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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

1/1 & 1/8: This week's edition of Maine View looks back at the top newsmakers of 2016. We dig into the archives to find those that made headlines, and we tell their stories in this “Best Of” edition of Maine View.

1/15: This week's edition of Maine View contained an interview with two veteran’s advocates. Laura Allen is a Veteran Outreach Specialist with the Maine Bureau of Veterans Services. Phil Allen (no relation) is the Director of Veterans Housing Services with the Preble Street facility at 38 Preble Street in Portland. Discussed was an event titled The Point In Time Count – an effort funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to identify, and actually count, all the homeless in the country. On Tuesday, January 24, 2017, volunteers will be available throughout the state to survey homeless members of our communities. The following Wednesday through Friday, January 25-27, 2017, various service centers will meet with homeless folks and gather important information for the count. It is estimated that between 125-150 veterans are homeless in Maine on any given night, with more experiencing unstable housing situations. The count, and adjoining counseling, is an effort of The Maine Homeless Veteran Action Committee – a public and private partnership that includes Preble Street and the Maine Bureau of Veterans Services.

1/22: This edition of Maine View features a conversation with Jen Brooks of Easter Maine development corporation, Vicky Rusbelt of Reengineering the Region, and Sue Lassard, town manager of Bucksport. EMDC has helped Bucksport land of federal grant to re-engineer the town which is still recovering from the loss of the final paper mill in Penobscot County. The guests disclose how the grants will be invested and help Bucksport wisely invested even before the mill shut down. Also, Jeni Lloyd of EM HS philanthropy brings Dr. Thomas Openshaw of Cancer Care of Maine to our studio to speak of a new collaboration between Cancer Carr and the Dana-Farber Institute. The two institutions have always had a relationship, but this new collaborative will make it even easier for doctors, patients and researchers to share knowledge and work toward break through treatments for cancer patients.

1/29: This week’s Maine View features Diane Tilton of the Downeast Institute. The



University of Maine is investing \$5 million into the DEI. Tilton explains how the investment will build better labs in advance scientific research for the aqua culture industry of Maine. She also details the challenges that the industry has faced up to this point and how this may help going forward. This edition also celebrates nurse anesthetist week. Kristie Houk i'll be main nurse anesthetist joins us to explain how they are active in operating rooms across Maine. Each nurse spaces educational requirements that take them back to class every year. Some argue that nurse anesthetists are as equally important as doctors and nurses in Maine's medical facilities.

2/5: This edition of Maine View features an interview with Patrick Guerette, Program Director at the Alford Youth Center in Waterville and Tournament Director for the 2017 Maine Pond Hockey Classic. The event, which began in 2013, is scheduled for February 10-12 on Snow Pond in Sidney, Maine. Dozens of teams in four divisions will enjoy the old-time Maine winter pastime on 11 rinks plowed on the ice. All the proceeds from the tournaments (entry fees, concessions, and official Maine Pond Hockey Classic gear) will benefit the many activities at the Alford Center. Guerette cited the assistance of the Snow Pond Arts Academy Charter School, located on the banks of Snow Pond. The school donates its facility for tournament administration, parking, and warming huts and bonfires. Teams and individuals come from many areas of the country and Canada, and the tournament has grown every year. The one uncontrollable factor is the weather. Guerette was hoping for good ice-making weather in the week before the Classic and tolerable outdoor conditions during the three days of the event.

2/12: This edition of Maine View features a conversation with former Secretary of State and current state Senator Bill Diamond of Windham. Diamond has introduced a bill in Augusta to bring Maine into compliance with the Real ID act. Maine's legislature defied Washington and refused to comply with Real ID into 2005 expressing concerns over the "patriot act." Years later, many people in Maine who were used to using their drivers license for identification to travel found it no longer accepted. Diamond explains the simplicity of his bill and what compliance will mean for Maine moving forward. We also speak with first lady Ann LePage and Lee Ann Larson of the Department of Education about the "read to me challenge." This annual event challenge his parents to spend 15 minutes a day reading to the children and inspiring a lifetime of learning. The challenge comes in finding time to read it to your children. Both address that issue. Both also reveal their favorite childhood books – and they're surprised to find that both first lady and LePage and Larson have the same favorites!

