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Dining Near Water! What Could Be Better?

by Esther J. Perne

Beautiful lakes, big rivers, scenic drives, good food! Add vacationers, visitors, and residents in the summer celebration mode, and the mix is awesome.

Start at the heart! Belgrade Lakes Village combines an aura of the café society to complement its historic inns and local grills. Along Main - the one street in town - picnic tables with colorful umbrellas invite the walkers, the families with children, the dogs with owners in tow.

Here, the breezes blow in off Long Pond and the Great Pond stream, visitors are never far from a glimpse of water and the call of the loon can be heard during a quiet moment. Here, there are parks on the water and docks and marinas where lake dwellers come and go by boat. Here, there are decisions to be made about type of fare (there's quite a range from one edge of town to the other) and plans to be laid to return sans children and dogs for an adult meal out.

At rough count there are a dozen (on market day a baker's dozen) inviting stops in or near the Village, on or near the water, where food beckons. From the inviting smells of baked goods to the cooling feel of an ice cream treat one eating stop can lead to another...and beyond.

Beyond the Village, water is still the great denominator for an awesome dining experience. There are other villages, and towns, on the lakes and rivers, and other eating options with water in their names.

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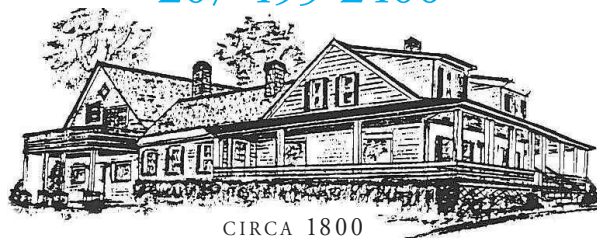
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Vienna Historical Society Plays Set for July 28 – 30



For the 34th consecutive year, the Vienna Historical Society will present humorous plays which vividly portray the foibles and eccentricities of small town life. The performances will take place in Vienna Union Hall at 7:00 pm on Thursday and Friday, July 28 and 29; and at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm on Saturday, July 30.

As in past years, the audience will be warmed up by the charming and delightful Brent Smith of Farmington leading everyone in old-time songs, and perhaps a dance or two. Ellie Andrews of Fayette will accompany on piano.

"Elvi's Tea Leaves," set in 1920s Vienna, was written by Beverly Wight Smith, who plays

Hannah, the hostess for a big family reunion, with hilarious repercussions. Her morning guest, the rather esoteric local mystic Elvira Greenleaf, from an area of Vienna known as Egypt, ignites a firestorm of amour by what she sees in her tea leaves. Even though the reunion guests are somewhat skeptical, the prescient Elvi is ever so right and romance, dalliances, flirtations, not to mention downright hanky-panky, infect each and every attendee. This family "reunion" ends with plenty of "new unions" – who knew?

The cast also includes Linda Bragdon, Judy Dunn, Steve Mallen, Dan Huettner, Clyde Dyar,

Barbara Gillman, Allan Harville, Eileen Lord, Ellie Andrews, Kitty Gee and Kevin Foster, with Carole O'Connell directing.

The second play of the evening, "Lakeside Whodunit," is adapted by Cheryl Herr-Rains from a 1919 play by Walter Ben Hare, and is co-directed by Dodi Thompson and Herr-Rains. The cast includes Don Petersen, Chris Crocker, Steve Mallen, Nate Kane, Claire Holman, Quimby Robinson, Rocio Carey, Alice Olson, Delaney Crocker, Muffy Floyd, Allison Kuhns, and Jane Rogers.

At the Belgrade Lakes Hotel, Sadie, a newly hired, sassy stenographer, finds herself surrounded by mysterious robberies. Among the varied and glamorous characters, Bunch, the bellboy explains who's who and what's what; Mrs. Crawley is sure the mysterious and quirky Mr. Dow must be the crook who stole her daughter's valuable pearl necklace, while her daughter claims he is not; Vicky knows he can't be because his nose is too handsome. A professional city detective is brought in to solve the case even as the robberies continue. So who did do it? Watch carefully for "red herrings" as true motives are revealed in this zany farce.

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Attend An Association Meeting
To Learn More About the Lakes

Food, friendship, water quality, pet peeves, research results, finances, invasives and more. Lake associations are the best forum for finding out what's up in local waters. Attend one or all of these annual events:

- East Pond Association**
Date: Saturday, July 16
Time: 10 am-noon
Place: Birchcrest on Bricket Point, East Pond Road, Oakland
Program: Business meeting, committee reports, cook out
Contact: www.eastpond.org
- North Pond Association**
Place: Fairview Grange, Smithfield
Date: Saturday, July 30
Time: 4-6 pm
Program: 4-5 pm Social Hour – enjoy appetizers and a cold beverage
5-6 pm Meeting
Contact: Jodie@northpond.net, 362-5533, 362-5013
You don't have to be a member to attend!
- Friends of Messalonskee**
Date: Saturday, July 30
Time: Time: 4:30 pm meeting; 5:30 pm BBQ; 7:30 pm Al Corey band
Place: Snow Pond Center for the Arts, 8 Goldenrod Lane, Sidney
Program: Meet-and-Greet, all are welcome to meet lake neighbors and learn about efforts on Messalonskee Lake; Guest speaker Maggie Shannon.
Contact: www.friendsofmesalonskee.com, 240-7440
- Belgrade Lakes Association**
Great Pond and Long Pond
Date: Sunday, July 31
Time: 3:30-6 pm
Place: Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons

Program: Speakers – World-renowned Limnologist Ken Wagner, PhD and Dr. Whitney King, Colby College water quality research report.
Contact: www.belgrade-lakesassociation.org, 512-5150

McGrath Pond/Salmon Lake Association
Date: Thursday, August 11
Time: 6 pm
Place: North Belgrade Community Center, Route 8
Program: Guest speaker Dr, Whitney King on the Belgrade Lakes Water Quality Initiative as it pertains to Salmon and McGrath.
Contact: 873-5285

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—The Luckiest Boy—

Remember when you were a kid going to the sea shore—or perhaps a friend's camp on the lake?

Remember the great fun jumping off the dock with your best buds, seeing people water skiing, fishing, and perhaps seeing a sailboat in the cove or out on the horizon? At that age and during the 1950s, we paid little or no attention to the strange craft with the white cloth hung all over the rigging. Our fun was focused on water play and dreams were of riding in a fast boat.

A couple or three years later when back at the lake again, a neighbor or your older cousin came by with what you were told was a "sunfish" sailboat. You and the other kids got a chance to ride in or on it.

Back at the dock the comments were mixed from "that was kind of neat" to "weird, we tipped over when the wind gusted."

As the years passed into adulthood and life may have become more than full, we also began to realize that some of life's mysteries still needed solving. For some of us it may have been what makes a plane fly, and for others it could have been how can a sailboat move forward into the wind. For the latter, some may have purchased an instructional manual on how to sail, or perhaps taken some beginner lessons. For others, and speaking for my wife Doris and me, we took what might be known as the "country bumpkin method," which was essentially to get a sailboat, put up the sails and figure it out based on what happens.

In or about 1987, we purchased an old 21-foot Luger sloop with a swing keel. Just to complicate the matter, the boat was moored on the Intracoastal Waterway in Boca Raton, Florida. The bottom was loaded with barnacles and the gulls and cormorants had been using it as a refuge for what might have been years.

After much ado, in April we hauled the boat to Maine behind an underpowered Mazda pickup, with no brakes on the trailer. This was after moving the axle on the trailer somewhat forward in my aunt Lydia and uncle Al's backyard in Boca. (They were my surrogate parents and VERY patient and understanding) After some miracles during the drive up route 95, the boat arrived in Belgrade. Spring weather permitting, the project started. After a couple of months of scraping barnacles, bottom painting, buffing and waxing the topsides and hull, our dream boat was shaping up. Sometime in mid-June the perfect day came and we launched the newly named BOCA BELLE into Great Pond. We had scrounged up a "goodnuff" 7.5 horsepower Force engine to act as a kicker when no wind was present (which actu-

Learnin' To Sail

by Rod Johnson



If you can sail the sailfish-you can sail the Morgan 41'

ally is quite often).

