

For more information on these festivals or other activities taking place in Central Aroostook County, visit the Central Aroostook Chamber of Commerce website @ www.centralarostookchamber.com or call 764-6561

August

- World Acadian Festival**
Friday, August 8—Sunday, August 24
- Mars Hill Homecoming Days**
Saturday, August 9—Sunday, August 10
- Portage Lake Whoopie Pie Festival**
Thurs. August 14—Sunday, August 17
- Washburn August Fest**
Friday, August 15—Sunday, August 17
- Crown of Maine Balloon Festival**
Thursday, August 21-Sunday, August, 24
- Friday Night at the Movies**
Friday, August 15, August 22, August 29
- Westfield Jubilee**
Friday, August 22—Saturday, August 23
- Ride Aroostook**
Saturday, August 23—Sunday, August 24

September

- First Friday Art Walk**
Friday, September 5
- Fall Trash & Treasure**
Saturday, September 13—Sunday, September 14
- Mars Hill Mountain Challenge**
Saturday, September 13

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New Members!



On Friday, July 11, 2014, Acadia Federal Credit Union celebrated its expansion to Ashland with a Grand Opening celebration. Throughout the day, in addition to giveaways and appearances by Monty Moose, the Ashland community had opportunities to learn about the credit union's products and services. After a ribbon cutting ceremony in the afternoon, Acadia FCU provided a free BBQ to the public, catered by Aramark Dining Services, and root beer floats. Both were enjoyed by almost 200 in attendance.



The goal of Bike Board and Ski is to give the customer the best gear at the best prices, and to pass along all the expertise and knowledge they've gained over the years of being avid skiers, snowboarders, and bikers. It has taken years to accumulate this level of knowledge and passion and it's now their turn to pass this on to the community. Stop by and take a look at everything they have to offer!



Come check out our huge selection of Armada, Atomic, Burton, Cannondale, Haro, Kona, Marker, Nordica, Oakley, Outdoor Research, Rossignol and Tubbs outdoor gear!



New Members (continued)



Creating and Managing
Quality Events!

- Create events for everyone to pursue their active and healthy lifestyles
 - Offer the same BIG race, only in YOUR back yard
 - Create affordable and competitive events for everyone
- Make Presque Isle the hub of all endurance events in Northern Maine
 - To share in YOUR successes

Mike's and Sons



Mike's and Sons is a local lawn and garden outdoor power equipment store. They are a family owned and operated business that started in Fort Kent in 1988. They sell Cub Cadet lawn and garden equipment, Yanmar tractors, Echo power equipment, Husqvarna lawn and garden equipment, and Jonsered chainsaws. They service and repair all brands, but specialize in these brands. They have in stock many parts for these brands, and can get parts for most brands in 1-2 days.

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





Ribbon Cuttings

All Photos Courtesy of Kathy McCarty and The Star Herald





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TAMC—Eye Care Center Ashland



Mark's Primitives—Mars Hill





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Area Events & Happenings

August 2014

August 14—17—Portage Lake Festival and Whoopie Pie Fest—Portage Lake

August 15—Friday Night at the Movies—Despicable Me 2-Riverside Park

August 15—17—Washburn Festival—Washburn

August 20—Casual After Hours Social—Presque Isle

August 21—24—Crown of Maine Balloon Fest—Presque Isle

August 22—Friday Night at the Movies—Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs—Riverside Park

August 22 & 23—20th Annual Westfield Jubilee—Westfield

August 23 & 24 Ride Aroostook—Throughout the County

August 23—Guided Walking Tour of Presque Isle & the Vera Esty House—Presque Isle

August 30—2nd Annual Color Presque Isle 5K—Presque Isle

August 31—Harvest Half Marathon & Relay—Presque Isle

September 2014

September 1—Aroostook Hops Farm Tour—Westfield

September 5—First Friday Art Walk

September 7—Redy...Set...Let's Go! Youth Triathlon—Presque Isle

September 13—14—Fall Trash & Treasure—Presque Isle

September 13—Mars Hill Mountain Challenge—Bigrock



VISIT OUR WEBSITE
TO SEE COMPLETE INFO ON THE ABOVE EVENTS!

