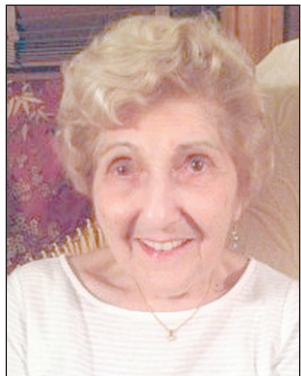


## YWCA announces recipients of 2016 Women of Achievement Awards



Barbara Trafton



Marilyn Simonds



Peggy Rotundo

The YWCA Central Maine has announced the recipients of its 2016 Women of Achievement Awards. These awards honor the often overlooked contributions of women in our community in three distinct categories: the Tonie Ramsey Award recognizes service, the Lee Young Award recognizes leadership, and the Priscilla Gendron Award recognizes philanthropy and its promotion.

The three awards were unveiled last year at the first annual Women of Achievement Awards Gala, where each of the award namesakes was recognized for contributing years of impactful service and leadership to the YWCA. In selecting the first cohort of recipients this year, the awards selection committee reviewed a remarkable pool

of applicants. "The difficulty of the selection process was a powerful tribute to the achievements of women in the Lewiston-Auburn community," said YWCA Central Maine Board President Barbara Bixby.

Receiving the 2016 Tonie Ramsey Service Award is Ms. Marilyn Simonds; receiving the 2016 Lee Young Leadership Award is Representative Peggy Rotundo; and receiving the Priscilla Gendron Legacy Award is Ms. Barbara Trafton.

Tonie Ramsey Service Award honoree Marilyn Simonds is an exceptional example of the dedication to community service that is emblematic of the award. Simonds has worked for decades in organizations and causes that benefit children, homeless and food insecure

families and individuals, youth in the juvenile justice system, and English language learners. Each week Simonds reads to preschool children through the BookReach program, serves monthly meals at both Calvary Methodist Church and Trinity Episcopal Church, and teaches English language learners through Lewiston Adult Education.

Simonds has also contributed significantly to the Androscoggin Head Start and Childcare program, where she taught for nearly 20 years and currently serves as a Board Associate. In 1975, Simonds helped to found an early childhood program that has evolved into Pathways Inc., a program serving individuals with developmental disabilities in Maine. Simonds received the Lewis Hine award from the National Child Labor Committee in 2006 in honor of her extensive community contributions.

She also contributes philanthropically to several community organizations, including Literacy Volunteers, Auburn Public Library, the Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project of Maine, New Beginnings, and Good Shepherd Food Bank. She is currently a member of the Program-Social Action Committee and Preschool Committee of Temple Shalom in Auburn. Her spirit of volunteerism, breadth of service, and remarkable connection to her community is an exceptional representation of the Tonie Ramsey Service Award.

The Lee Young Leadership Award is presented to Lewiston Representative Peggy Rotundo in honor of her diverse and immense contributions to Lewiston-Auburn throughout nearly 30 years of work in the community. Representative Rotundo came to Maine in 1978 and began working in the Bates Office of Career Counseling. In her role as Assistant Director, Rotundo offered counseling that supported college women's professional aspirations. She was also engaged in community career counseling workshops for women in transition in Lewiston-Auburn. In service of her passion for public education and equitable opportunity for young people, Rotundo ran for a seat on the Lewiston School Committee and was elected in 1993. She went on to chair the committee for four years. In 1995, Rotundo helped to

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## St. Dom's plans 10th annual Boucher Memorial 5K



Bob Boucher

The tenth annual Bob Boucher Memorial 5K Run-Walk will take place on Sunday, September 18 at 9 a.m. at Saint Dominic Academy in Auburn. Boucher was a long-time teacher, coach, and Athletic Director at Saint Dominic Academy, and the race was created to keep his legacy alive by supporting St. Dom's athletics.

Boucher possessed a unique talent for teaching and coaching young athletes to championship levels. His spectacular 25-year career as St. Dom's

hockey coach included five state titles and five "Coach of the Year" honors. He was inducted into the Lewiston-Auburn Sports Hall of Fame in 2006 and inducted posthumously into the St. Dom's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2008, receiving a Lifetime Achievement Award.

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# Newsmakers, Names & Faces

## Viles Arboretum unveils new entrance sign

A new gold leaf sign framed with natural granite posts was unveiled at Viles Arboretum in Augusta recently at a Business After Hours event of the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce. The new sign adorns the arboretum entrance, improving visibility and putting a welcoming face on a valuable natural history resource that includes 224 acres of fields, forests, wetlands and botanical collections and an expanding array of interpretive programs for the public, all easily accessible in the heart of the state capital.

At the event, Board President Dean Corner and Executive Director Mark P. DesMeules thanked the over one hundred people in attendance and pointed out that the increased visibility the sign conveys is an important step in making the arboretum an educational, recreational and conservation-oriented destination for all of Maine and beyond. Other recent improvements at the arboretum have included sculpture installations, interpretive panels for botanical collections, trail enhancements, a new wetland boardwalk, and the development of a



Oakhurst Dairy family owners Jean Bennett Driscoll and John Bennett

newsletter.

On hand for the unveiling were Jean Bennett Driscoll and John Bennett of Oakhurst Dairy and Dan Tilton and Fawn Wentworth of Skowhegan Savings Bank. Both businesses are big supporters of the arboretum and were influ-

ential in making the new sign a reality. The sign was designed and manufactured by Jeff Brown of Brown Signs at 46 River Road in Augusta.

For more information about Viles Arboretum, call 626-7989, find them on Facebook, or see [www.vilesarboretum.org](http://www.vilesarboretum.org).

## LAYSA Under 12 Boys Travel Team



This year's Lewiston-Auburn Youth Soccer Association Under 12 Boys Travel Team includes (l. to r., from front) Caleb Albert, Daxton St. Hilaire, Mohamed Adow, Eli St. Laurent, Richie Romano, Joshua Murphy, Matthew Connor, Brandon Farinas, Jack Thompson, Head Coach Max Thompson, Campbell Cassidy, Cooper St. Hilaire, Farid Muhammad-Aceto, Ian Redstone, Miles Frenette, Isaac Shannon, Jaxson Kimball, and Assistant Coach Keith Albert. The team started off the season with a 6-1 victory over a very good Cumberland team. This year's home games, played at the LAYSA Complex behind Auburn Middle School, will take place on September 17, 25, and October 1. The team is also looking forward to a Columbus Day Tournament in Falmouth.

## SeniorsPlus promotes two

SeniorsPlus has announced the promotion of two employees within EIM, the organization's homecare coordination division. EIM Home Visitor Laurie McFarren has been promoted to Training and Quality Assurance Manager, and EIM Care Coordinator Anne-Marie Maheux has been promoted to Care Management Supervisor.

