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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

4/1: This week's Maine View featured an interview with Clay Sanford, a spokesman for the Internal Revenue Service. As the tax preparation deadline neared, Sanford discussed choosing a tax preparer, avoiding tax scams, and a "paycheck checkup" for those who were affected by recent changes in the tax law. Sanford said choosing a tax preparer should be done with the same scrutiny as picking a lawyer or family physician. Be aware, he said, of a preparer 'promising' a large tax return, or asking the customer to sign an empty tax return document that could be used in fraudulent ways. The website, irs.gov, provides free tax preparation for those with qualifying incomes. The IRS also has updated the free Withholding Calculator, which guides tax filers who want or need their withholding to change. Sanford said filers should also protect against audits, by keeping records and receipts for any deductions. He said audits are done randomly, unless there are 'red flags,' in the return: such a large increase in wages earned or deductions that didn't appear in past returns. The deadline for Maine taxpayers in 2018 is Tuesday, April 17.

4/8: This week's edition featured a discussion with Accountant Tom Hicks of JT Hicks and Company. He and other mid-coast business leaders are planning "Start Up U" -- a one day, high intensity. Immersive, multi-disciplined series of programs to educate entrepreneurs about the realities of launching business in Maine. Also, Lt Col Darryl Lyon and Kennebec County Sheriff Ken Mason are in studio ahead of the regional Drug Take Back Day, detailing the need to collect unused prescription drugs, getting them out of circulation before an abuser or a illicit seller might gain access to them and sell them. Guests detail where and when people should drop off the drugs.



4/15: This edition features a conversation with Denise Lord, Senior Communications Director with Maine Housing, which has the latest homeless statistics for Maine. The numbers are up -- among individuals, among families and among veterans. Lord details what numbers Maine Housing has and what strategies the organization is employing to combat the numbers, including how Maine Housing will use state and federal grants. Lord certainly acknowledges how local and regional shelters are powerful partners in recognizing and addressing homelessness. Also, we welcome Rachel Gravelle and Ryan Robichaud into our studio ahead of "Jammin' For Jim," a multi-band musical benefit for guitarist Jim Robichaud. Over the past fifty years, Jim has played with nearly a dozen local, popular bands. Doctors recently told Jim cancer has invaded his bladder. He's home bound -- and facing mounting medical bills. And while he may not be able to make Jammin' For Jim at the Old Town Elks Club beginning at 1100 am on April 15th, friends and family will play and pass the hat to raise money for him.

4/22: To recognize April as Donate Life Month, Blueberry Broadcasting conducted an interview with Alexandra Glazier, President and Chief Executive Officer of New England Donor Services. Based in Waltham, Massachusetts, NEDS is a non-profit Organ Procurement Organization with connections to 190 hospitals and 14 transplant centers in the six New England states and Bermuda. It is affiliated with Lifechoice Donor Services of Connecticut. In Maine, the transplant center is Maine Medical Center based in Portland. Currently there are more than 115,000 men, women and children in the United States waiting for a life-saving transplant; 5,000 in New England. Every 12 minutes another name is added to the national waiting list. Twenty-two people die each day waiting for a heart, lung, kidney, liver or pancreas transplant. NEDS is involved in those organ donations and tissue donation. An organ donated in Maine might go to another New England resident or sent away to other states, depending on the need. "Organ donation is a national resource," said Glazier. Glazier encouraged people to register as organ donors, either at their Motor Vehicle Registry or several on-line services. Donations are private.

4/29: 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.' Volk and his son Dylan -- Who has autism -- Details their journey through birth, childhood and early adulthood. Among topics is Volk's description of how Dylan's affliction stole not only his childhood but stole the childhood of his siblings and Derek and his wife's parenthood. We also welcome Ted Talbot of the Maine Department of Transportation to share some of the entries in the DOT's My Maine Sign competition. The Department welcomed submissions for quips and quotes to put on electronic roadside signs in Maine. Ted shares some of the best entries and how people can vote on them through May 30th.

5/6: This edition of Maine View featured a conversation with Miss Maine Marina Gray. Born in Trenton, raised in Bar Harbor, graduated Brewer, graduate of the University of Maine, United States Army Sergeant and a tireless advocate for early childhood education and fighting hunger. Marina's comments on what true "beauty" is -- had us ask



her to repeat it for its significance in our conversation. We also welcome back Bari Newport, the producing artistic director of the Penobscot Theatre Company. She brings cast members of "The Spitfire Grill" into our studio for talk of the show, now in production, and a live musical performance!

5/13: The subject of this week's Maine View was an interview with Scott Davis, an Assistant Regional Fisheries Biologist with the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. He is based at the Region B offices in Sidney. The topic was the current status of fisheries in Maine, fishing pressure, and protecting inland waters from invasive species. Invasive species are most prevalent in Central Maine. "The fish seemed to have wings around here," said Davis of the damaging introduction. Northern Pike are the most voracious of the species, but Walleye and Black Crappie have been spawning in area ponds and lakes, overwhelming the native salmon that were abundant until the 1940's. Davis said that even Large and Smallmouth Bass, Brook Trout, and Rainbow Trout are not native to Maine - though some are considered prize game fish for anglers. Davis said the recent removal of river dams to allow ocean-run fish (such as Striped Bass) to reach far inland is a two-edged sword. It is appealing for fishermen, but it allows other species to swim downstream and into waters in which they are invasive. On fishing pressure, Davis said sales of Maine fishing licenses have not dwindled, but many anglers are not keeping fish and practicing catch-and-release. Davis said that caught stocked brook trout delivered by hatcheries should be kept, because they will not survive into the next year.

