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Public Affairs

WBFE-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 6:00am

10/7: This week's Maine View featured an interview with two local beekeepers. Jaye Cummings is President, and Bob Foster Vice President, of the Kennebec County Chapter of the Maine Beekeepers Association. Organized since 1976, the MBA will have its annual meeting October 13, 2018, in Topsham. The discussion was the nature of beekeeping, threats to the industry, and the overall importance of a healthy bee population. The Honeybee is the state of Maine's official insect, and there are approximately 1,000 commercial beekeepers and bee hobbyists in the state. Hive-keeping has remained essentially the same for centuries – producing generations of bees year-round, letting them gather nectar, and letting them return to the hive to make honey. Bees make honey and eat honey. Winter is the toughest part of the year, said Cummings and Foster, because bees have to be well-fed. Even in sub-zero temperatures bees keep the center of their hives at more than 90 degrees with continual flapping of their wings. Honeybees are depleting in Maine and elsewhere because of the continued use of disruptive plant pesticides, loss of habitat, and the Varroa Mite – a pest that invades the hive. Wasps and Yellow jackets can also be disruptive to Honeybees. It's concerning, because 33% of the food we eat is directly related to the Honeybee, according to the MBA.

10/14: This edition features a conversation with Derek Volk, businessman, father and author of 'Chasing The Rabbit: A Dad's Life Raising A Son On The Spectrum.' He's back because his son has written a book! Volk's son Dylan's book is "Bad Decisions Make Good Stories" and details his journey through childhood and early adulthood. Derek talk about how Dylan's is working with his affliction toward a career. We also welcome Wendy Chadwick of Partners for Peace, as October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Chadwick outlines how her organization, formerly the Spruce Run/Womancare Alliance, meets the challenges of a problem that does not seem to be receding in Maine. Half of all homicides in Maine still link to domestic violence. Chadwick also shares the growing statistic of men who are victims of some form of domestic violence.



10/21: This week's edition features a conversation with Lieutenant Colonel Darryl Lyon of the Maine Army National Guard, Kennebec County Sheriff Ken Mason, and Kennebec county Officer Brad Chase, ahead of a special "drug take back day" in Augusta on Friday, October 26. While the national drug take back day is the following day, the Guard and Kennebec County law-enforcement join forces for a "drive-by, drop off, no questions asked" drug take back event at the Augusta Armory running 10 AM to 2 PM on that day. Each guest explains their concern of too many prescription drugs left idly in homes and the importance of getting them out of society and safely disposed of. We also welcome Matt Pellerin of Treworgy family orchard's to our program. Each year the family owned and operated farm in Levant designs and produces a corn maze that attracts visitors from New England and Canada. This year's corn maze has been named the number one corn maze in America by USA today's readers choice poll. Matt explains what goes into each year's design, the arts, the adventure, and the agriculture, and some special opportunities to get inside this year's award winning maze.

10/28: This week's Maine View featured an interview with Hillary Roberts, Executive Director of the Kennebec Valley Humane Society on Pet Haven Lane in Augusta. The organization serves all the communities in the county with adoption services, pet care, and education. October is Adopt a Shelter Dog Month. The vision of the KVHS "is to end pet overpopulation and to advance the humane treatment of all animals." Also among the KVHS services are accommodating 'transfer' dogs from the southern United States, installing computer chips in animals, spaying and neutering, grooming and nail clipping, and housing for stray animals. Pets available for adoption include dogs, cats, and "pocket pets" – rabbits, mice, rats, chinchillas and other smaller creatures. The fees for adoption include all basic inoculations and some basic training, especially for dogs. The KVHS takes pride in fitting an adoptive animal to the lifestyles of their prospective owner. Businesses and individuals can sponsor fundraising activities or participate in the Patron Program with regular money donations. Volunteers, said Roberts, are essential to the operation of KVHS – providing dog-walking, cage cleaning, and transportation to veterinarian services.

11/4: This week's edition features a conversation with Dr. Mark Alan and nurse Judy Fortin of Acadia Hospital. Acadia Hospital has released its latest video in its series "Acadia Cares." This video addresses youth drug addiction, now referred to as "youth substance abuse disorder." We discuss the semantics with Mark and Judy, and debate the upcoming legalization of marijuana as a gateway drug. We also welcome into our studio Trisha Hobbs, the director, and Brad LaBree, and actor, in Penobscot Theatre Company use production of "Wait Until Dark." They discuss the plot and the challenges of staging this intense, sometimes frightening, drama at Bangor's historic opera house..



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BROADCASTING

11/11: This week's edition features a conversation with Maine Finance Commissioner Alec Porteous crunching the numbers of tax revenues for the first quarter of the fiscal year. July, August and September revenues have burst projections. Alec investigates why more money is coming in and discusses if tax breaks or citizen initiated increased in minimum wage have contributed to it. We also speak with Pat Moody of AAA New England. A study out indicates the probability of a fatality in a car crash increases fifty-one percent when a teen is in the car. Pat shares more of the numbers and directs listeners (namely parents) where they might go to learn of ways to better protect themselves or their teen with either are out on the road.

