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WTOS-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 Paul LePage's weekly radio address and the response from the Democrat Party in Maine. Each address runs roughly 5 minutes. Maine View has a run time of 20 minutes and airs Sunday at 7:00am

7/2: This week's edition of Maine View features a conversation with Laura Allen, Outreach Specialist from the Maine Bureau of Veterans Services, in another of a series of talks about veterans' issues and events. This week's topics are Vietnam veterans and the project called “Marking Time: Voyage to Vietnam.” It's an exhibit of items found in a transport ship that carried soldiers to Vietnam in 1967-68. The exhibit is being displayed at the University of Maine in Augusta the summer of 2017. In 1997 the General Nelson M. Walker was located in a mothball dock in Virginia by a production director for the movie “The Thin Red Line.” Still in it were cots, life preservers, trash, and other items left from the time of the troop transports from the west coast to Vietnam. Many of the undersides of cots were decorated with graffiti – pictures, poetry, observations – left by the soldiers. It is these items that make up the bulk of the Marking Time display. Other personal remembrances have been added over time. It has been described as “the most honest expressions of feelings at the moment they were being brought to the Vietnam War.” Many of the graffiti was signed, allowing for correspondence in later years. Allen said the display at UMA is appropriate as 50th anniversary remembrances of the Vietnam War are taking place. The Fourth of July weekend is a reminder of the service of these veterans, many who were drafted to fight a war that is still misunderstood.



7/9: This week's edition of Maine View features a conversation with the Chief of Staff of the Maine Army National Guard, Colonel Diane Dunn. It is annual training season for members of the Maine National Guard. Travelers might see camouflage vehicles driving in convoys. The Colonel explains that is often reservists headed to two weeks of training. We discussed we are training takes place, what tools are used, some projects currently in progress around our state, and how communities might apply to have reservists perform a building project in their area. We also speak with Shawn Laatsch of the Emera astronomy center and Maynard F. Jordan planetarium at the University of Maine. Much of the United States of America will catch a glimpse of a solar eclipse on August 21st. He will tell us just how far south we would have to go to see more of the eclipse. Shawn gives us a preview and a hand at some of the happenings at the planetarium.

7/16: This week's edition of Maine View begins with a conversation with Nikki Barron of Bubbah's Angels. Bubbah was her dog. Nikki explains how she's turned her pet's passing into a charity to raise funds so Maine Seniors and Veterans can afford to adopt and keep their cats and dogs. Jesse Moriarty of the United Way of Eastern Maine discusses new access to 2-1-1 services in Maine -- via text! Referral services are still available by phone and computer -- but with more people texting, Jesse explains the need for this conduit to teach a live person by text messaging. Rowena Griffin of Penquis details the work and need for workers and volunteers for its Community Partnership for Protecting Children. Rowena and two CPPC representatives share the growing rate of reports of child neglect and abuse in Maine towns and cities.

7/23: This week's edition of Maine View featured interview with May Bubar, a fundraising campaign manager for the Children's Miracle Network. She represents Sam's Club of Bangor -- one of the many corporate members who contribute to the efforts of CMN. Last year's campaign raised over \$66,000, and the money was used to buy a stretcher for the Neo-natal Care Unit at Maine Medical Center and a new children's playground at Acadia Hospital. All the money raised through campaigns goes right to the needs identified by the CMN. The discussion was about the activities of the Children's Miracle Network and a fundraiser on Friday, July 28, 2017, at Gracie Theater at Husson College in Bangor -- an appearance by former Maine Deputy Sheriff and national touring comedian Juston McKinney. McKinney also joined the interview by telephone to talk about his act, and his ties with charity organizations like the CMN. The night was to include a cash bar and a bake sale. Tickets were given away to the event on Blueberry Broadcasting stations.



7/30: This week's edition of Maine View features a conversation with Doctor Colette Sabbagh of Eastern Maine Medical Center Pediatric Services, who shares some candid thoughts on the peer pressure that she is seeing among patients, without violating HIPPA laws. Doctor Sabbagh speaks of drug and alcohol use as well as the peer pressure kids are expressing. Her telling conclusion is that it appears parents are not speaking to their kids about drugs and sex, and the kids are learning of those adult things from someone else. We also speak with Dr. David Cloutier of the Veazie Veterinary Clinic about rescue dogs. The Bangor Humane Society has recently accepted another truckload of dog from shelter in the Southern US. Instead of euthanizing the pets, the southern shelter opted to send the dogs to Bangor which is a no kill shelter. Cloutier also speaks of service dogs. Some people are buying service vests and presenting their pets in public as "service pets." There is a considerable difference and Cloutier details it.

8/6: This week's edition features a discussion with U-Maine Economics Professor Todd Gabe and Kerri Tripp of the Bangor Convention and Visitors Bureau about the economic impact of Waterfront Concerts in Bangor. Gabe pegs the impact of the concert's first years at \$105M. We ask Gabe if he considered the opportunity cost of the shows, ie what -- if anything -- did Bangor give up to embrace this opportunity. Tripp offered insight into the challenges of accommodating the crowds. Both compared concerts to cruise ships, in attracting out of towners. Finally, we asked Tripp what Bangor risks that might ruin this enterprise, just as two Bangor City Leaders actions and questions have threatened the harmony of this private public endeavor. Also, we spend a moment with Veazie Vet Clinic Doctor David Cloutier, who's cat just encountered a skunk. Cloutier says "save the tomato juice for a bloody mary." Doctor Cloutier says there's a better solution. He also touches on a few other pet related matters.

