

Upcoming Events

November

11/03 **Ribbon Cutting**11:00 am - 2:00 pm
@ Pizza Hut

11/07 Chamber Connection 4:00 - 5:30 pm @ Governor Hill Mansion

11/08 Cynergy: Behind the Scenes 6:00 - 8:00 pm @ Cushnoc Brewing Co.

11/10 Ribbon Cutting 9:30 - 11:00 am @ Viles Arboretum

11/14 Women's Network Luncheon 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 pm @ Senator Inn & Spa

11/28 **Business After Hours**5:00 - 7:00 pm
@ Maine State Credit Union

December

12/11 KVCC Board of Directors 4:30 pm

12/12 **Women's Network Luncheon** 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

@ Senator Inn & Spa

12/12 Business After Hours
5:00 - 7:00 pm
@ Longfellow's Greenhouses
with Kennebec Land Trust

12/19 Chamber Connection 7:30 - 9:00 am @ Senator Inn & Spa

*Bolded items are open to the public

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Insider Newsletter

November 2018

Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce Kennebec Valley Chamber.com

Panel discussion on the economic and tourism impact of craft beer with:

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What's Brewing in

the Kennebec Valley?

November 7, 2018 4:00 - 5:30 pm Governor Hill Mansion

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Women's Network

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10 Ways to Build a Better World with Bread and Beer

Amber Lambke
Maine Grains

November 14, 2018 11:30 am - 1:00 pm The Senator Inn & Spa

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Cynergy is excited to present a new free local business series:

Behind The Scenes (BTS)

This series welcomes members of the public to a VIP experience at their favorite local businesses. You'll get to see how they do what they do in our community! You'll tour facilities, have conversations and discussions with the leaders in their industries and maybe even sample some products too.

The first Behind the Scenes is taking place on November 8th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Cushnoc Brewing Co.

At Cushnoc, attendees will meet in the restaurant bar area at 6 pm. From there, the group will go on a guided tour of the brewing room to learn about their process and see what's being made right now. During this time, you'll be able to ask questions and learn more about what's on tap. We'll wrap up downstairs at Meet Me Out Back where you can eat pizza and sample what's on deck.

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Ribbon Putting



Pizza Hut 215 Western Ave., Augusta November 3, 2018 11:00 am

Viles Arboretum
153 Hospital St., Augusta
November 10, 2018
9:30 am

Member Spotlight: Marie Spaulding Art



Marie Spaulding is a professional acrylic and mixed media artist located in Central Maine. Marie has been studying art for most of her life and has recently become a full-time professional artist. Much of her former professional life was spent as a Ed Tech which has lead Marie to focusing a portion of her business on teaching art. Marie has a large following in Kennebec County for her "Channel Your Inner Artist" group classes. "Channel Your Inner Artist" is a "paint night" type of class where you receive step by step instruction for creating a painting as a group. One of her most popular classes is "Paint Your Pet" where Marie assists you in creating a beautiful portrait of your pet. Marie also teaches individual painting courses for adults or children.

One of Marie's favorite specialties is commissioned art. She has been commissioned to paint family portraits, pet portraits, custom images, wall murals and more. Marie has made a name for herself with her colorful and detailed large

scale commissioned canvases and custom murals which are on display at locations such as the Senator Inn & Spa, NRF, Gevolution Fitness, and Downtown Yoga Studio.

Marie's personal painting style is colorful and bold with many of her pieces focused around nature and inspirational scenes. She often creates mixed media paintings which incorporate real elements to create an unexpected whimsical twist. You can find her portfolio and available paintings for sale on her website mariespauldingart.com as well as information about her classes.

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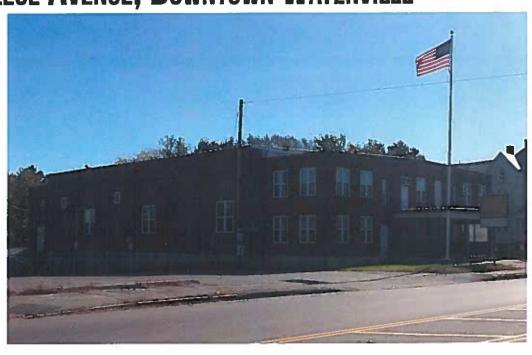
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Friday, November 16 12:30 - 8:00pm

Saturday, November 17 8:30am - 12:30pm

At Thomas College

Cost: \$35 (Free for College Students)

Join us for an exciting two-day event focused on elevating the innovative, entrepreneurial and revenue potential of Central Maine's people and businesses.

