



# **ISSUES & PROGRAMS**

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**Public Affairs**

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

4/2: This edition features a conversation with the first Lieutenant Jonathan Bratton who is the Maine National Guard historian. The Maine National Guard will soon participate in ceremonies marking the one hundredth anniversary of World War I. Maine national guardsmen and women have a rich history in serving in conflicts overseas and world war one is no exception. First Lieutenant Bratton discusses some of the history and details the events that will take place in Augusta on April 6. We also meet up with Shawn Laatsch of the Emera astronomy center at the University of Maine in Orono. He discusses happenings at the astronomy center that look far beyond our planet and into and beyond our solar system. He details many of the family friendly events for the month of April available at the center.

4/9: This edition of Maine View was an interview with Ken Mason, Sheriff of Kennebec County. Mason was elected in 2016, and took office on January 1, 2017. He was raised in Farmingdale, Maine, served in the United States Marines, and was a corrections officer before serving as a patrol officer for the Augusta, Maine, Police Department for 18 years. Before being elected sheriff, he was Chief Deputy for the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department. The Kennebec County Sheriff oversees a staff of 165 employees and has a yearly budget of 7.9 million dollars. Among Mason's responsibilities are administering the county jail, sheriff's patrol, court security, the major crimes division, special operations, and various neighborhood watch groups. Patrol coverage is shared with the state police in the 900-square miles of the county. “The jail is one big machine,” he said. “It's going 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It doesn't stop.” Mason, who said he's been spending much of his time studying the department and the duties, has two immediate concerns. One is frequent overcrowding at the aged jail in Augusta. The other is better animal control administration throughout the county as complaints are rampant. Mason also cited the importance of good relationships with his staff and the community.



4/16: This week's edition of mean view features a conversation with Ashley Daigle from the organization "shot at life." "Shot at life" is an organization that highlights the health saving significance of immunizations in Maine and around the world. World immunization week lands this month, and Ashley discusses the importance of bringing cost effective immunizations two countries still battling with illness that we have eradicated here in the United States with immunization. We also meet nurse manager Elaine Chambers of CancerCare of Maine. The organization is celebrating new three dimensional technologies in mammograms. Chambers discusses how this new technology would have improved and saved lives had it arrived sooner. She also addresses the concerns of increased radiation that a woman is exposed to when using the new imagery.

4/23: This week's edition features a conversation with Jane Margisson of AARP Maine. AARP Maine is planning a shredding and medication disposal event at airport mall in Bangor on Friday, April 28. Following tax season, the opportunities for seniors to safely dispose of sensitive documents is valuable. As well, unused medication taking up space in medicine cabinets in homes can be safely disposed of with help of the Penobscot County Sheriff's Department. Jane specifically addresses the concerns of the safe disposal of medication in helping prevent accidental poisonings, improper disposal, or theft that could lead to the growing problem of addiction in Maine. We also meet Caleb Speirs of Brewer. As this edition airs on Earth Day, Caleb shares his experience in launching a community garden on Maple Street in Brewer! He mentions the planning process, permission from the city leaders and other considerations necessary for the successful creation of this community vegetable garden. It is fashioned after Bangor's community garden – and mirrors other community gardens throughout Maine.

4/30: This edition of Maine View was an interview with Pete Didisheim, Advocacy Director for the Natural Resources Council of Maine. The Council recently prepared a report, followed by an Augusta news conference, on the damages to Maine if proposed budget cuts to the Environmental Protection Agency are approved. The Trump administration has "singled out the EPA for the deepest cuts of any federal agency, cutting its budget by \$23.6 billion (31%) and its staff by 3,200 (21%), and completely eliminating more than 50 EPA programs." The Maine DEP received \$11.4 million in funding last year from the EPA. The reports states the following dangers: putting clean water at risk; increasing air pollution and health threats; slowing development of closed paper mill sites; increased risks to drinking water and clean beaches; stopping efforts to address climate change; and most importantly, said Didisheim, halting important scientific research. The cuts would be unprecedented in the 47-year history of the EPA. Didisheim said it doesn't have to be a battle of a healthy economy versus a clean environment, especially in Maine, where a clean environment IS all-important to the economy. The cuts are outlined in the Trump Administration's proposed 2018 budget – meaning they could take effect in October, 2017.

5/7: This week's edition features a discussion with Jerry Ireland and his colleagues from United Farmer Veterans of Maine. The organization operates statewide but has just opened a collaborative office on Columbia Street in Bangor. Veteran's services have



proven themselves lacking. This organization welcomes those returning from service, who have been having trouble reintegrating into society, find purpose and support in farming. At the same time, UFV directs them to employment, health and even suicide prevention services they may have been under one roof. Also, EMMC Pediatrician Dr. Colette Sabbagh tells us of one of Maine's four Make A Wish Foundation Walk For Wishes. Bangor's is (oddly) Thursday the 18th at 6:00 pm. Dr. Sabbagh speaks of how much money this event has raised, how the funds are invested in wishes for children with threatening ailments. Dr. Sabbagh even speaks of some of the most unique wishes granted to kids here in Maine! (a McDonald's Drive Thru bedroom?!?)

