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Happy Thanksgiving

A challenge to all residents of Franklin County

Greetings everyone,

The Franklin County Chamber of Commerce (FCCOC) is made up of your neighbors, your friends and family members who own and work at businesses throughout Franklin County. The Chamber's mission is to promote and support our members. We envision a strong and vibrant business environment for the prosperity of our members and the community.

We work to provide a variety of the events, the training opportunities and the advocacy that businesses need. We coordinate networking opportunities, ribbon cuttings, Business After Hours and joint networking events with Jay, Livermore, Livermore Falls and the River Valley Chambers. We support the community with area events like Chester Greenwood Day, Wilton Blueberry Festival, the Gerry Wiles Food Baskets and provide scholarships to individuals furthering their education through the Dave Robbie Scholarship Fund.

The local business community needs your support today, more than ever. The rise of online shopping and driving to large shopping malls outside of our community is a serious challenge to our local business community. We must support our local retailers and businesses to ensure they can remain open and vibrant.

The holidays are just around the corner and our members have everything you need to make it special. With over 200 members of our chamber, my sincere hope is you will look to Franklin County merchants for your holiday shopping.

As president of the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce I want to encourage you to explore our online directory list of FCCOC Members. These are wonderful and reputable businesses owned and operated by some of our towns finest.

I challenge you – to come out and make this year a "Franklin County Holiday!" There are thousands of great gift ideas right here in your back yard. Ideas to consider for that

special lady: spa packages, kitchen gadgets, dinner certificates or jewelry. For the guys, what about a certificate for an oil change or new tools from the local hardware store? What about a bottle of maple syrup for that special aunt and uncle who live away? How about an overnight stay certificate for the grandparents visit? You can see where I am going – keep your money in Franklin County and join me in supporting our local businesses.

You are going to spend money anyway – right? Why not spend it locally – where it will flow back into the community.

Sincerely,

Susan Atwood, Board President

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Welcome our newest Chamber members!

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The Society's mission is to continue its historical research of the town and its people, and to be able to expand their services. This is all an integral part of preserving and safeguarding the history of New Sharon, its past, its present and its future. The Committee moved the contents of the former Historical Society building into the Town building and is open year-round every Wednesday from 5 to 7 p.m. or by appointment.

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Chester Greenwood Day
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12 noon-3pm

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The Granary • Farmington House of Pizza

New this year is the "Taste of Farmington" event! Present your Taste of Farmington Passport to participating eateries and enjoy a sample of what they have to offer. Passports are limited! Buy your passport now at the Chamber office for \$5 or on Chester Greenwood Day at the Chamber information booth on the Pierce House lawn!

Take your completed passport to the Rotary Festival of Trees to be entered in a drawing for Chamber Bucks!

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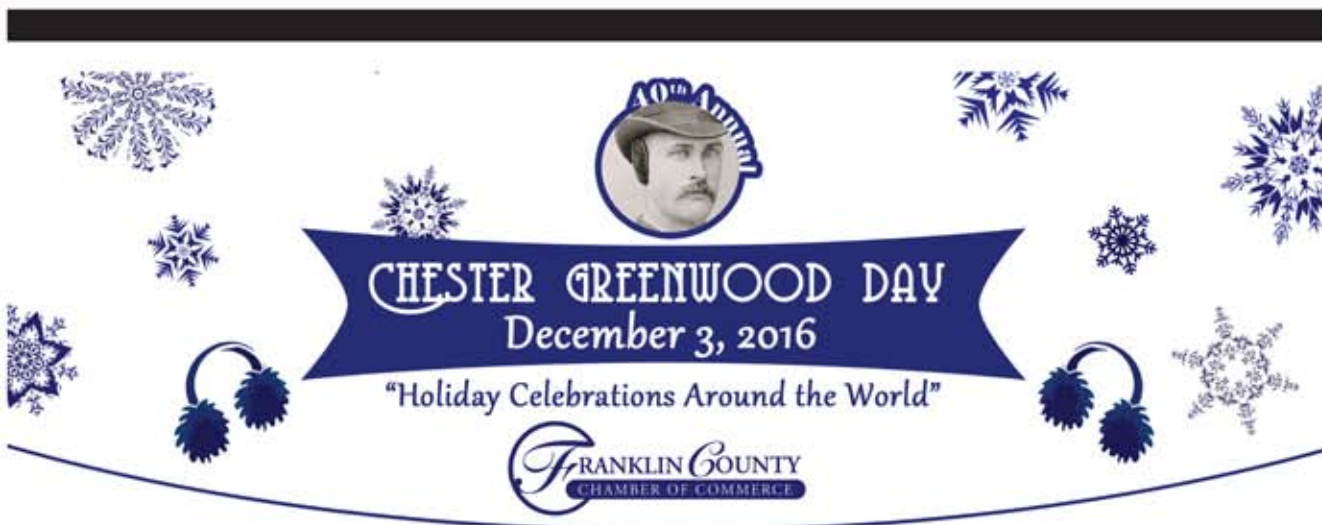
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8am
Strut for Strays 5k Run & Dog Walk Race begins at 8am, \$20 registration fee, t-shirt for first 50 registrants. Register online at fcanimalshelter.org