The next sort-of perfect day finally arrived, and with light to moderate winds, Doris, son John and I motored out into the cove. We had no clue how to sail. The first attempt was a complete failure, as we just raised the sails and all hell broke loose. The sails filled, we lost grip on the tiller (steering handle), the boat lurched in circles and the boom came across the boat and nearly hit us in the head. I yelled to drop the sails and both sails soon dropped onto the deck with us underneath. We effectively were inside a collapsed tent. Young John muttered something to the effect that as usual we had no idea what we were doing and he wanted off the boat. As the summer wore on, we gained a little knowledge from our sailing adventures. One typical calamity was the first attempt to sail across the lake from Pine Beach in North Belgrade and into the Lakes village. Doris was game to join me and as I captained the vessel towards The White Ledges on the way to town. I explained to Doris that I would aim up-wind of the ledges and sail right on by. Well, that didn't happen. The boat was mysteriously sailing somewhat sideways and ahead at the same time. We went directly into the ledges, the swing keel rode up over a rock, the boat stopped and fell back with the keel hooked on a large boulder. I told Doris not to worry and that I had read about "kedging off" when grounded. I began to get the anchor out of the locker to swim it out and set it. At that point she looked up from her book and said "why don't you just start the engine and move the boat ahead a little." I did so, the boat released itself from the rock, we blew off the ledges, reset the sails and went on our way. Who's to know!

As the years went by we got a fair handle on sailing on Great Pond and in Florida as well. Our last boat was a 41-foot Morgan sloop which gave us a winter home for 10 years and many chapters of sailing experiences. For all that, here's a little advice if you intend to become a sailor: Murphy is always lurking, ready to strike and foil your plans. The wind is always on your nose, or at least it seems that way. What boats like to do best is sink, so never trust a boat that is unattended. Last but not least, an old sailing cruiser in the Bahamas informed us that the two most important items on a sailboat are a good engine and good anchor—and he was right. Enjoy your sailing experiences, it is all worth the effort and we wouldn't trade ours for anything. Of course, when you are 70 years old you also get to tell stories like this. THE END

Author's note: Doris and I now have a 15-foot sailboat on Great Pond. The big boats are gone and we live in a small condo in Dunedin, Florida during the winters—looking out at lots of sailboats!



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— Take It Outside —

Flies Hatch as Summer Continues to Fly By

by Pete Kallin

The week began with sunny, windy weather. I hiked several local trails, including BRCA's Mountain Trail off Mountain Drive in Rome. There I met Ken Louis hiking with his sister from CA, his daughter from MA and assorted grandkids, nephews, nieces, and dogs. All were enjoying the beautiful weather and magnificent scenery on the Long Pond Loop. It was just a few short months ago I last ran into Ken and his wife while skiing in the Kennebec Highlands near McIntire Pond. I also met the Hall family from Manchester enjoying the view of Great Pond on the Outer Loop. It was their first time hiking this trail. When I asked them how they found out about it, young Olivia (roughly 8) said that when she got up, she told her parents she wanted to spend the day hiking. Her dad then went on line looking for hiking trails and somehow ended up on the website for the Wings Hill Inn in Belgrade Lakes. They have a page called "Local Attractions" that includes links to local hiking trails, including The Mountain. It looked attractive so they decided to try it. I was also pleasantly surprised to meet my friend, David Richards, who runs the Margaret Chase Smith Library in Skowhegan. Two years ago on 4th of July weekend, David had a near death experience near Greenville involving himself, his car, and a moose. The moose and the car were totaled but David survived. It is good to see him out hiking again and good to see so many families with kids out on the local trails.

This was also the week the Hex Mayfly (*Hexagenia limbata*) began hatching at dusk on the lake. These are very large (body about 1.5" and tails another 3") mayflies that tend to hatch in early July and if you spot the hatch it is a great time to catch a lot of nice fish on big dry flies or nymph patters fished just under the surface. You will see fish swirling everywhere the flies are emerging. I have often caught some nice Brown Trout during this hatch but this year I only caught some nice smallies. The next morning, the lake was covered with the larval exoskeletons and it looked almost as if someone had had a massive shrimp peel for Fourth of July and dumped the shells in the lake.

As the surface water has warmed into the mid to upper 70s, the trout and salmon have started to go deep and are harder to find. If you want to catch a lot of fish, the bass and pike are pretty active, especially early in the morning and in the evening. I like to go after pike with my 9-wt flyrod and big red and white streamers fished deep (15-20 ft) near structures or along the edge of weedbeds in about 10 feet of water. I use a special leader made by Rio called, "For toothy critters," which has about a foot of very fine nylon coat-



Ken Louis and his extended family hiking The Mountain on 4th of July Weekend.



Hall Family from Manchester enjoying the view from the Outer Loop.



David Richards.



Hex mayfly.



32-in Northern Pike taken on streamer fly.

ed wire at the tip. I use the same rig in saltwater when I go after Bluefish. Good pike waters include lower Long Pond, southern Messalonskee Lake, and North Bay and Hoyt Island in Great Pond. Big pike are fun to catch on flies and they are quite tasty when properly

cleaned and cooked.

This is a perfect time to enjoy the outdoors in this area. Now that school's out, it's easy to take a kid fishing or on a hike, or paddling in a canoe. You won't be sorry.





Calendar Directory

TOWN BY TOWN...

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- **Farmers' Market at the Arboretum**, indoors, Friday 1-5 pm
- **Art in the Capitol**, Maine Arts Commission monthly self-guided exhibits in State House hallways (Mon-Fri 8 am-5 pm), Blaine House (call for times), and Maine Arts Commission Office (8:30am-4:30 pm), 287-6746, mainearts.maine.gov
- **Children's Discovery Museum**, CDM, hands-on displays, activities, Tuesday-Thursday 10 am-4 pm, Friday-Saturday 10 am-5 pm, Sunday 11 am-4 pm, admission, 622-2209, www.childrensdiscoverymuseum.org, 171 Capitol Street
- **Danforth Gallery**, Jewett Hall, art exhibits, UMA-1234, www.uma.edu
- **Governor's Mansion**, 1830 Blaine House, Tuesday-Thursday 2-4 pm, 287-2121, www.blainehouse.org, State Street
- **Holocaust and Human Rights Center of Maine**, Michael Klahr Center, Monday-Friday 8 am-4 pm, 621-3530, www.hhrc.uma.edu, University of Maine at Augusta, off Route 27
- **Kennebec Historical Society**, Wednesday-Friday 10 am-2 pm, 622-7718, www.kennebechistorical.org, 107 Winthrop Street
- **Maine State Museum**, Tuesday-Friday 9 am-5 pm, Saturday 10 am-4 pm, \$2 adults, \$1 ages 6-18, 287-2301, www.mainestatemuseum.org
- **Maine State House**, Hall of Flags, House and Senate Rooms, Klir Beck dioramas, Monday-Friday 8 am-5 pm, book tours at Maine State Museum, walk-ins welcome 9 am-1 pm, 287-5600, www.maine.gov, State Street
- **Maine State Library**, Monday-Saturday opens 9 am, 287-5600, www.maine.gov/msl/, State Street
- **Museum in the Streets**, walking/history tour, www.augusta-maine.gov, Water Street/downtown.
- **Old Fort Western**, 1754 fort, house, store, 1-4 pm daily, admission \$6, 4-14 years \$4, 626-2385, www.oldfortwestern.org, Cony Street
- **Riverfront Park**, boat launch, Greenway Trail, playground, eastside Kennebec River
- **Kennebec River Rail Trailhead**, Maine State Housing Authority parking lot, 623-8162, www.krrt.org, Water Street
- **University of Maine at Augusta Fitness Trail**, 2 miles of wooded trails, near Civic Center, Route 27
- **Farmers' Market at Mill Park**, Tuesday 2-6 pm, 626-2305, www.farmersmarketmillpark.org/, North Water Street
- **Farmers' Market at Turnpike Mall**, 549-5112, Wednesday and Saturday 10 am-1 pm, Western Avenue

BELGRADE LAKES

- **Belgrade Lakes Market**, 320-8303, careybor@yahoo.com, Sunday 8 am-1 pm, Main Street
- **Great Pond Mailboat**, 592-1537, Monday-Saturday 10 am,

Post Office, Main St.

