Winterfest won't need snow to be called the UNE-MSSM of Science and Mathematics, UNE as well. Can receive transfer credit at Isle, MSSM students who of understanding with the credit at UNE. Secondly, will qualify for transfer in one or more subject areas advanced placement work who demonstrate mastery of credit to enter the university College of Arts and Sciences course credit in UNE's the high school to receive its, enabling the students to abbreviate their time in college and reduce their costs. who matriculate at UNE to allow qualifying students with Maine schools that will with both public and private universities that wage rates are rising" , Maine publishes a weekly unemployment news bulletin called "Jobs & Opportunities." The bulletin includes information on job openings, wages, and other labor market developments. According to the latest bulletin, the overall unemployment rate in the state was 4.1 percent. Sanford's rate was higher, at 5.7 percent. Portland-South Portland-Old Orchard Beach was 4.8 percent, but Biddeford, Saco, and Kennebunkport's rate was 5.7 percent. Sanford's rate was also 4.8 percent. Maine's labor market is tightening. Our falling unemployment rate indicates that businesses are hiring, and the increased competition for workers means that wages are rising," Maine Labor Commissioner Jeanne Paquette said in a statement. "Workers or people thinking about going back to work should take advantage of this employers' market." Blackstone said folks attending the job fair should bring a resume, "dress for success" and be ready to ask and answer questions. For a complete listing of employers scheduled to be at the job fair, go to: mainecareercenter.com/locations/ region4/springvale/index.shtml and click on "workshops and events." — Senior Staff Writer Tammy Wells can be contacted at 324-4444 (local call in Sanford) or 822-1353, ext. 327 or twells@journaltribune.com.

RIDEFORD - The University of New England has signed two agreements with Maine schools that will allow students to receive transfer credit for work done while matriculated at UNE in a number of fields. These agreements will provide pathways for students at the high school to receive course credit in UNE’s College of Arts and Sciences, and potentially earn enough credit to enter the university as a sophomore. First, MSSM students who demonstrate mastery of advanced placement work in one or more subject areas will receive transfer credit at UNE. Second, through a memorandum of understanding with the University of Maine-Presque Isle, MSSM students who successfully complete one or more designed courses can receive transfer credit at UNE as well. Luke C. Shorty, executive director of the Maine School of Science and Mathematics, called the UNE-MSSM agreement "yet another wonderful example of how public secondary schools can leverage partnerships with both public and private universities to further assist young students in achieving their educational dreams right here in Maine." UNE was also scheduled to sign an agreement on Friday with Washington County Community College in Calais. This agreement will allow students who complete their associate degrees at WCCC to seamlessly transfer to more than a dozen bachelor’s degree programs at UNE, including Sport and Recreation Management/Outdoor Recreation Management, Elementary-Middle Education, Business Administration, English, History, Ocean Studies and Marine Affairs, Psychology and Sociology. "The agreements that UNE is making with MSSM and with WCCC take us one step closer to our goal of making higher education more affordable while attracting high-caliber students to the university. These aren't just transfer pathways; they are transfer partnerships that have positive outcomes for the students as well as the educational institutions involved on both sides of the agreement," said UNE President Danielle Ripich. UNE currently has transfer agreements with Thornton Academy, Biddeford High School, Catherine McAuley High School, Southern Maine Community College, Central Maine Community College and Great Bay Community College.

TV stars stop in OOB for surprise visit

Old Orchard Beach Town Hall Learning Administrator Kathy Smith was recently surprised by a visit from members of North Woods Live, one of her favorite television programs. Standing with Smith are from left, Eric Blanchard, Tom Spade and Code Louden.

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