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Contra dances return to Farmington Grange

FARMINGTON — A contra dance will again be held in the Farmington Grange on Bridge Street Saturday, April 11.

Easy dances will be held from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. and cost \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. The regular dance begins at 8 p.m. and costs \$6 and \$5 for students.

All are welcome to attend; no partner is necessary. All the dances are taught and called.

The music this month is by Rock the Boat with calling by Richard Green.

For more information, call 491-9928.

Conference on climate and cultural anxiety planned

WATERVILLE — An international conference about the history of climate change — the first of its kind — will take place at Colby College April 1 to 4.

Historians of science and technology and affiliated scholars from around the world will convene in Waterville and the public is invited to attend.

The conference, titled Climate and Cultural Anxiety: Historical and Social Perspectives, is international in scope, interdisciplinary in nature, and intergenerational in its inclusion of both graduate and undergraduate students, according to event organizer James Fleming, a professor of science, technology and society at Colby and a leading expert on the history of climate.

The opening plenary session is Wednesday, April 1, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 1 of the Olin Science Center. Professor Vladimir Jankovic of the University of Manchester will give a talk titled Show Me the Money: Climate Change and the Economy in 2009.

The complete conference schedule is available at <http://www.colby.edu/sts/climateanxietsyschedule.pdf>. Additional information, including the pre-circulated discussion papers, is available by request from Alice Ridky (amridky@colby.edu).



Members of the Ballet I Class rehearse for their dance performance April 10 and 11. They are (left to right) Fiona Hathaway, Amelia McMillan, Amber Morrill, Brooke Egan, Mary Paige Swiney, Sophie Chu-O'Neil and Olivia Hall.

Seniors showcased at spring dance recital

RANGELEY — Four senior dancers will have their talents showcased at the Lakeside Dance Academy's Annual Spring Dance Concert at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, April 10 and 11 at the Rangeley Lakes Regional School gym.

Over 30 dancers from beginner to advanced will perform tap, jazz, ballet and "en pointe." The theme for this year's production is music from favorite dance movies, ranging from classics like A Chorus Line and West Side Story to current films like Step Up and Save the Last Dance. This performance is sponsored by the Rangeley Friends of the Arts.

The seniors featured in solo dances include: Chelsea Bachelder, Bethany Durgin, Rachel Freihoff-Lewin and Brianna Thorndike. Bachelder, Durgin and Freihoff-Lewin have been dancing together with LDA since pre-school, and Thorndike joined them in 2006 from Pat Re's Studio in Farmington. They are all working together with Pam Ellis, Artistic Director of the academy, to choreograph and stage their senior solo pieces.

Another special treat will be a short piece featuring the youngest dancers from Lily Gacki's pre-school class.

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When it was time for the birth of our second child, my husband, Ben, and I were excited as we checked into Franklin Memorial Hospital's Family Birthing Center. As my labor progressed, though, the excitement Ben and I felt was replaced with fear. The monitors indicated that with every contraction I had, our baby's heart stopped beating. Dr. Connie Adler was contacted to perform an emergency cesarean section.

“Thanks to the technology and expertise at Franklin Memorial, our now 3-year-old son Nick, is looking forward to his first season on the slopes.”

- Jessie Rush, Carrabassett Valley

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