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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

10/1: This edition features a conversation with David Leach of Maine's bureau of consumer credit protection. We follow up on the aqua fax data breach. Mainers, who can enjoy a cost-free freeze of their credit reports to the three major credit companies, are having difficulty in doing so following the data breach. Leach explains why the log jam exists and tells what Mainers can do to work around it to preserve their good credit. Also, we speak with Mike Peasley of modern pest services about "what's bugging you!" Mike details what means warm weather into late summer and early fall means for creepy crawley things trying to creep and crawl into our homes. Mike also answers questions about that's in the attic and squirrels running rampant around our homes.

10/8: This edition delivers both sides of the battle over implementing legal use of marijuana in our state. Paul McCarrier of legalize Maine talks of the bill recently voted out by a legislative committee to allow establishments to sell marijuana or host "pot clubs." McCarrier says this bill is not perfect. He discusses the merits of getting the business is up and running and how, then, the black market will disappear. We also speak with state Senator Roger Katz, Republican of Augusta, Who details how hard lawmakers worked on this measure and how it is, as McCarrier said, "far from perfect." Katz addresses the issue of taxes and how Maine runs the risk of taxing such clubs so greatly that more people will be driven underground.



10/15: This week's Maine View featured an interview with Peter Geiger, Publisher of the Farmers' Almanac, based in Lewiston, Maine. The publication is celebrating its 200th Anniversary, having first being offered in 1818. To mark the occasion, and improvements at their Lewiston facility, Geiger and his staff buried a time capsule this year to be opened in 25 years hence, in 2042. The Farmers' Almanac is calling for another colder and snowier winter of 2018 in the northeast. It will be followed by a dryer and hotter summer than usual in 2018, says the prognostication. The edition also features its Farmers of the Year winners – people in Connecticut, Washington, and Arkansas – chosen for their unique and inspiring lives at farming. On its website the Almanac mentions 10 runners-up to the award, including Ross and Meaghan Nichols of Bristol, Maine. The Almanac, as always, is filled with features, outdoor and gardening tips, suggestions for smart and healthy living, and wit and wisdom. The Almanac also features a chart listing the "Best Fishing Days" of 2018.

10/22: This edition features a conversation with Dr. Ray Rice, the president of the University of Maine at Presque Isle. His campus, and three others, can now offer free tuition to select students. Rice explains which campuses are offering free tuition, what the restrictions and requirements are, and the end goals: greater graduation rates and less student debt. Also, we speak with Jane Margison of AARP Maine. Jane explains the intricacies of open enrollment for Medicare now underway. She shares who should review their current Medicare coverage, and where people can get assistance in deciphering the arcane machinations of Medicare.

10/29: This edition features a discussion with Dr. Collette Sabbagh of EMC pediatric services about the importance of getting your annual flu shot. Dr. Sabbagh dispels the myth of getting a flu shot causes the flu. And dismisses the myth that the flu shot will cause long-term elements for adults and children. Also, Bari Newport of Penobscot Theatre brings members of the cast of "Misery," be theatrical adaptation of the Stephen King thriller, into our studio. We discuss the merits of the performance, why the letter "and" is red on all of the posters, and the challenges for the actor who is confined to the bed. Newport also touches on the excitement over the refurbishment of the theater.



11/5: This week's Maine View featured an interview with two persons involved in the "Maine's Hire-A-Vet Campaign 2017." Steve Roy is a career consultant with the Maine Department of Labor, and coordinator of the campaign. Melissa Willette is the Communications Director for the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services. The Campaign kicked-off on August 29, 2017, at the Augusta State Armory and concludes the second week of December, 2017. The Campaign is partnering with 10 veteran organizations across the state of Maine. Employers numbering 130 are on board, and at the time of the interview 76 veterans found full or part time work. Roy said the state's low unemployment rate makes the task difficult to find any qualified workers, not to mention job-seeking vets. The goal is to top 2016's total of 197 hires, 147 participating employees, and a \$22.23 average an hour placement wage. MHAV has participated in three job fairs – Portland, Augusta and Bangor. Willette said job retraining is available through her agency and employers. No qualified veteran is turned down, even those who have suffered physical or mental trauma from their service. Employers, said, Roy, like hiring veterans because of the responsibility and duty they acquired during their service time.

11/12: This edition features an interview with Master Sergeant Zach Poulin of Maine's 101st air refueling wing. He leads the cyber security division of the 101st. Zach explains the difficulties in protecting the wing and its connection to the Pentagon from cyber attacks. We also speak with Mike Peasley of modern pest services about the prevalence of spiders in homes and businesses this time of year. Mike describes what can be done to clear a home of these pesky pests, and why we are seeing some bugs in Maine that we've never seen before.

