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In Search of the Perfect Cone

by Esther J. Perne

K, here's the scoop. It's summer and it's acceptable to splurge on ice cream. Better than that, it's downright expected. Why else would there be so many ice cream stands so crowded with such happy adults, children and dogs openly enjoying bigger, better, more towering, more exciting cone and dish fulls. And why else would ice cream be so easy to find?

There are no secrets where ice cream reigns. Of course, there are little secrets like keep a metal spoon hidden in the car for faster consumption, sit beside the child with the smallest appetite who will need help, or offer to share an order with a slow eater or one who is not passionate about your favorite flavor, which you will, of course, order.

But big secrets? No. There are no secret ice cream locations like there are fishing holes or fiddlehead patches or wild berry picking trails, no secret servings, no secret handouts, no secret cameras, don't we hope.

Where there is ice cream the word gets out. If it doesn't it's just like computers - ask a child. (Do you mean the place we went after soccer or the one you promised when I had shots??)

Of course, there are names for these places brand names, location names, owner names, cutsy names - but by any name they are the same - the place where you get ice cream which is so astoundingly logical that it's hats off to The Ice Cream Place in Smithfield.

Where there is ice cream, there is also a size and flavor maze that in Maine definitely one-ups the game of trivia. Sports teams, almost every type of berry, outdoor themes, moose and caribou (of which there are none in Maine) figure high. With a little luck during a lull in the line you can obtain samples of some of them (but not in that metal spoon you have hidden in the car).

As for size, think dish. Dish under the cone, dish over the cone, dish empty or full it's the best chance for catching a tipping, dripping cone overflow of ice cream, which is to say every size is bigger than you would ever expect.

So, how about that perfect cone? Wherever place, whatever flavor, whichever melting size, there is no cone more perfect than the cone of the moment.









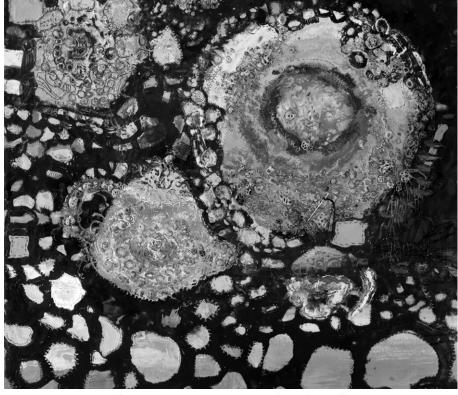


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Stitches in Time: Recent Works by Betsy Cook





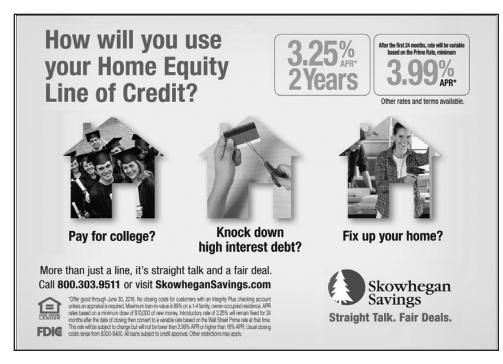
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Love Outside the Box, Mixed Media Collage

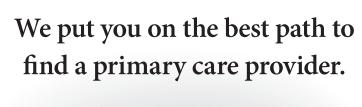
ight years after leaving Augusta's Senator L'Inn, former owner and artist Betsy Cook will pieces were created," Cook says, "I have a present a solo show of her recent work at Monkitree in Gardiner. The show, entitled "Stitches in Time," introduces a collage of paintings, most of which feature actual stitches—some made by hand, some by machine, some even etched or drawn into wax.

"Looking back over the time in which these prospective whereby I can appreciate this body of work as a visual diary of sorts, a chronicle of my life's 'rich tapestry,' the best and worst 'darn' experiences, that which has 'kept me in stitches,' and the events which have challenged me to 'thread the needle.'"

Monkitree, a gallery at 263 Water Street in historic downtown Gardiner, will host the show, with an opening reception on Friday July 29, 2016, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. A second reception the following Friday, August 6, will coincide with Gardiner Artwalk. The show will run through August 24.









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Belgrade Fire and Rescue Car Show







n Sunday, July 31,
Belgrade Fire &
Rescue will hold its 10th
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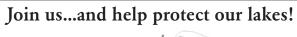
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The Luckiest Boy

The "Big Day" on Great Pond

by Rod Johnson





Sistership of the Dennis family's 23' Lyman. This beauty plies the waters of Great Pond today and is owned by Ben and Barb Ford.

 $E^{\rm very}$ now and then something happens that we witness or hear about that really is a Big Deal. The true story I am about to tell you, I do believe, falls into that category.

One warm August day in 1960, the youth of Great Pond were doing what they did best—waterskiing. In that era, water skiing was IN, and there were some powerful boats around the lake that could do the pulling. One such boat was a nearly new 23 foot Lyman, powered by a Gray Marine/AMC 8 cylinder engine. No ordinary engine, this 260 horsepower puppy had been equipped with dual side draft carbs to give it a lot of extra soup!

Dr. Richard Dennis of Waterville had purchased the boat the previous year from Frost Marine in Portland. Mrs. Dennis named the boat Antigua and it was

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truly a beautiful craft, with varnished deck and rails, glossy white lapstrake hull and trimmed with bronze and brass hardware. Dr. Dennis or his son Dick were often seen coming into the Belgrade Lakes Village stream to purchase fuel and supplies from Day's Marina, or the store located across the street. A few of you newcomers probably didn't know the marina was located in what is now the Lakes Resource Center annex and post office.

