

## **WKTV Community Issues - January 2013 – March 2013**

### **Education Issues**

1/23 – A local superintendent says that he doesn't believe state money for education will be distributed equally. 1 minute, 25 seconds. 5 pm

1/30 - Residents of the newly merged Oppenheim-Ephratah-St. Johnsville Central School District voted Tuesday in favor of a 7-seat board of education with members serving full terms of three years. 30 seconds, 11 pm

2/1 – Superintendent of Ilion Central School District, amid a looming merger vote with the Mohawk District, reflects on how devastating it would be if Remington Arms were to move out of Ilion. 45 seconds, Noon

2/12 – Live coverage as the Ilion and Mohawk School Districts get results of their merger vote, passing among voters. Breakdown of numbers and live reports from the vote counting. 3 minutes

### **General Health / Medical Concerns**

1/2 - Owner of local fitness center says that the key to being healthy in the new year is reducing stress, sleeping more and drinking more water. 47 seconds, Noon

2/26 - The Oneida County Health Department says the number of people hospitalized for cardiovascular disease is higher locally than across the state. 50 seconds, Noon.

2/27 – Reporter Lexie O'Connor talks with a doctor about her experience of going through heart surgery as a child. 2 minutes, 45 seconds. 11 pm

3/20 - A day-long telethon to raise money for the Regional Cancer Center. 12 hours

3/20 - A new CDC report reveals the number of school aged children diagnosed with autism is way up. 21 seconds, 11 pm  
3/20 - Utica's Common Council adopts the mayor's proposed budget, but after making dozens of changes to it. 1:30, 11 pm

### **Environmental Concerns**

1/3 - State health officials have been busy addressing the health effects of hydrofracking. An unreleased state report says that the potential health impacts from hydrofracking are addressed in the DEC's plan, which makes a separate health study unnecessary. 37 seconds, 6 pm.

1/4 – Madison County embarks on a new pilot program to turn plastic into fuel. 2 minutes, 5 pm

2/27 – DEC holds meeting for input on their Open Space Conservation Plan, a plan that serves as a blueprint for the state's land conservation efforts to increase protection of the State's significant natural, scenic, recreational, historic and cultural resources. 57 seconds, 5 pm

### **Economic Concerns**

1/1 - After a much heated debate, a new way to handle deaths went into effect in Oneida County. As of January 1, death investigations are being handled out of Onondaga County under a new contract. It's an effort to save Oneida County around \$100,000. 20 seconds, 5 pm

1/2 - Friendly's Restaurant in Sangertown Square Mall, the last sit-down restaurant in the mall, is closing its doors after being unable to come to a contract agreement with the mall for renewal of its lease. 20 seconds, 5 pm

1/3 - Elected leaders in Herkimer County announced the county's share of Economic Development Funding from New York State. 1 minute, 25 seconds. Noon.

1/3 - \$50,000 of the Economic Development Funding is being distributed to help local small businesses in Herkimer County. 1 minute, 50 seconds. 6 pm

1/3 - A City of Utica Councilman is proposing a committee be formed to look into the possibility of shared services to save costs. 50 seconds. 5 pm

1/31 - Emergency services officials around the state say that the \$1.20 surcharge on your cell phone bill that should be coming back to your home county is not. 1 minute, 27 seconds, 6 pm

1/31 - The public got their first look Thursday at the new Centro Transit Hub in downtown Utica, as the \$5 million station gets ready to open for business next week. 1 minute, 12 seconds. Noon.

2/28 – Utica Mayor Robert Palmieri announces that a vacant Friendly's restaurant will be torn down to make way for a multi-unit dwelling that will include a Moe's Southwest Grill, bringing new jobs and tax revenue to the city. 30 seconds.

3/4 - Moody's downgrades the city of Utica's bond rating. 25 seconds, 5pm

## **Political**

1/1 - Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney, Senator James Seward and Congressman Bill Magee all sworn into office on New Year's Day. 55 seconds, 5 pm

1/2 - Herkimer County Clerk Sylvia Rowan sworn in. She has served in the position for 16 years. 40 seconds, Noon

1/3 - An investigation is underway into the former Republican Election Commissioner in Oneida County switching her political parties before taking on a new position in the opposite party. The County Attorney says state law states that she shouldn't have held the position when she switched parties and says it could bring any elections she certified into question. 30 seconds, Noon

2/1 - Jerry Amacher is one of about 330 people who live in the Village of Cold Brook in Herkimer County. He led that village as Mayor in the 1980's, the same time, Ed Koch led New York City as Mayor. Friday morning, hours after Koch died from heart failure, Amacher remembered Koch as "a politician who cared." 1 minute, 45 seconds. Noon

3/4 - A political science professor at Utica College says that it will take time before sequestration cuts will be felt in the local area. 50 seconds, 5 pm

3/20 - Utica's Common Council adopts the mayor's proposed budget, but after making dozens of changes to it. 1:30, 11 pm