11/18: This week's Maine View featured an interview with Rick Dorian, Executive Director of the Maine Children's Home for Little Wanderers - based in Waterville. The topic was the Home's annual Christmas Program, when financially disadvantaged children in Maine receive donated boxes of gifts and clothing. This year, the goal is to reach more than 1,700 children, ages infant to 12, in all corners of the state. Dorian said the Christmas Program is a year-round effort that culminates in the last two weeks of November, when donated materials are organized by volunteers and boxed. Staffers try to meet the needs of each particular child. Donated gifts include two sets of mittens and hats, pajamas, an outfit of clothes, a coloring/activity book, crayons or markers, two toys, and a game for the family to share. The Home does not take donations of computers or high-end technical toys that require batteries. Cash donations are also accepted to facilitate the program. Dorian said that volunteers and community groups are essential to the Christmas Program. Supporting organizations include Toys for Tots, The New Balance Foundation, the Sukeforth Family Festival of Trees, The Pajama Program, and the Friends of Maine Children's Home.

11/25: This week's edition features a conversation with cancer survivor Jeni Lloyd of Northern Light (formerly Eastern Maine Health Care) Philanthropy. Jeni announced Mission Half Million, a direct mail on-line appeal affiliated with Champion The Cure Challenge to reach it's total ten year fundraising to one million dollars. Jeni directs us to the website detailing the drive, the importance of giving, and where the resources go. Jeni also straightens is out in the renaming of entities following the rebrand of EMHS as Northern Light Health. Also, we welcome Japhet Els of AARP Maine. Maine voters rejected Question One on the November Ballot that would have levied an additional 3.8% tax on incomes individual and family incomes above (fact check) \$148,000 a year. Japhet says those searching for care for their elderly parents, they are truly in a "crisis." We discuss the needs of these families. And what solutions might be in the works following the failure a question one on the November ballot.



12/02: This week's edition featured a fast moving conversation with Shawn Laatsch, the director of the Emera astronomy center and the Maynard F. Jordan planetarium at the University of Maine Orono. NASA successfully landed and additional explorer on the surface of Mars the day before. Shawn discusses the scientific significance of this achievement and what technological promises it holds for astronomers and the science community at large. Also we welcome Captain Carl Lamb, state public affairs officer, for the Maine National Guard. Captain Lamb discusses the achievements of the Maine National Guard, both army and air, over the previous 12 months. Plus, Sergeant first class Chris Cook of Makne's 195th Army band takes a seat in our studio to talk of the requirements to join the band, maintain a seat in the band and the aggressive schedule the band keeps all year long.

12/09: This week's edition featured an interview with Molly Sirois, Assistant Executive Director for Bread of Life Ministries in Augusta. The organization operates a soup kitchen for a daily meal on Water Street, two emergency shelters for individuals/families and veterans on Hospital Street, and various buildings for subsidized housing. BOLM is currently running a capital campaign to raise 510,000 dollars for physical additions to the shelters, and program enhancement. Sirois said BOLM has raised nearly 400,000 dollars of the goal. The slogan of the campaign is "Never Say Never Again," a reference to eliminating the need to turn people away from the shelters because of a lack of beds. Ground has already been broken on a two-story addition that will provide 14 more beds to the 26-bed shelter that already exists. Bread of Life also provides a Center for Life Skills, and case managers. Discussed was how the public can help – with financial donations, volunteering, donations of food and clothing and completing individual Christmas wish lists. Bread of Life Ministries was established in 1987, and provides the only homeless shelter for the general public in the greater Augusta area.

12:16: This week's edition featured a fast moving conversation with Wade Merritt of the Maine International Trade Center (MITC) about the new US Mexico Canada Trade Agreement. While some call it NAFTA 2.0, other say it creates needed change, even a leveling of the field, in the way the countries of North America trade. Merritt shares what we know so far about the agreement and what it could mean for Maine producers of lobster, timber and blueberries. (Spoiler: Not Much!) We also welcome Renae Muscatell of PENQUIS and Angela Butler of Katahdin Trust to inform listeners about Blueberry Broadcasting's "Christmas Is For Kids" program. Now in its 36th year, Christmas Is For Kids matches sponsors to the Christmas wishes of youngsters from families in need at christmasisforkids.org. Muscatell details the involvement of Penquis and Butler speaks of the bank's contributions.



12/23: This week's edition is holiday themed, first featuring a fast moving conversation with Mary Green of the American Red Cross of Maine. Mary discusses the greatest hazards around the holiday, including those situations that are likely to cause fire or injury. Mary also suggests some great holiday gifts that will find use in keeping homes safe! We also speak with Jeni Lloyd of Northern Light Philanthropy and Rebecca Daigle, a councilor with Northern Light Cancer Care with guidance on how to mark the holiday season with cancer patients. Some matters may call for special consideration, but others call for business as usual. Lloyd and Daigle detail each.

12/30: This week's edition featured an interview with two persons involved in the upcoming State of Maine Agricultural Trade Show. Anne Trenholm is the Agricultural Promotions Coordinator for the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. Lisa Turner is the owner/operator of Laughing Stock Farm in Freeport, and a former seminar speaker at the Show – which is scheduled for January 15-17, 2019, at the Augusta Civic Center. The Ag Show takes place every January and serves as a source for agricultural resources and products. Producers and consumers alike visit the show to take stock of current programs, new technologies, and just to gather information. Many organizations are represented at the Ag Show, including the Maine Sheep Breeders Association, the Maine Beef Producers Association, the Maine Organic Farmers and Growers Association, and many more. Workshops are organized by the Beginning Farmer Resource Network, Senior Farm Share Trainers, produce safety experts and others. Turner's Freeport farm is an indoor/outdoor operation that concentrates on vegetables. She is also President of the Maine Vegetable and Small Fruit Growers Association. The Ag Show is open to the public.