A little aside here for history's sake. The marina was a congregating spot during most summer days, with boats coming in to refuel and get snacks from the store. Dick and a local boy Joe Tinker both worked at the Day's Marina for a season or two, and neither was a stranger to the lake. They were both good skiers as were many of the "lake kids." Tink and I had learned as early teenagers using Camp Abena's old 15 h.p. Evinrude on a Richline aluminum boat. (Tink's parents owned the Abena girls camp at that time)

The "Big Day" started out with Dick towing a couple of skiers up in North Bay, just off the sandy beach of Bear Spring Camps. Before long, a group of teenagers had formed and someone suggested seeing how many skiers could be pulled at one time. After borrowing some additional skis and ropes from other boaters and camp owners, and not without difficulty, a record of 6 people got up at once and were towed around the cove. The scene got lots of attention from local camp owners along the shore from Bear Springs up to Jamacia Point, one of whom was Howard Gray who worked for the Waterville Morning Sentinel. After the boat returned to the beach and the skiers dropped off, Mr. Gray came down and asked Dick and the skiers if they could perform that feat the next day. He would have the newspaper's photographer properly set up to take some photos, with the promise that they would get posted on the front page of the Sentinel. Of course they all agreed and were sure they would get the notoriety of the Cypress Gardens skiers!

The "Big Day" arrived and the group had borrowed some more lines and skis. At the intended hour the next afternoon, Dick had the Lyman warmed up and the crew had upped the ante to attempt ten skiers at once, an unheard of feat on Great Pond. With 10 lines to the hitching post on the boat, and ten skiers in the water, Dick slowly tensioned all the lines with the big V/8 loping at idle. When given the thumbs up go sign, Dick put the hammer down and the big engine began its work with a roar. After struggling mightily with skiers' arms getting tired, the big boat made progress and one at a time the skiers all got up and going. Memories say there were 3 people with slalom skis and 7 on pairs. Dick remembers that the boat planed out at 26 mph with all skiers up, rather than it's normal 36 mph. A true feat for man and machine and well recorded it was by Howard Gray. True to his word, the photo appeared on the front page of the Waterville Sentinel.

Most of the skier's names have been lost to time, though the Dubord boys, Steve and Bill, were two of the slalomers. We hope some of our readers might recall this event, or perhaps were on the tow lines some 56 years ago. THE END





Take It Outside —

was out of town most of last week visiting **■**some of my wife's relatives in Dayton, Ohio. While there, I took a four-mile hike in a local county park with some of my in-laws. It was fun to get out into some terrain that is very different than ours but I was shocked to see so many dead and dying ash trees that had been infested by the Emerald Ash Borer (Agrilus planipennis) (EAB). The EAB is a small, bright green beetle (about 3/4" long) that is native to Asia that was first found in this country in Michigan in 2002. It has since spread to over 15 states and has reached Maine Department Massachusetts. Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry (DACF) is monitoring for the beetle and has placed strict restrictions on imports of firewood from out-of-state. You may have noticed some of their purple traps hanging in the tops of trees along roads near ash trees (at least one along Rt 225 in Rome). Please help do your part by being vigilant and not importing any firewood from another state.

It felt great to get back to Maine. I spent a bit of time foraging in the woods, picking red and black raspberries, blueberries, and searching for mushrooms. It has been so dry the mushrooms are way behind where they normally are although I found a really nice Chicken of the Woods mushroom that I have harvested most of and shared with some friends and neighbors. This large, bright orange shelf fungus really does taste like chicken and can be substituted for chicken in various recipes, including stir fry. I also got a chance to hike French Mountain with my old friend Margaret Pietrak and her 6-month old son, Zeke. Margaret is a former resident of Rome and was active with the BRCA's Stewardship and Education Committees when she lived here. A former park ranger and current middle school science teacher, Margaret was the primary BRCA Steward for French Mountain until she moved to Bangor two years ago when her husband, Mike, completed his Ph.D. at UMO and got a job in that area doing research on salmon aquaculture diseases. It was fun to share the experience of taking her new son on one of her favorite hikes.

I also hiked The Mountain this week and met my neighbor, Shelly Fitzgerald, her dog, Juneau, and her friends, Tom and Jane, from PA and Great Pond, with their dog. Shelly hikes nearly every day with her dog, usually on The Mountain. It is amazing how much you can learn about a property hiking with a dog on a regular basis. They will usually smell or see most wildlife well before you will and if you pay attention, you will learn a lot about the creatures inhabiting our forests.

Great to Be Back in Maine

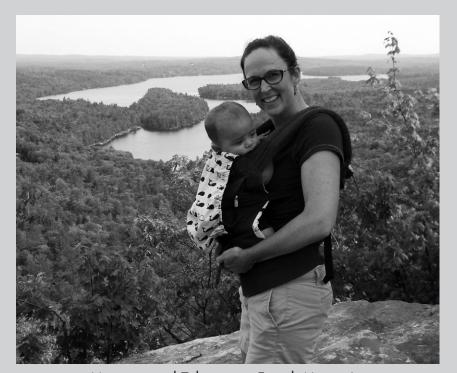
by Pete Kallin



Ash tree defoliated by Emerald Ash Borer.



Chicken of the Woods mushroom.



Margaret and Zeke on top French Mountain.



Shelly Fitzgerald and friends, Tom and Jane on The Mountain with their dogs.

On Thursday, July 27, at 7 PM, Mel Croft and I million years and I will talk about how the will be doing a lecture at the Maine Lakes Resource Center (MLRC), entitled, "Belgrade Lakes, The Last Two Million Years." Mel will talk about how plate tectonics and ice ages sculpted the basic landscape over the last few

bare rock and melted ice water evolved over the past 15,000 years to become the lakes and forest we have today. Come on out and hopefully you will learn something. And bring a kid or two.



