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## When Minutes Matter

by Esther J. Perne



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Present impending danger and they react. They jump into icy waters, approach burning buildings and cars, intervene when strangers threaten others and question why a young child is alone on a road or river. They act with guts and from the heart, often alone, sometimes beyond the range of telecommunications, sometimes with no training in what they are doing. They avert disasters; they save lives. They are the ordinary, everyday citizens of Maine who happen to be in the right place at the right time.

Ask them to leave warm shelters and ready meals and they agree without complaint. They patiently slog through bad weather and over rough terrain for hours doing what they were trained to do and doing it for the love of human partners. Often they are the key to mission success. They are the search and rescue dogs and horses who provide superior scent and sight



advantages during vital operations.

Hands-on, stop and help, face the emergency, react quickly. Why? Because it is our local heritage to help, because it is human nature to be helpful, because success is so often the result and....because, when it comes to heroics, minutes matter.



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## Moments

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On the hill. Should it move this way we shall  
Have clearing but the wind is South not West.

This little sunset, tucked beneath Big Black  
Cumulus clouds foreshadows the fire  
I will make in my blue stone fireplace  
Between now and the night in an hour.

By Lionel Tardif



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## Homes of Wayne Tour



The doors will be opened to some of Wayne's most charming and classic homes during this year's Homes of Wayne Tour, 'Windows on the Water', Saturday, September 9, 2017 from 10-4 PM. Featured on the tour will be examples of nineteenth-century architecture, lakeside camps, uniquely designed contemporary houses, fall gardens and several architectural landmarks, all with a view of our beautiful lakes in Wayne. Enchanting vistas, welcoming interiors, and the undeniable charm of small-town rural life in Central Maine will delight and inspire you!

You are also invited to join us for complimentary refreshments and shopping at our "pop-up" Boutique at the Androscoggin Yacht Club during the tour, as well as enjoy the Traveling Brushes Art Show & Sale at the Williams House and the classic wooden boat exhibit at the Shepherd's Knoll II barn.

Tickets will be on sale starting August 18th. The cost is \$25 in advance and \$28 on the day of the event. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Cary Memorial Library, the Church and Julian's General Store in Wayne, D.R. Struck and Kennebec Savings Bank in Winthrop, and Longfellow's Greenhouses in Manchester. Tickets purchased on the day of the event are available at the Cary Memorial Library, 17 Old Winthrop Road, in the center of Wayne (follow the signs). The event will be held rain or shine. For more information, phone the Library at 207-685-3612.



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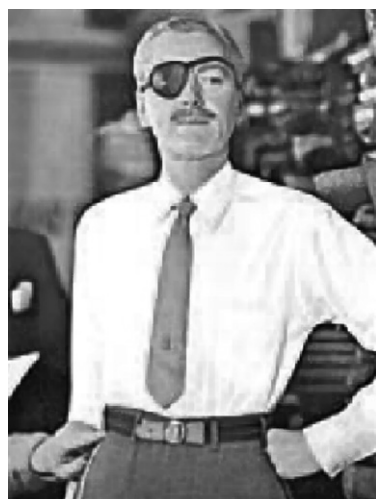
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Belgrade Lakes Association  
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<b>STOP MILFOIL:</b> Progress Report on Milfoil Remediation and Adopt-A-Shoreline	<b>Toni Pied,</b> <i>Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance</i>
<b>MERGER UPDATE:</b> Details on the merger of the BRCA and MLRC and how it will affect the BLA	<b>Lynn Matson,</b> <i>Belgrade Lakes Association</i>
<b>CHILDREN'S PROGRAM PRESERVE AND PROTECT:</b> "What it means to be a Good Lake Steward" A special program for children and grandchildren ages 4 to 15. Runs concurrently with meeting.	<b>Dr. Andy Cook,</b> <i>Belgrade Lakes Association</i>

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## —The Luckiest Boy—

Some of this story may sound familiar to many, especially the guys who are old motor heads. What is a motor head you say? Let's define it as a person, usually a guy, who is totally infatuated with fast, noisy machines such as cars, trucks or boats. If one has this condition in their youth, it is often carried throughout life to one degree or another. As a motor head's age increases and his testosterone decreases, the degree of craziness acted out with these machines usually tends to decline, though not always. Sorry, that was a mouthful but I think you get the point.

Like most towns in the 1950s and '60s, Belgrade had its share of youth, who upon getting their driver's licenses, used their cars for much more than transportation. Most had been driving some on camp roads, which were considered by parents to be a good place to teach kids to drive. Often, kids had been driving old pickups, homemade cut-down tractors and other farm type vehicles for years before they were old enough to get a license. At that time a license could be obtained at the age of 16. Driving fast and spinning tires was commonplace, as well as occasionally going to either stock car or drag racing tracks to watch competition. If anything will stir a motor head's innards, it's a pack of stock cars coming into the final turn at oval race tracks like Unity, Wiscasset, Beech Ridge, Oxford speedway and others.

The terminology of those times for motor heads included terms like: burn rubber, light 'em up, three on the tree, four on the floor (and a fifth in the seat), three deuces, four barrel carbs, three quarter cam, slush box, dynaflow, glass packs and many more. Engines were talked about by cubic inches such as 409, 396, 327, 312 T-Bird, 427's, big blocks, small blocks, hemis—it goes on.

The marked quarter mile stretch that we drag raced on was just south of Belgrade Lakes village on route 27. We called it Dalton's flats or just "the flats." A white line was painted across the road about where the entrance driveway to the Community Center is now, a second line one quarter mile south. On Friday and Saturday nights cars would intermittently appear and line up to see who could cover the quarter mile the fastest. In my day

## A Summer Full of Drag Racin'

by Rod Johnson



Jimmy Sawyer and I would battle it out, he with a 1961 Corvette 283 with 3 deuces, me with a 1962 Austin Healy 3000 with 3 SU downdrafts. We would often each take a heat but the winner always had to face the mother of all vehicles. Joe Tinker would mop us up with his 67 Corvette 427 cubes making 425 horsepower. Often, guys with names like Hoss, Skip, Larry and Birdbrain would show up from Rome with whatever buggy they had, lay down some rubber and smoke, then blast their way back through town and up over the hill towards home. Boys named Barry, Stretch and Kenny would show up from the Depot and North Bel. and show their stuff. The quarter mile of road was black for several summers, and lots of bragging stories were forever circulated as to who could do what with their souped-up machines. Those were the days when Detroit was making some big powerful engines, gas consumption didn't matter and the local kids were tinkering them to squeak out every ounce of power. As the Beach Boys sang: TURN IT ON, WIND IT UP, BLOW IT OUT GTO! Oh yah, it really happened, and being an old motor head, I for one get the willies just thinking about it.