<http://www.centralarostookchamber.com>

If you would like to see your event in our newsletter or on our website please contact us at:

Central Aroostook Chamber of Commerce

207-764-6561

Or by email at

lfrederick@centralarostookchamber.com

Want to get involved in your local events?

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

WHAT'S COMING UP AND HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED!



The Central Aroostook Chamber of Commerce is once again looking for groups or individuals to bring life to the woods for its annual Haunted Woods Walk. This year's walk will have a theme of Circus Freak Show.

Volunteer help is needed to create and man haunt sites, walk the woods as individual prowlers and to lead the attendees through the haunted trail.

This year's walk will take place at the Nordic Heritage center in Presque Isle on October 10th and 11th.

***Cash prizes will be awarded for the
top three sites!***

For more information or to register for a haunt site please contact
Matt @ 227-5360 or Nola @ 551-5665.

*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!



Saturday, August 30—Riverside Park
Call 762-3576 to register

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.



THURSDAY AUGUST 21

5-9 P.M.
STREET FAIR
DOWNTOWN PRESQUE ISLE
SPONSORED BY
P.I. ELKS LODGE

5:30 P.M.
MASS ASCENSION
LAUNCHES FROM THE
NORTHERN MAINE FAIRGROUNDS

ALL EVENTS
AT
NORTHERN MAINE
FAIRGROUNDS
UNLESS
OTHERWISE
NOTED

FRIDAY AUGUST 22

5:30 A.M.
MASS ASCENSION
LAUNCHES FROM THE
NORTHERN MAINE FAIRGROUNDS

4-9 P.M.
CRAFT FAIR & VENDORS OPEN

5 P.M.
TETHERED BALLOON RIDES
SPONSORED BY
KATAHDIN TRUST COMPANY
\$10.00 FOR AGES 12 +
\$5.00 FOR UNDER 12
TICKETS LIMITED TO 150
FIRST COME FIRST SERVE
TICKETS SALES START AT 3P.M.

5:30 P.M.
RIBBON BURNING &
MASS ASCENSION
LAUNCHES FROM
NORTHERN MAINE FAIRGROUNDS

6:30 P.M.
OPEN MIC NIGHT
SPONSORED BY
PRESQUE ISLE AND CARIBOU INN &
CONVENTION CENTERS

DUSK
BALLOON GLOW

SATURDAY AUGUST 23

5:30 A.M.
MASS ASCENSION
LAUNCHES FROM THE
NORTHERN MAINE FAIRGROUNDS

7-10 A.M.
PILOT & CREW BREAKFAST
CHAPMAN RIDGERUNNERS
SNOWMOBILE CLUB
COST: \$7.00/PERSON

8 A.M.
CITY WIDE YARD SALE

10 A.M. TO 1 P.M.
YOUTH DAY
SPONSORED BY KIWANIS CLUB OF PI
AND CARY MEDICAL CENTER
THE FORUM

11 A.M.—9 P.M.
CRAFT FAIR & VENDORS OPEN

5 P.M.
TETHERED BALLOON RIDES

5:30 P.M.
MASS ASCENSION
LAUNCHES FROM
NORTHERN MAINE FAIRGROUNDS

6:30—8:30 P.M.
SOUND FRIENDSHIPS
SPONSORED BY
IRVING WOODLANDS, LLC

DUSK
BALLOON GLOW

SUNDAY AUGUST 24

5:30 A.M.
MASS ASCENSION
LAUNCHES FROM THE
NORTHERN MAINE FAIRGROUNDS

8:30 A.M.
SPONSOR & LANDOWNER
BREAKFAST
PRESQUE ISLE INN & CONVENTION
CENTER
COST: \$10.00/PERSON

10:00 A.M.
BALLOON FEST 5K ROAD RACE
SPONSORED BY
AROOSTOOK TEEN LEADERSHIP CAMP
REGISTRATION AT
THE FORUM STARTING AT 8:00 A.M.
COST: \$10.00

Movie Night in the Park

presents



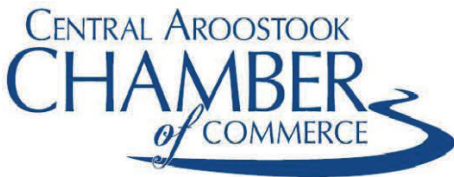
When: August 15 @ 8:00 p.m.

