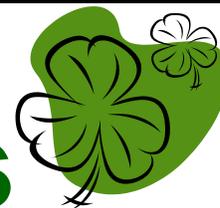


Chamber News



March 2014



St. Patrick's Day – March 17

March Breakfast Meeting, March 6 – Job's for Maine Graduates

Please join us for a discussion about the challenges thousands of Maine students face; what JMG is successfully doing to make them college and career-ready, and how local businesses can help.

JMG is a private, statewide nonprofit organization that works within Maine's public schools to help students reach their fullest potential. JMG serves more than 5,000 students from grades 6-12, in 76 programs throughout Maine. Students in JMG are full of potential, but face barriers to education. It is JMG's goal to provide these students with the skills and resources they need to overcome those challenges, and to graduate from high school prepared to succeed in postsecondary education and the workforce.

JMG's relationship with Maine businesses is an important part of JMG's success. By visiting our classrooms, hosting field trips and volunteering at student events, JMG's business partners help to expose students to the career opportunities that are available in Maine.

The Chamber breakfast meeting on **Thursday, March 6**, will be held at the Community Room on the main floor of the Winthrop Commerce Center, located at 149 Main Street in Winthrop. Enter at the rear of the building. 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, go to www.winthropchamber.org, or send an email to info@winthropchamber.org.

A Note from the Breakfast

Committee: If you've got ideas for speakers you'd like to hear, or have heard elsewhere and think it would be a good fit, please let us know. We are also looking for a few volunteers - Chamber and/or community members who would like to help with the breakfast events - either regularly or occasionally, please contact Brian Berry or Sarah Fuller directly.



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Share your Experience-Make a Difference

Monmouth/Winthrop Adult & Community Education invites Local Businesses to share their particular business field with our students who are exploring their future career pathways. They would benefit greatly in hearing what types of businesses are in this local area and discover what specific skills are needed to pursue those careers. We would love to have you share your experience and make a difference in the lives of our adult learners.



Our students are available Monday and Tuesday evenings anytime between 5:30 -730 or Thursday afternoons between 2:30- 5:30.

Please contact Wendy Shoppe at 377-2265 to set up a time to visit.

Upcoming classes offered by Patrice Putman of Levey, Wagley & Putman PA



Wills and Trusts is scheduled for Tuesday, March 11; 5:30p. Class will be held at Gardiner High School.
Cost: \$5

This Wills and Trusts course covers the basic information that everyone should know in order to make a thoughtful plan that will ensure that your financial and personal affairs are properly managed upon your death. The class provides core information about who needs a will, when a trust is needed, and the easiest ways to avoid probate.

Concerts return to Norcross Point for the 5th Year!

Concerts return to Norcross Point, Sunday, June 29. This is our fifth year running. These concerts are free to all and provide a lovely way to spend Sunday afternoons. The concerts boast an array of different talents and



offer a little something for everyone. Concerts will continue every Sunday until August 31, 2014. All performances start at 2p and run until 4p unless otherwise noted. Bring your lawn chairs

and blankets, and come out enjoy the beautiful scenery of Maranacook Lake and listen to beautiful music from many talented Maine performers.

Annual one in Five 5k Race – Being held April 13, 2014

Early registration is now open for the third Annual One in Five 5k! On April 13 at Thomas College in Waterville at 9am, nearly 500 people will be running or walking in solidarity against the harsh reality of the impact of sexual violence in our Maine communities.

Inspired by the current statistic of an estimated ONE in FIVE people in



Maine have been affected by sexual violence (Muskie School of Public Service, Maine Crime Victimization Survey, 2011), the Sexual Assault Crisis & Support Center (SAC&SC) is hosting the third annual One in Five 5k race. This event is taking place in the month of April to honor Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

You may register online at: <https://runsignup.com/Race/ME/Waterville/OneinFive5K> \$5 savings and a free t-shirt if you pre-register online now! *Continued on Page 3*

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100% of the proceeds of this event will benefit the Sexual Assault Crisis & Support Center and their services for survivors of sexual abuse. A fully staffed and highly trained Sexual Assault Support-line available 24 hours a day, support groups, justice system advocacy, school based prevention education, and a Children's Advocacy Center are all provided free of charge to the members of the Kennebec and Somerset counties' communities in need. Hundreds of people utilize these important services every year.

