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Central Aroostook  
 Chamber of Commerce  
**Annual Dinner  
 & Awards**  
**January 24, 2013.**  
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Snow has fallen, the trails are packed; It's time to hit the Sleds! Contact your local Chamber of Commerce and make arrangements to get your snowmobile trail maps and get you quickly and safely on the trails

Unfolded maps are also available, suitable for framing. Please contact the Central Aroostook Chamber of Commerce office to request one, at 207-764-6561 or [info@centralarostookchamber.com](mailto:info@centralarostookchamber.com).

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## Be a Featured Member

To better inform our members of the services available from other members we would like to feature a different business every month. To be considered, submit a photo or logo and a description of your business to: [tfowler@centralarostookchamber.com](mailto:tfowler@centralarostookchamber.com)

We have found that members offer much more than is generally perceived.

This is a great way to promote your business.

## 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 members in the community.

# New Members!



## Gilman Electrical Supply

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**We are pleased to announce that Wings for Children and Families recently celebrated the opening of their Presque Isle location!**

Please help us in welcoming the Wings family to their new location at **93 State Street Suite A in Presque Isle.**

Wings provides targeted case management services for youth with a diagnosis in the Behavioral Health, Developmental, Intellectual, Substance Abuse or Complex Medical Needs areas.



## 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

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.

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Commerce are offering seminars  
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**Next Scheduled Seminar will be  
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You are Cordially Invited to the  
*Fifth Annual Northern Maine Bridal Expo*

Saturday, February 16, 2013 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.  
at the Crow's Nest Restaurant and Event Center in Presque Isle.  
\$5.00 admission per person will be accepted at the door and will be awarded to  
the Presque Isle Homeless Shelter.

Please join our sponsors:

*RC & Company DJ*

*Mary Kay with Norma Nowland*

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*Pampered Chef with Tammy Kordanbrook*

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*Weddings by Holly Ann*

For your one stop shopping event for all things bridal in Aroostook County.  
The event will feature over forty vendors including food tasting, a Bridal  
Gown and Tuxedo Fashion show, photography, hair stylists, seamstress', tuxedo  
rental, florists, jewelry, wedding gowns and much more! The first fifty brides  
will also walk away with a swag bag filled with gifts from each vendor.

For more information :  Northern Maine Bridal Expo

# Area Events & Happenings

## **Friday, January 11, 2013**

Presque Isle High School Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, 5:30 p.m. at The Crow's Nest Restaurant and Event Center, Tickets are \$30.00,

Friday FUNdamentals Cross Country ski Lessons at 6 p.m. at the Caribou Ski Center, Caribou High School. FMI call 492-2222

## **Saturday, January 12, 2013**

The University of Maine at Presque Isle will be hosting a concert with Ellis Paul on January 12, 2013 from 7 – 9 p.m. to benefit the Wintergreen Arts Center and UMPI at 7 p.m. in Wieden Auditorium. Tickets are \$20, \$15 for students and seniors and are available at Wintergreen Arts Center in Presque Isle, Morning Star Art & Framing in Presque Isle, York's Bookstore in Houlton, and Caribou One-Stop in Caribou. FMI contact UMPI's Community and Media Relations Office at 768-9452.

The Friends of Aroostook National Wildlife Refuge welcome you to make and Take a bird seed treat and a suet feeder for your winged friends. This family event will take place from 10a.m. 4 p.m. All supplies will be provided by Friends of Aroostook National Wildlife Refuge. For more information, please call The Aroostook National Wildlife Refuge office at 328-4634 or Betty at 498-2173. Event will be Located at the Visitor's Center, 97 Refuge Road, Limestone, ME.

Contact: The Aroostook National Wildlife Refuge office at 328-4634 or Betty at 498-2173.

Open Studio – Build a Birdfeeder, 10 am until 12 pm, Wintergreen Arts Center, \$7.50/child

## **Sunday, January 13, 2013**

Aroostook Cup #1 - Deprey Classic, Madawaska. Kick off the Aroostook Cup series with this free-style race and tour at Four Seasons Lodge in Madawaska.

Registration: Noon. Kid's Race: 12:30 p.m. Citizens Race: 1:00 p.m. Cost: Youth \$2; Adult \$5. Visit [www.fourseasonstrail.org](http://www.fourseasonstrail.org) FMI

## **Monday, January 14, 2013**

Women's Trail Night, Nordic Heritage Center, PI, at 6 pm. XC Skiing & Snowshoeing, Rentals available.

