

ISSUES AND PROGRAMS REPORT

FOR

WTLB – AM UTICA, NEW YORK

1st Quarter, January 1st – March 31st, 2014

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ISSUES OF CONCERN TO UTICA NEW YORK ADDRESSED IN RESPONSIVE PROGRAMMING IN THE 1st QUARTER 2014:

SCIENCE: More conversations about the Voyager that has been in space
Now for more than 30 years. An update on Nano Tech and why
More education is needed in this country

URBAN DEVELOPMENT: Trying to save Utica's last movie house. Many local
Real estate issues discussed, including the needs of downtown Utica.

LOCAL HISTORY: A variety of topics covered explaining the rich heritage of
The area, including Black History Month.

VETERANS AFFAIRS: Various methods of raising funds for our local Veterans.
Coverage on how Feed Our Vets was founded and more.

LAW ENFORCEMENT: Issues facing local law enforcement official. A discussion
On budget cuts and how it affects the community.

FOSTER CARE: Coverage of the foster care provided to local youth by
By The House OF The Good Shepard and other agencies.

PROGRAMS ON WTLB-AM THAT ADDRESS COMMUNITY ISSUES:

Coffee and Conversation, sponsored by the Justice Center of Oneida County. A
self funded NYS Reg. Non-Profit Organization. 6AM Sunday

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MOST SIGNIFICANT ISSUE RESPONSIVE PROGRAMMING

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60 minutes of 60 minutes

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TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DISCUSSED ISSUES:

Part two on “Robotics”

We are closing in on building “thinking” robots that can make judgments.

Is this really necessary? A possible reason for development could be human like robots used for combat in upcoming wars such as we use unmanned drones now.

Artificial muscle for heart research, is it even possible?

ISSUE: Urban Real Estate

Coffee and Conversation, the Justice Center of Oneida County. A self funded NYS Reg. Non-Profit Organization.

Airdate: 1-12-14 Airtime: Sundays 6am-7am

60 minutes of 60 minutes

Host: Rocco Garro – Local Accountant

Community Leader:

Tracy Mills - Uptown Theatre spokesperson

TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DISCUSSED ISSUES:

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Community Leader:

Steven Roefan – local real estate broker and property owner

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New private investment and loft development would go along way in solving the problem.

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ISSUE: Urban Real Estate cont...

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30 minutes of 60 minutes

Hosts: Rocco Garro – Local Accountant

Community Leader:

Frank Tomaino- Retired city editor Utica Observer Dispatch

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Also the Heart Run and Walk with a nod to the American Heart Association.

More local Central New York history.

ISSUE: History

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Transportation in the local area

Film Series at the Society showcasing films with the local area in the theme.

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How the CNY area contributed to the underground railroad and how well known Uticans such as Munsons, and Williams helped lead the way during this eventful period in local history.

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Community Leader:

Richard Synek – Executive Director and founder “Feed Our Vets”

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A detailed discussion about how the organization was founded and how it helps starving Vets in the country.

Conducting a raffle of a classic 1967 Ford Mustang with all donations going to the local Vets Organization.

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Veterans from Feed Our Vets statewide organization

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- Purchase of a building to expand current operations.

- Because they are not classified as a social service organization, they lack

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Public Service Announcements
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Throughout the quarter WTLB-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:

NHTSA (distracted driving)
Heritage for the Blind
National Association of Realtors
American Lung Association
Wounded Warriors

COMMUNITY ASCERTAINMENTS

Community Issues for 1st Quarter (January 1st – March 31st) 2014

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