

Keep Maine Healthy Days offered in February

Blood pressure checks and H1N1 flu shots offered among other services

FARMINGTON — Healthy Community Coalition will be offering Keep Maine Healthy events throughout Franklin County during the month of February. Staff will be providing cancer education and information, free blood pressure checks, and H1N1 flu shots for individuals 18 years and older.

Event location and dates are:

- * Friday, Feb. 5, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Saddleback in Rangeley;
- * Tuesday, Feb. 9, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Camden National Bank in Phillips;
- * Friday, Feb. 12, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Saddleback in Rangeley;
- * Sunday, Feb. 14, 12 to 2 p.m. at the Carrabassett Valley Library;
- * Tuesday, Feb. 16, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Eustis Town Office;
- * Friday, Feb. 19, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Saddleback in Rangeley; and
- * Friday, Feb. 26, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Saddleback in Rangeley.

According to the Maine Centers for Disease Control, cancer is the second leading cause of death in Maine and four types of cancers account for the majority of new diagnosis: lung, colorectal, breast in women, and prostate in men.

The Maine CDC now recommends that all residents receive an H1N1 vaccination. Although the spread of the H1N1 flu virus slowed last month, the CDC anticipates another outbreak as the virus is expected to circulate for months, if not years, to come. According to Maine CDC Director Dr. Dora Mills, "Pandemics usually come in waves and if the last pandemic is any indication, we may have another wave of disease. Now is an excellent time to get vaccinated, especially given the amount of vaccine available."

Services are free although there is a suggested donation of \$10 for an H1N1 flu shot (or by donating what you can afford). Insurance, Medicare or Medicaid can not be accepted.

For more information, contact the Healthy Community Coalition at 779-3136 or 1-800-525-3136.

Wind energy debate on tap Feb. 4, 18

DIXFIELD — The Western Maine Economic Development Council, River Valley Growth Council, Greater Franklin Development Corporation and the Western Mountains Alliance are co-hosting a wind energy debate on Thursday, Feb. 4, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room of Dirigo High School. The snow date will be Feb. 18.

This will be a debate-style forum focused on the health and economic impacts of large scale wind development. A panel of debaters representing varying perspectives on these two issues will include: Dr. Albert Aniel, a physician at Rumford Hospital, Dr. Richard Jennings of Fayette, Sen. Peter Mills of Cornville and Dylan Voorhees of the Natural Resources Council of Maine. Panelists will be asked by citizens to address likely impacts of wind to community health and economic development, including taxes and energy costs for citizens.

In addition to panelists listed above, the event will include a table of experts to provide information on other pertinent questions that may arise pertaining to permitting, tax increment financing, sound impacts or local economic development impacts. These experts will include: Peter Guldberg, a sound engineer; Jim Cassida of the Department of Environmental Protection, Brian Hodges of the Department of Economic & Community Development and J Dwight of Dwight Investment Council of Wilton.

The event goals are to provide credible information on a diverse group of issues pertaining to wind development in Maine, and specifically the Dixfield and Carthage communities; to provide an opportunity for project opponents and proponents to engage in civil discourse; and to provide information that will help citizens make informed decisions about wind development in their communities.

The public is encouraged to email questions for the debaters to Beverly Crosby at Beverly@rvgc.org. RSVPs are requested so that organizers may ensure adequate seating at the event.

RSVP to Crosby at beverly@rvgc.org or 369-0396.

The Dirigo High School is located on Weld Street (Rt. 142) in Dixfield. Use side entrance by the field. There is parking available on the street and in the parking lot behind the school.

Library announces temporary hours

STRATTON — According to Wendy Boyle, Stratton Librarian, the Stratton Public Library will be operating under new reduced hours when she takes a leave of absence next month; this, however, is only temporary.

Starting Feb. 16, the library will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. These hours will be in effect for about six weeks.

After the six-week period, the library will return to its regular business hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday from 1 to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The library can be reached by calling 246-4401.



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Franklin County Animal Shelter

Rt 43, Box 1413, East Farmington, ME 04938
778-2638

PET OF THE WEEK

Hi! My name is Quincy. I am a young white female cat with a little gray on my head. I am considered a private investigator. I'm working undercover to keep an eye on you and your household. You may not even know you're under surveillance. I can vanish into thin air if anyone or anything interferes with my investigation. If you need a cat who knows how to stay out of trouble and will always keep your secrets, I just might take your case. Please come check me out.



Quincy

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