Where: Riverside Park in Presque Isle

Rain or shine! If raining, the movie will be shown at The Forum.

This fun and free event is open to the public. Do not forget to bring chairs, bug spray, snacks and drinks.

Sponsored by:



Movie Schedule:

Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs – August 22 @ 8:00

October Sky – August 29 @ 8:00

Covering Onsite Job Training of Minors

MDOL is calling for public comment on proposed changes to rules surrounding job-training programs for minors. The public hearing will be held on Friday, August 22, 2014, 10 a.m. to noon, in the SafetyWorks! conference room in Augusta.

The purpose of the proposed change is to allow students enrolled in approved Career and Technical Educational programs (CTE) to train on specific equipment, located at a business, that is necessary for their course of study. Businesses hosting the training will have to comply with a number of conditions under the proposed rules. For more information, visit http://www.maine.gov/labor/news_events/article.shtml?id=624970.

The rules are available at: <http://www.maine.gov/tools/whatsnew/attach.php?id=624970&an=1>.



Starting September 8 in Houlton, Women, Work, and Community will offer a **free twelve-week course** in business planning.

If you are a new entrepreneur or business owner in the start-up stage or planning for growth, [New Ventures](#) will help you **create your written business plan from start to finish** with feedback from facilitators and fellow entrepreneurs.

Topics include your customer, your competition, marketing, financial recordkeeping, cash flow projections, taxes, legal aspects, financing, and more.

[Send your application today!](#)

Individual interviews will be scheduled following the class orientation from 9:30-11:30 AM on Monday, September 8. The New Ventures class will meet on Mondays from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM from September 15 through December 15 at the Houlton Higher Education Center.

Erica Quin-Easter, trainer for the [New Ventures](#) course, says, "Creating a written business plan is the key to building a sustainable business. This class will help you research and write your business plan, explore financing options, gain confidence in promoting yourself, and grow your business with the tools you need to succeed."

There is no fee for the class. The 60-hour course also qualifies for 3 Pass/Fail credits from the University of Maine at Augusta upon approval of your completed business plan and payment of a small processing fee.

Class size is limited to 15, and an application and interview are required. Anyone with a business idea is welcome to apply. WWC abides by UMA non-discrimination policy. **Applications are due by August 29.**



State of Maine

Office of Governor Paul LePage

August 4, 2014

For Immediate Release: Monday, August 04, 2014

Contact: Adrienne Bennett, Press Secretary, 207-287-2531

Doug Ray, DECD Communications Director, 207-624-9802

AUGUSTA – As a result of ReEnergy’s decision to restart its biomass-to-electricity plant in Ashland twenty-five new jobs are coming to Aroostook County. Governor Paul R. LePage today offered his congratulations to the company.

“This is terrific news for Aroostook County,” said Governor Paul R. LePage. “I thank ReEnergy for their investment and congratulate them on the decision to restart operations. My team has worked proactively with ReEnergy over the last few years in an effort to get where we are today. This is what happens when government partners with the private sector in efforts to improve our economy for the benefit of all Mainers. ReEnergy’s decision is further proof Maine’s economy is headed in the right direction.”

ReEnergy ceased operations in 2011 due to market conditions, but is planning to restart the plant as early as this December. According to the company, the restart is expected to create 25 new direct jobs and an estimated 150 new indirect jobs. Several members of the LePage Administration including Energy Director Patrick Woodcock and forest products advisor Rosaire Pelletier played a significant role in helping ReEnergy identify and gain access to the resources needed to help get this plant back up and running. Specifically, the Administration initiated a discussion with Emera Maine to determine whether the facility could be a part of an effort to bolster reliability in the region in the medium term, while a plan for long term reliability is considered by the MPUC.

