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4th QUARTER MAINE CONCERNS TOPICS 2017

"Townsquare Media Maine Concerns" is a long-form interview segment running every Sunday morning at 6:20 A.M. (WWMJ), 11:10 A.M. (WDEA), 8:00am (WQCB), 7:55am (WBZN), and 6:05AM (WEZQ)

Each of the Maine Concerns reports runs between 8 and 10 minutes. The following reports aired during the 4th quarter of 2017.

10-1-17

In our first segment, Cindy Campbell chats with Manna's Executive Director Bill Rae about the food pantry and soup kitchen. Recent financial issues have caused some to think the facility is closed and Bill sets the record straight that they're still handing out groceries and feeding dinner to nearly 100 people a night. He says the cupboards are sparse and they really need donations. In our next segment, Cindy talks with Mila Tappan, Executive Director of the Finance Authority of Maine about a series of financial aid workshops planned for area high schools. She discusses the best time to apply for aid, how to go about it, and why it's important to file early. (9:52 Education, Community, Economy)

10-7-17

In our first segment, Cindy Campbell talks with volunteer organizer Sheri Norwood about the Pink Runway Project, an organization that works to educate women about their right to have reconstructive surgery after a mastectomy. The group is holding a large gala that will include a fashion show, featuring breast cancer survivors who have had reconstructive surgery. All the money raised will help cancer patients meet their co-pays or buy wigs, etc. In our second segment, Cindy chats with cancer survivor Chris Parrish about the Purple Iris Foundation, an organization she founded to help raise awareness of the disease. She talks about the work they do, a new cancer support center the group plans to open later this month, and their upcoming Pound the Pavement color run. (9:54 Health, Community)

10-15-17

In our first segment, Cindy Campbell talks with Andrew Putnam, Chief Information Officer for Katahdin Trust, about protecting oneself from identity theft. He discusses options within the banking and credit card process that can help, as well as tips for when you're at home, like watching for missing mail and not leaving bills in the mailbox. In our second segment, Cindy chats with Bill Grant, who heads up the effort to build a Veterans' Memorial in the town of Hudson. Bill talks about a fundraising breakfast coming up on youth hunting day and how far the group has to go to make the memorial a reality. (9:50 Economy, Crime, Community)

10-22-17

In our first segment, Cindy Campbell talks with high school senior Tommy Hosmer, who heads up 'Team Mimi,' a charity that holds a baseball tournament to raise money for cancer research, named after his grandmother. He's being honored by a major corporation and so is holding a home run derby, which

they will film for a documentary. In our second segment, Cindy talks with Jon Paradise about the Maine Credit Union League about credit union week, some activities that were held, and the Ending Hunger campaign. The program raises money all year long that's then donated to the Good Shepherd Food bank. He also discusses the importance of protecting your identity and how the credit unions can help. In our final segment, Cindy talks with Bill Rae of Manna in Bangor about the continuation of the soup kitchen and food pantry that feeds people in need out of a Bangor church. Rae talks about the advantages of being downtown and the need for non-perishable food items. (8:36 Community, Health, Economy)

10-29-17

In our first segment, Cindy Campbell talks with Niles Parker, Executive Director of the Maine Discovery Museum, about its upcoming fundraiser. The Celebration Night and Auction will help support the educational displays and programs at the museum and promotes local artists, at the same time. In our second segment, Cindy chats with Captain Rebecca Kirk of the Maine Salvation Army about its many programs, including the upcoming Christmas programs. Kirk talks about the Angel Tree, which is now accepting applications. (9:33 Education, Community)

11-5-17

In our first segment, Cindy Campbell chats with Mary Gagne of Health Affiliates Maine about suicide prevention. With winter months beginning, the holiday season approaching, and days getting shorter, Mary offers some reminders about warning signs to watch for, and what to do if you think you notice them. In our second segment, Cindy talks with Andrew Putnam, Chief Information Officer for Katahdin Trust about identity theft. Andrew gives pointers about how to protect your information, including online devices and just being smart about not giving out personal data. (10:02 Health, Community, Economy, Crime)

11-12-17

With the kickoff of the Salvation Army's Red Kettle program, Cindy Campbell chats with Captain Rebecca Kirk about the how the money is used in our community. She discusses everything from heating assistance, so lunches served in the soup kitchen, to sending kids to camp. In our second segment, Cindy talks with Niles Parker, Executive Director of the Maine Discovery Museum about this week's art auction fundraiser. He discusses the educational programs conducted by the museum and how the auction supports the museum and promotes local artist. (9:22 Community, Education)

11-19-17

Today's program focuses on AARP's Tax-Aide program. Cindy Campbell chats with AARP Maine's Partnership Communications Specialist, Joan Jagolinzer, about this free-to-the-public program. She explains the types of taxes they can prepare, who is eligible, and how to go about making an appointment. In addition, the program needs volunteers, so she explains who can be a volunteer, how and where they can get trained, and how they register. (8:33 Economy, Community, Education)

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12-3-17

In our first segment, Cindy Campbell talks with Kristen Simas of the American Red Cross about the need for Disaster Relief Volunteers. She discusses what's involved, what types of duties a volunteer might be called upon to perform, and how folks can access the training programs online. In our second segment, Cindy chats with the Bangor Fire Department's education officer Jake Johnson about winter fire safety. He covers everything from heating system safety, to proper disposal of ashes, holiday lights, and smoke detectors. (9:56 Community, Education, Environment, Public Safety)

12-10-17

In our first segment, Cindy Campbell talks with Don Hanson, co-owner of the Green Acre Kennel Shop, about the fundraiser for the Furry Friends Food Bank. This program through the Eastern Area Agency on Aging provides pet food for free to low-income seniors and adults with disabilities. He explains the social and health benefits of seniors having pets, and how folks can donate to the program. In our second segment, Cindy talks with Andrew Putnam, Chief Information Officer for Katahdin Trust about identity theft. With the holidays upon us, Andrew talks about safe online shopping, and other ways to protect your financial information. (9:59 Community, Health, Economy)

12-17-17

In our first segment, Cindy Campbell talks with Bob Meyers, Executive Director of the Maine Snowmobile Association about snowmobile safety. The state saw its first fatality of the season last week, so Meyers talks about riding responsibly, including not drinking and riding. He also covers things like making sure people know where you're going and when you expect to return, and the importance of respecting the landowners, who donate the trails. In our second segment, Cindy chats with Captain Rebecca Kirk of the Salvation Army about the Red Kettle program, the Angel Tree program that provides toys to children at Christmas, and the heating assistance available to residents, as well as their summer camp program, and soup kitchen. (9:23 Community, Public Safety, Education)

12-31-17

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