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Mathews Brothers Recognized for Excellence in Manufacturing

A Belfast Area Chamber of Commerce member has been recognized for a well-deserved award that acknowledges years of manufacturing excellence. **The Maine Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) has named Mathews Brothers the recipient of this year's Maine MEP Manufacturing Excellence Award.** The award was presented to the 156-year-old window manufacturer in a ceremony at its plant in Belfast, Maine, on June 15. As we strive to encourage new business development in the region, we can sometimes overlook the contributions that long-time employers in the community make in setting industry standards.



Scott Hawthorne Accepts Maine MEP Award

Rather than simply implement lean business practices, they trained two employees to lead their entire team in eliminating waste and enabling continuous improvement. Instead of paying lip service to great customer service, they initiated the WOW! Customer Service program - a system designed to surpass the customer's expectation of great service.

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Come to Belfast to Greet the Trekkers on Sunday!

2010 Trek Across Maine In Belfast

The 26th Annual Trek Across Maine will arrive in Belfast on Sunday, June 20th! Over 2,000 cyclists will complete their 3-day ride across the state of Maine on the beautiful coastline at Steamboat Landing. **The American Lung Association is looking to recruit 50 volunteers from the Belfast area to support the cyclists and staff at the finish line.** Volunteer tasks include assisting with pedestrian directions, traffic control, loading shuttles and more. With opportunities ranging from 7:00am to 3:00pm, join us for a few hours and spend the day with the Trek! We need your help!

Contact Info : If you are interested in joining us as a volunteer, please contact Kim Denbow at kdenbow@lungne.org or 207-624-0313. You can also register online as a volunteer by clicking this link:

<https://www.mrsnv.com/evt/e01/regvolunteer/preform.jsp?id=2643>

Thank you, Belfast Center, for Hosting Business After Hours on June 14

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Volunteer Team

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Marilyn Caron
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Bruce Starrett
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Evelyn Weggler



Judy & Joe Losquadro, owners of the Belfast Center

Thank you to Judy and Joe Losquadro and also Wayne and Wanda Owen for hosting Business After Hours for June. Many attended and enjoy the delicious goodies and refreshments, including the delightful mouse-

shaped chocolates. It was an excellent opportunity to meet the many businesses that make up the Belfast Center.

Belfast Cohousing & Ecovillage to Host Next Business After Hours on July 14

The next Business After Hours will be hosted by Belfast Cohousing & Ecovillage on Wednesday, July 14 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Save the date and watch for more information as the date grows near.



Belfast Cohousing & Ecovillage

Help! We need a Saturday Volunteer

The Chamber is looking for a volunteer to help at the information center from 2-4 pm on Saturdays. This is a critical time slot essential to creating the welcoming atmosphere we want to create. **If you can't committ to every Saturday, please consider one or two a month.**
Thank you!

Welcome New Members!

Macleod Furniture, Inc.

187 High Street
Belfast ME 04915
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Tel.: (207) 338-6220
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Full line of appliances, furniture, bedding, floorings and also a Radio Shack franchise.
Free delivery in local area and service after the sale. Locally owned and has been in business for over 45 years.

Midcoast Magnet

Post Office Box 1044
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Midcoast Magnet develops leaders in support on innovative projects that foster creativity, livability and economic vitality. We're a non-profit organization of people dedicated to vibrant culture, entrepreneurship, and social and professional networking.

Thank You Renewing Members!

Prudential Northeast Properties - Searsport
Belfast & Moosehead Lake Railway - Brooks
Dunkin Donuts - Belfast
Penobscot Marine Museum - Searsport
Crabiel-Riposta Funeral Home - Belfast
Belfast Coop Store - Belfast
Robbins Lumber - Searsmont
State Sand & Gravel, Inc. - Belfast

Chamber Welcomes First Cruise Ship of the Season



The American Glory Docks in Belfast

The first of many cruise ships arrived in Belfast harbor on Tuesday, June 15. **Chamber staff Cindy Harnden and Janet Dutson boarded the ship to give the 50 passengers an overview of the Belfast area, distribute information, and answer questions.** The American Glory, a 50-passenger ship, is part of the American Cruise Line fleet and was making its way from Bar Harbor and toward other destinations along the Maine Coast.

Passengers later visited the downtown to shop or take part in a tour led by Megan Pinette from the Belfast Historical Society. Other passengers visited the Penobscot Marine Museum to learn more about our maritime heritage.

