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Assistant*



Haunted Woods Walk!

Details inside!

Thanks to Charlie Cormier for Wintergreen Arts Center for their wonderful photos!

Thanks for making it a success!

Thanks to our sponsors: Aroostook Hospitality Inn, Taco Bell, Cary Medical Center, Irving Woodlands, KFC, RE/MAX, TAMC, Northeast Propane, PenAir, Verizon Wireless, Presque Isle Inn & Convention Center, Hampton Inn, Hogan Tire, Presque Isle Rotary, Town Square Media, WAGM TV, WEGP, WHOU, MMG Insurance, Academy Dental, Graves' Shop N Save, Mike Cowett's Auto Body-Towing, Eagle Hill Stamp and Coin, Thompson-Hamel LLC, Bruce Roope, Brandon Roope, Dead River Company, and Gil's Sanitation.



Thanks to Charlie Cormier, Jim Rogers, and the Crown of Maine Balloon Fest Committee for your beautiful photos!



And a very special thanks to Presque Isle Elks Lodge #1954, Presque Isle Kiwanis Club, City of Presque Isle, Presque Isle Parks and Rec, Northern Maine Fair Association, the Central Aroostook Chamber of Commerce, Mapleton Lion's Club and to Crown of Maine Balloon Fest Planning Committee and to all of our volunteers! Looking forward to working with you next year!

**A big THANKS to all of the volunteers and sponsors
for making this summer one to remember!**



From the Central Aroostook Chamber's Strawberry shortcake sale to the Crown of Maine Balloon Fest— none of these fun events would have been possible without our dedicated volunteers and sponsors! Thank you for your time, dedication, and enthusiastic support!

Thank you WAGMTV, Northscape Photography, and Paul Cyr for their beautiful photos!

Chamber Connection



with good health
take flight

Saturday, October 5, 2013
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Northern Maine Regional Airport
1000 Airport Drive • Presque Isle

- Vendors
- Free Giveaways
- Life Flight Fly In
- Safety Displays
- Crown CCT Patient Flight Demo
@ 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
- Free Adult Flu Shots
- Meet Angel Flight Pilots
- Plane Parade At Noon
- TAMC Health Fair



Thank you!

At Northern Maine Fair the Chamber Potato Booth was operated by a number of businesses and volunteers to help raise funds for the Chamber. Thank you to all who helped out. A special thanks to Nancy Fletcher who chaired this year's booth!

Katahdin Trust, Lowe's, MMG Insurance, Northern Maine Community College, The Aroostook Medical Center, University of Maine at Presque Isle, House of Comfort, Columbia Forest Products all helped staff the booth. As always we had some very dedicated volunteers who could be and were relied on many days. A very special thank you to McCain Foods USA, INC for their donation of Potatoes, Steaks n Stuff and Smith's Farm for their donation of broccoli.

Do you have an event coming up? Let us know and we'll be happy to share the excitement!

Contact the Central Aroostook Chamber at 207-764-6561 or at ncate@centralaroostookchamber.com and we'll get it posted on our next "Upcoming Events & Happenings"!

Don't forget to check out our events calendar online:

<http://www.centralaroostookchamber.com/index.php/events/local-events/month.calendar/2013/03/15/>



HAUNTED WOODS WALK

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450 Fort Fairfield Rd, Presque Isle

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\$5.00 Admission!

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Get the latest news and learn how to get ready for Small Business Saturday.

Myth vs. Fact: Myth #3: Business Owners Will Be Fined If They Don't Notify Their Employees About the New Health Insurance Marketplace

by Meredith K. Olafson, Community Moderator

As a business owner, it's important to understand how the [Affordable Care Act](#) may affect your business. However, with so many misconceptions about how the Affordable Care Act works, this can be difficult. As part of our ongoing blog series, "Myth vs. Fact: The Affordable Care Act and Small Business," this week we're debunking another common myth: **Business owners will be fined if they don't provide notification to their employees about the new Health Insurance Marketplace.**

***Fact:** If your company is covered by the Fair Labor Standards Act, you must provide a written notice to your employees about the Health Insurance Marketplace by October 1, 2013. However, there is no fine or penalty under the law for failing to provide the notice.*

Which Employers Must Provide This Notification?

Under the Affordable Care Act, all employers covered by the Fair Labor Standards Act (generally, those firms that have at least one employee and at least \$500,000 in annual dollar volume of business), must notify their employees about the new [Health Insurance Marketplace](#), whether or not the employer currently provides health coverage to its employees.