The 39-megawatt ReEnergy Ashland facility generates renewable energy from responsibly harvested green forest residue biomass and unadulterated wood. It is capable of producing approximately 284,000 MWh of electricity each year — enough to supply nearly 37,000 homes. Maine is one of the largest biomass electricity producers in the country with over 20 percent of the State’s electricity generation coming from biomass power plants.



Mainebiz has opened nominations for the 2014 Next List!

Who's Next?

Mainebiz needs your help to recognize Maine's dynamic individuals who are trailblazers in their industry.

Do you know someone who is:

- A true entrepreneur?
- A forward-thinking leader?
- A positive motivator for change?
- A problem-solver who takes a fresh approach?

To identify these business mavericks, we're opening the nomination process up to you! You tell us, who's NEXT?

The nomination period is August 4th through September 2nd.

Those chosen will be featured in the October 6th issue of Mainebiz.

Be sure to join us while we will celebrate the outstanding achievements of our "Nexters" at a special reception in November.

[Submit your nomination today!](#)



Electronic Cigarettes

KNOW THE FACTS

What is an e-cigarette?

- An electronic cigarette (or e-cigarette) uses battery power to heat up a liquid that contains nicotine and other chemicals, turning the liquid to vapor. The user inhales the vapor.

Are e-cigarettes safe?

- E-cigarettes are not regulated and so there is no way to know how much nicotine is in them. This is dangerous because 30-60 mg of nicotine is a deadly dose for adults, and even 10 mg can be deadly for children.
- E-cigarettes are not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as a nicotine replacement therapy or as a way to quit tobacco use.
- E-cigarettes have not been around long enough to learn how the health of users will be affected in the long term.
- Users risk being harmed by high levels of chemicals, including nicotine. The companies don't even have to tell you what is in their products.

What is the best way to quit?

- The best health advice is to quit tobacco by using proven methods like calling the Maine Tobacco HelpLine. You are 2 to 3 times more likely to be able to quit when you call the HelpLine than when you try to quit on your own.
- There are nicotine replacement therapies (like the nicotine patch or gum) and medicines that are approved by the FDA. These can help you avoid withdrawal symptoms and lessen cravings.



The Maine Tobacco HelpLine offers free quit coaching to Maine residents.

Call toll-free

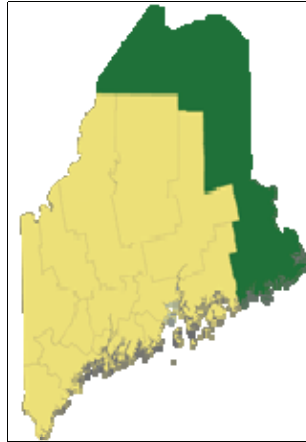
1-800-207-1230

THE MAINE TOBACCO HELPLINE



Aroostook Washington Workforce Investment Board

The Aroostook Washington Workforce Investment Board (AWWIB) is one of the state's four Local Workforce Investment Boards. It provides direction and oversight for workforce development and training programs and services in Aroostook and Washington Counties—a region designated as Local Area I.



AWWIB envisions a region where businesses can thrive and people will want to work and live, where skilled workers will have well paying jobs and affordable housing options that are sustainable over changing economic conditions. To fulfill this vision, AWWIB directs the use of employment and training resources for the benefit of residents as well as current and future employers by nurturing strong partnerships, working in conjunction with local economic development initiatives, and being mindful of the needs of the local economy.

Northern Maine Quality of Place Vision

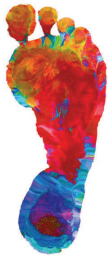
Our region is a place of abundant natural resources that is reflected in the beauty of our landscape and the potential for economic and social prosperity it offers. We value the individuality and endurance of our people while recognizing the strong sense of community and place that sustains us.