5/14: This edition features a conversation with Bob Pullen, the Anna Temple Shriner. Shriners love nothing more than to help children. And Bob Pullen speaks of children's screening clinics across Maine this weekend. Screening clinics used to be free. Now families are asked to help as they can. But no child is turned away. And often children are sent on to one of 22 Shriner hospitals across the nation. Pullen tells us where the clinics are. We also meet Frank Pandola of the Second Great Maine Barbecue Challenge. This year's event moves from Smugglers Dan Campground in Southwest Harbor to Besse Park in Bangor. Pandola explains the move was needed because of so much interest in the event. Pandola discusses the events coming in September, who can participate, what features we will have this year, and what it takes to produce great award-winning barbecue.

5/21: This week's edition features an interview with Chris Sementelli, Manager of Maine General Sports Medicine (Augusta and Waterville) and Director of the State of Maine Employee Wellness Center Program. Chris is also the primary athletic trainer at Erskine Academy in South China. Discussed was the newly instituted pitch count for high school baseball players by the Maine Principals' Association, newly utilized safety equipment in softball, and getting back in shape after a sedentary winter. The pitch count, with input from MGSM, clearly states how much mandatory rest a pitcher must take depending on how many pitches are thrown in one day. The count replaces "innings pitched," which was not a true indication of the number of pitches. Sementelli said it's important in Maine, where early spring weather forces postponements and rescheduled games that pile up near the end of the season. Not mandatory are the gear that is worn by softball pitchers and infielders to protect against hard-hit balls to the head area. It ranges from a football type face mask to a face cage. Finally, Sementelli offered tips on getting in shape: such as starting slowly, not making any pain worse, and seeking the advice of a trainer or doctor if necessary.

5/28: This edition features a conversation with Dolly Sullivan of the group Educate Maine. Her organization spearheads the search for Maine's teacher of the year. There was a time when Maine's search for teacher of the year included only nominations from teachers and superintendence. Also, many of those named teacher of the year came from strictly southern Maine. In recent years, however, Educate Maine has seen to it that each county would produce a nominee. Also, anyone could now nominate any public school teacher for this honor. Sullivan announces the winners of county teacher of the



year and tells us of the process of naming the state wide teacher of the year this fall. We also speak with Corporal Jon MacDonald of the Maine Warden Service during national safe boating week. Our state has already seen water related deaths this year. The Corporal speaks of the law concerning flotation device is and the hopes that boaters in Maine will not drink and operate their watercraft on Maine lakes, ponds, and rivers.

6/4: This edition features a conversation with Keith Myers who is the overdose prevention coordinator with the local public health and community services organization. Heath will be hosting three "be a lifesaver" programs in our listening area this month. Each focuses on how friends and family might possibly help someone from an overdose. Heath talks about how drug addicts think and what parts of their brain are working to take over their bodies when reaching for a "fix." We also meet Maine army national guard Sergeant First Class James Robbins and Maine Air National Guard Senior Master Sergeant John see year. Both our recruiters for their respective branches with in the main National Guard. They talk about the benefits of enlisting and the necessary commitments.

6/11: This week's edition features an interview with two persons from the American Lung Association of the Northeast. Kim Chamard is the Development Manager. Lance Bushee is Director of Public Policy. The timing of the interview was to give an overview of the Trek Across Maine on Father's day Weekend (June 16-18, 2017), the ALA's top fundraising event of the year, and the projects on which the ALA is working. Foremost in the legislature is a bill to raise the minimum age to purchase and use tobacco products from 18 to 21. Bushee said enacting it will help keep tobacco away from high school-age children and the "trickle-down" effect that it has. The ALA also just completed its annual Women's Health Care Screening. Women in Maine are in the upper echelon of women in the United States with lung disorder or disease. The ALA also runs a Lung Helpline, a Lung Cancer Support group called Lung Force, and accumulates money for research by the national organization. Since its inception in 1985, the three-day Trek Across Maine has raised more than 22-million dollars to support the mission of the American Lung Association of the Northeast.



6/18: This edition features a conversation with certified entomologist Jack Peaslee of Modern Pest Control. Jack answers one listener's question to us: "why must there be text?" Jack discusses the dangers of Lyme disease, which is so prevalent this season, past practices that may have kept them at bay, and what we can do today to protect ourselves and our families. We also speak with Pat Moody of the AAA New England on a study that finds teen drivers – 16 and 17-year-olds – are three times more likely to be involved in a fatal car crash. Pat discusses the three greatest reasons why this subset of drivers is getting in deadly crashes: distraction, speeding, and lack of training.

6/25: This week's edition features a focus on the arts in eastern and central Maine. First, we speak with Bari Newport and members of the cast of "the full Monty" at Penobscot Theater Company through mid July. The stage production is based on the book and movie of the same name. Cast members talk about the challenges of staging such a provocative production. We also meet with Danny Williams of the Collins center for the arts at the University of Maine Orono. Danny talks about new season offerings including the oak ridge boys, cabaret, and the ukulele orchestra of Great Britain coming in performance to the Collins center for the arts.