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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

4/3: This edition features conversations with UMaine Student Michael Delorge. He is researching substance abuse and addiction in our state with a detailed online survey. Delorge details what his survey seeks to determine and what securities participants could have even as they share data on where they could have acquired illicit drugs. Participants in the survey could win a Dunkin Donuts gift card. We also talk with Tom Peaco, the President & CEO of the Penobscot Bay Region Chamber of Commerce. The Business & Community Expo returns post-pandemic to inside the Samoset Resort in Rockport April 13th. Tom talks about what attendees and vendors could expect. Plus what hopes the business community hopes to reclaim after COVID stalled some activity for two years.

4/10: This week's edition features a talk with Tony Cameron, Chief Executive Officer of the Maine Tourism Association. The MTA is the state's largest advocate for all tourism-related businesses. Members include lodging, restaurants, camps, campgrounds, retail, outdoor recreation, guides, tour operators, amusements and cultural and historic attractions. The MTA also operates seven State Visitor Information Centers from Kittery to Calais. Cameron said members are cautiously optimistic about the 2022 spring and summer seasons if two things can happen - Covid-19 cases continue to dissipate, and if enough employees are available for hire. The MTA has partnered with five other associations to establish the Maine Tourism Career Center. It's a website (mainetourismjobs.com) that will include listings of full-time and seasonal job listings for employers to advertise their positions. Job seekers can upload their resumes, receive weekly job alerts and receive information on In career pathways within the tourism industry. The U.S. government has also released 35,000 additional temporary visas (H2B Visas) nationwide, for foreign workers, to add to the available pool of available employees. Cameron said many tourism-related businesses has had to manage without a full staff.



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4/17: This edition features a conversation with Steve Blackwell of the law firm Lanham, Blackwell and Baber. Steve explains how Covid has clogged Maine's courts, both criminal and civil cases. Steve, who has specialized in "family law mediation, explains how mediation may be a cost effective and more timely alternative than seeking to resolve disputes in the court system with attorneys. We also speak with Morrill, Rob, and Mike Wooster, about plans for the flag pole of freedom Park in Columbia Falls in Washington County. The family explains why, when, and how they plan on building this sprawling patriotic Dash themed park with the largest flag in the world and one of the tallest structures on the East Coast by July 2026.

4/24: This edition features Amy Thibodeau of Bangor International Airport, returning to update listeners on changes concerning Covid guidance from the national CDC. Days after a federal judge in Florida overturned the Biden administrations mask mandate for mask travel, Amy returned to tell us what can be expected for those traveling through the airport. She also talks of an increase in passenger traffic as we are in the waning days of the pandemic. We also talk with Matt Marston, Director of pharmacy for Northern Light healthcare. Following George Hale's Covid diagnosis, and receiving monoclonal antibody treatment, we brought Marston on to tell listeners what the treatment entails. Matt talks about who is best suited to receive the therapy, how effective it works, and how it might be useful in the waning days of the pandemic should something turn south.

5/1: This week's edition features a talk with Hillary Roberts, Executive Director of the Kennebec Valley Humane Society based in Augusta. The KVHS is in the last stages of its Happily Ever After capital campaign – to raise money for a new facility and acreage on Leighton Road in Augusta. The campaign is in the public phase, in which the KVHS is looking for naming sponsorship for rooms, trails and walkways at the facility. More than 85 percent of the fundraising goal of six million dollars has been raised, buoyed by a two-million-dollar donation from the Shuman Family – owners of Charlie's Auto Malls of Augusta. The new building, for which ground will be broken in the summer, has been named the Nancy Shuman Shelter. Roberts said the plan is to expand and improve their programs, including adoptions, animal fostering, and volunteering. The KVHS' website, pethavenlane.org, has case studies about rescued animals from the southern United States, and a regular feature called "Happy Trails," which is success stories about adopted dogs, cats and pocket pets.



5/8: This edition features Greg Sirpis, Chair of Operation Game Thief. Greg shares what information he could about the poaching of a black bear in the town of Lagrange. Someone shot and killed a black bear and left the body in Dead River. Operation Game Thief, at the time of our interview, offered a \$2000 reward for prosecutable information. Greg explains the mission of his organization, and how they raise money for these privates' rewards. He talked specifically of an upcoming event that will help raise money and awareness for the organization. Note: The day of this replay, the organization announced that it was doubling the reward. Also, we talk with Penobscot County Sheriff Troy Morton about Correction Officer Appreciation Week. The Sheriff talks about the challenges and rewards of having a career working in jails and correctional facilities in our state. He also talks about wages and benefits and job retention in a career.

5/15: This edition features a conversation with Paul McCarrier of the state of Maine Craft cannabis Association. The state recently announced new rule making guidelines that Paul says will benefit medical marijuana providers and cultivators in our state. Paul explains how past rules, written, he says, with the help of "big marijuana" might have hindered Production, bye grass roots cultivators and blunted the ability of medical marijuana caregivers to do their job. We also talk with Linda ball of central Maine power. The utility recently partnered with spectrum generations, and agency serving older Meiners in caregiver settings, to answer questions about their power usage and bill. Ball explains how sitting down and explaining the billing process has helped consumers better understand their usage, and also conserve and save money in this energy crisis.