The Marketplace opens for enrollment in all states on October 1, 2013 and offers individuals and small business owners an online portal to find and compare private health insurance options.

What Information Do I Need to Include in the Notice to My Employees?

The notice should inform employees:

- About what the new Health Insurance Marketplace is and that open enrollment begins on October 1, 2013;
- That, depending on their income and what coverage may be offered by the employer, employees may be able to purchase lower cost private insurance in the individual Marketplace; and
- If employees buy insurance through the individual Marketplace, they may lose the employer contribution (if any) to their health benefits.

Employers are required to provide this notice to all current employees by **October 1, 2013**, and to each new employee at the time of hire beginning on that same date. This requirement applies regardless of an employee's plan enrollment status (if applicable) or their part-time or full-time status.

The Department of Labor (DOL) will consider a notice to be provided at the time of hiring if the notice is provided within 14 days of an employee's start date.

Where Can I Get More Information?

DOL has provided employers with two sample notices they may use to help comply with this rule. There is one model for employers who do not offer a health plan and another model for employers who offer a health plan to some or all employees:

[Model Notice for employers who offer a health plan to some or all employees](#)

[Model Notice for employers who do not offer a health plan](#)

HealthCare.gov “2014 in 214 Words”

There’s a lot to the health care law. But it’s based on a few simple principles, which we’ve described below in a mere 214 words.

- If you have health coverage you like, you can keep it. [Children under 26](#) can stay on a parent’s health insurance plan.
- If you don’t have coverage, you can [use the new Health Insurance Marketplace](#) to buy a private insurance plan.
- [Pre-existing conditions](#) are covered. So are many [preventive services](#) and [10 essential health benefits](#).
- Depending on your size and income, you may [get lower costs](#) on monthly premiums and out-of-pocket costs.
- You may also qualify for free or low-cost coverage from [Medicaid](#) or the [Children’s Health Insurance Program \(CHIP\)](#). Many states are [expanding Medicaid](#) to cover more people in 2014.
- If you don’t have coverage in 2014 you’ll have to pay a [fee](#). In 2014 it’s \$95 per adult (47.50 per child) or 1% of income, whichever is higher. The family max price is \$285.
- If you have coverage and want to explore Marketplace plans, you can. But if you have an [offer of insurance from an employer](#), you may not be able to get lower costs on Marketplace insurance based on your income. It depends on whether insurance you’re offered is considered [affordable and meets minimum standards](#).
- [Medicare](#) isn’t part of the Marketplace. If you have Medicare, keep it.
- Marketplace [open enrollment starts October 1, 2013](#). It closes March 31, 2014.



What Small Businesses Need to Know about the Health Insurance Marketplace Presented by the U.S. Small Business Administration and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

The Small Business Administration (SBA) and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) invite small businesses to participate in a training forum about What Small Business Need to Know about the Affordable Care Act and the SHOP Marketplace in Maine. This training event is part of our ongoing commitment to encourage small business to participate by engaging in conversations about the Affordable Care Act and the SHOP Marketplace in Maine.

*September 23 & 24
6pm – 8pm*

*The Chan Center at Cary Medical Center
163 Van Buren Road
Caribou, ME 04757*

Agenda

- 6:00 - 6:05pm** **Welcome and Introductions**
6:05 - 6:30pm **Affordable Care Act 101
What the Health Care Law
Means for Small Businesses**
Marilyn Geroux, District Director, SBA
- 6:30 - 7:15pm** **Overview of the Health
Insurance Marketplace**
Jennifer Syria, Health Insurance
Specialist, CMS
- 7:15 - 8:00pm** **Questions & Answers**

*Space is limited and registration is required
Register at*

<https://mesmallbusinesstraining.eventbrite.com/>

The Towns of Mapleton, Castle Hill and Chapman are now accepting Credit Cards!

Visa, Mastercard, American Express and Discover Card are all accepted.

