

# Chamber News

May 2009

## CHAMBER EVENTS CELEBRATE THE OUTDOORS WITH BOATING, GOLFING, HIKING, AND MORE!

### May 7<sup>th</sup> Breakfast Meeting

**J**ym St. Pierre, past president and one of the founding members of the **Kennebec Land Trust (KLT)**, will be the featured speaker at the Chamber breakfast meeting on Thursday, May 7. St. Pierre will present “KLT Trails: Exploring Kennebec Land Trust Preserves.” From well-known properties, such as Mount Pisgah in Winthrop and Vaughan Woods in Hallowell, to more esoteric parcels, such as the Brackett-Longley Rare Plant Preserve in Leeds, St. Pierre’s talk will “explore” KLT lands and what makes them so special.

St. Pierre is a skilled environmentalist and nature photographer. His richly illustrated talk will highlight the many beautiful places to visit on KLT lands in the region. Attendees may be surprised to learn how many of the fields and wooded areas throughout the Winthrop Lakes region that they regularly pass by are, in fact, lands protected by KLT.

During the past two decades, KLT, a private, nonprofit, membership organization, has protected 45 properties encompassing more than 3,200 acres with 20 miles of trails. Dedicated to land conservation, KLT actively manages its protected lands through the efforts of its members and other volunteers.

The Chamber breakfast meeting on Thursday, May 7 will be held at the **Winthrop Area Federal Credit Union** (located at the intersection of Route 202 and Highland Avenue in Winthrop). The cost is \$5 per person, to be paid at the door. A light breakfast will be provided beginning at 7:15 am and the meeting will start at 7:30 am and end promptly at 8:30 am. The meeting, which is generously sponsored by **Brian S. Berry & Associates, CPAs**, is open to the public. No reservations are required.

For information, please call 207-377-8020 or send an email to [info@winthropchamber.org](mailto:info@winthropchamber.org).

### May 20<sup>th</sup> Business After Hours

**The Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed and Lakeside Motel, Cabins & Marina** will be co-sponsoring the Chamber’s Business after Hours event on Wednesday, May 20 from 5 to 7 pm. (Rain Date: May 27.) The event, to be hosted in collaboration with the Kennebec Valley Chamber, will be held at Lakeside Motel, Cabins & Marina in East Winthrop (77 Turtle Run Road). Why not kick off Memorial Day weekend with a cookout on beautiful Lake Cobbossee, boat rides courtesy of Clark Marine, and great raffle prizes donated by local merchants?!?!

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### June 26<sup>th</sup> Golf Scramble

**T**he Fifth Annual Chamber Golf Scramble has been scheduled for Friday, June 26 (rain or shine) at Springbrook Golf Club in Leeds. This annual event, once again sponsored by the **Winthrop Area Federal Credit Union**, is a great opportunity to have fun while networking with your Chamber colleagues and other business associates. Mark your calendars and register now.

**See Golf Registration Form on Page 4.**

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Established in 2001, the mission of the Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed is to protect and improve the 28 lakes and streams of the Cobbossee Watershed. The Friends are well-known for their special events such as the Friends on the 4th 5K on Independence Day in Winthrop; their ice cream boat—the OTTER II—which may be found on 11 lakes and at community events throughout the summer; and their year-round educational offerings in both the summer (Tadpole Patrol) and during the school year in schools located in the Cobbossee Watershed.

Lakeside Motel, Cabins & Marina, family-owned and -operated by Andy and Sheree Wess, provides outstanding guest accommodations and facilities for vacationing families and visiting relatives, as well as fishermen and water sports enthusiasts. Easily accessible from the Maine turnpike and ideally located on 5,000-acre Lake Cobbossee in East Winthrop, Lakeside Motel, Cabins & Marina features boating, fishing, swimming, and more.

Reservations are required for the Winthrop Area Chamber Business After Hours event, hosted in collaboration with the KV Chamber. RSVP to the KV Chamber by calling 207-623-4559 or emailing [info@augustamaine.com](mailto:info@augustamaine.com).