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## — Take It Outside —

The third Saturday in July was the annual loon count in Maine, coordinated by Maine Audubon. See: (<http://maineaudubon.org/wild-life-habitat/the-maine-loon-project/>). Every year over 1000 volunteers, of which I am one, attempt to count all the loons on a couple hundred Maine lakes at the same time. It's organized like a military operation and I am the coordinator for the dozen or so volunteers on Long Pond. Early in the morning all counters head for their assigned section of the lake to be in position to count all the adult loons and loon chicks in their area between 7:00 AM and 7:30 AM. I don't have all the numbers back from my counters yet but overall it looks like a good year for Long Pond, with over 40 adults and at least 7 chicks.

There were lots of kids and grandkids on the lake this week, although none of them mine. I did get to see my grandson play his saxophone in a jazz concert in Farmington, where he attended a jazz camp last week. I saw lots of other young faces around, though. My friends, the Greenans, had both their Maine grandkids and their South Carolina grandkids for the week and had an intensive week that involved a lot hiking, boating, lobsters, ice cream at Days, and a little fishing. Lots of memories being made.

The BRCA Stewardship committee worked with a team of volunteers from Pine Island Camp at Mount Phillip early in the week. I led a small crew that cut Japanese Knotweed down with machetes (an activity teen age boys always seem to enjoy!)

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## More Grandkids and Loons

by Pete Kallin



Devon, Ben, Jason, Sue, and Sean Greenan atop French Mountain.



Kate, Garrison, and Heather Hartley eating ice cream at Days with Ben and Grandma Sue.

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Heidi was born and raised in Maine. She currently lives in Oakland with her husband and two boys. Heidi started her real estate career in 2011 after working in customer service for over 13 years. Heidi's background in customer service along with her superior knowledge of the local markets make her a single point of contact for all your real estate needs.



**SIDNEY**

Take a look at this charming three bedroom and two bath Ranch. Bright and sunny eat in kitchen. Spacious living room. All bedrooms on the first floor. Master bedroom features a full bath. Large family room and laundry area in the basement. Detached 28 x 30 two car garage with plenty of space. Beautiful landscape and enjoy your evenings on the deck. Long paved driveway. Minutes to I95. MLS# 1314525 \$199,900



**SIDNEY**

Come take a look at this 3 bedroom and 2 full bath Contemporary Ranch! Open concept kitchen, dining and living room. Cathedral ceilings with skylights. Large master suite with full bath. Full basement with a small finished office. Brand new roof. Newer pellet stove in basement. Generator hook up and generator will convey. Large 32 x 36 detached garage with 13.5 ft. walls. Garage features radiant heat and has storage space above. More land available to purchase MLS# 1291638 \$209,000



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Take a look at this large 7 bedroom, 4 bath Contemporary home. Features two spacious in law suites. Each suite offers full kitchen, full bath, living room and bedrooms. Main house has five bedrooms, two bonus rooms for an office and/or den, open living room, kitchen and dining area. Large four season sunroom. Hardwood floors throughout, new carpet, new metal roof and freshly painted throughout. What a great opportunity to have plenty of living space and rental income. MLS# 1307555 \$179,900



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## Calendar Directory

### TOWN BY TOWN...

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#### AUGUSTA

- **Viles Arboretum**, 224 acres with 6 miles of year round walking trails, including art and sculpture trail, open dawn to dusk, Visitor Center open Monday-Friday, 9 am-4 pm, admission free, 626-7989, [www.vilesarboretum.org](http://www.vilesarboretum.org), 153 Hospital Street
- **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

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

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- **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

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- **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

#### MOUNT VERNON

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

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- **New Sharon Historical Society**, Saturday 1-3, 778-4167, Routes 2/27

## NORRIDGEWOCK

- **Norridgewock Historical Society Museum**, 1838 building, Saturday 10 am-1 pm, 634-5032, [www.norridgewockmuseum.com](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
- **Trails**: Mount Philip, Route 225; The Mountain, Route 27; French's Mountain and Kennebec Highlands, Watson Pond Road; for information call 495-6039 or visit [www.belgradelakes.org](http://www.belgradelakes.org); maps available at BRCA, 137 Main Street, Belgrade Lakes

## SIDNEY

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

## SKOWHEGAN

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

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](http://www.sunsetcamps.com), 834 Village Road, Route 8

## UNITY

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

## WATERVILLE

- **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-Friday 12-5 pm, Saturday 11 am-1 pm, 93 Main 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
- **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](http://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](http://www.operahouse.com), 93 Main Street
- **Farmers' Market**, Thursday 2-6 pm, 680-2055, [www.watervillefarmersmarket.org](http://www.watervillefarmersmarket.org),

## WAYNE

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

## WILTON

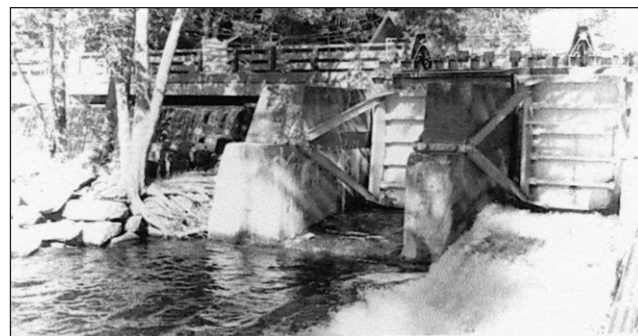
- **Wilton Farm & Home Museum**, 645-2091, 645-4578, [www.thewiltonfarmandhomemuseum.org](http://www.thewiltonfarmandhomemuseum.org), Saturday 1-4 pm or by appointment, 10 Canal Street

## 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 Great Pond, Long Pond and Salmon/McGrath, as well as most of our ponds, are remarkably still holding their own – Thanks to those scattered afternoon showers!

Great Pond is now 1.56" above full pond with Gate 1 still opened just 2-3" offering good Mill Stream flow as well as good current in the spillway for fishing. Long Pond is currently at .56" above full with both gates still completely closed. Upper Long Pond, 9 miles to the North, is still right at full pond for the third week in a row. Salmon/McGrath is currently 2/10" below full pond which is still good for the short term considering our evaporation rates.