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Top Gun Program Coming to Central Maine

The Harold Alfond Institute for Business Innovation at Thomas College, in partnership with the Central Maine Growth Council, is pleased to announce that it will host a "Top Gun" program starting in early 2019 for entrepreneurs in Kennebec and Somerset Counties, as well as in the communities of Burnham, Unity, Thorndike, Freedom and Troy, who are involved in agriculture and specialty food and beverage businesses.

Program Details:

- The program consists of a cohort of between 8 to 10 businesses.
- The cohort of businesses meet on a weekly basis and are provided with top-level instruction, networking and mentorship over a 15-week duration.
- Industry and topic experts are brought in weekly to work with participants.
- Participating entrepreneurs will work toward developing a business pitch that they will deliver in a friendly competition with their cohort.
- Two entrepreneurs will be selected to compete in the state's Top Gun Showcase business pitch competition at the end of the program for the grand prize of \$25,000.
- The program is offered at a significant discount of \$500 due to sponsorships from the Small Business Administration and the Harold Alfond Institute for Business Innovation at Thomas College.



Entrepreneurs that are within the geographic area, that are pursuing businesses in the agriculture and specialty food and beverage sectors and that would like to take their business to the next level, should go to **www.mced.biz** to submit an application for selection into the program. Applications are being taken until November 15, 2018.

For more information or for assistance in applying, interested entrepreneurs can also contact Mike Duguay at the Harold Alfond Institute for Business Innovation at **207-859-1151** or at **duguaym@thomas.edu**.





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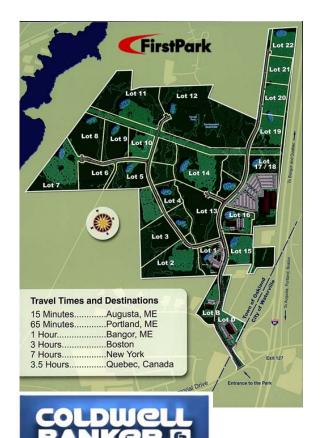
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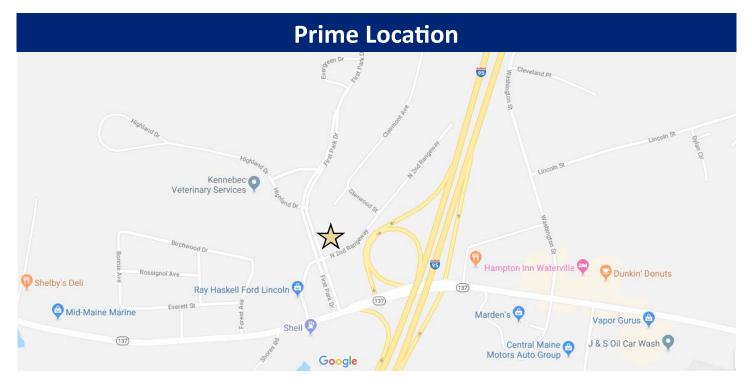
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Friday, January 25, 2019 5:00 - 10:00 pm Augusta Civic Center

Tickets & Table Reservations go on sale December 1 2018

The Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce is proud to present, again, in 2018 The Kenney Awards! The Kenney, named for the region we hail from, is awarded annually to area businesses and professionals that are deserving of our attention and recognition.

This event is the premier opportunity for the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce to highlight and celebrate the success in our community. The Kenney Awards will recognize six awardees; Peter G. Thompson Lifetime Achievement, Large Business of the Year, Small Business of the Year, President's Choice, Community Service and the Cynergy Young Professional.

The winners of the Peter G. Thompson Lifetime Achievement Award, Large Business of the Year and Small Business of the Year are announced prior to the ceremony while the remaining awards will be decided by live voting during the event.

Peter G. Thompson Lifetime Achievement Award

Stay tuned for the announcement!

