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## The Footprints of the 4th

by Esther J. Perne

It is the 4th of July holiday, the week leading up to it and the week leading away from the 4th and we live the rituals and traditions during this time that those who fought to establish this country might have dreamed for us: celebrations sane and simple; gatherings fun and festive; food typically and basically American; the parades, the fireworks, the flags.



It is summer, the real-time season and the way summer should be season, when, for all its weather ups and downs, the outdoors is doable and inviting for venturing forth. Trails and waterways, parks and picnic areas, outdoor arenas and starlit stages are as good as a celebration can get.

It is a time for vacation or a long weekend or a long day off to take the family or friends and take advantage of the region. Differences of ages, abilities, fitness, interests, shrink as the pursuit of the many activities in the area pulls people together.

It is the holiday itself, the formal gatherings in

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Augusta, Belgrade Lakes, Farmington and Winthrop. The crowds getting sunburned or rained on, eating concession fare, feeling friendly and enjoying the wholesomeness of the event.

It is the memories, the day after, the months after, the years after... We did only what is typical and traditional of the holiday, following in the footsteps of those who founded this country, who might have dreamed such a legacy for us...and wasn't it wonderful.





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Matt Scott is a retired aquatic biologist who worked for the State of Maine for 38 years. He holds both bachelors and masters degrees from the University of Maine. Matt was co-founder of the Maine State Beekeepers Association (MSBA) and was president in 1976. He was awarded Beekeeper of the Year in 1986. He continually provides advice and bee lectures to many of Maine's chapter associations of the MSBA, University of Maine extension offices, and environmental groups. He owns a 135-acre farm in Belgrade where he maintains several colonies of honeybees. He clearly understands the connection and value of these important insects to Maine agriculture, associated wildlife, and the environment.



Queen bee surrounded by workers



Hives in the snow

Admission is free, but contributions for the nature walks and presentations are greatly appreciated. Please reserve for any event by calling 207-293-2280 after June 15. Lunch is also available (\$10). Bearnstow is located at 84 Bearnstow Road in Mount Vernon. See [www.bearnstow.org/contact.htm](http://www.bearnstow.org/contact.htm) for directions.



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Belgrade Lakes Sailing Program



Belgrade Lakes Sailing Program returns for its fourth season of beginner and intermediate sailing classes at the Center for all Seasons on Great Pond. The Great Pond Yacht Club has partnered with SailMaine, Maine's premier, nonprofit sailing organization, to offer six weeks of sailing instruction for ages 8-17, including a new class this year for adults and kids. Grandparents and parents are welcome!

The program runs from July 10 through August 18th. The morning program (10:30am-1:30pm) is for beginners aged 8-12 and uses single-handed Optimist dinghies. Students will learn boat rigging, knot tying and basic sailing. The afternoon class (2:00 pm-5:00 pm) is for sailors aged 12-17 and for those who can handle a larger boat (generally sailors at least 100 lbs). The afternoon class is taught in double-handed 420 dinghies with two sailors per boat.

Classes are \$175 per student for a one week 1/2 day class. Financial aid is available. Signing up for multiple week classes is a great way to get your sailor to more advanced levels of sailing. Unsure which class is right? Give us a call at 207-772-7245 or find us at [www.sailmaine.org](http://www.sailmaine.org) under Belgrade Lakes Youth Sailing.

The Great Pond Yacht Club welcomes both avid and novice sailors. We have monthly races on Great Pond followed by informal, fun get-togethers. Find us at [greatpondyachtclub.com](http://greatpondyachtclub.com). We look forward to another great season sailing on the lake!

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## —The Luckiest Boy—

Before I tell you about my wonderful grandmother Alice Johnson, I need to fill you in on some background.

As a youngster, meaning more or less the age span from 5 to 10 years, during the 1950's, the winter activities in Belgrade Lakes were probably not any different than those of any small New England village. Somewhere in town or perhaps on the outskirts, a hill was claimed and named the "sliding place." In our little village that many of you know from walking the street in the summer, a rather non-descript little hill exists behind what was then my parent's house. It is the house directly across from the lime green house, about mid-way through town. At any rate, when conditions were good after a snow storm, we few kids in the village would improve a sliding track down over this gentle grade that ran all the way to the Mill Stream. To make this a "fast track" we would snowshoe up and down the hill until we had a track perhaps 4 feet wide. Just at dusk, about 4:00 p.m. in those cold months, we used my mother's sprinkler can and lugged water from the kitchen sink spigot out to the track and sprinkled it on. During the cold night an ice track was created by mother nature. Most days after school, we kids would have wonderful gatherings which we called "sliding parties."

The track was fast for us little munchkins aboard the Flexible Flyer sleds and aluminum discs, even an old time bob sled that could take as many as 5 or 6 kids at once. Sometimes a big chunk of waxed paper worked well too. The one rule that mother enforced was no going out on the Mill Stream ice. Sometimes we were going so fast that we had to purposely tip over just before leaving land for the iced over stream. No ice travel was permitted until the fathers had

## Grammie's Mittens

by Rod Johnson

checked the ice thickness and given the okay. If the thumbs up came we not only slid out onto the stream but in later years had skating parties too, with bonfires right on the ice. Some years the conditions were right to skate all the way out through the narrows and onto Great Pond, though most usually that was not the case. When the dam is open the stream is never safe to skate on.

As you can imagine, kids got wet from the ice and snow and cold hands were a problem. Some kids came with no mittens, and that's where Grammie J. showed her colors. While my mother made hot donuts for us sliders, Gram would call in any kid without mittens. She would instruct them to lay their hand on the table over a piece of felt cloth, then briskly trace around the perimeter of the little hand and send them back out. Within fifteen minutes she would cut out 4 "hands" and sew up 2 mittens that would more than do in a pinch. She'd then yell from the back porch for that child, who left with warm mittens to make a few more sled runs before heading home with warm hands. That was Grammie Johnson, who lived her adult life on School Street in the Lakes. My grandfather Ernest built the house in the early part of the 20th century where they raised 3 boys, Clifford, Albert and Walter. Grampa J. died in 1952 while tending a trap line down in lower Long Pond, actually Ingraham Stream. Grammie spent a lot of time at our house after his death and wintered many more years with Uncle Al and Aunt Lydia Johnson in Boca Raton, Florida where she died in 1959. Thank you Gram for your generosity to all, and for your good humor. I remember that you liked to steal my biscuits at the supper table!



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## — Take It Outside —

The week began with a Father's Day visit from my younger daughter, Joan, and her husband, Taber. After visiting the farmers' market and picking up brunch, we headed home for a delicious meal made from fresh, locally produced ingredients. It was a nice day so we decided to do an afternoon sightseeing cruise around Long Pond. I took along a couple of fishing rods, "just in case." As it happened, when my son-in-law, Taber, wanted to drive the boat for a bit, I sat up in the bow with a flyrod. As we were motoring slowly up Beaver cove toward the base of French Mountain, I took a cast and connected with a nice bass. It jumped several times and with some alacrity, my daughter netted it for me. I'm not sure that would have happened if it weren't Father's Day. I know I created some fond new memories. Judging by the look on her face, I think my daughter was also creating memories although perhaps not quite as fond as mine!

One day last week I volunteered to fill in for one of BRCA's regular Courtesy Boat Inspectors (CBI) so he could attend a special staff event. As soon as I got to the ramp and sat down, a dozen members of the Saco Valley Castmasters, a bass fishing club based in southern Maine and NH, showed up for an all-day tournament on Long Pond. I inspected all the boats as they launched one after another to make an 8 AM shotgun start. Major League Fishing used the Belgrade Region for their national championships last year and

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## Fishing and Hiking

by Pete Kallin



Daughter, Joan, netting a three-pound smallie for her dad on Father's Day.



Saco Valley Cast Masters assembling for a tournament in the early morning sunshine.