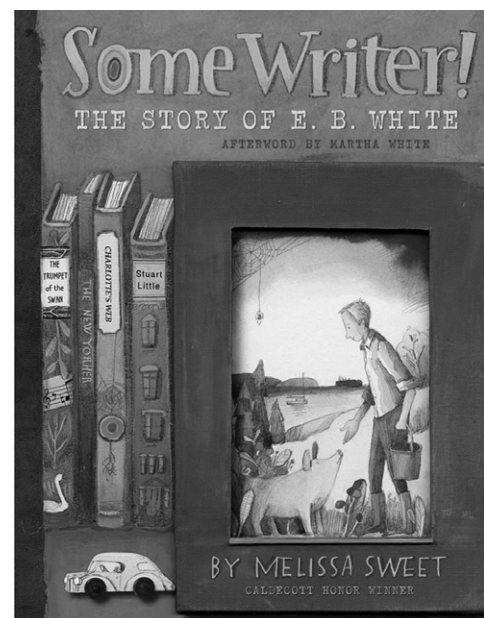
Without some tangible rain events, both Great and Long Ponds will soon begin losing about 3/10" per day due to evaporation, which in doing some research are actually normal evaporation rates. An interesting article by C.E. Grunsky entitled "Evaporation from lakes and reservoirs" going back to September 1931 suggests that the evaporation rate with an ambient outside temperature of 85F is approximately 3/10" per day. Add that to our camps still using lake water in addition to the slight seepage from our dams and you can see why pond levels are starting to feel the effects of these beautiful summer temperatures.

Enjoy this incredibly beautiful weather and your vacation!



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## — Calendar —

**Thursday 7/27 and Friday 7/28** - Kneading Conference, workshops, tours, presentations, ovens, grains, events in the area, [www.heartofmaine.org/kneading/](http://www.heartofmaine.org/kneading/), 947-6622, Fairgrounds, Skowhegan.

**Thursday 7/27 through Saturday 7/29** - Maine Quilts 2017, 40th Anniversary Show, workshops, demonstrations, lectures, raffle, 9 am-5 pm, 216-7358, Augusta Civic Center, 76 Community Drive, Augusta.

**Thursday 7/27 through Saturday 7/29** - Vienna Historical Society 35th consecutive annual original plays set in Vienna: "Making Josie Jealous" by Beverly Wight Smith and "Doctor's Orders" by Cheryl Herr-Rains, 7 pm each evening, 2 pm Saturday matinee, Vienna Union Hall, off Route 41, Vienna.

**Thursday 7/27 through Saturday 7/29** - "Red Velvet," 7:30 pm Thursday and Friday, 1 pm Saturday, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, Theater At Monmouth.

**Wednesday 7/26 through Saturday 7/29** - "Avenue Q The Musical," 474-7176, Lakewood Theater, Route 201, Madison.

**Friday 7/28** - The Lorraine Ouellette Trio, free admission, 2 and 7 pm, 946-5311, The Araxine Wilkins Sawyer Memorial, 371 Sawyer Road, Greene.

**Friday 7/28** - Downtown storywalk and scavenger hunt, featuring "My Name is Yoon," 3-5 pm, start at the Gardiner Library for a checklist and direction, 626-3440, downtown Gardiner.

**Friday 7/28** - Waterfront Concert Series, featuring Mike Van Summern Band, free, 6-7:30 pm, Waterfront Park, Gardiner.

**Friday 7/28** - Waterville Rocks concert, Castonguay Square, downtown Waterville.

**Friday 7/28 and Saturday 7/29** - Bossuv Ballet, "Don Quixote." \$15, \$12 students and seniors, families \$40, 7 pm Friday, 2 pm Saturday, Williamson Performing Arts Center, Fairfield.

**Friday 7/28** - Student Honor Recital, New England Music Camp, free, 7:30 pm, 844-476-

6976, Alumni Hall, 8 Goldenrod Lane, Sidney.

**Saturday 7/29** - Paddle Trek, day-long guided trip, Mount Vernon Village to Wayne Village, sponsored by the 30 Mile River Watershed Association, register at [www.30mileriver.org](http://www.30mileriver.org), 7:30 am-3 pm, 860-4043, depart downtown Mount Vernon.

**Saturday 7/29** - 2017 VLMP Annual Lake Monitoring Conference, speakers, an exhibitors' area, a volunteer recognition ceremony, a mobile laboratory, fabulous door prizes and lunch, free for certified VLP lake moitors, \$35 guests, \$20 for students, 783-7733, Great Outdoors, Pleasant Pond, Turner.

**Saturday 7/29** - 8th Annual Friends of the Belgrade Public Library 5K Road Race, featuring The Summer Camp Challenge, registration at RunReg.com, 465-3524, Belgrade Central School, Depot Street, Belgrade.

**Saturday 7/29** - Maine Artisan Bread Fair, over 60 vendors, delicious breads, pastries, books, equipment, professional bakers, live music, demos, superb Maine made foods, free, everyone is invited, 9 am-3 pm, 717-4578, Skowhegan Fairgrounds, Route 201, Madison Avenue, Skowhegan.

**Saturday 7/29** - Lively Spaces, 10 am-2 pm, 859-5600, Colby College Museum of Art, Mayflower Hill, Waterville.

**Saturday 7/29** - Discover Amazing Insects and Draw Them, explore the insect collections to observe their beautiful colors, shapes and camouflage, draw a favorite insect and/or make an insect craft, 1 pm, 238-4250, L.C. Bates Museum, Route 201, Hinckley.

**Saturday 7/29** - "Three Days of Rain," 7:30 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater At Monmouth.

**Saturday 7/29** - New England Music Camp Concert, free and open to the public, 3 pm, 465-3025, Bowl in the Pines, Route 23, Sidney.

**Saturday 7/29** - North Pond Association Annual Meeting, hear about accomplishments and plans for the future, guest speakers, vote on new president and board members, discuss watershed survey, 4-5 pm social time, 5-6 pm

meeting, 362-5533, Fairview Grange, Main Street, Smithfield.

**Sunday 7/30** - Annual Car Show, Belgrade Fire & Rescue Association, gates open 8 am, awards 2 pm, dozens of classes, rain or shine, 215-6142, next to Belgrade Central School, Depot Street, Belgrade.