There will be a 2.5% Card Fee and \$1.00 Minimum. (For example for a Dog Licensing Fee you would pay \$6.00 for the license and \$1.00 for the fee, where-as a Snowsled re-registration would cost \$41.00 plus a card fee of \$1.03)



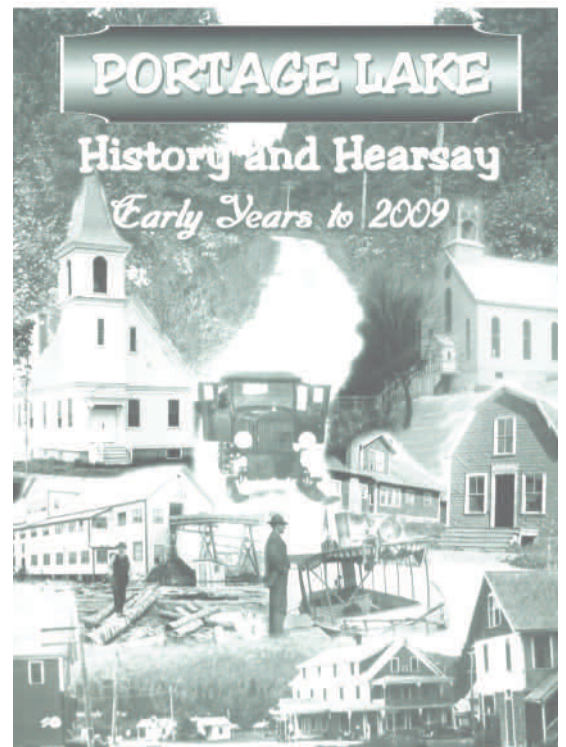
Would you like an ad space in the upcoming Chamber Connection?

For just \$25.00 your business could be featured in a newsletter viewed by over 300 different business and their patrons. For more information, or to purchase an insert, please contact the Central Aroostook Chamber of Commerce at 764-6561, and we'll be sure to get you in our next issue!

For Sale Now:

Get your copy of "Portage Lake, History and Hearsay - Early Years to 2009" at the Central Aroostook Chamber!

This is a wonderful collectible book created by the Portage Lake Centennial Book Committee and can be yours for only \$25.00!



Monthly Meetings

Chamber Board Meetings are typically the FIRST Thursday of each Month. During the winter they are at the Chamber office. During the spring and summer months we like to visit member communities.

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We are pleased to announce that the **Indoor Golf Center** will be celebrating their **Grand Opening** with a **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony** . Please join us on **Thursday, September 26th at 1p.m.** at 7 Martin Street in Presque Isle to congratulate Patrick and Joseph Coughlin for the opening of this new business!

Did you know about our **Chamber Blue Benefits Health Insurance-Program?**
It's available to all of our Members!

Just one of the many benefits of joining your local Chamber of Commerce!
If you are interested and would like more information, contact us at 764-6561 or at info@centralarostookchamber.com



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Volunteers are what make our Chamber events so successful! Be a part of our team at our next event—
the Haunted Woods Walk!

Just give us a call at 764-6561 or email us at info@centralarroostookchamber.com for more information!



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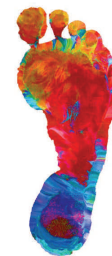


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FIRST FRIDAY

ART WALK

**First Firday of Every Month
at participating businesses
in Downtown Presque Isle!**



Visit www.centralarostookchamber.com or www.facebook.com/PresqueIsleFirstFriday for a list of participating businesses and more information

Turn Casual Friday into "Member Friday" by wearing **THEIR LOGO APPAREL!**

"Logo Wear" to "Member Wear"

We all know that "Casual Friday" can easily become "Gardening Friday" as clothes become more and more casual each week.

Why not get members to send new golf shirts and pullovers in men's and especially women's styles (with correct sizes) to the office for showing off on Fridays?

It's a natural Facebook picture for your team and your contributing members every Friday.

Some businesses require that employees pay \$3 to United Way (or similar charitable organization) for dressing casual. Why not require casual wear to be "Member Wear" at the same time?

Central Aroostook Chamber of Commerce

Opportunities to be Involved

CACC has several committees in which members of the community and businesses in the area are welcome to help plan and participate while learning what the Chamber does.

Signature Events

Annual Awards Dinner—January

Strawberry Shortcake Sale—June

Taters & More— June - September

Crown of Maine Balloon Fest—August

Haunted Woods Walk—October

Holiday Light Parade—December

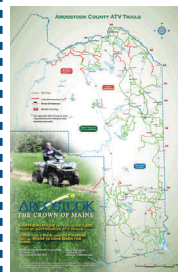
In addition to the above event planning committees there are also committees essential to the basic operation of the Chamber. Anyone with an interest in the success and future of the Chamber is encouraged to become involved through committee participation.

The Public Relation and Membership committees meet regularly throughout the year. There are possibilities for several other committees such as Property Maintenance and Seminar Planning to develop if people are interested.

