

ISSUES AND ANSWERS (April - June 2017)

Air Date: 4/2/17

Guest: Whitney Skeens, Consumers Energy

Ms Skeens discussed tax credits for low income home owners and renters....specifically the Michigan Home Heating Tax Credit. Savings are available on natural gas and electricity.

Air Date: 4/9/17

Guest: Matt Devries, Great Lakes Loons/Michigan Baseball Foundation

Mr. Devries spoke with Cumulus Saginaw's Stan Parman about the upcoming Loons baseball season and how the team plans to capitalize on the fact that they were Midwest League Champions in 2016. The two discussed the economic impact that Loons have on Midland and the Mid-Michigan area at large.

Air Date: 4/16/17

Guest(s): Jeff Himberg, IRS representative

The tax-filing deadline was bearing down and news of several scams was surfacing – cases in which someone claimed to be with the IRS and threatened people who didn't immediately pay up or surrender sensitive personal information. Garcia discussed how to recognize a scam when it appears via phone call, e-mail or even someone on the street. Himberg is an enforcement agent who addressed the problem of unscrupulous tax preparers who place tax filers in jeopardy with the law by promising excessive refunds.

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Air Date: 5/7/17

Guest: Matt Phelan, CEO Great Lakes Bay Regional Alliance

Mr. Phelan joined Cumulus Saginaw's Scott Stine to discuss the Great Lakes Bay Regional Alliance. The group has been in existence for 10 years. Phelan discussed its' history and future regarding economic development in Bay, Saginaw, Isabella and Midland Counties. Branding is priority one for this still fairly young organization. The group is looking to add Arenac County to the fold.

Air Date: 5/14/17

Guest: Linda McGee, Positive Results Downtown Saginaw

Ms. McGee spoke of the mission for Positive Results in Downtown Saginaw (formerly known as PRIDE). The organizations Friday Night Live concert series was discussed. Also the impact that Positive Results Downtown Saginaw has on the area by putting on parades, out-house races and concerts.

Air Date: 5/28/17

Guest: Matt Phelan, CEO Great Lakes Bay Regional Alliance

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Air Date: 6/11/17

Guest: Suzanne Greenberg and Randi Roberts, CAN Council Great Lakes Bay Region

Ms. Greenberg and Ms. Roberts joined Cumulus Saginaw's Rachel Geddes and Will Harvey and discussed the Can Council's CASA program. **Court Appointed Special Advocates are highly trained volunteers serving as the voice for children who are in the court system due to abuse and neglect.**

Each CASA volunteer advocates on behalf of one child or family at a time, as opposed to the full caseloads managed by DHS workers and lawyer-guardians ad litem. These volunteers stay with each case until it is closed and the child or sibling group is placed in a safe, permanent home.

Air Date: 6/25/17

Guest: Foster Parenting

Cumulus Saginaw's Nate Rose and April Rose interviewed several Foster placement specialists and Foster parents. **Foster care** is a system in which a minor has been placed into a ward, group home, or private home of a state-certified caregiver, referred to as a "**foster parent**". The placement of the child is normally arranged through the government or a social service agency.