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Public Affairs

WABK-FM airs the public affairs show "Maine View" that is designed to address important community issues. The following is a list of show topics during the Quarter. Each edition of Maine View also includes Maine Governor Paul LePage's weekly radio address and the response from the Democrat Party in Maine. Each address runs roughly 5 minutes. Maine View has a run time of 20 minutes and airs Sunday at 7:00am

1/4: This week's edition of Main View features an interview with Chris Farmer, General Manager of Saddleback Mountain in Rangeley, Maine. Farmer is a lifetime resident of Franklin County, having grown up in Wilton and attended Mount Blue High School in Farmington. He is an attorney as well as the top man at Saddleback. Farmer talked about the pristine nature of Saddleback, yet with all the natural challenges experienced at the other big mountains of Maine. Saddleback aims to be a family-oriented ski mountain, he said, with deep discounts for children and youth groups. Many of the season's activities are targeted toward family and/or school participation. Farmer said the early-season snow of 2014-15 has made for an excellent start to the year. He also credits his long-time staff for a number of natural and structural improvements at Saddleback.

1/11: This week's edition of Main View features a discussion with Lori Parham, state director of AARP Maine. Parham lines the organizations legislative priorities for the coming year. Topping the organizations list of concerns is healthcare also affordable housing and livable communities. We also speak with organizers of the first official snow cross event in eastern Maine. The Paul Bunyan International snow cross will bring snowmobilers from throughout the region to bass park in Bangor. The event benefits eastern Maine community college students. We speak with Carol Anne Dube of the eastern Maine community college foundation.

1/18: This week's edition of Main View features a conversation with State Rep. John Martin. Martin recently was sworn in to the main legislature for a 50th year. We talk about his long journey in the legislature. What his priorities are for the upcoming session, and any plans for retirement. This edition also talks with Nicole Goguen of the city of Brewer about the cities new "go Brewer.com" Initiative. The sister to the Queen city of Bangor is launched an online initiative tying local shops and businesses directly to mobile marketing strategies.

1/25: This week's edition of Main View features an interview with Dr. Glenn Cummings, interim President of the University of Maine at Augusta. Discussed was UMA's 50th Anniversary this year, the capital campaign, and the recent anonymous gift on one million dollars to the college from an unnamed graduate. Best recognized as a former



Maine State Representative from District 115 from 2000-2008, Cummings was Speaker of the House from 2006-2008. More recently he served as Assistant Secretary in the U.S. Department of Education in Washington, D.C., and serves as President and Executive Director of the G.W. Hinckley/Maine Academy of Natural Sciences in Fairfield. Dr. Cummings grew up in Bath, and received post-secondary education at Ohio Wesleyan University, Brown University, Harvard University and the University of Pennsylvania, respectively. He is a candidate to be the permanent president at UMA when that decision is made later this year by UMA Chancellor James Page. The University of Maine at Augusta is largely a "commuter" and "interactive video" institution that was recently named the 40th best "distance" college by U.S. News and World Report. The college's motto is "making the dream of education a reality, without uprooting lives." Incidentally, Cummings said there are plans for construction of the college's first dormitory building in the next year. The college enrolls about 5,000 students, with campuses at Augusta and Bangor and eight other university college centers around the state. The capital campaign goal is five million dollars; about three million of which was raised at the time of the interview. To recognize the school's 50th Anniversary a showing of photos and biographies of 50 of the institution's graduates is currently on display in Danforth Gallery on the Augusta campus.

2/1: This week's edition of Maine View features a conversation with Greg Dufour the president of Camden National Bank. Camden National Bank has launched a statewide initiative to combat homelessness. This follows Camden National Bank sponsoring of an award for Dennis Marble and his work to combat homelessness during the recent bank or region Chamber of Commerce dinner awards. This week's edition also features a discussion with Noel March, the US marshal for the district of Maine, and Larry Benson of LEXIS-NEXIS. Benson is known as "the fraud guy." March and Benson detail recent scams by college students to defraud the government and citizens out of hundreds of thousands of dollars. The conversation highlights the importance of protecting your identity or taking steps to ensure if it is stolen that no one can use it for ill gain.

2/8: This week's edition of Maine View features a conversation with Chuck Carter of eager games. Chuck Carter was an artist and graphic designer would be legendary "Myst" point and click mystery game of the 1990s. He worked on second additions of the game and then worked as a graphic designer in Hollywood and started his own independent production. Carter now teaches at the University of Maine and has launched the course in 3-D modeling and computer artistry. Carter talks about the trend in games. And the fact that such a career can be had even in remote Maine.

2/15: This week's edition of Maine View features an interview with Richard (Dick) Derost, Executive Director of the Maine Principals Association, a position he has held since 2001. Born and raised in Aroostook County, where he later taught school and was a principal, Derost now lives in Wiscasset. The MPA offices are in Augusta. The timing of the interview was to discuss the upcoming basketball tournaments in Bangor, Augusta, and Portland. But Derost wanted to also emphasize the many other duties/activities of the MPA including academic events and playoffs in sports apart from basketball. Derost is



also a lobbyist for the Maine Department of Education and puts in many hours at the state house preparing and/or speaking on various MPA-related issues. A couple of quick thoughts from Derost: He does not foresee a shot clock in Maine high school basketball. He said administrator Peter Webb studied the possibility, and that most initial shots are put-up ahead of any possible shot-clock time. He also does not foresee an "overall" boys and girls basketball championship across all classes. He said that would take away from the "championship feeling" the individual class winners have when they walk off the court for the last time. On the addition of a fifth class in basketball, Duross said it is a strong possibility in the next few years. One other note: all tournament games in 2015 will be on a 94-foot-long court. They already existed at the Cross Insurance Center in Bangor and both the Portland Expo and Cross Insurance Arena in Portland. The Augusta Civic Center has laid-in the longer court for this year's tourneys.