If you'd like a copy of the cruise ship docking schedule, please contact Janet at director@belfastmaine.org.



Megan Pinette Guides Cruise Passengers

Belfast Maskers Marks Opening of Season and Offers a Piece of My Heart

Belfast Maskers would like to celebrate the opening of our 2010 Theater Festival with a brief ceremony, June 26 at 3 P.M. in Steamboat Landing Park - the site of Belfast Maskers Festival Stage. The stage will be the venue for William Inge's "Picnic" and Rodgers & Hammerstein's "Cinderella" in July.

A preview of those shows will be presented after a couple short speeches and a ribbon-cutting.

Tomorrow at 7 pm, Belfast Maskers brings "Piece of My Heart", a Janis Joplin experience,

to the American Legion Hall with 60s-style lighting by Tom Sadowski. The band is Tom Luther on keys, Phil Kaiser on bass, Ian Maddox on guitar, Carlene Thornton as Janis, and Jason Dean on drums. Neal Harkness designed sound and wrote narration, a little of Janis Joplin's story, to be read by Erik Perkins. Tickets are \$10 at Yo Mamma's Home, 96 Main Street; by calling (207)338-9668; or at the door, if still available.



Catch the Janis Joplin Tribute This Weekend

Interactive Networking with Midcoast Magnet

A Midcoast Magnet Juice Box



Belfast is Happening.

Aarhus is Cool.

You know it and so does Midcoast Magnet!

So, we're bringing the Juice Box series north for a night of networking

June 22nd at 5:00 pm

Aarhus Gallery

50 Main Street in Belfast

Please RSVP at info@midcoastmagnet.com or on facebook
www.facebook.com/midcoastmagnet and click on events

Free Admission. Light Refreshments.

·Come and learn some of the techniques introduced at Juice 2.0 Conference seminar
"Why are the Bankers Dancing?"

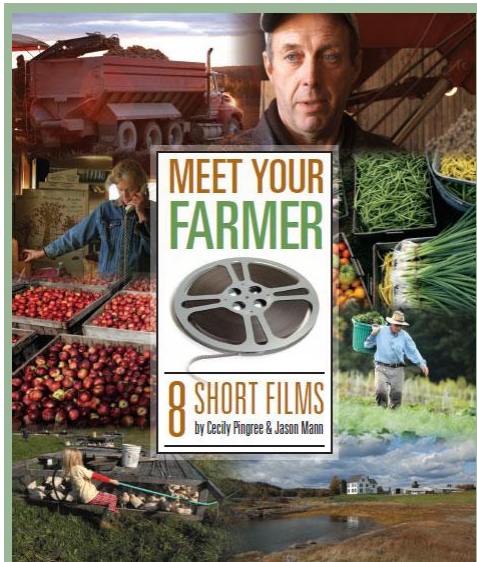
·Try this "warm networking" method done in a "musical chairs" style that's easy and fun.
[Read more >>>](#)

Young's Lobster Pound Featured on Food Network Channel



Of course we all know it as a great spot with great food, but it's also been recognized nationally! Young's Lobster Pound and Seafood Restaurant in Belfast has been featured on the Food Network Channel for "The Best Things I Ever Ate" segment on their regional favorites episode. **You can catch it on the next date, June 20 at 2 pm.**

Meet Your Farmer Premieres June 25 at The Strand



To shoot these eight profiles, filmmakers Cecily Pingree and Jason Mann thoroughly immersed themselves in each farm business for a number of days. Says Mann: "Creating the Meet Your Farmer films for Maine Farmland Trust was a great experience for us. We were lucky to have the opportunity to meet such hard-working farm families, and to experience firsthand the vibrant culture of farming in Maine."

John Piotti, executive director of MFT, explains the reason for making the films. **"We want to call people's attention to some of the amazing things happening on**

Maine farms. Though farming is challenged, it also has great promise. Maine's farmers and farmland are critical resources for our future."

[Read more >>>](#)

Interview Participants Wanted for Midcoast "Sense of Place" Research

A geographer from the University of Connecticut is researching the special but changing Maine Midcoast landscape. This scientific study explores how people see, use, perceive, and understand various natural and cultural characteristics of the Midcoast. Your insights will provide important data that may promote better and more sustainable coastal resource use. Long time residents, new settlers, seasonal residents, vacationers, etc. over the age of 18 needed. Contact Jeb Stevens for more information: midcoastsenseofplace@gmail.com



Outdoor Sculptures Installed at

Penobscot Marine Museum

Two new bronze sculptures have been installed on the grounds of Penobscot Marine Museum in the last two weeks, adding to the appeal of an already attractive campus. Depicting a large ship's wheel and a huge cod, both make great photographic backdrops and may be viewed free of charge.

