



Left to right: Rep. Russell Black; Mike Blanchet, president of the board of the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce; Denica Collins, owner of Collins Cakes & Bakes; and Penny Meservier, executive director of the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce

Collins Cakes & Bakes Grand Opening

Collins Cakes and Bakes celebrated their grand opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony provided by the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce. Collins Cakes and Bakes is a bakery serving fresh baked items, exquisite cakes and pastries,

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Member Spotlight:

Robin's Flower Pot

Robin Jordan has always enjoyed working with plants and decided to open up her own greenhouse after leaving her job growing plants at the University of Maine at Farmington's campus. Robin's Flower Pot has been open in Farmington for 20 years. Making sure the quality of their plants is the best it can be and using biological controls for pest control instead of chemicals helps Robin follow her vision of providing the best product for her customers while being environmentally conscious. They also try to use as little plastic as possible and grow a good majority of their plants in fiber packs to help reduce their carbon footprint.



A new feature they are offering is "Robin's Awesome Blossoms" from July through mid-October with the option of buying a Cut Flowers CSA where people can buy cut flowers weekly or biweekly with a delivery option for businesses. Stop by Robin's Flower

Pot located at 387 Webster Road, Farmington to see their wide variety of products ranging from vegetable seedlings, bedding plants, herbs and

flowers to perennials, trees and shrubs alongside their gift shop. Call 778-5937 for more information or visit www.robinsflowerpot.com

Sun Media hosted April's Business After Hours

More than forty people gathered for the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce's Business After Hours event on April 20th by the Sun Media Group. A casual evening of networking and conversation was enjoyed by all who attended. Drinks, delicious appetizers and cannoli for the event were provided by Calzolaio Pasta Co.



Chamber executive director, Penny Meservier, informed attendees on upcoming member events and announced the Foothills Fest which is a new event organized by the Chamber. Attendees had the opportunity to meet the friendly staff of the Sun Media Group.

People had fun attempting to answer Franklin County trivia for a chance to win a \$500 Sun Journal advertising package. JP Fournier of Mt. Blue TV live streamed a portion of the event which can be seen on the Mt. Blue TV's

and the Chamber's facebook page.

Plan to join us at the next Business After Hours event which will be hosted by Expenet at their 145 Main St., Farmington location on May 18th from 5-7pm.



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Calendar of Events

May 6
FIDDLEHEAD FESTIVAL
LOCATION: FARMINGTON
FMI: Go to www.maine-fiddleheadfestival.com.

May 7
ANDROSCOGGIN HOME CARE & HOSPICE'S ANNUAL HOSPICE HOUSE 5K & REMEMBRANCE WALKS
STARTS: 7:30 AM
LOCATION: THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COURT HOUSE ON MAIN STREET IN FARMINGTON
To register, or FMI: Visit www.hhrunwalk.org or call 795-9407.

May 11
ENTREPRENEURS CONNECT
TIME: 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
LOCATION: FAIRBANKS MEETING HOUSE, 508 FAIRBANKS RD. FARMINGTON
FMI: facebook.com/entrepreneursconnectmaine or 778.5887

May 18
Business After Hours at Expenet
TIME: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
LOCATION: Expenet, 145 Main Street Farmington
FMI: info@franklincountymaine.org or 778-4215

May 27
RANGELEY 5TH ANNUAL HOME, GARDEN, & SPORT SHOW
TIME: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
LOCATION: THE RANGELEY INN, MAIN STREET, RANGELEY.

The Franklin County Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce the plans for a new event this summer that will highlight our area's artisans, businesses, and musical talent. The Foothills Fest will be held at the Farmington Fairgrounds on Saturday, August 26, 2017 from 10am - 6pm. It will feature music, demonstrations, artisans, food trucks, a business showcase and more. Indoor and outdoor spaces are available at the event for both members and non-members of the Chamber. The event will be held rain or shine. Admission is \$5 for adults and children 12 and under are free. We encourage businesses, artisans, non-profit organizations, and exhibitors to contact our office at (207)778-4215 or download a vendor application from our website, www.franklincountymaine.org.

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