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Christmas at Norlands

A re-enactor at Washburn-Norlands Living History Center, 290 Norlands Road in Livermore, rolls out gingerbread dough. Such scenes will be part of Christmas at Norlands: The Children's Hour on Saturday, Dec. 5, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is an interactive Christmas celebration for all ages and includes 19th century parlor games, holiday readings by historical interpreters, children's activities, hot mulled cider in the kitchen, carolers in the grand lady's parlor, cider pressing on the lawn, spelling bee in the one-room schoolhouse and storytelling by Washburn historian Kerck Kelsey in the simply decorated historic mansion. The admission is \$5. For more information, call 897-4366 or visit www.norlands.org. (Ryan Burnham photo)

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Reinholt Gallery

Art opening reception set

KINGFIELD — Saturday, Dec. 12 Kingfield welcomes a new art showing at the Reinholt Gallery. Ian Reinholt, a custom furniture maker, and Saskia Reinholt, a fine artist who works in oils, silks and stained glass, plan to present their work and the work of 21 other local artists at the reception from 4 to 8 p.m. at the 245 Maine Street gallery.

"Our mission is to raise awareness about arts in Maine, provide a venue to showcase the many talents in this area, and to provide art educational opportunities," Saskia says.

Press media and the public are all invited to attend the opening. The gallery will be open all day Friday as well.

For more information, contact Ian Reinholt at 265-2056 or e-mail reinholtgallery@gmail.com.

Salem church to hold annual Christmas fair

SALEM TWP — The Salem Community United Methodist Church will be hosting its 3rd annual "Old Fashioned Christmas Fair" on Saturday, Dec. 5, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the church on Route 142.

Items to browse include handmade crafts, Mt. Abram Warmest Ever Mittens, White Elephant items, Christmas ornaments, homemade chocolates and sweets, candles, cards and gift trimmings and much more.

"Get into the spirit of the season at the little white church by Mt. Abram at this unique holiday fair," a spokesperson for the event said.

For more information, call Cathy at 678-2442.

Giving Tree wish-lists sought

KINGFIELD — The Kingfield Giving Tree is currently accepting wish-lists from those who would like to be included on this year's holiday tree.

Recipients of the giving tree gifts can be those who are in financial need, people who are alone for the holidays, homebound residents and those who have been ill. Recipients are kept anonymous.

If you or someone you know meet the criteria and would like to be included on this year's gift receiving list, contact Tracy Bessey at 265-4820 as soon as possible.

Also see the **Calendar** on page 18

Door-to-door food drive set in the Valley

CARRABASSETT VALLEY — On Saturday, Dec. 13, from 4 to 6 p.m., the students and staff of Carrabasset Valley Academy will be traveling door-to-door to collect canned food and dry goods to help feed needy families in the area during the rest of the winter.

They will be canvassing areas in Kingfield and Carrabasset Valley. Last year the community donated 1,008 food items and \$153. This year the group has set an ambitious goal of 1,500 food items and \$200 —all to help those who will face "bare cupboards" this winter without this assistance.

For almost 20 years this door-to-door drive has made a significant impact on the food reserves at local food banks. "The generosity of this community is well known throughout the county. Thank you in advance for your giving hearts this holiday season," the Rev. Pam Morse at Sugarloaf Area Christian Ministry said.

The United Methodist Economic Ministry of Salem will distribute the food as the winter progresses.

For further information or to make a special request for pick-up, contact the Rev. Pam Morse at Sugarloaf Area Christian Ministry, 237-2304.

Tree-lighting, holiday sing-a-long set

STRATTON — Festivities to kick off the holiday season will be held on Sunday, Dec. 6 from 4:30 to 5 p.m. with the lighting of the tree at the junction of routes 27 & 16, and the singing of Christmas carols.

Parking is available at the Diamond Corner Bed & Breakfast.

The Stratton/Eustis Lions Club will have hot beverages & cookies available, donations welcomed.

Organizers expressed special thanks to Cathedral Pines Campground, the Stratton/Eustis Fire Department and Diamond Corner Bed & Breakfast for supporting this annual event.

Kingfield's Tree-Lighting is on Friday, Dec. 4. See page 9.

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