



# **ISSUES & PROGRAMS**

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**Public Affairs**

WBKA-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 Janet Mill's weekly radio address and the response from the Republican Party in Maine. Each address runs roughly 5 minutes. Maine View has a run time of 20 minutes and airs Sunday at 6:00am

7/7: This week's edition featured a talk with Dr. Michelle Walsh, Maine State Veterinarian and Maine's Public Health Veterinarian. The topic was tick-borne vector diseases and preventing them in pets and humans. According to a report to the legislature by the Department of Health and Human Services, there were 1,373 confirmed cases of human Lyme disease in Maine in 2018 – out of which three were hospitalized. Other tick-borne diseases found in pets in Maine are Anaplasmosis and Babesiosis. Dr. Walsh said these diseases cannot be spread from pets to humans or visa-versa, and all can be treated with antibiotics. Signs to look for in a pet are lethargy and confusion. In humans, a tell-tale sign is a bull's eye-type ring around a tick that has been imbedded more than 48 hours. Checking for ticks should be done after every venture outside. Walsh is a proponent of Frontline and other treatments for pets. The deer tick and the dog tick are found in all areas of Maine. The Lone Star tick – which spreads Rocky Mountain spotted fever, is only found in the western United States.

7/14: This week's edition features a conversation Gary Eckmann of three locally owned McDonald's franchises ahead of the July 29th Heroes Hope and Healing McDonald's Golf Classic at Bangor Municipal Golf Course. Gary explains how this annual event, which moves to Bangor, will benefit what was known as Camp Hope, which recently lost critical funding. We also catch up with Mary Dysart Hartt of Dysart's Restaurants, baking and selling Purpleberry Pies to benefit Alzheimer's Research and Education. Mary shares her personal story of her husband's onset of Alzheimer's and her recent trip to Washington DC to explain the necessity of continued funding for research and education.



**7/21:** This week's edition welcomed Lori Dwyer, CEO and President of Penobscot Community Health Care, and board member Kelly Strout into our studio to talk of PCHC's Campaign for Kids. PCHC has purchased and is now renovating a former cell phone company building on Telecom Drive in Bangor, which both explain is a much-needed Pediatric Center. We also welcome Danny Williams of the Collins Center for the Arts at U-Maine Orono. The new season ahead features an all-star tribute to the Beatles' White Album, Rosanne Cash, a musical parody of *The Office*, Grammy-award winner Bobby McFerrin and the legendary Chubby Checker. Danny shares the fascinating story of booking Checker to the Center.

**7/28:** This week's edition features a discussion with Anne Trenholm, the Agricultural Promotions Coordinator for the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. The topic was this year's Maine Open Farm Day (July 28), when farmers have free demonstrations, tastings, and special events to celebrate the diversity of Maine agriculture. Open Farm Day marks its 30th anniversary in 2019, and more than 130 farms are expected to participate. The DACF is offering a visitor survey and will host a social media photo contest of the day's activities. This year's Open Farm Day features tours by bicycle in Richmond, Bowdoinham and Topsham, a self-guided, four-mile walking tour connecting nine farms in Springvale. Several creameries along the Mid-Coast are highlighted this year. Trenholm stressed the importance of people getting to know their neighborhood farmers, and vice versa. Since 2012 there has been a 50 percent increase in farms conducting sales directly to consumers. Activities are planned for farms in all 16 Maine counties, including blueberry operations in Aroostook County.

**8/4:** This week's edition features a conversation with Emma Rose, a young woman from Hampden who has written a book titled "Nothing's Ever Lost." Emma explains the genesis of her book as the suicide of a close relative. She shares her personal journey toward acceptance when breaking through writers' block to pen this novel about life in the afterlife. Also, former U-Maine Chancellor James Page brings Karla Wheaton and Donna Stevens of the ALS Foundation of Northern New England to our program to promote the August Walk for ALS in Bangor. We mention similar events elsewhere in our State. The trio discussed their personal stories of family affected by ALS and how strides today are helping lead scientists to genetic discoveries.



**8/11:** This week's edition features a conversation with Lieutenant Colonel Daryl Lyon of the Maine Army National Guard about the National Guard Arctic Interest Council. Lyon explains why and how reservists serving in Maine because critical to protecting America's interest in the disputed region at the "top of the world." He also discusses how members of Maine's Guard are best prepared to handle matters in the Arctic; Also, Jonathan Kenerson of Treworgy Family Orchards in Levant plays "10 Questions" with us to disclose the design of this year's corn maze. (Hint: award winning book set in Maine that involved a girl and her love of blueberries) Kenerson discusses how the family schemes up the design, and produces the amazing agricultural marvel, plus announces that USA Today has again nominated Treworgy's maze to be among the best in America,

**8/18:** This week's show features a discussion with Dustin Delano, the Second Vice President of the Maine Lobstermen's Association, and a fifth-generation lobster fisherman from Friendship, Maine. He operates year-round on the 40-foot Knotty Lady out of Friendship Harbor. The topic was three recent drawbacks to the industry: shortage of traditional lobster bait; federal guidelines for protection of Right Whales; and the impact of tariffs of lobster products shipped to China. Federal regulators want to cut herring quotas by 70 per cent to close a 50-million pound herring "gap," and Delano said the traditional bait is more expensive now and not as plentiful. He has experimented with carp, pork hides, menhaden, and is looking at the possibility of exporting the Black-belly Rosefish from Uruguay. Concerning Right Whales, federal marine regulators want to reduce the industry threat to the whales by 60 percent by September, 2019. The problem is entanglement in fishing gear, and lobstermen may be required to make expensive replacements to buoy lines to comply. "I've never seen a right whale," said Delano, who believes Maine lobstermen are not at fault. As for tariffs, Maine's lobster exports to China are expected to plunge 84 percent this year, according to the Maine International Trade Center. The tariffs give an advantage to Canadian lobster fishermen, said Delano, who buy Maine lobster and sell them to China without a strict tariff. In 2018, 119.6-million pounds of lobster worth an estimated value of 485-million dollars were caught in Maine. Maine lobster fishing, and its ties to other businesses, adds an estimated one billion dollars of year to the state economy.