EIM care coordination connects people throughout Maine with home care services, from respite care



Anne-Marie Maheux

to extensive in-home care. Each program is designed to offer the consumer the choice of self-directing their care or having their services provided to them through a



Laurie McFarren

network of providers. EIM serves consumers first, offers choice, promotes success at home, and protects the consumer's right to autonomy.

## GIP Open, Battle of the Boats a success



From l. are Matthew Shaw, Peter Forbes, Glen Bruce, Mike Neveux, Steve Wilson, Will Watters, Mike Hogue, Dale Libby, Dan Fortin, Fran Hogue, Brian Dube, Betsy Sibley, Dave Trask, and Billy Grotten

Community Credit Union and the Androscoggin Bassmasters Fishing Club recently partnered to co-host the 23rd annual GIP Open and 4th annual Battle of the Boats, a combined event to benefit the Maine Credit Union League's Campaign for Ending Hunger and the

hospitals of Children's Miracle Network. With 26 teams participating, Team Hogue earned the first place trophy and a \$1,080 cash prize with a gross weight catch of 22.53 pounds. The second place trophy and a \$620 cash prize went to Team Fortin-Dube. Money was paid out for the

top six teams and "Not in the Money" prizes were drawn at random for all other participants.

The event raised \$260 for the Children's Miracle Network and over \$2,000 for the Campaign for Ending Hunger. Next year's event will take place in August of 2017.

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**Op-Ed**

**There is no grassroots movement to merge the Twin Cities**

**By Leroy Walker**  
AUBURN CITY COUNCILOR

I read with dismay Gene Geiger's recent article in the Twin City TIMES on behalf of the Lewiston-Auburn Joint Charter Commission ("Charter Commission will not seek vote on merger in November, TCT, August 11, 2016).

The charter commission was created over two years ago to consider a merger of Auburn and Lewiston into one municipality. For two years, members of the commission have stated their desire to put the issue on the ballot this November, during a Presidential election year, when there would be very high voter participation.

Now, however, after two years and over \$100,000 spent on consultants, polls and other wasteful expenditures, the commission is telling us that "there is not enough time to do all that needs to be done."

These phony excuses are an insult to our intelligence. The vote was delayed not because there is more "that needs to be done." It was delayed because the charter commissioners have come to the realization that there is virtually zero support in either community for their whacky idea.

How many more years of "study" need to be done? The commission has wasted \$50,000 in state taxpayer funds on the project. Incredibly, the commission has contracted to pay a New York-based consulting firm a total of \$148,700 to study the merger issue. Eight years ago, the two cities spent over \$200,000 to study consolidation issues.

When will the obscene waste of taxpayer dollars on this inane pipe dream ever come to an end? How many more years into the future does the commission see its "mandate" extending? Another two? Five? Ten?

This issue should have been put on the ballot this November, debated, discussed and voted upon, once

and for all. Now the commission has extended the angst into 2017 and, who knows, perhaps beyond. Their actions are a real disservice to the people of Lewiston and Auburn, who just want to be left alone on this issue. There has been absolutely no grassroots sentiment for a merger, ever, during the more than 200 years of history of the Twin Cities.

The commission's recent retreat was a major victory for the Coalition Opposed to Lewiston-Auburn Consolidation (COLAC), of which I am a member. COLAC is chaired by former Lewiston mayor Jim Howaniec and is comprised of elected officials and private citizens from both sides of the river.

We have been in existence since this past spring. We have reached out across both communities and have garnered strong support against this naive project initiated by a small group from the local Chamber of Commerce.

Perhaps most troubling is the extent to which the charter commission has overstepped its mandate. Title 30-A, Section 2152 of the Maine Revised Statutes, the state municipal merger law, narrowly defines the role of the commission. Under state law, the commission is supposed to do a few very simple tasks: pick a name for the new municipality; decide where the new city hall is going to be located; inventory the assets and debts of the merging cities, etc.

Under state law, the charter commission is not supposed to be spending hundreds of thousands of dollars on out-of-state consultants. It is not supposed to be advocating either for or against a merger.

Why have two years passed without the commission having even picked a name for a new proposed city? Why have two years passed without the commission having even decided

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**St. Mary's promotes nurses**



Pictured here (l. to r.) are Sonja Theriault, Kendra Bailey, Barbara Chute, Katie Bishop and Tammy Jutras. Missing from the photo is Anita Rousseau.

St. Mary's Regional Medical Center has promoted six nurses on its Professional Development Pathway. The goal of the pathway is to promote excellence in nursing practice at St. Mary's and to recognize, reward, and retain professional nurses.

Nurses promoted to Level III were Kendra Bailey, RN, BSN, CCM (Case Management), Sonja Theriault, RN, BSN, CCDS (Clinical Documentation Improvement), Anita Rousseau, RN (A2), and Katie Bishop, RN, BSN, CEN (Emergency Department). Nurses promoted to level IV were Tammy Jutras, RN, BSN, CCDS (Clinical Documentation Improvement) and Barbara Chute, BSN, RN, CPAN (Perianesthesia).


**Tambrands employees support SeniorsPlus**



Employee Relations Manager Sharon Riddle of Tambrands (c.), with help from Nate Miller and Holly Zielinski of SeniorsPlus, displays one of the fifteen blankets P&G employees made and donated to SeniorsPlus for their annual Day of Caring.

Employees of Proctor & Gamble-Tambrands Inc. of Auburn recently donated fifteen no-sew fleece blankets to SeniorsPlus. The blankets will be distributed to selected clients of SeniorsPlus in need of comfort and warmth. See **Tambrands**, page 5

**"Look, it's Dr. Bob!!!"**



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**Skelton Taintor & Abbott expands municipal law practice**



Amanda A. Meader

Skelton Taintor & Abbott has announced that attorney Amanda A. Meader has become Of Counsel to the firm. Meader was a Staff Attorney with the Maine Municipal Association, where she provided legal advisory services to several hundred municipalities on all aspects of local governance.

"We are excited to welcome Amanda to our firm," said Chairman Bryan Dench. "Her extensive background in municipal law at the Maine Municipal Association and in private practice will be extremely valuable to our growing group of governmental clients."

Before her work at the Maine Municipal Association, Meader co-managed one of the largest general municipal law practices in the state and served as town attorney on general municipal matters and special projects. She has more than twelve years of experience in the areas of municipal zoning, land use and real estate. At Skelton Taintor & Abbott, she will provide legal counsel to municipalities and counties across the state, as well as to water, sewer and other special districts. She will also advise private clients on land use, zoning and real estate matters.

Meader is a member of the Maine State Bar Association and the International Municipal Lawyers Association. She received her J.D. from Cornell Law School with honors for excellence in Public Interest Law, and her B.A., magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, from Bates College. Active in the community, she serves as Chair of the State of Maine Animal Welfare Advisory Council and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Annabessacook Lake Improvement Association.

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# Only Steps Forward

## We must keep the promises we made 15 years ago on 9/11

By **Jonathan P. LaBonte**  
MAYOR OF AUBURN

This Sunday, September 11, marks the 15th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the United States. Each year on this date, it has been commonplace for many of us to share our stories of where we were and what we felt and were thinking on that fateful day.