Event Committees meet seasonally at a frequency determined necessary by the committee.

Now is a good time to join and help make a difference in your Chamber and community.

For more information please contact
Theresa Fowler at:
tfowler@centralaroostookchamber.com
or 764-6561.



Fall has officially arrived! What better way to celebrate than to get out on the trails and enjoy the beautiful colors!

Get prepared for your snowmobile trip with a 2015-2016 map, available in mid-October!

Contact us at the office to request one at info@centralaroostookchamber.com.



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Business Information Breakfast Series

The Central Aroostook Chamber of Commerce is partnering up with local business leaders to offer informative seminars and discussion periods for businesses of any size.

Thank you to Sylvia Getman, from The Aroostook Medical Center and Max Lynds, from F.A. Peabody for your wonderful and informative presentations on the effects of healthcare changes on businesses.

Keep checking in for more information on the second informative breakfast meeting in the series. Please call the Chamber for more detailed Information.

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2013 Annual Holiday Light Parade

The Central Aroostook Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the 24th Annual Holiday Light Parade on **Saturday, December 7th**. The parade will begin at **6:00 P.M.** Line up will begin at 4:30 p.m. on North Street, The Aroostook Medical Center, North Street Health Care parking lot. (old Smythe's parking lot)

Over the years the parade has gained popularity not only with area merchants, but with spectators as well. The number of participants and spectators increases with each season. To add another dimension to the holiday experience, we are, once again, looking for participants to add music to their floats to make this years parade the **best ever!** Categories will include the following:

Parade Champion, Business, Non-Profit, Faith Based and General.

Catholic charities of Maine will be collecting food along the route.

The Chamber will uphold tradition and have the only Santa Clause on their float. Please Note: **Any extra Santa's or candy throwing will disqualify your entry.** Candy may be given out by walkers. We appreciate your cooperation with this matter. We also ask that participants please turn off headlights during the parade.

Please display a sign clearly and boldly stating the name of your business, organization, or club **ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF YOUR FLOAT** so that it may be judged. Judging will take place prior to parade step-off, and trophies will be presented upon finishing at the University of Maine at Presque Isle.

We understand that your business/organization may not have it's entry completely planned. It is not necessary to have all the details perfected before registering with the Chamber. We would, however, ask that you inform us of your decision to enter the parade and the size of the unit you are entering as soon as possible so that we may begin compiling the line-up for the parade.

BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE: _____

TYPE AND SIZE OF ENTRY: _____

Please fill out and send to:
3 Houlton Road, Presque Isle
(ph) 764-6561 (f) 764-1583
ncate@centralaroostookchamber.com



September is **HEALTHY YOU** Presque Isle!

Join Cary Medical Center's Healthy You team for these community wellness programs:

Unless otherwise noted,
Healthy You programs are

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open to the
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Healthy You questions?

Contact the
Cary Public Relations Office
at 207.498.1361 or
kjones@carymed.org

Cary Medical Center is an equal opportunity provider.

Homecoming Food and Fun!

Friday, September 13; 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

University of Maine, Presque Isle, Campus Center

Celebrate UMPI's Homecoming with us at a kick-off barbecue for alumni, students, and community (\$5 per meal). The Healthy You team will be offering a free make your own smoothie bar and hosting a buzzer-beating tournament of one-minute games with fantastic prizes like a \$25 gift card. Everyone is welcomed!



Fairy House Festival

Saturday, September 14; 12:00 - 3:00 PM

Riverside Bicentennial Park, Riverside Drive

Children of all ages are invited to experience the joy and magic of creating their own fairy house at this free, whimsical event co-sponsored by the Mark & Emily Turner Memorial Library. Participants will also enjoy music, arts, crafts, and healthy snacks compliments of the Healthy You team!



Gentle Yoga in the Park

Tuesday, September 17; 5:30 - 6:30 PM

Mantle Lake Park, Pine Street

Learn how to improve your flexibility, strength, endurance, posture, and stability at this free program designed for yoga beginners and seniors, but open to anyone. For a truly unique and refreshing experience, we're offering this class outside. (In case of rain, the class will be moved to the park pavilion.)