## **Chamber to Host Social Media PROGRAM: Web 2.0h!**

**Y**ou've probably heard of Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter. Your child is on Facebook, your business associates have invited you to LinkedIn, and even now Oprah is Tweeting. That's all fine, but you want to know how these sites can help you grow your business.

The Chamber will be hosting an educational program about social media—tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 8. If you want to better understand social media and learn ways you can use it to connect with prospects and customers, this is the program for you. More detailed information will be available soon.

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBER!!!**

### **Two Trees Forestry**

Offers assistance in forest management planning, timber harvesting, and woodlot appraising.  
167 Main St, #2A, in Winthrop

Phone: 207-377-7196

Contact: Harold Burnett

Email: [harold@twotreesforestry.com](mailto:harold@twotreesforestry.com)

Web: [www.twotreesforestry.com](http://www.twotreesforestry.com)



## **Advertise Your Business on THE CHAMBER WEB SITE**

**T**he current state of the economy makes it more important than ever to promote your business—and advertising on the Chamber's new Web site is a cost-effective way to do it. Advertising rates are posted at [www.winthropchamber.org/advertising.html](http://www.winthropchamber.org/advertising.html). For more information about advertising on the Chamber site, call 207-377-8020 or send an email to [info@winthropchamber.org](mailto:info@winthropchamber.org).

## Work Continues on Winthrop COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

**W**inthrop recently convened a 13-member Comprehensive Planning Committee, and the committee is now actively engaged in updating the Town's 1996 plan. Once completed, the comprehensive plan will guide decision-making in Winthrop for the next decade. Committee meetings regarding the comprehensive plan have already begun to be held. These meetings, held on Monday evenings from 7 to 9 pm at the Winthrop Town Hall, are open to the public. The topic for discussion at the next meeting on May 11 is recreation. Community participation is strongly encouraged.



## Now Is the Time to Register for BEST PLACES TO WORK IN ME

**T**he Maine State Council of the Society for Human Resources Managers has kicked off the fourth annual "Best Places to Work in Maine" program. The event, endorsed by Best Companies Group, the Maine State Chamber of Commerce, *Employment Times*, and *Mainebiz*, recognizes businesses that have established and consistently fostered outstanding workplace environments. The program not only honors top-notch employers, but also gives businesses important feedback from employees. Businesses eligible to participate include those that are for profits or nonprofits; publicly or privately held; have a facility in Maine; and have a minimum of 15 employees in Maine. To participate, sign up by May 29 by going [www.BestPlacestoWorkME.com](http://www.BestPlacestoWorkME.com).

## Member News & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**T**he Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed will be holding its second annual Boat 'n Bike Swap on Saturday, May 16. See flyer on page 5 for details.

**Lakeside Motel, Cabins & Marina**, family-owned and -operated by Andy and Sheree Wess in East Winthrop, will be hosting Special Olympics Maine's fishing fundraiser on Sunday, May 3. Lakeside Motel, Cabins & Marina is celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> year of hosting the event. Kudos to you, Andy and Sheree!

This summer marks **the Theater At Monmouth's** 40<sup>th</sup> season. The celebration of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary season of the Shakespearean theater of Maine will begin with the opening of Shakespeare's delightful comedy of love and reunion, *Twelfth Night*. The season will continue throughout July and August with performances of *The Mousetrap*, *A Little Hotel on the Side*, *Hamlet*, and *The Wind in the Willows*.

Season ticket order forms are available online for downloading at [www.theateratmonmouth.org/2009WinterOrderForm.pdf](http://www.theateratmonmouth.org/2009WinterOrderForm.pdf) and seat selection begins on May 1. For more information, please call the box office at 207-933-9999.

## Great Gifts for Grads & Others: GIVE CHAMBER CASH!

**C**HAMBER CASH\* gift certificates are easy to purchase, offer something for every taste, and support local businesses! So, as the busy season for graduations, weddings, and other celebrations begins, please be sure to keep CHAMBER CASH in mind when you need to give a gift. CHAMBER CASH gift certificates may be purchased at the Winthrop Area Federal Credit Union and redeemed at any of the businesses with the CHAMBER CASH logo on their listing on the Chamber Web site. Support the businesses that support the community by giving CHAMBER CASH! For information, call the Chamber at 207-377-8020.



