



# **ISSUES & PROGRAMS**

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**Public Affairs**

WABK-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

4/7: This week's edition features a conversation with Game Warden Investigator Josh Bubier of Cornville. He patrols the Greenville District. The Warden's Service surprised Josh in naming him Game Warden of the Year at the annual banquet. Bubier talks with us about his job the challenges and the rewards. He also mentions his role in the manhunt for the suspect for the shooting death of Somerset County Sheriff's Corporal Eugene Cole last year. Bubier also mentions, as a Warden Service Investigator, how the service is understaffed and the challenges of find qualified recruits. Also, we welcome Loren Fields, outstanding french horn player, and band director for Lawrence High School. The school welcomes the US Army Jazz Ambassadors for a free concert this Sunday. Fields details who makes up this world-renowned band and how they come to land a spot on this tight-knit combo.

4/14: This week's edition features an interview with Michael Devine, a spokesperson for the Internal Revenue Service: as the April 17 deadline looms for filing federal tax returns. The later deadline in Maine is because of the observance of Patriots Day on April 15, and the Emancipation Day holiday on April 16 in the District of Columbia. Still, Devine reports that an estimated 59,500 Maine taxpayers will request a six-month extension using Form 4868. Discussed were: setting up a payment plan with the IRS; penalties for not paying taxes; red flags for audits; free tax help; refund scams by telephone and mail; the online tool called "Where's My Refund;" and unclaimed tax refunds. According to the IRS, an estimated 4,700 workers in Maine did not file 2015 tax returns that could provide refunds worth about 4.8 million dollars. The average 2015 Maine If refunds are not claimed after three years, Devine said, the money goes to the General Fund of the United States.



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**4/21:** This week's edition features a conversation with David Leach of Maine's Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection. The Bureau has published a new booklet titled the Ant-Scam Adviser for New Homeowners. The booklet details what new (or even second, third or fourth time) home buyers guide must watch out for. Plus, David details the seasonal scams headed our way, including house painting, driveway paving and roof repairing. Also, we meet Scott MacDonald of Maine Technology Group and his director of Service and Security, Michael Campbell. MacDonald and Campbell detail what dangers lurk in the "Internet of Everything." By installing devices in our homes, that feature access to the internet, it creates an avenue for hackers to get into your home and possibly all else you have connected to the web. In their conversation, they point out that hackers got into Target through one store's HVAC system!

**4/28:** This week's edition features a conversation with Japhet Ells of AARP Maine about pending legislation in Augusta seeking ways to bring down the cost of prescription drugs. The discussion delves into where AARP suggests the causes exist how targeting middle-men might bring down the cost. The debate also wades into the laws of supply and demand on the cost of drugs. We carry the topic with Congressman Jared Golden (D-Maine) in a telephone conversation about -- among other Washington DC matters -- his FLAT bill -- which would reduce length of exclusivity a pharmaceutical company enjoys when releasing a drug it spent millions to research, develop and market if the cost of that drug climbs beyond set levels.

**5/5:** This week's edition features a conversation with Patricia Murtagh, Chief Executive Officer of the American Red Cross of Maine. The state organization is based in Portland, and has satellite offices in Topsham, Lewiston, Bangor, and Caribou. There are blood donation centers in Portland, Lewiston and Bangor. Along with blood services, the Red Cross deals with deployment to and recovery from disasters both local and large scale, service to the armed forces, training services (CPR, first aid, first aid for opioid overdoses), and volunteer training. The Red Cross of Maine's current initiative is the "Sound the Alarm, Save a Life" campaign, an effort to install 100,000 free smoke alarms across the country, 1,000 in Maine. "Sound the Alarm" is part of the broader Home Fire Campaign. Since 2014, the Red Cross has installed more than 1.6 million free smoke alarms and saved the lives of an estimated 582 people, including three in Old Town, Maine, last year. The need for donated blood is underlined by May being Trauma Awareness Month.



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**5/12:** This week's edition features a conversation with Kerri Tripp of the Bangor Convention & Visitors Bureau announcing the annual Eagle Awards honoring those who contribute to tourism in Greater Bangor. Among honorees at the event later this month are Bari Newport of Penobscot Theatre, the Geaghan Brothers and Champion the Cure Challenge. Kerri discusses the importance of these awards and how one might attend the event. Also, Heather McCarthy the Executive Director of the American Folk Festival sharing the names of the first round of announced music acts and musical tracks. The event turns 18 this August. The talk touches on the food offerings, the importance of sponsorships and efforts to keep the festival, which began as the National Folk Festival eighteen years ago, free.

**5/19:** This week's edition features a discussion with Maine Education Commissioner Pender Makin, announcing the 2019 Maine County Teacher of the Year winners. One among the fifteen will be named Maine's 2019 Teacher of the Year in October. Makin explains why there are only 15, when we have 16 counties in Maine, along with the process and expectations of those named Teacher of the Year. Makin also visits the past process of nominating and how our radio program helped change the process. Also, Connor Archer of The Courageous Steps Project comes in studio ahead of this weekend's 6th Annual Dylan McInnis Walk-Run at Old Town High School's Victory Field. The Project promotes and seeks support for programs for individuals learning to overcome learning disabilities. Connor, a young man who has overcome such challenges, talks of this signature event benefits several programs and supports our growing organization's initiatives/programs that fund specialty trips, scholarships for graduating high school seniors, and school supplies for local schools.