8am
5K Walk/Run registration begins at 8am at large field adjacent to Prescott Field. 9am start time. Registration is \$15. Benefits the Maine Brain Aneurysm Awareness

8am-1pm
Cookie Walk & White Elephant Sale Henderson Memorial Baptist Church-110 Academy St., Farmington. Purchase a hand-decorated coffee can and fill it up with a variety of homemade cookies.

Coats for Kids- Drop off gently used coats at Franklin Savings Bank beginning on Chester Greenwood Day & running through Dec.

9am-3pm
Franklin County Arts & Crafts Association Annual Craft Fair at the University of Maine at Farmington Student Center, Farmington. Find the perfect locally-made gift from a huge assortment of arts and crafts!

9am-2pm
Emblem Club #460 Craft Fair at the Farmington Elks Lodge. A great collection of vendors and items.

10am
Parade Line-Up at Mallet School in Farmington, the Quebec St. entrance. Free! Pre-registration is encouraged, but not required. Theme is "Holiday Celebrations Around the World." Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place adult floats and 1st & 2nd overall youth organization float.

9am - 2pm
Open Houses:
The Titcomb House - free (corner of Academy and High Streets) Wreaths for sale
The Octagon House - \$5 donation suggested (corner of Perham and Broadway) Wreaths for sale. Music by Leanne Tinker, vintage toys & trains for viewing, book signing by author Guy Rioux, raffle for floral arrangements

9am - 12pm
Hot Cocoa Bar & Sand Art for Kids- Bangor Savings Bank

9am-1pm
Relay for Life Make-A-Craft Table In front of Franklin Savings Bank kids can make crafts for \$1. Charm bracelets will be for sale

10am - 6:30pm
Rotary's Festival of Trees: At The Granary on Front St. Musical entertainment throughout the day. Live auction begins at 6:30 p.m.

11am
Parade Begins! Parade will occur rain, snow, or shine.

Flag raising ceremony will take place at the courthouse after the parade.

11am - 1pm
9th Annual Gingerbread House Contest at Bangor Savings Bank, Main St, Downtown Farmington. Free. Pre-register by contacting the Chamber. Drop off from 8:30 - 9 am.
Chester Greenwood birthday cake will be served.

11:30am
Luncheon at Henderson Memorial Baptist Church- 110 Academy St., Farmington.

12 noon -3pm
"Taste of Farmington" Purchase your passport & visit local eateries for delicious samples. See reverse of flyer for more information.

12 noon
Free showing of "A Christmas Story" at Narrow Gauge Cinemas

12 noon until 1pm (While it lasts!)
Chili Challenge at Gazebo in Meetinghouse Park. Pre-register by contacting the Chamber. Free. Traveling trophy and Chamber Bucks awarded! Drop off at 11:30-11:45am. Come & vote for your favorite!

12 noon-2pm
"Coat & Cupboard" Select a clean, gently used coat from a large collection. Hats, gloves, mittens, snow pants etc. Located in rear of the Holman Mission House, 227 Main Street. Donations also accepted.

1pm - 3pm
Open House - The Pierce House will have memorabilia pertaining to the Greenwoods on display. Old fashioned refreshments and cookie decorating.

3pm
30th Annual Polar Bear Dip at the breakwater on Clearwater Lake, Industry. Dip if you dare!

3-5pm
Santa Visit Franklin Savings Bank lawn, 198 Front Street, Santa will be listening to wishes from his sleigh. Be sure to bring your camera!