As we reflect back now 15 years later, we can ask ourselves what has changed since that day and did we

keep the promise we made to never forget. One example I'm proud to offer for never forgetting 9/11 comes from the men and women of the Auburn Fire Department. Each year, a small ceremony is held in honor of those that lost their lives in those terrorist attacks. At the exact time the first World Trade Center tower was struck, they toll a bell.

The memorial in front of Auburn Central now includes pieces of mangled

steel that were extracted from the wreckage of the World Trade Center that day. They serve as a reminder of the devastation felt by so many, from those working in the Towers or Pentagon that day to the first responders that risked their lives to save others.

In addition to being host to the annual remembrance ceremony, the Auburn Fire Department welcomes in the American Red Cross for a blood



Mayor Jonathan P. LaBonte

drive on 9/11 as well. For blood donors who are due for another donation, or

those that haven't given for a while and would consider it, please consider donating at Auburn Fire this Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The activities begin at 8:30 a.m. at Auburn Central, 550 Minot Avenue. For those wishing to donate blood, they do encourage you to call for appointments. You can call 207-333-6633 ext. 2

While post-9/11 brought a rush of patriotism and a push to strengthen our national resolve in the fight against terrorism, it also brought more people to charitable work and care for neighbor. At the end of the day, I remain of the belief that it takes movement on all three to keep our country strong.

This Sunday, the 9/11 events in our community coincide with the 5th Annual Lake Auburn Half Marathon. While the half marathon is not held annually on 9/11, event organizers tell me they will be adding memorial activities to the event. More importantly, this event is a great example of local residents and businesses giving back.

The proceeds from this race support Moving ME Forward, a new local non-profit that supports healthy and active living among our citizens, with a special focus on youth. Moving ME Forward has been a growing sponsor of the back pack program of Good Shepherd Food Bank and the gardening program

of the St. Mary's Nutrition Center.

Our young people and their success will be key to the success of the community as a whole, and giving back so those young people have mentors and the support they need to be healthy and physically active is a great example for Moving ME Forward and its volunteers to give.

And speaking of examples for our young people, I've been very proud that Principal Davis and his team at Walton Elementary School have been holding an annual flag ceremony on 9/11. This year, because 9/11 falls on a weekend, the students and staff will hold their ceremony Friday, September 9 at 8:45 a.m. at the flagpole in the front of the school at 92 Mary Carroll Street.

It's hard to believe that none of the students in this K-6 school would have been born on 9/11/2001. In fact, you'd have to be into the high school to find students who had been born, but even they likely have no memory of it at just a couple years old.

After 15 years, a nation that never forgets doesn't just mean remembering the lives of those lost on 9/11. It also means never forgetting our commitments we made that day to support our first responders and those on the front lines keeping us safe and to engage and give back more in our communities.

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# Enough is Enough

## Over 100 blighted buildings have been removed in Lewiston

By Robert E. Macdonald  
MAYOR OF LEWISTON

Imitation is the best form of flattery. Well, at least most of the time.

When I read the local broad sheet last week I was shocked. Shocked, that is, until I took a step backward and processed what I had read. Then suddenly I broke into my happy dance.

Lewiston's policies, over the past four years of removing blighted buildings, had worked and were now showing success. There is no longer anymore room in the Hotel Lewiston for those with low or no income. Unfortunately this means our out-of-town homeless will be heading to Auburn.

It appears that Auburn

is on the brink of building 48 Section 8, er, I mean "affordable housing" units in an upscale part of the city. Where I come from, we call this a housing project.

When I arrived in Lewiston, members of President Lyndon Johnson's Great Society Brigade had gotten a firm foothold in Lewiston and were now branching out to other parts of the city. They slowly gobbled up Lewiston's "Little Canada."

This caused this section of the city to go from a clean, orderly and safe neighborhood, where those living there had pride in their surroundings, to one of crime and drug infestation. Those living there exhibited not one ounce of pride.



Mayor Bob Macdonald

Buildings and apartments went into disrepair. Trash, garbage and dog waste littered the streets—all thanks to our federal government and those serving in state and local offices.

The 23 years I spent on the Lewiston Police Depart-

ment, especially my several years as Arson Investigator, taught me one thing—stay away from federal money! It does more harm than good.

Upon being elected Mayor of Lewiston, I did not have long to wait for representatives of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to come knocking. They came dressed in nice suits, all carrying briefcases that resembled those you see in movies filled with bribery cash.

This meeting took place at Auburn City Hall. Mayor Jonathan LaBonte of Auburn, myself and the code and economic development personnel from both cities were present. The intent of the meeting was to advise

all present of the federal help they could give to both cities.

I immediately told them if they had come up from Boston to give us money for more low-income housing, they had wasted a trip. I informed them that we needed money to clean up the mess they had created over the past years.

Well, no money came. But our crack Lewiston staff understood the directive; today over 100 buildings have been torn down, lightening the financial albatross around our necks.

I hope the residents of Auburn are not going to roll over and sit passively by while more poverty is introduced into our area. We are not the State of Maine's

poor farm. It's long overdue for towns like Scarborough, Cape Elizabeth, Westbrook and other Southern Maine cities and towns to take on some of the financial burden that has been inflicted on our area for decades.

According to the latest update over the fallout from the Governor's voicemail, The Prophet Mark Eves has predicted tourism in Maine is declining because of the incident. He may have well as predicted frogs, locusts, boils, hail, water turning into blood, darkness and working people who will no longer have money to pay their taxes—thus leading to the demise of the Democratic arm of the Progressive party.

### Op-Ed

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on which side of the river the city hall is going to be located? These seem like very simple issues.

The commission has spent well over \$100,000 on out-of-state consultants over the course of more than two years. Why is there nothing to show for it?

The issue of Lewiston-Auburn merger has been studied and rejected for decades. There will be no cost savings resulting from a merger. There will be no cuts in police, fire, public works, school or administration budgets.

To the contrary, municipal employee salaries and benefits—which comprise by far the largest line items in municipal budgets—will increase significantly, as new union contracts are increased to the pay grades of whichever city is currently paying more.

The charter commission's claim that "more time is needed" to study the issue is a bogus effort to divert attention away from what would be a disaster at the polls this November for merger

proponents. It is time for the Lewiston-Auburn Joint Charter Commission to stop playing games. We oppose your crazy idea. And we are not going away.

### Tambrands

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ployees from the Auburn Tambrands Flexi Center made the blankets for clients of SeniorsPlus as part of the annual community service project sponsored by Procter & Gamble. The goal of the site project, called "Day of Caring," is to give back to people in need in Androscoggin County and surrounding communities. Employees of Procter & Gamble-Tambrands Inc. donated their time on that day.