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SOLD — \$427,000

### BELGRADE

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SOLD — \$285,000

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SOLD — \$190,000

### BELGRADE

Beautiful sunrises on Great "Golden" Pond. Gorgeous views of the water. 125 feet of frontage on one of the cleanest lakes in Maine. Property has it's own natural spring. 2 bedrooms w/ 1.5 baths, 2 car garage and huge back lot. Great potential for a year round home.



SOLD — \$160,000

### BELGRADE

Location! Location! Extremely well maintained 3 bedroom 2 bath Cape in like new condition. Close to Augusta, Waterville and Oakland. Great subdivision with other attractive homes. Easy maintenance home with beautiful mud room and new decks. Full dry basement with plenty of room to build a family room or rec room. Must see this beautiful cape!



SOLD — \$142,900

### BELGRADE

A sunshiny Cape complete w/ a welcoming kitchen which provides plenty of cabinet space. Kitchen is open to diningrmw/ doors to the back deck, hot tub & views of a magnificent magnolia tree. . Heated garage w/ access to basement. This beautiful home gives the feel of country living while being conveniently close to village shops & golf course.



SOLD — \$250,000

### BELGRADE

A truly wonderful property, 382 feet on Salmon Lake. Home is set up similar to a duplex, two full kitchens, 2 full baths, 2 half baths, 4 bedrooms, 2 laundry areas. Small library, screen room and sunny deck over looking the water. Property has 2 car garage. New roof on house and garage, new bathroom flooring and paint, new dock system. 4.56 acres of open field. Seller will give \$4,000. toward the upgrade of new appliances.



SOLD — \$165,000

### BELGRADE

Charming Ranch Home with a 2-car garage on nicely landscaped lot. Very convenient location featuring 3 bedrooms and large dining area. Master bedroom suite has wonderful walk-in closet and nice large bathroom. All one level living. Very low maintenance with Vinyl siding. Built with extra insulation for low heating bills. Living room offers a gas fireplace. Quiet paved road with very little traffic.



SOLD — \$134,000

### BELGRADE

NICE QUIET LOCATION !! Ranch home with 1.5 acres, 3 bedrooms, open concept, 3 bedrooms, 1 bat, radiant heat. 32x 40 3 bay garage with storage space!



SOLD — \$460,000

### ROME

This is the perfect opportunity to purchase the former summer home of Elizabeth Arden a piece of Maine history. Sweeping lawn, fabulous lake views, guest cottage, horse stable, chauffeur bldg., 16.9 acres and 125' access on Long Pond



SOLD — \$463,000

### MOUNT VERNON

One of a kind - Sprawling custom log home in Belgrade Lakes area w/ 34 acres & views of Mt. Blue. Stone fireplaces, cathedral ceilings throughout, in-law or guest suite, large bedrooms & impressive master bedroom suite. Four bathrooms, barn, RV garage, farm pond, field & mature forest. Rugged rock & stone add to its overall appeal & beautiful natural setting - a truly special retreat at the end of a long driveway entrance. One hour to Sugarloaf, 1.5 to Sunday River. ITS snowmobile trails nearby.



PENDING — \$528,800

### BELGRADE

Stunning 180 degree views of beautiful lake and mountains. "King of the Hill". Sensational sunsets in this 5 bedroom and 3.5 baths contemporary home. Beautiful kitchen, living and dining room - open concept. Family room and loft upstairs with another family room downstairs, sauna in basement bathroom, 3 bay garage, above ground pool, generator switch, newer siding, metal roof, paved driveway, radiant heat floors, 20 acres.



PENDING — \$349,000

### BELGRADE

Beautiful home located in wonderful sub-division with other affluent homes. Open concept, 3 bay garage, large backyard, 12 x 24 garden shed, paved driveway, covered front and back decks, sun-room, large dry basement, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 3,096 square feet, meticulously maintained, beautiful mature landscaping, cathedral ceilings, gas heat stove, near Belgrade Lakes and golf course.



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## Calendar Directory

### TOWN BY TOWN...

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- **Farmers' Market at the Arboretum**, indoors, Friday 1-5 pm
- **Art in the Capitol**, Maine Arts Commission monthly self-guided exhibits in State House hallways (Mon-Fri 8 am-5 pm), Blaine House (call for times), and Maine Arts Commission Office (8:30am-4:30 pm), 287-6746, [mainearts.maine.gov](http://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](http://www.childrensdiscoverymuseum.org), 171 Capitol Street
- **Danforth Gallery**, Jewett Hall, art exhibits, UMA-1234, [www.uma.edu](http://www.uma.edu)
- **Governor's Mansion**, 1830 Blaine House, Tuesday-Thursday 2-4 pm, 287-2121, [www.blainehouse.org](http://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](http://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](http://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.maine.statemuseum.org](http://www.maine.statemuseum.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](http://www.maine.gov), State Street
- **Maine State Library**, Monday-Saturday opens 9 am, 287-5600, [www.maine.gov/msl/](http://www.maine.gov/msl/), State Street
- **Museum in the Streets**, walking/history tour, [www.augusta-maine.gov](http://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](http://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](http://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/](http://www.farmersmarketmillpark.org/), North Water Street
- **Farmers' Market at Turnpike Mall**, 549-5112, Wednesday and Saturday 10 am-1 pm, Western Avenue

#### BELGRADE LAKES

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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](http://www.belgrademaine.com), 1 Center Drive
- **Union Church Coffee House**, check for schedule, 7:30 pm, \$5, 495-3599, [www.unionchurchmaine.org](http://www.unionchurchmaine.org), Main Street
- **Belgrade Historical Society**, 495-2973, [belgradehistoricalsociety.org](http://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.maine.lakesresourcecenter.org](http://www.maine.lakesresourcecenter.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](http://www.fairfieldmehistoricalociety.net), 42 High Street
- **Farmers' Market**, 948-5724, Wednesday 2-6 pm, Saturday 9:30 am-1:30 pm, Nazarene Church parking lot, 81 Main Street

#### FARMINGTON

- **Farmington Historical Society, Titcomb House Museum**, 778-4275, Wednesday and Saturday, 11 am-2 pm, July-August, [www.farmingtonhistory.org](http://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](http://www.lilliannordica.com), 116 Nordica Lane, Holley Road
- **Contra Dance**, 491-9928, [www.starleft.org](http://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/](http://www.umaine.edu/arboretum/), downtown
- **Farmers' Market**, 778-6602, Friday 9 am-2 pm, Better Living Center parking lot, Front Street; Saturday 8 am-12 noon, Main Street
- **Meetinghouse Park and Gazebo**, weekly concerts throughout summer, downtown
- **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](http://www.theartdogs.com), 275-277 Water Street
- **Johnson Hall Performing Arts Center**, 582-7144, [www.johnsonhall.org](http://www.johnsonhall.org) 280 Water Street
- **Monkitree**, art exhibits, 512-4679, [www.monkitree.com](http://www.monkitree.com), Tuesday-Friday 10 am-6 pm, Saturday 12-6 pm, 263 Water Street
- **SpinOff Studio**, 588-7297, [spinoffstudio.org](http://spinoffstudio.org), Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm, 405 Water Street
- **Farmers' Market**, 512-8022, [www.gardinerfarmersmarket.org](http://www.gardinerfarmersmarket.org), Wednesday 2-6 pm, rain or shine, The Common
- **Kennebec River Rail Trail**, 623-8162, [www.krrt.org](http://www.krrt.org), access near Gardiner/Randolph Bridge, 6.5 miles to Augusta
- **Waterfront Park**, picnicking, events throughout summer, Kennebec River

#### GREENE

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

#### HALLOWELL

- **Harlow Gallery**, Kennebec Valley Art Association, 622-3813, [www.harlowgallery.org](http://www.harlowgallery.org) Wed- Sat, 12-6 pm, 160 Water Street
- **Gaslight Theater**, 626-3698, [www.gaslighttheater.org](http://www.gaslighttheater.org) City Hall, 1 Winthrop Street
- **Museum in the Streets**, history/walking tour, [www.historichallowell.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.skimusuemofmaine.org), 256 Main Street
- **Stanley Museum**, 265-2729, [www.stanleymuseum.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.lakewoodtheater.org), Route 201
- **Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture**, 474-9345, [www.skowheganart.org](http://www.skowheganart.org), summer evening artists lecture series, East Madison Road

