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When a Kid Returns From Camp

by Esther J. Perne



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When a kid returns from camp, whether from a day, a week or a season, there will be single socks, someone else's sweatshirt or shoes, wet swimwear and wet whatever has come in contact with it, sticky but empty treat wrappers, something damp in the bottom of a bag that had best not be probed too thoroughly, natural treasures especially things sandy and smelly from a trip to the beach and an enhanced vocabulary - "epic," "boss" and "beast," "what's good?" and terms not necessarily repeatable.

When a kid returns from camp, whether early,

mid or late summer, there will be amazing physical growth (how do they get taller in just one day??) and social growth, too, There will be new names of new friends not to be confused with the same names of old friends, new songs and new games, new not-funny jokes, and new accusations of "oh forget it, you don't understand."

When a kid returns from camp, there will be some creative eating etiquette - like fingers for everything (everybody does it) and an increase in appetite. There will be the discovery of some items that the house has been searched high and low for. There will be many arts and crafts proj-

ects to display on shelves and walls.

Of course, when a kid returns from camp, there may be only clean clothes, carefully dried swimwear, improved table manners, perfectly matched socks and nothing lost, no foreign objects - natural or otherwise - lodged in pockets of clothing and backpacks, new friends with new names only, and a new high in politeness.

J.K.

Most important, when a kid returns from camp, it's time to think and plan about next summer already, because before too long it will be time when a kid goes to camp.



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A Tragic Loon Story

By Kay Overfield

Last night there was a bitter loon battle in our little bay. In the end, the baby chick was dead, and the rogue loon who fought the father loon was on shore, stunned/injured. It was quite an evening. Here's what happened.

My husband and I and our black Lab Shinobi, climbed in the canoe for a late afternoon paddle. The sun shone across our bay at the north end of Great Pond. The water was calm, but we were surprised to see our baby loon there in the water - all alone. That was unusual. She is usually right beside her Mom - or Dad. We so enjoyed seeing the chick develop. In June, neighbors kayaking had observed the eggs in the nest in the swamp around the corner. By the 4th of July, we were happy to see the mother loon swimming by with the baby on her back. All of the Northbay Lane residents loved watching the little family.

When we returned from our paddle, baby was with the Mom. All was well. Later while eating dinner, we noticed a boat in the bay close to the loons, watching the birds thrashing about. People were gathering along the shore, all concerned about the skirmish in the bay. The baby was a little distance away, and then swam towards the Mom. The rogue loon attacked and quickly killed the babe. The mother loon

swam back to the baby who was now dead in the water, its little white belly up. Then the two males fought. The father grabbed the rogue loon by the neck and they engaged above and underneath the water. Eventually, they took their fight to the shore, beating each other against the rocks. The rogue male, losing the battle, crawled up on shore, quite stunned and/or injured. We all watched not knowing what to do.

As it happens, the three men in the boat were Belgrade Regional Conservation Association (BRCA) employees who had come to our quiet cove to water ski. When they saw the bizarre loon behavior, they stayed to check it out and they took videos. After the loon beached, they were concerned about the injured bird; and knew from their training, that even if the loon were able to swim away, the fight would resume and he would be the loser. He would die.

Now it was close to 8:00pm and all the experts the BRCA guys called were gone for the day. Voice mail only. Eventually they contacted a bird protection group who advised them to put the loon in a cardboard box - carefully --, and bring the bird to them. The BRCA employees, Michael Stevens - Milfoil Field Area Leader,

Adrian Heath - Milfoil Surveyor/Diver, and Collin MacGibeny - Diver, with the help of the Northbay Lane neighbors, put a blanket over the bird. One person, controlling the wings, picked up the bird while another held the neck and beak and they put it in the box for transport. Lee Pooler, Northbay Lane resident, drove the BRCA men and the injured loon to meet the bird rescue experts at a designated location.

The BRCA guys, Michael, Adrian and Collin, didn't get to water ski, but this was quite a unique experience for them. Some of the folks who gathered to watch the drama have lived in the area for more than thirty years and have never seen such loony behavior. In retrospect my husband and I recall some bizarre, somewhat frantic loon calls the past few nights and mornings -- different from the usual yodels. And our neighbor Lois also questioned the racket. "Did you hear the loons last night. They were nuts." Perhaps this was a foreshadowing of a building hostility.

We all await news of the injured loon, hoping that time will heal him. Yet we all feel an incredible loss -- our loon baby. Now, as night settles, the loon calls seem especially sad, and we imagine that the parents are mourning their offspring. We are too. Nature indeed, can be cruel.



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In response to this need, United Way of Mid-Maine and Kennebec Valley Community Action Program (KVCAP) are collaborating to collect school supplies during UWMM's 2016 Summer of Caring from July 5 – August 17. Donated items will then be distributed to children in school districts throughout northern Kennebec and Somerset Counties.

Community members are asked to participate by donating new school supplies and backpacks. Suggested items for donation include binders, colored pencils, erasers, glue sticks, notebooks, pencils, pens, and backpacks. Items can be delivered to United Way of Mid-Maine (105 Kennedy Memorial Drive, Waterville), or KVCAP in (97 Water Street, Waterville). The deadline for donations is Wednesday, August 17th.

The team will also be holding "Stuff the Bus" Day of Caring events at the Waterville, Skowhegan, and Palmyra Walmarts on Wednesday, August 17, from 10:00am until 2:00pm. During this time the public is asked to join the Day of Caring by bringing their donated items to help fill the bus with all of the essential items kids need at the start of the new school year.

"United Way of Mid-Maine works with several community partners to provide school supplies to hundreds of children in need in our community. Each summer, committed volunteers and staff members collect and distribute school supplies to assure that all kids have the basic items they need for a solid start for a successful school year. The level of commitment to caring in this community is always so inspiring," said Elizabeth Barron, President and CEO of United Way of Mid-Maine.

School supplies are distributed directly to school districts. Any family in mid-Maine looking for assistance in getting school supplies for their school-aged children is urged to contact their child's school.

For more information, please contact Lauren Seganos Cohen at United Way of Mid-Maine at 873-0686.