Calendar Directory

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- Farmers' Market at the Arboretum, indoors, Friday 1-5 pm
- Art in the Capitol, Maine Arts Commission monthly selfguided 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.augustamaine.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.mainelakesresourcecenter.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.fairfieldmehistoricalsociety.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
- Meetinghouse Park and Gazebo, weekly concerts throughout summer, downtown
- Fairgrounds, events throughout summer, Franklin County Fair in September, High Street

GARDINER

- Artdogs and Circling the Square Fine Art Press, Friday 1-5 pm, Saturday 10 am-4 pm, 582-6600, www.theartdogs.com, 275-277 Water Street
- Johnson Hall Performing Arts Center, 582-7144, www.johnsonhall.org 280 Water Street
- Monkitree, art exhibits, 512-4679, www.monkitree.com, Tuesday-Friday 10 am-6 pm, Saturday 12-6 pm, 263 Water
- 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.sawyerfoundation.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.monmouthmuseuminc.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
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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 Historical Society, 724-8032, www.sidneyhistoricalsociety.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
- Sunset Camps, public beach, 362-2611, www.sunsetcamps.com, 834 Village Road, Route 8

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.water-villefarmersmarket.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

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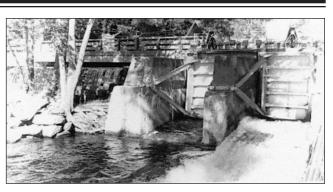
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The Dams Keeper Report

Well, as of this writing it looks like the honeymoon is over! Both Great and Long Ponds are really starting to show evidence of the dry conditions we're experiencing this summer. The Village has had only 2.9" of rain in the past 30 days. Unfortunately the storms that rolled through two days ago went North and South of us – once again!

Great Pond is now 4.8" below full pond with both gates completely closed. Long Pond at the Wings Mill dam has now dropped to 3" below full for the first time this year with upper Long Pond, nine miles to the North, presently at 1.5" below full pond but dropping slowly each day. Like the Village spillway dam, both Wings Mill gates remain completely closed. If anyone knows a good rain dance, now would be the time to show your stuff!

There are some benefits to a dry weather pattern with one, of course, being an incredibly beautiful classic Maine summer. Along with that, is a reduction in runoff, which limits those nasty algal blooms.

Enjoy this beautiful summer, weather and your vacation!

Dick Greenan

Secretary, Belgrade Lakes Watershed Dams Committee

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speaker Cheryl Patten, well-known local historian and President of the Maine Old Cemeteries Association, free to the public, refreshments offered, 474-6632, Skowhegan History House Museum & Research Center, 66 Elm Street, Skowhegan.

Thursday 8/4 - Lyme Disease in Maine, Dr. Beatrice Szantyr, medical director for Maine Lyme, will focus on awareness, risk factors, prevention, and symptoms of this tick-borne disease that is steadily increasing in Maine, sponsored by the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance, 7 pm, 495-6039, Maine Lakes Resource Center, Main Street, Belgrade Lakes.

Thursday 8/4 and Friday 8/5 - "Little Women," presented by New England Music Camp Musical Theater, ticketed event, 7:30 pm, 844-476-6976, Alumni Hall, NEMC, 8 Goldenrod Lane, Sidney.

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Thursday 7/28 and Friday 7/29 - Kneading Conference, workshops, tours, presentations, ovens, grains, events in the area, www.heartofmaine.org/kneading/, 947-6622, Fairgrounds, Skowhegan.

Thursday 7/28 through Saturday 7/30 - Vienna Historical Society 34th annual original plays set in 1920s Vienna, by Beverly Wight Smith and Cheryl Herr-Rains, entertainment by Brent Smith and Ellie Andrews, admission \$6, refreshments available, 7 pm each evening, 2 pm Saturday matinee, Vienna Union Hall, off Route 41, Vienna.

Thursday 7/28 and Friday 7/29 – "The Illusion," by Pierre Corneille, preview Thursday, opening Friday, 7:30 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, Theater At Monmouth.

Friday 7/29 through Sunday 7/31 - Eastern Maine Agility & Dog Show, covered arena, open to public, 586-5110, Fairgrounds, Madison Avenue, Skowhegan.

Wednesday 7/27 through Saturday 7/30 -"Young Frankenstein," 474-7176, Lakewood Theater, Route 201, Madison.

Friday 7/29 - Guided Walking Tour of the North Cemetery, sponsored by Skowhegan History House, \$5 donation, 10 am, 474-6632, meet at cemetery gate, North Avenue, Skowhegan.

Friday 7/29 - Market Square Melodies, free live music on your lunch break, 11 am-1 pm, Market Square Park, Water Street, downtown Augusta.

Friday 7/29 - Summer Busk in the Park, featuring The Sweet Beets, 5-5:45 pm, Johnson Hall Park, Water Street, Gardiner.

Friday 7/29 - Waterfront Concert Series, featuring Ale House String Band, free, 6-7:30 pm, Waterfront Park, Gardiner.

Friday 7/29 - Opening Reception, Stitches in Time: Recent Works by Betsy Cook, 5:30-8 pm, 512-4679, show runs through 8/24, free and open to the public, Monkitree Gallery, 263 Water Street, Gardiner.

Friday 7/29 and Saturday 7/30 - Bossuv Ballet, "Don Quixote." \$15, \$12 students and seniors, 7 pm Friday, 2 pm Saturday, Waterville Opera House, Main Street, Waterville.

Friday 7/29 - Student Honor Recital, New England Music Camp, free, 7:30 pm, 844-476-6976, Alumni Hall, 8 Goldenrod Lane, Sidney.

Friday 7/29 - Skowhegan School of Painting Lecture Series, George Lewis, Paul Mellon Distinguished Fellow, free and open to the public, 474-9345, 8:30 pm, Old Dominion Fresco Barn, 39 Art School Road, Madison.

Saturday 7/30 - Pancake Breakfast, sponsored by Smithfield Historical Society, pancakes, sausage, homemade baked beans, juice and coffee, \$6 adults, \$4 children, preschoolers free, also bake sale, 7-10 am, Smithfield Baptist Church next to Groves History House, Lakeview Drive, Smithfield.

