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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

1/7: This week’s interview was with Susan Faloon, Public Information Officer with the Maine Emergency Management Agency. The topic was the cautions to be heeded and preparations to be done for the heavy snow and bitter cold that greeted Mainers at the start of the 2017-18 winter. The period from Christmas week 2017 into the first week of January 2018 culminated with a snow and wind storm that also produced flooding in coastal areas of New England. A warming trend was expected the next week. Faloon outlined tips for avoiding hypothermia in bitter cold temperatures, staying in touch with emergency information, safely heating home and work spaces with alternative sources, and using common sense about driving in stormy conditions. She also discussed the close relationship with MEMA and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and conditions that can lead to the delegation of federal disaster funds.

1/14: This week's edition of Maine View explores both sides of the Maine's voter-approved legal use of marijuana in light of US Attorney General Jeff Session's rescinding the Obama-era Cole Memo that effectively had Washington ignore law that deems the recreational use of marijuana illegal. DC may now crack down and States that accept tax money from sales of marijuana. Scott Gagnon of Smart Approaches to Marijuana campaigned against legalizing marijuana. He discusses the additional confusion that Sessions has created but acknowledges that this does give Maine lawmakers cause to pause in crafting and passing a law to sell tax and regulate legal marijuana. Paul McCarrier of Legalize Maine campaigned for legalization. He agrees that Session has "clouded" the issue of legalized marijuana and shares concerns that the move by Washington threatens to stall Maine's voter-approved effort to see the legal sale of pot. McCarrier also discusses the possibly revenue lost in any delay.



1/21: This edition features a conversation with organizers of the Hirundo Wildlife Refuge winter fun days in West Old Town on January 27. Our guests include Alex Therriault of Oxford, Maine, who is a dog Moshier, who is bringing 30 sled dogs to the event. Other guests include members of the local Y who are encouraging families to “get outside and get moving” during the coldest months of the year. Also in this edition, we speak with Jen Khavari of Eastern Maine Community College ahead of the January 27 “snow cross” event at Speedway 95 in Hermon. Jen explains the attraction of the event, the move to a new venue, and how the college generates revenue from the event.

1/28: This week’s featured an interview with Matt Skehan, Director of the Waterville Parks and Recreation Department. The topic was the ongoing activities and improvement at the Quarry Hill Recreation Area in Waterville. An historic location where alpine skiing dates back to the 1930’s, Quarry Road has been transformed into a four-season destination for events – especially winter. It has snow-making machines that rival those on big mountains, over one mile of lighted Nordic ski trails, snowshoeing trails, a sledding hill, and a yurt/event center. Upcoming events discussed were a “Full Moon Sip and Ski,” evening, a Community Free Ski Day, and on-going high school Nordic ski meets and championships. The Parks and Recreation Department oversees the facility – with input from Friends of Quarry Hill – who arrange benefits and fundraising events. Future plans for the area, said Skehan, include a snow-tubing hill, more lighted ski and bicycle trails, and a larger building for conferences and possibly lodging.

2/4: This edition features a conversation with Alan Comeau and Judy Fortin of Acadia Hospital. Acadia just launched its first in a video series targeting the problem of bullying. Alan and Judy explain how the video is not just for teens, but rather for parents and adults as well. We discuss who is more likely to bully, who is most likely to be bullied, and ways to deal with bullies – and the complexity of cyber bullying. We also speak with Cindy Smith of Rosscare’s Telecare and Life Save Programs. Smith is puzzled that this free service, in which volunteers call and check on the well-being of seniors in our state, has dwindled in popularity. We discuss what has caused the decline, the value of the service, and how it might still be used by seniors today.

2/11: This week’s edition features a discussion with University Of Maine’s Dean of Engineering Dana Humphrey. U-Maine is launching a program designed to make earning an engineering degree more affordable. Humphrey explains how the System’s more rural colleges, satellite class centers and remote learning technology will assist in the program. Also, we welcome Bari Newport, be producing artistic director of the Penobscot Theatre Company and actor Matthew Madore. She directs and he acts in “Escanaba in the Moonlight” through February 18th. Both your insight into this comedy written by actor Jeff Daniels.

2/18: This week we are broadcasting a special edition that features reaction from Maine’s



legislative leaders to the governors “State of the State.” Senate minority leader Troy Jackson Democrat of the Allagash, House minority leader Ken Fredette Republican of Newport, Maine House Speaker Sarah Gideon Democrat of Freeport and Maine Senate President Mike Thibodeau Republican of Winterport all join our conversation.