### Concert for homeless veterans September 18

Debbie Myers and Friends will host the 7th annual Maine's Homeless Veterans Benefit Concert on Sunday, September 18 at noon at the Augusta Civic Center. All proceeds will support the annual "Stand Down" event at the Togus Veterans Administration building in Chelsea, a day when as many homeless veterans that can be reached are brought together to access services provided by the VA and other organizations.

The goal is to find permanent housing for as many veterans as possible. Prior to the first of the six annual concerts, there were over 1,200 homeless veterans in Maine. The latest informa-

tion shows that number is now down to 438.

This year's event will feature some of Maine's talented Country Music entertainers, including Debbie Morin, Peter Allen, Nashville resident Shirley Myers, Allison Ames, Travis Pinkham, Ken & Jane Brooks; a talented house band; and "A Celebration of Conway Twitty and Loretta

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### New Gloucester hosts candidate forums

New Gloucester community access TV Channel 3 will televise two political forums that are open to the public. Incumbent Eleanor Espling and challenger Elijah Breton have been invited to participate in a House District 65 forum on Wednesday, September 14 at 7 p.m., while incumbent Eric Brakey and challenger Kimberly Sampson have been invited to participate in

a Senate District 20 forum on Friday, September 23 at 7 p.m.

Both events will take place at the Meetinghouse at 389 Intervale Road in New Gloucester. Tamilyn Wayboer will serve as the moderator for the House forum, while Beverly Cadigan will serve as the moderator for the Senate forum. Voters are encouraged to send See Forum, page 6

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# What's Going On

## Historical Soc. meeting explores Lisbon's Franco roots

At the next meeting of the Lisbon Historical Society on Wednesday, Sept. 12 at 7 p.m., Fr. Robert Parent, director of the Maine Franco-American Genealogical Society, will discuss the Franco-American heritage of the Lisbon area. The long journey that brought the ancestors of many Lisbon-area families from France to Canada and then to South-Central Maine has many fascinating details. Fr. Parent will describe the circumstances that lead them to make this long journey to a new life far from home, will explain the origins of many family names, and will provide helpful details about

researching Franco-American ancestry.

The archives of the Maine Franco-American Genealogical Society at 217 Turner Street in Auburn house more than 3,000 volumes of genealogical material. Many of these are comprised of church records, family histories, and obituaries that are useful in tracing Franco-American families and ancestors.

Lisbon Historical Society is located in the MTM Center on School Street in Lisbon Falls. Parking and entrance are at the rear of the building. For more info., call 353-8510 or email LisbonHistSoc@gmail.com.

## MEREDA hosts L-A Networking Social

After the summer break, make plans to join the Maine Real Estate & Development Association for its annual L-A Fall Networking Social on Thursday, September 22 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Baxter Brewing Co. in Lewiston. Located in the historic Bates Mill, Baxter Brewing Co. currently distributes its craft beers in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont.

MEREDA's networking events attract key players in Maine's real estate industry. Come enjoy great food, Maine-made beer, and lively conversation with colleagues, friends and other industry professionals. For

those interested in learning more about the brewery, a guided tour will be available fifteen minutes before the event, at 4:45 p.m.

The registration price until September 15 is \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members; rates after that date increase by \$10. No refunds will be granted to anyone who registers but fails to attend or cancels after September 15. For more information or to register online, see [www.mereda.org](http://www.mereda.org).

## Forum

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questions in advance to be asked by the moderators. The deadline for submitting questions is Thursday, September 8 for the House forum and Saturday, September 17 for the Senate forum. Send questions to [ngcabletv@gmail.com](mailto:ngcabletv@gmail.com). The format will also include an opportunity for audience members to ask questions.

Both forums will be telecast live and then rebroadcasted on NGTV Channel 3 on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. leading up to Election Day. Also, the programs will be available as video on demand at [www.newgloucester.com](http://www.newgloucester.com).

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## Chamber offers three workshops this week

The LA Metro Chamber of Commerce will present the following workshops this week. All will take place in the Chamber's conference room at 415 Lisbon Street in Lewiston. Unless otherwise noted, the registration fee is \$50 (\$25 for Chamber members) per workshop. For more information, call the Chamber at 783-2249. To register, see [www.LAMetroChamber.com](http://www.LAMetroChamber.com).

On Wednesday, September 14 from noon to 1:30 p.m., the Chamber will present its next "Technology: What Do You Know About 'IT'?" workshop, "Introduction to Access." Databases are useful tools that allow us to collect and store data about things like customers, inventory, orders, etc. They also allow us to organize our data in a way that removes redundancies and allows us to perform operations that are not possible using a spreadsheet. This course will give participants an introduction to databases and how you might use them. While there are many types of databases out there, Microsoft Access will be used for this demonstration. If you have outgrown Excel or have a stack of paper that stands in as your customer relations tool, this course is for you. No experience is needed, just a desire to learn something new.

The workshop will be presented by William Wade, owner of Dirigo Software Solutions, a company that specializes in helping companies save time and money through technology. He is a veteran of the U.S. Marine

Corps and a graduate of USM with a Bachelor's of Science in Business Administration. He has been working in the information technology field since he left the Marine Corps in 1998, but has been a computer nerd since the day his father brought home the Tandy 1000HX.

On Thursday, September 15 from 8 to 9:30 a.m., the Chamber will present its next Mind Your Business workshop, "LinkedIn - Making Connections for Business Success." Presented by Judi Jones, principal of InfoHarbor LLC, an online marketer and website developer in business since 1998, and the Association for Consulting Expertise, this seminar is targeted toward business professionals who want to use LinkedIn as a sales or business-building tool or who are looking to change jobs. Participants will learn how to make LinkedIn an advantage for their business. What can LinkedIn do for you? Learn how to optimize your LinkedIn profile, how to build your network on LinkedIn and how to interact to build your credibility and connections.

On Thursday, September 15 from noon to 2 p.m., the Chamber, in partnership with the Central Maine Human Resource Association and the Lewiston Career-Center, will host the HR Thursday workshop "How to Win the War for Talent." This workshop is available free of charge for members of the Central Maine Human Resource Association.

Companies spend a pile of money and enormous amounts of time attracting, hiring, on-boarding and training people. Then comes the time for the annual performance review and its priority is slotted behind everything else. If this sounds like your company, it may be time to re-think the performance review as your key tool to boost retention and save a ton of money and time.

This workshop will be presented by Art Boulay (CEO) and Sue MacArthur (VP) of Strategic Talent Management. A Certified Master Coach and an Odyssey Certified Consultant, Art Boulay is also a recognized leader in the appli-

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# YWCA

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found the Center for Service Learning at Bates College in order to connect students to the Lewiston-Auburn community through meaningful work and service.

In 2000, Rotundo was elected to the Maine Senate and served until 2008. While in the Senate, she chaired the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee and the State and Local Government Committee. She also served on the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee, the Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Committee, and the Senate Ethics Committee, among others. Rotundo was elected to the Maine House of Representatives in 2008, where she served on the Government Oversight Committee and as Chair of the Citizen Trade Policy Commission. She has served on the Appropriations Committee for the past eight years, most recently as Chair.

