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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

10/6: This week's edition includes a conversation with Bryan Roche of the Maine Commission for Community Service. The MCCS is soon to celebrate it's 25th anniversary with a name change and a musical event at the Waterville Opera House. Bryan breaks the news of the organization's new name, musical guests are coming to the Opera house, what MCCS does and who should consider joining the organization. Also, we welcome Dean Armstrong of Armstrong Tennis Center into our studio. The Bangor-based business turns 50 this year and is enjoying a renaissance with Pickle Ball! Dean talks of the pitfalls and pleasures to running a business of half a century and how Pickle Ball is attracting seniors to an exciting exercise.

10/13: This week's edition includes a conversation with Pat Moody of AAA New England. A new study from AAA find the pedestrian detection systems on new vehicles don't work a startling percentage of the time. Moody discusses the problems inherent in welcoming new technologies that reduce the participation of the driver -- even as the rate of pedestrian injuries and fatalities are on the climb. Also we welcome back local author Jack Cashman. He penned "An Irish Immigrant Story," for which he hosted a book reading in Boston last week. Cashman has a new book titled "Three Steps To Becoming An Assassin," George Hale reads the first two paragraphs on the air before we dig into Cashman's inspiration and discipline (spoilers: he hand writes his manuscripts) for writing this book.



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BROADCASTING

10/20: This week's edition features a talk with Peter Geiger, Editor of the Farmer's Almanac, based in Lewiston. Known for weather prognostications, the Almanac and its fictional forecaster, Caleb Weatherbee, is calling for a "Polar Coaster" winter in 2019-2020 with high and low temperatures above and below average. "Last winter our teeth-chattering cold outlook proved to be quite accurate," writes Weatherbee. "The coldest outbreak of the season is predicted to arrive during the final week of January, and last through the beginning of February." Also discussed were some of the features of this year's edition of the Almanac, print version and on-line, and the "more than 50 hacks for a happier and healthy you!" They include the uses of witch hazel, a handy guide to companion planting, edible insects, salt therapy, and the health benefits of cold weather (including better blood circulation when shoveling snow). Other articles include Fabulous Firsts, Snow Lore, Ten Facts About Jellyfish, and the "Best Days" chart for planning everything from cutting hair to castrating farm animals.

10/27: This week's edition includes a conversation with Ann Kim of the American Red Cross in Maine. The Red Cross Home Fire Campaign is underway. Funding by private donation and in conjunction with local fire departments, the Red Cross will come to your home and install as many battery operated smoke detectors as necessary to make your home safe. Ann details the program. Also, Bari Newport, the producing artistic director of Penobscot Theatre brings actors Winslow Corbett and Robin Bloodsworth of "Gaslight" into our studio. Each discuss the staging -- costume, props, staging and more of this legendary Victorian melodrama - from which the term "gaslighting" originates - running through November 3rd at Bangor's historic opera house.

11/3: This week's edition includes a conversation with Jim Fernald of Brookings Smith Funeral Homes, which is hosting a Cremation Workshop, on Wednesday November 6th. Jim answers many of the (ahem) burning questions about this alternative to burial. He discloses how cremation is now the more popular choice and why planning is critical because not all cremation businesses do or can offer services and features offered by funeral homes. Also, Emerald Forcier of the Bangor brings Cathy Gero of Texas and Maine into our studio in the final days of Gero's matching grant. Gero is offering to match -- dollar for dollar -- \$20,000 for the women's locker room and children's fitness area. We also promote the November 9th Y Gala (the auction of which Ric will co-host with Emerald!



11/10: This week's edition features a talk with Dr. Joyce Troxler, Assistant Professor of Medicine at East Tennessee State University and chairperson of the American Academy of Family Physicians' Rural Health Member Interest Group. The topic was effective health care in rural states like Maine. According to a study by The Robert Graham Center, Maine will need an additional 120 Primary Care Physicians (9% Increase) by the year 2030 due to an aging, growing and increasingly insured population. The state's current population to PCP ratio (1067:1) is, however, lower than the national average (1463:1). Dr. Troxler said the challenges of rural health care are patient poverty, low medical patient literacy, and long distances to facilities. She advocates that young doctors be required to spend part of their career in rural areas. This is encouraged by dedicated funding for primary care Graduate Medical Education (GME), increased funding for primary care training, and medical school debt relief. Troxler, who now practices family medicine in Johnson City, Tennessee, worked for 10 years as a PCP in rural Silver City in southern New Mexico.

11/17: This week's edition includes a conversation with Erin Fogg, VP of Development and Communications for the Good Shepherd Food Bank. Erin answered questions about the recent grand opening of the Hampden Distribution Center. about the partners helping GSFb get the food to the families who needed it most, and about the odd paradox of how many Mainers are "food insecure" compared to the number of Mainers who are clinically obese. Also, Mel MacKay, Head Of Schools for John Baptist High School in Bangor phones in after the ground breaking of the first building on the school's campus in more than one hundred years. MacKay discusses phases two and three of the long range plan for the school and how the addition of the gymnasium will see a rearranging of the historic facility.