Week of Wellness

September 25 - 27

University of Maine, Presque Isle, Gentile Hall

Join us and UMPI's Wellness team for these fun fitness activities:

25th 12:00 - 2:00 PM - portion control presentations

26th 12:00 - 2:00 PM - Step N' Tone, Fit Camp, stability ball classes

27th 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM - fitness assessments including body fat analysis, blood pressure screenings, and flexibility testing

Enjoy healthy snacks and enter for prizes too. Everyone is welcomed!



**A most unique
dining experience!**

An Evening of Dark Dining

Thursday, September 26; 6:00 PM

The Crow's Nest, Maysville Street

Take a journey of the senses with one of the most unique dining experiences ever! Hugely popular in places like NYC, Paris, and Hong Kong, dark dining is a culinary adventure that heightens the senses of taste, touch, smell, and sound - all often under appreciated in a normal dining experience. It also encourages participants to focus on their food and their dining companion(s) in unusual and interesting ways. After selecting a four course meal from an exquisite specially prepared menu, you'll wear a comfortable sleep mask (provided) to enjoy an evening full of fine food, conversation, and laughs. Reservations required by SEP 20 by contacting Cary PR at 498.1361 or kjones@carymed.org. \$20/person covers the meal, a beverage, and the mask. Please note this is an adults only event.



Scroll down for information about other upcoming events, including our annual health fair, arthritis symposium, stroke conference, and autumn outings!

**Official Nomination Form
2013**



**Central Aroostook Area
Lifetime Achievement Award**



The Lifetime Achievement Award recipient is an outstanding individual recognized for their impact on the lives of Central Aroostook citizens, a special individual who makes Central Aroostook a better place to live.

This award is sponsored by the Central Aroostook Chamber of Commerce and the Presque Isle Elks, Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs.

Nomination

Please use a separate sheet(s) of paper to list reasons for nominating the candidate, significant community contributions, supporting materials and other important supporting information.

Nominee

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Occupation: _____

Nominator

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Occupation: _____

For this award the individual's impact in the following areas will be considered: helping children in education, recreation or self-improvement; helping the elderly lead full and happy lives; helping the general public in safety, education, better living or entertainment.

Return nomination form by: December 1, 2013

This award will be presented at our Annual meeting January 24, 2014



To: Lifetime Achievement Award Committee
Central Aroostook Chamber of Commerce
3 Houlton Road, Presque Isle, Maine 04769
Email: info@centralaroostookchamber.com

Official Nomination Form 2013



Central Aroostook Citizen of the Year Award



The Citizen of the Year Award recipient is an outstanding individual recognized for their impact on the lives of Central Aroostook citizens, a special individual who shows dedication and spirit beyond what is considered regular duty.

This award is sponsored by the Central Aroostook Chamber of Commerce and the Presque Isle Elks, Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs.

Nomination

Please use a separate sheet(s) of paper to list reasons for nominating the candidate, significant community contributions, supporting materials and other important supporting information.

Nominee

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Occupation: _____

Nominator

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Occupation: _____

For this award the following characteristics will be considered: Present activities, past activities, charity/philanthropic efforts, Improvement in quality of life in Central Aroostook County.

Return nomination form by: December 1, 2013

This award will be presented on January 23, 2014.



To: Citizen of the Year Award Committee
Central Aroostook Chamber of Commerce
3 Houlton Rd., Presque Isle, Maine 04769
Email: info@centralaroostookchamber.com

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The Central Aroostook Chamber of Commerce is partnering with WAGM-TV to offer this great opportunity.

What it means to YOUR BUSINESS:

- This is a very cost effective way to have a multimedia advertising package including a presence both on TV and on the web!
- Your business will be represented in 5 revolving ads, a total of 110 ads/month.
- Your business will be spotlighted in the ad series a total of 22 times/month.
- This represents less than One Dollar each time your business is advertised.
- The “ShopCentralAroostook.com” landing page, which is available 24 hours a day on line, will have information on your business and a link to your website if applicable.
- You will be able to change your message each month, so you can promote specials, seasonal products, and much more!

What it means to THE REGION:

- Increased exposure of the business, recreation and shopping opportunities available in Central Aroostook County.
- Ads will run for the entire year promoting Central Aroostook, the superb services and unique shops.
- No matter the size of your business, this is an opportunity to attract new customers.
- Visitors and viewers will see your business and be made aware of the shopping opportunities in the region.
- Your business will be promoted year round, encouraging area residents to “Shop Local”.
- In addition to the business information area, ads will feature scenic shots of Central Aroostook, more clearly identifying the region as a whole.

Your Commitment:

You pay just \$100/month for one year in return for all the benefits outlined above! Pay monthly or quarterly, whatever works best for you.