Sponsors this year include: Central Maine Motors Auto Group of Waterville, Mix 107.9, and the Kennebec Journal & Morning Sentinel.

SAVE THE DATE...

Next Breakfast Meeting will be Thursday, May 8. We welcome Rosie Vanadestine, Executive Director of the Kennebec Valley Council of Governments; she'll talk about new initiatives and programs at KVCOG, including regional economic development efforts.

Retired Maine Game Warden and well-known story teller comes to the Bailey Library

Author John Ford Sr., will read from his new book "The Cider Still Tastes Funny" at the Bailey Public Library on March 18 at 6:30p. Ford, who lives in Brooks, was a game warden in Waldo County for 20 years and then a two-term sheriff. He has become a popular speaker around the state since his first book "Suddenly the Cider Didn't Taste So Good" was published in 2012. The talk is free and open to the public. Ford will have signed copies of his books available.



KENNEBEC LAND TRUST'S 2014

LYCEUM SERIES:

BIRDS, FISH, AND BUTTERFLIES: THE BREEDING AND FORAGING HABITATS OF SOME MAINE MIGRANTS

The Kennebec Land Trust is pleased to announce its twelfth Lyceum series, **Birds, Fish, and Butterflies: The Breeding and Foraging Habitats of Some Maine Migrants**. Maine biologists and conservationists Herb Wilson, John Lichter, and Rebecca Holberton will be presenting informative, free, programs for the public in March and early April. Nate Gray, Lisa Kane, and Bob Gobeil will also be presenting Lyceum field trips in May and July. Please join us – all Lyceum events are open to the public.



- **The Ecology of Maine Migratory Butterflies**
Thursday, March 20, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Herb Wilson, Leslie B. Arey Professor of Biosciences, Population and Community Ecologist, Coordinator of the on-going Maine Butterfly Atlas Colby College, will discuss the importance of butterfly migration in Maine and beyond, and the diversity of the life histories of Maine butterflies.
- **Ecological Recovery in the Kennebec Watershed: Fish passage and Habitat Recovery**
Thursday, March 27, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
John Lichter, Ecosystem Ecologist, Director of Environmental Studies, Bowdoin College, will discuss Kennebec River restoration from a historical ecology viewpoint; current obstacles to ecological recovery; and benefits Maine communities may realize from ecological recovery.

Lakeside Motel and Cabins to host 25th Annual Classic Bass Masters Tournament to Benefit Special Olympics Maine

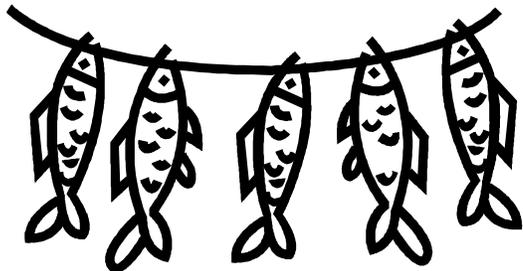
Twenty-five years ago, Lakeside's owners, Andy and Sheree Wess, were inspired to support the Special Olympics because the organization was the only extra-curricular outlet for their 8-year-old daughter, Carrie, and many others. With the help of a few fishermen who regularly stayed at the motel on the shores of Cobbossee Lake, they held the first bass tournament to support this cause.



As the tournament grew, they forged a connection with the statewide Special Olympics organization and this year, expect to have at least 100 boats in the tournament – making it the largest in Maine. The goal is that in honor of the 25th anniversary, they can raise \$25,000 for this cause.