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—The Luckiest Boy—

The Day the Movie Folks Showed Up

by Rod Johnson



We have our own Purgatory Cove.

One never knows when some person or some event is going to come to town which kind of riles things up a bit. Before you know it, there's chatter amongst the locals and summer folk about what is or isn't happening in our midst. Most always, the rumors get modified over and over to the point that the gossip has no relation to the original event.

Well, that happened in the greater Belgrade area in the late '70s. Word was out on the street that one of our own summer folks had written a play called *On Golden Pond*. Not only that, but the movie folks from New York and

California wanted to make it into a movie. Keep in mind that none of this was verified by the local establishment, but they were diggin' for clues as to whether or not it was true. There were more questions than answers flying around town. Next thing we knew, someone said Dave Webster was going to be on the six o'clock news that night. Most folks had their televisions tuned in and sure enough, Dave and his wife Barbara were interviewed down by Great Pond Marina. Dave of course, was the REAL mailman on Great Pond for

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— Take It Outside —

This was another busy summertime week in the Belgrades. I spent some time early in the week hacking down some Japanese Knotweed (locally called “bamboo”), an invasive species that has infested BRCA’s Mount Phillip property along Route 225 in Rome. This plant was introduced into the United States by the famous landscape architect, Frederick Law Olmstead, who designed NYC’s Central Park and Boston’s Emerald Necklace in the mid 19th Century. He wanted a plant that would do well along waterways and bloom in the summertime. It has since spread to at least 24 states in the northeastern US and is especially pernicious along waterways and roadsides. It is a difficult plant to get rid of once established but with dedication and a multi-year effort can be done by repeated cutting. The young shoots in the spring are quite tasty (sort of a lemony cross between asparagus and rhubarb) and can be used to make jellies and brew wine (my favorite use of the shoots). Anyone who is interested in learning about controlling invasive species should contact Toni Pied at the BRCA (495-6039) (www.belgradelakes.org) to volunteer for the Stewardship Committee. After hacking knotweed, I hiked up Mount Phillip and met the Jackson Family from New Vineyard, with daughters, Lily (7) and Dottie (3). They have been hiking trails in this area for several years since being introduced to them when their parents rented a camp on Great Pond several years ago.

I also managed to get out to do a bit of fishing. One morning I was trolling in Long Pond, with a Mooselook flutter spoon on one line in a rod holder on the port side set just below the thermocline, hoping for a Landlocked Salmon or Brown Trout and holding a flyrod with a sinking line and my trusty White Zonker fly on the starboard. I then got a phone call on my cell phone from a friend I was supposed to meet later that day to do some fieldwork for a potential BRCA project. Ironically, the best cellphone coverage in the area is in the middle of the lakes as the towers are up on the hills surrounding them and there is no topographic interference in between. As I was talking, a fish suddenly took the line on the port side. I quickly terminated the phone call, placed my flyrod in the rod holder on the starboard side and began reeling in the fish. When I had the fish about halfway to the boat, suddenly I had a strike on the flyrod. I scrambled back and forth trying to reel in both rods and when I finally got the fish in I discovered I had the same fish on both rods. The roughly 14-in smallie hit the spoon first and then spotted the fly as I was reeling him in and tried to grab that as well! The next day, I invited Luke Orup, the son of one of my neighbors, out for a bit of fishing in the late afternoon. As you can see by the picture below, we were successful. While the photo missed the top of his head, it captured the most important parts- the fish and the smile on his face.

I finished up the week helping out with Aquafest, a BRCA Lake Trust sponsored family event at the MLRC. All the lake associations and

Greedy Fish and Inquisitive Kids!

by Pete Kallin



The Jackson Family from New Vineyard, including Lily (7) and Dottie (3).



Greedy fish that hit two lines.



Luke Orup (13) with nice smallmouth.



Dave Hallett with two 4-yr old anglers



Feeding the aquatic invertebrates to the fish at the MLRC.

some Camp Runoia counselors helped out with various water-centered activities aimed at kids, including the Maine Lakes Society 30-ft floating class room, collecting invertebrates, learning about stormwater, painting t-shirts, etc. I think the high point for the kids was when they got to

feed the zooplankton and invertebrates they collected and identified to the fish in the tank at the MLRC. I also spotted Dave Hallett of Great Pond with his 4-yr old son and a friend catching fish after fish near the MLRC docks. It was good to see so many youngsters enjoying the lakes!





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- **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
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- **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
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- **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
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FARMINGTON

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- **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
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- **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
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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

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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.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

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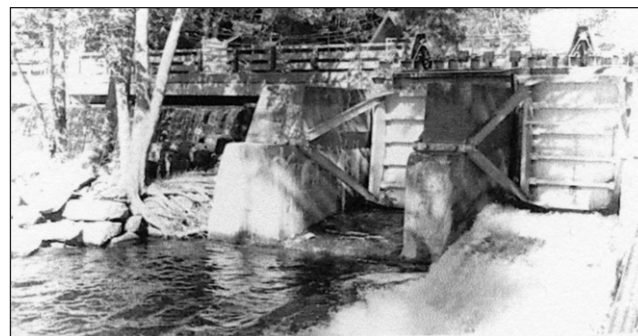
- **Wilton Farm & Home Museum**, 645-2091, 645-4578, www.thewiltonfarmandhomemuseum.org, Saturday 1-4 pm or by appointment, 10 Canal Street

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

Our dry, beautiful summer conditions have really taken a toll on our water levels! Our ponds are all in desperate need of rain and the sooner the better

Great Pond is now 6.36" below full pond or 8" below where we had it this spring. Remember that we were trying to hold our ponds at 2" above full in case we had a dry summer. Long Pond has now dropped to 6.24" below full. Like the Village spillway dam, both Wings Mill gates have remained completely closed since early May.

In the case of Long Pond, it looks like history is repeating itself! Last year at this time, Long Pond was physically 5.88" below full and by Labor Day had dropped to 9" below! Great Pond had dropped to 3" below full during that same time period. So the water levels prognosis for the remainder of our summer is tenuous at best.

Enjoy this beautiful summer weather and your vacation but be on the lookout for the rocks! I'd like to have the propeller concession about right now!