#### MONMOUTH

- **Monmouth Museum**, local and regional Maine history, Wednesday-Sunday 1-4 pm, 933-2287, [www.monmouthmuseum-minc.org](http://www.monmouthmuseum-minc.org), 751 Main Street
- **The Theater At Monmouth**, The Shakespeare Theater of Maine, Cumston Hall, 933-9999, [www.theateratmonmouth.org](http://www.theateratmonmouth.org), Main Street

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- **D.E.W Animal Kingdom**, Zoo, 293-2837, 918 Pond Rd, Route 41

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- **Nowetah's American Indian Museum and Craft Shop**, 628-4981, [www.nowetahs.webs.com/](http://www.nowetahs.webs.com/), daily 10 am-5 pm, free,



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#### NORRIDGEWOCK

• **Norridgewock Historical Society Museum**, 1838 building, Saturday 10 am-1 pm, 634-5032, [www.norridgewockmuseum.com](http://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](http://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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 • **Silver Spur Riding Club**, horse shows, River Road, Route 104

#### SKOWHEGAN

• **Margaret Chase Smith Library**, residence, home, museum exhibits, 474-7133, [www.mcslibrary.org](http://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](http://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,

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• **Fairview Grange**, 362-2791, Route 8  
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• **Unity College Centre for the Performing Arts**, folk genre music, 568-3147, [www.unitymaine.org](http://www.unitymaine.org), 42 Depot Street

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• **Aqua City Actor's Theatre (ACAT)**, 873-7000, [www.acattheatre.org](http://www.acattheatre.org). Waterville Opera House Studio Theater, Main Street  
 • **Museum in the Streets**, downtown history/walking tour, [www.themuseuminthestreets.com/waterville.htm](http://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](http://www.commonstreetarts.org), Wednesday-Saturday 12-6 pm, 16 Common Street  
 • **Colby College Museum of Art**, 859-5600, [www.colby.edu/museum/](http://www.colby.edu/museum/) Tuesday-Saturday 10 am-5 pm, Sunday 12-5 pm, free admission, Colby College Campus, Mayflower Hill  
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• **Farmers' Market**, 685-4657, <http://waynefarmersmarket.weebly.com>, Saturday 9 am-noon, Town Green, at the Mill Pond, Main Street

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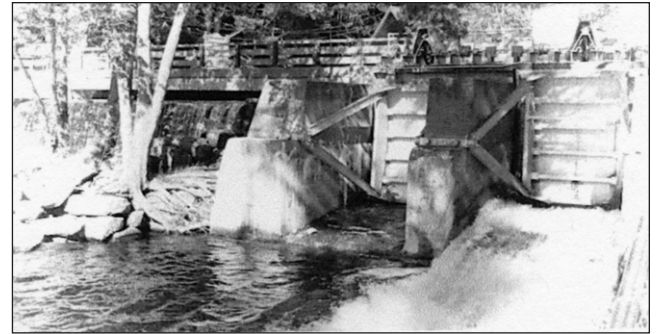
• **Wilton Farm & Home Museum**, 645-2091, 645-4578, [www.thewiltonfarmandhomemuseum.org](http://www.thewiltonfarmandhomemuseum.org), Saturday 1-4 pm or by appointment, 10 Canal Street

#### WINSLOW

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

#### WINTHROP

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



## The Dams Keeper Report

As of this writing both Great Pond, Long Pond, Salmon/McGrath as well as most of our ponds are still holding their own thanks to those afternoon scattered thunderstorms.

Great Pond is now 2.28" above full pond with Gate 1 opened just 5" or so. to offer a little bit of current in the stream and to make room for those afternoon showers. Long Pond is currently at 1.68" above full with both gates opened 12", again to make room for the forecasted precipitation. Salmon/McGrath is currently right at full pond.

Although at times, the recent showers have appeared to be a real deluge but in fact, for the past few days, we only received .54" of rain in the rain gauge at the Wings Mill dam. And for the next 7 days, NOAA is forecasting more showers but only .56" of rain. Scattered showers are always preferred and result in a lot less phosphorus run off into our ponds than the gulley washers!

Unfortunately for the dam operators, some of those "showers" wind up being a great deal more and can bring the ponds up in a hurry. Just one quarter inch of rain will bring Long Pond up three quarters of an inch and Great Pond up a half inch, which isn't a lot but you can see the effect.

Enjoy this beautiful summer, weather and your vacation!



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## — Calendar —

**Tuesday 6/27 through Friday 6/30** - Book & Bake Sale, select gently used hardcover and paperback books, homemade bread, pies and cookies, 465-7533, Oakland Public Library, 18 Church Street, Oakland.

**Wednesday 6/28 through Saturday 7/1** - "Shout! A Swinging 60's Sensation," 474-7176, Lakewood Theater, Route 201, Madison.

**Friday 6/30 - Sunday 7/2** - 2nd Annual Barrel Race, Halee Lyn Cummings Memorial, concessions, camping available, 215-7222, Silver Spur Riding Club, River Road, Route 104, Sidney.

**Friday 6/30** - Ribbon Cutting and tours at Maine Chance Lodge and Retreat, 1 pm, 623-4559, Travis Mills Foundation, Castle Island Road and Watson Pond Road, Rome.

**Friday 6/30** - The Gawler Family 6-7:30 pm, Johnson Hall's Free Summer Waterfront Concert, 582-7144, Waterfront Park, Gardiner.

**Friday 6/30** - "Climate Change and Habitat Fragmentation of Maine Bees" with Matt Scott, former aquatic biologist for the State of Maine, 7:30 pm, 293-2280, Bearnstow at Parker Pond, 84 Bearnstow Road, Mount Vernon.

**Friday 6/30** - Counselor Recital, free, 7:30 pm, Alumni Hall, New England Music Camp, Route 23, Sidney.

**Friday 6/30 and Saturday 7/1** - Haunted History Lantern Tour, admission, 380-3806, 7:30 pm, Hallowell.

**Saturday 7/1** - Paddle Battle! First Maine Lakes Open Paddle Board Race, 2K and 5K, age classes, to benefit Lakes Environmental Association, mary@lea.org,

Tarry-A-While Resort, Highland Lake, Bridgton.

**Saturday 7/1** - Concert, free, 3 pm, Bowl in the Pines, New England Music Camp, Route 23, Sidney.

**Saturday 7/1** - "Three Days of Rain," 7:30 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, the Theater at Monmouth.

**Sunday 7/2** - Concert, free, 3 pm, Bowl in the Pines, New England Music Camp, Route 23, Sidney.

**Sunday 7/2** - "In the Moon's Shadow," reading of the screenplay, to benefit the Friends of the Belgrade Library, 7-8:30 pm, 495-3508, Belgrade Center for All Seasons, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes.

**Sunday 7/2** - The Black Fly Follies, 7:30 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, Theater at Monmouth.

**Tuesday 7/4** - Friends on the 4th 5K - Run, Jog or Walk, sponsored by the Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed, the biggest race in central Maine, open to all, benefits programs and projects to protect and improve the 28-lake watershed, pre-register information at [www.watershedfriends.com](http://www.watershedfriends.com), day of race registration starts 7 am; Fireworks in Winthrop at dusk 621-4100, Norcross Point, Winthrop.

**Tuesday 7/4** - Belgrade Lakes 4th of July, 8 am through Fireworks, 495-3481, Main Street, Belgrade Lakes Village.

**Tuesday 7/4** - Capital City Riverfront Fourth: Activities, vendors, booths, , Old Fort Western and Mill Park, see details on page 9, 626-2350, downtown Augusta.