## **Wednesday, January 16**

Free Ski Night at Bigrock Mountain, Mars Hill. 3:00 – 8:00 p.m.; Sponsored by Bigrock Mountain and Townsquare Media. Free lift tickets, \$25 Rentals, \$5 lesson clinics. Visit

[www.bigrockmaine.com](http://www.bigrockmaine.com) FMI

## **Thursday, January 17, 2013**

Girls Night Out at Wintergreen Arts Center, Women of All Ages Welcome! Bring Unfinished Art Piece, 7-9 pm

## **Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**

Portage Lakers Snowmobile Run. Portage Lakers will be hosting a Radar Run on Sunday, January 20, 2013 in memory of Kyle Rogers. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the runs will begin at 10 a.m. and will be \$5.00 each with a maximum of 300 runs sold. There will also be a Mini Class - (ages 6 to 12 years old) 250 cc Max. All other participants must be 16 or older. A parent must be on-site during the run for all participants under the age of 18. Awards ceremony immediately following at Dean's Motor Lodge, prizes will be awarded for Stock, Improved, Vintage, Junior, & Mini. FMI: Jen at (207)227-0045 or email at [portagelakers@roadrunner.com](mailto:portagelakers@roadrunner.com).

Do you have an event coming up?

Forward your event and contact information to [info@centralaroostookchamber.com](mailto:info@centralaroostookchamber.com) and we'll get it in our next newsletter and website, (one of the many benefits of being a member!)



**Wednesday, Jan. 23**

Winter Weather Safety Workshop, Presque Isle. 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. Hosted by UMPI and WAGM Meteorologist Ted Shapiro; campus and community members of all ages are invited to attend this free event. From snow storms to ice storms to blizzards, Ted will help everyone make sense of the watches, warnings, and advisories that are frequently issued. Contact UMPI (207-768-9452) FMI

**Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

The President, Board of Directors and Staff of the Central Aroostook Chamber of Commerce invite you to the 2013 Annual Dinner & Awards on Thursday, January 24, 2013 at the Presque Isle Inn & Convention Center The Honorees include: Jan & Evelyn Koks, Oscar Nelder (Voscar), Floyd Rockholt and The Aroostook Medical Center.

5:30 pm Social, Dinner at 6:30 pm. Tickets are available at Central Aroostook Chamber: 764-6561

**January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013 — January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

The Long Lake Ice Fishing Derby starts 12:01 a.m. on the 28th with prizes awarded at 6:30 on Sunday the 29th. The Long Lake Ice Fishing Derby features 7 lakes to fish from and over \$10,000 in prizes. Base camp will be the Long Lake Sporting Club in Sinclair. This Ice fishing Derby is one of the most popular derbies in the state. Participants must be 14 years & older. Costs \$15/day or \$25/weekend (Sat & Sun) 13 years & under: \$5/day.

**Sunday, January 27, 2013**

Aroostook Cup #2 - Frostbite 40km, 20km & 5km XC Ski Event, Fort Kent. Hosted by the 10th Mountain Ski Club. Ski rentals available on a first-come first served basis. Bring your snowshoes and enjoy a winter walk in the woods. Registration: 10:30 a.m.; 12:00 p.m. start for all events. Fee: \$20. Contact Paul Cyr (207-834-6478) or [bpcyr@fkglobal.com](mailto:bpcyr@fkglobal.com) FMI



**The 9th Annual  
Andy Santerre  
SNO-RUN**

on February 9, 2013 promises to be another jam-packed day filled with fun and excitement for all ages. The purpose of the event is to raise awareness and money for AMHC's sexual assault services for children and youth victims in Aroostook County. Hosted by AMHC and Andy Santerre Motorsports-ASM, the event will kick-off with a 100 mile snowmobile run led by 4-Time Busch East Champion, ASM owner and event leader, Andy Santerre. There are two new exciting additions to this year's traditional event--one is a 5K SNO-RUN-Walk through Caribou and the other is a "Vintage SNO-RUN" – a 30 mile round trip "Vintage" snowmobile ride starting alongside the traditional SNO-RUN ride. Tickets for the "Vintage SNO-RUN" and the 100 mile SNO-RUN ride and dinner/auction are sold separately. The cost for the ride is \$30 and \$25 for the dinner/auction. The cost for the walk is \$15. An embroidered hat is included when purchasing a Ride ticket. The hat can be autographed by Andy and his NASCAR affiliates. To purchase tickets, please call 207-498-6431. For More information and event schedule, visit [www.amhc.org](http://www.amhc.org)



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[redyyouthtriathlon.org](http://redyyouthtriathlon.org)

## SAVE THE DATE: *Retailer Training*

Responsible Beverage Seller/Server (RBS) training will be held for all Aroostook County Liquor Licensees, *April 1 & 2, 2013*

This State Certified training, provided by law enforcement veteran, Frank Lyons, will provide you with the tools, that when applied, can prevent costly violations, instill more confidence, and may reduce your liquor liability insurance.