Dick Greenan

Secretary, Belgrade Lakes Watershed Dams Committee



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— Calendar —

Thursday 8/11 through Saturday 8/20 – Skowhegan State Fair, midway, harness racing, exhibits, food, fun, entertainment, live music every night, shows daily, more, 474-2947, www.skowheganstatefair.com, Fairgrounds, Route 201, Skowhegan.

Through Saturday 8/13 – “Death by Design,” 474-7176, Lakewood Theater, Route 201, Madison.

Friday 8/12 - “Early Bloomfield Settlers” - Old Bloomfield Cemetery tour, led by Trustees Kay Marsh & David James, 10 am, 474-6632, Meet at the cemetery entrance, 2 miles south of the Skowhegan bridges, Route 201 South, Skowhegan.

Friday 8/12 - The Bookey Readings at the Harlow, open mic for area poets, sign-in starting at 6:30 pm, reading at 7 pm, \$3 donation, refreshments served, poetry must be appropriate for an all-age audience, 622-3813, Harlow Gallery, 160 Water Street, Hallowell.

Friday 8/12 – “Love’s Labour’s Lost,” by William Shakespeare, 7:30 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater At Monmouth.

Saturday 8/13 - Ribbon-cutting and Open House, 10 am-12 noon, projected grand re-opening Monday, August 15, 626-2415, Lithgow Public Library, Winthrop Street, Augusta.

Saturday 8/13 - Belgrade Historical Society Fair, lawn sale, book table, baked goods, plants, crafts, costume jewelry and more, 10 am-3 pm, 495-3581, Old Town Meeting House, Route 135, Belgrade.

Saturday 8/13 - Mind Body Spirit/B-Well Revolution Festival, rejuvenate with holistic healing therapies, natural and organic skin care products, crystals, gems and jewelry, readings, workshops for children and adults, and a lot more. \$5 admission includes most

workshops, others require paid tickets, 10 am-4 pm, www.mindbodyspiritfestival.org, Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes.

Saturday 8/13 - Oakland Alumni Annual Banquet, all past graduates of Oakland, Williams and Messalonskee High Schools, celebrating the class of 1946 on 70 years, advance reservations required, doors open 10:30 am, buffet lunch noon, 465-2849, Elks Lodge, 76 Industrial Street, Waterville.

Saturday 8/13 – “Puss In Boots,” family program, 1 pm; “Henry V” by William Shakespeare, 7:30 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater At Monmouth.

Saturday 8/13 - Union Coffeehouse presents Ruth Hill, folk and bluegrass singer, plus open mic, 7 pm, \$5 donation at door includes refreshments, Union Church, Main Street, Belgrade Lakes.

Saturday 8/13 - Adriana Leon (Mexico), Dancing Widely, Bearnstow Performance, free and open to the public, 7:30 pm, 293-2280, Union Hall, off Route 41, Vienna.

Saturday 8/13 - Moth and Meteors Night, view the Perseid Meteor showers, set up moth lights to observe nocturnal insects that visit, bring a towel or blanket and a flashlight, 8 pm, 238-4250, L.C. Bates Museum, Route 201, Hinckley.

Saturday 8/13 - Contradance with VOLU-TION playing and Ricky Holt calling, all dances taught, beginners welcome, no partner necessary, \$6 adults, \$5 students, \$15 family max, 8-10:30 pm, 491-9928, Farmington Grange, 124 Bridge Street, West Farmington.

Saturday 8/13 - Fireworks over North Pond, put on by Pine Tree Camp, after dark, 397-2141, viewing from Rome, Smithfield, Mercer.

Sunday 8/14 - “The Illusion,” by Pierre

Corneille, 1 pm; “Henry V,” by William Shakespeare, followed by Post Show Discussion, 7 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater at Monmouth.

Sunday 8/14 – Concert at Norcross Point, “Sandy River Ramblers,” free and open to the public, 2-4 pm, Norcross Point, Maranacook Lake, Winthrop.

Sunday 8/14 - An Afternoon with Peter Tobiessen, author of “The Secret Life of a Lake,” an overview of what happens as a lake ages, 4 pm, sponsored by the Belgrade Lakes Association, 512-5150, Maine Lakes Resource Center, Main Street, Belgrade Lakes.

Sunday 8/14 – Coburn Park Concert, “Hope Savage and Brian Richmond,” 5-6:15 pm, bring lawn chairs and blankets, 474-0527, Philbrick Gazebo, Coburn Park, Water Street, Skowhegan.

Monday 8/15 – 46th Annual Golf Scramble to benefit the United Way of Kennebec Valley, Hole in One, Putting Contest, Raffles, Awards, lunch and dinner included, tee off at 12 pm, 626-3400, Augusta Country Club, Route 202, Manchester.

Tuesday 8/16 – “The Barber of Seville,” by Pierre Beaumarchais, 1 pm; “Henry V” by William Shakespeare, 7:30 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater At Monmouth.

Tuesday 8/16 - Quarry Road Summer Race Series, 3 K and Awards, 6 pm, day-of registration opens at 5 pm, kids fun runs 5:30 pm, www.quarryroadraces.com, off North Avenue, Waterville.

Tuesday 8/16 - Ice Cream Social and RB Hall Band Concert, rain date August 23, 6 pm, 649-4942, Oakland Historical Society, Macartney House Museum, Main Street, Oakland.

Wednesday 8/17 – Art Afternoon, mini workshops, exploring pencils, watercolor, collage, charcoal, etc., 1 pm, 238-4250, L.C.

Bates Museum, Route 201, Hinckley.

Wednesday 8/17 – “Henry V” by William Shakespeare, 1 pm; “Love’s Labour’s Lost” by William Shakespeare, 7:30 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater At Monmouth.

Wednesday 8/17 - Author Paul Doiron of the Mike Bowditch series of crime novels, talk and book signing, program free and open to the public, 6-8 pm, 495-3508, Belgrade Public Library, Depot Street, Belgrade.

Wednesday 8/17 - Meet George and Linda Smith, The Travelin’ Mainers, for a free talk about their new book, “Take it From ME,” a collection of their popular columns on restaurants, inns and travel gems, light refreshments and door prizes, 621-5606, Maine Lakes Resource Center, Main Street, Belgrade Lakes.