**Tuesday 7/4** - Farmington Independence Day Celebration, Rotary Club Annual Parade, 10 am, activities in town following parade, 778-4215, Main Street, Farmington.

**Tuesday 7/4** - Winslow Family 4th of July, featuring music, food, contests, bands, chemical free, Fireworks, [www.winslow4thofjuly.com](http://www.winslow4thofjuly.com), new location Clinton Fairgrounds, Clinton.

**Wednesday 7/5** - Public supper, entree, vegetables, rolls, coffee or lemonade, homemade dessert, adults \$8, children under 10 \$4, 5 pm, Fairview Grange, Route 8, Smithfield.

**Wednesday 7/5** - Author Delia Drake discusses her two mystery novels based in a small coastal town, presentation and book signing, 6-8 pm, 495-3508, Belgrade Public Library, 124 Depot Road, Belgrade.

**Wednesday 7/5** - Waterfront Wednesday,

Sunset Concert Series, free event for the public, 6 pm, Waterfront Park, Augusta.

**Thursday 7/6** - Bloom Watch Training, techniques to observe and document microscopic life-forms, 9 am, 495-3617, Main Street, Belgrade Lakes.

**Thursday 7/6 through Saturday 7/8** - "The Learned Ladies," by Moliere, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater at Monmouth.

**Thursday 7/6 through Sunday 7/9** - "Those Crazy Ladies in the House on the Corner," 474-7176, Lakewood Theater, Route 201, Madison.



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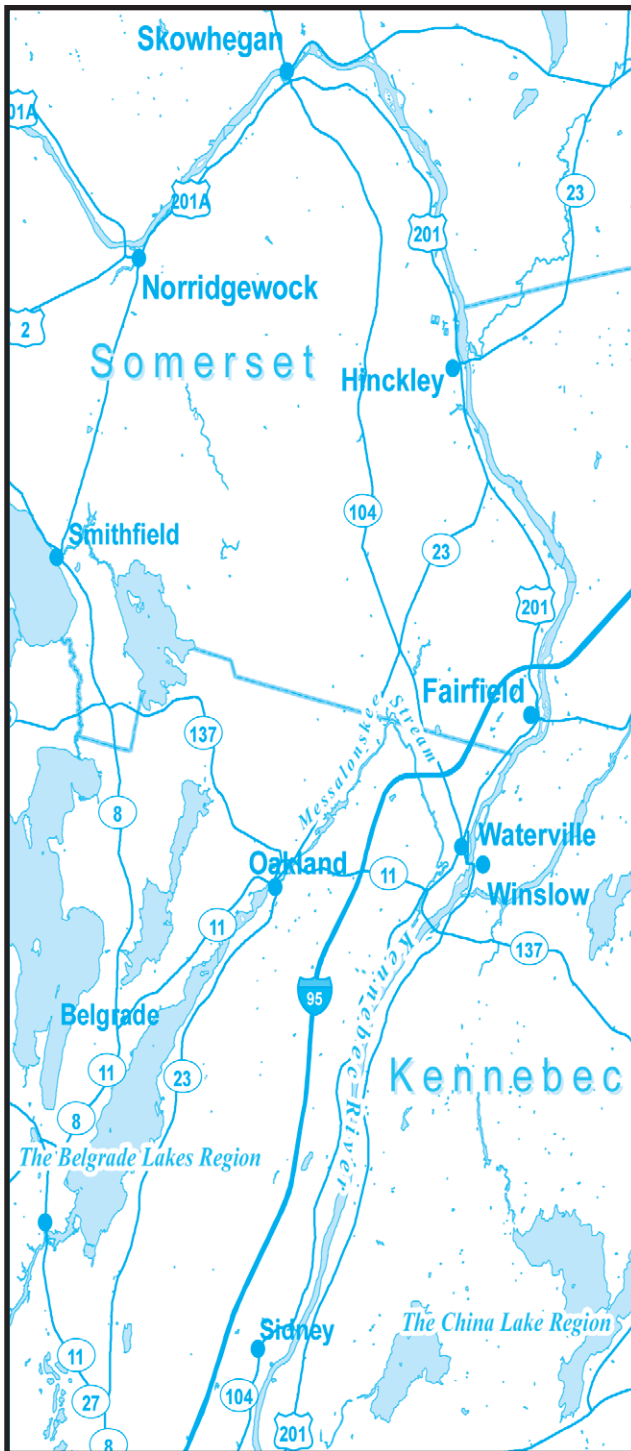
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At 4 pm, the 4th of July Parade will march from the State Capitol down Water Street to Old Fort Western. At Mill Park when the parade finishes, hayrides, vendors, bounce houses and the Farmers' Market will start up. Yellow Brick Road - A Tribute to Elton John will perform at 6 pm. At 9:15 pm there will be a Fireworks display over the park.

For more information about the Riverfront Fourth, call the City of Augusta at 626-2385.