Downeast Maine Quality of Place Vision

Washington County shines as a place of unparalleled beauty where natural resources abound. A culture of independence and endurance is reflected in those who call it home.

Contact us at: 207-992-0775

www.awwib.org



**The
September Art
Walk
Will be held on
September 5,
2014**

***Hope to see you
there!***

FIRST FRIDAY

ART WALK

**First Friday 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

"Champlain in Maine" Philip Turner



Maine author and Caribou native Philip Turner's most recent work of historical fiction is a book entitled "Champlain in Maine". Turner's book is a glimpse into the travels of French Explorer and "Father of New France" Samuel de Champlain and his exploration of Maine and its early settlers. Turner was inspired to write the book in conjunction with the 2014 World Acadian Congress which is being held in Northern Maine in August of 2014. The book is written in English with a French translation.

Turner is the author of seven other works including "Affie", "Rooster: the Story of Aroostook County", "First John: King of the Mountain", "I am General Eaton!", "A New Day Dawning", "A Rebel Redeemed" and "Ladies First: Saints All". Turner has also written four plays including, "A Rebel Redeemed", "A Tea in Heaven", "Our Memorial Windows" and "HI to Caribou". Turner, now 92 years of age is in the process of publishing his 9th book entitled "Exodus", which will be out in 2014.

The cost for the book is \$10.00, with all proceeds going to the Caribou Public Library. This book is also available at amazon.com. For more information please contact the Caribou 207-493-4241.

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.

Fall is almost here!

Get your ATV maps for the rest of the season
right here at the
Central Aroostook Chamber!

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



2015-2016

Snowmobile Maps are coming
soon!



AROOSTOOK

COUNTY TOURISM

Add an Event Listing

Event listings on www.visitaroostook.com and www.visitmaine.com are special events that occur in a town, region or at an individual business such as a fair, festival, lecture, sporting event, etc.

You may request a free calendar listing on www.visitaroostook.com and www.visitmaine.com using the procedure below. The event must be open to the public and be inherent to tourism. The idea is that the event must be something that a visitor can do while on vacation in Maine. It cannot be something like a six-week pottery making class because the average traveler would not have time to come to Maine every week to participate. Events do not include special lodging packages. Those should be added to the Getaways Packages system.

Below are instructions for adding a business listing to our system.

1. Go to www.visitaroostook.com
2. At the bottom of the page, click on the "[Add/Update Listing](#)" link.
3. Input username and password and click "Log-in". If you have forgotten your password, go to Step 3a. Otherwise go to Step 4.
 - 3a. Click on the "[Reset Password](#)" link
 - 3b. Input your email address and click "Send". This sends you an email message with a link you must open to reset your password.
 - 3c. Click on the link and input your new password and click on "Save".
4. Once you are logged into the system a page entitled "Manage Listings" appears. In the "My Events" section, click "[Add a New Event](#)" on the right-hand side of the page.
5. Complete the on-line form and click "Save". This submits your listing to Aroostook County Tourism (www.visitaroostook.com) and the Office of Tourism (www.visitmaine.com) for review.
6. The Category checkboxes at the bottom of the form are there so that you can check off the category that is most relevant to your event.

Aroostook County Tourism and the Office of Tourism must review all listings prior to their appearance on www.visitaroostook.com and www.visitmaine.com. Please allow five business days for approval.

Aroostook County Tourism and the Office of Tourism request that all businesses receiving a free link on www.visitaroostook.com and www.visitmaine.com provide a reciprocal link on your site. A simple link to our site from yours will increase the relevancy of both sites in search engine rankings and increase the likelihood that more people will click on them.

If you have any questions please call Leslie Jackson at (207) 498-8736.

AROOSTOOK

COUNTY TOURISM

Add a Business Listing

Business listings on www.visitaroostook.com and www.visitmaine.com are added by the business owner and include the name of the business, address, telephone numbers, web site address, description of the business and the categories in which the business is listed. You also have the capability to add Getaways Packages and include an email address so consumers can contact you.