**5/26:** This week's edition features a discussion with Sophie Gabrion, Communications Manager at Owl's Head Transportation Museum in Owl's Head, Maine. The mission at the non-profit museum is to collect, preserve, exhibit and operate pre-1940 aircraft, ground vehicles, engines and related technologies for the purpose of education. Current exhibits are: A Century Ago, Faster: The Quest for Speed, The Artist's Passion for the Automobile, and The Great War. A new exhibit, Fads and Failures, is slated to open June 15. Discussed were the museum's summer fundraising events, including Hops in the Hanger (June 15), All-American Cruise-In (July 6-7), Wings and Wheels Spectacular (August 3-4), Vintage Motorcycle Festival (August 31-September 1) and the Foreign Auto Festival (September 14-15). Also ongoing is the Annual Auto Raffle. This year's prize is a 1957 Ford Thunderbird Convertible with automatic transmission with fewer than 9,000 miles. The drawing will be on August 18. The museum is open year-round, and has weekly group tours. Gabrion also discussed supporting the museum through membership, donation, sponsorship and volunteering.



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6/2: This week's edition features a conversation with Harvey Chesley of Camp Capella along the shores of Phillips Lake in Lucerne plus former Maine Governor John Baldacci. The Baldacci family famed for its spaghetti sauce and benefit pasta suppers announcing their plans for a supper to benefit Camp Capella -- which caters to children with disabilities. Chesley reminds us of the Camp's mission and the former Governor speaks of the families' commitment to the cause. Also, we call Peter Geiger of the Lewiston-based Farmer's Almanac. A listener suggested we call and ask if the Almanac successfully predicted Maine's terribly soggy spring, what is even more impressive is the Almanac made the prediction two years ago. Also, we ask that Geiger's publication predicts for Maine's summer ahead. (spoiler: meh.)

6/9: This week's edition features a conversation with Shawn Laatch of the Emera Astronomy Center at UMaine and his guest Kirsten Hibbard, the director of the Challenger Learning Center of Maine. The Challenger center is celebrating its 15th year (time flies.) She and Laatch preview events marking the milestone at the Center on Enterprise Drive in Bangor and at the Astronomy Center in Orono. Also, Kathryn Ravenscraft brings two among the cast of Mamma Mia, the Penobscot Theatre's summer sizzler opening June 13th at Bangor's Historic Opera House. Two actors discuss the appeal of Abba in this rom-com and the challenges of having to act, sing and dance before the live audience. They also note what audiences might expect -- and what they should wear to the fast selling show!

6/16: This week's edition features a talk with Kristen Muszynski, Communications Director in the office of the Maine Secretary of State. The topic is the recent moves to make the Real ID available to Maine. Federal enforcement of the Real ID will begin on October 1, 2020, when regular Maine driver's licenses will not be accepted for flying (Transportation Security Administration) or entry into secure federal facilities. Beginning July 1, 2019, Real ID's will be available at Maine Department of Motor Vehicle locations. The Real ID is not required. A U.S. passport serves as proper federal identification. The difference from current Maine licenses will be in the documents needed to receive a Real ID: date of birth and proof of U.S. citizenship; proof of a social security number; and proof of residence such as a cable bill or pay stub. The costs of the Real ID start at 55 dollars. A Real ID card (not a driver's license) will be available for 30 dollars. A Real ID will not be required for driving, receiving federal benefits, showing proof of age, registering to vote, or entering a courthouse. Muszynski stressed that there is plenty of time to get the Real ID, and it is not necessary to "storm DMV offices" with more than 14 months before the federal deadline.



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**6/23:** This week's edition features a conversation with Clair Berkowitz of the Maine Children's Alliance, a children's health and welfare advocacy group. The Anne E. Casey foundation has released its 2019 National Kids Count data book. Detailing progress and pitfalls in measures of growth, safety and well being of kids in Maine compared those in other states. Clair discusses the gains and losses and breakevens. Also, Jeni Lloyd of Northern Light Philanthropy announcing a new dimension to the annual Champion The Cure Challenge to support cancer research, education and support to patients and survivors -- a rodeo! Organizers join us in studio for details of the event in greater Bangor in September. The owners of the farm also share their personal reasons for organizing and staging the first CTCC rodeo.

**6/30:** This is our "life and death" edition. Jim Fernald of Brookings-Smith Funeral Home talks about the importance of memorializing. It's his "busy season" with post-winter interments. Some argue against any ceremony or remembrance. But Jim explains such an event is helpful for family and friends so they might focus on how the person lived, rather than dwell on why they died. Also, Coleen Quint of the Harold Alfond Foundation dials in to explain that every child born in Maine since 2013 has enjoyed the philanthropy of the Foundation, which open a \$500 market account for each child. Coleen directed parents where to go on line to confirm their child's account and how it is doing.