**Sunday 7/30** - "Othello," by William Shakespeare 1 pm, "Macbeth" by William Shakespeare 7 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater at Monmouth.

**Sunday 7/30** - Talk and Book Reading by Mary Cappello, author of Life Breaks In, the book includes sections about the museum and Charles D. Hubbard and his Dioramas in the museum, free, refreshments will be served, 2 pm, 238-4250, L.C. Bates Museum, Route 201, Hinckley.

**Sunday 7/30** - New England Music Camp Concert, "Bowl in the Pines," free, everyone welcome, 3 pm, 465-3025, Route 23, Goldenrod Lane, Sidney.

**Sunday 7/30** - Belgrade Lakes Association Meeting, Great Pond and Long Pond, 4-6 pm, 512-5150, Belgrade Lakes Golf Club, West Road Belgrade Lakes.

**Sunday 7/30** - Merry Go Round Up, Coburn Park Concerts, bring lawn chairs and blankets, 5-6:15 pm, Philbrick Gazebo, Route 2, Skowhegan.

**Tuesday 8/1** - "My Father's Dragon," family show, 1 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater At Monmouth.

**Tuesday 8/1** - Quarry Road Summer Race Series, 8K 6 pm, fun run for 12 and under 5:30 pm, [www.quarryroadraces.com](http://www.quarryroadraces.com), Quarry Road, off North Avenue, Waterville.

**Tuesday 8/1** - An Evening with Bernd Heinrich: Naturalist and Author, his life observing the natural world from ravens to owls to bees and much more, author of over 20 books, book signing following lecture, 7 pm, 5123-5150, Belgrade Lakes Association, Maine Lakes Resource Center, Main Street, Belgrade Lakes.

**Tuesday 8/1** - "Red Velvet," 7:30 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater At Monmouth.

**Tuesday 8/1** - Student Honor Recital, New England Music Camp, 7:30 pm, 844-476-6976, free, Alumni Hall, 8 Goldenrod Lane, Sidney.

**Wednesday 8/2 through Saturday 8/5** - Skowhegan River Fest 2017, celebrating recreation and life on the Kennebec River, highlights include Moonlight Madness, Rotary Lobster Bake, Drivers and Duffers Golf Classic, 474-3621, events centered on the Kennebec River and downtown Skowhegan.

**Wednesday 8/2** - Taste of Greater Waterville, over 30 food vendors, live music all day, street-side dancing, children's events, beer garden 5-11 pm, sit-down dining hosted by local restaurants, activities from 9 am-11 pm, 873-3315, Chamber of Commerce, downtown Waterville.

**Wednesday 8/2** - "Red Velvet," 1 pm, "Othello," 7:30 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater At Monmouth.

**Wednesday 8/2** - Public Supper, final of the season, entree, potato, vegetable, bread, beverage, dessert, 5 pm, Fairview Grange, Main Street, Route 8, Smithfield.

**Wednesday 8/2** - Authors Kevin Mannix and Linda Rota, "Weathering Shame," presentation on experiences with shame and stigma growing up exposed to alcoholism, severe depression and suicide, book selling and signing, light refreshments, 6 pm, 495-3508, Belgrade Public Library, 124 Depot Road, Belgrade.

**Thursday 8/3 through Sunday 8/6** - "The Savannah Sipping Society," 474-7176, Lakewood Theater, Route 201, Madison.

**Thursday 8/3** - "The Learned Ladies" 1 pm, "Three Days of Rain" 7:30 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, Theater At Monmouth.

**Thursday 8/3** - Pacific Crest Trail: A City Girl Walks from Mexico to Canada, tales of the 2,650-mile trek, copies of book "Tamed" available for signing, 7 pm, 495-3617, Maine Lakes Resource Center, Main Street, Belgrade Lakes.

**Thursday 8/3 and Friday 8/4** - "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown," presented by New England Music Camp Musical Theater, ticketed event, 7:30 pm, 844-476-6976, Alumni Hall, NEMC, 8 Goldenrod Lane, Sidney.



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## Bricks and Mortar Opening August 2



Monkitree will be exhibiting the work of ceramic artist Whitney Gill and multi-media artist Allison McKeen. The show, "Bricks and Mortar", is a celebration of community. Friends, Allison McKeen and Whitney Gill, often venture through Maine together to view the landscapes, architecture and the work of local artists. They wanted to form a body of work that focused on their favorite aspects of these trips: historical buildings, beautiful landscapes, and Maine's small creative businesses. As the town of their first meeting and the central hub of many of their activities, they wanted to pay homage to the historic town of Gardiner and community of artists that now call it home.

