



Chamber of Commerce

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615 Wilton Road, Farmington

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April 2015

Letter from the president of your Chamber

Greetings!

During the last month, the Chamber and its members have been involved in a variety of events. The largest was the Home and Leisure Show. This event brought together over 500 vendors, suppliers and visitors at the Mt. Blue Campus. The Home and Leisure Show has become a yearly event that is anticipated by many in the community. This year provided spectators with the opportunity to win many great prizes and giveaways. With items like a large, flat-screen TV from Lynn-Hom electronics, a Makita Circular Saw from Hammond Lumber and overnight accommodations from the Comfort Inn and the Wilson Lake Inn as well as many other prizes, visitors left the show with ... a lot to show.

Mt. Blue Sports Boosters provided concessions while Tickle the Clown and the Pony Express Zoo entertained children by displaying an alligator, chinchilla and the famous, "giant, Madagascar Hissing Cockroaches." The Franklin County Fiddlers and the Mt. Blue Flipsides musical groups demonstrated the incredible talents of our local high school students. With WKTJ broadcasting live during



the event, many vendors had the added advantage of broadcasting about their business to the listening area.

The Chamber would like to thank our business partners that helped us to sponsor this yearly event: Franklin Savings Bank, Skowhegan Savings Bank, Hammond Lumber, Walmart and Dead River Company. If you would like to join our sponsor list, or participate in next year's show (March 19, 2016), please contact the Chamber office.

In other Chamber events, we hosted a Business After Hours at Ron's Market. This included a wine tasting, similar

to the wine tastings held monthly at Ron's Market. With some delicious snack foods, great tasting wines and door prizes, everyone left happy. Ron and Louis Bubier were also surprised by a certificate of appreciation from the Chamber of Commerce in honor of their 10 years of business.

On Wednesday, March 18, several members of the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce drove to Rangeley to attend the Rangeley Chamber of Commerce board meeting. This gave us a chance to listen to ways we can partner together in the future. Many ideas were discussed, including to promote each other's events on social media, provide combined training opportunities and work together to coordinate events. One interesting idea was to develop a regular transportation system between the Farmington and Rangeley area. This could be an idea for the future.

Sincerely,

Glenn Kapiloff

President, Franklin County Chamber of Commerce

Welcome our newest Chamber members!

The Franklin County Chamber of Commerce board of directors would like to welcome the newest members of the Chamber. We encourage our members to take a moment and say hello.

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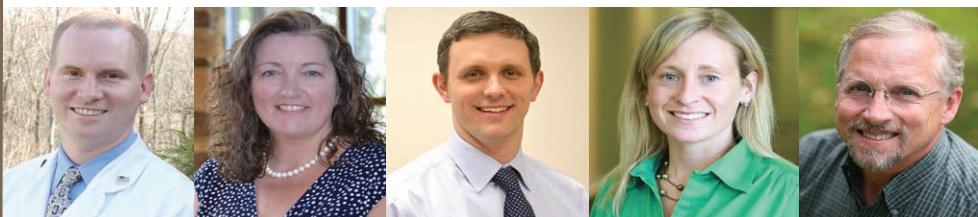
The Original Irregular publishes a local weekly newspaper and seasonal publications serving mountain and lake communities in Northern Franklin County in Western Maine.

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The Franklin County Chamber of Commerce promotes civic engagement, community involvement, and economic development. The Chamber has acknowledged the following citizens with a Citizen Recognition Award for their accomplishments and contributions to our community's future.

- **Dick Meader:** Named to the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame
- **Kyle Ellis:** Dispatcher of the Year
- **Mt. Blue Boys Ski Team:** Overall KVAC Alpine Championship
- **Tracy Williams:** Elementary Principal of the Year
- **Ashley Holmes:** December's Student of the Month at Mt. Blue High School
- **Nate Pratt-Holt:** December's Student of the Month at Mt. Blue High School
- **McKinley Goozey:** January's Student of the Month at Mt. Blue High School
- **Brittany Chapman:** January's Student of the Month at Mt. Blue High School
- **Dan Nash:** International Diamond Society Designation
- **Eric Kinney:** International Sterling Society Designation
- **Wendy Wright:** International Sterling Society Designation
- **Gary Paling:** President's Elite Honor
- **Kevin Hartley:** Deputy of the Year and Deputy of the Quarter
- **Debbie Conrad:** 25 Years with Western Maine Transportation

If you know of a person deserving recognition, please submit the nominee's name and a description of their accomplishment to info@franklincountymaine.org or call the Chamber office at 207-778-4215.



Emblem Club #460 officers for 2015-2016

MEMBER IN THE SPOTLIGHT:

The Farmington Emblem Club #460

The Farmington Emblem Club #460 is a group of members who support community charities, enjoy helping veterans and have a dedication to patriotism. The members are always ready to do a flag folding whenever asked. They give out scholarships to three schools yearly and support all the area food pantries. At Thanksgiving time they ask all the nursing homes and assisted living homes to bring their clients for dinner and music.



Flag folding by members of the Farmington Emblem Club #460.

