

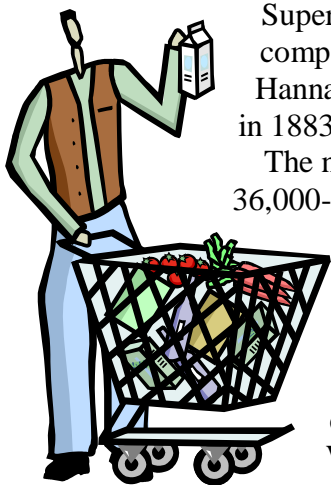
Chamber News

October 2009

PRODUCE AND POLTERGEISTS ARE FEATURED IN CHAMBER'S OCTOBER EVENTS

Hannaford Manager to Speak at OCTOBER BREAKFAST MEETING

Now that the new Hannaford has been open in Winthrop for a few months, Manager Moe Bilodeau will share what's in "store" for us at the Chamber breakfast meeting on Thursday, October 1. Bilodeau will provide information about the Winthrop store, Hannaford



Supermarkets, and the company that Arthur Hannaford founded in Portland in 1883.

The new Hannaford is a 36,000-square-foot store with a pharmacy and an expanded selection of organic foods.

Hannaford also operates a state-of-the-art distribution center in Winthrop.

Each year, Hannaford donates about \$4 million through charitable donations and sponsorships within the communities served by its 167 stores. With the grand opening of its store in Winthrop, Hannaford has already generously contributed to the fire department and the food bank.

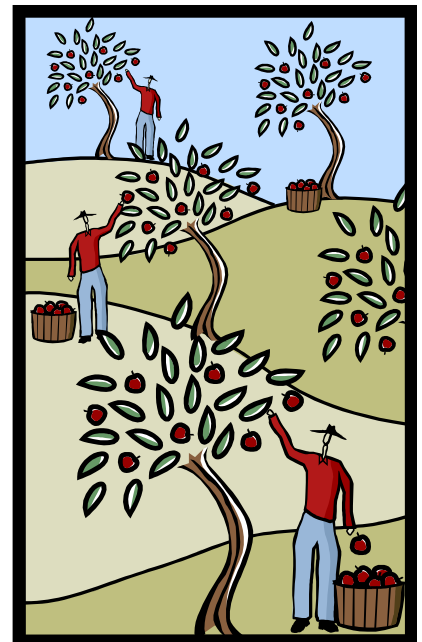
Twenty-three years ago, Bilodeau started working at Hannaford as a grocery clerk. Since that time, he has held almost every conceivable position while working his way up to store manager. Prior to managing the Hannaford in Winthrop, Bilodeau managed stores in Oxford and Bridgton.



The Chamber breakfast meeting on Thursday, October 1 will be held at the Winthrop Area Federal Credit Union (located at the intersection of Route 202 and Highland Avenue in Winthrop). The cost is \$5 per person, to be paid at the door. A light breakfast will be provided beginning at 7:15 am and the meeting will start at 7:30 am and end promptly at 8:30 am. The meeting, which is generously sponsored by **Brian S. Berry & Associates, CPAs**, is open to the public. No reservations are required.

Manchester Apple Festival to Be HELD ON OCTOBER 3

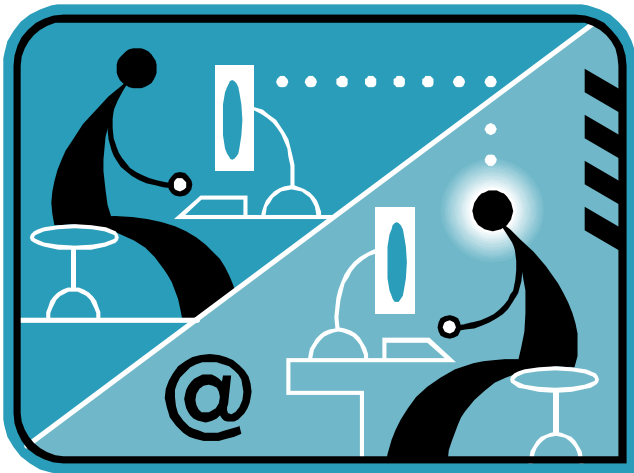
Sponsored in part by the Winthrop Area Chamber of Commerce, the Sixth Annual Manchester Apple Festival will once again feature a Saturday of family-oriented, fun-filled activities, entertainment, music, and more at Lakeside Orchards in Manchester.



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Chamber Sponsors QuickBooks ADVANCED TRAINING COURSE

The Chamber is sponsoring a QuickBooks Advanced Training session on Tuesday, October 27. More information about the training will be available soon.