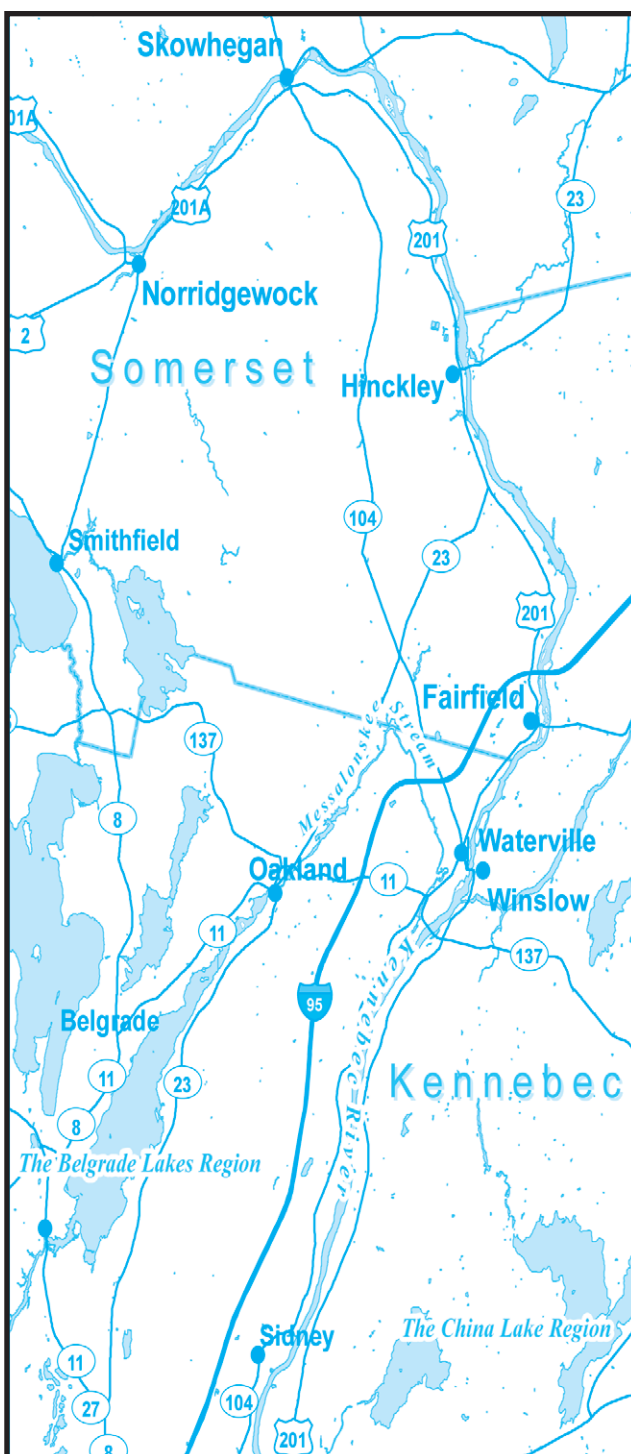
Whitney Gill, states, "My ties to Gardiner have allowed me to pursue my art career through the kindness of local artists and galleries who have opened their doors to me and my work. The history of Gardiner holds importance in my eyes as a town breathing new life with growing businesses and creative minds that see the beauty in historic preservation." For this show Allison McKeen works with materials that have historical significance to the Gardiner area such as bricks from T. W. Dick and baking tins from MacDonald's Bakery. The brick serves as metaphor for Allison, "Each piece acts as a foundational building block while simultaneously maintaining a sense of individuality. Gardiner is a very community-oriented town, building up and growing everyday thanks to the collective work of many individuals."

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basic tool for me while majoring in English in college in the 1960s. It is quite the accomplishment that E. B. White updated this fine original by William Strunk, Jr., his Cornell English professor from college days, 1917-1921. It is funny to me to read that fewer words are best, according to Strunk, and so many of E.B.White's characters go on and on in their hilarious chatter. Think the old cob swan talking on and on as his wife patiently says to get to the point, dear. Think Templeton the rat and his piles and stacks of litter scraps as well as the slops delivered to Wilbur.

I keep opening this book designed for juveniles and marvel at the rich content Melissa Sweet provides. Her years of research are evident. The fact

## Kennebec Corridor



Allison McKeen is a primarily self-taught photographer and mixed media artist living and working out of Gardiner. She draws inspiration from the everyday details of her surroundings; especially the textural characteristics of weathered structures. Whitney Gill is a stoneware potter working in Litchfield, ME. She creates durable, functional pieces of pottery decorated with her hand-drawn illustrations.

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that she lives not far from Martha White, granddaughter of E.B., on the coast of Maine, certainly explains her depth of knowledge. While working on this project, Sweet's husband built her the same flat bottomed boat E.B. had, using the same scow plan, dimensions and all.

Of course, "Once more to the lake..." refers to our Great Pond in the Belgrades. His summers here started early on in 1904 at age six. An August photo of the entire family shows them on the steps of a Snug Harbor rental. The family was so large, eight in all, that they rented several lakeside cottages. He would return often on his birthday, July 11th, to canoe and share time with his son Joel at Bear Springs Camps.

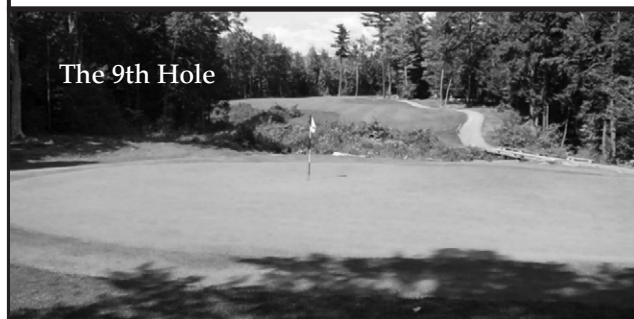


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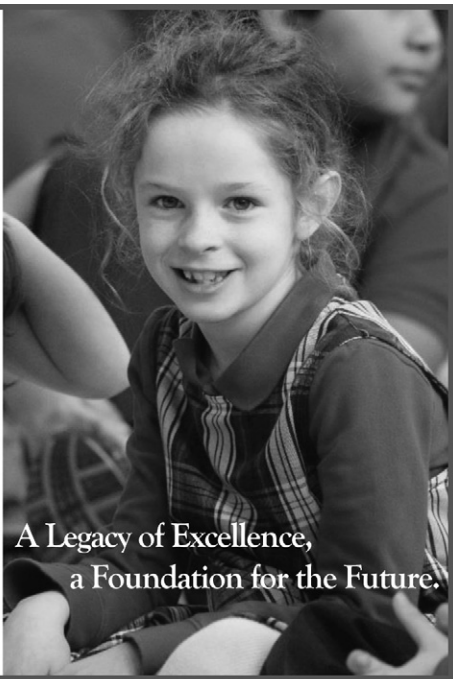


