



## Upcoming Events May

- 05/02 **Chamber Connection**  
4:00 - 5:30 p.m.  
@ Cohen Community Center
- 05/08 KVCC Board of Directors  
5:30 p.m.
- 05/09 **Women's Network Luncheon**  
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
@ Senator Inn & Spa
- 05/23 **Business After Hours**  
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
@ Fowler's Roofing

## June

- 06/12 KVCC Board of Directors  
5:30 p.m.
- 06/13 **Whatever Family Festival Begins!**
- 06/13 **Women's Network Luncheon**  
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
@ Senator Inn & Spa
- 06/26 **The Great Race**  
2:00 - 10:00 p.m.  
@ Downtown Gardiner
- 06/30 **Kennebec River Day & Kennebec River Brewfest**  
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
@ Mill Park
- 06/27 **Business After Hours**  
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
@ Purdue University Global

**\*Bolded items are open to the public**

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## Maine State Legislature Recap

by Tim Walton, Walton External Affairs

The Maine State Legislature returns to work tomorrow, May 2, 2018 for what is referred to as "veto" day, where they will decide to either sustain or override the remaining bills the Governor vetoed during their recess. Beyond that, it's uncertain when, or even if, they will return to the Statehouse prior to adjourning the 128th Legislature.

This session has had many different turns and the final disposition of pending legislation is not clear. When they left the building during the (very) early morning of April 20th, they did so in a posture that preserved all pending legislation, leaving the statutory window open for a potential return to work to deal with the issues that remain to be decided.

With some very high profile (along with many "not so high profile") issues still up-in-the-air, including bonds, school funding, Medicaid Expansion, and tax conformity, it would seem likely that they will indeed come back at some point in the near future to deal with unfinished business. That said, when it comes to the current composition of the Legislature, you never really know.

One thing is certain though, when all is said and done, the issues debated in the 128th Maine State Legislature will go in the books as some of the most interesting, complex, and challenging we've seen in recent years. Stay tuned, as there will be more to report when they finally do wrap-up their work.

### Women's Network

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Jodi Cornelio  
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#### Foundations of Marketing: A Brief Overview

May 9, 2018  
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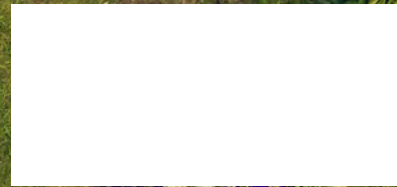
#### MEMIC at 25: Lessons in public policy and process

May 2, 2018  
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*June 13, 2018 6:00 -8:00 PM*

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**Lori Dube**

An Augusta native, Lori graduated from Cony High School and the University of Maine at Farmington. She Previously a high school history teacher and coach at Erskine for 11 years, she also worked part time in real estate. A fulltime REALTOR® now for 5 years, her passion for real estate continues to grow. She has been involved in a variety of community projects and activities. She lives in Augusta with husband Darrek and daughters Natalie and Kennedy. “The Chamber is a key player in our community’s future; I’m excited to join the Board”, says Lori. “I look forward to working to help strengthen the local economy, promote both current and prospective businesses, and attract new professionals to the area.”



**Elisa Ellis**

Elisa is a partner at Ellis & Meader Attorneys at Law located on Water Street in Augusta. Prior to co-founding Ellis & Meader, Elisa owned E. Paylor Law. Elisa graduated from the University of Maine in Augusta, with her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and her certificate in Human Resource Management. She followed her undergraduate accomplishments by obtaining her Master of Business Administration from Thomas College in Waterville, then attended Maine Law. She resides in South China with her husband, Jason and their daughter, Abigail. An avid outdoorswoman, Elisa enjoys swimming, hiking, kayaking, fishing and snowmobiling.

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### Kennebec River Day, June 30

The Kennebec River Day is held at Mill Park along the mighty Kennebec River from 11 am to 4 pm with activities for ALL AGES! Children will be occupied with games and activities while adults can spend time at the craft vendors, listening to music, or playing adult games. The Chamber is excited to bring everyone together for a day in Augusta with activities for all.



### Kennebec River Brewfest, June 30



Introducing Augusta's first brew festival focusing on Maine breweries, the Kennebec River Brewfest! The Brewfest will feature variety of local breweries. Food vendors, live music, lawn games, and more will all be within an arms reach of the Kennebec River Brewfest as it takes place in the middle of the Kennebec River Day At Mill Park from 11 am to 4 pm. Each Brewfest attendee will receive a wrist band, including a special wrist band for the designated drivers of your group. Tickets can be purchased by visiting [www.KennebecValleyChamber.com](http://www.KennebecValleyChamber.com)

### The Great Race, June 26, Downtown Gardiner



The Great Race is an antique, vintage, and collector car competitive controlled-speed endurance road rally on public highways with cars from 1972 and older. It is not a test of top speed. It is a test of a driver/navigator team's ability to follow precise course instructions and the car's (and team's) ability to endure on a cross-country trip.

