

ISSUES AND ANSWERS (January - March 2017)

Air Date: 1/ 8/17

Guest: Jeff Sabolish, Principal with Lewis & Knopf CPAs in Flint

Sabolish joined us to provide tips on organizing personal finances at year's end so tax filing by the April deadline won't be so chaotic. He explained the difference between credits and deductions, recapped the changes to the tax laws over the past year and offered hints on how to prepare for the next tax year so as to maximize savings.

Air Date: 1/15/17

Guest: State Rep. Jim Runestad (R- 44th District)

Rep. Runestad discussed the newsworthy and hot topics of the day.

Air Date: 1/22/17

Guest: Stacey Sawyer – Director American Heart Association

Ms. Sawyer came in to primarily discuss the upcoming “Go Red for Women” observance & surrounding activities designed to bring attention to the threat that heart disease presents to women.

Air Date: 1-29-18

Guest: Scott Mitchell...Tournament Director for the Dow Tennis Classic in Midland

Mr Mitchell discussed the upcoming tournament which takes place at the Greater Midland Community Tennis Center. He informed the public on the economic impact that the tourney has on the Great Lakes Bay Region. .

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Air Date: 2/5/17

Guest: Brian Wheeler, Senior Public Information Director, Consumers Energy

Wheeler annually joins us to discuss how residents and businesses can save money on their gas and electric bills. Heating tips for home and business. Plus Wheeler discussed the Michigan Home Heating Tax Credit.

Air Date: 2/12/17

Guest: Abby Sherzer, Marketing CAN Council Great Lakes Bay Region

Ms. Sherzer was a guest to promote the CAN Council's Mardi Gras fundraiser. The CAN Council stands for Child Abuse and Neglect. Her chapter covers Saginaw and Bay counties. She explained the function of the organization and how helpful it has been in providing the valuable information that potential young victims can use to extricate themselves from a difficult, if not out-and-out abusive situation. Cumulus is proud to help the CAN Council raise money for operation – such events are a big part of the group's funding source.

Air Date: 2/19 /18

Guest: Jeanne Conger and Brian Van Eck from Positive Results -Downtown

Conger and Van Eck appeared this week to discuss the joint effort between Positive Results Downtown and The friends of Hoyt park called "Bringing Back the Ice". This is a community project to invite residents to use the Hoyt Park Skating Rink for free ice skating.

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Guest: Ben DeGrow, Policy Dir., Mackinac Center for Public Policy

DeGrow appeared on the program to talk about the public school system in mid-Michigan and particularly the Detroit area, where a series of teacher “sick-outs” have been staged in protest of what the teachers believe are substandard school building conditions for both teaching and learning. There is a debate over whether charter schools might be a more effective system than the long-standing public school method. Many feel that public tax dollars aren’t being wisely used in Michigan’s school districts. DeGrow says 1 in 8 Michigan children qualify as “special needs” students, and believes there are more effective ways to serve those needs in providing them a quality education.

Air Date: 3/5/17

Guest: Jessica Gregory Community Engagement Director for the Bay Area Women’s Center in Bay City

We invited Jessica in to discuss and promote their fundraiser called “The Wild Game Dinner & Wine Tasting” taking place Saturday March 10, 2017. Proceeds from the event benefit the Bay Area Women’s Center mission to eliminate domestic and sexual violence

Air Date: 3/12/17

Guest: Ken Santa, President – Castle Museum

Santa took listeners on a verbal “tour” of the Castle Museum, considered one of the cultural treasures in mid-Michigan. He explained where many of the items on display come from, told about the process for choosing what to place on display (since most of the items are unsolicited from area residents) and related stories about artifacts that have proven to be the most popular among museum visitors.

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