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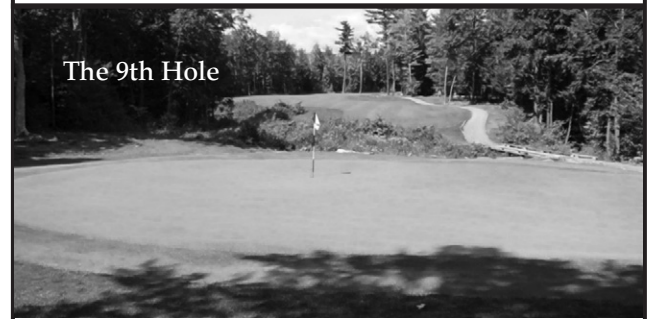
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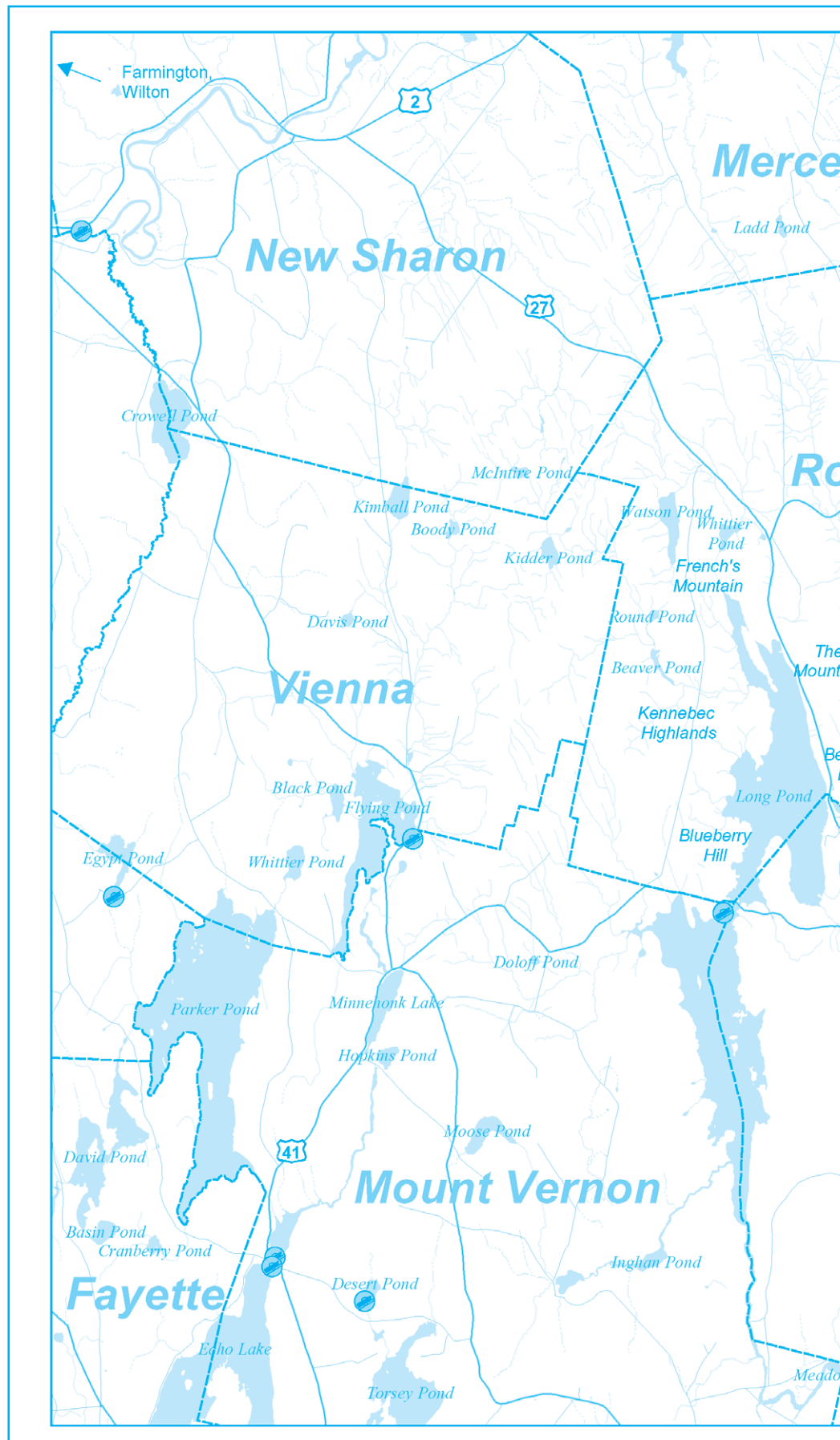
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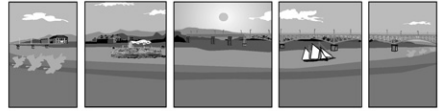
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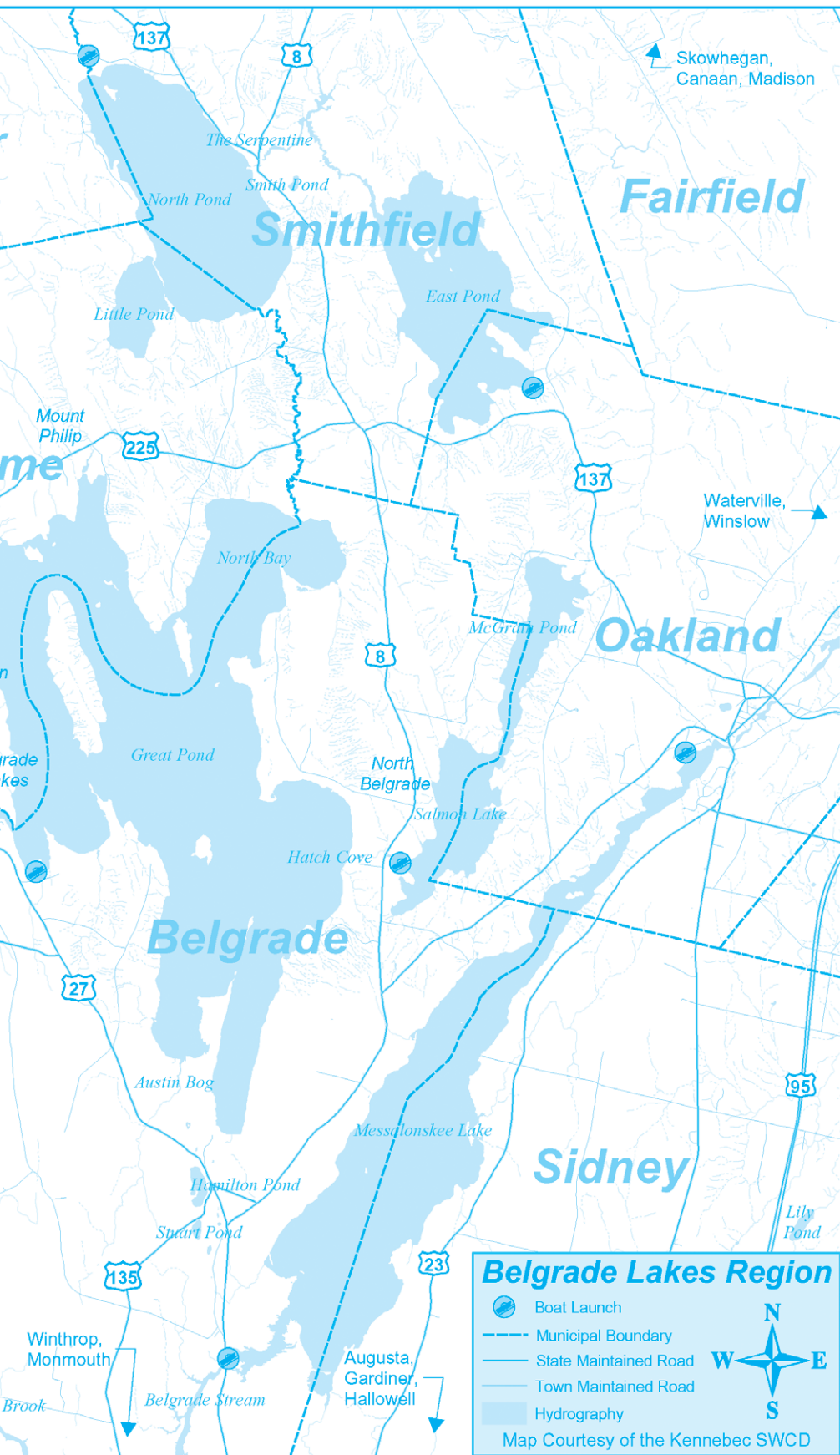


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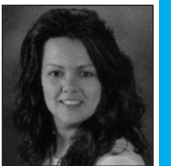
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### JULY

- A guided walking tour of historic Skowhegan featuring "Early Settlers" will be held on Wednesday, July 7 at 10 am. 474-6632
- The Maine Genealogy Fair will be held at the Maine State Museum in Augusta on Saturday, July 8, 9 am-2 pm. Free admission to museum 10 am-4 pm. 287-2301
- On Saturday, July 8, 10 am-4 pm, the B-Well Revolution Festival for holistic health practitioners will be held at the Center for All Seasons, Belgrade Lakes. 495-2560
- A Drive Thru Chicken Barbecue will be held on Saturday, July 8 at the Unity United Methodist Church, Corner of Main and Depot, 11:30 am til gone.
- The Union Coffeehouse will feature a one-hour presentation by Bill Berlinghoff on Saturday, July 8, at 7 pm, followed by an hour of open mic. Donations \$5; yummy refreshments.
- A discussion group on "One Man's Meat," by E.B. White will be held at the Maine State Library in Augusta at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, July 11. Must be registered 287-5600
- The 2017 Annual Meeting of the McGrath Pond/Salmon Lake Association will be on Thursday, July 13, 6 pm at the North Belgrade Community Center, Route 8, North Belgrade. 873-5285

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more and more bass fishermen from across the country are coming to our area to visit and experience some of our truly outstanding bass fishing. The clubs come to the region, spend a few days in a local hotel and typically spend a couple of days scouting or "pre-fishing," before a couple of days of competition.