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# CHAMBER MEMBER NEWS

**Camden National Bank** announced it has signed a purchase and sale agreement with Elm City 9, LLC, a Colby-owned affiliate company, on the property located at 33 Main Street, Waterville. The banking center will be relocated to 150 Main Street, recently named the Bill and Joan Alford Main Street Commons, which is slated to open in August 2018, as a mixed-use building for retail space, college housing, and a public community room. Camden National Bank is the first business to announce it will occupy space at 150 Main Street. It will be located on the ground floor on the corner of Main and Temple Streets. The new 3,500 square-foot banking center will serve as a one-stop shop for all financial needs. Current banking customers and the community will benefit from the traditional customer experience as well as a high-tech, high-touch approach, delivered by the bank's industry-leading mobile and online applications.

**The Harlow Gallery** has registration open for upcoming arts workshops at the Harlow in their new, larger location at 100 Water Street in Hallowell. Pre-registration is required for all workshops. Spaces are limited and can be reserved by calling 207-622-381 or emailing [kvaa@harlowgallery.com](mailto:kvaa@harlowgallery.com). On Sunday, May 6 from 10am-4pm Cynthia Ahlstrin will lead "Two Types of Paper," a workshop on hand designed paste paper and layered papermaking. On Saturday, May 26 10am-1pm join expert watercolor artist Kay Morris for an entry level watercolor course taught in a relaxed environment. For more details, visit [www.harlowgallery.org](http://www.harlowgallery.org).



**Kennebec Valley Community College** was recognized by the Center for Tobacco Independence's Breathe Easy initiative for achieving the Gold Level in the 2018 Gold Star Standards of Excellence Program at the annual Tobacco-Free College Gold Star Standards of Excellence Award ceremony on Thursday, March 29th. The award ceremony celebrates the efforts of Maine colleges and universities to address smoking, tobacco use and exposure on their campuses. This year 11 schools and two gold star champions were recognized for their achievements in advancing campus smoke and tobacco-free policies as well as promoting tobacco-free lifestyles for their campus community.



**The Maine State Museum** will exhibit memorial and iconic artifacts rarely seen by the public at a first of its kind pop up exhibit. In an evening of celebration and performance art, the Friends of the Maine State Museum, in collaboration with the Maine State Museum and Snow Pond Center for the



Arts, will come together on Saturday evening May 5, 2018 at the Lakeside Lodge on the Snow Pond campus in Sidney, Maine to present a vibrant and historic celebration of the history of the iconic little black dress. Guests are encouraged to celebrate the iconic little black dress and its roots! Attendees are encouraged to come as comfortable, dress in Victorian mourning attire or get out that iconic little black dress! Tickets can be purchased securely online at [www.mainestatemuseum.org](http://www.mainestatemuseum.org) or by calling the Friends of the Maine State Museum at 207.287.2304. You may also email the Friends with ticket inquiry: [friends.museum@maine.gov](mailto:friends.museum@maine.gov). Tickets are \$45.00 per person for Museum members and \$50.00 per person for non-members. Proceeds from the event will ensure new programs and collections care initiatives at the Maine State Museum.

**Theater at Monmouth** continues its long-standing tradition of providing access to arts education for young people in Maine with its annual Page to Stage tour. TAM has provided literature-based education programs in schools and community centers since the Theater's founding. Education Tours make adaptation of classic literature accessible to a geographically and economically diverse audience. From April 23 through May 25 TAM will bring classic literature alive for students across the state. Developed for grades pre-k to 8, TAM's Page to Stage Tour will bring a world-premiere adaptation, Aesop's Guide to Friendship to elementary and middle schools across the state from Berwick to Fort Kent, and Rangeley to Machias. For more information on how to bring Aesop's Guide to Friendship to your school or your students to a performance in Cumston Hall, visit [www.theateratmonmouth.org/education/educationtours](http://www.theateratmonmouth.org/education/educationtours) or call the Box Office at 207.933.9999.



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### Our Mission:

*The KV Chamber exists to enhance life quality by strengthening our regional economy.*

# BUSINESS after HOURS

## Join us at Fowler's Roofing!

**Fowlers Roofing** will host the Business After Hours on Wednesday, **May 23rd** from **5:00 – 7:00 p.m.** in Chelsea. KV Chamber members and guests are welcome to join us for networking and great food!

Every Business After Hours is an incredible opportunity to win amazing door prizes and take part in the 50/50 raffle. Delicious hors d'oeuvres will be available and guests are welcome to partake in the cash bar.

Be sure to bring a large stack of business cards to share with your new business contacts!

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