Large Business of the Year Award

O'Connor Auto Park

Small Business of the Year Award

Clark Marine

President's Choice Finalists

Gardiner Federal Credit Union Merrill's Detector Dogs Maine Isshinryu Karate Academies

Community Service Finalists

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CHAMBER MEMBER NEWS

Camden National Bank announced the launch of BusinessTouchTM, a new online loan application system designed to make the borrowing process faster and easier for businesses. The system will provide instant decisions on approvals for loans up to \$75,000 and for lines of credit up to \$25,000. Once a loan is approved, the customer will work with one of Camden National Bank's business lenders to fund the loans, a process that can happen in as little as one business day. Camden National Bank is the first Maine-based bank to offer an instant decision via a digital loan application. More information about BusinessTouch and small business borrowing with Camden National Bank can be found at: www.camdennational.com/businesstouch

Camden National Bank names Heather Durrell Robinson



Senior Vice President, Chief Human Resources Officer. A Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and Certified member of the Society of Human Resources Professionals (SHRM-SCP), Robinson brings over 20 years of experience in Human Resources and Finance. In her new role, she will be responsible for the leadership and strategic direction of

Camden National Bank's Human Resources department, including Compensation and Benefits, Talent Acquisition, Employee Relations and Learning and Development.

Kennebec Valley Community College announced that Abiegail McGovern of Skowhegan and Accalia Jackson of Lewiston, students in the Business Administration Program at Kennebec Valley Community College, have been awarded a \$1,250 scholarship from the Maine Real Development Association (MEREDA) for study during the current academic year. Abiegail and Accalia complete a group of 14 Maine community college students to receive a generous scholarship from MEREDA. To qualify, students must be a Maine resident, have financial need, and be enrolled as a second-year student in a building trades, architecture, construction, engineering or business program at a Maine community college.

MaineGeneral Harold Alfond Center for Cancer Care is holding a free cancer screening and education day on Tuesday, November 6 from 2:00 to 6:00 pm. Medical staff, health educators and other health professionals will provide the latest information on cancer and cancer prevention and conduct cancer screenings. To learn more or sign up, please call Kerri Medeiros at 626-4865 or email at kerri.medeiros@mainegeneral.org.



MaineGeneral Health was presented the C. Everett Koop Award Honorable Mention today at the annual Health Enhancement Research Organization (HERO) Forum in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL. The award recognizes organizations for improving the well-being of employees through evidence-based

health promotion programs. MaineGeneral is one of three organizations nationwide to receive the award this year.

Quirk Ford Augusta is holding a Blood Drive for the American Red Cross on Thursday, November 8, 2018 from 1:00 to 6:00 pm in the showroom. Please donate in member of Michael Quirk. For an appointment, please visit red-crossblood.org and enter the sponsor keyword: Quirk Augusta or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Storm Warriors International (SWI) has been covering the state of Maine gifting 100% free media packages to vital not-for-profits who are doing noteworthy and effective work. Storm Warriors International is currently forming a Kennebec Valley Recommendation Committee to help identify worthy organizations who need but cannot afford such vital tools and services. Businessmen and women of influence are needed to help make this happen. It is a great opportunity to influence and effect which vital non-profits are helped in our own region. If you're interested in learning more, contact the Executive Director of Storm Warriors International, Jon Nappa, at the SWI HQ by calling 207-230-8203. Or, you can send an email to jon@stormwarriors.org.

Theater at Monmouth presents the cult holiday hit, The Santaland Diaries, adapted by Joe Mantello from David Sedaris' best-selling book Holidays on Ice. This modern holiday classic, made famous when it aired on National Public Radio, recounts the tale of Sedaris' stint as a Macy's Department Store elf named "Crumpet." Sedaris' off-kilter, witty, and often sentimental holiday memoir (not suitable for children) will have you laughing into the New Year! On Thanksgiving Day, tickets for the 7:30 p.m. performance are \$10 with the donation of a non-perishable food item for the Monmouth Food Pantry. Non-perishable food donations will be accepted at all performances. Please note, The Santaland Diaries is for Mature Elves Only. Tickets for all other performances are \$28. For tickets, please contact the TAM Box Office at 207.933.9999 or visit www.theateratmonmouth.org.



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The November Business After Hours will be held at Maine State Credit Union in Augusta on Wednesday, November 28 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. KV Chamber members and guests are welcome to join us for networking with business professionals from the 23 communities we service! Delicious hors d'oeurves and an open bar provided by Lilac Mixology & Catering and beer will be provided by Cushnoc Brewing Co.



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