5/22: This week's edition features a talk with Griffin Dill, of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension. He manages the Tick Diagnostic and Research Laboratory at UMaine and coordinates the Integrated Tick Management Program. One of his duties is to identify ticks that Maine residents send to the lab, and determine if they are carrying any diseases – such as Lyme Disease – which are transmitted by the Deer Tick. The other most prominent tick in Maine is the larger Dog Tick, which does not transmit disease. So far in 2022, according to Dill, it is an average tick season, different from the Dog Tick explosion of 2021. According to the Maine Tracking Network, there were 237 probable or confirmed cases of Lyme in Maine from January 1 through April 9, 2022. Dill also discussed reducing tick habitats around the yard, such as cleaning up grass or wood piles, and cutting lower limbs of trees to allow more sunlight. The heat from the sun dries and kills the ticks. Burning a yard may kill ticks, but it may entice more tick-carrying deer and rodents to feed on re-growing vegetation. Also discussed was a report from the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife that Winter Ticks killed 90 per cent of Moose calves in two Maine counties in 2021.



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5/29: This edition features a conversation with Dolly Sullivan of educate Maine. She announces the “teacher of the year” for all 16 counties in our state. One among the 16 will be Maine’s teacher of the year. Sullivan reminds us of the rigorous judging in determining who earns this honor and the work ahead for each as Maine considers who will be teacher of the year. Also, we meet Carrie Lemos and Kevan Shave of the unlimited solutions clubhouse in Bangor. Lemos is the executive Director. Shave is a former member and now peer educator at the facility helping people with mental illness find recovery and inclusion in communities. The clubhouse is celebrating an anniversary and both share how they are celebrating.

6/5: This edition features a conversation with former mean game warden and undercover operative Bill Livezey. He was the focus of controversy after an undercover operation rated a home and took illegally gotten game from an elderly woman’s home in Northern Maine. Others have praised him as the “best undercover game warden operative in the nation.” He’s written a book called “Let’s Go For A Ride.” He talks of his experiences and motivations for writing this book. We also check in with Tony Caruso, executive Director of Bangor International Airport. Tony updates us on the seemingly ever-changing CDC guidance concerning masks in the terminal. He also boasts of a national award pull down by the snow removal team at the airport.

6/12: This week’s edition features a talk with James Dill, Pest Management Specialist at the University of Maine Cooperative Extension. He is a professor in the School of Biological Sciences at UMaine. The topic was the Brown Tail Moth and Caterpillar, pests who have reached their worst infestation in 100 years in the state. In late Spring the caterpillars, identified by two red dots on their surface, can cause a rash and possible respiratory problem if people come in contact with their hairs. The hairs can become windborne and can affect humans even after the feeding larvae stage. Dill said hairs can still be around in winter. When the Brown Tail transforms into moths in late summer they appear by the hundreds, but do-little damage to foliage. The Brown Tail has flourished due to several years of mild winters and dry Springs. The way to eradicate them, said Dill, is to destroy the cocoon nests that appear in fall and last into the next year. What was once a coastal Maine issue, Brown Tails can be found in every county in Maine. Bangor, with its “Knockout Brown Tail,” and a similar program in Waterville, have been established to battle them in those hard-hit areas.



6/19: This edition features a conversation with Becca Tinkham of Safe Voices, a domestic violence and abuse outreach agency in Androscoggin, Franklin, in Oxford counties. Tinkham tells us of an upcoming 5K/10K event to raise money for the agency to continue its pressing work. Tinkham also discusses the challenges in reaching and helping victims of domestic violence, plus, the startling number of domestic violence related homicides in our state. We also talk with Jean Sedaris of the bicycle coalition of Maine. The coalition is watching the number of pedestrian related fatalities as well as cycling related fatalities in our state. Sedaris talks of the importance of cyclists, pedestrians, and motorists, and the responsibilities each phase, ensuring the road safely in our state.

6/26: This edition welcomes Mike Fern of the Bangor Fourth of July corporation into our studio to preview the upcoming Independence Day events in Brewer and Bangor. Also in our studio is Brian Hineichs of the Bangor Symphony orchestra, which will perform before the fireworks display along the waterfront that day. Both talk of the challenges in returning to and in person, well attended event as the state emerges from the Covid pandemic. This edition also features a conversation with Maine's game warden of the year Joe McBrine. McBrine talks of his career, beginning as a child who wanted nothing more than to be a game warden, to earning his needed degree, working in Western Maine, then working along the coast of Maine. McBrine also talks of his efforts to advance educational opportunities so other people can become game wardens in our state.

7/3: This edition features a conversation with Barry Norris, the Executive Director of the Maine Association of Agricultural Fairs. MAAF'S goal is to represent the agricultural fairs of the state of Maine by promoting good fellowship, agricultural education and cooperation. From the Monmouth Fair in June to the Fryeburg Fair in October, there are 23 fairs in the organization. Norris says he makes it his practice to visit all the fairs each season. The year 2022 marks another year in the wake of severe Covid-19 restrictions at the fairs, or no fair at all in some cases. Norris said 2021 fairs were well-attended and he expects the same in 2022. Hand sanitizing stations will be provided, although there are no requirements to use them. There is concern about Avian Bird Flu this year. Its presence in the state may require cutbacks at poultry shows – which have long been a staple AT Maine agricultural fairs.