Learn more:

Contact the **Central Aroostook Chamber of Commerce**
at 764-6561 or info@centralaroostookchamber.com

Featured Member!



The Aroostook Hospitality Inn is a family owned Inn, that truly cares about each and every person who walks through the door. They have rooms that suit you no matter the size of your group. If you are planning on staying and enjoying the natural splendors of the area for an extended time, one of their studio apartments is just what you need. If you are staying one night or ten, they'll welcome you to enjoy or complimentary continental breakfast heading out for the day.



Bangor Daily News

Friday, Sept. 20, 2013 Last update: 10:52 a.m.

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Press Release

Aroostook Hospitality Inn receives Best of Business Award

Aroostook, Business

WASHBURN, Maine — The Aroostook Hospitality Inn, Washburn property, has won the 2012 Best of Business Award for the Inns category in the Best of Business Award Program.

The Best of Business Award Program is an annual awards program honoring the achievements and accomplishments of local businesses throughout the area. Recognition was given this week to the small motel, Aroostook Hospitality Inn, located 4 1/2 miles from The Aroostook Centre Mall on Route 164, (the Washburn Road). It has been owned and operated for the past 12 years by Steve and Prudy Dobson.

Steve Dobson said he is very honored and proud of the fact that the hard work of everyone



Thank You to all RENEWING MEMBERS

For your continued support!

*The Central Aroostook Chamber of Commerce is only as strong as its membership.
We invite you to attend our Board meetings at any time, and encouraged to join
committees and serving on the
Board of Directors if you do not already have a representative on the Board.*

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AARP of Maine
Academy Dental, P.A.
Amato's
Ann's Home and Gift Shop
Arndt's Aroostook River Lodge & Camp
Aroostook Beverage Co.
Aroostook County Action Program
Aroostook County Federal Savings & Loan
Aroostook Technologies
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Country Cottage
Crittter Hill Kennel
Cushman & Sons, Inc
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Gary's Furniture & Appliance
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Kitchen & Bath Shop
Maine Potato Growers, Inc.
Mainely Adventures Lodge, LLC
Mapleton Oil Co., Inc.
Mar-Phi Select Homes Inc.
Mojo
MSAD #1
North Peak Architecture
Northern Business Products Inc.
Northern Printers, Inc.
Our Maine Street
Pancsofar's Bridal Boutique
Pepsi Beverages Co.
Player Design, Inc.
Presque Isle Auto Rental
Presque Isle Country Club
Presque Isle Mobil
Presque Isle Redemption
RE/MAX Central
Rosella's
S.W. Collins
Star City Coffee
Star City IGA
Steaks n' Stuff
Stew's DownTown Sight & Sound
Swanson Law, P.A.
The Aroostook Medical Center
The Crow's Nest Restaurant & Event Center
The Sled Shop
Ticket Mania
Townsquare Media Presque Isle
U.S. Cellular
Underwood Electric
Verizon Wireless
WAGM TV8
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Webxcentrics
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Final Word

by Theresa Fowler

Where did the summer go?

It seems like just the other day I was listening to the Canada Geese announce their return from the sunny south and now they are heralding me again with their departure.

It certainly has been a busy summer, although we didn't have great weather.

The Strawberry Shortcake sale was a great event and fund raiser for the Chamber once again, thanks to the support of our members and nonmembers, the hard work of Board members and other devoted supporters and a nice sunny day.

The Northern Maine Fair had poor weather but that didn't stop people from attending and enjoying all that was available to see and do. I was honored to be a judge in one of the cooking contests. What a tough job! There certainly are a number of great cooks in the area!

Many other communities had to deal with rain as they gathered to celebrate their friendships and place. The weather rarely dampens the enjoyment of seeing friends and neighbors that you only see at a community party.

We are busy planning the Haunted Woods Walk, the Holiday Light Parade, the Annual Awards Dinner and the Maine-Quebec Caravan. In addition we will host candidates' forums in any community that is interested in having one before the municipal elections.

On the business attraction side of the job, the Department of Environment Regulations for metallic mining are being reviewed and there will be public hearings this fall regarding those. I will be following this process closely as the economic impact on the area is substantial. The expectation for mills and processing plants to start in the Ashland, Nashville Plantation area is exciting. It is great to see businesses developing and expanding. Many local businesses have quietly added staff in the past few months. Hopefully this is an indication of future growth in our area.