5pm
"Itty Bitty" tree lighting. With hot chocolate and popcorn at 198 Front Street. Sponsored by Franklin Savings Bank and Western Mountain Financial Services

Calendar

Nov. 30

Creative Events of Maine presents paint night at Franklin-Somerset FCU to benefit ending hunger.

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Franklin-Somerset FCU, Farmington branch lobby

\$35 per person, tickets are limited - purchase yours today at the Farmington and Kingfield FCU branches

Dec. 3

Chester Greenwood Day

Time: all day

Location: downtown Farmington

40th celebration of Chester Greenwood Day in recognition of Farmington resident Chester Greenwood, the inventor of earmuffs. Parade, chili and gingerbread house contests, polar bear dip, craft fairs and tree lighting. New this year: taste of Farmington.

Dec. 14

Franklin County Chamber Business After Hours

Time: 5 to 7 p.m.

Location: Skowhegan Savings Bank

Join us at Skowhegan Savings Bank, 134 Hannaford Dr., Farmington.

Dec. 23

Kingfield Christmas Eve Service

Location: Kingfield

An old fashion 1816 style service of singing hymns, candle-light and luminaries. Followed by coffee, hot chocolate and cookies.

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Franklin County Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year Awards

The Franklin County Chamber of Commerce celebrated with chamber members and guests at their annual meeting dinner held Wednesday, Oct. 26 in the North Dining Hall of the University of Maine at Farmington. Our members are at the heart of our organization and the Chamber realizes the importance of giving them much deserved recognition. The annual Business of the Year awards are one way for us to do that.

The Franklin County Chamber of Commerce annual Business of the Year awards were presented. The top three nominees in each category were recognized

for their achievements with a certificate of appreciation. The overall winner from each category was given a plaque from the Chamber. The Business of the Year Award nominees and awards were as follows:

Small Business of the Year nominees included Expenet Technologies, Senior Planning Center, and Rustic Roots Farm. Senior Planning Center was named the Small Business of Year. Senior Planning Center was recognized as Anthony Arruda and his staff have helped hundreds of seniors navigate through the confusing world of Medicare/Medicaid. Senior Planning center is always trying to do

what is best for the client by answering questions. They were also noted as being very supportive of local community groups.

Medium Business of the Year nominees included Touch of Class, Coca-Cola and Main-land Development Consultants. Touch of Class was named Medium Business of the Year. Touch of Class was recognized for working closely with people who have disabilities and treating them with the respect that they deserve. The thrift stores allow the person an opportunity to integrate into the community and contribute to society.

Large Business of the Year nominees included Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice, Leap Inc. and University of Maine at Farmington. Leap, Inc. was named Large Business of the Year. Leap, Inc. was recognized for being a forward thinking leader who strives to create a great workplace atmosphere for their almost 200 employees and create nurturing environments for their clients. Innovative ideas that support their clients and demonstrate a commitment to our communities include Stone Soup Gardens providing accessible gardens and the Fit Trails with workout stations.

The Group, Nonprofit or Civic Organization of the Year nominees included the Farmington Ski Club, Healthy Community Coal-

ition and Franklin County Children's Task Force. Franklin County Children's Task Force was selected as the Group, Nonprofit, or Civic Organization of the Year. Franklin County Children's Task Force was recognized for being a valuable resource to parents of young children. The many programs provided include parenting classes at no cost that give guidance and support to new parents. Also noted was their work to help prevent bullying and harassment in our schools through the Anti-Bullying program.

On hand to congratulate the winners were Senator Tom Saviello, Representative Russell Black, Ben Tucker from Senator Angus King's office and Samantha Warren from Congressman Bruce Poliquin's office. Sentiments were presented from Senator Susan Collins office.

The Franklin County Chamber of Commerce would like to thank our generous partners who made this evening possible. Our Gold Partners for the annual dinner are Franklin Savings Bank, Senior Planning Center, and Complete Dentistry. The Silver Partners of this event include Wilson Lake Inn, the Dead River Company, Seniors Plus, Skowhegan Savings Bank, United Insurance Shiretown Agency, and Comfort Inn and Suites. We thank you for your loyal support of the Franklin County Chamber.



Small Business of the Year nominees



Medium Business of the Year nominees



Large Business of the Year nominees



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