2/22: This week's edition of Maine View features a conversation with Joseph Dowling Of the Hamden Kiwanis Club. They are sponsoring and supporting the annual polar bear dips to benefit Camp Capella and Camp Sunshine. Camp Capella is a camp for kids with disabilities. Camp Sunshine is for kids would like threatening illnesses. Volunteers will gather donations and jump into lakes in Maine later this month to generate funds for both camps. Also we speak with Dan Cashman from the American folk festival about the second annual color fun run and walk in Bangor Sunday, May 17. Last year's color fun run and walk to benefit the both festival was a huge success. Dan talks about the changes to this year's event to benefit the three day music, food, and crafts Festival in Bangor.

3/1: This week's edition of Maine View features a conversation with Dr. Stephen Meister of the Maine's Center for Disease Control. Maine's Medical Examiner has determined that in the first two months of 2015, five infants have died because of co-sleeping; parent sleeping with their children, rolling over on them or accidentally suffocating them with pillows or blankets. In an entire year, Maine traditionally experienced ten to twelve deaths. Dr. Meister discusses the need for better education for parents and programs that will help raise the necessary awareness to prevent more deaths. Also, we speak with Julie Rabinowitz of the Maine Department of Labor, who discusses a state-created website that assists parents and college-bound students discover the true cost of a college education and the likely wage one could earn after earning a degree. The site is eye opening, detailing what one could earn versus how much they must invest.

3/8: This week's edition of Maine View features a conversation with Larry Morrill a detective with the Bangor Police Department and Candace Sabol of the Sprucerun Womancare alliance. They are both members of the Penobscot Callie domestic violence task force. They would like to see a change in state law that would prevent hospitals from keeping information from law-enforcement that might help police bring domestic violence offenders to justice. The details of the change in law and share their hopes for attention from Gov. Paul LePage and other lawmakers in Augusta. Also in this edition of MainView we welcome Matthew McGlaughlin, and Katrina Mumford of eastern Maine community college into art studio to quiz us with trivia questions I had of the main trivia tournament Friday, March 13 to benefit the college. The hosts do a very poor job of



answering the questions.

3/15: This week's edition of Maine View features an interview with Greg Sweetser, Executive Director of Ski Maine Association, a non-profit group representing the ski industry. Its concerns are alpine and cross-country ski venues from one end of Maine to the other. Sweetser is also a board member and secretary for the Ski Museum of Maine in Kingfield. The large amounts of snow Maine has received the winter of 2014-15 has been great for the ski industry, hasn't it? Not completely, says Sweetser. Since several of the bigger snowstorms occurred on weekends, they stranded people on the very days they might travel to Maine ski areas. He said that was true for Mainers and especially out-of-staters from places like hard-hit Boston. Sweetser said that now that the worse is prospectively over, the months of March and April, 2015, should be profitable and excellent condition-wise. Skiing at the larger mountains will certainly last into May, he said. Sweetser said his office is involved in "strategic marketing." He explained that rather than promote individual ski areas, Ski Maine Association promotes all that Maine has to offer in winter. The ski areas are best off promoting themselves.

3/22: This week's edition features a conversation with former gubernatorial candidate, businessman, and member of both the main community college system in Maine university system board of trustees Shawn Moody. Moody talks about keeping the tuition frozen for you mean student support of fourth year. He also discusses the challenges of the sprawling system versus the revenue coming into the state. And Moody comments on the dwindling support from Augusta for the system. Our discussion closes with Moody fielding a question about his future political aspirations.

We also speak with Republican Sen. Susan Collins about her declining to sign a letter from Senate Republicans to Iran expressing concerns for that mid-east country's nuclear ambitions. Call and explains why she declined to sign the letter, what her hopes are for raining in the country's nuclear ambitions, and what recipe is necessary for peace in the Middle East.

3/29: This week's Maine View was an interview with Deb Violette, Founder and President of the organization Free ME from Lung Cancer. The ME is pronounced "me," but is capitalized to recognize it is a Maine group that wishes sometime to go nationwide. Free ME from Lung Cancer is "Dedicated to decreasing the suffering caused by a diagnosis of lung cancer by raising much-needed money for lung cancer research, education and community support." With a grant from the Maine Cancer Foundation, Free ME has been able to get free Cat-Scan lung screenings at Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston and Mercy Hospital in Portland as long as the patients meet specifications of no insurance, current smokers, or recovering smokers who have not smoked in the last 15 years, Such scans have proven instrumental in any needed treatment. Free ME From Lung Cancer, first organized by Violette in 2012, has two major fund-raising events this year; an Hawaiian Luau on Saturday, Oct. 7 at the Calumet Club in Augusta, and a "Save Your Breath 5k Run/Walk" on Sunday, Nov. 8, at various locations in Augusta. Violette said volunteer help is instrumental in managing these



activities. Violette was recently recognized by both houses of the Maine Legislature for her efforts in battling lung cancer.