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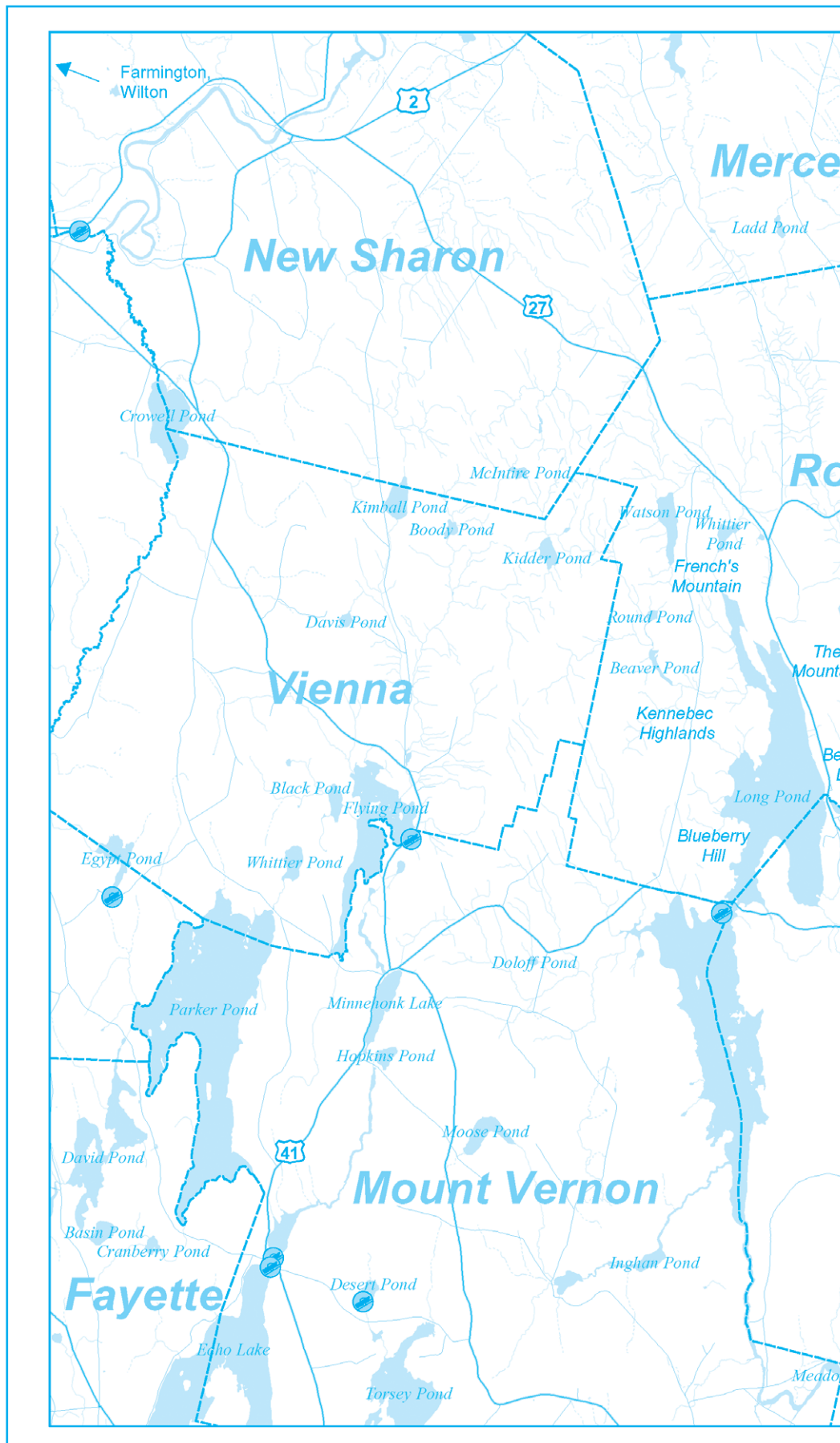
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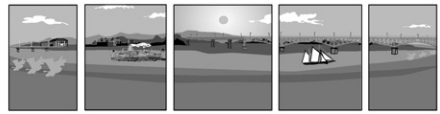


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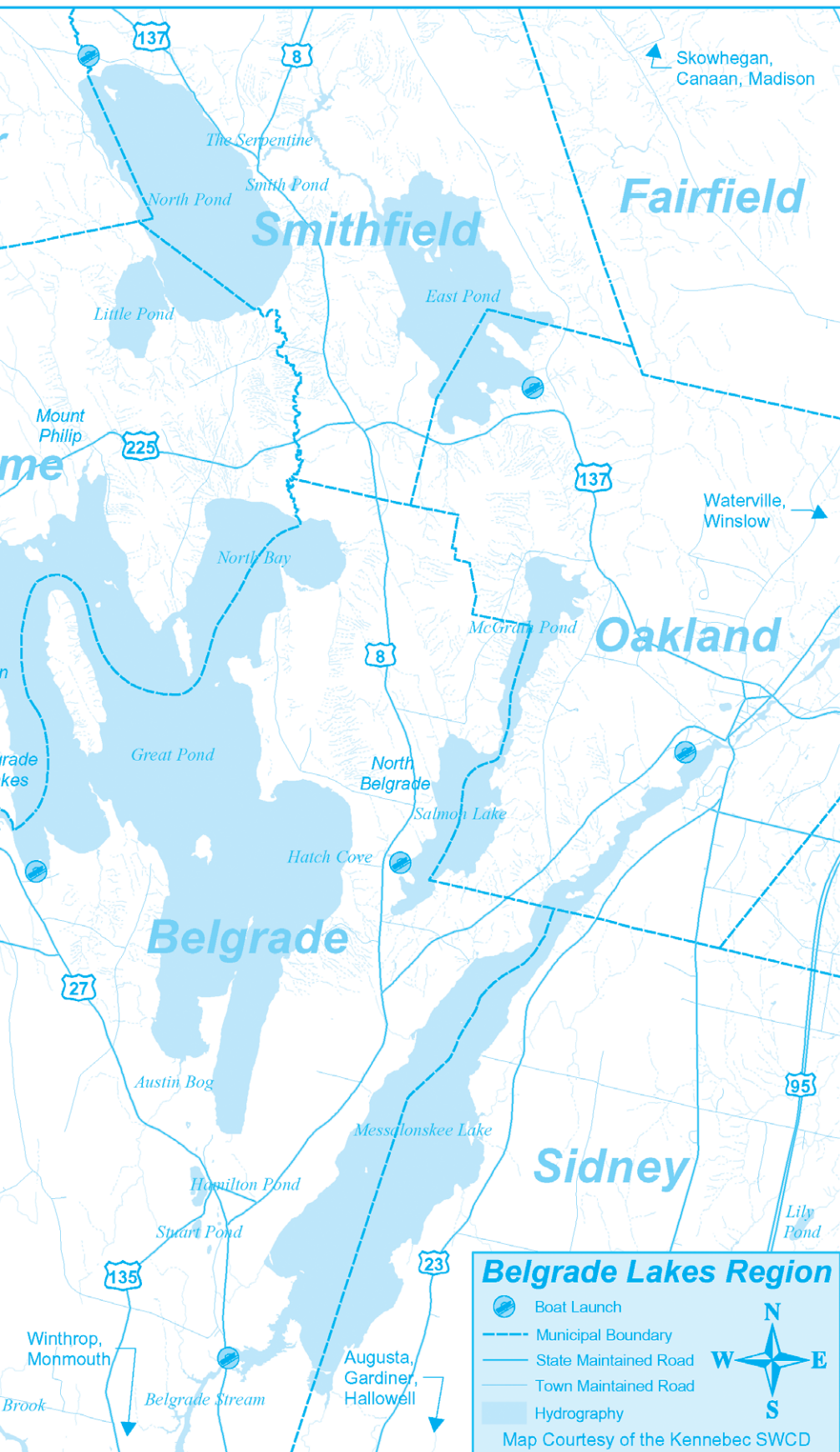