A large bronze ship's wheel was donated to the museum by trustee John Roulstone and his children Jan Roulstone, Jake Roulstone, and Jill Clements. Weighing 400 pounds and measuring more than six feet in diameter, the untitled sculpture is believed to be the largest bronze ship's wheel in existence. It was cast as part of a larger sculpture by Delwyn "Fonderia" Pezzoni, Aptos, CA. When the original commissioning body was

unable to fund the work's completion, Pezzoni gave the wheel to the Roulstone family, who commissioned Pezzoni to cast a new hub for it with the inscription "Penobscot Marine Museum 1936" - the date of the museum's founding. Concrete contractor Joe Thornley of Montville, ME, donated part of his services in installing the sculpture's base, and Baxter Cook House & Building Movers of Searsport donated crane services to mount the wheel on its base.

[Read more >>>](#)

Member & Community News & Events

If you would like your event to appear in our newsletter, please be sure to post them to our web site. Each week we highlight news from this section in our bizConnect.

The Good Kettle To Hold Grand Opening this Friday!

Join the Good Kettle for a Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening on June 18 Stop by the Good Kettle on Rte 1 in Stockton Springs from 10 am to 6 pm on Friday, June 18 for a ribbon cutting and grand opening. The owner, Gay Dion will be offering a few free samples and some fun surprises to celebrate the event.

Irene Yadao writes in The Republican Journal, "At The Good Kettle, Dion offers a number of her homemade, oven- or microwave-ready entrees (lasagna, mac-and-cheese, chicken marsala, soup), sandwiches made to order, an assortment of Good Kettle sweets (brownies, granola, shortbread bars, muffins, cookies) and Dion's very own marmalades, which line an entire wall of shelves.

Dion also offers specially ordered, packed picnics. Customers can call ahead, choose items from the menu, and pick up their picnic on the way to nearby excursions - Acadia National Park or Fort Point Lighthouse, for example."

Read more at [VillageSoup >>>](#)

Smart Workout Ahead of the Curve

Imagine having the world's most advanced fitness coach at your disposal. This coach customizes workouts based on your body structure and endurance and adjusts each exercise machine's intensity based on your recent progression. It monitors your energy level and range of motion continuously to ensure you are achieving your personal potential. Then the coach automatically computes your workout data to produce a progress report, including the number of calories you burned and 3-D anatomical diagrams to show which muscles you've worked and how successfully.

This is exactly the role of the CurvesSmart™ personal coaching system, a new technology pioneered by Curves and powered by MyTrak that offers a custom,

individually tailored workout, moment to moment feedback and progress reports to keep members motivated while they work out. **Curves of Belfast is pleased to offer its members this revolutionary equipment upgrade.**

After a member's personalized profile is determined by a Curves staff member, the member is issued a CurvesSmart ID Tag. The tag is electronically recognized by the monitor at each station, automatically retrieving the member's profile to determine the specifications for her workout.

[Read more >>>](#)

Belfast Summer Co-op Advertising Opportunities Available with WLBZ 2

One of our members forwarded an advertising opportunity that his business will be using this summer. WLBZ Channel 2 is offering a co-op campaign that features Belfast. Businesses take part in a commercial segment that airs information about several businesses in Belfast. It's a low-cost way to get your business into television advertising while encouraging travel to Belfast. If you'd like more information, contact Rod Towne at 991-5345.

Searsport Independence Day Celebrations and Fireworks Fund-raising Efforts

To Searsport residents and all others who support our fireworks, the holiday weekend will be here soon. At our Annual Town Meeting in March, the voters approved the committee's request for \$2,300 (the same amount as in the past few years), toward the cost of this year's fireworks. That left additional costs to be paid from monies raised as this year's fireworks total \$3,700.

The committee hopes that once again you and your family will join us in raising the additional funds needed. Please make your check payable to "Searsport Fireworks Fund" and mail it to "P.O.Box 313, Searsport, Me. 04974"

The 4th will be celebrated on Saturday the 3rd starting with the Row Boat Races at the Hamilton Wharf, which will get underway about 8:30 a.m. The United Methodist Church's Auction, and other events will start around 9 a.m. The Parade will assemble on Norris Street starting at 11 a.m. and proceed to the Dan Rich Public Safety Building. The Firemen's Muster will follow the parade and will be different this year. Searsport Fire Department will be putting their skills against other fire departments in a fun filled afternoon at Mosman Park.