Saturday 7/30 - Open House at Groves History House, weaving, spinning and quilting demonstrations, antique car show, homemade ice cream with maple syrup will be available, 9 am-2 pm, Smithfield Maine Historical Society, Groves History House, Lakeview Drive, Smithfield.

Saturday 7/30 - Paddle Trek, day long guided trip, Mount Vernon Village to Wayne Village, sponsored by the 30 Mile River Watershed Association, register at www.30mileriver.org, 7:30 am-3 pm, 860-4043, depart downtown Mount Vernon.

Saturday 7/30 - 2016 VLMP Annual Lake Monitoring Conference, 783-7733, Great Outdoors, Pleasant Pond, Turner.

Saturday 7/30 - 7th Annual Friends of the Belgrade Public Library 5K Road Race, featuring The Summer Camp Challenge, registration 7 am, race 8 am, \$20 day of race, \$15 pre-registration at RunReg.com, 465-3524, Belgrade Central School, Depot Street, Belgrade.

Saturday 7/30 - Maine Artisan Bread Fair, over

60 vendors, delicious breads, pastries, books, equipment, professional bakers, live music, demos, superb Maine made foods, free, everyone is invited, 9 am-3 pm, 717-4578, Skowhegan Fairgrounds, Route 201, Madison Avenue, Skowhegan.

Saturday 7/30 and Sunday 7/31 - Maine-ly Harmony women's barbershop singers annual fundraiser yard sale, 9 am-3 pm, 582-5523, Davis Hill Gardens, Route 3, Palermo.

Saturday 7/30 - Scavenger Hunt in Gardiner, hosted by The Sensory Gym, kids will go around to businesses and get a stamp, when board is complete they will bring it back to the gym for a prize, 9 am-noon, 213-7069, Water Street, Gardiner.

Saturday 7/30 - Fairy and Toad Houses, make your own along the trail, use fun natural materials, learn a few tricks of construction, discover the beauty of the trails, 1-3 pm, 238-4250, L.C. Bates Museum, Route 201, Hinckley.

Saturday 7/30 – "Cyrano," 1 pm, "Henry V," 7:30 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater At Monmouth.

Saturday 7/30 – New England Music Camp Concert, free and open to the public, 3 pm, 465-3025, Bowl in the Pines, Route 23, Sidney.

Saturday 7/30 - North Pond Association Annual Meeting, hear about accomplishments and plans for the future, guest speakers, vote on new president and board members, discuss funding for lakewide shoreline survey, 4-5 pm social appetizers, 5-6 pm meeting, 362-5533, Fairview Grange, Main Street, Smithfield.

Saturday 7/30 - Summer Smorgasbord, baked beans, casseroles, salads, bread, beverages, summery desserts or ice cream sundae bar, adults \$8, children 5-12 \$4, 5-6:30 pm, 872-8976, First Congregational Church, corner of Eustis Parkway and Main Street, Waterville.

Saturday 7/30 - Rock For The Dock, a fundraiser to benefit the dock-purchase fund for the Belgrade Lakes Youth Sailing Program, live music Slygo Road with special guest Molly Gibbs, \$20 per person, byob, 6-9 pm, Loon Cove Community Building, Loon Call Drive,

off Smithfield Road, Belgrade.

Saturday 7/30 - Friends of Messalonskee Meetand-Greet, Annual Meeting, meet lake neighbors and learn about efforts on Messalonskee Lake, guest speaker Maggie Shannon, 4:30 pm, followed by BBQ at 5:30 pm (ticketed) and Al Corey Band at 7:30 pm (ticketed event), 240-7440, Snow Pond Center for the Arts, 8 Goldenrod Lane, Sidney.

Saturday 7/30 - Jazz Under The Stars featuring The Al Corey Band, guest soloist Bill McHenry, Saxophone, 80th Anniversary celebration of New England Music Camp, ticketed event, 7:30 pm, 844-476-6976, Bowl in The Pines, Snow Pond Center For The Arts, 8 Goldenrod Lane, Sidney.

Sunday 7/31 - Annual Car Show, Belgrade Fire & Rescue Association, gates open 8 am, awards 2 pm, dozens of classes, rain or shine, 215-6142, next to Belgrade Central School, Depot Street, Belgrade.

Sunday 7/31 - "Love's Labour's Lost," by William Shakespeare, 1 pm, "The Barber of Seville," 7 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater at Monmouth.

Sunday 7/31 – The Colwell Brothers Band, blues, free and open to the public, 2-4 pm, Summer Concerts at Norcross Point, Lake Maranacook, Winthrop.

Sunday 7/31 - New England Music Camp Concert, "Bowl in the Pines," free, everyone welcome, 3 pm, 465-3025, Route 23, Goldenrod Lane, Sidney.

Sunday 7/31 - Belgrade Lakes Association Meeting, Great Pond and Long Pond, speakers: world-renowned limnologist Ken Wagner, PhD and Dr. Whitney King, Colby College water quality research report, 3:30-6 pm, 512-5150, Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes.

Sunday 7/31 – Skowhegan Community Otrchestra, Coburn Park Concerts, bring lawn chairs and blankets, 5-6:15 pm, Philbrick Gazebo, Route 2, Skowhegan.

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Tuesday 8/2 through Saturday 8/6 - Skowhegan RiverFest 2016, celebrating recreation and life on the Kennebec River, highlights include Moonlight Madness, Rotary Lobster Bake, Drivers and Duffers Golf Classic, 474-3621, events centered on the Kennebec River and downtown Skowhegan.

Tuesday 8/2 - "Puss in Boots," 1 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater At Monmouth.

Tuesday 8/2 - Final Score! Summer Reading, Sarah and Gene, 1 pm, 465-7533, Oakland Public Library, 18 Church Street, Oakland.

