

October 1, 2011 - December 31, 2011

Through surveys of community leaders, newsmakers and from listener input, Cumulus-Chattanooga has found the following key issues facing our area of license:

- 1) Crime & Public Safety
- 2) Local Government
- 3) Race Relations
- 4) The Economy
- 5) Entertainment
- 6) The Environment
- 7) Education
- 8) Health

The following issues were covered during the fourth quarter of 2011 in the 30-minute locally-produced public affairs show called "Conversation Piece," which runs at 6:00 Sunday mornings and is hosted/moderated by Cumulus-Chattanooga News Director Kevin West:

#### CRIME & PUBLIC SAFETY

12/4 - Tea Party activist Greg Juster on "smart meters." They're designed to be able to help you control your energy consumption, your energy costs. But some worry that they may also facilitate an invasion of privacy and government eavesdropping.

#### LOCAL GOVERNMENT

10/23 - Republican Congressional candidate Weston Wamp. At 24 years old, he's running for the same seat his father, Zach, held from 1995-2011. Weston will be 25 before the new congress is sworn in, making him eligible to run, but raising questions about whether he has enough life experience for the job. He'll be challenging a first-term Republican incumbent.

12/18 - Former Tennessee Republican Party chairwoman Robin Smith announcing her decision NOT to run for Tennessee's 3rd District congressional seat. She ran in 2010 and lost the primary to attorney Chuck Fleischmann, who eventually won the seat in

congress.

## RACE RELATIONS

11/27 - Senior Pastor Ken Dugan and Executive Pastor Marty Thompson from Life Tree Cafe at the Northgate Campus of Dallas Bay Baptist Church on social issues from re-discovering Christmas to race relations to torture in our society.

12/25 - Father Joseph Shaute from Calhoun, Georgia, which hosts one of the biggest "Celeberation of the Virgin of Guadalupe" events in North America.

## THE ECONOMY

10/2 - Melvin Goodman from the Center for International Policy on balancing the federal budget. Says we have to include the military in the cutbacks.

10/9 - Chattanooga Congressman Chuck Fleischmann outlines his jobs bill that would eliminate the capital gains tax for two years.

11/13 - Bob Peterson from the National Remodelers Council and Teresa Grove from the local Homebuilders Association on the benefits of remodeling your home rather than moving to a new one.

## ENTERTAINMENT

11/6 - Chattanooga Education, Arts and Culture Director Missy Crutchfield on the movie "Will To Succeed" shot at The Baylor School in Chattanooga. The Chattanooga area is moving up on the list of sites Hollywood producers want to use for their movies. The Baylor School the most recent setting. Of course, Water For Elephants was shot here not long ago and Leatherheads.

## THE ENVIRONMENT

10/29 - David Dunn from Ringgold on re-building the town following the spring tornadoes. Some businesses along Alabama Highway have re-opened. They're serving up Tacos and pizza and fast food burgers again. The hotels are still piles of rubble -- they blame insurance companies. But it isn't all about those -- as we like to call them now -- brick-and-mortar structures. David has undertaken a tree replacement effort.

11/20 - Shark expert Juliet Alpen and Tennessee Aquarium marketing director Thom Benson talk about swimming with sharks and the shark exhibits at the Tennessee Aquarium.

## EDUCATION

10/16 - State Senator Andy Berke of Chattanooga on his opposition to the "virtual classroom" in Tennessee, which sets up a "school" in one particular county and funnels money to it when students enroll, even though the students are living elsewhere in the state.

## HEALTH

12/11 - Mickey McKamish from Friends of the Festival and Univted Way Vice President of Allocations Jamie Bergman talk about the increase in epilepsy among soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.