The excellent fishing also attracts more visitors to local sporting camps such as Bear Springs Camp (Great Pond), Whisperwood (Salmon Lake), Alden Camps (East Pond), and Castle Island Camps (Long Pond). Good water quality is important to these local businesses and they are all strong supporters of the local lake associations, and other conservation organizations such as the BRCA and the MLRC. John Rice from Castle Island Camps organizes and judges the loon calling contest that takes place in Belgrade Lakes every year on the first Saturday in August. It is a unique and fun event and if you have never been, I highly recommend you add it to your "bucket list," especially if you have young kids or grandkids. I frequently meet visitors from these camps on our lakes and many of them eventually become permanent residents after years of visits. On a recent windy day Jay and Carol Sanford, who were spending the week at Castle Island Camps for at least the 12th time, sought shelter in the lee of the same island and struck up a conversation while fishing in the same area. They are from West Boylston, MA, where my older daughter lives, and very close to where I grew up many years

• The 20th Annual Maine International Film Festival will be held in Waterville July 14-23 and offers opportunities for sponsors, volunteers and ticket-holder packages. Miff.org

• A Yart Sale, the MIFF Outdoor Art Sale, will be held July 15-23 at the RR Square Cinema parking lot, 11 am-6:30 pm weekends and 1-6:30 pm weekdays. 873-2425

• On Monday, July 17, the KLI Golf Tournament will be held at the Augusta Country Club, 10 am shotgun start; \$130 per person. Register at KennebecValleyChamber.com 623-4559

• Oakland will come alive with fun and activities for the entire family at OakFest, July 21-23, a three-day celebration of community to showcase the great resources the area has to offer. [www.oakfestmaine.com](http://www.oakfestmaine.com)

• Farmington Summer Fest, featuring food, fun, competitions, a talent show and more is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, July 21 and 22. 491-5533

• Maine Quilts 2017, 40th Anniversary Show, will be Thursday-Saturday, July 27-29 at the Augusta Civic Center, 9 am-5 pm. 216-7358

• Friends of the Belgrade Public Library will hold a 5K Road Race on Saturday, July 29, 8 am, Belgrade Central School. Registration 7:30 am. 495-3508

• The Belgrade Fire Department's annual Car Show will be Sunday, July 30 at the Belgrade Elementary School.

### AUGUST

- On Tuesday, August 1, Bernd Heinrich, naturalist and

author, will give a presentation and sign books at 7 pm, at the Maine Lakes Resource Center in Belgrade Lakes. 495-3617

• The quarterly Gardiner Artwalk will be held on Friday, August 4, 5:30-8:30 pm at studios and businesses along historic Water Street. 582-3100

• Saturday August 5 is the date of the Belgrade Fire & Rescue's Annual Beanhole Supper, 5-7 pm, at the Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons.

• On August 9, 10 and 12 a Paint Recycling Event will take place at the Belgrade Transfer Station and Recycling Center for year round and summer residents. 592-0678

• Live! On the Lake Music & Food Truck Festival is scheduled for Saturday, August 19 at Snow Pond Center for the Arts in Sidney. 844-476-6976 ext. 1

• August 23-27, the 49th Blistered Fingers Family Bluegrass Music Festival will be held at Litchfield Fairgrounds with 12 bands, Kids Academy, camping, food, field pickin' and more. Children 16 and under free with adult. 873-6539

### SEPTEMBER

• On Saturday, September 2, the 2nd Annual Skowhegan Craft Brew Festival will be held in downtown Skowhegan, with tasting, tours and a VIP (over 21 only) tent. [www.skowhegancraftbrewfest.com](http://www.skowhegancraftbrewfest.com)

• Friends of Wayne "Water View" house tour will take place Saturday, September 9, \$25 in advance, \$28 day of tour. 685-3612



ago. Turns out we knew several people in common. I later caught up to them and snapped their picture silhouetted in front of McGaffey Mountain and Roundtop in the Kennebec Highlands.

I also spent a few days hiking some of the local trails and ran into the Grant family from Fairfield. Mom grew up in this area and frequently hiked French Mountain while growing up and decided it was a perfect place to take Kiera and Alex out hiking for the day. French Mountain is an awesome place to introduce young kids to hiking, maybe with a picnic lunch at the top.

This area offers some great outdoor recreation, whether you like to hike, bike, birdwatch, fish, sail, or paddle a canoe or kayak. Pick up a map of the local trails at Day's Store or from the BRCA at the Maine Lakes Resource Center (MLRC). And make sure you take a kid along on your next outdoor adventure. Also, please check the MLRC web site for details on some interesting events scheduled this summer (<https://mainelakesresourcecenter.org/upcoming-events/>). They will have presentations on loons (July 11), native plants (July 18th), New England Music Camp recitals (July 27). August begins with one of my favorite authors, renowned naturalist Bernd Heinrich, who will be speaking on the first of the month. There will be many other interesting events through the summer. Check the web site and keep an eye on the sign out front.



Jay and Carol Sanford from West Boylston, Ma.



The Grants from Fairfield on French Mountain.



## –Conservation Too–

Last week I'd introduced to you a couple landowners, Lush Lawn Lenny and Unruly Ursula. They have very different attitudes about how to care for their property. This week I'd like you to meet a "Dudley Do-right" of conservation - Soil Health Sherman. He works with landowners and property managers around the lakes to help them keep rain runoff and stormwater from eroding the soil and depositing erosion and phosphorus into the streams and ponds.

We've discussed stormwater runoff before. "Stormwater" is just that – the rainfall or melting snow that then runs across the landscape in liquid form. Soil Health Sherman has some great advice for people living around the lakes and streams. Sherman can be a bit of a "know it all" but he tries to focus on the basics. The ditch next to your driveway will have a lot of water in it during and soon after a rainstorm. The culvert beneath your driveway will run full. While that stormwater flow is just nature doing what nature does, nature sometimes does more than usual. We need to prepare for those cases. Sherman can help!

Sherman will provide advice on how to manage that stormwater. In some cases he can even help his crew of workers to help construct, or reconstruct waterways and runoff corridors. He helped Unruly Ursula to design gravel "filtration



This is what poorly managed "stormwater" can do.

steps" so she could get to the water's edge without creating an eroded pathway. And then he helped her install rainbarrels and rain gardens to collect runoff from her roof and parking area. They slowed it down and allowed it to seep into the ground rather than run across her property to the water. Unfortunately Lush Lawn Lenny didn't take the same advice. During a recent heavy rainstorm he lost "control" of the stormwater runoff.

One inch of rain on a single square foot of pavement, sidewalk or roof = 0.6234 gallons of water.

During that big rainstorm recently, Lush Lawn Larry's property flooded from his house, driveway, parking and lawn areas. Those impervious areas channel to the lowest point and cascaded into the lake from a concentrated runoff area. An impervious surface doesn't soak up the rain but

carries it off to another location. For every inch of rain that falls on those surfaces, your property needs to deal with ten's of thousands of gallons of water. Depending upon how your structures are designed, that concentration of water can do a lot of damage. Now consider your property. How much impervious surface do you have? And how is the runoff managed?

What can a property owner do in order to mitigate the damage? Soil Health Sherman had helped Unruly Ursula plan for it! The stormwater was directed into vegetated areas or rain gardens. She'd installed filtration steps. The water from her parking sheeted off the edges and into areas that did not erode the soils.

Take the opportunity now to use some of those BMP's [Best Management Practices]. Sherman, or someone like him can help you focus on how to manage your yard and property. Control the water runoff. Look for places that have been damaged in past storms. It will happen again unless you do something.

A good buffer planting, if well established, does a good job of intercepting water runoff and filtering it before it gets to the lake. The objective is to filter it so it doesn't concentrate and transport soil, chemicals, or other toxics into the water.

Remember, there is a lot to do in order to protect water quality.



For information about any of our conservation projects please contact Dale Finseth at 622-7847, x 3 or check our website at [www.kcswwd.org](http://www.kcswwd.org)

## Produce Safety Alliance Training for Maine Growers - July 21

Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (MDACF) is presenting a day-long Product Safety Alliance (PSA) training for Maine produce growers interested in learning about produce safety, the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Produce Safety Rule, Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs), and co-management of natural resources and food safety. The training will be held on Friday, July 21 from 9am to 6pm at Maine Forest Products Council Building, 535 Civic Center Drive, Augusta, ME and is co-sponsored by MDACF, UMaine Cooperative Extension, and Maine Association of Conservation Districts.

The PSA Grower Training Course is one way to satisfy the FSMA Produce Safety Rule requirement outlined in § 112.22(c) that requires "At least one supervisor or responsible party for your

farm must have successfully completed food safety training at least equivalent to that received under standardized curriculum recognized as adequate by the Food and Drug Administration." After attending the entire course, participants will be eligible to receive a certificate from the Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) that verifies they have completed the training.