8/13: This week's edition of Maine View featured an interview with Andy Williams, proprietor of Williams Machine Gun Range in North Anson, Maine. The facility is holding the seventh annual Maine Wounded Warrior Shoot Out on August 13, 2017. It is an opportunity for combat wounded veterans to shoot fully-automatic weapons for free. A portion of the Proceeds from the gate fee for spectators, a raffle, and merchandise sales benefit the Wounded Warriors Program – a Maine-based Veterans Organization. “It may seem strange to give a wounded veteran a gun,” said Williams. “But it’s actually an opportunity to associate gunfire with something that is safe and fun. It’s therapeutic.” For many of the veterans it is also a chance to fire weapons on which they were trained for service to the country. The range is monitored for safety, ear plugs are provided, and the public can try out some of the weapons for a rental fee. There will be hourly giveaways from area merchants. The shoot also has the cooperation of the Maine Infantry Foundation. It is the largest veteran shoot on the East Coast.

8/20: This edition features a conversation with Peter Geiger, the editor of the farmer's almanac, which is published in Lewiston Maine. Geiger shears not only be almanacs



upcoming prediction for the 2018 winter, but also what's inside the pages of the 200th edition of the almanac. Also, we talk with executive director of the upcoming American folk festival in Bangor, Heather McCarthy. McCarthy details if enough volunteers have joined to ensure a smooth event along Bangor's waterfront. She also releases what band will kick off this year's event.

8/27: This show features a conversation with Pastor Jerry Mick of Grace Evangelical Seminary and New England Bible College. The two institutions are again offering free tuition at their Portland and Bangor schools. Mick describes the parameters and The motivation for offering free tuition, and gives a nod to the benefactor that is stepping up this year as they did last year. Also we meet Bruce Robert Coffin, a retired detective sergeant and novelist. He describes his work on the force in southern Maine and how he translated that into successfully writing his first novel and now his second. Coffin details what helps his character development and what he thinks is the appeal of his first and now his second novel.

9/3: This week's edition of Maine View featured an interview with two members of the Veteran Mentors of Maine. The organization provides counseling and guidance to veterans, especially those who have been entered into the Veterans Court Program. James Orr is President of the VMM. Travis Carrigan is a graduate of the Veterans Court Program who became a mentor himself in 2016. The program exists in Kennebec and Somerset Counties but will accept other candidates from other Maine Counties. How does it work? Veterans who have committed crimes for the first time (usually felonies) must plead guilty in criminal court if they believe their service contributed to breaking the law. The reasons may be medical, mental (Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome), relationship problems, drugs or other. To be accepted to the Veterans Court they must submit to regular drug testing, attend regular meetings, and serve any probation periods. The mentors – all veterans themselves – become their counselors and peer mentors. “You must be able and ready to answer your phone twenty-four hours a day,” said Orr. The program has been very successful, with Orr reporting that more than 99 percent of the graduates have not committed other serious crimes since it started in 2005. More information is available at veteranmentorsofmaine.org.



9/10: This edition features a conversation about the controversial topic of immunizations with Dr. Collette Sabbagh of EMMc pediatric services. During "back to school" time, some parents worry about their children being exposed to children who are not immunized. Dr. Sabbagh discusses reasons why some parents choose not to immunize, digs into some of the hysteria, and shears what some pediatricians do to handle those patients and their parents who choose not to immunize. We also welcome to our studio Bangor city counselor Shawn and other organizers of the upcoming Bangor Celtic crossroads festival. Organizers intend to develop a festival, presenting Irish music and folklore, for a weekend that might attract more tourism on the shoulder of the leaf peeping season. We welcome and a clean harpist into our studio to perform during our discussion.

9/17: This episode features a conversation with former Oklahoma Republican Senator Tom Coburn. He is an advisor to the "convention of states." There are those that think American citizens should exercise what is their constitutional right under section V of the constitution to call a convention of states, a critical mass of those agreeing that change needs to be made in Washington DC and states have the power to do so. Senator Coburn talks of the necessity for a convention of states and the challenge in order to call one. We also welcome Bari Newport producing artistic director of Penobscot feeder to our studio with the director and one cast member for "The Fabulous Lipatones." Berry and her guests discuss the message behind the music of this comedy. And the challenges of staging it.

9/24: This week's edition of Maine View featured an interview with Caragh Fitzgerald, Associate Extension Professor of Agriculture with the University of Maine Cooperative Extension. She is based in the Kennebec County office of the Extension. The talk centered on vegetable gardens and what should be done to make them ready for fall and winter. Fitzgerald said the garden should be cleaned out of any refuse, especially weeds. The material can be composted, keeping in mind that many of the seeds of the weed will survive the winter and could be invasive in the garden in the spring. Leaves, she said, are of lesser concern because they provide material that builds the soil. Fall tilling is not recommended because it can weaken the soil. And despite the onset of autumn some vegetables – varieties of lettuce for example – can still be planted now and harvested year round with low hoop protection. Fitzgerald also provided tips for storing harvested vegetables (in a cool room or cellar, uncovered), and using all you can before they start to spoil. She recommended the Extension's website for any additional information.