Andy and Sheree are asking friends, neighbors and fellow business owners to join them in supporting the Special Olympics so that children and adults with intellectual disabilities, have the opportunity to train and compete year-round in a variety of Olympic-type sports that provides them opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.



100% of the funds raised for the tournament go directly to Special Olympics Maine and to prizes for the participants. Lakeside plays host, markets the tournament and provides breakfast and refreshments free-of-charge to the competitors.

Please contact Andy and Sheree at [207.395.6741](tel:207.395.6741), info@lakesidelodging.com or download entry and donation forms under News & Events at lakesidelodging.com.

Manchester Family Practice has extended hours on Saturday for your convenience.



It is usually a hassle for working people to get to their doctors Monday – Friday. It usually entails time off from work or squeezing the appointment in during your lunch hour! However, Manchester Family Practice (MFH) located at 23 Bowdoin Street in Manchester has just made seeing the doctor a lot more convenient. MFH is open 8a – 12p Saturdays. New patients are currently being accepted and same day appointments are available. ManchesterFamilyHealth.com



NOTE: Have something to share...Next month's Chamber News Deadline is March 25. Send info to mywinthrop@gmail.com

Advertise Your Business on THE CHAMBER WEB SITE

The economy is picking up again, so why not get out in front of the competition by promoting your business? Advertising on the Chamber's Web site is a cost-effective way to do it. Advertising rates are posted online at www.winthropchamber.org.

For more information about advertising on the Chamber site, call 207-377-8020 or send an email to info@winthropchamber.org.

CHAMBER CASH, FOR YEAR- ROUND GIVING!

CHAMBER CASH gift certificates are a convenient and terrific way to give gifts that suit every taste *and* support the local economy! CHAMBER CASH gift certificates are easy to purchase through the Winthrop Area Federal Credit Union. They may be redeemed at any of these businesses:

A Touch of Health
Audette's Ace Hardware
Augusta Fuel Co.
DR Struck Landscape Nursery
Fairpoint Communications
Foshay-Carlton Cards & Gifts
Homestead Realty
Lakeside Motel & Marina
Knowles Lumber
Dr. Kenneth F. Nuzzo, OD
The Potter's House
Rent-A-Geek, LLC
Subway-Winthrop
The Theater at Monmouth
Winthrop Farmers Market
Winthrop Fuel Company
The Write Approach

Support the businesses that support the community by giving CHAMBER CASH! For information, call the Winthrop Area Chamber of Commerce at 207-377-8020.

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



Take Advantage of the Benefits JOIN THE CHAMBER TODAY!

Chamber membership is a great way to boost the visibility of your business or organization, get leads on new opportunities, and gain a competitive edge. Those who join the Chamber receive big benefits, such as:

- **ADVERTISING:** Members get a **FREE** listing on the Chamber WEBSITE and a **FREE** entry in the Chamber's VISITORS' GUIDE. They also get the opportunity to **LINK THEIR WEBSITE** to the Chamber website; **ADVERTISE** in the monthly newsletter; participate in special promotions and free distribution of **MARKETING** materials; and purchase advertising in specially designed brochures that **PROMOTE TOURISM** in the Winthrop Lakes Region.
- **AFFILIATING:** Members get a **FREE** membership decal; are encouraged to do **BUSINESS** with other members; and are given **REFERRALS** from inquiries made to the Chamber. Members also get to participate in the **CHAMBER CASH PROGRAM**, available to member businesses *only*.
- **LEADING:** Members get to be part of a lobbying effort to **REPRESENT CONCERNS** of the business community on a **LOCAL AND STATEWIDE LEVEL**.
- **NETWORKING:** Members get to **KNOW ONE ANOTHER** in casual meeting, reception, and other event settings. They also get to **WORK TOGETHER** on committees and as volunteers.

More information about membership (including a downloadable membership application form) is available online at www.winthropchamber.org