- **The Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons**, pool and lakefront, gym, playground, picnic area, rec programs, 495-3481, www.belgrademaine.com, 1 Center Drive
- **Union Church Coffee House**, check for schedule, 7:30 pm, \$5, 495-3599, www.unionchurchmaine.org, Main Street
- **Belgrade Historical Society**, 495-2973, belgradehistoricalsociety.org
- **Belgrade Lakes Market**, Sun 8 am-1 pm, Main Street
- **Peninsula Park on Long Pond**, picnic tables, Main Street
- **Maine Lakes Resource Center**, 512-5150, www.maineakesresourcecenter.org, 137 Main Street

FAIRFIELD

- **Fairfield Historical Society**, 1890 Cotton-Smith History House, every Tuesday 9 am-12 noon and 1-4 pm and second Saturday of month, 453-2998, www.fairfieldmehistoricalociety.net, 42 High Street
- **Farmers' Market**, 948-5724, Wednesday 2-6 pm, Saturday 9:30 am-1:30 pm, Nazarene Church parking lot, 81 Main Street

FARMINGTON

- **Farmington Historical Society, Titcomb House Museum**, 778-4275, Wednesday and Saturday, 11 am-2 pm, July-August, www.farmingtonhistory.org, 118 Academy Street
- **Nordica Homestead Museum**, opera singer Lillian Nordica costumes, jewelry, mementos, 778-2042, Tuesday-Saturday 10 am-12 noon and 1-5 pm, Sunday 1-5 pm, www.lilliannordica.com, 116 Nordica Lane, Holley Road
- **Contra Dance**, 491-9928, www.starleft.org 2nd Saturday of the month, all welcome, 6:30-7:30 pm family dance, 8-11 pm regular dance, admission, Grange Hall, Bridge Street, Route 43, West Farmington
- **University of Maine campus and Arboretum**, four walking tours with informal guide pamphlet to campus trees, 581-1541, www.umaine.edu/arboretum/, downtown
- **Farmers' Market**, 778-6602, Friday 9 am-2 pm, Better Living Center parking lot, Front Street; Saturday 8 am-12 noon, Main Street
- **Meetinghouse Park and Gazebo**, weekly concerts throughout summer, downtown
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- **Monkitree**, art exhibits, 512-4679, www.monkitree.com, Tuesday-Friday 10 am-6 pm, Saturday 12-6 pm, 263 Water Street
- **SpinOff Studio**, 588-7297, spinoffstudio.org, Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm, 405 Water Street
- **Farmers' Market**, 512-8022, www.gardinerfarmersmarket.org, Wednesday 2-6 pm, rain or shine, The Common
- **Kennebec River Rail Trail**, 623-8162, www.krrt.org, access near Gardiner/Randolph Bridge, 6.5 miles to Augusta
- **Waterfront Park**, picnicking, events throughout summer, Kennebec River

GREENE

- **Araxine Wilkins Sawyer Memorial**, free entertainment programs, monthly - Friday 2 and 7 pm, 946-5311, www.sawyer-foundation.com, 371 Sawyer Road, off Route 202

HALLOWELL

- **Harlow Gallery**, Kennebec Valley Art Association, 622-3813, www.harlowgallery.org Wed- Sat, 12-6 pm, 160 Water Street
- **Gaslight Theater**, 626-3698, www.gaslighttheater.org City Hall, 1 Winthrop Street
- **Museum in the Streets**, history/walking tour, www.historichallowell.org, downtown
- **Farmers' Market**, 622-1350, Sun 3-6 pm, Water Street
- **Vaughn Woods and Homestead**, 166 acre park/trails/homestead, Middle Street
- **Kennebec River Rail Trail**, www.krrt.org, to Augusta, Farmingdale/Gardiner, Water Street
- **Waterfront Park**, deck/walkway on Kennebec River, North Water Street

HINCKLEY

- **L.C. Bates Museum at Good Will-Hinckley School**, early 20th century natural history and cultural exhibits, nature trails and camps, adults \$3, up to 17 years \$1, 238-4250, www.gwh.org Wednesday-Saturday 10 am-4:30 pm, Sunday 1-4:30 pm, Route 201

KINGFIELD

- **Ski Museum of Maine**, 265-2023, www.skimusuemofmaine.org, 256 Main Street
- **Stanley Museum**, 265-2729, www.stanleymuseum.org, memorabilia/displays on photographs, violins and Stanley Steamers, Tuesday-Sunday 1-4 pm, 40 School Street

LIVERMORE

- **Washburn-Norlands Living History Center**, 18th-19th century mansion/farmstead/schoolhouse, library, chapel, 897-4366, www.norlands.org, admission, living history tours Tuesday and Thursday 1-4 pm, 290 Norlands Road

MADISON

- **Lakewood Theater**, Maine's Summer Theater, Young Performers Camp, 474-7176, www.lakewoodtheater.org, Route 201
- **Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture**, 474-9345, www.skowheganart.org, summer evening artists lecture series, East Madison Road

MONMOUTH

- **Monmouth Museum**, local and regional Maine history, Wednesday-Sunday 1-4 pm, 933-2287, www.monmouthmuseum-inc.org, 751 Main Street
- **The Theater At Monmouth**, The Shakespeare Theater of Maine, Cumston Hall, 933-9999, www.theateratmonmouth.org, Main Street

MOUNT VERNON

- **D.E.W Animal Kingdom**, Zoo, 293-2837, 918 Pond Rd, Route 41
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- **Nowetah's American Indian Museum and Craft Shop**, 628-4981, www.nowetahs.webs.com/, daily 10 am-5 pm, free, 628-4981, 2 Colegrove Road, Route 27
- **Wire Bridge**, 1864, probably only wire suspension bridge in U.S., off Route 27

NEW SHARON

- **Farmers' Market**, Saturday 9 am-1 pm, Douin's Market, 491-9025, 150 Mercer Road, Routes 2/27
- **New Sharon Historical Society**, Saturday 1-3, 778-4167, Routes 2/27

NORRIDGEWOCK

- **Norridgewock Historical Society Museum**, 1838 building, Saturday 10 am-1 pm, 634-5032, www.norridgewockmuseum.com, Mercer Road, Route 2
- **Oosoola Park**, picnic area, great playground, boat launch, on Kennebec River, Route 8

OAKLAND

- **Macartney House Museum, Oakland Area Historical Society**, 465-7549, Wednesday 1:30-4:30 pm, 1815 home with antique furnishings and Oakland artifacts, 25 Main Street
- **Town Parks**, playground, picnic tables, swimming area, boat launch area, Belgrade Road on Lake Messalonskee and McGrath Pond Road on McGrath Lake
- **Farmer's Market**, Friday 2-6 pm, 465-3094, Pine Acres Parking Lot, 895 Kennedy Memorial Drive

READFIELD

- **Readfield Historical Society and Museum** in 1853 school-house, 685-4662, www.readfieldhistorical.org, Thursday and Saturday 10 am-2 pm or by appointment, Route 17, Readfield Depot

ROME

- **Mt. Philip Grange**, suppers 3rd Sat of month, 4:30-6 pm, all you can eat beans, cornbread, rolls, chop suey, pies, Routes 135/225
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SIDNEY

- **New England Music Camp**, concerts free and open to the public, Bowl-in-the-Pines on Lake Messalonskee, 465-3025, www.nemusiccamp.com, 8 Goldenrod Lane, Route 23
- **Sidney Historical Society**, 724-8032, www.sidneyhistoricalociety.org, 2986 Middle Road
- **Silver Spur Riding Club**, horse shows, River Road, Route 104

SKOWHEGAN

- **Margaret Chase Smith Library**, residence, home, museum exhibits, 474-7133, www.mcslibrary.org, free, Monday-Friday, 10 am-4 pm, 54 Norridgewock Ave.
- **History House Museum**, 1800s local history and culture, heirloom gardens, free, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 am-4 pm, 474-6632, www.skowheganhistoryhouse.org, 66 Elm Street
- **Fairgrounds**, weekly horse shows/competitions, free public

events, covered arena, Skowhegan State Fair in August, 474-3621, Madison Avenue, Route 201

- **Farmers' Market**, Wednesday 3-6 pm, Saturday 9 am-1 pm, weekly entertainment, 938-3906, Somerset Gristmill parking lot, downtown

SMITHFIELD

- **Fairview Grange**, 362-2791, Route 8
- **Smithfield History Society "The Groves House,"** 634-4392, 21 Lakeview Drive
- **Sunbeam Roller Rink**, 362-4951, 830 Village Rd, Route 8
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UNITY

- **Unity College Centre for the Performing Arts**, folk genre music, 568-3147, www.unitymaine.org, 42 Depot Street