2/19: This edition of Maine View features a conversation with Lisa Bradford and Bangor settings back on the 10th anniversary of the banks "community matters more" campaign. The bank six nominations from deserving nonprofits and has people Crossmain vote on which will receive a grant. The grants range from \$1000-\$5000. In celebration of its 10th



anniversary the bank is offering twice as many major grants as in years past. December discuss some of the nominees and the process for nominations.

We also speak with Peter Geiger, editor of the farmer's almanac. The 2017 addition came very close to predicting this week's blizzard and the storm that's Coming Our Way, Wednesday into Thursday. Geiger talks about the process of predicting the weather two years out and other offerings in this age old publication.

2/26: This edition of Maine View features an interview with Peter Geiger, Editor of the Lewiston-based Farmers' Almanac. Rather than a yearly "look ahead" at the coming winter season, the interview was to verify (or not) the 2017 prognostications at mid-season. For instance, the Almanac correctly called for a snowy February, and even had the week pinpointed (the week of February 13). Geiger said "I can gloat if need be." He added that the month of March can still have a snowy impact in the waning weeks of the season. The spring prognostication is for mild, dry weather and a second consecutive hot summer. The 2017 edition of the Farmers' Almanac is the 200th edition of the publication. It includes many extras, including quips and suggestions from many of the previous almanacs. Geiger said the FA is also going through applications for four "Farmers of the Year," who are actively working the land with frugality, imagination, and old-time intuition and knowledge. Finalists will be announced later this year. Information about the contest and the publication is found at [farmersalmanac.com](http://farmersalmanac.com).

3/5: This edition features a conversation with Julie Rabinowitz of Means department of labor. The main department of labor budget features an increase in payments to those who are unemployed if they work a part-time job in Maine. Rabinowitz discusses this as an incentive to keep Means idol in the hunt for a full-time job. Rabinowitz also details upcoming job fairs in our state and access to descriptions with the Maine job bank. We also meet Maine's Adjutant General Doug Farnham, Who shares an overview of the mission of the Maine Air and Army National Guard. He discusses enrollment, deployments, and the necessary support for the thousands of Maine men and women who are members of the reserves.



3/12: This edition features a conversation with Bangor fire Lieutenant Andy Emery ahead of the fifth annual Bangor professional firefighters chili and chowder cookoff to benefit the muscular dystrophy Association. Andy tells of the firefighters affinity for MDA as a charity, who is coming to the event this year, and how they can help support the muscular dystrophy Association. He also tells us who are among the judges in this ever-growing charity event. We also talk with Mary Budd, executive director of the Penobscot theatre company, and one of the actors in the upcoming production of "papermaker." This play hits close to home as it hits management versus unions in a papermill strike. Both discussed the dynamic and the opportunity for discussion and understanding between sides as Penobscot Valley now has no paper mill for the first time in centuries.

3/19: This edition of Maine View continued its series of interviews concerning veterans' issues. The guests were Laura Allen, a Veteran Outreach Specialist with the Maine Bureau of Veterans Services, and Matt Jabaut, a statewide officer with the American Legion. Jabaut is Judge Advocate, on the state Veterans Post-911 Committee, and Commander of Post 202 in Topsham. The topic was the challenge in recruiting younger/newer veterans to the various organizations. Statewide, as an example, the American Legion saw its enrollment decreased by 1,951 members from 2016-2017. The reasons for the decrease were discussed – including lack of interest and a need to better introduce new vets to the benefits of groups like the Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and AMVETS. Emphasized was that veterans of all ages have much in common, and can learn from each other's experiences. The Maine Bureau of Vets' Services has a data base from which the organizations can draw. The cause is a priority on the national level as well, said Jabaut.

3/26: This edition of Maine View features a conversation with John for Island of the ocean renewable power company and down East Maine. John explains what ORP C is doing and what steps it's taking to become a viable generator of power in Maine compared to similar operations in Europe. We also talk with Mike Hyde with Jackson laboratory on Mount Desert Island. Mike talks of the history of the laboratory and three major projects that are bringing serious job opportunities to Maine. He also speaks of Jackson laboratories commitment to remain in Maine.