**8/25:** This week's edition features a conversation with Lieutenant Kevin Adam of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife as we investigate what some perceive a spike or spate of rescues and recoveries along the Appalachian Trail. Adam dials in to point out the numbers are on par with previous years, but perhaps better reporting by IF&W and a single spike in calls in one week might have you think more hikers are needing help along the AT. We also welcome Melissa Denbow of Machias Savings Bank. MSB turns 150 this year, and the bank is celebrating by increasing its Community Block Grant program -- rewarding deserving, nominated and approved non-profits -- from \$50,000 to \$150,000. Denbow tells us of the process, who can apply, how they can apply, and who are some of the past winners of Machias Savings Bank's community block grants.

**9/1:** This week's special edition features the cast of Penobscot Theatre Company's production of Woody Guthrie's American Song. Producing Artistic Director Bari Newport brings actor/musicians Red, Jeremy, and Tovah into our studio to talk about the legend of Woody Guthrie, what people can expect during the show and they answer the question, who is the Woody Guthrie of today? This feature includes three live performances; two from the show and one jam.

**9/8:** This week's edition features a look at the Ski Museum of Maine, and the 2019 inductees into the Maine Ski Hall of Fame. Our guest is Russ Murley, radio and television meteorologist and Secretary of the museum located in Kingfield. Russ' trips have brought him to Chili, New Zealand, and British Columbia. His home slopes are at Sunday River in Newry. The Class of 2019 Hall of Famers will be inducted on October 19 at Sugarloaf. The Maine Ski Museum is centered on educating everyone about the significant Maine ski industry. Exhibits include: "Tree to Ski," which explains how skis were made in the 1930's; "King and Dexter," a ski shop which includes tools that were used throughout history for boots, skis and edges; a children's corner with examples of early ski figurines, skis, sleds and toys; a display of the 10th Mountain Division memorabilia from World War Two; and information about 'lost' ski areas and 'open' areas. Among the 2019 inductees are: Seth Wescott, a two-time Olympic gold medal winner in Snowboard Cross; Billy Chenard, one of Maine's most-acclaimed Nordic skiers; Lindsay Ball, a U.S. Paralympic Ski Team member; Robert Zinck, a ski-jumper specialist who was named to the U.S. National Team in 1976-77; and the legendary Paul Schipper, who from 1981 until 2005 skied every day Sugarloaf was open, regardless of the weather, his health or obligations.



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BROADCASTING

9/15: This week's edition features a conversation with Captain Carl Lamb, public affairs officer for the Maine army and air National Guard. Captain Lamb invites into our studio Dave Richmond, director of Maine's Bureau of veterans services. September is suicide prevention month, and the Bureau of veteran services has arranged special programs to combat the unusually high number of veterans suicides that occur in Maine. We also welcome Peter Geiger, editor of the Lewiston based farmer's almanac. The national publication says we should get ready for the "Polar Coaster." Geiger also shares "life hacks" inside the latest edition of the farmer's almanac which is now on store shelves.

9/22: This week's edition features a conversation with Kevin Webb or Uncle Henry's, the famous "buy, sell and swap" guide. Webb has launched a new project called [www.ReadInform.ME](http://www.ReadInform.ME) He's is distributing a free hard-copy throughout the state as well as posting items on line. Webb explains how editors are carefully crafting stories on political importance with the greatest of care to now present any political bias. We ask Webb about the risk of publishing in this polarized time and what his ambitions might be. We also welcome into our studio Dan and Karen Cashman to speak of their project called Dirigo Reads. The Cashman's describe their efforts to see new books given to every child in every school every month of the school year. The Cashman's tell of their inspiration, their support and how they hope to advance their project beyond its launch.

9/29: This week's edition features a discussion with two people involved in the Gardiner Public Library's upcoming speaker series celebrating Maine's Bicentennial (2020) on the Lower Kennebec Valley. Tom Farkas is the President of the Gardiner Library Association. Dennis Doiron is chairing the committee overseeing the series, and is a past association president. The series begins Thursday, October 3, 2019, with a presentation by State Historian Earle Shettleworth, Jr. titled "Charles Allen's Kennebec River Photographs, 1898-1907." The event is free and open to all. Successive presentations in the series include "Maine Statehood and the Bicentennial: The View from the Lower Kennebec Valley," by University of Maine Professor of History Liam Riordan, on Thursday, November 14, and "Maine's First Referendum: The Who, What, Why and When of the Vote For Statehood in the District of Maine and the Lower Kennebec Valley," by Maine Secretary of State Matthew Dunlap, on Thursday, December 12. The series will continue monthly into the bicentennial year 2020. Farkas also discusses the Community Archives Room, and ongoing programs at the library including the "Readers into Paranormal (RIP) Book Group," and "Story and Craft Time."