WATERVILLE

- **Aqua City Actor's Theatre (ACAT)**, 873-7000, www.acattheatre.org, Waterville Opera House Studio Theater, Main Street
- **Museum in the Streets**, downtown history/walking tour, www.themuseuminthestreets.com/waterville.htm
- **Head of Falls Park/Two Cent Bridge**, historic foot bridge over Kennebec River connecting Waterville and Winslow, Front Street
- **Common Street Arts**, 872-2787, www.commonstreetarts.org, Wednesday-Saturday 12-6 pm, 16 Common Street
- **Colby College Museum of Art**, 859-5600, www.colby.edu/museum/ Tuesday-Saturday 10 am-5 pm, Sunday 12-5 pm, free admission, Colby College Campus, Mayflower Hill
- **Colby College Special Collections**, Miller Library, Monday-Friday 10 am-12 noon and 1-4 pm, free admission
- **Thomas College Art Gallery**, 180 West River Road
- **Waterville Historical Society and Redington Museum**, 1814 home and pharmacy, 872-9439, www.redingtonmuseum.org. Tuesday-Saturday tours at 10 and 11 am, 1 and 2 pm, 62 Silver Street
- **Waterville Opera House**, 873-7000, www.operahouse.com, 93 Main Street
- **Farmers' Market**, Thursday 2-6 pm, 680-2055, www.watervillefarmersmarket.org, The Concourse parking lot

WAYNE

- **Farmers' Market**, 685-4657, <http://waynefarmersmarket.weebly.com>, Saturday 9 am-noon, Town Green, at the Mill Pond, Main Street

WILTON

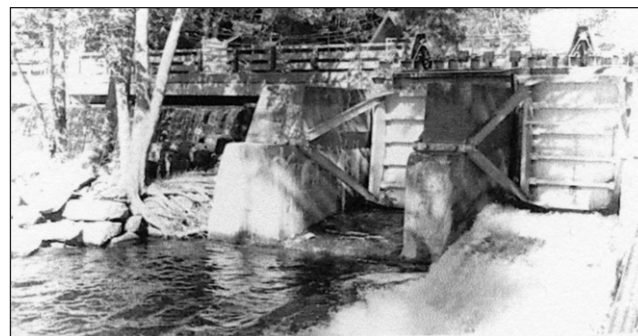
- **Wilton Farm & Home Museum**, 645-2091, 645-4578, www.thewiltonfarmandhomemuseum.org, Saturday 1-4 pm or by appointment, 10 Canal Street

WINSLOW

- **Fort Halifax on the Kennebec River**, historic fort tower, park, Route 201

WINTHROP

- **Norcross Park**, playground, picnic site, boat launch on Maranacook Lake
- **Farmers' Market**, 446-2899, Tuesday and Saturday 9 am-1 pm, town office parking lot, 17 Highland Avenue



The Dams Keeper Report

As of this writing both Great and Long Ponds are holding their own despite the relatively dry conditions.

Great Pond is 3.75" below full pond with both gates still completely closed in order to retain current water levels.

Long Pond at the Wings Mill dam as well as upper Long Pond, nine miles to the North, is presently right at full pond with both Wings Mill gates still completely closed. So far so good! Evaporation levels at present are pretty well balanced by the occasional shower along with our natural aquifer springs.

Enjoy this beautiful summer, weather and your vacation!

Dick Greenan

Secretary, Belgrade Lakes Watershed Dams Committee



Oakfest; see page 15 for schedule.

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— Calendar —

Through Sunday 7/17 - Maine International Film Festival (MIFF), full daily schedules, www.miff.org, downtown Waterville.

Thursday 7/14 and Friday 7/15 - "The Barber of Seville," by Pierre Beaumarchais, preview on Thursday, opening on Friday, 7:30 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater at Monmouth.

Wednesday 7/13 through Saturday 7/16 - "Cheshire Cats," 474-7176, Lakewood Theater, Route 201, Madison.

Friday 7/15 through Sunday 7/17 - ASAM Summer Spectacular Horse Show, free and open to the public, covered arena, barns to visit, concessions, 272-0082, Skowhegan Fairgrounds, Route 201 North, Madison Avenue, Skowhegan.

Friday 7/15 - Market Square Melodies, 11 am-1 pm, Water Street, Augusta.

Friday 7/15 - Atlantic Music Festival, Chamber Music, featuring Cassatt String Quartet, free, open to the public, 7 pm, 888-704-1311, Lorimer Chapel, Colby College, Waterville.

Friday 7/15 - Illustrated talk about early regional photographer S.S. Vose, by Earle Shettleworth, former Maine Historic Preservation Commission Director and Maine State Historian, presented by the Central Kennebec Heritage Council, free and open to the public, 7 pm, Fairfield Victor Grange, Route 201 and 23, Fairfield Center.

Friday 7/15 - New England Music Camp Student Recital, open to the public and free of charge, everyone welcome, 7:30 pm, 465-3025, Alumni Hall, NEMC, Route 23, Sidney.

Saturday 7/16 - Maine Audubon Society Loon Count day, 6:30-7 am, to volunteer contact a local lake association or Maine Audubon at 781-6180 or email sgallo@maineaudubon.org, statewide.

Saturday 7/16 - Old Hallowell Day, 3rd Saturday in July since 1968, activities Friday-Sunday, art, food, music, large parade and celebration of all things Hallowellian, oldhallowellday.org, Water Street, Kennebec Riverfront, and downtown Hallowell.

Saturday 7/16 - "Give My Regards To Broadway," Young Performers Camp teen production, 10 am, 474-7176, Lakewood Theater, Route 201, Madison.

Saturday 7/16 - East Pond Association Annual Meeting, open to all, www.EastPond.org, 10 am, Birchcrest, Bricket Point, East Pond Road, Oakland.

Saturday 7/16 - Picturing the Past through Photography, exhibit opens, through December 15, features Good Will Hinckley glass lantern slides, 238-4250, L.C. Bates Museum, Route 201, Hinckley.

Saturday 7/16 - Dating of old photographs, with Kay Marsh, participants are encouraged to bring their own old photographs, 10 am, 465-7458, Taconnett Falls Genealogy Library, 10 Lithgow Street, Winslow.

Saturday 7/16 - Exhibition of the applications and uses of Photography & Genealogy, exhibit opens, through August 17, Wednesday and Saturday 1-4 pm, Taconnett Falls Genealogy Library, 10 Lithgow Street, Winslow.

Saturday 7/16 - Old Time Toys, fun for all ages, use graces, hoops and sticks and more on the museum lawn, 1 pm, 238-4250, L.C. Bates Museum, Route 201, Hinckley.

Saturday 7/16 - "Puss in Boots," Family

Show, 1 pm. 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater at Monmouth.

Saturday 7/16 - Monthly Bean Supper, 3 kinds of beans, chop suey, hot dogs, bread, homemade pies, all you can eat, 4:30-6 pm, Mt. Philip Grange, Routes 27 and 225, Rome.

Saturday 7/16 - 37th Annual New England Music Camp Pops Concert, presented by Snow Pond Center for the Arts, 7:30 pm, 844-476-6976, Messalonskee Performing Arts Center, 131 Messalonskee High Drive, off Oak Street, Oakland.

Saturday 7/16 - Atlantic Music Festival, Orchestra, 7 pm, open to the public free, 888-704-1311, Lorimer Chapel, Colby College, Waterville.

Saturday 7/16 - "Love's Labour's Lost," by William Shakespeare, 7:30 pm, 033-9999, Cumston Hall, Theater at Monmouth.

Sunday 7/17 - All Belgrade Lakes Open Water Fishing Derby, to benefit Water Quality and Invasive Species issues, entry forms at Oakland, Sidney and Belgrade Town offices and local businesses, cash prizes and trophies, weigh-in 10 am-5 pm, 465-8333, Memorial Hall, Church, Street, Oakland.

Sunday 7/17 - Atlantic Music Festival, Chamber Music, 2 pm, 859-4353. In the lobby, Colby College Museum of Art, Waterville.

Sunday 7/17 - Sons of Be's, Concerts at Norcross Point, 2-4 pm, 620-6231, Norcross Point, Lake Maranacook, downtown Winthrop.

Sunday 7/17 - Maine Appreciation Day Artisan Market, New England Music Camp Student Concert at Bowl in the Pines, 3 pm, free to the public, everyone welcome, in case of rain concert still scheduled, 465-3025, Route 23, Sidney.

Sunday 7/17 - Coburn Park Concert Series, "Borderline Express," 5 pm, 474-0527, Philbrick Gazebo, Coburn Park, Water Street, Skowhegan.

Sunday 7/17 - Dinner on the Farm, delicious family-friendly meal, live music, contra dance, children's activities, tours, products for sale, 5 pm, 649-3331, Winterberry Farm, Route 27, Belgrade.

Sunday 7/17 - Atlantic Music Festival, Salon at The Bar, Manchese Blue Light Pub, Cotter Union, informal gathering, features a variety of chamber and solo favorites, 7 pm, 888-704-1311, 859-4353, Colby College, Waterville.