Radio Searsport, June 13

Read about Searsport town happenings courtesy of Dick Demeris [>>>](#)

Bucksport Bay Chamber of Commerce Seeks Part-time Marketing and Membership Director

To find out more about the position, check their [web site >>>](#)

JC Penney Catalog Center to Open at Belfast Office Supply & Services

J. C. Penney Company, Inc., one of the nation's largest department store retailers, is offering shoppers an easy and exciting way to experience great service and convenience with the Grand Opening of the jcp.com | catalog center located inside Belfast Office Supply & Services (BOSS), at 17 Main St., Downtown Belfast, adjacent to County Copy Center.

The official grand opening for the new jcp.com | catalog center will take place on June 22, marked by a ribbon-cutting ceremony within the Belfast Office Supply & Services store. For added convenience, the new jcp.com | catalog center provides an assortment of services including; order and pickup of Internet and Catalog purchases, returns/ exchanges, payments on a JCPenney Credit Card, purchase of JCPenney Gift Cards, and a wide assortment of catalogs available at no charge.
[Read more >>>](#)

Events for the Week in the Midcoast

For complete details, visit the chamber's [calendar of events](#). Please confirm times and locations with presenting organizations. To post your event, [click here](#).

Thursday, June 17

Belfast Co-op - 3rd Thursday Donation Day (8:00 AM)

On June 17th, 1% of sales at the Belfast Co-op will be donated to Tanglewood 4-H Camp and Learning Center.

Moving To Music (10:00 AM)

Venue: The Residence at Tall Pines

Bring a family member or care partner.

Friday, June 18, 2010

The Good Kettle - Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting (10:00 AM)

Venue: The Good Kettle located at 247 US Rte. 1 in Stockton Springs, ME

Women's Aromatic Soak 'n Chat (5:30 PM)

Venue: AromaCottage, 1 Delemos St, Belfast

Peter Yarrow Concert/Book Signing (6:00 PM)

Venue: Hutchinson Center, 80 Belmont Ave., Belfast, ME

"Piece Of My Heart" (7:00 PM)

Venue: American Legion Hall

LIVE MUSIC - The Gabriel Zacchai Trio And Putnam Smith To Perform At Roots & Tendrils (8:00 PM)

Venue: Roots & Tendrils

Saturday, June 19, 2010

Ameranouche! Gypsy Jazz - Acoustic World Music Concert (8:00 AM)
Venue: Waterfall Center for the Arts - 256 High Street Belfast, ME 04915
Annual Joan Probert Memorial Golf Tournament (8:00 AM)
Venue: Searsport Pines Golf Course

Hot Rods, Customs Meet & Antique Aeroplane Show (9:30 AM)
Venue: Owls Head Transportation Museum, Rte 73, Owls Head

Crafts 'n Culture For Kids (10:00 AM)
Venue: Bay Leaf Cottages and Bistro

The Belfast Museum Opens (11:00 AM)
Venue: 10 Market Street

Sunday, June 20, 2010

Trek Across Maine Arrives in Belfast (All day)
Venue: Sunday River, Newry, to Steamboat Landing Park, Belfast

Monday, June 21, 2010

SUNSET HIKE CELEBRATES SOLSTICE ON BEECH HILL PRESERVE (6:30 PM)
Venue: Coastal Mountains Land Trust will celebrate the Summer Solstice on Monday, June 21 at 6:30 pm with an evening hike on its Beech Hill Preserve in Rockport. T

Belfast Historical Society Program - Belfast in the Great Depression (7:00 PM)
Venue: Belfast Library, 106 High St.

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Crafts 'n Culture For Kids (10:00 AM)
Venue: Bay Leaf Cottages and Bistro

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Lunch And Learn With Dr. Jane Liedtke (11:00 AM)
Venue: Bay Leaf Cottages and Bistro
Belfast Co-op - Culinary & Medicinal Herb Walk (6:30 PM)
Venue: Belfast Co-op Store - Belfast

Thursday, June 24, 2010

Crafts 'n Culture For Kids (10:00 AM)
Venue: Bay Leaf Cottages and Bistro

Summer Nights Concert - Belfast (5:30 PM)