Attendees will learn more about: *Fraudulent ID detection; Criminal, Civil, and Administrative laws; Lawful Display of Signs and Advertising; Risks associated with unlawful sales of alcohol to minors and intoxicated individuals; and consequences of violation.*

*Attendees will receive 5 year certification with the State of Maine Department of Liquor Licensing.*



Hosted by Community Voices, sponsored by Healthy Maine Partnerships, Healthy Aroostook and Power of Prevention.



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**The Towns of Mapleton, Castle Hill and Chapman** are pleased to offer the opportunity for residents to renew their hunting/fishing licenses, vehicle/trailer registrations, boat, ATV and snowmobile registrations ONLINE!

Please follow these links for more information and to start the process:

To renew your vehicle/trailer registration:

<http://www.informe.org/bmv/rapid-renewal/>

To renew your boat registration:

<https://www5.informe.org/online/boat/>

To renew your ATV or snowmobile:

<http://www10.informe.org/ifw/atv-snow/>

To renew your hunting/fishing license:

<https://www5.informe.org/cqi-bin/online/moses2/index.pl>



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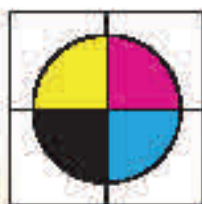
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Presque Isle, ME 04769  
(207) 493-4671



***Star City Coffee***, located at  
*483 Main Street* will celebrate their opening with  
a ribbon cutting ceremony,  
**Tuesday, January 15th, 2013.**  
Please join us in welcoming them to  
down~town Presque Isle!



Business excellence is epitomized by a balanced combination of manufacturing and service excellence, and a steadfast commitment to employees, customers and the community. The **Governor's Award for Business Excellence** was created in 1991 and is presented to for-profit companies that demonstrate a consistently high level of attentiveness and dedication in these areas.

If you are a business, or if you know of a business, that fits the description above, we encourage you to fill out a nomination form for the 2013 Governor's Award for Business Excellence. [Click here for a printable version of the nomination form \(PDF\)](#). You will need the free [Adobe Reader](#) to view this document.

Companies may only be nominated if they have been in business in Maine for at least 5 years. A committee, which consists of employees of former winners, reviews the applications and makes their recommendations to the Governor. An event recognizing the winners will be held in the spring. Since its inception, 117 businesses have received the award.

For more information, please contact: Brian Doyle, Governor's

Account Executive at [brian.doyle@maine.gov](mailto:brian.doyle@maine.gov) or by calling (207) 624-9807.

## SBA is Now Accepting Nominations for 2013 National Small Business Week Awards

### Do you know an outstanding small business deserving of recognition?

We are now accepting nominations for the 2013 National Small Business Week Awards, including the prestigious Small Business Person of the Year award. Visit [NationalSmallBusinessWeek.SBA.gov](http://NationalSmallBusinessWeek.SBA.gov) to submit your nomination now through January 3, 2013.

The SBA awards to be given in celebration of National Small Business Week will include:

#### **National Small Business Persons of the Year**

(chosen from among state award winners from each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Guam)

#### **Phoenix Awards** (recognizing outstanding accomplishments during disaster recovery)

#### **Small Business Prime Contractor of the Year**

#### **Small Business Subcontractor of the Year**

#### **The Dwight D. Eisenhower Award for Excellence** (recognizes large prime contractors who have used small businesses as suppliers and contractors)

#### **SBA 8(a) Graduate of the Year** (for recent graduates of the SBA's 8(a) contracting program)

#### **Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Excellence and Innovation Award** (nominations of SBA-funded SBDC Service Centers)



**Women's Business Center (WBCs) of Excellence Award** (nominations of SBA-funded WBCs)  
**Veterans Business Outreach Center Excellence in Service Award** (nominations of SBA-funded Veterans Business Outreach Centers)

For detailed information about eligibility and required documents, please review the [nominations guidelines](#) for 2013. In addition to the website, nominations can also be sent directly to SBA District Offices, which can be located online at <http://www.sba.gov/about-offices-list/2>.