Tuesday 8/2 - Quarry Road Summer Race Series, 8K 6 pm, fun run for 12 and under 5:30 pm, www.quarryroadraces.com, Quarry Road, off North Avenue, Waterville.

Tuesday 8/2 - "The Barber of Seville," 7:30 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater At Monmouth.

Tuesday 8/2 - Student Honor Recital, New England Music Camp, 7:30 pm, 844-476-6976, free, Alumni Hall, 8 Goldenrod Lane, Sidney.

Wednesday 8/3 – Taste of Greater Waterville, over 30 food vendors, live music all day, street-side dancing, children's events, beer garden 5-11 pm, sit-down dining hosted by local restaurants, activities from 9 am-11 pm, 873-3315, Chamber of Commerce, downtown Waterville.

Wednesday 8/3 - Art Afternoon, fun mini workshop, create art with all mediums, be inspired by the collections, guided by staff members, 1 pm, 238-4250, L.C. Bates Museum, Route 201, Hinckley.

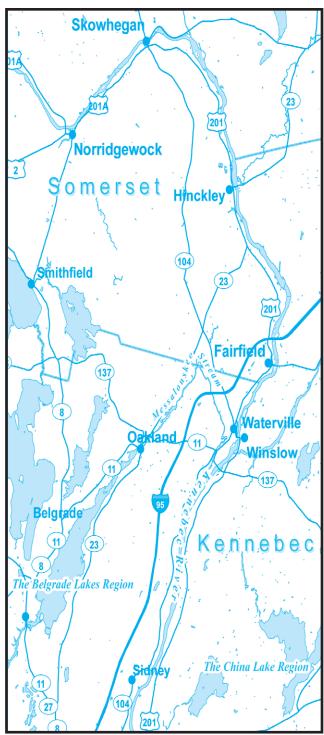
Wednesday 8/3 – "The Barber of Seville," 1 pm, "Henry V," 7:30 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater At Monmouth.

Wednesday 8/3 – Public Supper, final of the season, baked ham, potato, vegetable, bread, beverage, dessert, 5 pm, Fairview Grange, Main Street, Route 8, Smithfield.

Wednesday 8/3 - Author Joyce Lovely, "God, Gasmasks and Ice Cream," presentation, selling and signing, 6 pm, 495-3508, Belgrade Public Library, 124 Depot Road, Belgrade.

Thursday 8/4 through Sunday 8/7 - "Death by Design," 474-7176, Lakewood Theater, Route 201, Madison.

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Thursday 8/4 - Invasive Plant Patrol Workshop - Kayak/Canoe coves of Messalonskee Lake to ID native and invasive plants, learn how to be a responder, some kayaks available, please RSVP, www.friendsofmessalonskee.com, Oakland, Belgrade, Sidney.

Thursday 8/4 – "Love's Labour's Lost," 1 pm, "Cyrano," 7:30 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, Theater At Monmouth.

Thursday 8/4 - Museum After Hours with
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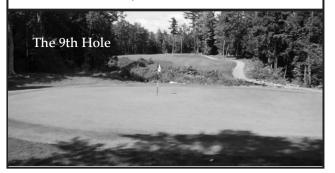
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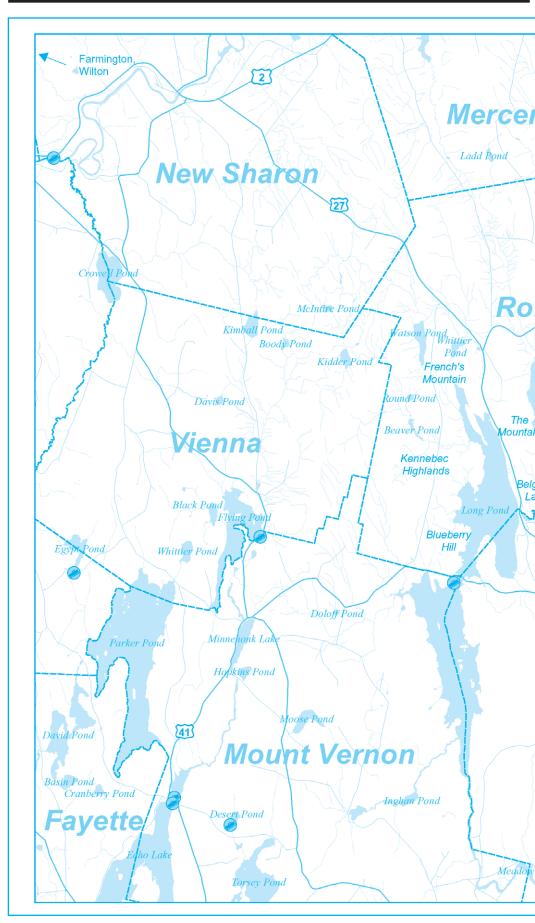
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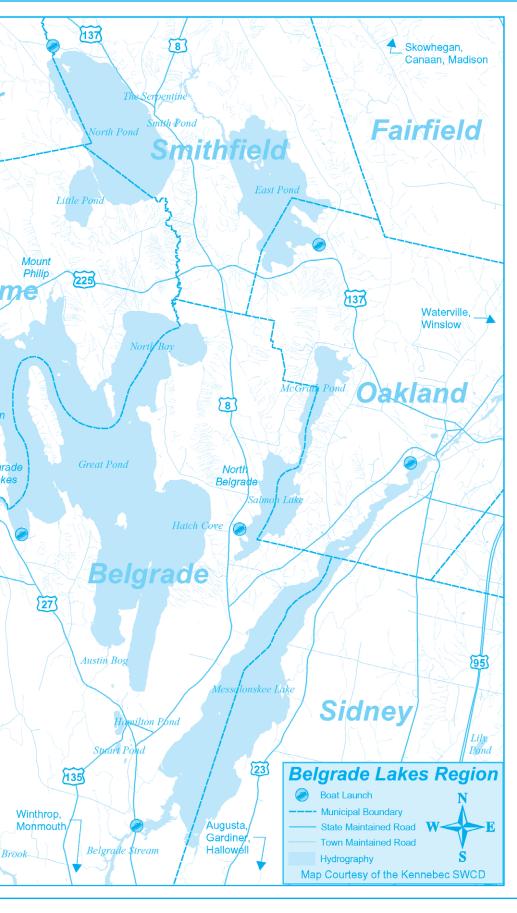
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- Britannica Acoustic Duo will perform at the Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons to benefit the Belgrade Public Library on Friday, August 5 at 7 pm. 495-3111
- August 11-20 are the dates of the Skowhegan State Fair, featuring a huge midway, animal exhibits, crafts, commercial exhibits, flower shows, animal pull events and harness racing.
- On Saturday, August 13 at 7 pm the Union Coffeehouse in Belgrade Lakes will provide two hours of singing entertainment. Ruth Hill, folk and bluegrass singer, will be the featured performer; open mic will follow. Donation \$5 at the door includes refreshments.
- An Ice Cream Social and RB Hall Band Concert will be held on Tuesday 8/16 (rain date August 23) at 6 pm at the Oakland Historical Society Macartney House Museum. 649-4942
- "Maine's Wabanaki Native Americans" will be presented by Ken Hamilton at the Belgrade Historical Society meeting at the Maine Lakes Resource Center, Belgrade Lakes, on Thursday, August 18 at 7:30 pm. 495-2310
- The Annual Sidewalk Art Festival in Winthrop will be Saturday, August 20, 10 am-3 pm, with a showcase of regional artists, sales, food, music and recreation. 377-8020
- On Wednesday and Thursday, August 24 and 25, 9 am-4 pm, the annual Maine Farm Days will be held at Misty Meadows Farm in Clinton, a large dairy farm (over 800 cows) that grows hundreds of acres of crops. There will be a kid's tent, equipment displays, a wagon tour, many exhibits and concessions - all free to the public. www.MaineFarmDays.com
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- December '63, Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons Tribute Concert will be held on Thursday, August 25 at the Bowl In The Pines, Snow Pond Center for the Arts, Sidney. 844-476-6076
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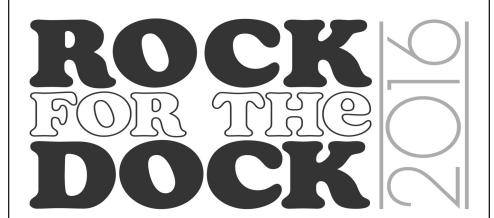
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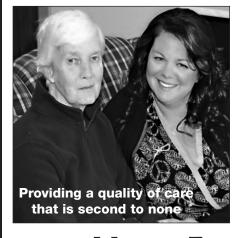
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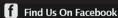




