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## Letter from the Chamber President Chamber Networking

For the last couple of years now I have been advocating for businesses to network with one another. Take the time to get to know other area businesses and ways that you can partner. Learning from each other and finding ways to support each other will build a stronger economic base in Franklin County.

We have encouraged members (and nonmembers) to attend our monthly Business After Hours events, participate in various chamber committees, events and website. You never know what good might come out of working together.

Well, it was time the Chamber did what it was asking its members to do – network with others. An idea presented by Bill Berry, president of the Jay, Livermore, Livermore Falls Chamber became reality this past month with the first (annual) Tri-Chamber Barbeque held at picturesque Wilson Lake Inn in Wilton.

The event was coordinated through meetings between the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce, the Jay, Livermore, Livermore Falls Chamber of Commerce and the River Valley Chamber of Commerce executive directors and presidents.

With sponsorship coming from Complete Dentistry and support from Frisbie & Associates, Franklin Savings Bank, Wilson Lake Inn, Oxford Hills SCORE, ReEnergy, Kreckel Law, Mainland Development Assoc., Seniors Plus, Berry Fruit Farms, Inside Out Indoor Garden Supply, Erik Designs, Wilton Lions Club, LaFleurs Restaurant and Tumbledown Brewing, we had a great representation of business partners from all three chamber areas.

Close to 150 participants had the opportunity to mingle, eat and promote their business. But most of all, they had the opportunity to get to know those who work, live and recreate in the beautiful Greater Franklin County area!

Glenn Kapiloff, President

Franklin County Chamber of Commerce



Above: Cheryl Dickson, River Valley Chamber administrator; Penny Meservier, Franklin County Chamber executive director; Christine Fournier, Jay, Livermore, Livermore Falls Chamber administrative assistant planned and coordinated the successful Complete Dentistry Tri-Chamber BBQ held at Wilson Lake Inn on August 25.



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# Calendar of events

## September 30

Seth Wescott & Franklin County Chamber of Commerce 14th Annual Scholarship Golf Classic  
**STARTS:** 9 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** Sugarloaf golf course

The Franklin County Chamber of Commerce is teaming up again with Seth Wescott to host the 14th Annual Scholarship Golf Classic. 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. Enjoy a round of golf, complimentary gift bags and lunch at The Rack. It's not too late to register a team.

For more information call (207) 778-4215 or visit [www.franklincountymaine.org](http://www.franklincountymaine.org)

## October 1

Mind Body Spirit Festival

**TIME:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** The student center at the University of Maine at Farmington, 111 South St., Farmington

The festivals are held throughout the year in various Maine locations, featuring holistic health practitioners, energy healers, psychics and mediums, herbs and organic products, metaphysical supplies, enlightening workshops and a whole lot more.

For more information visit [www.mindbodyspiritfestival.org](http://www.mindbodyspiritfestival.org).

## October 1

Harvest Festival  
**TIME:** 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Mountain Village Farm, Kingfield

Join Maine Mountain Children's House for the Third Annual Community Harvest Festival. Featuring live music from Bread & Circus, local food trucks, kids games and activities, raffle, donation cash bar, wagon rides, and more! Check out [MaineMountainFestival.com](http://MaineMountainFestival.com) for more information and to purchase tickets.

## October 1

Maine Mountain Chamber Music

**TIME:** 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Nordica Auditorium, UMF

MMCM co-directors Laurie Kennedy, viola, and Yuri Funahashi, piano, are joined by Jasmine Lin, violin, and Elizabeth Anderson, cello, in a program of the music of Michael White, Gustav Mahler, Joaquin Turina, and Claude Debussy. Highlighted will be White's "Songs of My People," based on six traditional Jewish songs from different periods. The concert will be in the Nordica Auditorium at UMF.

Adult admission is \$15. Age 18 and under and students with ID, admission is free.

## October 22

Ghost Tour & Pumpkin Freshet  
**LOCATION:** Kingfield

As with most small towns, there seems to be a ghost story attached to every old building and residence. This event will celebrate these historical places with ghostly stories, followed by Halloween-like events such as pumpkin carving, a scarecrow contest and the reenactment of the Pumpkin Freshet.

For more information visit

[www.kingfield-bicentennial.com](http://www.kingfield-bicentennial.com).

## October 26

Franklin County Chamber of Commerce's Annual Dinner

**STARTS:** 5 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** North Dining Hall, University of Maine at Farmington

Join us in honoring those

businesses and organizations that go above and beyond supporting our efforts to strengthen local commerce throughout Franklin County.



FRANKLIN COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
**annual awards dinner**  
Wednesday, October 26 2016  
North Dining Hall  
University of Maine at Farmington

Join us in honoring those businesses and organizations that go above and beyond supporting our efforts to strengthen local commerce throughout Franklin County

**5PM SOCIAL HOUR**  
Hor d'oeuvres provided by Sodexo  
Centerpieces donated by Robin's Flower Pot

**6PM ENTERTAINMENT**  
Improv Comedy by Teacher's Lounge Mafia

**7PM DINNER**  
Business of the year awards  
Gerry Wiles Holiday Food Basket kick-off  
Annual meeting to follow

Early bird RSVP \$35 per person online or by mail by Oct. 12  
\$40 per person by mail only after Oct. 12  
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# Entrepreneurs Connect event

On Oct. 13 at the Entrepreneurs Connect event at the Fairbanks School Meeting House in Farmington local entrepreneurs, business owners, and community members will have the opportunity to network and learn

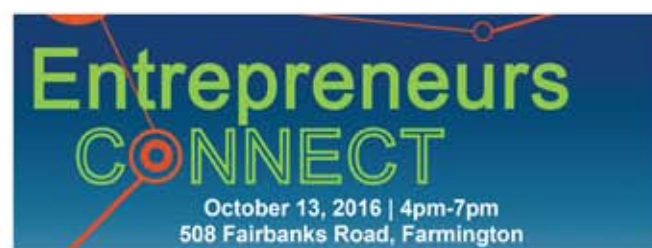
from presenters who have entrepreneurial experience themselves.