Wednesday 8/17 - Class by Susan Rethorst: “Thinking with a Choreographic Mind,” presented by Bearnstow, free to all, 293-2280, 7:30 pm, Mount Vernon Community Center, Route 41, downtown Mount Vernon.

Thursday 8/18 – “Puss In Boots,” Family Show, 1 pm; “The Barber of Seville,” 7:30 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater At Monmouth.

Thursday 8/18 - “The Headless Horseman,” featuring 20 hand-crafted mouth and rod puppets, by the Frogtown Puppeteers, Children’s Day 2 pm only, recommended for ages four and up, children should be accompanied by an adult, free admission, 946-5311, Sawyer Memorial, 371 Sawyer Road, off Route 202, Greene.

Thursday 8/18 - “Maine’s Wabanaki Native Americans,” presented by Ken Hamilton, 7:30 pm, 495-2310, Belgrade Historical Society meeting, Maine Lakes Resource Center, Main Street, Belgrade Lakes.

Thursday 8/18 through Sunday 8/21 - “Hello Dolly!,” 474-7176, Lakewood Theater, Route 201, Madison.

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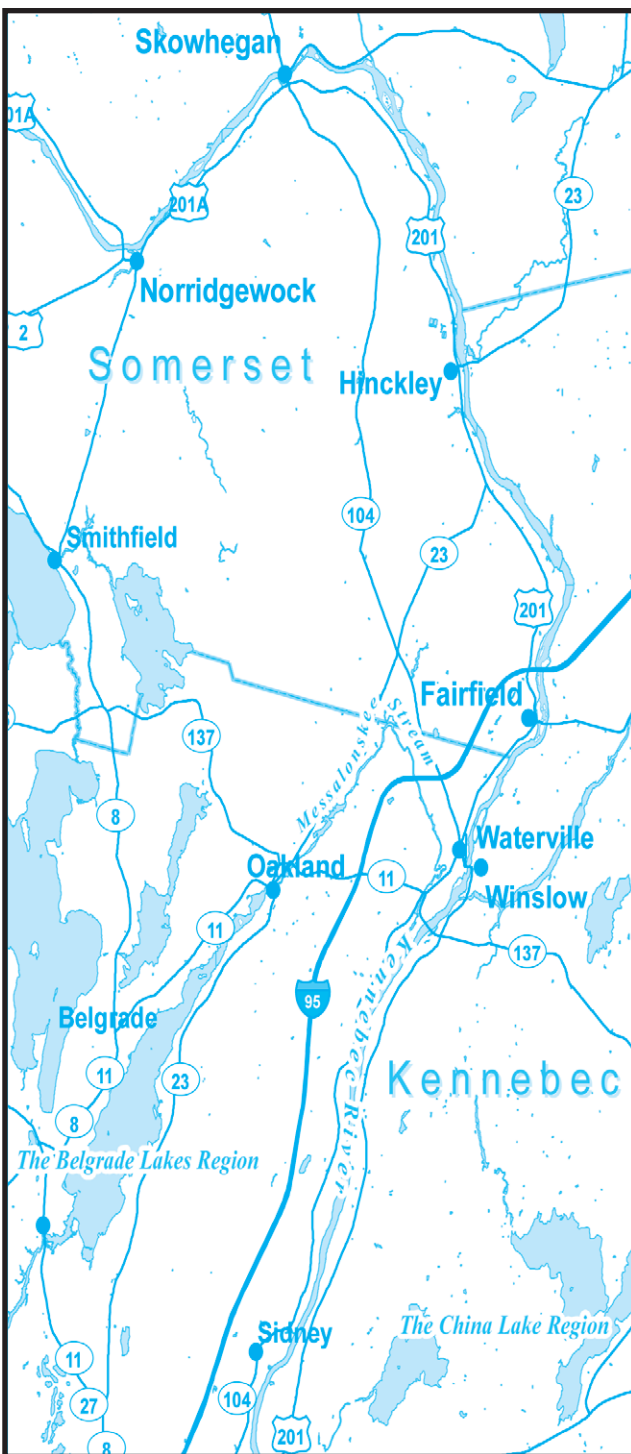
decades, his dad Harold before that. I suppose they wanted to pick his brain and see what info they could get to create the movie's mailman. We locals all stood pretty tall that night, watchin' Dave with his corn cob pipe tell about the movie and that he and Barb had been offered complimentary tickets to either the play—or movie once it was made.

We boys who were working at Day's Marina found out the day before that there was some definite truth to it. Our boss Darryl Day announced, as we paraded into work one morning, that some folks from the Big City were coming over mid-morning and needed a ride around the lake. Apparently they were gonna look it over a mite and get a good idea if it fit their plan for making the film. I got the chauffeur's job and when the pair of city folks showed up, Darryl pointed to the 17' Boston Whaler that sat at the dock. If memory serves me right, we had hooked up a new V4 Johnson 100 horsepower the day before for the owner Walter Frame, and it needed a good test run anyway. By the way, I think that boat is still on the lake today, towing grandkids around Sahagian Cove.

The folks pretty much kept their thoughts to themselves as we headed out Mill Stream, and when we reached the mouth and got some open water, I put the boat up on a plane and set a nice cruising speed. The weather was a bit chilly as I recall, but I was comfortable behind the wind screen and they toughed it out sitting in front of it. I was still young enough to have go-fast urges, and knew this boat would fly like the wind if I let her go, but the motor wasn't broken in and more than likely it would have scared the daylights out of them. After a good hour of looking over the lake and background hills, we returned to the stream and idled back into the marina. The folks had a short chat with Darryl and headed along.

It was weeks or months later that we heard through the grapevine that the movie was to be filmed over in New Hampshire—where the mountains in the background were larger and likely other reasons we weren't told. I think at first we were all miffed and felt rejected. Of course that quickly turned to derogatory statements about the movie folks and their decision-making abilities. To this day, I still hear statements like "it was for the best" or "it would have been a pain to have them around anyway."

