Job fairs scheduled around the state | Water company

AUGUSTA — Spring job fair season is beginning to take shape around Maine, providing an opportune time for job seekers looking for work. The Department of Labor's network of 12 CareerCenters will sponsor or participate in several career fairs. Hundreds of employers will hire for both permanent and seasonal po-

Job seekers who need to update their resume or practice their interviewing skills should contact a CareerCenter for no-cost help. To find more information about jobs fairs across the state or to locate the closest CareerCenter and information about job training pro-

Center website, http:// www.mainecareercenter.

The following job fairs, hosted or co-sponsored by the CareerCenters, have been scheduled to date around the state:

9 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8, Rockland Career-Center Job Fair, 91 Camden St., Rockland

- 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, Augusta Area Job Fair, Turnpike Mall, Augus-

— 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, York County CareerCenter Job Fair, 9 Bodwell Court, Springvale.

10 a.m.-noon Monday, March 7, Lewiston Career-

grams, visit the Career- Center Job Fair, 5 Mollison Way, Lewiston.

2-5 p.m. Wednesdav. March 9, Spring Job Fair, Kennebec Valley Community College.

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday, March 10, Job Fair, Northern Maine Community College, Presque Isle.

11 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday, March 24, Calais Area Job Fair, Washington County Community College.

— 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday, March 30, Southern Midcoast Hiring Fair, Knights of Columbus, Brunswick.

Time to be announced, Friday, April, Lewiston CareerCenter Job Fair, 5 Mollison Way, Lewiston.

— 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday, April 7, Machias Area Job Fair, Lee Pellon Center.

10 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday, April 8, sixth annual York County Career Fair, Nasson Community Center, Spring-

 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, April 10, Presque Isle CareerCenter Job Fair, 66 Spruce St., Presque Isle.
— 3-5 p.m. Wednesday,

April 27, Job Fair at the Waterville Public Library, 73 Elm St., Waterville.

- 10 a.m.-noon Monday, May 2, Lewiston Career-Center Job Fair, 5 Mollison Way, Lewiston.

3:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 11, Pittsfield Area Job Fair, Pittsfield.

based Carrabassett of Maine water company is seeking Chapter 7 bankruptcy protection amid a dispute with a lender. Carrabassett Valley

PORTLAND — The Peru-

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liquidation

Spring Water LLC submitted its bankruptcy filing Friday, claiming about \$100,000 in assets and about \$950,000 in liabilities, most of which comes from a disputed \$570,000 business loan from a Connecticut company.

According to the filing, that debt is the subject of a collection lawsuit pending before the state's Business and Consumer Court.

The company, which mar-

keted all-natural spring water coming from mountains near the Carrabassett Fault, provided bottled water deliveries and provided private label bottles, where another company could design the label for use typically in marketing and corporate events.

seeks bankruptcy

According to the company's website, water has been bottled from its source in Peru since 1988. The company previously operated as Southern Maine Spring Water Distributors LLC and was incorporated in 2009, according to state records.

The company was equally owned by David Smith of Kennebunk, Anthony Rivers of Cape Neddick and David Robeck of Cumberland.

On the Job

The Maine Department of Labor in Augusta has appointed Karen Fraser as director of the Bureau of Rehabilitation Services, where

she has served as acting director for several months. Fraser joined the Bureau of Rehabilitation Services in 2003 and has been



Fraser

working with people with disabilities for more than 30 years. She was chosen as the Department of Labor's Manager of the Year in 2008. Her experience includes providing technical assistance to employers and social service agencies, instruction to community rehabilitation personnel, oversight of accreditation and quality assurance activities and managing daily operations. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in social work from the University of Maine and a master's degree in industrial/organizational psychology from the University of New Haven in Connecticut. Fraser's position is effective immediately.

The Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy in Camden announced that Bettina Doulton has joined the nonprofit's investment committee. Doulton of Camden is a businesswoman and community leader who owns architectural design and building firm Phi Home Designs, as well as Cellardoor Winery. Before opening her own businesses, Doulton had a 21-year career at Fidelity Investments where she served as an analyst, portfolio manager and research director. The investment committee is appointed by the foundation's board of directors and made up of national financial experts.

