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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

1/2: This edition features Jake Ward the vice president for innovation at the University of Maine in Orono. Jake explains how President Biden’s build back better bill includes a “regional challenge.” The regional challenge could bring more than \$100 million of investment into Maine’s Forest products industry. He explains what this could mean for the industry in Maine and what the state must do to win this investment. We also talk with Jepheth Els of AARP Maine. He tells us who this year’s Andrus community service award winners are! The Andrus community service award is named after the founder of AARP. This year’s winners are a couple who’s strong commitment to their community has earned them this award.

1/9: This edition features a conversation with BJ McCollister of the campaign for tobacco free kids. The campaign is concerned that even three months after an FDA deadline to determine which flavored tobacco products should no longer be available on store shelves, The FDA has yet to make determinations. BJ also discusses the flavors that Bing tobacco is producing in marketing, and we dig into the debate over whether “menthol” cigarettes constitute a “kid friendly flavor.” We talked with State Senator Marianne Moore of Washington County. She has scanned the department of health and human services annual child welfare report. Many are taking a close look at this report after last summer when four children, all under the age of four, died in a span of four weeks in our state. Moore talks about what progress the department has made, what has yet to be accomplished, and what ways Maine might see stronger laws and better protections for children.



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1/16: This week's edition features a talk with Tayo Clyburn, Dean of the office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at Colby College in Waterville. Clyburn held similar positions at St. Mary's College of Maryland, and Ohio State University before joining Colby in 2021. Clyburn talked about the duties of his office, and the life and impact of Doctor Martin Luther King on the eve of another Martin Luther King Day - a federal holiday. Clyburn said Doctor King's message against discrimination is still being received more than 50 years after his assassination in 1968. Clyburn oversees inclusion in all levels of Colby life – athletics, admission and advancement – but admitted it's not an easy task. To be successful, Clyburn said he would "have to work my way out of a job." He said there is good work being done at Colby and is pleased with his reception there in his first year. Clyburn is also well versed in post civil-rights literature, compositions written after the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

1/23: This edition welcomes Dan Cashman. He is host of the only late night talk show produced in the state. His show appears in Presque Isle, Bangor, and Portland. Dysart's restaurants and Pine Tree Camp have invited Dan to take part in the annual "snowmobile ride in." For every \$100 donated to Dan's ride, he must place an egg in his snowsuit. We talked with Dan and a member of the Dysart's family who Phone in to tell us about the pine tree camp and how people can support it. We also talk with central Maine power lineman Sam Weber and the utilities vice president of electric operations Adam Derosier. The utility has won an award from the Edison electric Institute for their emergency response work in Louisiana following Hurricane Eda. Sam tells the tale of getting the call to pack his bags and head south. And he tells of the work they did amid snakes, flooding waters, and Cajun music. Adam tells us where the award sits at Central Maine power and how proud they are of the workers and their families.

1/30: This edition welcomes Tony Cameron of the Maine tourism association. Tony shares results of the associations latest survey of businesses. Retailers in Maine are reflecting back on the Christmas shopping season, whether they will be reducing hours and workforce, and their prediction for the seasons ahead. While there is some optimism, many businesses are still struggling with Covid, shopping issues, and supply chain issues. We also welcome Danny Williams of the Collins Center for the Arts at the University of Maine in Orono. The "center of it all" is working to emerge from the pandemic, welcoming audiences to some pretty big shows, including Miranda Lambert, Robert Cray, and Weird Al Yankovich. Williams discusses what pandemic restrictions audiences will face when coming to a show.



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2/6: This week's edition features a talk with Victoria Abbott, President of the Board of Directors at Bread of Life Ministries of the greater Augusta area. The non-profit organization that started in 1984 now includes a soup kitchen, a homeless emergency shelter for up to 40 people, a veterans shelter for 14 people, 83 subsidized apartment units in nine buildings, and provides case management. BOLM is funded by the United Way and donations from businesses and individuals. The soup kitchen at 157 Water Street in Augusta – the same location where it started in 1984 – serves 40 to 120 meals a day Monday through Friday, and is looking to expand to Saturday and Sunday. There is no charge for the meal and everyone is welcome. Volunteers donate 8,000 to 9,000 hours a year at the facilities. More information on the organization is found at mainebreadoflife.org. Its mission is to “provide services that help people change their lives and take personal responsibility.”