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Conservation Too **-**

'n a first-time partnership effort, Gold Top Dairy Farm of Knox Ridge collaborated with the Somerset and Waldo County Soil and Water Conservation Districts this summer to conserve more than 40 acres of active hayland as grassland bird habitat. Gold Top farm is run by brothers Mike and Greg Ingraham and their wives Jackie and Shirley, Greg's son, Isaac and employee, Alex Green. The farm, started in 1876 and now on its fourth generation, is an icon in the town of Knox, and consists of 1400 acres. Ingrahams milk 400 cows.

In return for an incentive payment to help offset loss in forage quality, Mike, Greg and family consented to delay mowing on a particularly productive parcel of active bobolink habitat at the end of June. This was a tremendous conservation effort, and resulted in the fledging of at least 50 bobolink youngsters last week. Bobolink family groups were up and about by Friday afternoon, July 8th, gliding over the grassland, hunting for insects and making their joyous calls. In addition to hosting bobolinks, the fields were also nesting grounds for savannah sparrows and possibly a meadowlark family. Incentive funds were provided by the Davis Conservation Foundation for the Somerset County District's Agricultural Allies program, an outreach and education project intended to encourage safe nesting habitat for grassland birds. Bobolinks are a historic sight and sound each spring in the fields and meadows of Maine. In addition to being a delight to see and hear, bobolinks and other grassland birds are true agricultural allies to central Maine farmers as these birds consume large quantities of both insect pests and weed seeds each growing season. Unfortunately, the population of these beneficial birds has been in a steady and precipitous decline since the 1960s, according to the State of the Birds 2014 (www.stateofthebirds.org) report. The bobolink appears on their Watchlist of bird species most in need of conservation action. Here in Maine, the reason there is habitat for these birds at all is landscape. because our agricultural Unfortunately, however, most hayfields are cut at least once during the nesting timeframe (end of May mid July), which results in total nestling mortality, a pattern that plays out across the northeast.

Ingraham's delay in mowing, just over a week in

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Guest author Laura Suomi-Lecker at Somerset SWCD



Gold Top Farm grassland bird fields



Recently fledged juvenile bobolink

large bobolink nestlings. Ingrahams to work with the Districts on issue extending the delay past the agreed timeframe, allowing additional time for late nesters) was a tangible and significant

benefit for the grassland birds of central Maine.

It is not only farmers who can help grassland birds, however. "Everyone can have a hand in helping these birds", says Laura Suomi-Lecker, Technical Director for Somerset County SWCD. "If we as the general public could leave grass areas un-mowed until August 1st, including letting some lawn area 'go natural', we could help create non-competitive grasslands for birds, pollinators and other wildlife." Reducing manicured lawn in favor of meadow creation not only benefits wildlife, but it saves time, fuel

duration, was the key and money for landowners, making it a true win-win to survival for this situation. We encourage people to contact the of Somerset County SWCD (at 474-8324 x 3; www.somersetswcd.org) to find out other ways that they can The willingness of the get involved with this critical conservation effort For information about any of our conservation projects please

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Belgrade Lakes author Maureen Milliken has recently had a second book in her Bernie O'Dea mystery series released. "No News is Bad News," a grisly murder mystery, is set in northern Franklin County. The book is available at Children's Book Cellar in Waterville and at Pine Bluff Farm Store and Day's Store in Belgrade

The 1st Annual Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance Open at the Belgrade Lakes Disc Golf Course will take place on August 20, 7:30 am-4:30 pm. In partnership wth the Belgrade Lakes Disc Golf Course and the Maine Golf Tour, the BRCA will co-host a dixc golf tournamtne for participants of all ages (children unde 13 require adult supervision); cash prizes for winners.