Dana Greene has joined Bucksport Regional Health Center as a physician assistant. Greene earned a bachelor's degree from Alderson-Broaddus College, Philippi, West Virginia, a master's degree from the University of Southern Maine and engaged in doctoral-level studies in research and behav-

ioral medicine at University tellers. Brawn joined SBSI of Maine. Greene comes to Bucksport Regional Health Center from Ellsworth Fam- Biddeford, ily Medicine and has experience in family practice, osteopathic-clinical care, diabetes chronic care, diabetes research and public health. Greene's accomplishments erations suinclude being a founding member of the Society of Endocrine Physicians Assistants in America and publishing a book through iTunes in March 2013, "Diabetes Food and Soul Therapy: Secrets Revealed for Everyone Living with Diabetes." Greene has four daughters, five grandchildren, belongs to the Knights of Columbus, and enjoys art and the outdoors, spending time fishing, boating and travel-

Aly Finn has joined the American Red Cross in Maine as its new disaster program specialist, serving southern Maine. Finn comes from the Florida Red Cross, where she was a community

outreach and disaster education specialist. Previously, she served as an assistant team leader with Ameri-Corps Nation-Civilian



Finn

Community Corps, FEMA, in Sacramento, California. Finn is responsible for the implementation of disaster preparedness, response and recovery programs in southern Maine, as well as management of government partnerships in that area. Finn holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in professional communications from Plymouth State University and a Master of Science degree in emergency planning and administration from Lynn University in Boca Raton, Florida.

Saco & Biddeford Savings

Institution in Saco has named Kari Brawn Westbrook as the new Biddeford branch supervisor and welcomed Laura Paul



of

and Samantha Rousselle as

in February 2014 as a customer relationship officer in

later

that vear transferred to the role of business oppervisor in the main office. She has more than 25 vears banking experience from positions within the industry Laura Paul

Samantha

and



Rousselle

Rousselle of North Waterboro recently joined the bank as tellers in Old Orchard Beach and Westbrook, respectively.

Johanne Lapointe of Ellsworth recently was named senior vice president/internal audit at Bar Harbor Bank & Trust. Her office is in Ellsworth. Lapointe will

monitor the bank's internal control, risk management and governance processes, thereby protecting the assets, repu-



tation and sustainability of the bank. She has more than 16 years of progressive experience in public and internal auditing, including financial, operational and regulatory auditing, most recently working as vice president of regulatory reporting for TD Bank. She also has worked at John Hancock Financial Services, Deloitte & Touche and Ernst & Young. A native of Fredericton, New Brunswick, Johanne earned her bachelor's degree in accounting and economics from the University of New Brunswick. She is a chartered professional accountant, certified investments and derivatives auditor, and certified internal auditor. Lapointe and her husband, Michael, and their four children have relocated to Ellsworth from Nashua, New Hampshire.

The Maine Center for

Public Interest Reporting in Hallowell has named veterjournalist and new media entrepreneur Jack Beaudoin of Brunswick as its new publisher and senior report-

er, effective Jan. 4. Cofounder Naomi Schalit will stay on as a senior reporter, and cofounder



Beaudoin

tie will remain as senior editor. Beaudoin, 51, was the founding editor and CEO of HIMSS Media, based in New Gloucester, publishers of business-to-business health care publications. He has been editorial page editor for the Kennebec Journal and Morning Sentinel, an editorial writer and statehouse reporter for the Portland Press Herald, and a reporter for The Journal Tribune in Biddeford, his hometown. Beaudoin is a graduate of Colby College, holds a Master of Arts in English from Syracuse University and held a postgraduate fellowship in American government at Boston College. The Maine Center for Public Interest Reporting was established six years ago to produce investigative reporting about

Rob Cimitile has joined the team as marketing coordinator at Words@Work in Falmouth. As a director-produc-Cimitile created two music videos for which he oversaw all creative aspects. He secured a Good Idea Grant from the Maine Arts Commis sion for his first video, "A Plot in Falmouth." His followup video, "There is No Hourglass, Only Sand," became so popular it secured a spot in regular rotation on the MTV satellite network mtvU. Both have been featured at several film festivals. Cimitile also applies his marketing skills to his band Builder of the House's Web presence. For several years, Cimitile was involved in social media and marketing at the restaurant El Rayo Taqueria, culminating in its 2013 Cinco de Mayo Festival in which he turned the event into an all-day outdoor music festival in downtown Portland.

Spending

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In December, income rose 0.3 percent after a similar gain in November. Wages and salaries increased 0.2 percent after shooting up 0.5 percent in November. Income in 2015 increased 4.5 percent, the largest increase since 2012, after rising 4.4 percent in 2014.