You may request a free listing on www.visitaroostook.com and www.visitmaine.com using the procedure below. Your business must fall within one of the categories listed on our web site and offer a product that people can come to Maine to experience. Please read the category definitions carefully to determine if your business is relevant to the category in question.

Below are instructions for adding a business listing to our system.

1. Go to www.visitaroostook.com.
2. At the bottom of the page, click on the "[Add/Update Listing](#)" link.
3. If this is your first time adding a listing to www.visitaroostook.com and/or www.visitmaine.com, click on the "[Get Started](#)" link below the email and password input boxes.
4. Complete the form including your name, email address, password and phone number, and then click "Save".
5. A page appears entitled "[Manage Listings Login](#)". Click the "Log-in" link.
6. Input username and password and click "Log-in".
7. A page entitled "Manage Listings" appears. In the "My Organizations" section, click "[Add a New Organization](#)" on the right-hand side of the page.
8. Complete the five-step form and click "Finish". This submits your listing to www.visitaroostook.com and www.visitmaine.com for review.

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ShopCentralAroostook.com



CENTRAL AROOSTOOK
CHAMBER
of COMMERCE

WAGM 8
CBS FOX
NEWS | SOURCE

Advertise your business on television in a cost-effective way, while helping to promote the region and the value of shopping locally.

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

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.*

27 Sign Place	Seamstress HollyAnn
Academy Dental, P.A.	Star City IGA
Ardnt's Aroostook River Lodge & Campground	TD Bank
Aroostook Beverage Co.	Underwood Electric
Aroostook County Federal Savings & Loan	Webxcentrics
Aroostook Resources	
Gregory M. Blackstone, D.D.S.	
CES, Inc.	
Caron's Lawn & Property Maintenance	
Chester M. Kearney, CPAs	
Circle of Learning	
Coca-Cola Bottling Company	
Crown Travel	
Columbia Forest Products	
Cushman & Sons, Inc.	
Desjardins Builders	
Goin' Postal	
Homestead Lodge & Buffalo Ranch	
Inlution, Inc.	
Irving Woodlands, LLC	
MSAD #1	
Machias Savings Bank of Maine	
Maine Potato Growers, Inc.	
Mar-Phi Select Homes, Inc.	
Neil E. Michaud Campground	
North Woods Communications, LLC	
Northern Business Products, Inc.	
Northern New England Community Resource	
Presque Isle Auto Rental, LLC	
Rosella's	
S.W. Collins Company	

Final Word

by Theresa Fowler

August 2014

Here it is the middle of August! We have had a wonderful summer so far and looking forward to many more days to enjoy the beauty of the agricultural fields and forests.

The summer of 2014 will likely go down in the history books as a nearly perfect summer. We had hot sunny days, warm evenings and occasional rain showers to feed the crops and prevent forest fires. The rain kept the rivers and streams high enough for paddling. The weather cooperated with most festivals, allowing time for family and acquaintances to spend time together enjoying a variety of activities.

Aroostook Farm celebrated its 100th Anniversary of serving the potato industry! The University of Maine and staff at the farm provided an opportunity for many to spend some time at the farm, learning about the programs they operate and seeing the research operation up close. This is one of the many gems in the Crown of Maine that many of us take for granted. We forget how important they are to the economy, here and throughout the world, with research done right next door. A visit to the Aroostook Farm offers a new insight into the potato industry.

We are at the midpoint of the Acadian celebration that unites Maine, New Brunswick and Quebec as hosts of the World Acadian Congress. This event certainly is attracting people to the region who have never been here before. We are sure that the warm welcome they will receive and the beauty of the area will entice them to return again and again.

Summer festivals are winding down, but we are looking forward to a busy time during the Crown of Maine Balloon Fest. As hoped more and more organizations are becoming involved. The Presque Isle Elks Club, Chapman Ridge Runners, Presque Isle Department of Public Works, Presque Isle Kiwanis Club, Aroostook Team Leadership Club and Ride Aroostook all have planned activities for the weekend of the Balloon Fest. Hopefully you will join in some of the fun at Northern Maine Fairgrounds.