If interested in becoming a member, call 778-4726 for more information.

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Home and Leisure Show was a success!

The 21st annual Home and Leisure Show held on Saturday, March 21, was a successful event. More than 500 visitors had an opportunity to purchase items and view the displays of over 40 businesses and organizations. The Home and Leisure Show provides a venue for businesses and organizations to promote their products and services, and to network with other area businesses.

Entertainment by the Mt. Blue Flipsides and Franklin County Fiddlers added to the festive atmosphere. Balloon animals created by Tickle the Clown and the unusual small animals from Pony Express Zoo were enjoyed by the young and young at heart.

Many businesses and organizations held drawings throughout the day for prizes. The Franklin County Chamber of Commerce prize drawings were held at the close of the show.

The Chamber prize winners were:

Kim Hilton won the one night stay at Comfort Inn & Suites and the Circular Saw from Hammond Lumber;

Doreen Bellmore won the Vera Bradley Bag from Calico Patch;

Warren Dorey won the Garden Design & Plants from Robin's Flower Pot;

Greg Patterson won the two-night stay at Wilson Lake Inn with a gift certificate to Calzolaio's;

and **Kathleen Davenport** won the 39" TV from Lynn-Hom Electronics.

The Chamber thanks the many volunteers who donated their time to organize and facilitate the event. Also, we would like to thank the event sponsors who helped to make this a great event including: Franklin Savings Bank, Hammond Lumber, Dead River Company, Walmart and Skowhegan Savings Bank.



Justin Meservier photo
Attendees visiting the Skowhegan Savings Bank booth.



Scott Landry photo
Bass Hill Garden & Gifts owner Carol Chase



Scott Landry photo
Robin's Flower Pot displayed spring flowers at the show.



Scott Landry photo
Healthy Community Coalition provided blood pressure screening at the Home & Leisure Show.



Justin Meservier photo
Walmart's lawn and garden display.



Scott Landry photo
Franklin Savings Bank display at the Home & Leisure Show.

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&
FRANKLIN COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Franklin County Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that we're teaming up again with Seth Wescott to host the 13th Annual Scholarship Golf Classic on Friday, October 2nd, 2015. Proceeds are used to help fund the Annual Franklin County Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Program and the Level Field Fund for area students and athletes.

For more information contact Penny Meservier at the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce at 207-778-4215 or director@franklincountymaine.org

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We are offering a fantastic opportunity to be part of our Golf Classic and a chance to meet Seth Wescott - all for a great cause! We would love to have you sign up a team! Teams will enjoy complimentary gift bags, door prizes and lunch at the RACK!

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Celebrating with Ron's Market at March's Business After Hours

On Thursday, March 26, Ron's Market enthusiastically hosted a Business After Hours. Those attending had a fabulous time socializing while enjoying appetizers and a wine tasting. The Franklin County Chamber of Commerce presented owners Jon and Lois Bubier with a certificate in celebrating Ron's Market's 10-year anniversary.

Business After Hours events are excellent opportunities to network outside of the office setting. Anyone is welcome to attend, so join us and bring a friend or co-worker.



Wine tasting and networking at March's BAH.



The certificate given to the owners of Ron's Market for their 10-year business anniversary.



Socializing at the Business After Hours held at Ron's Market.

Events Calendar

APRIL - MAY

APR 30th: Business After Hours at Dead River. 5-7pm 275 High Street in Farmington. Join us for an evening of networking with area businesses whether a chamber member or not. Bring a friend or two and your business cards to make some new connections.

MAY 2nd: Come join the Big Brothers Big Sisters annual fundraiser Bowl For Kids' Sake on May 2nd at Moose Alley in Rangeley or May 9 at Meadow Lanes in Wilton. Enjoy bowling? Want to start a Team? Visit www.firstgiving.com/ccibfks to start a team today!

MAY 9th: Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice Spring 2015 Adult Grief Support Program Offerings, 1:00-3:00pm in Farmington. AHCH is offering programs this spring to provide information and support to any adult grieving the death of a loved one. Program sessions help participants understand the grief process, share feelings and experiences and find hope and comfort. For more information, including program locations/dates, or to pre-register call: Amy Dulac, Bereavement Coordinator at 795-9468 or amy.dulac@ahch.org.

MAY 13th: Harry Potter Exhibition at UMF Mantor Library hosted by Shiretown Bookers. The Shiretown Bookers (The Community Friends of Mantor Library) in affiliation with the University of Maine at Farmington, are proud to announce the exhibition "Harry Potter's World: Renaissance Science, Magic, and Medicine", presented in cooperation with the U.S. National Library of Medicine, and including related books from local collections. Running from May 13th through June 19th, the exhibit will be held in a new display space provided by Mantor Library at 116 South Street in Farmington.

MAY 21st: Business After Hours at Franklin Printing. 5-7pm 553 Wilton Road, Farmington. Chamber members and non-chamber members are welcome to attend this evening of socializing and networking in a relaxed environment. Meet new people and make new connections while enjoying refreshments outside the office setting.

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