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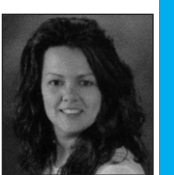
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## — Upcoming —

### AUGUST

- The 30 Mile Watershed Cleanup will be held on Saturday, August 5 at multiple locations. Volunteers needed. 30mileriver.org
- The Loon Lap, Mount Vernon 5K, walk/run around Minnehonk Lake and Hopkins Pond will be Sunday, August 6, rain date August 13, 10 am-noon, at 9:30 am at the Mount Vernon Community Center.
- The Summer Smorgasbord, August 5, 5-6 pm, will be in Waterville at the First Congregational Church.
- On Saturday, August 5, there will be a Contra Dance at 7:30 pm featuring live music with Bien Sur and calling with John Macintire, \$7, historic Canaan Farmers Hall. 399-8454
- On Sunday, August 6, 9 am-3 pm, the Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons will host the Belgrade Lakeside Artisan Show with artisans and handcrafts from around the state. 495-3481
- On Thursday, August 10, the Mid-Maine Global Forum will host Ambassador Derek Mitchell as guest speaker on "The Value of American Foreign Policy in Asia and the World," at the annual dinner program. www.midmaineglobalforum.org
- Come join the in fellowship with Friends and Neighbors Lunch, 11:30-1 pm, Thursday, August 10 at the Union Church in Belgrade Lakes.

- August 10-19 are the dates of the Skowhegan State Fair, featuring a huge midway, animal exhibits, crafts, commercial exhibits, flower shows, animal pull events and harness racing.
- The annual Oakland Alumni Association reunion and banquet will be Saturday, August 12 at the Waterville Elks Club at 10:30 am. 441-7055
- On Saturday, August 12 at 7 pm the Union Coffeehouse in Belgrade Lakes will provide two hours of singing entertainment. Simons & Goodwin will be the featured performance; open mic will follow. Donation \$5 at the door includes refreshments.
- An Ice Cream Social and RB Hall Band Concert will be held on Tuesday 8/15 (rain date August 22) at 6 pm at the Oakland Historical Society Macartney House Museum. 649-4942
- The Oakland Lions Club will hold a Summer Yard Sale August 18 and 19 at 15 Hubbard Street. 314-9746
- "The Shoemaker and the Elves" will be prformed on Saturday, August 19 at 10 am by Young Performers Camp at Lakewood Summer Theater in Skowhegan. 474-7176
- The Annual Sidewalk Art Festival in Winthrop will be Saturday, August 20, 10 am- 3 pm, with a showcase of regional artists, sales, food, music and recreation. 377-8020
- On Wednesday and Thursday, August 24 and 25, 9 am-4 pm, the annual Maine Farm Days will be held at Misty Meadows Farm in Clinton, a large dairy farm (over 800 cows) that grows hundreds of acres of crops. There will be a kid's tent, equipment displays, a wagon tour, many exhibits and concessions -

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- AbbaFab! Concert will be held on Thursday, August 24 at the Bowl In The Pines, Snow Pond Center for the Arts, Sidney. 844-476-6076
- The Windsor Fair is Sunday August 27 through Labor Day, September 4, with free parking every day, season passes, campground reservations at 446-6461, race simulcasting daily, many barns and exhibition halls, an Historical Society museum, midway and full entertainment schedule. Gate open at 9 am every day. www.windsorfair.com

### SEPTEMBER

- The Autumnfest Horse Show will be September 8-10 at Skowhegan Fairgrounds. Free admission, covered arena, concessions, barns to visit. 676-8529
- The Monthly Bean Supper at the Mt Philip Grange in Rome will be on Saturday, September 16, 4:30-6 pm; tickets \$7, under 5 years free, family of 4 or more \$20.
- September 17-23 are the dates of the Farmington Fair, featuring a large midway, exhibit halls, livestock exhibits, animal pull, harness racing and a demolition derby.
- The Common Ground Country Fair, sponsored by the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association will be September 22-24 at the fairgrounds in Unity.



Photo by Gregor Smith

"lady moose" reclining on a blue divan. The moose has pink lipstick, pink nail polish on her hooves, long blonde hair, and a gap between her two front teeth, as does Hutton.

Lauren Hutton Thursday evening at the Waterville Opera House, shortly after her Mid-Life Achievement Award, which she jokingly called her "Mid-Life Crisis Award." She added that if it was a mid-life achievement award, then it meant that she would live to age 146.

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## —Conservation Too—

This week I'd like to introduce you to a couple of "characters" who I'll try and feature in future "Conservation Too" articles. The first is Lush Lawn Lenny. Lenny, or LLL for short, has a huge, well manicured lawn right up to the water's edge. It looks great from both the water and the family deck which overlooks the lawn. He can be seen weekly using his riding lawnmower, one of those zero turning radius rigs, as he mows and bags the lawn clippings. He frequently fertilizes with a heavy dose in the spring to make the lawn



turn green quickly. He also uses herbicide to keep those pesky broad leaf weeds at bay. He doesn't use the lawn much, though the grand kids occasionally visit and may play in the area.

Just down the pond's shoreline is another landowner, known in the neighborhood as Unruly Ursula. She has chosen to let the underbrush grow in beneath the large canopy of Pine trees and has even planted a mixture of Viburnum, Dogwood and other flowering and fragrant shrubs. She maintains a relatively narrow pathway made of stones, gravel and Erosion Control Mulch down to the water's edge where she can launch her kayak and sailboat from a small seasonal dock. From the water, boaters would hardly know her three season camp exists. Her view from the deck is out over the thick low growing shrubs and beneath the Pines. She can be seen rummaging around in the yard, pulling invasive plants and replacing them with some of the native plant options. She is seen here with one of the tools she uses to pull invasive MultiFlora Rose and Japanese Barberry. The thorns are tough on the hands.