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Wayne

• The Cary Library's Annual Silent Auction starts Thursday, August 4 with an informal Opening Reception, 5-7 pm at the Williams House, 14 Old Winthrop Road. Items will include handcrafts, furniture, glassware, needlework, framed art, vintage attic treasures, quilted pieces, jewelry, children's products, and a classic plywood dinghy built and donated by Chris Cushman of Androscoggin Wooden Boatworks in honor of his niece Heather Black who recently passed away. Bidding is in person starting 9 am-3 pm August 6, the day of the Library's 5K, Cary Festival and Lobster Roll Lunch, and will close at noon on Saturday, August 13. 685-3612

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In recent years, the Taste has grown to be mid-Maine's largest outdoor festival with average crowds of up to 10,000, becoming a day-long family event which not only features an array of restaurants but a variety of entertainers and vendors with free admission. Downtown businesses will also be offering specials and activities at their locations and local gymnastic and dance studios will perform starting at 5pm on Main Street.

Another highlight of the event is the ever-popular Beer Garden, open from 5-11 PM in the Concourse and featuring live music.

The Taste offers something for everyone. A full day of children's activities is planned for families, and rows of vendors offer items and activities for all interests. There will be snacks and meals throughout the day, and Main Street will be lined with area

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Maine State Credit Union, 200 Capitol Street, Augusta, 623-1851, www.mainestatecu.org

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Castle Island Camps, Long Pond, 441 Castle Island Road, Belgrade Lakes, 495-3312, www.castleislandcamps.com

Great Pond Marina, 25 Marina Drive, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes, 495-2213, www.greatpondmarina.com

Whisperwood Cottages, Salmon Lake/McGrath Pond, 103 Taylor Woods Road, Belgrade, 465-3983, www.whisperwoodlodge.com

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Winterberry Farm, 538 Augusta Road, Route 27, Belgrade, 495-2593, 649-3331,

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Belgrade Regional Health Center, 4 Clement Way, Belgrade Lakes, 495-3323, www.healthreachchc.org, belgradechc.org

Inland Hospital, 200 Kennedy Memorial Drive, Waterville, 861-3000, 1-800-491-8600, www.inlandhospital.org

MaineGeneral Medical Center, Alfond Center for Health, 35 Medical Center Parkway, Augusta; Thayer Center for



Health, 149 North Street, Waterville, 1-855-4463, www.mainegeneral.org

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MUSIC/CONCERTS

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495-3700, www.belgradelakepoint.com
Sprague & Curtis Real Estate, 75 Western Avenue,

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RESTAURANTS

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Granite Hill Estates, 60 Balsam Drive, Hallowell, 626-7786, 1-888-321-1119, www.granitehillestates.com

SAILING

Crooked Island Sailing, lessons, rentals, deliveries, Peter McManus, Belgrade Lakes, 495-9066,

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Smithfield/Rome/Mercer, www.northpond.net

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- Belgrade Lakes Association (BLA) for Great Pond and Long Pond, Belgrade/Rome/Mount Vernon, PO Box 551, 137 Main Street, Belgrade Lakes, 04918, 512-5150, www.belgradelakesassociation.org
- Friends of Messalonskee, Oakland/Belgrade/Sidney, PO Box 532, Oakland, 04963, 465-4622, www.friendsofmessalonskee.com
- Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance and BRCA Conservation Corps, PO Box 250, 137 Main Street, Belgrade Lakes, 04918, 495-6039, www.belgradelakes.org
- Belgrade Lakes Region Business Group (BLRBG), PO Box 596, Belgrade Lakes, 04918, 495-3700, www.belgradelakesmaine.com
- Maine Lakes Resource Center/Docks to
 Doorways, PO Box 431, 137 Main Street, Belgrade
 Lakes, 04918, 495-3617, 620-6029, www.mainelakesresourcecenter.org

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- Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed, PO Box 5003, Augusta, 04332-5003, 621-4100, www.watershed-friends.com
- Franklin County Soil & Water Conservation

 District, 107 Park Street, Farmington 04938, 778-4279,

 www.franklincswcd.org
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- Somerset County Soil & Water Conservation District, 12 High Street, Skowhegan 04976, 474-8324, www.somersetswcd.org
- Kennebec Land Trust (KLT), PO Box 261, 331
 Main Street, Winthrop, 04364, 377-2848, www.tklt.org
- Kennebec Messalonskee Trails, PO Box 2388, Waterville, 04903, 873-6443, www.kmtrails.org
- Kennebec River Rail Trail, PO Box 2195, Augusta, 04338, 623-8162, www.krrt.org
- 30 Mile River Watershed Association (30 MRWA), Kimball Pond in Vienna to the Androscoggin River, PO Box 132, Mt Vernon, 04352, 685-4956, www.30mileriver.org
- Maine Lakes Society, formerly Congress of Lake Associations, PO Box 447, 137 Main Street, Belgrade Lakes, 04918, 1-855-463-2652
- Central Maine chapter of the New England Mountain Bike Association (CeMeNEMBA), 441-6227, www.cemenemba.org



"Useful Citizen's Tour" Guided Walking Tour of the North Cemetery

Ckowhegan History House Museum & Research Center will be hosting a tour of the historic North Cemetery off Madison Avenue on July 29th at 10 AM. During this guided walking tour participants will visit with some notable citizens that proved to be useful in developing country, community, and business. In her two volume history of Skowhegan, Skowhegan on the Kennebec, Louise Helen Coburn selected a few useful citizens that "may be regarded as representative of the human stream, which during the late 18th century and early 19th flowed eastward and northward to come to rest beside the Kennebec near Skowhegan Falls, and here to pause for a generation before flowing outward to the ends of the known world." Many of these notable souls rest in the North Cemetery.