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Regardless of all the above, I for one, and I think the rest of the world, are grateful that Ernest Thompson grew up on our lake, wrote the play that became a movie—and for all the great actors who came into our living rooms. Doris and I as a couple, have yearly "On Golden Pond" nights, when we set up the living room with extra chairs and snacks, invite the neighbors over, and watch the magic. It takes us home from anywhere and helps us remember where we came from.



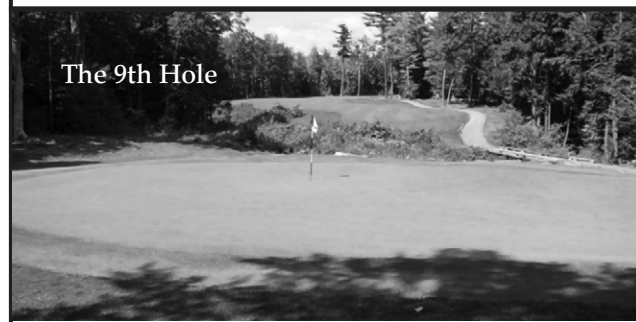
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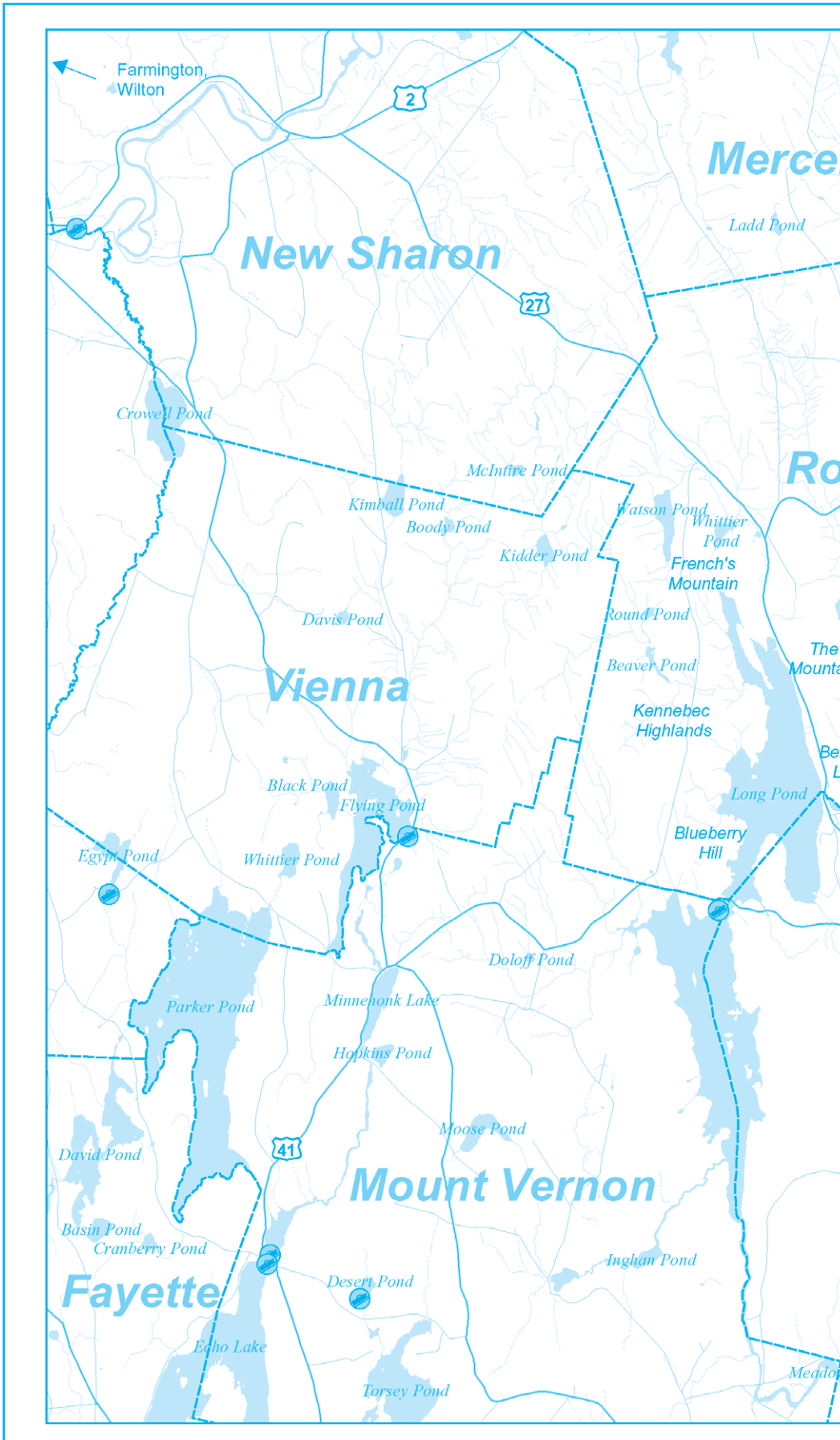
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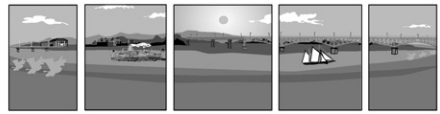
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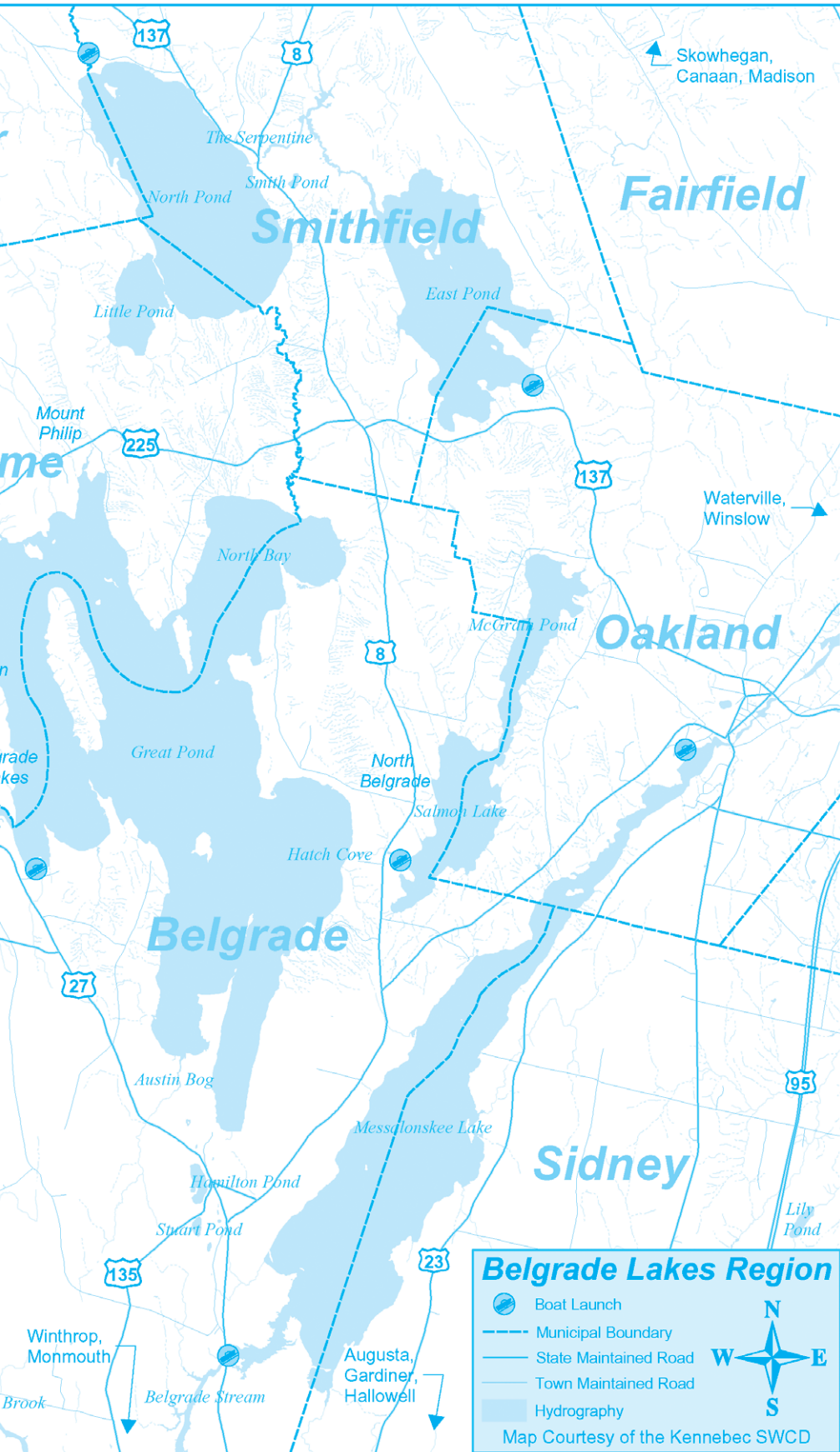
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- The Annual Sidewalk Art Festival in Winthrop will be held on Saturday, August 20, 10 am-3 pm; showcasing regional artists, local foods, music and more. 377-8020
- On Wednesday and Thursday, August 24 and 25, 9 am-4 pm, the annual Maine Farm Days will be held at Misty Meadows Farm in Clinton, a large dairy farm, featuring a kid's tent, equipment displays, wagon tours, exhibits and concessions. Free and open to the public. www.MaineFarmDays.com
- On August 24-27, the 47th Blistered Fingers Family Bluegrass Music Festival will be held at Litchfield Fairgrounds with 12 bands, a Kids Academy, camping, food, field pickin' and more. Children 16 and under free with adult. 873-6539
- 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
- The Windsor Fair is scheduled for Sunday, August 28 through Labor Day, September 5: free parking every day, campground, race simulcasting daily, barns and exhibition halls, Historical Society museum, midway and full entertainment. www.windsorfair.com