Trainers will spend approximately eight hours of instruction time covering content contained in these seven modules:

- Introduction to Produce Safety Worker Health
- Hygiene, and Training Soil Amendments
- Wildlife, Domesticated Animals, and Land Use
- Agricultural Water

Part I: Production Water

Part II: Postharvest Water

- Postharvest Handling and Sanitation
- How to Develop a Farm Food Safety Plan

In addition to learning about produce safety best practices, key parts of the FSMA Produce Safety Rule requirements are outlined within each module.

Cost of the training is \$25 with lunch and morning/afternoon snacks; or \$10 with snacks only. Registration is required by July 14 and is limited to 25 participants. Registration forms, brochure, additional training dates, and information to help you determine if you are required to become certified are available at [www.kcswwd.org](http://www.kcswwd.org). For more information or if you require accommodations to attend, please call Dale Finseth, Kennebec Soil & Water Conservation District, 207-622-7847 x3.



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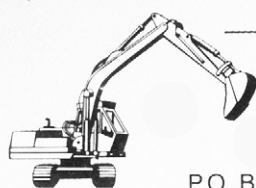
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## — Notebook —

### Belgrade Lakes Association

• Raffle for the Lakes! Buy a raffle and help protect the lakes. Tickets on sale now at the booth on Main Street near the Post Office. First Prize \$30,095 Edendriver with motor and trailer. Drawing August 6. 512-5150

### Maine Preservation

• The deadline for nominating a property to the 2017 Most Endangered Historic Places list has been extended to Friday, June 30. Maine Preservation is based in Yarmouth. 847-3577

### Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed

• Nature Day Camp will be offered July 17-21 and July 31-August 4, 8:30 am-4:30 pm, at the YMCA Camp of Maine in East Winthrop for children entering grades 4, 5 and 6. The cost of \$230 per 5-day session includes lunch, all instruction and equipment, plus a special camp session of Tadpole Patrol aboard the Friends' 22' pontoon boat, the OTTER II. Early Bird registration \$220 until July 1. Cami Wilbert at 621- 4100

### Augusta

• Summer camps are in full swing. Check these programs out: Summer Camps for ages 3-6 at Children's Discovery Museum (622-2209) include Maine-ly Fun, Mermaids of the Deep Sea and Under the Big Top; Kids in the Woods Camp for ages 7-11 at the Viles Arboretum (622-2209) include Eco-Friends and Wilderness Survival; Augusta Rec (<https://secure.rec1.com/ME/city-augusta-maine/catalog>) summer camps include Art, Riding, Junior Police Academy, Archery and Basketball.

### Belgrade

• Tickets are now available for Winterberry Farm annual Farm to Table dinner scheduled for Sunday, July 16. Stop by the farm on Route 27 where the farm stand is open daily, 9 am-6 pm. 649-3331

• Register today for SailMaine Summer Junior Sailing Programs on Great Pond. Programs for

beginner to experienced sailors. Scholarships available. This is a world class waterfront opportunity to get children sailing. 772-7245

### Gardiner

• Potluck in the Park. The Duct Tape Council will be resuming the neighborhood potlucks to welcome new residents and to help inform our local neighborhoods about the many things our city has to offer. Meet on July 26, 6:30-8:30 pm, rain or shine, after the Gardiner Farmers' Market. danstevens43@gmail.com

• Intermediate and Advanced Theater Classes for Youth have been added to the July-August schedule. Have fun while learning how to present and perform. The week will culminate with a variety show. 582-7144

### Hallowell

• Second Sundays, free community art-related events, open to the public, all ages welcome has the following summer schedules coming up: July 9, 2-4 pm, Paper Cut Painting led by Gayle Chung; August 13, 2-4 pm, Poetry led by Claire Hersom; September 10, Creative Writing led by Mathew Scease. 587-7027

• Spinoff Studios Returns for a Pop-up Shop at Harlow Gallery, Wednesday-Friday, July 12-15. Hours will be: 12-6 pm Wednesday-Friday, 10 am-6 pm, Saturday. Offering a vibrant selection of original art and crafts. 622-2813

### Hinckley

• Summer Camps at L.C. Bates Museum will be hosted throughout the summer. July sessions include Build-A-Zoo, Science and Engineering, Astronomy Adventure Camp and Ecology Camp. The season closes with a Junior Curators Camp. 2389-4250

### Monmouth

• Openings and more at the Theater at Monmouth! Richard Greenberg's "Three Days of Rain" will have a special Opening Night Performance on Saturday, July 1 at 7:30 pm. The annual variety show featuring the talents of the



## Dining

### Augusta

• **Riverfront Barbeque & Grille and Gin Mill Lounge**, world class barbeque, seafood, pasta and vegetarian entrees, full service dining, catering, bulk take out, 300 Water Street, Augusta, [www.riverfrontbbq.com](http://www.riverfrontbbq.com), 622-8899

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• **The Village Inn and Tavern**, 157 Main Street, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes Village, 495-3553, [www.villageandtavern.com](http://www.villageandtavern.com)

• **Winterberry Farm Café**, homemade treats, pie, cookies, granola bars, grilled organic cheese sandwiches, veggies, drinks, Route 27, Belgrade, 649-3331

### Oakland

• **Alden Camps**, lunch or dinner by reservation Saturday-Wednesday space permitting, lobster bakes on Friday night by reservation, 3 Alden Camps Cove, Oakland, [www.aldencamps.com](http://www.aldencamps.com), 465-7703

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### Smithfield

• **Smithfield Ice Cream Place**, lunch, dinner and dessert, 855 Village Road, [smithfieldicecreamplace.com](http://smithfieldicecreamplace.com), 368-5039

2017 Summer Company will be presented on Sunday, July 2 at 7:30 pm. "The Learned Ladies" will have a Opening Night Gala on Friday, July 7 at The Sedgley Place in Greene. CampShakes for grades 3 through 8 debuts this summer. 933-9999

### Oakland

• The Oakland-Sidney Methodist Church, West School Street will hold their annual Turkey Suppers on Wednesday, July 12 and Wednesday, August 8, 5-7 pm. Dinner includes roast turkey and all the trimmings and homemade pies. Adults \$10, children 6-12 \$5.

• OakFest will be held Friday, July 21 through Sunday, July 23. Join the fun and enjoy great food, music, crafts, parades and events for all ages. Help celebrate Oakland, Maine and all it has to offer. [www.oakfestmaine.com](http://www.oakfestmaine.com)

### Skowhegan

• The 5th Annual Lake George - Somerset Sports & Fitness Sprint Triathlon will be held on Sunday, September 10. This unique point to point includes \_ mile swim, 14.5 mile bike ride and 3.8 mile out and back run. Open to 15 years and older, individually or as a team. Great t-shirts, unique medals, prizes and a great post party. [www.lakegeorgessftrialthlon.webs.com](http://www.lakegeorgessftrialthlon.webs.com)

• Volunteer for BikeMaine! Skowhegan is proud to be a BikeMaine 2017 host community! This year's ride - Pathway to the Peaks - will start and end in Skowhegan. 400 riders will be coming to Skowhegan. 474-3621

### Smithfield

• For the first time in 101 years, Sunset Camps and Beach are not open. Under new ownership, repairs, plumbing, retaining walls and more are keeping construction workers busy.

Congratulations to the new owners.

• Acoustic jam sessions are being held the 3rd Saturday of every month at Fairview Grange, 6-9 pm. Light food and drink are available for a modest charge and donations are accepted at the door. North and Little Pond residents can come by boat and use the North Pond Association docks that have been added to the Grange property. 944-6497

• Smithfield Historical Society is holding a Pancake Breakfast and food sale on Saturday, July 15 at the Smithfield Baptist Church on Lake View Drive, 7-10 am. Menu includes: hot fresh pancakes (with optional mini-chocolate chips, berries, crushed pineapple & whipped cream), sausage, baked beans, fruit bowl, orange juice and coffee. Adults \$7, children \$4, preschoolers and younger free. There will also be a bake sale and yard sale next door at the Groves House from 8 am to 3 pm.