She is currently the Director of Strategic and Policy Initiatives at the Bates College Harvard Center for Community Partnerships. Representative Rotundo has dedicated her career in both Maine politics and higher education to the betterment of the Lewiston-Auburn community. She has been a constant advocate for equal opportunity in education, women's rights and advancement, and racial equity. Her civic leadership and commitment to mentoring and advocating for women and girls makes her exemplary Lee Young Leadership awardee.

The Priscilla Gendron Legacy Award will recognize the work and impact of Barbara Trafton. Trafton's career has spanned diverse fields, including education, public service as a legislator in the State of Maine, and organizational development. Trafton holds a B.A. from Wellesley College, an M.Ed. from the University of Southern Maine, and an M.B.A. from Northeastern University. She began her career at the YWCA of Central Maine as the first Director of the YWCA pool. Her educational work has included teaching positions at Gray-New Gloucester Middle School, Maine Teacher Core, and Carrabassett Valley Academy.

She served two terms in the Maine State House and Senate and was a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Energy and the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services (House) and the Joint Standing Committee on the Judiciary and the Joint Standing Committee on Public Utilities (Senate).

Trafton has also worked extensively in fundraising and development for nonprofit community organizations in the Lewiston-Auburn area. In the 1980s, she served as Vice President of Development at the Sisters of Charity Health System and developed St. Mary's Annual Fund. She has also led numerous development projects as a volunteer consultant and board member. Beginning in 2000, Trafton led the successful six-year, \$7.25 million campaign to restore and expand Auburn Public Library, where

she currently serves on the Board of Trustees. From 2005-2014, she chaired the Garcelon Society and led fundraising for the Bates College Androscoggin Fund, which provides scholarships for students from the greater Lewiston-Auburn area. Trafton also served on the Board of Trustees of the Nature Conservancy from 2004-2014 and co-chaired the \$100 million campaign to support conservation in the State of Maine. She continues to volunteer with the World Office of the Nature Conservancy around trustee engagement.

She is a volunteer consultant for numerous community nonprofits, including recent work with the Bicycle Coalition of Maine. Trafton is also the author of "Women Winning: How to Run for Office." She is currently a realtor with the Maine Real Estate Network in Auburn. Trafton's years of public service and her contributions of time and expertise to some of Maine's most invaluable organizations make her an exceptional Legacy award honoree.

The award recipients will be honored at the 2016 Women of Achievement Awards Gala on Thursday, October 27 at Lewiston's new Agora Grand Event Center.



# What's Going On

## Ladies of St. Anne host Membership Meeting

The Ladies of St. Anne Sodality of Holy Family Parish will host their General Membership Meeting and Pot Pie Dinner on Wednesday, September 21 at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. A business meeting, with installation

of officers, counselors, and new and honorary members, will follow the dinner. Doors will open at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased until September 15 by calling Jeannine Berube at 783-3850.

## AREA Meeting

The September meeting of the Androscoggin Retired Educators Association will take place on Wednesday, September 14 at 10:30 a.m. at the Franco Center at 46 Cedar Street in Lewiston. The speaker for the meeting will be a representative of the Franco Center and a lunch of soup and assorted sandwiches will be served. The cost for the luncheon is \$11. Please bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to a local food bank.

All retired educators are welcome and need not have taught in Androscoggin County or even in the State of Maine to join. Dues are payable in September and are \$10 for retired educators, \$6 for spouses, and free for honorary members ages 85 years or older. Please send reservations by September 8 to Marsha Graham at 440 Mountainside Drive, Turner, Me 04282.

## Public Meeting on proposed Senior Center

A public information meeting to discuss the proposed Auburn Senior Center will take place on Tuesday, September 13 at 6 p.m. in the Hasty Community Center, located at

48 Pettengill Park Road in Auburn. The meeting will provide the public with an opportunity to view the proposed site of the new center and to offer suggestions and comments on the project.

## Chamber

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cation and interpretation of world-class individual and group assessment tools, including a derivative of the Hartman Value Profile. With a portfolio of clients across the United States, Europe and Australia, he

recently celebrated 25 years in management consulting. Sue MacArthur joined Strategic Talent Management as Vice President in 2016. Prior to moving to Maine, she had a dynamic corporate career in the areas of human resources, marketing, public relations, and operations.

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# What's Going On

## Humane Society, Petco team for adoption event

### Spiller's owner to speak at Rotary meeting

Spiller's owner Raymond Martel will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of the Lewiston-Auburn Rotary Club on Thursday, September 15 from noon to 1 p.m. at the Ramada Inn of Lewiston. Guests are welcome to attend.

Martel took a sales position at Spiller's in 1978, was named general manager in 1980 and vice president in 1982, and purchased the company in 1984. By 2002, the Company had expanded to four locations throughout New England. Along with his wife, Rhonda, he founded RGM Leasing in 1986, and he established AEM

Self Storage in 2007.

A Rotarian since 1982, Martel is active in the community and has had volunteer affiliations with Marcotte Nursing Home, St. Mary's Hospital, Youth Hockey, Junior Achievement, the Androscoggin County Chamber of Commerce, Lewiston Development Corp., Holy Cross Parish and St. Dom's Academy, Central Maine Community College, the United Way and the Lewiston-Auburn Economic Growth Council.

He cherishes spending time with his grandchildren and enjoys tennis, golf, jet skiing, skiing and snowmo-



Raymond Martel

biling. For more information about the meeting, call 753-9040 or email [monica.millhime@maine.gov](mailto:monica.millhime@maine.gov).

The Greater Androscoggin Humane Society and the Petco Foundation will host a lifesaving adoption event at the Petco store on Mount Auburn Avenue in Auburn on Saturday and Sunday, September 10 and 11, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thanks to the generosity and assistance of the Petco Foundation, dozens of dogs, cats, puppies and kittens of many different breeds, sizes and colors will be available for adoption at the store during these hours.

All pets will be spayed or neutered, micro-chipped and up-to-date on their vaccinations before going to their new homes. Adoption fees will be waived on all adult cats (six months of age and older) and adult dogs (one year of age and older) throughout the weekend. This fee waiver does not include transfer dogs. Adoption fees of all kittens will be \$100.



Adoption fees for all kittens will be \$100; fees for all adult cats (six months and over) and dogs (one year and over) will be waived.

The Greater Androscoggin Humane Society is located at 55 Strawberry Avenue in Lewiston. For more information about volunteering at the shelter or adopting an animal, call 783-2311, follow them on Facebook at "gahumane" or see [www.SavingPetsIn-Maine.org](http://www.SavingPetsIn-Maine.org).

### Coffeehouse opens season with Anni Clark



The Village Coffeehouse of New Gloucester opens its 2016-17 performance season with a blend of folk, pop, blues and a dash of Maine humor, all provided by singer-songwriter Anni Clark on Saturday, September 10 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 at the door. In October, performances return to their usual first Saturday of every month through June. Village Coffeehouse is at 19 Gloucester Hill Road. For more information, call 653-4823.