SEPTEMBER

- Main Street Skowhegan will host the first annual Skowhegan Craft Brew Festival on Saturday, September 3 to showcase breweries, wineries, fermenters, eateries that serve local harvest and live music. VIP hour 2-3 pm; festival 3-7. 612-2571
- On Wednesday, September 7 the Annual Meeting of the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance will be held at Alden Camps on East Pond in Oakland. 495-6039
- Peter Mezoian, Banjoist, guest entertainer in the cruise ship industry, will perform on Friday, September 9, 2 and 7 pm, free, Araxine Wilkins Sawyer Foundation, 371 Sawyer Road, Greene. 946-5311
- The Litchfield Fair is September 9-11, free grandstand, free handicapped parking, midway, food, shows, pulling events, bingo, pig scramble, exhibits, historical fair



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- Barks In The Park will be held on Saturday, September 10, 10 am-2 pm at Gardiner Waterfront Park. 582-3100
- The 4th Annual Somerset Sports & Fitness Sprint Triathlon will be held Sunday, September 11 at Lake George and the Fitness Center. www.lakegeorgesft-triathlon.webs.com
- Debbie Myers and Friends 7th Annual Maine's Homeless Veterans Benefit Concert will be held Sunday, September 18 at the Augusta Civic Center. The event will showcase "A Celebration to Conway Twitty and Loretta Lynn" with son Michael Twitty. 626-2400
- The Farmington Fair, featuring a large midway, exhibition halls, livestock exhibits, animal pulls, harness racing and a demolition derby, will be September 18 through 24.
- The 23rd Annual Rise 'N Shine 5K Road Race, sponsored by Kennebec Savings Bank, will be held Friday, September 23 at 6:28 am, beginning and ending at the Kennebec Valley YMCA in Augusta. 622-5801

