

ISSUES & PROGRAM REPORTS

WTLB Utica, NY

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ISSUES OF CONCERN TO UTICA, NY (ONEIDA COUNTY) ADDRESSED IN RESPONSIVE PROGRAMMING IN THE 1ST QUARTER OF 2019:

STATE/NATIONAL POLITICS

The partial federal government shutdown and its effects on services in the Mohawk Valley were the subject of the 1/20 broadcast. Potential legalization of marijuana in New York State was featured on 2/10 and 2/17.

BUDGETS

A review of the recently-passed budget in Oneida County was discussed on 3/17 with the county executive. On 3/24, the mayor of Utica joined the show for a conversation about the new city budget.

INFRASTRUCTURE

The process of snow removal and filling in associated potholes was talked about on 2/10. On 3/17, a closer look at developing infrastructure projects in Oneida County.

WEATHER FORECASTING

A discussion about how technology has changed weather forecasting, whether or not there's an overload of information with no context, and the role social media plays was featured on 1/27 and 2/3.

COMMUNITY APPEAL

The United Way offers free tax programs, which was featured on 3/31.

VETERANS ISSUES

Veterans returning from overseas who are trying to assimilate back into civilian life, and related issues, was discussed on 1/13.

HEALTH & FITNESS

The holidays are over and New Year's resolutions are in full swing, so we discussed shedding holiday pounds and staying in shape through winter on 1/6.

WTLB-AM program that addresses community issues is 'For The Record with Joe Salzone.' It airs Sunday mornings at 6 o'clock.

1st Quarter 2018 (1/6/19-3/31/19)

Airdate: 1/6/19

Guest: Adriana Sereno, community health organizer

Adriana had some tips on how to drop a few pounds gained over the holidays, and how to stay healthy through the long winter in CNY.

Airdate: 1/13/19

Guest: Earl Fontenot, Clear Path for Veterans

Veterans often face a difficult time adjusting to life after the military, so Earl explained how Clear Path helps vets assimilate.

Airdate: 1/20/19

Guest: Luke Perry, political science professor at Utica College

Local effects on the partial government shutdown.

Airdate: 1/27/19

Guest: Sean O'Keefe and Grant Reeher, Syracuse University

The government shutdown has become the longest in US history, so examine the long-term impact on local politics and the national political optics.

Airdate: 2/3/19

Guest: Meteorologist Wayne Mahar (Part 1)

A recent blast of bad winter weather served as a launching pad to a conversation with Wayne about the difficulty in forecasting for such a large region.

Airdate: 2/10/19

Guest: Meteorologist Wayne Mahar (Part 2)

Wayne has been doing forecasts for over 30 years, so we talk about the evolution of technology and the impact social media has on developing a relationship with the audience and getting instant feedback.

Airdate: 2/17/19

Guest: Doug Greene, New York NORML (Part 1)

Doug is an advocate for marijuana legalization in New York State, and discusses the likelihood of NY giving legalized pot the green light in 2019.

Airdate: 2/24/19

Guest: Doug Greene, New York NORML (Part 2)

Doug answers tough questions about the health impact of smoking marijuana, as legislators continue debating whether or not it will become legal in New York.

Airdate: 3/3/19

Guests: Scott McNamara, Oneida County DA (Part 1)

On the issue of legalizing marijuana, Scott has some serious reservations and concerns.

Airdate: 3/10/19

Guests: Scott McNamara, Oneida County DA (Part 2)

Scott explains why he wants to see discovery reform, and addresses some local crime stories.

Airdate: 3/17/19

Guest: Lynn Hi, Food Bank of Central New York

Lynn has put together a great program for students during winter and spring breaks that may not have access to nutritious food.

Airdate: 3/24/19

Guest: Robert Palmieri, Utica Mayor

The 2019-2020 budget is currently being worked on, and Mayor Palmieri gives an explanation about what's in it, the budget process overall, and a timeline for a vote.

Airdate: 3/31/19

Guest: Betty-Joan Beaudry, United Way of the Valley and Greater Utica Area

The United Way offers free tax services for low income residents.