11/19: This edition features a conversation with the "head of school" for JOHN BAPST memorial high school in Bangor. Mel MacKay tells us of the "love that school" campaign and why JOHN BAPST is undertaking a 7.5 million Dollar capital campaign. Mal tells us of the capital improvements the school has needed for years and how it will maximize space inside the existing school and the new structure going up across Somerset Street. Also we speak with cancer survivor Jeni Lloyd of EMHS philanthropy to show some perspective of what we all have to be thankful for in the countdown to Thanksgiving. Lloyd talks specifically about research trials underway at the facility in Brewer in conjunction with the Dana Farber Cancer facility. We also promote "no shave November." This event raises awareness and money for research locally.



11/26: This week's Maine View featured an interview with two staff members of the Maine Children's Home for Little Wanderers in Waterville. Richard Dorian is the Executive Director. Kelly Couture is the new Development Director. The topic was the annual Christmas Program of donations of gifts for children, which is wrapping-up its' 2017 campaign in the second week of December. More than 1,000 children from around the state for a box of gifts appropriate to their ages (six weeks to five years old). The Christmas Program at the Children's Home is a year-long project, with prospective recipients being lined-up and planning corporate sponsorship and volunteering. Despite help from companies like Marden's and New Balance, Dorian said most of the donations come from individuals and families. "We turn into a distribution center the weeks of the program," said Dorian. "We basically have to fill and empty our warehouse space three times." Despite the early December deadline for donation applications, Dorian said they will fill late requests if possible. The Maine Children's Home for Little Wanderers also provides early childhood care and education, adoption counseling, scholarships to several area summer camps, and a teen parent school program.

12/3: This edition features opposing sides to Maine's continuing issue of Rank Choice Voting. Maine voters said "yes" to RCV but Senate President Mike Thibodeau called a "solemn moment," sending the matter to Maine's Supreme Court for an advisory opinion. The High Court found the citizen-initiated law in part unconstitutional. Maine's Legislature has delayed implementation. Supporters, on Election Day, gathered more than half the needed signatures for a "People's Veto" of the delay. Kyle Bailey of the Committee for Rank Choice Voting and Jake Posik of the Maine Heritage Policy Center answer questions to lend their perspective to the issue that Maine voters will likely address again in June of next year.

12/10: This edition features a conversation with Cathy Speronis. She is a cancer survivor who sought a nutritional alternative to battling her disease. With advice from her doctor, she explored options from the Organization called "healing strong." She discusses her decisions to find alternatives to chemotherapy and drugs. We also speak with Renee Muscatell of the community action program "Penquis." For the 35th year, 'Blueberry Broadcasting' is helping with the "Christmas is for kids" campaign. Renee discusses what this campaign means two children of less fortunate families in our part of Maine.



12/17: This week's Maine View featured an interview with Patrick Guerette, Operations Director of the Boys and Girls Club/YMCA and Alford Youth Center in Waterville. The topic was the upcoming Maine Pond Hockey Classic – when the proceeds will benefit the activities at the Waterville facility. The date for the fifth annual event is February 9-11, 2018, at the Snow Pond Center for the Arts on Snow Pond (Messalonskee Lake) in Sidney. The deadline for team and individual registration is January 9, 2018. Dozens of teams from Maine and other states will compete in six divisions: Open A; Open B, Women's, Recreation, 35-plus, and 50-plus. The four-on-four games are played on 'rinks' measuring 70 feet by 140 feet. There are no goalies. There are set rules for substitution, scoring, refereeing, game play, and penalties. The goal of the event is to raise money, but Guerette said he doesn't want players to forget it's also just for fun. The Pond Hockey Classic is also predicated on the weather, making 'rink' construction a timely challenge. Activities at the Boys and Girls Club/YMCA and Alford Center include youth development, aquatic and other athletic activities, community recreation, an after-school program and in the summer – the management at Camp Tracy in Oakland, Maine.

12/24: This edition features a conversation with Paul Naron of the United Farmer's Market in Belfast. Naron details how a transplant from Connecticut would come to mid coast mean by a large vacant building and turn it into the largest farmers market in the state. He discusses the offerings and hopes for expansion. We also speak with the state representative Trey Stewart, the Republican of Presque Isle, on Maine's opioid crisis task force and the report now out. We talk about the strategies, the cost, and the realities of trying to read main of the epidemic that's killing one person per day.

12/31: This edition features interviews with State Senator Cathy Breen (D-Falmouth) and State Representative Ken Fredette (R-Newport), each with a competing perspective on the citizen initiated and voter approved expansion of Medicaid, administered as MaineCare in our State. Governor Paul LePage, an opponent of expansion, outlined his "principles" for expansion, strongly advocating for no tax increases, no raiding Maine's "rainy day fund," no one-time funding mechanism or gimmicks and that Maine's seniors and disable still waiting for services be cared for first, before the legislature spends any state money on expansion.