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## Franco Center offers "Fun in French" for kids

The Franco Center's winter session of Saturday-morning "Fun in French" classes for children ages 4 to 12 will begin on September 17. The course will consist of six 90-minute sessions meeting from 10 to 11:30 a.m. No prior language experience is necessary, but an adult caregiver should accompany each child ages 8 and under. A full schedule of classes will be available at the first session or can be acquired by contacting the center.

The goal of the course is to provide an opportunity for families to learn activities in French that they can then build upon with each session. The foundation of the course is the Maine French Heritage Language Program curriculum, which includes a wide range of fun activities influenced by the local Franco-American and other French-speaking cultures. Crafts, songs and story-telling are a major components of the classes.

Taught by Jacynthe Jacques, a native of the Eastern Township region of Quebec who has lived



The course is taught by Jacynthe Jacques, a native of the Eastern Township region of Quebec who has lived in the Lewiston area for over 20 years.

in the Lewiston area for over 20 years, the course is offered free of charge through grants provided by the French American Cultural Exchange Program of New York, the L-A Children's Foundation and others.

To hold the course, the Franco Center requires a minimum enrollment of five students. Maximum enrollment is fifteen. For more information or to register, call the Center at 783-1585 or email [jjacques@franco-center.org](mailto:jjacques@franco-center.org).

## Skyline Farm plans benefit 5K



The course is a loop through Skyline Farm's woods and field trails and nearby Yarmouth Water District land. (Photo by Betsy Tomlinson)

In conjunction with North Yarmouth Fun Day on Saturday, September 17, Skyline Farm will host a benefit 5K Trail Run-Walk at 8 a.m. The course will consist of a loop through Skyline Farm's woods and field trails and nearby Yarmouth Water District land.

Prizes will go to the first place overall male and female runners and to the top runners in eight age categories ranging from 14 and under to 70 and over. The first 50 people who

register in advance will receive a free t-shirt. The advance registration fee is \$20. To sign up, see [www.RunSignUp.com](http://www.RunSignUp.com).

Participants may also register on race day from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. for \$25. For more information, contact Jennifer at 415-6830 or [info@skylinefarm.org](mailto:info@skylinefarm.org).

Skyline Farm is a nonprofit organization located at 95 The Lane in North Yarmouth. For more information, see [www.skylinefarm.org](http://www.skylinefarm.org).

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## Community invited to meet new police chief

The Town of Lisbon will hold a welcoming reception for new Chief of Police Marc R. Hagan on Tuesday, September 13 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Lisbon Community School at 33 Mill Street. Members of the community are invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

A twenty-five-year veteran of the Brunswick Police Department, Hagan currently serves in the



New Chief of Police Marc R. Hagan will meet community members at Lisbon Community School on Tuesday, September 13. See **Chief**, page 15



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# TWIN CITY NIGHTS

## Weekly Arts & Entertainment

### Henderson to discuss new book at APL

Local historian and author John Henderson will visit Auburn Public Library on Monday, September 12 at 6 p.m. to discuss his new book, "Na Eireannach Na hAndroscoggin: The Irish of the Androscoggin." In this new book, Henderson goes deeper into the story of the Irish in Lewiston and Auburn than he did in previous works and expands his range to cover Lisbon, Minot, Poland, Wales, Leeds, and Greene. New topics covered include Irish women, newspapers, John Murphy homes, theater, the mili-

tary, and more. The new book also presents ten boldly colorful plates, created by the author himself, of Lewiston and Auburn architecture closely associated with the Irish.

Free and open to the public, the program will take place in the Androscoggin Community Room. Copies of the book will be available for purchase. For those unable to attend on September 12, Henderson will present an encore presentation of the program on September 26, also at 6 p.m. For more information, call 333-6640, ext. 4.

### Chocolate Church presents "Pirates of Penzance"

The Chocolate Church Arts Center will kick off its 2016-17 performance season with Gilbert & Sullivan's classic operetta "The Pirates of Penzance." Beloved since its premiere in 1879, this fun-for-all-ages comedic farce will showcase a diverse cast, talented musicians and outstanding production crew. Shows will take place on September 9, 10, 16 and 17 at 7 p.m. and September 11 and 18 at 2 p.m. The center is located at 804 Washington Street in Bath.

This is the center's second season kick-off featuring a Gilbert and Sullivan production directed by Wayne Otto. For many years, Gilbert and Sullivan operettas were produced annually on the center's main stage by the Brunswick Choral Society lead by Priscilla Montgomery, who also taught theater arts at Morse High School and directed their annual variety show, MO-HIBA.



The cast of the beloved Gilbert & Sullivan operetta, which runs September 9 through 18.

Gilbert and Sullivan's most popular show, The Pirates of Penzance (or "The Slave of Duty") is a rollicking, delightfully funny tale of a band of soft-tempered pirates. Mistakenly apprenticed to a pirate (instead of a pilot) by his nursemaid Ruth at the age of eight,

the handsome Frederic is now twenty-one. Though quite fond of the group of joyous and fun-loving pirates, he decides to abandon his profession to "lead a blameless life," henceforth dedicating himself instead to their eradication. Shortly after leaving the band,

he encounters a gaggle of beautiful maidens and their father, the eccentric Major-General.

Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. They can be purchased by calling 442-8455 or online at [www.chocolatechurcharts.org](http://www.chocolatechurcharts.org).



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## “Inventive Language of Shakespeare” at Bailey Library



The program is created and performed by David Greenham, who for 14 years served as the Producing Artistic Director of the Theater at Monmouth. (Photo by Andy Molloy)

Bailey Public Library in downtown Winthrop will present a program called “The Zany, Majestic Bard: Celebrating the Inventive Language of Shakespeare” on Tuesday, September 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Library’s King Event Room. This one-hour performance for

audience members of all ages will celebrate the incomparable language of Shakespeare’s plays, including “Hamlet,” “Romeo and Juliet,” “King Lear,” “As You Like It,” “Twelfth Night” and others.

Free and open to the public, the program is creat-

ed and performed by David Greenham, who is well-known in the Winthrop Lakes Region, having spent 14 years as the Producing Artistic Director of the Theater at Monmouth. Greenham is also the creator of several popular Maine Humanities Council programs, including the award-winning “Taxing Maine” and, most recently, “Maine at Work.” He is an adjunct professor of drama at the University of Maine at Augusta and program director of the Holocaust and Human Rights Center of Maine. He lives in Readfield with his wife and son.

The event is part of the ongoing Lakes Region Forum, held at Bailey Library and sponsored by the Winthrop Public Library Foundation through a grant from the Maine Humanities Council and the Maine State Library. For more information, call the library at 377-8673 or visit [bailey-library.org](http://bailey-library.org).