Monday 7/18 - Atlantic Music Festival, piano recital, free and open to the public, 7 pm, 859-4353, Lorimer Chapel, Colby College, Waterville.

Tuesday 7/19 - Motion Commotion, Lisa and Gene, entertainment for the Summer Reading Program, 1 pm, 465-7533, Oakland Public Library, Church Street, Oakland.

Tuesday 7/19 - Quarry Road Summer Race Series, 8K 6 pm, fun run for 12 and under 5:30 pm, awards August 23, www.quarry-roadraces.com, Waterville.

Tuesday 7/19 - Ice Cream Social, 6 pm, Oakland Historical, Macartney House Museum parking lot, 649-4942, Main Street, Oakland.

Tuesday 7/19 - Concert on the River, 7-8:30 pm, North Water Street, Hallowell.

Wednesday 7/20 - Afternoon Art Program, explore watercolors, pencils, collage, charcoal, etc., 1 pm, 238-4250, L.C. Bates Museum, Route 201, Hinckley.

Wednesday 7/20 - Public supper, baked ham entrée, beverage, homemade dessert, 5 pm, Fairview Grange, Route 8, Smithfield.

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Wednesday 7/20 – Waterfront Wednesday Concert Series, free event, 6 pm to sunset, 626-2352, Waterfront Park, Augusta.

Wednesday 7/20 - Local Belgrade author Maureen Kibler will discuss her first novel, *The Elms Leave*, free and open to the public, 6-8 pm, 495-3508, Belgrade Public Library, 124 Depot Road, Belgrade.

Wednesday 7/20 - Atlantic Music Festival, 7 pm, 888-704-1311, Lorimer Chapel, Colby College, Waterville.

Wednesday 7/20 - New England Music Camp Faculty Artist Recital, open to the public, free of charge, everyone welcome, 7:30 pm, 465-3025, Alumni Hall, NEMC, Pond Road, Route 23, Sidney.

Wednesday 7/20 - "Love's Labour's Lost," by William Shakespeare, 7:30 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater at Monmouth.

Thursday 7/21 - The Lakewood Ladies Golf Association, 6th Annual Pink Ball Tournament to benefit the Redington Fairview General Hospital Cancer Treatment Program & Oncology Department, 8:30 am, 18 Hole Scramble, 474-5423, 399-9423, Lakewood Golf Course, Route 201, Madison.

Thursday 7/21 through Sunday 7/4 – “Young Frankenstein,” 474-7176, Lakewood Theater, Route 201, Madison.

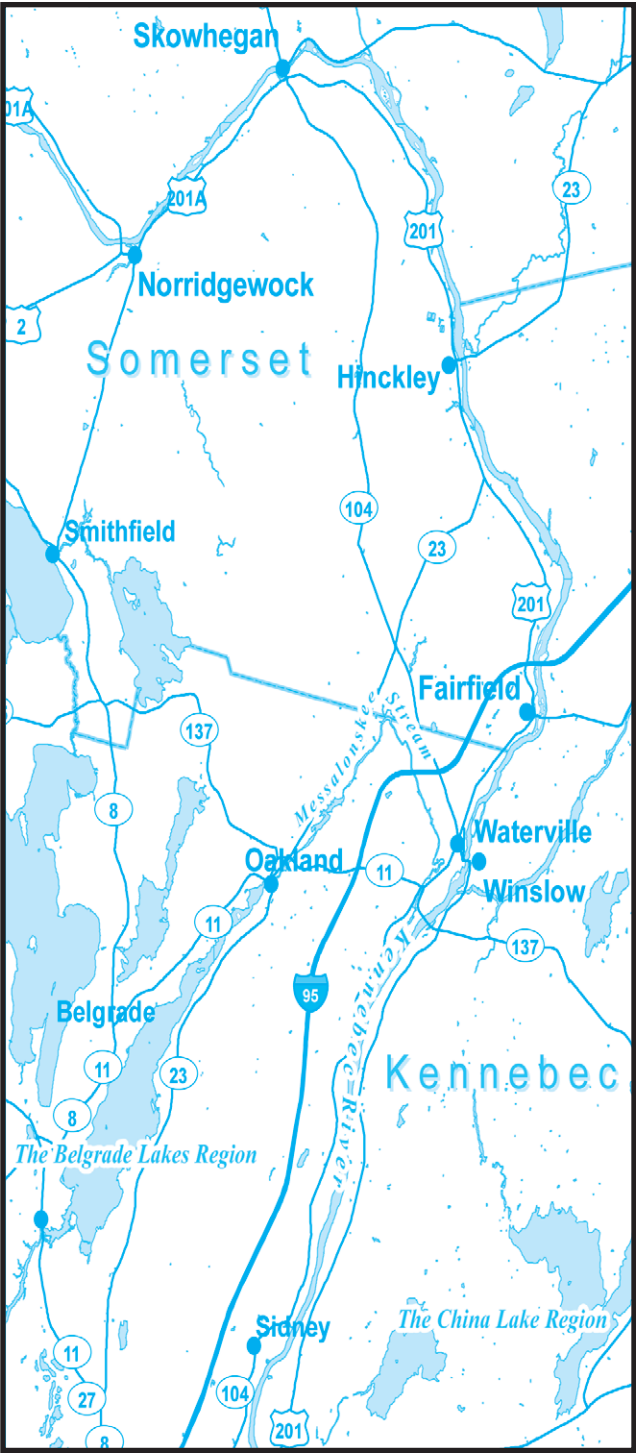
Thursday 7/21 through Sunday 7/24 – Pittston Fair, small family-oriented country fair, midway, animal and mechanical pulling events, Exhibition Hall, children’s games, strawberry festival, concert, admission, Route 194, Pittston.

Thursday 7/21 - Maine Traditional Film Photographers, private docent tour, Picasso Exhibit, 2 pm, Colby College Museum of Art café, Mayflower Hill, Waterville.

Thursday 7/21 - Atlantic Music Festival, Future Music Lab, 3:30 pm, 888-704-1311, lobby, Colby College Museum of Art, Mayflower Hill, Waterville.

Thursday 7/21 – Atlantic Music Festival, opera workshop members will present full opera scenes on stage with costumes, props, set pieces, 7 pm, free and open to the public, 888-704-1311, www.atlanticmusicfestival.org, Strider Theater, Runnals Union, Colby College, Waterville.

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Thursday 7/21 - "The Lakes of Belgrade as a Tourist Destination," presented by Linda Snow McLoon during the monthly meeting of the Belgrade Historical Society, 7:30 pm, 495-2310, Maine Lakes Resource Center, Main Street, Belgrade Lakes.

Thursday 7/21 and Friday 7/22 – "Henry V," by William Shakespeare, 7:30 pm, preview Thursday, opening Friday, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, Main Street, The Theater At Monmouth.