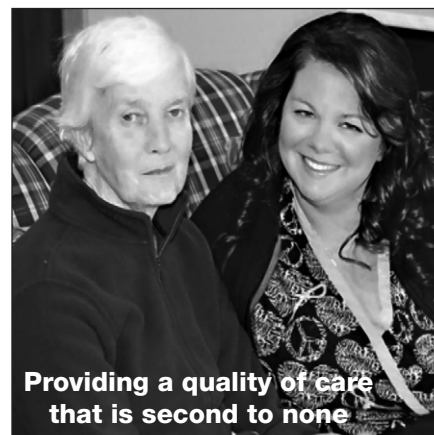
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- Fryeburg Fair will run from Sunday, October 2 through Sunday, October 9, featuring exhibition halls, farm museum, giant midway, sheepdog show, pulling events, food booths, and much more. www.fryeburgfair.org
- The Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce Business-To-Business EXPO will be on Wednesday, October 12, 4-7 pm in the main hall of the Augusta Civic Center. 623-4559



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Demystifying Mulch

by Josh Platt

Mulching is one of the most effective and most efficient Best Management Practices (BMP's) we have to work with. For stabilizing construction sites, eroded banks, and topdressing buffer plantings, mulch is great in protecting water quality. First a short discussion on why mulch is such an effective BMP. When bare soil is exposed to the elements, erosion begins to occur. Rain and wind can remove topsoil very quickly and deposit soil particles in the water. As these particles are transported in stormwater, they act like little magnets picking up pollutants and nutrients along the way. Once in the lake (or river or stream) these pollutants are deposited. Result - problems including algae blooms and elevated levels of toxins.

Mulch applied to an exposed site in the right amounts will serve several functions. A primary function is to protect the underlying soil from erosion and keep soil out of a water body. A secondary function occurs when a mulched area is located on the down side of a slope towards the water. The mulch will filter out most soil particles, fertilizers or toxins found in storm water runoff. In some cases, a mulch berm between a driveway, lawn or parking lot and the water can be added to provide this filtration even if there is no exposed soil to cover. Another major benefit to mulching is the moisture holding capabilities of this product. Mulching landscaped areas with tree and shrub plantings ensures that water, either from rain or from a hose, will percolate to the roots and keep the soil cool and moist.

While this seems simple enough the confusion begins when you start shopping for the right type of mulch for a specific kind of job. Mulch comes in many textures and colors. Sorting out the differences between "conservation mulch", "erosion control mulch", "bark mulch" and "wood chips" can become a daunt-

ing task. I will try to sort some of these names out.

"Wood chips" are simply trees or brush that have been run through a chipper. There are several reasons why wood chips are not the best choice to protect against soil erosion. These chips are generally 1-2 inches square and have not yet been exposed to the elements or begun to decompose. Because of their shape, chips do not weave together or hold much water. Some mulch is sold as "conservation mulch" at nurseries or by landscaping or contracting companies. Usually these mulches are standard pine or cedar bark mulch just like that used for landscaping flower or shrub plantings in your yard. This mulch holds soil in place in fairly flat areas and retains moisture well. Because this type of mulch is often used for landscaping and around plantings, 3-4" is recommended. Because it is referred to as "conservation mulch" people may THINK this product would be suitable for steep slopes and heavy runoff areas. Other products will perform better!

Erosion control mulch (ECM) was developed to protect soil from erosion in areas that receive high traffic, exposure to the elements or occur on steep slopes. ECM, sometimes called slope stabilizer, is not your standard landscape bark mulch. The best way to describe ECM is "chunky". While regular bark mulch is fairly fine with strands of bark no longer than 6",

ECM has larger pieces of woody material, bark and small stones. These small rocks mixed in with the bark provide additional structure to the product and add weight for keeping slopes intact. One key to the effectiveness of ECM is the size and shape of the bark material. When applied, the long and fairly thin material essentially weaves itself together and creates a kind of blanket over the soil. ECM traps plenty of moisture, similar to standard bark mulch. Thickness of application can vary depending upon several factors but 4-6" is average. Sites with extreme exposure to wind and water may need more while mulch berms may be 18-24" tall.

Buffer plantings are ideal sites for ECM. When the District installs a watershed buffer planting, ECM is what we mulch with. One important thing to remember is that 4" is too much mulch around the trunk of a tree or shrub. Remember to pull back the top 2" of material leaving 1-2" around plants. If the look of the ECM is too chunky for your taste, topdressing with an inch of standard landscaping bark mulch is fine.

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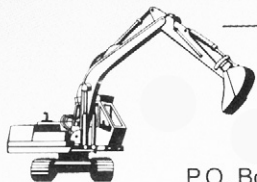


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PALS Fundraiser

• The 3rd Annual Friends & Family Fun Day to benefit PALS No-Kill Cat Shelter will be held on Saturday, August 27, 11 am-3 pm at the shelter, 188 Case Road, Winthrop. Events will include: a silent auction, face painting, yard sale, book sale, bake sale, games, crafts, art, raffles and more. 395-4274

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• Designing Women Fine Art & Craft show and sale will be held at Longfellow's Greenhouse on Saturday, August 27, 9:30 am-4:00 pm, with artists from many specialties represented, live music, and a light lunch available. Designing Women is a supportive group for women artists and a way for them to give back to their communities. Donations at the entrance and profits derived from food sales will benefit the Sexual Assault Crisis and Support Center in Winthrop. designingwomen.org

Skowhegan

• What do we do with Grandma's stuff? Ever wonder what to do with the accumulated treasures that you acquire from relatives? That rickety chair, the box of broken chin, that wobbly table, those old books? We all inherit hand-me-downs and heirlooms in varying degrees of condition. How do we care for them? Where do we use them? How do we clean them? What do we do with Grandma's stuff?

Skowhegan History House Museum and Research Center hopes to answer these questions and more in an upcoming round table discussion featuring several local experts. Linda Chandler and Sumner Hayward, who worked for years with Hilltop Antiques, will speak about wood and textiles preservation and related issues. Robin Lisherness, an avid collector of heirlooms, will talk about unique ways to display treasured items. Colby College Special Collections Archivist Pat Burdick will offer expertise in document and image preservation.