Business After Horrors Event at KENNEBEC SAVINGS BANK

The Halloween Business After Hours event, (g)hosted by **Kennebec Savings Bank**, will take place on Thursday, October 29 from 5 to 7 pm at the Winthrop branch, located at 84 Main Street. More detailed information about this frighteningly fun event is coming soon.



Best Places to Work in Maine ANNOUNCED FOR 2009

The Maine State Council of the Society for Human Resources Management (SHRM) has announced that 31 companies have been named in the fourth annual "Best Places to Work in Maine" program. From this list the first, second and third rankings for the small/medium-sized company and the large company categories will be announced at an awards banquet on October 13, 2009, at the Ramada Conference Center in Lewiston. The awards banquet will include a keynote address from motivational speaker Jay Wallus.

The 2009 Best Places to Work in Maine program recognizes companies that have established and consistently fostered outstanding workplace environments.

The assessment process, administered by the Best Companies Group, evaluated each company's employee policies and procedures as well as responses from the company's employees. The program marks the most recent step in a long-term initiative to encourage growth and excellence throughout all Maine companies.

The program also helps companies that want to improve their score. The Best Companies Group "Employee Feedback Report" is presented to each participating company, even if they did not make the list. The report includes the summarized employee engagement and satisfaction data, the Maine Benchmark Report, and the transcript of employee written comments. The report is used by many organizations to make significant improvements in their workplace culture.

Further details about the "Best Places to Work in Maine" program and the awards banquet can be found online at www.bestplacestoworkinme.com.

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Member News & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Open House at Charles M Bailey Public Library in Winthrop

To thank the many community volunteers for their assistance and all Winthrop area residents for their patience during the aftermath of the library fire, the Charles M. Bailey Public Library in Winthrop will celebrate the library re-opening with an open house on Saturday, September 26 from 1 to 3 pm. that have taken place following the tragic fire last March. The nearly 100-year-old library building has undergone a comprehensive cleaning, and the library staff and trustees look forward to showing off the freshly painted walls, new carpets, professionally cleaned books, and other restorations.

The open house will include refreshments, music, face painting, and other activities, as well as the opportunity to view the three-dimensional architectural model of what the library might look like following anticipated future expansion.

The Charles M. Bailey Public Library is located at 39 Bowdoin Street in Winthrop. For more information, please call 207-377-5923.

TAM's Production of *Carousel* Continues in October

The Theater At Monmouth continues its production of *Carousel* with performances during the first weekend in October. *Carousel* will be performed on Thursday and Friday, October 1 and 2 at 7:30 pm; Saturday, October 3 at 2 pm and 7:30 pm; and Sunday, October 4 at 2 pm. For tickets and more information, call the box office at 207-933-9999.

Do you have news about your business that you'd like to share with your Chamber colleagues? Send an email message to info@winthropchamber.org and we'll put it in the Chamber News.

Proposed Meetings for COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING

The schedule of proposed comprehensive planning meetings for the Town of Winthrop has been laid out as follows:

Mon., Sept. 28: Marketing and Communication

Tues., Oct. 13: Where and How Do We Grow?

Mon., Oct. 26: Housing

Mon., Nov. 9: Residential Agriculture

Mon., Nov. 23: Economic Development in the
Downtown

Mon., Dec. 14: Mill Stream Area

Mon., Jan. 11: Economic Development Outside
of the Downtown

Mon., Jan. 25: Planning for Significant Fun
Community Events

Mon., Feb. 8: Preserving our History

Mon., Feb. 22: Private Roads

Tues., March 9: Water and Sewer

Maine Revenue Services Sales AND USE TAX SEMINARS

Maine Revenue Services continues to hold its Sales and Use Tax Seminars in October. To reduce travel time, eliminate the need to leave businesses during work hours, and make these sessions affordable, these seminars are being held at numerous locations across the state, during the afternoon and evening hours and at no charge. For information, call Maine Revenue Services at 207-624-9693.

Advertise Your Business on THE CHAMBER WEB SITE

The current state of the economy makes it more important than ever to promote your business—and advertising on the Chamber's Web site is a cost-effective way to do it. Advertising rates are posted at www.winthropchamber.org/advertising.html. For more information about advertising on the Chamber site, call 207-377-8020 or send an email to info@winthropchamber.org.

H1N1 Flu Reminder: CDC Info AVAILABLE ONLINE

The CDC has guidance online for non-healthcare employers at www.flu.gov. Employers should check the Web site periodically for updated guidance.

