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1st 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 1st quarter of 2017.

1-8-17

In our first segment, Cindy Campbell talks with Bob Meyers, Executive Director of the Maine Snowmobile Association, about snowmobiling safety tips. He discusses the basics, like watching your speed and not drinking and riding. But he also talks about the importance to public safety officials that you leave a trip plan so, if you get lost, they have an idea of where to search. In our second segment, Cindy chats with Ellsworth Police Detective Dottie Small and Healthy Acadia's Denise Black about Project Hope, a collaborative effort that offers help to opioid addicts. With a shortage of rehab beds in Maine, the organization will look out of state in order to find open facilities to Maine addicts. (10:00 Community, Public Safety, Health)

1-15-17

In our first segment, Cindy Campbell talks with Jenn Khavari of Eastern Maine Community College about the Snow-Cross snowmobile races coming to Bass Park in Bangor. Local racers are encouraged to race alongside the pros and spectators to attend. Proceeds from the event will benefit EMCC, in the form of future scholarships, and the Pine Tree Camp for Children and Adults with Disabilities. In our second segment, Cindy talks with AARP's Joan Jagolinzer about the organization's Tax Aide Program that provides free tax preparation for low to moderate income Mainers. You don't have to be a member of AARP, or even a senior citizen, to take advantage of the program that has locations around the state. (9:55 Community, Health, Education, Economy)

1-22-17

In our first segment, Cindy Campbell chats with Manna Bangor's Executive Director Bill Rae about the organization's need for food. After a stormy and scandal-filled year, the organization is having a tough time getting donations, so Rae is going public, asking for donations of canned and non-perishable food items for the food pantry. In our second segment, Bob Meyers of the Maine Snowmobile Association has some tips for safe snowmobiling after four fatalities since the start of the season. Speed has been a common thread among the fatal and serious accidents, so he encourages staying in control of the sled and leaving a trip plan, so searchers know where to look if something should happen. (9:20 Community, Public Safety)

1-29-17

In our first segment, Cindy Campbell chats with President of the Pine Tree Society, Noel Sullivan, about the many services offered. He discusses the Pine Tree Camp, but also medical support services for people with disabilities, signing services for the deaf, and educational services. In our second segment,

Cindy talks with Janice Rand, who's one of the organizers of Bangor High School's Class of 2017 Project Graduation. An auction is being held this weekend to help pay for the overnight of chem-free fun that's offered as an alternative to drinking parties and dangerous driving after high school graduation. (9:57 Health, Education, Community)

2-5-17

In our first segment, Cindy Campbell talks with the Bangor Fire Department's Education Officer Jake Johnson about fire safety. He talks about the importance of cleaning chimneys and furnaces, proper use of woodstoves, and the importance of smoke detectors. In our second segment, Cindy chats with Laurie Sidelinger of Honor Flight Maine. The organization finds war veterans and gives them free trips to Washington D.C. so they can view their corresponding war memorial. The trips are free of charge and they have volunteers to wait on them hand and foot. (9:03 Community 6, 7, 8)

2-12-17

In our first segment, Cindy Campbell talks with Lisa Bird of Bangor Savings Bangor Foundation about its Community Matters More program. Residents can vote for their favorite non-profits, and the top vote-getters will be \$5,000 grants, while all others will get \$1,000 each. In the second segment, Cindy talks with State Epidemiologist Dr. Siiri Bennett about the flu. She explains the symptoms, how to avoid getting sick, and what to do if you catch the flu. And in our third segment, Cindy talks with Joan Jagolinzer, Program Coordinator for AARP's Tax Aide. This program offers free tax preparation services for low-to-moderate income Mainers. She explains how to make an appointment and what they need to bring with them for documentation. (9:17 Economy, Health, Community)

2-19-17

In our first segment, Cindy Campbell talks with Camp Capella's Executive Director, Lori Turner about the upcoming Polar Plunge. Camp Capella, which serves children with disabilities, and Camp Sunshine, which serves children with life-threatening illnesses, team up to put on the event each year. Community members are encouraged to jump in a freezing lake to raise money for the camps, so that children can go even if their parents can't afford the tuition. Next, Cindy talks with Jon Paradise of the Maine Credit Union League about the organization's Ending Hunger Campaign. Last year, the campaign raise over \$674,000, which is then distributed to those in need within that community. (8:22 Community, Economy)

2-26-17

In our first segment, Cindy Campbell chats with Grayson Richmond of Birdsacre, a nature center in Ellsworth that helps injured birds. Grayson discusses the importance of helping birds who have been injured, and their importance to the environment. Programs through the center help to educate children about birds and nature. The center is hoping to get votes for a five thousand dollar grant through the Bangor Savings Bank Foundation. In our second segment, Cindy talks with Debbie Chase of the Charlotte White Center about an upcoming fundraising event. The Center offers health and social services to a variety of Mainers, including children and adults with mental and developmental

disabilities and those affected by domestic violence. (9:38 Environment, Economy, Community, Education, Health)

3-5-17

On today's program, Cindy Campbell chats with local chapter President Ann Dederer of P.E.O. International, which is an organization that provides scholarships, financial awards, and grants to women who are pursuing higher education. The local organization has given out thousands of dollars to local women, including a special award for women who are going back to school and supporting a family. (8:07 Education, Economy, Community)

3-12-17

In our first segment, Cindy Campbell talks with Habitat For Humanity of Greater Bangor's Executive Director Lynn Hempen. The organization has opened its application drive, and so Lynn explains the financial requirements and responsibilities of becoming a host family and how folks can apply. In our second segment, Cindy chats with Caroline King, Executive Director of the Bangor Chapter, American Red Cross. Caroline talks about the Real Heroes breakfast, where local residents, including police and fire department personnel, are recognized for acts of bravery. It's a huge fundraiser for the organization but also an uplifting way to start the day. (9:26 Community, Economy, Public Safety)

3-18-17

In our first segment, Cindy Campbell talks with Mary Lyon, Executive Director of Literacy Volunteers of Bangor about the organization's Literacy Tea. The family-friendly event is a semi-formal tea party that's centered around the theme of children's books. It features a performance by a local author and aims to encourage reading in children, and the sharing of reading between parents and their kids. In our second segment, Cindy chats with Joan Jagolinzer about AARP's Tax Aide. The program offers free tax prep services to Mainers with low to moderate incomes. (9:27 Community, Education, Economy)

3-26-17

In our first segment, Cindy Campbell talks with Robin Long of Caring Connections and Cancer survivor Jon Henry about a new Men's Cancer Network. Caring Connections has always focused on women with breast cancer, but is now offering this support group for men with penile, testicular, or prostate cancer. The group will offer support but also education about the individual diseases and treatment options. Next, Cindy talks with the American Folk Festival's Executive Director Heather McCarthy about the upcoming Color Bangor. This color run is a 5K untimed walk/run that benefits the American Folk Festival on the Bangor Waterfront. (9:17 Health, Education, Community)