# Twin City Nights

## Basilica concerts conclude this week

The Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul in Lewiston will host its final concert of the summer when organist Randall Mullin, accompanied by the Norumbega Brass Ensemble, performs on Wednesday, September 14 at 7:30 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public, but donations to restore the historic Casavant Organ will be gratefully accepted. The Basilica is located at 122 Ash Street in Lewiston.

A native of Columbus, Georgia, Randall Mullin received both Bachelor and Master of Music degrees in Organ (the latter with honors) from the Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore, where he studied with Arthur Howes and Cherry Rhodes. From 1975 until 2003, he served as Organist and Choirmaster at St. David’s in Baltimore, where he



Randall Mullin

worked with a professional mixed choir, boys’ choir and girls’ choir and established a concert series, which includes the fifteen-organist Baltimore Bach Marathon each February. He is currently a freelance musician living in southern Maine.

His work has been featured on four compact discs: a Christmas recording produced by the Baltimore Choral Arts Society; “St. David’s Sings,” a choral and organ disc produced by

St. David’s Church, Baltimore; and two choral recordings produced by the Church of the Redeemer in Baltimore. More recently, he has extended his recognition throughout the world by his presence on the internet. His website contains over one hundred of his recordings and he has nearly sixty high definition videos on YouTube. Because of the video exposure, he has been asked to record videos of the works of several contemporary composers from North America and Europe.

He has also written tutorials for the Hauptwerk Virtual Pipe Organ, a computer program that allows organists to play virtual replicas of exceptional pipe organs found throughout the world. For more information, see [www.randall-mullin.com](http://www.randall-mullin.com).

## Autumn Pie & Arts benefit at Norlands



Norlands Board President Carolyn Lawson will present “Under the Dress - Victorian Secrets,” in which she’ll discuss how women’s clothing in the Civil War era was constructed to create the distinctive Victorian silhouette. (Photograph by Patricia Turner)

Step into the past with a mansion tour, two fashion shows, and an old-fashioned pie sale when the

Washburn-Norlands Living History Center presents its sixth annual Autumn Pie & Arts fundraiser on Saturday,

September 10 from 1 to 4 p.m. This year’s event will feature a focus on Civil War-era fashion. Historical clothing from the museum’s extensive costume collection will be on display in the 1867 Washburn Family mansion and two fashion shows will be presented.

At 1:30 p.m., Norlands Board President Carolyn Lawson will present “Under the Dress - Victorian Secrets,” in which she’ll discuss the ideal of beauty in the Civil War era and show how clothing was constructed to create the distinctive Victorian silhouette. At 2:30 p.m., Norlands interpreters portraying Patty Washburn, her daughter Caroline Washburn Holmes, and her daughter-in-law Adele Gratiot, will present “Hats to Hoops: What the Washburn Women Wore.” They will share their perspective on

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## Auburn Art Club hosts speaker Pat Clement

The Auburn Art Club will meet on Monday, September 12 at 2 p.m. at Park Avenue Methodist Church. The hostesses for the meeting will be Chairperson Lula

Farrington, Sharon Beaudoin, Mary Houlihan, Barbara Mitchell, Carol Seward, and Stephanie Upton.

The guest speaker will be Pat Clement. A Maine

native and retired Maine public school teacher, Clement is a self-taught artist whose passion for painting on natural eggs began in the

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# Twin City Nights

## Cupcakery gets new name, location

The local non-profit bakery formerly known as The Cupcakery, henceforth to be called The Cupcakery Café and Bakeshop, will take a big leap forward this week when it moves to its new location at 56 Sabattus Street in Lewiston. The Chamber of Commerce will join them for a ribbon cutting ceremony at that new location on Friday, September 9 at 10 a.m. The

public is invited to attend. After two successful years at their former location on Lisbon Street, management has decided to take advantage of opportunities the new location will afford, such as more seating, more parking, and more baked goods, including quality-made custom cakes and wedding cakes.

While the name and location will change,

customers will still be able to enjoy their favorites, such as espresso drinks, breakfast and lunch selections, and cupcakes. Their mission to help people in the community will also remain the same: the bakery provides a variety of work opportunities for adults with physical or cognitive disabilities, who are supported in learning job skills and earning competitive wages in their work. All

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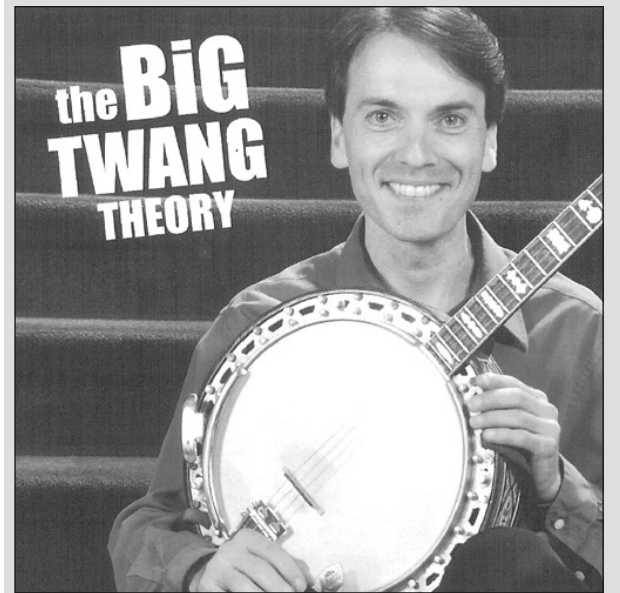
For more information about The Cupcakery Café and Bakeshop, contact Bakery Manager Angelique Tamburo at 784-CAKE or atamburo@oeime.org.

## Clement

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 early 1990's. Known locally and regionally for her work, she finds that this unusual form of "canvas" allows ample expression for family stories in picture form, special-ordered documentations of family histories, and traditional celebrations of family life. By extending her technique to include intricate carvings by dental drill, she is also able to insert eggs within eggs. A student of the "old school" Palmer method of penmanship, she enjoys combining hand-written sonnets and song lyrics with floral details.

Her work has been displayed in Boston, New Hampshire and coastal Maine tourist shops. Presently she displays at Anita Poulin's Greenwood Gallery in the Danville section of Auburn. For more information about the meeting, call 782-4413.

## Banjoist returns to Sawyer Memorial



Banjoist Peter Mezoian returns to the Araxine Wilkins Sawyer Memorial in Greene for performances on Friday, September 9 at 2 and 7 p.m. The shows are free and open to the public.

"I owe a great deal of my career to Don Van Palta, a fantastic banjoist whom I first met in 1985 at the Araxine Wilkins Sawyer Memorial," says Mezoian. From that chance encounter came one week of intensive study with Van Palta, which in turn inspired Mezoian to work toward the goal of someday having his own stage show

like Van Palta. Five years later, Mezoian began a full-time career as a guest entertainer in the cruise ship industry. Contracts with Regency Cruises, Royal Cruise Lines, Royal Viking, and Cunard Line among others have since taken him to ports all over the world. For more information about Peter Mezoian, see www.peter-banjo.com.