This tour visits many prominent citizens of early Skowhegan including Amos Mann and Asa Dyer. Dr. Amos Angier Mann practiced medicine in Skowhegan for many years preceding 1882. He evidently didn't go to school until he was 15, attended Lancaster (NH) for one term and served as assistant teacher in that institute. Being an unusual doctor, he was sometimes summoned as a last resort because he did things that no other practitioner would dare attempt. In some cases of indigestion he would prescribe "plenty of pork Screamer." His home was located on the corner and beans and stuff the potatoes right to her." Dr. of the Dr. Mann and the Athens' road.



Mann was interested in politics and did not hesitate to share his opinion in his newspaper entitled "Mann's Family Physician and Down East

Many of the homes and businesses in Skowhegan are constructed of brick. Most of those bricks were manufactured by two firms in Skowhegan, one being owned by Asa Dyer. Louise Coburn notes that Asa was the first settler on his considerable farm of 85 acres which ran eastward across the plains on what was considered upper Madison Street known as Dyer Hill. Mr. Dyer ran a brick-yard just behind his home and the business was later carried on by his sons, Chandler and Isaac. Isaac Dyer, notable Civil War General, is also at rest in the North Cemetery along with his servant slave Morgan Ellis.

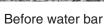
Skowhegan History House Museum & Research Center strives to bring local history alive through guided tours and research assistance at the museum, history related presentations, and by hosting tours featuring historic Skowhegan. After the Useful Citizens Tour, there is one remaining tour scheduled for this season and it is new. Early Bloomfield Settlers, Tour of the Bloomfield Cemetery on August 12th at 10 AM.

Participants will meet tour guide Melvin Burnham at the cemetery gate and a donation of \$5.00 per person is suggested. For more information: info@skowheganhistoryhouse.org

This Week's LakeSmart Tip **WATER BARS**









After water bar

Water bars slow concentrated storm water traveling down moderately steep paths, trails, and other sloping areas to slow and divert water off into vegetated areas and woods. Multiple water bars made of wood placed closer together are recommended for steeper areas. Rot-resistant woods such as cedar, spruce, fir, or hemlock work well.

For a free labor contact:

Nathan Durant, Youth Conservation Corps Director, brcacc@mainelakes.org Logan Parker, LAKESMART Coordinator, lparker.mainelakes@gmail.com Maine Lakes Resource Center 207-495-3617

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One Million Hours and Still Counting

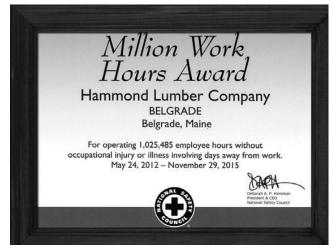
National Safety Council recognizes Hammond Lumber

Between May 2012 and November 2015, the employees of Hammond Lumber Company's Belgrade store worked more than one million consecutive hours without a jobrelated injury or illness that resulted in lost time. The National Safety Council (NSC) has recognized that accomplishment with its Million Work Hours Award.

And, according to Hammond Safety Director Bruce Pelletier, the streak is still going.

"We've now gone beyond 1,189,500 hours at the Belgrade facility," says Pelletier, "and the strong commitment to keep it going starts with the Hammond family's emphasis on keeping all of us safe. They really care about the people who work here and want to make sure that when we go home we're not missing out on playing with kids because of an injury."

Clifton "Skip" Hammond started the company as a three-man sawmill in 1953. Skip's focus on safety was shared by his wife, Verna, and it extended to their son Donald, grandson Michael, and granddaughter Sarah Krizo as Hammond Lumber grew into one of Maine's largest independent building suppliers. There are now 13 Hammond Lumber locations and 450 employees. Donald, who started the first



retail store next to the sawmill in 1967, is Hammond Lumber's president while Mike is vice-president and Sarah is employed with the company as well. Skip and Verna are retired but still involved.

"They're a family that understands what it's like for the families of the people who work for them," says Pelletier, who is responsible for overseeing safety for all Hammond locations. "They have an intense feeling for their employees that goes beyond business."

On the wall of Pelletier's office are 45 certificates and plaques given to the company over the years from not only the NSC, but also from the Northeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association (NeLMA), Maine Employers

Mutual Insurance Company (MEMIC) and various organizations within the building trades. One of the certificates is a previous Million Work Hours Award for a Belgrade streak extending from February 2005 to April 2008.

None of the other Hammond stores have as many employees as does Belgrade, so it takes more time to build up combined accident-free hours. However, they may have safety streaks that run even longer when measured in years.

"The Farmington and Skowhegan facilities," Pelletier points out, "are half to three-quarters of the way to a million hours, yet they have only 19 employees each. They haven't had a lost-time accident in more than fifteen years."

Pelletier was hired by Hammond Lumber in 2005 as the company's first full-time safety director, and it is his sole focus. In addition to staying on top of government regulations and performing frequent inspections of all areas of all Hammond locations, he conducts safety orientations and ongoing training for the entire Hammond staff.

More information about Hammond Lumber Company's safety programs, as well as its products and services, is available at 1-866-HAM-MOND and www.hammondlumber.com.

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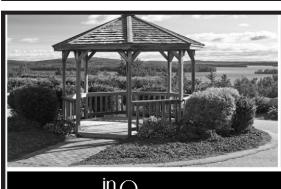
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