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Winter Carnival canceled

Due to icy conditions and the lack of snow, the Winter Carnival planned for Saturday, February 4, at the Quarry Road Recreational Area, in Waterville, has been canceled.

Give us Your Best Shot...



Tina Richard, of Clinton, captured this dazzling sunset behind her home last week.

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Hard work rewarded

Lauchlin Titus is 2011 certified crop advisor

On January 25, the Northeast Region Certified Crop Advisors Board of Directors recognized Lauchlin Titus as their 2011 CCA of the Year. He was cited for his dedication to his clients and his agronomic leadership in the Northeast Region which includes Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island.

In 2008, Lauchlin was the recipient of the Maine Commissioner of Agriculture's Distinguished Service Award for his commitment to Maine's Agricultural Community. Titus is a Certified Professional Agronomist and Crop Advisor. He owns his own business, AgMatters LLC and has over 35 years experience with Maine Agriculture. AgMatters LLC's mission is to provide information and services for Maine farmers to help them increase the productivity, quality, and profitability of their farm operations. By helping to improve farm operations, AgMatters LLC will enhance the quality of life for farm families, the communities in which they operate, and the environment of the State of Maine – and have fun doing it!

Lauchlin has served as chair of the Maine Nutrient Management Review Board for over ten years and has been president of the Maine Vegetable and Small Fruit Growers Association for ten years. He has served on the Maine Ag in the Classroom council,



Contributed photo

Vassalboro's Evert Fowle appointed district judge



Evert N. Fowle Jr., left, of Vassalboro, was confirmed unanimously by the Maine State Senate as district judge on January 28. Senator Roger Katz, right, rose during the session to speak in favor of Fowle's confirmation. Here they are pictured in the senate chamber following the vote.

Photo courtesy Maine Senate Republican Office

two gubernatorial Dairy Task Forces, and Kennebec County's Maine Farm Bureau. He is a member of the American Society of Agronomy as well as several Maine Agricultural Associations. He is also a Certified Nutrient Management Planner and a sales agent for Seedway Vegetable Seed and the Marketing and Technical Representative for Seedway LLC in Maine. His business has been contracted to enhance profitability of Maine Specialty Crop Producers by the Maine Department of Agriculture.

Titus is also very active in his home community of Vassalboro, currently serving as a selectperson and formerly serving on the town budget committee and school committee.

Gong Xi Fa Cai



Bruce, left, and Liana LaPlante, of Fairfield, enjoyed celebrating Chinese New Year at a party held at Mei Dream, in Fairfield, on January 23. The newlywed couple of five months won a prize for best dressed for the event. They wish everyone Gong Xi Fa Cai, which is Mandarin for Happy New Year.

Photo by Lyn Rowden

Katelyn Leary to attend leadership conference in Boston

Katelyn Leary, of Benton, was nominated and has accepted an opportunity to attend The National Young Leaders State Conference (NYLSC) in Boston, Massachusetts, February 9 - 12. Katelyn was nominated by her fifth grade teacher, Stephanie Thibodeau, at Benton Elementary School. Katelyn is now a sixth grader at the Benton school.



Katelyn Leary
Photo by Carol Fredette/Central Maine Photography Staff

Leary has maintained a high honors status and has only missed two days of school since kindergarten. She participates in many extracurricular activities including math league, dance, and softball and she dabbles with piano. No matter what the task, Katelyn gives 100 percent.

In order to attend, Katelyn had to raise \$1,500. She is using her birthday money, has done coin drives, and performed many odd jobs for donations. With the support of her family and friends she will be able to participate in this great honor and educational opportunity.

For more information about the conference please visit www.cylc.org.