Sawyer Memorial is at 371 Sawyer Road in Greene. For more information, call 946-5311, find them on Facebook, or see sawyer-foundation.com.

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**Thursday, September 8**

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La Rencontre. 11:30 a.m. Franco Center, 146 Cedar St., Lewiston. After the meal, musician and vocalist Louis Philippe performs songs in French and English. \$10. Reserve at 783-1585, [boxoffice@francocenter.org](mailto:boxoffice@francocenter.org).

Rotary Club Meeting. Noon to 1 p.m. Ramada Inn, Lewiston. WMTW-TV, Channel 8 assignment editor Sharon Deveau-Handy discusses why "It's Not Your Grandparents Evening News." Guests welcome. 753-9040; [monica.millhime@maine.gov](mailto:monica.millhime@maine.gov).

**Friday, September 9**

Fundraising Seminar. 8 a.m. to noon. Hilton Garden Inn, Auburn. The LA Metro Chamber presents fundraising expert Nancy Bocskor, who discusses her book "Go Fish: How to Catch (and Keep) Contributors." 783-2249; register at [www.LAMetroChamber.com](http://www.LAMetroChamber.com).

Food for Thought Luncheon. 11:30 a.m. Room 170, Lewiston-Auburn College. Independent historian Steve Rogers ponders: "Were There German Spies on Monhegan Island During World War I?" \$7/8, incl. lunch. For adv. price, register at 753-6510 by noon on 9/7.

Concert: Banjoist Peter Mezoian. 2 and 7 p.m. Sawyer Memorial, 371 Sawyer Rd., Greene. This longtime cruise ship entertainer was inspired to take up the banjo by a performance he saw at Sawyer Memorial in 1985. Free. 946-5311; [sawyer-foundation.com](http://sawyer-foundation.com).

Theater: "The Pirates of Penzance." 7 p.m. Chocolate Church Arts Center, 804 Washington St., Bath. The center kicks off its new season with the classic Gilbert & Sullivan operetta. Again 9/10, 11, 16, 17 and 18 (Suns. at 2 p.m.). \$12 (\$15 at door). 442-8455; [www.chocolatechurcharts.org](http://www.chocolatechurcharts.org).

**Saturday, September 10**

Greek Festival. 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Hogan Rd., Lewiston. All are invited to enjoy the foods, music and dancing of Greece; church tours, tag sale. Free admission.

Pet Adoption Event. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Petco, Mt. Auburn Ave., Auburn. The Humane Soc. and the Petco Foundation team up to make dozens of dogs, cats, puppies and kittens avail. for adoption; fees waived for adult cats and dogs. Again 9/11. 783-2311.

# Calendar

See more Calendar at [www.TwinCityTimes.com](http://www.TwinCityTimes.com)

D.A.R. Meeting. 11 a.m. Hope Haven, 209 Lincoln St., Lewiston. The Mary Dillingham-Burnt Meadow Chapter hosts John Robbins to speak on the U.S. Constitution. Please bring a bag lunch; prospective members welcome.

Pie & Arts Fundraiser. 1 to 4 p.m. Washburn-Norlands Living History Center, 290 Norlands Rd., Livermore. This event features home-made pies for sale whole (\$12) or by the slice, two fashion shows, mansion tours, and live music. \$5 (kids ages 12- free). 897-4366; [www.norlands.org](http://www.norlands.org).

Bean Supper. 5 p.m. Calvary United Methodist Church, Lewiston (use garden entrance on Bartlett St.). Baked beans, hot dogs, assorted casseroles (incl. vegetarian), biscuits, salads, home-made pies. Adults \$7.50, children \$3.

Square & Round Dancing. 7 to 10 p.m. Oxford Hills Middle School, 100 Pine St., So. Paris. Walter Lougee calls the squares and Carol Arsenault cues the rounds; pres. by the Swingin' Bears Square Dance Club. \$7 (non-dancers free). 892-6971; [swinginbears.squaredanceme.us](http://swinginbears.squaredanceme.us).

Concert: Anni Clark. 7:30 p.m. Village Coffeehouse, 19 Gloucester Hill Rd., New Gloucester. This singer-songwriter combines folk, pop and blues with a dash of Maine humor. \$10 at the door. 653-4823.

Maine Event Comedy. 8 p.m. Lewiston Elks

Lodge, 1675 Lisbon Rd. Host Mark Turcotte welcomes Brian Brinegar, Mark Reilly and nationally touring comedian Kelly MacFarland. Ages 21+; doors at 7:00. \$12 (\$10 in advance). [maineeventcomedy.com](http://maineeventcomedy.com).

**Sunday, September 11**

Lewiston Farmer's Market. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Municipal Parking Lot, corner of Lincoln & Main. Enjoy family-fun activities while buying fresh, local goods and products. Sundays through mid-October. 513-3848; [lewistonfarmers-market@gmail.com](mailto:lewistonfarmers-market@gmail.com).

**Monday, September 12**

Book Discussion. 12:30 p.m. Auburn Public Library. The Auburn Page Turners discuss Vicki Constantine Croke's "Elephant Story of an Unlikely Hero and the Animals Who Helped Him Save Lives in World War II." Free.

Auburn Art Club Meeting. 2 p.m. Park Ave. Methodist Church, Auburn. Guest speaker Pat Clement discusses her unusual technique of painting on various sizes of natural eggs. 782-4413.

Author Visit. 6 p.m. Auburn Public Library. Local historian and author John Henderson discusses his new book, "Na Eireannach Na hAndroscoffin: The Irish of the Androscoffin." Copies avail. for purchase. 333-6640, ext. 4.

Lisbon Historical Soc. Meeting. 7 p.m. MTM Center, School St., Lisbon

Falls. Fr. Robert Parent of the Maine Franco-American Genealogical Soc. discusses the Franco-American heritage of the Lisbon area. Free. Park in rear. 353-8510.

**Tuesday, September 13**

Welcoming Reception. 5 to 7 p.m. Lisbon Community School, 33 Mill St., Lisbon. Community members are invited to meet new Chief of Police Marc R. Hagan; refreshments.

Public Meeting. 6 p.m. Hasty Community Center, 48 Pettengill Park Rd., Auburn. The public is invited to view the potential site of a proposed new Senior Center and to offer suggestions and comments on the project.

Tuesdays at the Gazebo. 6:30 p.m. Village green, Rt. 117, Turner Center. Mary Murphy performs. Suggested donations of \$5-10 go to the musicians.

Library Program. 6:30 p.m. King Event Room, Bailey Public Library, Wintthrop. Longtime Theater at Monmouth Artistic Director David Greenham presents "The Zany, Majestic Bard: Celebrating the Inventive Language of Shakespeare." Free. 377-8673; [baileylibrary.org](http://baileylibrary.org).

**Wednesday, September 14**

AREA Meeting. 10:30 a.m. Franco Center, 46 Cedar St., Lewiston. The Andro. Retired Educators Assoc. meets for an address by a Franco Center

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