*Award winners in each of the award categories will be invited to Washington, D.C., to attend National Small Business Week events, and to compete for national titles in 2013.*

National Small Business Week has recognized the outstanding achievements of America's small businesses, since 1963, for their contributions to their local communities, and to our nation's economy. In 2013, the 50<sup>th</sup> year celebration will honor the nation's 27 million small businesses.



*You are cordially invited to join the President, Board of Directors  
and Staff of the Central Aroostook Chamber of Commerce for the*

# 2013 Annual Dinner & Awards

*Thursday, January 24, 2013*

*5:30 p.m. Social, followed by Dinner at 6:30 p.m.*

*At the Presque Isle Inn & Convention Center*

*\$35/individual - \$65/couple - \$240/table of 8*

*Please join us as we honor the following:*

## **Oscar Nelder - Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient**

Oscar Nelder, better known to most of us as Voscar is often called "the photographer of Presque Isle's History". For over half a century, he has photographed floods, fires, train wrecks, beauty queens and famous people, (including John F. Kennedy, Jimmy Stewart and Queen Elizabeth). Voscar has had a tremendous impact on Presque Isle, its history and the lives of so many, and is an ideal recipient for the Lifetime Achievement Award.

## **Jan & Evelyn Kok - Lifetime Achievement Award Recipients**

The words "Let there be music," remind us of how the magical couple, Jan and Evelyn Kok have touched the lives of many. They have provided the Aroostook community with musical entertainment for many years, beginning in 1952 when both Jan and Evelyn came to work at UMPI; Jan as a professor emeritus in music and Evelyn as a librarian. Both were members of the Presque Isle Recorder Consort and shared their love and passion for music by visiting and teaching it at local elementary schools.

## **Floyd Rockholt - Citizen of the Year**

Long before the establishment of afterschool programs, Floyd Rockholt, owner of Eagle Hill Stamps & Coins, has provided a welcoming and safe environment for youth in our area to gather. Floyd also gives selflessly to his community by volunteering his time for many organizations and boards including Rotary, Healthy Aroostook, Presque Isle Development Fund, Central Aroostook Chamber of Commerce, Aroostook Regional Transportation System and Crown of Maine Balloon Festival.

## **The Aroostook Medical Center - Business of the Year**

Since the opening of Presque Isle's first hospital in April of 1912, The Aroostook Medical Center has paved way with innovative health-care; and since has become the leading provider of healthcare services in northern Maine, and is the region's largest employer. Throughout 2012, TAMC has celebrated their 100th Anniversary with significant new construction, expansion in services and facilities, and many community events. They continue to provide excellent medical care as the result of a dedicated team of healthcare professionals

# 2013 Annual Dinner & Awards



## 2013 Annual Dinner & Awards

*Thursday, January 24, 2013*

Social & Silent Auction

Welcome

Invocation

Dinner

Year In Review

*Jim McKenney - Outgoing President*

Vision of the Year Ahead

*Stacy Shaw - Incoming President*

Recognition of Retiring Board Members

Presentation of Awards

Director of the Year

*Theresa Fowler - Executive Director*

Business of the Year - The Aroostook Medical Center

*Presented by Stacy Shaw*

Citizen of the Year - Floyd Rockholt

*Presented by Sharon Campbell*

Lifetime Achievement - Oscar Nelder

*Presented by Kim Smith*

Lifetime Achievement - Jan & Evelyn Kok

*Presented by a member of Presque Isle Kiwanis Club*

Live Auction

We are currently accepting donations for our Silent and Live Auctions to benefit your Local Chamber of Commerce. This is a wonderful opportunity to advertise your business and get your name out there!!

If you would like to donate an item, please contact the Central Aroostook Chamber at 207-764-6561 to make accommodations.

## Benefits of being a member:

- Publications and Advertising Opportunities
- Marketing and Promotion of the Area
- **Rotator Ads on our Home Page**
- **Chamber Blue Benefits Health Insurance Program**
- **Access to our Bulk-Mailing Permit**
- Prospective Resident Referrals
- Information Resources and Services
- Business Referrals
- Community Enhancement & Annual Events
- Credit Card Merchant Services
- Program Events
- Committee Involvement

## Featured Items up for auction

- 4 PenAir Tickets
- 100 Gallons of Fuel Oil donated by Daigle Oil Company
- Weekend Getaway, for two at the Hampton Inn
- Framed "Voscar the Maine Photographer" Photos

& MUCH MORE!

