

**WKTV COMMUNITY ISSUES**  
**JANUARY – MARCH 2018**

The following issues were discussed on the indicated broadcasts of WKTV NEWSChannel 2's local newscasts:

**Education Issues:**

1/24/18: The Utica school board says a Utica police officer will patrol the grounds at Proctor High School for two hours each day in response to calls for additional safety measures. 1:15 VO/SOT at 10:00p and 11:00p.

2/7/18: After 25 years of guiding high school students to college, the Young Scholars Program launched a new program to help graduates excel into their careers. 2:08 packages at 5:00p and 6:00p. 1:23 packages at 5:00p and 6:00p.

3/5/18: Camden School District officials held a public hearing to discuss the proposed closure of the Annsville Elementary School. 2:27 packages at 10:00p and 11:00p.

3/14/18: Students across Central New York joined others around the country in putting their pencils down and walking out of school to demonstrate against gun violence. Live reports of varying lengths at 12:00p, 5:00p, and 6:00p.

3/16/18: Local educators and politicians hold a summit to discuss school safety in the wake of the Parkland, Florida shootings. 2:10 packages at 5:00p and 6:00p.

**Health/Medical Concerns:**

1/14/18: Volunteers are needed to drive disabled veterans to and from doctor appointments and other medical treatment. 2:20 packages at 5:00p and 6:00p.

1/26/18: A local report on the national flu epidemic and its effects on those living in Oneida, Otsego, and Herkimer counties. 1:25 packages at 10:00 and 11:00p.

2/27/18: "Overdosed in the Mohawk Valley" – An all-day multi-part series and expert panel on the opioid epidemic in the greater Utica region. Live and packaged reports of varying lengths at 12:00p, 5:00p, 6:00p, 10:00p, and 11:00p.

2/28/18: Tour and demonstration of a new bi-plane fluoroscopic imaging system at St. Luke's hospital campus, which is the latest in technology to help stroke patients. 2:12 packages at 5:00p and 6:00p.

3/24/18: Mohawk Valley Health System employees hold a "Teddy Bear Clinic" to help children who may need medical attention become familiar with hospitals and medical procedures. VO/SOTs at 6:00p and 11:00p. :50 each.

### **Environmental Concerns:**

1/20/18: The State Department of Transportation has started using road salt which is more friendly to the environment. Approximately 1:45 live reports at 5:00p and 6:00p.

2/2/18: The Mohawk Valley Health System has started studying the potential environmental impact of constructing a new downtown hospital. 1:53 packages at 5:00p and 6:00p.

2/26/18: Live interview discussing options for properly recycling plastic grocery bags and other plastic items. 3:50 interview at 5:00p.

3/8/18: Poland Elementary School students collect and recycle plastic film to raise awareness of its toll on the environment. :45 VO/SOTs at 5:00p and 6:00p.

3/8/18: New York Gov. Cuomo and the state legislature is considering a ban on single use plastic bags, such as grocery bags. 2:25 packages at 5:00p and 6:00p.

### **Economic Concerns:**

2/5/18: Utica Mayor Robert Palmieri's city budget includes a 7.8% property tax increase. 1:30 VO/SOTs at 5:00p and 6:00p.

2/13/18: Update on two corporations, Danfoss and Tractor Supply, bringing hundreds of new jobs to the area in two new facilities in Oneida and Herkimer counties. 1:39 packages at 5:00p and 6:00p.

3/8/18: Oneida County Executive Anthony Picente outlined economic initiatives for the county in his annual State of the County address. Live coverage at 5:00p and 6:00p, packages at 10:00p and 11:00p.

3/26/18: Remington Arms, a major Herkimer County employer, files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. 1:30 packages at 5:00p and 6:00p.

3/28/18: MVHS announces 7 of 35 property owners have accepted purchase offers for their land, which is in the footprint for the proposed new downtown hospital. 1:45 packages at 5p and 6p.

**Political:**

1/3/18: Coverage of Gov. Andrew Cuomo's annual State of the State address in Albany. Live shots of varying lengths at 12:00p, 5:00p, 6:00p.

1/22/18: Interview with Rep. Claudia Tenney in the hours leading up to a possible government shutdown after an impasse on spending bills. 1:17 SOTs at 6:00p and 11:00p.

1/16/18: The Genesis Group hosts a legislative breakfast to gather area elected officials for a roundtable on a number of topics. 1:25 VO/SOT at 12:00p.

2/21/18: Rep. Claudia Tenney makes national headlines when she says on a radio show that "many" people who commit mass murders are Democrats. 3:17 VO/SOT with graphics and audio clips at 10:00p and 11:00p.

2/23/18: Separate sit-down interviews with Rep. Claudia Tenney and her challenger, Assemblyman Anthony Brindisi, to discuss gun control, economic policy, and other topics pertinent to the campaign. Approximately 6 minutes each at 5:00p.