2/13: This week's edition features a conversation with Jaclyn Fish of Bangor Savings Bank. The bank is celebrating its "community matters more" online voting. People can select up to five listed nonprofits remain or New Hampshire, and write in their suggestions, to receive one of several grants. The bank is awarding an additional \$15,000 to the top vote-getter, in celebration of the 15th year of “community matters more. Fish describes the voting and the tradition that is “community matters more.” We also talk with Ron round of Pottle's Transportation. Ron was recently in Washington DC, and was surprised to receive notification that, out of more than 2000 applicants, he was selected among 20 of America's Road team truckers by the American trucking association. Ron describes the privileges and responsibilities of being one of the road team leaders. One also expresses, but great humbleness, how much this award means to him and his company.

2/20: This edition features a conversation with Christine Grow of the Association of Health Insurance Providers. She updates us on what Washington is doing with Medicare advantage. Medicare advantage is a supplemental plan that many seniors in Maine subscribe to. Washington is considering changes that could affect levels of coverage for people in Maine. Christine outlines the changes. We also talk with Sarah Joy, the Director of patient experience at Northern Light Eastern Maine medical center. Sarah points out that Covid cases are on the decline and the hospital is now expanding visitation hours. Some restrictions remain, and she outlines what visitors to the hospital will experience.



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2/27: This week's edition features a talk with Scott Dunn, President of the Maine Maple Producers Association - which represents more than 250 of the 450 licensed maple producers in the state of Maine. Dunn is also the owner of Dunn Family Maple in Buxton. He is also a firefighter for the town of Buxton and the city of South Portland. The discussion included plans for the annual Maine Maple Weekend, scheduled for March 26-27, 2022. Dunn said he hopes to return to normalcy for the event in terms of people attending as Covid-19 wanes in Maine, and quality of the product after a poor year in 2021. Dunn said many farmers will continue with a Fall visitation program at sugar houses across the state. Yearly, maple farmers average 575,000 gallons of syrup produced, add 27 million to the state's economy, and are responsible for 560 full and part time jobs. Somerset County produces more maple products than any other county in the United States. The Association also sponsors a mentor program for persons interested in getting into the business.

3/6: This edition features Jacob Judd, executive Director of "Educate Maine." Each year his organization publishes the "education indicators for Maine" report. Judth tells us of the findings in the ninth report which looks at how the pandemic has affected teaching students in our state. It also details accomplishments in achieving diversity in education. also, we talk with Amy Thibodeau of Bangor International Airport. She often tells travelers to arrive two hours early for your flight. She details how that was sage advice for a traveler who tried to bring a Leatherman through TSA. Amy tells us of the happy ending in that case. She also tells us of changes at the Covid testing kiosk inside the terminal at BGR. Many may not realize the free testing available and how quickly the results are returned should they need results for international travel.

3/13: This week's edition features Paul McCarrier of the Maine Craft Cannabis Association. He's been watching the legal wrangling over who should write the rules concerning the legal sale of medical marijuana in Maine. Paul describes the challenges and tension among Maine's Office of Marijuana Policy, elected legislators, local growers and producers, and larger pot producing companies, many from out of state. Paul reports of movement in the battle and discloses that one of the biggest producers of pot in the state is owned by a man with dual citizenship with Russia. We also celebrate March as national Red Cross Month with Paula Coyle of the Northern New England Red Cross who describes how critical volunteers are to the success of both Red Cross blood and disaster services. And Paula introduces us to Jessica and Michael Craig of Portland, the poster children for disaster volunteering in Maine and the nation. The Craig's join the conversation to tell of where they've gone, what they've seen and why they do what they do.



3/20: This week's edition features a talk with Gordon Smith, the state of Maine's first Director of Opioid Response. The position is in the Office of Innovation and the Future, which was established by newly-elected Governor Janet Mills in 2019. Smith has a background in law and medicine, and is a graduate of the University of Maine and Boston College Law School. Smith's team emphasizes the Options Program, where liaisons work alongside local emergency medical services and law enforcement to: provide short-term clinical interventions; reach at-risk communities; engage in post-overdose follow up; and help families and individuals with referrals. Smith also advocates that everyone should carry the overdose defector Naloxone. Smith said that knowledge can save a life, be it knowing where to find treatment, how to prevent an overdose, where to get clean syringes, and knowing that you are not alone.

3/27: This edition features a conversation with Lauren Stewart of the Maine Bureau of Highway safety. The Bureau has noted not a spate, but rather a sharp spike, in motor vehicle fatalities in the first 2 1/2 months of the year. Rates are eclipsing those of January and February of last year. Stewart talks about likely causes and simple prevention. Plus, we talk with Adam Derosiers of Central Maine power about the utilities \$27 million high tech tree trimming program. Adam talks about the five-year cycle of the utility in order to mitigate intrusive vegetation, and answers a few of our listeners questions about personal property and private roads.