We discuss the Governor’s claims of non-profit conservation groups stealing billions of dollars in tax revenue from Maine towns and cities, the Governor’s desire to see taxpayer financed Medicaid expanded without raising taxes, and the governor’s claim that he sought to do good with every action during his tenure.

2/25: This week’s Maine View featured an interview with Diane Oliver, a member of the Friends of Belgrade Lakes group, on the upcoming road improvements on Route 27 in the Village of Belgrade Lakes. Starting in March 2018, the Maine Department of Transportation will begin widening the roadway, install 59 dedicated parking spaces, and install curbs and sidewalks. The cost estimate is approximately 3.5-million dollars. The work will happen sunrise to sunset, and will be suspended during the peak summer months of July and August. A completion date is expected to be in September, 2019. Route 27 is a busy road; a major artery from Augusta to western Maine. In March 2017, the Town of Belgrade accepted a 500,000-dollar donation from the Friends of Belgrade Lakes that will be used for enhancements to the project – brick inlays, and the installation of ornamental lights. The Village is an isthmus between Long Pond and Great Pond; so much care will be given to environmental concerns. Some trees in the Village will have to be removed. Also discussed was the founding of the 7 Lakes Alliance, a combination of two former groups – the Belgrade Lakes Regional Conservation Alliance and the Maine Lakes resource Center. The new group will focus on water quality, land acquisition and conservation, and education. Oliver is also the co-owner with her husband Kerry of Day’s Store in the Village, which celebrates 60 years in business in April, 2018. Three generations of the family have run the iconic store.

3/4: This edition features a conversation with Dr. Mark Allen of Acadia hospital. Acadia is marking national eating disorders week releasing a video raising awareness of disorders and the damage they cause to family, community, and our nation. Allen discusses the rise in the number of cases concurrent with media reaching into homes through cable television. Also we speak with Colonel Diane Dunn, the Chief of Staff of the Maine National Guard. Dunn talks about opportunities for women — and men — in the National Guard; opportunities including education, skills, and benefits. Dunn addresses the notion that men are more qualified to serve than women.

3/11: This week’s Maine View featured an interview with David Cheever, Archivist of the State of Maine - based in Augusta. Much of the discussion was about plans for the upcoming Bicentennial Celebration of Maine becoming a state, and the conditions and statesmen that made that possible in 1820. Cheever said the archives show that 19th century Mainers were much like 21st century folks: independent in thoughts and action,



and determined in hopes and tasks. The Maine State Archives has various collections, war records, judicial records, town and military histories and much more. “We’re here to preserve,” said Cheever. He added the challenge is to make the collections safe for the future. “We’ve reached a critical mass in terms of digital storage,” he said, explaining that the challenge is finding a format that can be accessed many decades ahead. Currently the Archive space is undergoing a one-month renovation to make more physical space for collections.

3/18: This edition features a conversation with Michael Hurley, a City Councilman from Belfast, Maine. The city hosts a massive job fair on Tuesday the 20th at the Wentworth center. Hurley details which vendors will be there, the challenges of finding qualified workers to fill positions, and the impressive change in what employment opportunities once were in this mid Coast community to what they are today. We also welcome Heather McCarthy, the executive director of the “American folk festival” coming to Bangor in late August. McCarthy introduces us to the five initial artists announced among all performers at this year’s event. She also discusses the process in which the festival selects and invites performers to this world renowned event.

3/25: This edition features a conversation with Bari Newport, Producing Artistic Director of Penobscot Theatre. Bari brings members of the cast of "Ugly Lies the Bone" running through April First at Bangor's Historic Opera House. The play portrays a woman returning from a military deployment -- badly burned -- to her hometown -- dealing with issues of reintegration, healing, and acceptance -- carefully balanced with comedic moments. We discuss the hard issues detailed in the play, the use of virtual reality in the performance, and the challenge for the lead actor to emote while wearing a headset that covers much of her face. We also meet Joseph Reagan of Easter Seals Maine and Veteran's Count. Joe explains how Veteran's Count is a "booster club" or sorts for the VA with a serious mission -- helping Vets reintegrate, get back on their feet at deployment and help families of returning veterans, Joe also addresses the alarming rate of veterans taking their own lives -- on average -- twenty-two per day. Finally, Joe answers questions texted by listeners as to how they might help and/or donate to Veterans Count.