Entrepreneurs Connect is an opportunity for local entrepreneurs to get inspired, think big, be bold and challenge

themselves to grow their business and take it to the next level. This October event will focus on the journeys of three area entrepreneurs. Keynote speakers are Bob Berry of Main-Land Development Consultants; Kelley Cullen-

berg and Sarah Doscinski of Spandits!; Monica Chandler of Azulene Day Spa; and Anne Holloway of El Toro Maine. Resource presenters include Arielle Walrath of Might & Main who will be talking about telling the story of a business; Tammy Knight of Maine Made will be discussing opportunities within the Maine Made program; and Grace Phillips of Belle Cove LLC who will talk about her experiences with the Maine International Trade Center.

The Franklin County Chamber of Commerce, the Women's Business Center at CEI and Greater Franklin Development Council are co-sponsoring this Entre-



**Entrepreneurs CONNECT**  
October 13, 2016 | 4pm-7pm  
508 Fairbanks Road, Farmington

preneurs Connect event. This is their third Entrepreneurs Connect event, which will continue to be held bi-annually in the spring and fall, to help create a culture for entrepreneurs and small businesses to challenge themselves to grow their business. Our region already has a great deal of opportunities for entrepreneurs to work together and we hope that this

event continues to encourage those opportunities.

If you are interested in attending this event, please register by October 6th.

For more information and to register, go online to <https://entrepreneursconnectfall.eventbrite.com> or call (207) 778-5887.

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## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:

## Maine Huts and Trails

Maine Huts and Trails is a small non-profit organization founded by Larry Warren. His vision of having a series of backcountry huts throughout Maine's lakes and mountains region was first realized in 2008 when the first hut was built. Now with four off-the-grid eco-friendly lodges available and maintained by the staff, people have access to a well-groomed and well-marked trail system with the huts averaging about 10 miles in between. The trail system spans over 80 miles where guests can hike, mountain bike, ski or snowshoe along beautiful trails with breathtaking views.

Located throughout the Kingfield/Carrabassett Valley region of Western Maine, Maine Huts and Trails are open year-round with two full-

service seasons available, one from the beginning of July to mid-October and one from mid-December to the end of March. There are two to three hut staff at each hut, cooking meals for the guests and providing assistance to anyone who needs it. During a full-service stay, guests are provided with a breakfast, lunch and dinner cooked by the staff using mostly locally grown, organic ingredients. There is also a beer and wine menu. After dinner the guests are given a tour of how the huts are run and operated using their own solar and hydro power. If guests decide to come during a time where full-service is not available, lodges are still available to stay in with reduced price but guests will have to bring their own food that they can cook using the kitchen with a pack in, pack out policy.



Membership is available to those who wish to support the organization and receive discounts off lodges, wines and retail items. All funds go right to trail and hut maintenance. To book a reservation call (207) 265-2400 or visit their website [www.mainehuts.org](http://www.mainehuts.org) for more information.



### Legislative Candidate Forum Breakfast

**When**  
Wednesday Oct. 12  
7am-9:30am

**Where**  
North Dining Hall  
University of Maine at Farmington

The Franklin County Chamber of Commerce is presenting a Legislative Candidate Forum Breakfast to give Maine legislative candidates an opportunity to answer questions and show the community their perspective and how they view the issues that they would face in office. The Franklin County Chamber of Commerce encourages the citizens of Franklin County to be informed voters in the Maine election this November.

The forum will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 12 from 7 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the

University of Maine at Farmington in the North Dining Hall.

Featured speakers will include state Sen. Tom Saviello, Joanne Dunlap, state Rep.

Russell Black, Guy Iverson, state Rep. Thomas Skolfield, Barbara Chassie, Lance Harvell, Scott Landry, Keith Cornelio and Christine Riley. The Franklin County Chamber of Commerce has asked the candidates to come prepared to speak about what they feel is the most critical topic facing Maine today and what should be done about it. We will also ask the candidates opinions regarding MaineCare expansion and Maine's income, sales and property taxes.

Glenn Kapiloff, Franklin County Chamber of Commerce President, will be the moderator of this event. Questions will be taken from the audience as time allows. This legislative forum is free and open to the public, however RSVP is requested. Please call (207) 778-4215 or email [info@franklincountymaine.org](mailto:info@franklincountymaine.org) to RSVP. This event is made possible by event sponsors Franklin Savings Bank, Life Enrichment Advancing People (LEAP), and Comfort Inn & Suites.

## REGISTER NOW!

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Seth Wescott & Franklin County Chamber of Commerce

# Scholarship Golf Classic

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## Business After Hours

August's Business After Hours was held at the Wilton Historical Museum where attendees enjoyed a tour of the museum and learned a little history about the house and downtown Wilton while enjoying refreshments from Calzolaio's. Expenet gave a short presentation about their services and items they offer including computers, laptops and accessories as well as repairs, virus removal and much more. The Wilton Historical Museum is open Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m. in July and August and from September to July by appointment. They will be open Saturday, October 8 for the Franklin County History Tour from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. To schedule an appointment to tour the Wilton Historical Museum call (207) 491-5996. Visit [www.expenet.com](http://www.expenet.com) or call (207) 645-4449 to learn more about Expenet.



*Welcome our newest Chamber members!*

The Franklin County Chamber of Commerce welcomes the newest members of the Chamber. Please join us in welcoming them by taking a moment to say hello, visit their website and patronize their business.

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