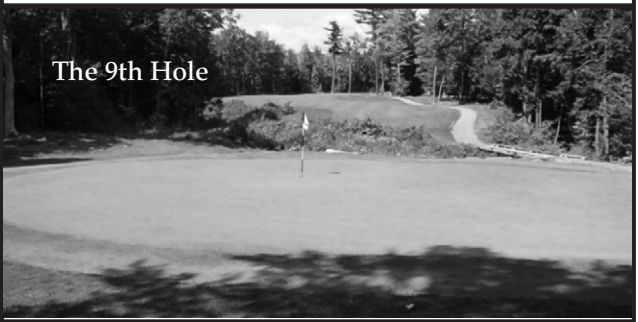


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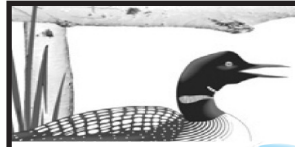
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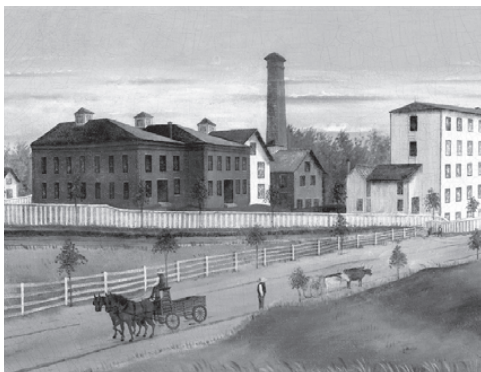
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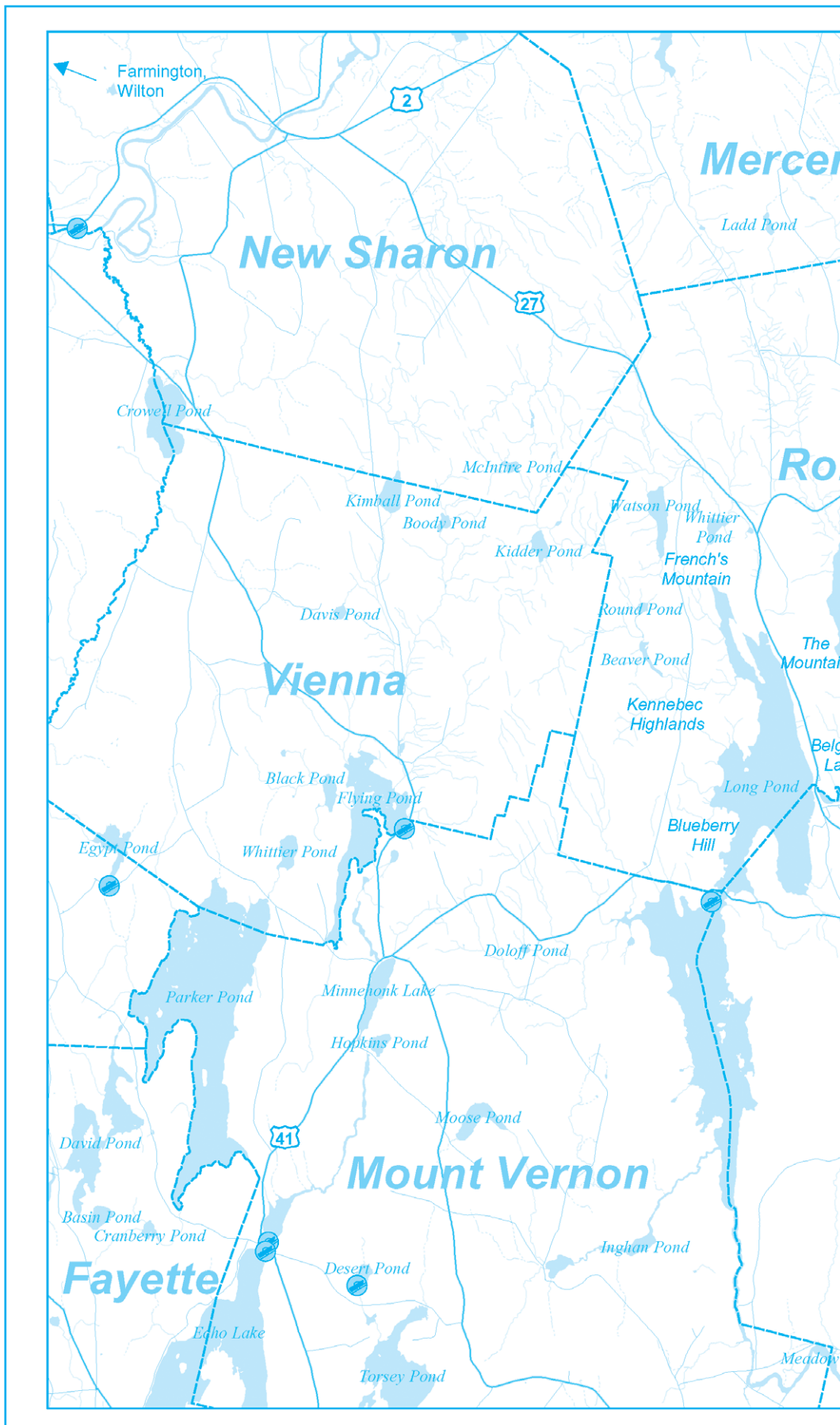
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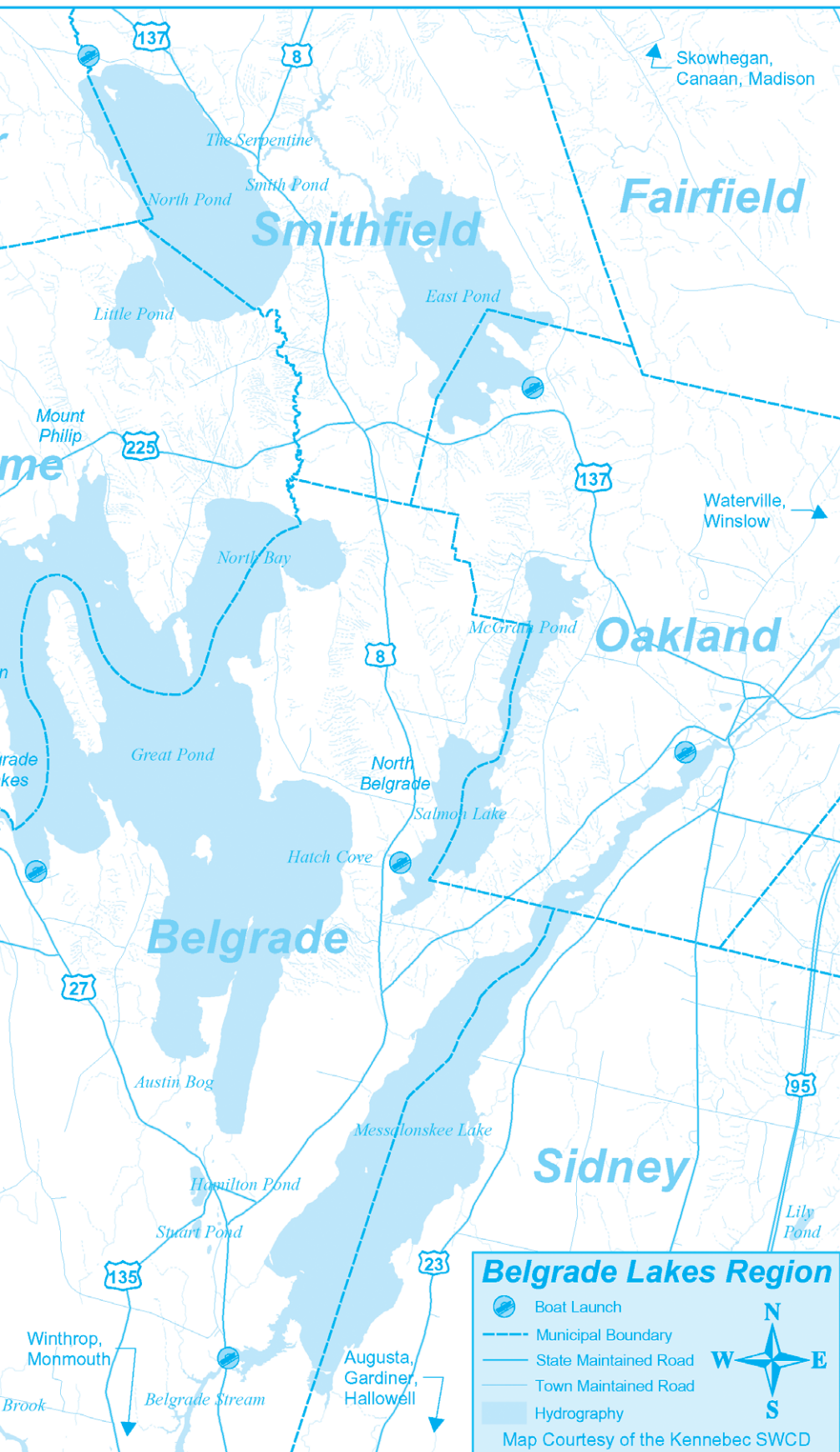


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- The Vienna Historical Annual One Act Plays will be presented on July 28-30 at the Union Hall in Vienna at 7 pm.
- The 6th Annual 5K Road Race to benefit the Belgrade Public Library will be Saturday, July 30 at the Belgrade Central School at 8 am. 495-3508
- Paddle Trek sponsored by the 30 Mile River Watershed Association from Mount Vernon to Wayne is scheduled for Saturday, July 30. 860-4043

AUGUST

- The 24th Taste of Waterville is Wednesday, August 3, 11 am-11 pm, with shopping, music and food. 873-3315
- The Annual Belgrade Lakes Loon Calling contest and the Belgrade Fire Department Bean Hole Bean Supper will be on Saturday, August 6 in Belgrade Lakes. The supper is 5-7 pm at the Center for All Seasons; the Loon Calling sign-up is 6:30 pm, the contest at 7 pm at the bridge in Belgrade Lakes. The 2nd Belgrade Lakeside Artisan Show will be at the Center for All Seasons on August 7. 495-3312
- On Thursday, August 11, The Art and Science of Beekeeping in Maine will be presented by veteran beekeeper Matt Scott at 7 pm at The Maine Lakes Resource Center. 495-6039
- The second Ice Cream Social and RB Hall Band Concert of the summer hosted by the Oakland Area Historical Society will be on Tuesday, August 16 at 6:30 pm. 639-4942



