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The Franklin County Chamber of Commerce hosted Mark Gentle at the Farmington Elk's Lodge for a Valentine's Dance that was SOLD OUT! The event was a great success and we want to thank our members that supported this event, OTIS Federal Credit Union was the primary sponsor, with Farmington Ford (Home Auto Group) and Calzolaio Pasta Company making donations to the raffle. Love was in the air!



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**BUSINESS AFTER HOURS** 

MARCH 15 | 5-7PM

1026 US ROUTE 2 E

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SPECIAL GUEST ELITSA STOYNEVA

Join the Maine Balkan Choir with

special guest Elitsa Stoyneva for a festive afternoon of old world

village singing and dancing. The

Maine Balkan Choir specializes

in the traditional open throated

singing style of the Balkan countries.

The songs, with their unusually

close harmonies, modal melodies

and complex mixed meter rhythms

are full of heart and directness and

the messages that they express are

universal. The choir was originally

formed to perform a single benefit

concert. 20 years later they are still

singing, drawn together by their

sound of Balkan music. The choir

will be joined by soloist and seven

time gold medalist, Elitsa Stoyneva

The concert will be held at Nordica

Auditorium on the U Maine

Farmington campus on Sunday,

March 11th at 3 pm and is sponsored

by ArtsFarmington. Ticket prices are

\$12 for adults; anyone 18 or under

is free as are UMF students with an

ID. No one will be turned away. For

more information about the choir

please email Anne at ancita47@

gmail.com or find us on Facebook

March 15 2018

**Business After Hours** 

at Comfort Inn

Location: Comfort Inn. Wilton

"Maine Balkan Choir."

Time: 5-7pm

of Turgovishte, Bulgaria.

TIME: 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

LOCATION: UMF, NORDICA

**AUDITORIUM** 

## Member Spotlight: Hope Association

The Hope Association, with its central offices located in Rumford, began in 1956 when a small group of parents with children with disabilities got together to ensure that their children could live in and be counted on as valued citizens of their own community. This was the goal then, and it remains the goal to this day. Hope supports an office in Wilton for easier access to those served in Franklin County.

By 1961, the Oxford Association County for Retarded Children. now Hope Association, opened the doors to area children with disabilities to be educated at the Hope School in Mexico. To summarize a very long, rich history, those



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students became young adults who needed work and residential programs. An extensive workshop established residential homes (5) were established. Independent, Supported and Shared Living Programs were developed, a Community Support Program was launched and a Rural **Employment Network was** formed to provide real work opportunities in the community for individuals with disabilities to find employment in an area of their choice.

Hope careful with likeminded service the Hope Association providers people with disabilities, began individuals

official Statement is a little more formal today: As partners in our community, we will provide leadership, residential, management, vocational and community support services to individuals and their families through programs that enhance independence, dignity, choice and individual wellbeing. Our Vision Statement Hope Association envisions a world where all people are treated with respect.

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## **Calendar of Events**

## Feb 25 2018

CHINESE AUCTION - A CABIN

FEVER RELIEVER **STARTS:** 12:00 PM LOCATION: FAIRBANKS SCHOOL. 508 FAIRBANKS ROAD Chinese Auction -

A Cabin Fever Reliever 12:00 pm bidding starts (bid with tickets on items of interest) 1:00 pm Drawing of tickets 5 tickets for \$1.00 - buy 25 and get Over 100 items

Door prize and refreshments Buy tickets at the door and use them to bid on items you like. That's the auction - it is easy as that! Drawing of tickets will start at 1:00pm sharp. Donations are being accepted. Call 778-3808, 778-4349. Benefit the schools maintenance fund.

### Feb 27 2018

**UMF PRESENTS: "PUBLIC BY DEFAULT: PARTICIPATION IN A** DIGITAL SOCIETY' STARTS: 6:00 PM

**LOCATION: UMF EMERY COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER** navigate complexities connectedness? How do we engage students and educators to critically think about their relationships and society? The University of Maine at Farmington Public Classroom Series will explore these questions and other considerations with "Public by Default: Participation in a Digital Society," a presentation by Association, in the Hope Association, a Digital Society, a presentation by Meredith Swallow, UMF assistant cooperation please visit and like professor of elementary education. This talk takes place at 6:30 p.m.,

## Mar 3 2018

and open to the public.

Tuesday, Feb. 27, in the UMF Emery

Community Arts Center. It is free

23RD ANNUAL RANGELEY LAKES CROSS COUNTRY SKI LOPPET TIME: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM **LOCATION: RANGELEY LAKES** 

TRAILS CENTER, 524 SADDELBACK

MOUNTAIN ROAD The 23rd annual legendary Rangeley Lakes Loppet will be held Saturday, March 3rd at the Rangeley Lakes Trail Center. The Races are 25k and 50k FreeStyle, 25K Classic, and 25K Touring. Bring the family for a weekend of winter fun! For more information call 207-864-4309.

## Mar 11 2018

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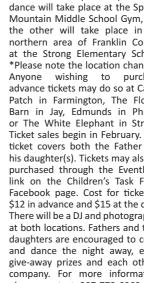
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RANGELEY MOOSE DASH SNOWSHOE RACE **TIME:** 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM **LOCATION: RANGELEY LAKES** 



Maine Join the Franklin County Chamber

of Commerce for a Business After Hours hosted by Wilton Comfort Inn & Suites on March 15 from 5-7pm. Tables will be offered to other Chamber members interested in showcasing their business. Call Nicole at Comfort Inn at 645-5155 for more information.

#### TRAILS CENTER, 524 SADDELBACK MOUNTAIN ROAD

The Rangeley Moose Dash 5K course takes advantage of the beautiful varied terrain we have available here at the Trails Center, from wide straight-a-ways to gradual ascent and descents, to some aggressive hill climb/descent opportunities. Views and possible

### **Mar 10**

Father Daughters Dances Time: 6pm-9pm

wildlife sightings are included!

Location: Spruce Mountain Middle School Gym & Strong Elementary

The Franklin County Children's Task Force will be holding two simultaneous Father Daughter Dances this year on Saturday, March 10 from 6:00pm-9:00pm. One dance will take place at the Spruce Mountain Middle School Gym, and the other will take place in the northern area of Franklin County at the Strong Elementary School \*Please note the location change!\* Anyone wishing to purchase advance tickets may do so at Calico Patch in Farmington, The Flower Barn in Jay, Edmunds in Phillips or The White Elephant in Strong. Ticket sales begin in February. One ticket covers both the Father and his daughter(s). Tickets may also be purchased through the Eventbrite link on the Children's Task Force Facebook page. Cost for tickets is \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. There will be a DJ and photographer at both locations. Fathers and their daughters are encouraged to come and dance the night away, enjoy give-away prizes and each other's company. For more information, please contact 207-778-6960. We hope to see you there.

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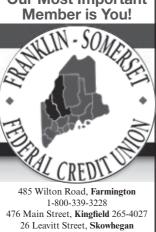
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