## How to: Lower Your Home Heating Costs:

There is good news about the winter! When it comes to home heating this winter, the Energy Information Administration predicts that on average, a household's fuel heating costs will decrease to \$928 per household, which is down from the \$947 it cost last year. While this is good news, that is still a lot of money! Luckily, there are some additional things you, as a homeowner, can do to lower your heating costs even more this winter.

- Turn down the thermostat: You can save an estimated 3% for every degree you turn down your thermostat. If you turn it down when you go to work and go to sleep at night even just 10 degrees, you can save a good deal on your heating costs!
- Use your curtains: Opening up the curtains allows for the sun to heat your home and closing them at night helps reduce the escape of heat.
- Install a low-flow shower head: A water-efficient shower head will use less hot water and therefore, less heat!
- Keep your heating vents clear: Keeping rugs and furniture away from the vents will allow for the hot air to circulate

## Home Insurance and Blizzards

Did you know that in 2011 there was nearly 2 billion dollars worth of snow storm related damages to homes?

Snow storms and blizzards can be a disaster for your home. All of the wind, snow and ice can leave many damages and destruction. Between roof collapses, wind damage and leakage that can result from busted pipes and gutters, as a homeowner, there is a lot to worry about.

While your home owners insurance will likely cover the damages associated with these natural weather-related conflicts, there are some factors that can jeopardize your claim if you are not careful.

If you experience roof damage:

- Make sure your roof is in good condition and not considered "old" before the winter season starts - a roof that is not well maintained may be grounds for a denial of your claim.

- Make sure to take photos right away to prove your claim was in fact caused by an insured disaster.

- Do not attempt to make any repairs yourself that may make the roof better or worse - both could harm your claim.

Additionally, when it comes to other things such as your pipes, you will want to take precautionary measures to avoid damages:

- Always maintain heat in your house even if you are away from home to keep your pipes from freezing.

- If you do go away during the winter and wish to turn off your heat, turn the water off, too.

It's always a good idea to have a neighbor keep an eye on the place if you happen to be out of town. If disaster does strike, you will want to deal with it right away and not leave



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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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North Woods Communications, LLC  
Presque Isle Animal Hospital  
J & S Construction  
Pottery by Karen St. Peter  
Chandler Farms Inc.  
Huber Engineered Woods

# *Final Word*

*by Theresa Fowler*

Happy New Year! I am sure the coming year will be full of great things for the Central Aroostook Chamber of Commerce.

The year has begun with lots of white gold on the ground. It is wonderful to see snowmobile trailers at all the accommodations providers and gas stations!

The office is busy with preparations for the Annual Awards Dinner which will be held on January 24 at the Presque Isle Inn & Convention Center. Tickets are available through the Chamber office. Each year I wonder how we can find award recipients of the same caliber as the year before and once again there was no shortage!

Jan & Evelyn Kok will be presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award. The Koks have contributed to the musical and artistic culture of Aroostook County for more than 50 years. They have quietly offered their talents to the community and encouraged many to appreciate music.

Oscar Nelder, more commonly known as Voscar, The Maine Photographer, will also be receiving a Lifetime Achievement Award. Voscar has built an extensive collection of photographs through the years and has chronicled many of the important events in the area. Voscar has given us framed photographs that will be sold by auction during the evening.

The Aroostook Medical Center celebrated its One Hundredth Anniversary during 2012 and will be recognized as 2012 Business of the Year. The importance of this facility in the community is never taken for granted. The major employer in the County has recently introduced compressed natural gas as a source of fuel to the area.

Floyd Rockholt, owner of Eagle Hill Stamp & Coin will be named Citizen of the Year. Floyd is involved in and supports many service organizations in the area, operates a business that provides a safe, educational and interactive location for many and never refuses to assist anyone in need.

While we are preparing for this wonderful event, we are also organizing the Maine-Quebec Winter Caravan and preparing information for the 2013 Member's Directory. Please send us your updated contact information. If you would like to add your logo to your listing on our website, please forward it to us and we will have it added.

Please contact the Chamber at any time. We may be able to help answer questions or put you in touch with someone who can.

Have a great month!