Meet under the tent at the Skowhegan History House, 66 Elm Street, August 21, 2-4 pm. The public is welcome to this free event and refreshments will be offered. 474-6632



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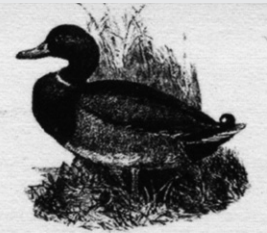
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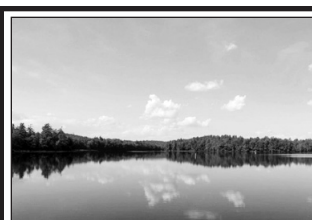
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— Expressions —

The Bookey

Readings At The Harlow invites area poets to come and read their work during an open mic night at the Harlow Gallery, located at 160 Water Street in Hallowell, on Friday, August 12, 2016. Doors open at 6:30pm for poets to 'sign in' to read, with sign up ending promptly at 7pm. All poet's names will be thrown (literally) into a hat, and readers will wait for their name to be selected. Each reader has a maximum of 5 minutes to read, which means they can read 3 short poems of 16 lines each; 2 medium poems of 25-30 lines each; or 1 long poem of 50-60 lines. When your name is called, you're on! This will be a fun night that gives poets who might not have an opportunity to read their work, to do so in a great venue and in a good spirit of fun and support. Poetry must be appropriate for an all-age audience. Refreshments are served and a \$3 donation is appreciated at the door. All welcome

During the reading, guests will enjoy "Rocks & Eggs" An exhibition featuring paintings by Tom Gaines and ceramics by Gail Savitz. Art exhibitions at the Harlow Gallery are always free and open to the public. Gallery hours are Wednesday-Saturday 12-6 pm.



Agatha Cristy's Black Coffee

Agatha Christie's Black Coffee was originally produced in 1930. Black Coffee is significant in Christie's body of work as it is the first piece that she wrote specifically for the stage, and features Hercule Poirot, one of Christie's most beloved of characters.

The story involves the development of a formula for an atom bomb by a British inventor, who has sent for Poirot to help him with its protection. Unfortunately, Poirot arrives just a few minutes too late and discovers that the inventor is dead and the formula is missing. It is now up to Poirot and his trusted sidekick, Captain Hastings, to solve the case, after many twists and turns, in true Christie style.

Bob Gilbert is directing this production for Gaslight Theater in Hallowell. Linda Duarte is the Assistant Director.

What: Agatha Christie's Black Coffee

Where: Gaslight Theater, Hallowell City Hall Auditorium, 1 Winthrop St, Hallowell. When: Friday, August 19 at 7:30pm, Saturday, August 20 at 7:30pm, Sunday, August 21 at 2:00pm, Friday, August 26 at 7:30pm, Saturday, August 27 at 7:30pm, Sunday, August 28 at 2:pm

Tickets: \$12 - Adults \$10 - Seniors and Students

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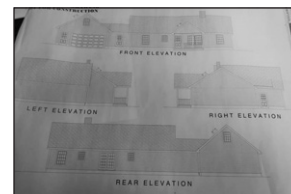
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Business

Hammond Lumber Mills Again are First in Safety

The Northeast Lumber Manufacturers Association (NeLMA) announced in June that it has given Hammond Lumber Company four awards for outstanding safety performance during 2016 at Hammond's sawmill and planer mill in Belgrade. The awards are given to mills operating in the New England states, plus New York and Pennsylvania.

A Maine family-owned business founded in 1953, Hammond finished first in Division 2 for the combined operations of both mills. Divisions are determined by the number of worker-hours logged during a calendar year. A Division 1 classification represents 1 to 25,000 hours, while Division 2 represents 25,000 to 50,000 hours.

The Maine family-owned business also earned first place in Division 1 for planer-mill safety, second place in Division 2 for sawmill safety, and a fourth honor for achieving an accident-free year in both mills.

Perhaps best known today as a building supplier operating 13 retail stores throughout Maine, Hammond Lumber began in 1953 as a three-man sawmill, which is still housed at its original location in Belgrade. In its 63 years of continuous operation, the Hammond mill has seldom had a lost-time accident and has won many safety awards.

According to safety director Bruce Pelletier, there has not been a lost-time accident in the

sawmill since 2004, nor in the planer mill since 2001.

A safety committee established in 1985 continues to meet once a month to identify and correct potential safety hazards on the job as well as discuss ideas for keeping everyone in the company safe during their off-hours, too. The position of full-time safety director was created in 2005 and has been filled by Pelletier ever since.

There are currently 12 people working in the sawmill, and 7 in the planer mill, representing a total of 243 years of experience at Hammond. Gerald Manley has worked for the company for 37 years, Craig Dawes for 36, Cliff Elliott for 31, and Rob Higgins for 22. Richard Thyng, Alan Bickford and Travis Manley have all been on the job more than 15 years. Ron Albair has 12 years in.

Those with less than 10 years are Bruce Albair, Coyt Ingraham, Chris Hinkel, Frank Walker, Matt Dawes, Nate Hewitt, Josh Ladd, Kris Merrill, Miranda Bickford, Ray Ashland and Elijah Gagne.

Travis Manley is Gerald's son, Miranda Bickford is Alan's daughter and Matt Dawes is Craig Dawes' son. Craig's father, Ken, retired from Hammond in 2002 after 15 years with the company.

In addition to its safety record, the Hammond sawmill has been recognized for its "whole log"

approach to milling. Nothing from the log goes to waste. The bark becomes mulch, and both sawdust and shavings are used as bedding for farm animals. The ends of the boards are used for crafts, for kindling, and for fuel to run biomass generators. The "slabwood" pieces or "edgings" from the log are fed into a chipper, and the resulting chips are used to make paper. The core log may then be used for Maine Pine Log Homes, Hammond's line of building packages, or it may be further milled into dimensional lumber.

"It's important to us not to waste anything," says Donald Hammond. "There are only so many trees, so we don't want to use more than we need to. Selective cutting is practiced on most of the lots from which the company buys logs, and many of these lots are now in their third cutting. The result is sustained yield from the same acreage.

"In fact," says Hammond, "even though the production volume of our mill has increased quite a bit over the years, the number of acres harvested has increased very little. You could say it's as important to us to keep our resource safe as it is to keep our people safe. We depend on both."

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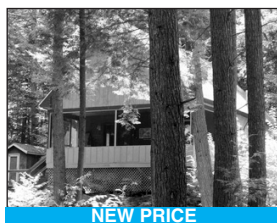
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