\*CHAMBER CASH gift certificates do not expire, and like cash, are non-refundable if lost or stolen.

\*\* Participating Chamber members should keep in mind that CHAMBER CASH is now in check form so it can deposited at their own financial institutions.



# Fifth Annual Golf Scramble

## Springbrook Golf Club, Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>

Registration/Lunch: 11:30 am - 12:15 pm Shotgun Start: 12:30 pm (Rain or Shine)  
18 Holes ▪ \$260 per Foursome (includes golf cart) ▪ Social Hour, Hors d'oeuvres, and Awards Following  
Closest to Pin and Long Drive Contests and Many Other Great Prizes  
For more information, call the Winthrop Area Chamber of Commerce at 377-8020.

*Sponsored by Winthrop Area Federal Credit Union*

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### Winthrop Area Chamber of Commerce 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Scramble

Please complete form below and return it with check made payable to Winthrop Area Chamber of Commerce.

\_\_\_\_\_ Hole Sponsor - \$125

Name of Sponsor for Recognition: \_\_\_\_\_

Hole Sponsor Contact Person Name and Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Player Registration - \$260 per Foursome

Name of Player and Handicap: \_\_\_\_\_

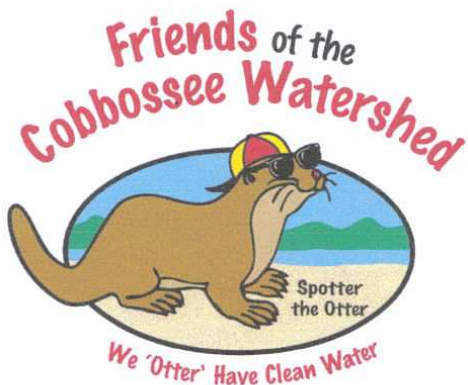
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Foursome Contact Person Name and Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

PO Box 51, Winthrop, ME 04364 ▪ Phone: 207-377-8020 ▪ Fax: 207-377-2767  
Website: [www.winthropchamber.org](http://www.winthropchamber.org) ▪ Email: [info@winthropchamber.org](mailto:info@winthropchamber.org)



# 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL BOAT 'N BIKE SWAP

**SATURDAY, MAY 16 8:00 a.m. – noon**

**OAKES & PARKHURST BUSINESS CENTER**

(Rt. 202, Manchester – Across from Rite Aid)

**NON-MOTORIZED BOATS:**

**KAYAKS, CANOES, PADDLE, SAIL**

**BOATING SUPPLIES:**

**PFD's, PADDLES, "WHAT-HAVE-YOU?"**

**FISHING GEAR:**

**RODS, REELS, TACKLE, OTHER**

**BICYCLES & GEAR:**

**BIKES, RACKS, HELMETS, ETC.**

**LOOKING FOR A DEAL ON A USED BOAT OR BIKE?**

- ★ **BUYERS** Works like a yard sale. Look around, negotiate your best price, pay by cash or check & take the item home. **ATM ON SITE!**
- ★ **SELLERS** **WE NEED ITEMS!** Clean out your garage, cellar, storage sheds. Set your price (maximum & minimum), FOCW handles the negotiations & your no-longer-used items are turned into cash! FOCW, a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, will receive a 20% commission of the final sales price, which is tax deductible to the full extent of tax laws.\*
- ★ **Delivery of items** This year items can be dropped off on Friday, May 15 from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. or Saturday until the end of Swap. Overnight security will be provided. Unsold items must be picked up by seller by noon on May 16.

**FOCW reserves the right to accept/reject any items for sale or donation.**

\*Call to inquire about reduced rates on "big ticket" items or donating an item.

- ★ **All** proceeds go to support programs and projects offered by the Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed, PO Box 5003, Augusta, ME 04332-5003.

**FMI, call (207) 621-4100; e-mail at [mail@watershedfriends.com](mailto:mail@watershedfriends.com)**

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