### Waterville

• Colby College Museum of Art will host a Summer Luncheon on Saturday, July 8 at the museum. At 10:30 am, honoring David Driskell C.F.A.'00 with the 2017 Cummings Award for Artistic Excellence and celebrating the summer Exhibitions: Marsden Hartley's Maine Visionary Painting curated by Alex Katz. To purchase tickets call 859-5600.

### Winthrop

• Camp Mechuwana on Lower Narrows Pond is offering overnight and day camps based on a variety of different themes. The Day Camp program is for children ages 5 to 11 and includes all the traditional camp activities from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. Cost is \$140 per week; financial scholarships are available. 377-2924



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**Colby College Museum of Art**, 5600 Mayflower Hill, Waterville, 859-4000, [www.colby.edu/museum/](http://www.colby.edu/museum/)

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**Great Pond Marina**, 25 Marina Drive, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes, 495-2213, [www.greatpondmarina.com](http://www.greatpondmarina.com)

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**Castle Island Camps**, Long Pond, 441 Castle Island Road, Belgrade Lakes, 495-3312, [www.castleislandcamps.com](http://www.castleislandcamps.com)

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**Hamlin's Marine**, 290 West River Road, Waterville, 872-5660, [www.hamlinsmarine.com](http://www.hamlinsmarine.com)

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## Head of Falls, A Novel by Earl H. Smith

Book Review by Martha F. Barkley

After the two "Dam" novels which brought much hilarity to the Belgrade Dam area residents, we now have an historic novel about Waterville Lebanese immigrants in the good old 1950s, prejudice and all. Remember Elvis Presley and the black and white TV your neighbor had before your family finally bought one?

Seems like yesterday. The popular music, dance steps, high school nervousness, first dates: all this in Waterville with Colby College in the mix. Earl Smith portrays his very sensitive story through the eyes of a teenage girl who has no trouble flaunting custom. She is quite the free spirit and the reader can not help but root for her.

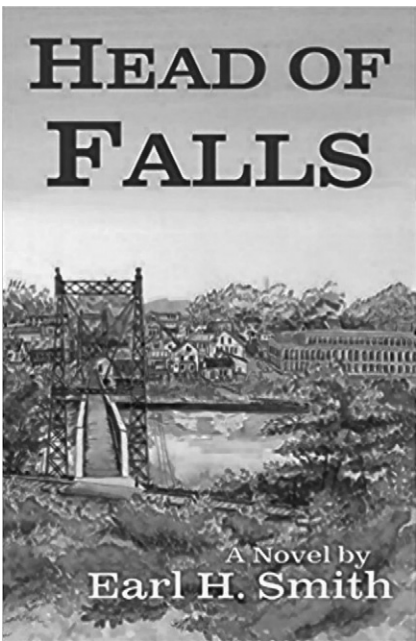
Angela Jamal somehow learns to play classical piano without having an instrument to practice on everyday. The public school music teacher discriminates against the Canadian French (Canucks) and the Lebanese students. This occurs in selection of leads for the musical productions as well as the use of the pianos in the school.

Despite an abusive, drunk father, Angela often finds refuge next door at her best friend's home Margaux Mathieu (polio shriveled leg) and at her piano teacher's home Mr. M.(Lebanese name too long for most). She is nicknamed Angel by her caring piano teacher...it is a wonder that no one else endeared her this way before her teenage years? The two girls trek around Waterville to places like The Opera House, various churches, the wire bridge which is on the book cover, etc.

A murder mystery is within this teenage trauma story involving the drunken father who spends too much time and money at the local dive. The two girls confront the bartender and somehow force local police to investigate Angela's drunken father's death more thoroughly.

Since most of us have enjoyed many occasions at The Opera House, it is wonderful to read about the musical production held there by the Waterville High School students. Our Angela becomes prominent at the last minute, much to the surprise of everyone.

Her love of Beethoven and Mr. M's fine piano teaching is beautifully



described along with the comfort of a warm escape from a terrifying father. The coziness of Mr. M's small apartment with upright piano and cuddly cat is quite the contrast to Angela's home where the curtains blow in the winter cold. Her brother escapes by signing up for the military and her mother copes by working and attending mass daily.

The cardboard keyboard certainly plays an important role in the story of learning music. Mr. M. explains her talent: she has an ear for music. She practices so much that her homework suffers. Angel loves music. When her courses are changed to boring subjects, Angela decides to buckle down and do her homework with friends

helping her to catch up. Fortunately, her courses are switched back to college prep, even though her family can not afford the expense of college.

The repeated yearly flashbacks of news bulletins was helpful to bringing context to the Waterville scenes we were being so intimately immersed in. I must admit I had to google the meteorite that hit a woman in Alabama. Remember that one? She was fine, only minor injury to her hip.

Laugh out loud humor happened when Ode to Joy was silently thought about for her Father's funeral. La-Di-Das are mentioned often and the reader is clear about who they are!

This fine novel about Waterville in the 1950s makes me curious about Earl Smith's two histories: Mayflower Hill, A History of Colby College and With the Help of Friends, A History of the Colby Art Museum. Off to the library I will go to check more books!



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# Sandy River Ramblers Return for Stratton Concert July 8

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The band features the excellent banjo playing of Madrid's Bud Godsoe, who learned to play banjo while working on the Alaska pipeline. Outstanding young fiddler Brendan Hickey, a former Franklin County Fiddler, now at Berkeley School of Music, adds to the instrumental excitement. The lead singing of 16-year-old phenom Dana Reynolds and bassist Julie Davenport pleases the audience at every Rambler show. Guitarist Stan Keach, who writes most of the original songs for the band, is also an excellent singer, and the Ramblers' 3-part harmony is hard to match anywhere in Maine.

The Rambler's CD, Cry of the Loon and other original songs about Maine, has been called "a gift to Mainers" by Maine writer George Smith. The Ramblers will perform many songs from that album including Slow Down (You'll Hit a Moose) and Boots From L. L. Bean as well as the title song. There will be songs from the upcoming CD, as well: Trout on the Line, Bear in the Barn, Down Went Sonny

Liston, among others.

The concert will begin at 7 PM. Admission is \$10 for adults; \$5 for students 6 to 18; free admis-

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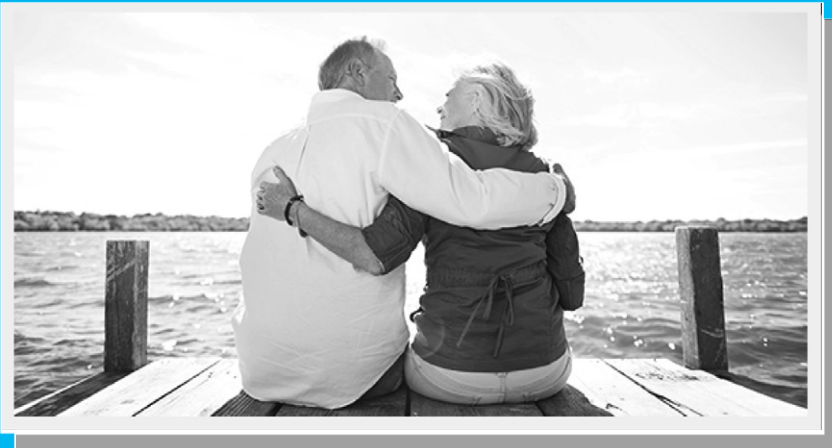


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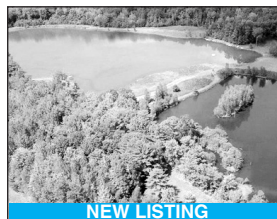
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