With income outpacing spending, savings surged to \$753.3 billion in December, the highest level since December 2012, from \$717.8 billion in November. Higher savings and rising

house prices should help to soften the blow from a recent stock market sell-off and drive spending in early 2016. With consumption soft,

inflation retreated in December. A price index for consum-

er spending slipped 0.1 percent after ticking up 0.1 percent in November. In the 12 months through December, the personal consumption expenditures price index, however, rose 0.6 percent after increasing 0.4 percent in November

That was the largest increase since December 2014. Year-over-year inflation rates are rising as the weak readings during the year drop out of the calculation. Excluding food and energy, prices were unchanged after rising 0.2 percent in November. The so-called core personal consumption expenditures price index increased 1.4 percent in the 12 months through December after a similar gain in November.

Core personal consumption expenditures is the Federal Reserve's preferred inflation measure and remains well below the U.S. central bank's 2 percent target.

Forum

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in 2014. Ramirez said the crime is one that will be with us for quite a while.

"We're all doing more online. We're all using mobile technology," she said. "It's going to expose people's information to breaches," if we're not increasingly vigilant.

Ramirez made the announcement on Data Privacy Day, designated in 2008 by the National Cyber Security Alliance. Read tips from

that nonprofit about keeping your data to yourself at staysafeonline.org.

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Cinque Terre, Italy

the Plan workshop will be held 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, March 30, at Rangeley Hall, Eastern Maine Community College, 354 Hogan Road.

It will cover the elements of a strong development plan, including concepts and principles that make up the foundation for successful fundraising. The session will include exercises on creating a plan for your organization. The session is recommended for development staff.

By the end of the session, participants will learn about the foundation necessary for a strong development program, understand the role of staff and volunteers in creating and implementing the plan, take first steps to draft a plan and leave with samples of items to include in their plan. For information, call 871-1885 or email Learn@Nonprofit-Maine.org.

Free small-business advising for Bucksport Bay Region

BUCKSPORT — There's a new small-business resource for the Bucksport Bay area ready to help with everything from starting to maintaining and growing your business.

The business advising is confidential, offered at no charge and provided by the Maine Small Business Development Centers 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Fridays, Feb. 5, March 4, April 1 and May 6, at Bangor Savings Bank, 89 Main St.

MEREDA series to focus on Maine's lakes

BANGOR — The Maine Real Estate & Development Association will hold its "Morning Menu" breakfast series 7:30-9 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, at Hollywood Casino, 500 Main St.

Maggie Shannon, Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance and Belgrade Lakes Association, and Gail Rizzo, designated broker with Lakepoint Real Estate, will talk about trends in Maine lake health, new cross-sector initiatives to protect Maine's lakes, and how a program called LakeSmart can help communities safeguard their freshwa-

The buffet breakfast is 7:30-8 a.m.,

with the program 8-9 a.m. Registration is \$25 per person for

members and \$35 for nonmembers. Prices increase by \$10 after Feb. 4. Visit mereda.org for information and to register.

Pine Tree Society acquires Pathways Inc. in Auburn

BATH — Pine Tree Society, which serves people with disabilities from offices in Rome at Pine Tree Camp, Scarborough and the company's headquarters in Bath, has expanded its services by acquiring Pathways Inc. in Auburn.

This year marks Pine Tree Society's 80th anniversary, and it is the first time it has acquired another organization.

'It has been in Pine Tree Society's strategic plan to develop satellite loca-

tions to more effectively serve people in need and this acquisition is a major step towards fully achieving that goal, said Noel Sullivan, president and CEO, in a news release the organization issued. "All of Pathways' 40 jobs were preserved and plans are already in motion to improve and expand program-

This acquisition allows Pine Tree Society to immediately expand into the Lewiston-Auburn area and bring needed services, including children's case management, speech therapy and assistive technology programming.

Through this acquisition, Pine Tree Society has added an early learning center, day programs for adults and seniors, and an employment program.

EMCC to host workshop on developing a budget

BANGOR — A budgeting workshop will be held 9 a.m.-noon Wednesday, March 30, at Rangeley Hall, Eastern Maine Community College, 354 Hogan Road.

Learn how to develop a real budget that will improve your organization. Topics covered will include budgeting basics, overlooked and neglected steps, budgeting process and budget completion.

For information, call 871-1885 or email Learn@NonprofitMaine.org.

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