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–Conservation Too–

“Terrestrial Invasives” or BAD PLANTS

By Dale Finseth

Since many of you may only be here for part of the year, maybe only a couple weeks, I AM NOT referring to you when I speak of invasives. You just don't live here year round :-). I want to focus on “terrestrial invasives”. We need to come to grips with the invasive plants that are not just “not native” but they are doing damage to our natural areas and native plants. Over the past few years there has been an increase in terrestrial invasives. Local land owners, foresters, land trust managers and State of Maine officials are taking notice. An invasive plant is defined as a plant that 1] is not native to a particular ecosystem, 2] whose introduction does or is likely to cause economic damage or environmental harm or 3] may cause harm to human health. Approximately one third of Maine's plant species are not native. Only a small fraction of those are considered invasive, but these have the potential to cause great harm to our landscape. Check the MNAP list of fact sheets to determine if a particular species is considered invasive in Maine. http://www.maine.gov/dacf/mnap/features/invasive_plants/invsheets.htm

In the Belgrades most people are fully aware of the problem caused by waterbased invasives like Milfoil and Hydrilla. Hours of time and thousands of dollars are spent trying to control their spread. But 70-80,000 acres of the Belgrade area is land. There is a great deal more land that is being invaded than the shoreline waters.

The culprits? In recent years the spread of Multi Flora Rose [see picture], Barberry and Autumn Olive seem particularly robust. Asiatic Bittersweet vine and Common buckthorn are beginning to appear. Japanese knotweed frequently gets established when fill dirt is added at a construction site or as we do landscaping. Your back yards are feeling the pressure of these invasive plants. There is a list of these invasive plants [check <http://www.maine.gov/doc/nrimc/mnap/features/invasives.htm> for both a list and pictures]. The Natural Areas Program has a good website and additional mate-



Multi-flora

rials as well. If you have the chance, stop at a Cooperative Extension office and pick up some of their handouts.

The first line of defense is to accurately identify the plant. In most cases, trying to control their spread is difficult. First - recognize that there is a problem. That occasional plant out back with interesting foliage and a pretty flower might become a thick bank of vegetation if you leave it be. Take a look along the edge of the woods on your property and note the occasional spring clusters of white flowers which indicate Multi Flora Rose. Next year that small patch of white flowers will be joined by additional mounds of nasty thorn covered plants. At that point removal is much more difficult. That area can become a breeding ground of fruit and seeds which get spread to neighboring properties.

Our natural landscape is part of what Maine is all about. Its future depends on the choices we make. When buying plants or moving them from place to place, consider whether the plants are likely to escape. Plants advertised as fast growing, prolific, and soil tolerant are often the ones that

become invasive. Maine just won't be Maine if the plants dominating our landscape are all from away. As Harry Potter's professor, Mad Eye Moody, would say, 'constant vigilance'.

- Replace invasive plants in your garden with non-invasive alternatives.

- DO NOT attack the problem with indiscriminant herbicides. They may have a place in your management plan but they are NOT a magic bullet. Be careful with their use.

- Check out the Maine Natural Areas IMapInvasive program and become a citizen scientist.

Remember, there is a lot to do in order to protect water quality. Managing invasive plants is part of that effort. While we may talk about managing our tourists, those people usually leave in the fall and can benefit our lives rather than vice versa.



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Notebook

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• Maine-ly Harmony women's barbershop singers will hold its annual fundraiser yard sale on Saturday and Sunday, July 30 and 31, 9 am-3 pm, in the Hill Gardens of Fred and Linda Davis in Palermo. Among the tables of treasures brought together by the 25-member chorus, will be many lovely, bargain-priced perennials dug up from the Davises' long-established nursery. The event will include quartet entertainment and refreshments. Proceeds help pay the expenses of entertaining at veterans' homes, nursing facilities, senior housing and other charities, 582-5523

Dexter

• The Dexter Sunrise Kiwanis Club is holding its 2nd Annual Cruise-In on Saturday, August 6, 4:30-8 pm in the Municipal Parking Lot behind the Bangor Savings Bank on Main Street. Rain date August 27. The event will include music, food, non-alcoholic drink and will feature the "Wildwoods Band." \$5 per car; \$2 walk-ins. 924-7336

Farmington

• For the month of July the SugarWood Gallery at 248 Broadway will feature the fine art photography of Ramona du Houx, a Solon resident, who creates photography that looks like watercolor paintings. New work on display will include images of Maine's Windjammer fleet under full sail. Ramona is currently represented by Gallery Storks of Tokyo, Japan and is a member of the Maine Artist Collaborative and the Harlow Gallery. 643-2795

Gardiner

• Good neighbors make art together. Artdogs Studio artists and the Gardiner Food Co-op team up for the Ninth Annual Variations Exhibit that runs from July 8-30, 2016 at Circling the Square Fine Art Press, 275 Water Street. Six employees of the year old Gardiner Food Co-op each gave six "prompts" to the six artists of the Artdogs Studio as inspiration for the work created for this year's group exhibit. Artists and Gardiner Co-op employees will talk about this year's collabora-

tion at the reception Sunday, July 17, 4-6 pm. Free and open to the public. 582-6600

Mercer

• 80th Annual Mercer Old Home Days will be celebrated Friday, August 5 at 7 pm to Sunday, August 7 at 3 pm. The celebration will include a parade, children's activities, Maine lobster meal, a show, a dance and Juston McKinney, humorist, on Friday at 7 pm at the Mercer Community Center. Tickets are \$20. 587-2225

Oakland

• The OakFest Triathlon 2016, Paddle Pedal Pound the Pavement, will be held on Sunday, July 24 at the Oakland Boat Landing on Belgrade Road. This tri is a fun, dynamic race that challenges any racer with a 2.5 mile paddle, 12 mile bike and a combo 3.1 mile road/trail run. It is perfect for racing newcomers as the swimming leg has been replaced with a paddle leg. It is a great way to get out and enjoy what Oakland has to offer. Start time is 9 am. HollyMacFitness@gmail.com

Waterville

• Auditions for Young Frankenstein will take place Monday, July 18 and July 25 at 6:30 pm at the Waterville Opera House Dance Studio, 93 Main Street, 3rd floor. Characters range in age from mid-20s through late 60s. All parts are open and available for this musical comedy that is a wickedly inspired re-imagining of the Frankenstein legend based on Mel Brooks' 1974 comedy film masterpiece. 873-7000

Wayne

• Put Saturday, August 6, on the calendar for a fun-filled day, starting with the Cary Memorial Library 5K Run/Walk. Kids, strollers and pets are welcome. Registration begins at 8:15 am; race at 9 am. Also on Saturday there will be kids' activities at the school, and the Farmers' Market. From 10 am-1 pm the Friends of the Library Cary Festiva & Lobster Roll Lunch takes place at the Williams House across from the library. 685-3612





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6:00pm Parade: Parade line up: Floats and participants will enter the Messalonskee High School Parking Lot from Oak Street. There will be a volunteer on hand to direct participants to where they will stage for the parade. The parade will line up on School Bus Drive. We will begin promptly at 6:00pm. We will proceed left off School Bus Drive onto Pleasant Street continue to the traffic lights and turn right onto Main Street. We will proceed to Church Street and continue on to Old Belgrade Avenue. The parade will disband at the boat landing where there will be bus(es) there to pick up all walkers and bring them back to the high school. All horse trailers or any participants with trailers will be asked to bring the trailers directly to Sexton Garage where they will be able to load them after the parade.

Immediately following the parade we will kick off our Street Dance. This year we are very fortunate to Richard Jandreau-RJ The DJ from Sidney to spin the tunes for us until 10:00pm.

Also available once the street dance commences will be a beer garden and several food vendors which include Oakland Lions Club with their hot dogs and dough boys, Crazy Spuds with their baked potatoes, Buddies Grocery will be doing a BBQ, Dancing Elephant with Indian Food, The Maine Tater with their famous chicken wings. These are just a few of the scrumptious food vendors.

SATURDAY:

7:00AM-11:00AM Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Oakland Baptist Church: Breakfast will be at the Church on Church Street: Come enjoy a delicious stack of pancakes, coffee and friendly conversation before you part take in our day long festivities at Williams Elementary School on Pleasant Street.

