



AREA NEWS

Annual Harvest Supper

FARMINGTON — Members and friends of Old South First Congregational Church, UCC on Main Street, are busy with preparations for the annual Harvest Supper scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 7, from 5 to 6 p.m.

The benefit buffet-style supper will offer fresh, out-of-the-oven roast turkey and baked ham, along with mashed potatoes, squash, onions, rolls, cranberry jelly, beverages and homemade pies for dessert.

The cost is \$9 for adults and \$5 for children under 12 years of age. Special family pricing will be available.

Proceeds from the annual Harvest Supper benefit the church's youth camp scholarship program. This program provides youth of Old South Church families financial assistance to attend the Maine UCC Conference summer church camp, Pilgrim Lodge, located on Cobbosecontee Lake in Litchfield. Hundreds of youth have attended Pilgrim Lodge with scholarships made possible by the annual Harvest Supper since the scholarship program began.

For further information about the Harvest Supper or Pilgrim Lodge, contact the church office at 778-0424.

Special sale slated

SALEM — The United Methodist Economic Ministry will be holding a special sale Thursday, Oct. 29 through Saturday, Oct. 31.

Two gifts shops closed and the ministry acquired the remaining inventory of country and primitive items. There are new items, vintage items as well as crafters' supplies.

"Come in and shop for the holidays," a spokesperson said.

This sale will be held in a specific area of the building, look for signs when you arrive at UMEM.

For more information, call 678-2611.

'Brain injury,' a growing public health issue

Acquired Brain Injury Council of Maine has scheduled a public hearing, Oct. 31

By Paula Enman
Special to the Irregular

FARMINGTON — Maine lacks brain injury services and this continues to be an issue that can impact each of us, our families and our communities.

Falls, sports injuries, car crashes and violence represent real risks to everyone. In addition, health problems such as strokes, brain tumors and other diseases can cause acquired brain injuries that result in significant thinking, emotional, behavioral and physical changes that later alter lives.

Many brain injuries do not show immediate symptoms at the time of the accident. It may take weeks, months and sometimes years before the situation is correctly diagnosed.

When the diagnosis is established, the who, what and where of services become the issue.

Services in Maine are very limited for brain injury per-

sons and their families. Their issues are very broad and complex.

The Acquired Brain Injury Council of Maine was established in 2002 and became a formal State advisory council in 2007. Its mission is to plan and promote a statewide system of services and supports that is driven by the needs of individuals, with brain injuries, and their families.

The council has scheduled a public hearing at which brain-injured people, their families and friends will speak about their problems, concerns and, most of all, the services that are needed to help them reach the highest level of everyday living.

The hearing is Saturday, Oct. 31, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Franklin Memorial Hospital.

For further information, call Paula Enman, advisory member, at 779-0858 or Gary Wolcott, Program Manager, at 287-5851.

Kingfield Water District Board to meet November 2

KINGFIELD — The Kingfield Water District Board of Trustees recently released its agenda for the Monday, Nov. 2 meeting scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at the Kingfield Elementary School.

After the board considers the minutes from the Oct. 5 meeting, it will hear the Fiscal Report, which will consist of the monthly warrant, the fiscal status (sales, liens, accounts receivables, etc.) and any other related items.

The board will then see if there is any more information regarding construction and what needs remain for completion, including remuneration.

The backup well status is next on the agenda.

The superintendent will then give his report, including

the pumping volume, any leak detection, the home water meter inspection program, whether flushing is complete or not and any other related item.

Lastly, the board will hear the report on the selectmen's meeting, including the appointment of Mary Beth Lamotte to fill the board's vacancy, the requirement of markers on each water hydrant and the price of clearing snow around the hydrants (\$75 an hour —up from \$15 an hour). The board will question the frequency of storms versus the depth of snow and discuss whether another plow should be considered.

The next meeting of the Kingfield Water District is scheduled for Monday, Dec. 7 at KES.

Kibby Wind Power Project TIF

Commissioners approve agreement with agency

By Donna M. Perry
Special to the Irregular

FARMINGTON — Franklin County commissioners Tuesday, Oct. 20 approved a draft agreement with the Greater Franklin Development Corp. of Farmington to provide services for projects financed with Kibby Wind Power Project taxes.

The agency, which receives \$60,000 from the county government to promote economic development in the area, was chosen previously to administer a tax-increment financing agreement between Franklin County and TransCanada on the Kibby Wind Power Project. It is anticipated that \$30,000 of the \$60,000 will come out of

the credit enhancement agreement in the future to lessen the burden on county taxpayers.

The tax-increment financing agreement calls for the county to receive about \$4 million in property taxes over the 20-year pact to invest in economic development, scenic byways, tourism, public safety and fire protection among other areas in the unorganized territory.

The one-year agreement between the county and the Greater Franklin Development Corp. is for services to be provided for those projects. Under the terms, the corporation will create guidelines, procedures for the submission of proposals for the use of funds, and administrative controls and procedures. It will work with Eaton Peabody Consulting Group LLC of Augusta.

The county will reimburse Greater Franklin for all funds spent in this project, according to the agreement. The agency will be entitled to bill the county for its paid staff at the rate of \$25 per hour, as authorized by commissioners.

TransCanada is in the process of building a \$320 million, 44-turbine wind energy project on Kibby Mountain and Kibby Range in Kibby and Skinner townships in northern Franklin County. About half of those turbines went on line Friday, Oct. 16. The company has also applied to expand the wind project by 15 turbines on adjacent Sisk Mountain, in Chain of Ponds and Kibby townships in northern Franklin County.

Sen. Collins' staff to hold office hours in Rangeley

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Senator Susan Collins recently announced that a representative from her Lewiston office will hold office hours in Rangeley on Tuesday, Nov. 3 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Rangeley Town Office.

A member of Senator Collins' staff will be available to hear constituents voice any concerns they might have and to provide assistance with federal issues and agencies, such as Social Security, Veterans Affairs, Citizenship and Immigration. No appointment is necessary.

Questions can be directed to Senator Collins' Lewiston office at 784-6969.

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