Marketing

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Budget, tax relief and legislative priorities for the upcoming year.

# **ISSUE: Elderly Care**

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22 minutes of a 30 minute program

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Kristen Lawton - OCRRA Public Information Officer

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#### **ISSUE: Social Services/Disabilities**

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30 minutes of a 30 minute program

Contributors:

Ellen Gutmaker – Executive Director ARC of Onondaga Lauren Kochian – Director of Marketing and Development

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**ISSUE: Oswego County Issues** 

#### "ISSUES AND ANSWERS OUR COMMUNITY"

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30 minutes of a 30 minute program

**Contributors:** 

Shawn Doyle – Oswego County Legislator

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Issues covered include:

- \*\*\*The Snow Foundation and its contributions to the community
- \*\*\*The Halfshire Historical Society
- \*\*\*Cooperative Extension 4H children's program.
- \*\*\*Final preparations for the upcoming Oswego County Fair.
- \*\*\*Highway improvement

## **ISSUE: Oswego County Issues cont**

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**Host:** Gary Dennis

30 minutes of a 30 minute program

# Contributors (s):

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# TOPICS AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DISCUSSED ISSUES:

Part three and our final part in the series covering the issues of concern to residents of Oswego County. Important topics of discussion included:

- \*\*\*Waste management and treatment.
- \*\*\*The County's upcoming budget vote.
- \*\*\*Tourism and its importance to the local communities.
- Especially along the shores of Lake Ontario and other bodies of water Including lakes and streams.
  - \*\*\*Public safety
  - \*\*\*Health and human services.

# Public Service Announcements 2nd<sup>t</sup> Quarter 2014 April 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30th

Throughout the quarter WSCP-AM aired daily/periodic PSA's providing information on a variety of local community activities and issues. Representative examples of such PSA's include the following:

St. Jude
YMCA
Special Olympics
NEA (National Education Association)
Wounded Warrior Project
U.S. Dept of Health And Human Services (anti-smoking)
HHS (senior long term care)
American Lung Association (anti-smoking
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Humane Society
Stop Toxic Litter
HRSA (tissue donation)

# **COMMUNITY ASCERTAINMENTS**

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## TOPICS AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DISCUSSED ISSUES:

Part two of three parts covering the economic issues of importance to Oswego County.

# Issues covered include:

- \*\*\*The Snow Foundation and its contributions to the community
- \*\*\*The Halfshire Historical Society
- \*\*\*Cooperative Extension 4H children's program.
- \*\*\*Final preparations for the upcoming Oswego County Fair.
- \*\*\*Highway improvement

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# "ISSUES AND ANSWERS OUR COMMUNITY"

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#### TOPICS AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DISCUSSED ISSUES:

Part three and our final part in the series covering the issues of concern to residents of Oswego County. Important topics of discussion included:

- \*\*\*Waste management and treatment.
- \*\*\*The County's upcoming budget vote.
- \*\*\*Tourism and its importance to the local communities
- Especially along the shores of Lake Ontario and other bodies of water Including lakes and streams.
  - \*\*\*Public safety
  - \*\*\*Health and human services.