

WKTV Community Issues - April 2013 – June 2013

Education Issues

4/1 - What's the difference between five year olds from low income communities and their more fortunate peers? Experts say it's about 18,000 words. 50 seconds, Noon

4/11 - Accountants are on the mind of many as the tax deadline approaches. Utica College announces a new masters program for future CPAs. 55 seconds, 5 pm

4/11 - The Dean of Admissions for Hamilton College was on the Today Show during a time many families are discussing the affordability of college. 50 seconds, 5 pm

4/29 – Hundreds of students gathered at the Farmer's Museum in Cooperstown to compete their projects against each other for National History Day. 2 minutes, 10 seconds, 5 pm

4/30 - Rachel Joy Scott was the first student killed in the Columbine High School shooting in 1999 and her family keeps her memory alive through the Rachel's Challenge initiative, bringing a message of anti-bullying, compassion and kindness to schools across the country. On this day they were at Oriskany Jr/Sr High School. 55 seconds, Noon

5/6 - Herkimer High School art students learned the art of glass fusing thanks to a grant through Central New York Arts. 50 seconds, Noon

General Health / Medical Concerns

4/11 - A forum held to discuss suicide in the community, the latest numbers showing an increase in deaths by suicide in Oneida County. 1:30, 5 pm

5/9 - With researchers saying that a physical barrier is more effective in blocking UV Radiation than lotion, we talk to a Dermatologist about what SPF's to look for if you are insisting on relying on sunscreen. 1 minute, 6 pm

5/22 - The Paleo diet is a health craze that eliminates sugars, carbs, bad fats, legumes, dairy and alcohol and allows you to eat as much of the other foods as you want, within reason. 2:25, 6 pm

6/18 - The Bassett Heart Institute celebrated their 10 year anniversary with a heart-healthy breakfast followed by speakers ranging from the hospital's Chief Cardiologist to a patient who underwent life-saving surgery. 1:38, 5 pm

Environmental Concerns

4/29 – The City of Little Falls dedicated it's new wastewater treatment program. The project is helping the environment and also saving taxpayer dollars. Little Falls is one of the first municipalities in the area to use a Biosolids Beneficial Reuse Program. 2:07, 6 pm

5/1 - State University of New York Institute of Technology unveiled a new alternate energy project on campus, designed, built and run by the students. 45 seconds, 11 pm

5/15 - Oneida County Habitat for Humanity is in the midst of an environmentally sustainable deconstruction project in the Town of Ava, where instead of taking a part a previously run-down and abandoned home, they will take it apart and rebuild it, instead of having it demolished. 45 seconds, 5 pm

Economic Concerns

5/9 - The Governor announces plans to build state-run casinos throughout the state as a way to boost the economy. 51 seconds, 6 pm

6/20 - On the heels of last week's announcement that professional hockey is coming back to Utica, there was potential good news for downtown - that the city now has an offer on the table to buy the long-vacant HSBC building, with plans to turn it into office space, lofts and a rooftop bar. - 1:50, 5 pm

6/20 - A carpenters union protested outside the site of an under-construction Bass Pro Shop in Utica, claiming the wage is below the local standard, which is around \$40 an hour. - 45 seconds, 5 pm

Political

4/29 – A meeting was held between the Oneida County Executive and Utica Common Council members who had concerned about the county's voucher system where homeless who can not find shelter are given vouchers for local motels by the county. Concerns have arisen from residents that some of those homeless are paroled sex offenders. 1 minute, 50 seconds, 5 pm

5/9 - Assemblyman Anthony Brindisi has unveiled a three-point legislative plan to combat drug houses and the destruction of evidence. 1:12, 6 pm

5/14 - The New York State Assembly passed the "Farmworkers Fair Labor Practices Act" and it's now in the hands of the Senate. Some local farmers are actually hoping that's where it will be voted down. - 2:20, 6 pm