5/20: This edition features a conversation with Dolly Sullivan of Educate Maine, The organization which recognizes Maine's teacher of the year. Sullivan acknowledges that our radio program helped change the methodology with which means teacher of the year is selected, from only superintendents and principals nominating teachers, to a more open nominating process. Plus, each of Maine's 16 counties recognizes a teacher of the year. Sullivan announces this year's county teachers of the year. And she details the process ahead for selecting who will be Maine's 2019 teacher of the year. We also welcome to our studio Dr. Collette Sabbagh, of EMMC pediatric services. Dr. Sabbagh joins us not in her capacity as a physician, but rather a performer with the Bangor Rotary "Music off Broadway and beyond!" Performances for charity coming up soon. This year, on line voting will determine which of three songs each performer will belt out during the three shows at Husson's Gracie. Collette treats us to some singing as she discloses which three tracks are in the running for her performance.

5/27: This week's edition welcomes Donald Burr of Milford with the Mechanized Logging Operations Program out of Northern Maine Technical College in Presque Isle and Dana Doran of the Professional Logging Contractors of Maine. Both speak of a free program gathering prospective students to learn of the logging industry in northern Maine. Also, Jen Khavari and Zeth Lundy joins us in studio and challenge us with trivia questions ahead of the Eastern Maine Community College Trivia Challenge, now an



annual event to raise money for scholarships. We challenge Jen and Zeth with our own questions to promote the event at the EMCC Bangor Campus.

6/3: Alison Kanoti, a Forest Entomologist with the Maine Department of Agriculture Conservation and Forestry was our guest for this week's Maine View. She is based in Old Town. The topic was the recent discovery of the destructive Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), a beetle that originated from Asia. The insect has killed millions of ash trees in 34 states, and threatens those in Maine – where the estimated (unprocessed) value is approximately 320 million dollars. The EAB was found in Madawaska, Maine, having moved there from a known infestation across the Canadian border in Edmundston, New Brunswick. State officials anticipated the movement and have been preparing. Its discovery in Quebec, Vermont and New Hampshire further added to the growing concern. The beetle can fly short distances in search of ash trees, but it also hitchhikes in pieces of firewood. Kanoti noted there are state and federal laws that ban the movement of untreated firewood. What can the individual landowner do? Take note of any symptoms of infestation (larvae, bored holes, etc.) and report them. Traps can be set to deter movement to other trees. Kanoti said individual trees can be saved by pesticides but the cost is prohibitive. A tree that is infested, Kanoti said, will be dead in three to five years.

6/10: This edition features conversation with Bari Newport, the producing artistic director of Penobscot the other company, Who has brought back Scott Levy, the former producing artistic director of Penobscot theater to direct "Shear Madness." This comedy/mystery features a great level of audience participation ensuring that no two performances are alike. Newport and Levy discuss the challenges of producing and directing a show with so many variables, not only on the stage, but coming from the audience. We also welcome Danny Williams of the Collins Center for the arts with a preview of the upcoming season. Danny drops some big names and we include musical pieces of such upcoming acts as blackberry smoke, Melissa Etheridge, the Temptations, and the Kingston Trio.



6/17: This week's edition features a discussion with Elsie Baldacci, Vice President of Governmental Affairs with Maine Credit Union League, which is marking June as Elder Financial Abuse Prevention Month. Elsie talks over what the League is doing to help senior members keep aware of scams -- and in some cases -- pull them aside and talk to them about how someone might be unlawfully seeking to pilfer their savings. Also, we welcome Kim Chamard from the Trek Across Maine. The three-day, 180-mile bike ride to benefit the American Lung Association saw thousands of cyclists pedal from Bethel to Farmington to Waterville to Belfast. Next year's route, is changing, however. Kim explains the rationale and what supporters might expect. Our talk is also peppered with well times warnings for motorists to be mindful of the traffic.

6/24: This week's Maine View featured an interview with two staff members at the Viles Arboretum in Augusta. Mark DeMeules is the Director. Kiera Danielowsky is the collections manager and Outreach Specialist. The arboretum (formerly the Pine Tree State Arboretum) is located on Route 27, and is named in honor of William Payson Viles and Elsie Pike Viles – who were instrumental in establishing and funding of the facility. The arboretum is open year round, free of charge, and depends on donations to operate. In its 224-acre location there are hundreds of varieties of trees, shrubs, and flowers, walking trails, a pond, a community garden, and more than a dozen sculptures completed by Maine artisans. Upcoming activities include yoga, a farmer's market, an American Chestnut Celebration and the Maine Hosta Society Annual Auction. The arboretum also hosts school field trips from around the state. Since its inception in 1981, the arboretum has added a visitors' center and an education wing. The goal of the Viles Arboretum is education, recreation and inspiration.