10:00AM-4:00PM We will be having our Open Air Market. This year we are very fortunate that we have over 100 participants. These vendors come from as far away as New Hampshire to partake. Also new this year to our sound stage will be an array of music. We are very fortunate to have bands that will begin playing at 10:00AM The first band will a high school age band called "THE VALUES". We encourage everyone to come out and listen to our local talent. At 1:00pm and running through the afternoon until 5:00pm we will have THE SCOTT DAVIS BAND. This band is known throughout the state for their jazz, blues, and swing music. This will be music for the soul.

At 7:00pm and running until 10:00pm will the "BONEHEADS" featuring our own Pam Tyler from the RiverSide Restaurant right here in Oakland. Their specialty of music is country rock. Come out and enjoy a summer night of music and food under the stars.

SUNDAY:

9:00AM Paddle, Pedal, Pound the Pavement TRIAD: Our Closing event to a spectacular weekend. This is a transitional event run by Oakland's Own World Champion Athlete Holly MacKenzie hosting this event. Participants can do all three events or make up a team of three and each take a leg of the TRIAD. We encourage all athletes local schools, clubs, to form a team and enter into the event. If you are not the athletic type then we would encourage to come out and cheer on the participants.




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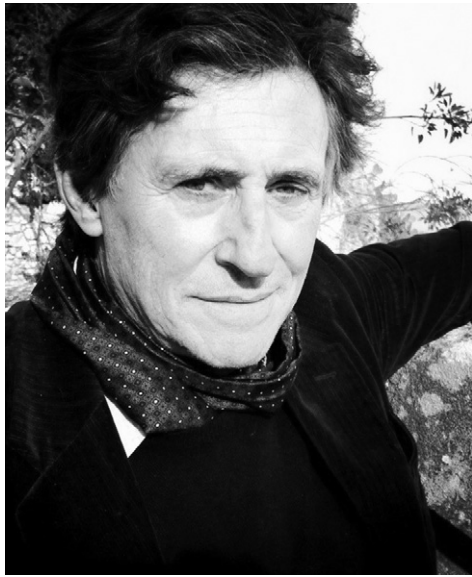
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Mad About Movies! There's Still Lots to See in MIFF's Closing Days

by Gregor Smith



Gabriel Byrne

On Friday, July 19, the Maine International Film Festival will present its Mid-Life Achievement Award to Irish actor Gabriel Byrne, 66. Other highlights of the festival's final weekend include the Maine Student Film and Video Awards, screenings of four Maine-connected films (two of the world premieres introduced by the filmmakers), and the Closing Night Film, *Little Men*.

Each year, MIFF honors a mid-career actor, director, screenwriter, or other professional filmmaker. Some of the past honorees are Michael Murphy, Glenn Close, Keith Carradine,

Malcolm McDowell, John Turturro, Ed Harris, Peter Fonda, Sissy Spacek, and Jonathan Demme.

This year's winner has acted in over ninety feature films and television series during his four-decade career, including the movies *Excalibur* (1981), *Miller's Crossing* (1990), *The Usual Suspects* (1995), and *Stigmata* (1999). In addition, he co-wrote *The Last of the High Kings* (1996) and produced seven films, most notably *In the Name of the Father* (1994), which was nominated for seven Oscars. He may be best known as Dr. Paul Weston from the HBO drama *In Treatment*, having won a Golden Globe Award in 2009 for that role. Earlier this year, he was nominated for a Tony Award for Best Leading Actor in the Broadway revival of Eugene O'Neill's *Long Day's Journey Into Night*.

Byrne will receive his custom-designed, handcrafted, papier-mâché moose trophy at the Waterville Opera House, following a 6:30 screening of *The Usual Suspects*. In this thriller, Byrne plays one of five career criminals rounded up for a crime none of them committed. In the holding cell, the five new allies plot a \$3 million jewel theft, which brings them to the attention of an almost mythical uber-criminal who hires them to take on an even more dangerous job.

Three other Byrne films will also be shown during MIFF: *Jindabyne* (2006), *Louder Than Bombs* (2016), and *Miller's Crossing* (1990). These three screenings, on Thursday at 3:30, Thursday at 6:30, and Friday at 9:30, respectively, will take place at Railroad Square Cinema.

Saturday's events begin at 12:30 at the Opera House with the awards ceremony for the 39th Annual Maine Student Film and Video Festival. Organized by the Maine Film Center, which also organizes MIFF, the student competition accepts short films, not longer than 10 minutes, in three age divisions (Grades K-6, Grades 7-8, and Grades 9-12) and in three categories: fiction, documentary, and "creative." This last category includes music videos, art films, stop-motion animation, and experimental works. At each year's MIFF, the top submissions are shown, the winners announced, and the prizes awarded. This year's prizes include \$500 cash awards, a one-year subscription to an online suite of video editing software, and full passes to next year's MIFF.

For those interested in short subjects by older Maine filmmakers, MIFF has two collections of Maine shorts being screened later in the day. Each 90-minute collection comprises five or six comedies, dramas, and documentaries, ranging from 3 to 30 minutes in length. Maine Shorts I will be shown at 3:30 at the Opera House and Maine Shorts II at 9:30 at Railroad Square Cinema.

The festival's final days will also offer a first (or second) look at four Maine-connected feature films. Three were set and shot in Maine, but the first is a Maine director's exploration of a different part of the United States. In *Everything in the Song is True*, we meet three men and one woman who personify the American West. Collectively, their skills include singing, writing poetry and songs, doing rope tricks, training horses, quilting, and sculpting in iron. The director, Winslow-raised Doug Morrione, and one of the film's subjects, cowboy singer Gary McMahan, will introduce these world premiere screenings, Thursday at 6:30 and Friday at 3:30, both at the Waterville Opera House.

The second film is another world premiere. Maine native Raymond Luc Levasseur made the FBI's Ten Most Wanted list in 1977 for taking part in bombings by the United Freedom Front. He was arrested in 1984, wrote an essay from prison describing his French-Canadian heritage and the roots of his rebellion, and was released in 2004. *An American, Portrait of Raymond Luc Levasseur* will be shown on Friday at 9:15 and Saturday at 6:15. Levasseur and the film's director Pierre Marier will introduce both screenings.

The third film, *I Know A Man... Ashley Bryan*, is a portrait of a nonagenarian, African-American children's book author and puppet-maker who lives in a small community on a Maine coastal island. According to the MIFF website, Bryan "has been using art his entire life to celebrate joy, mediate the darkness of war and racism, explore the mysteries of faith, and create loving community." The screening is on Saturday at 3:30 at Railroad Square.

Finally, *Five Nights in Maine* is "a quiet film about volcanic emotions" set and shot on the Maine coast. In the story, young African-American (David

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Everything in This Song is True



Oyelowo of *Selma* and *Nightingale*) goes to meet his white mother-in-law (Dianne Wiest of *Edward Scissorhands* and *Hannah and Her Sisters*) after his wife dies in a car crash after visiting her mother after a long estrangement. The film screens Saturday at 6:30 at the Opera House and Sunday at 12:30 at Railroad Square.

While you’re downtown, be sure to check out MIFFONEDGE. Held each of the past three MIFFs, this exhibit “features audio visual works that undermine common sense assumptions about the nature of film.” The new edition features the work of Robert Breer (1926-2011), a painter and sculptor

David Oyelowo and Dianne Wiest in *Five Nights in Maine* who experimented with animation, and includes complementary works by living artists. The exhibit runs from Saturday, July 9 to Saturday, July 16, from 2:00 to 9:00 p.m. each day, in Common Street Arts’ new space in The Center, diagonally across Castonguay Square from its former location.

The festival ends with the 7:00 p.m. Sunday showing in the Opera House of *Little Men*, a coming-of-age drama that opens nationwide on August 5. The story begins when Jake moves into his late grandfather’s house and meets Nate, the son of the renter of the dress shop on the first floor. The two 13-year-old boys become friends as they

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For fuller descriptions of any of the films mentioned in this article, go to www.miff.org or pick up a copy of the festival’s free, 68-page program guide at either venue. Admission to any of these screenings costs \$10, except to *The Usual Suspects* (\$14) and *Little Men* (\$12). Admission to MIFFONEDGE and the Maine Student Film and Video Festival Awards Ceremony is free.



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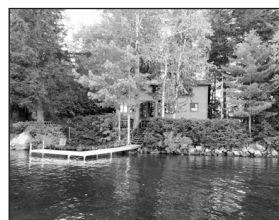
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