11/24: This week's edition includes a conversation with Mike Vail, President of Hannaford, which recently made a \$1 million donation as part of its new "Fuel Kids at School" initiative designed to directly address food insecurity and improve access to fresh and healthy food for children. Mike shared how Hannaford will work in partnership with hunger relief organizations, to establish food pantries in 90 schools across Maine and other northeast states. Also, we meet Lieutenant Colonel Cathie Spaulding of the Civil Air Patrol in Maine, She explains the three pronged mission of the Civil Air Patrol, where squadrons are located in Maine and the opportunities presented to cadets who enlist.



12/1: This week's edition features a talk with Richard Dorian, Executive Director of the Maine Children's Home for Little Wanderers, based in Waterville. The Home is completing its annual Christmas program, where 1,700 financially disadvantaged children across Maine will receive a box of Christmas gifts donated to the Maine Children's Home. The children aged 12 and under will receive toys, books, non-electronic games and clothing. The boxes were expected to be readied, by volunteers, for sending and pickup by the end of the first week of December. There was a last-minute need for older boys' clothes. The Maine Children's Home provides many services, including adoption, day care, counseling, summer camps, a teen-parent school, and trust-based relational intervention. The Home was founded in 1899, so 2019 is its 120th anniversary. Dozens of individuals and businesses contribute to Christmas program, and larger donations come from the New Balance Foundation, Delivering Good, the Pajama Program and Toys for Tots. The campus is at 93 Silver Street in Waterville.

12/8: This week's edition features interview with Mariah Hughes of Eastern Maine Community College bring Debra McIntyre into our studio to detail a first in the system program to certify Substance Abuse Councilors. Hughes and McIntyre talk about the tragic need for the program, details the curriculum and mentions the expected salary for what will continue to be an in demand careers in our state. Also, we meet Renae Muscatell of Penquis brings Bill Lucy of Katahdin Trust into our studio to detail the annual Christmas Is For Kids campaign. People can click to ChristmasIsForKids.org and be a "Secret Santa" in sponsoring a child from a family screened for need by Penquis and affiliated agencies. Lucy explains how the bank is again supporting the drive.

12/15: This week's edition features interview with Sara Trafton of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Bangor. The organization has an odd problem: it's built units in Old Town but currently no one has qualified to live in them. Trafton discusses the genesis of the program and suggests how one might apply to live in a Habitat unit or how to volunteers to help build one. Also, Bari Newport, producing/artistic director of Penobscot Theatre Company brings Jeff Payton and Jeff Shaffer, director and choreographer of Matilda The Musical, into our studio. The holiday production runs through December 29th. Each speaks of the challenges and gifts of working with local talent (including heaps of children) in this multi-scened, multi-musical numbered show.



12/22: This week's edition features a talk with Patrick Guerette, Chief Operating Officer of the Alford Youth and Community Center in Waterville, and the tournament director of the 2020 Maine Pond Hockey Classic. The annual event is set for February 7-9 on Snow Pond in Sidney, Maine, and all proceeds will benefit new construction and programs at the Alford Center. Eighty hockey teams will compete in nine divisions from Competitive A to Just for Fun. The games are four-on-four with no goalie. Activities include a beer garden with food, a fund-raising Polar Bear dip, a youth hockey clinic, a slap shot challenge, a Curling demonstration, and a wellness lounge. The host of events is the Snow Pond Performing Arts Center, which is donating its indoor space for some of the events. Most of the money raised comes from team registration, which runs from 495 to 595 dollars per team. Registration closes on January 7, 2020. Teams come from all over New England and the United States. One team in 2019 arrived from Scotland.

12/29: This week's edition feature's conversations with State Representative Trey Stewart (R-Presque Isle) Stewart expressed great concern in the actions of the Legislature's Legislative Council. We then speak with Senate President Troy Jackson (D-Allagash) A reporter for the Bangor Daily News relayed to Senate President Jackson a concern raised by Stewart that the number of bills being admitted by the Legislative Council for consideration in the next session was very heavily in favor of Democrats who hold a 6-4 majority on the Council. At the previous council meeting, Democrats approved seventeen of their own bills for each one sponsored by a Republican. A similar pattern emerged during the most recent meeting. According to the Bangor Daily News, "Jackson fired back after the [Legislative Council] meeting, saying Stewart 'can't spend a year voting against everything as an individual member' and expect to get bills in." Jackson's office, catching word of our discussion with Stewart, contacted us for "equal time." Jackson explains in his opinion what happened and disputed the quote by the reporter as printed in the Bangor Daily News.