We would recommend against the drive to have a "lush lawn". Go with a "Maine lawn". Many of us would not have a lawn without the dandelions or other broadleaved weeds. We recommend only managing a lawn and yard that you actually use. The drive of many landowners to create and manage their prize "lawn scape" is definitely more work and the methods used can harm the pond, lake, stream or wetland's water quality.

## Choices in Yard Care Be responsible!!!

By Dale Finseth



Each year, an average family with a one-third-acre lawn will use up to 18 gallons of fossil fuels in their lawn manage efforts. That includes gasoline plus the petroleum products used for fertilizer and pesticides.

An attractive lawn can be grown without regular use of pesticides (weed, insect, or disease controls) and little or no added fertilizer. What are the options for people who still want that great, green and lush yard? You need to ask yourself a few questions. –

- How much of your yard needs to be lawn? [I've visited LakeSmart sites with none.]
- How much of your yard even needs to be managed? Let some of the property grow back to a more natural state with local varieties of plants and little to no need for maintenance. [Some people only mow trails and have a spot to play croquet or locate a picnic table. Control any invasive plants.]
- Given the amount of lawn you need, what sort of grass would be best? Different varieties grow better in different conditions and soils. Get a soil test to learn what will be best and what, if any, soil amenities you need i.e. fertilizer.
- Once a lawn area is established, how and when should you mow and maintain it?

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Select grass seed that works in your area and demands less maintenance. Turf-type tall fescues and fine-leaf fescues require less fertilizer and water and are more shade-tolerant. In small amounts, perennial ryegrass, because of its quick growth rate, is perfect for overseeding bare spots but it is not as suitable for covering an entire lawn.

Mow your smaller lawn to maximize its health. Higher mowing heights leave a lawn with more resistance to water movement, therefore reducing runoff. They also tolerate a higher population of pests without significant damage. Taller grass shades out weeds and reduces the number of seeds that germinate.

In much of Maine, an appropriate lawn needs little watering. Only if absolutely necessary, deeply soak the lawn once or twice a week with a total of 1" of water. Shallow watering encourages shallow root growth, thatch buildup, and increases the potential for pesticide and fertilizer runoff.

Remember why you like spending the summer here in Maine with its great lakes and streams and greenery. Here is a hint - "IT'S THE WATER"! How you manage and care for your yard, can have a disastrous impact on water quality. **DO YOUR PART!**

My yardcare can seem like anarchy. I seldom water the grass, then only a small patch in front of the house. Much of the original lawn is now garden mulched with old leaves and stump grindings. The gardens are situated to collect nearly all the water runoff from my yard. The remaining lawn is only mowed in selective areas. Whole sections just have pathways mowed through and the "wild stuff" is allowed to grow until late fall when I cut and compost the summer's growth.

Check out resources at [www.YardScaping.org](http://www.YardScaping.org) or plants to use & avoid at [www.UMaine.edu/publications/2500e/](http://www.UMaine.edu/publications/2500e/) or lawn care recommendations <http://turf.cals.cornell.edu/lawn/> or Kennebec Soil & Water Conservation District 622-7847 or [www.kcsxcd.org](http://www.kcsxcd.org).

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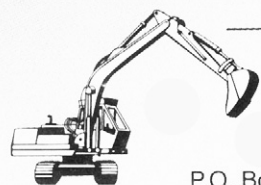
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## — Notebook —

### Maine Wildlife Park

- Summer Wildlife Days continues with Saturday programs into November. Coming up in late July and August are the following: July 29 - Wildlife Encounters; August 5 - Life of the Honeybee; August 12 and 13 - Attean Family Pow Wow; August 19 and 20 - Enchanted Forests; August 26 - Maine Authors and Storytellers; September 2 - Wildlife Enrichment Day. All programs are from 11 am-2 pm. 657-4977

### Maine Farmland Trust

- In the next week or two, the 2017 issue of Maine Farms annual journal will arrive in mailboxes across the state. By sharing the stories of Maine farms and foods MFT hopes to cultivate a curious and informed community who are passionate about the future of farming. New members are eligible for a copy of the journal. 338-6575

### Augusta

- The final summer seminar of the Michael Klahr Center, Holocaust and Human Rights Center will be held on August 2 and 3 9 am - 4 pm. for educators and life-long learners and on August 8 and 9 for students in grades 8 through 12. The seminar will focus on civil discourse: The Democracy is Noisy. 621-3532

### Belgrade

- On Sunday, August 6, 9 am-3 pm, the Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons will welcome artisans from around the state to the Belgrade Lakeside Artisan Show. The show will include an exceptional selection of handcrafted items such as pottery, fiber, collectibles, jewelry, wood working and more, in every price range. Artisans will be located inside and outside. The Center is on Great Pond, off Route 27. 495-3481

### Farmington

- Color Me United 5K run/walk will be held on Saturday, August 26, 9 am - 12 noon at the Narrow Gauge Cinema/Prescott Field parking lot.

### Hallowell

- The Harlow Gallery invites artists inspired by

comic book art and themes and artists working in the comic book industry to submit work to be considered for POW!, a juried art show on view September 8 through October 21. The deadline for email submissions is August 1, 2017 by 11 pm. 622-3813

### Oakland

- On Wednesday, August 8, 5-7 pm, the Oakland-Sidney Methodist Church, West School Street, will hold their annual August Turkey Supper. The menu includes roast turkey with all the trimmings and home made pies. Adults \$10; children 6-12 \$5.

### Rome

- The Best Race Yet! The 2017 Rome Yacht Club Regatta will take place on Saturday, August 5 at 10 am. The two classes of boats are: a small boat - 1 sail; and a large boat - 2 sails. Convene in front of the Vines' Camp at 10 am. The Commodore's Ball will be held at the Melvin's on Friday, August 4 at 6 pm. 329-7951

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### Waterville

- Help raise money for the Greater Waterville Area Kiwanis and Recycled Shakespeare Company by letting us take care of your kids for the night of Wednesday, August 2, 5-9 pm. Drop them off at Blue Wave Studios to play games, color and dance. Children must be potty trained. \$5 for an hour; \$10 for the whole night. No reservation required. 314-8607

- Two complementary exhibitions at the Colby College Museum of Art will be available through August 27: "Visionary Painting," curated by artist Alex Katz features a diverse array of artists, and "Robert Indiana: Placeholder" focuses on a selection of prints made after Indiana (born in 1928) moved to Maine. The exhibits are free and open to the public. 859-5600





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## Some Writer!: The Story of E.B.White by Melissa Sweet

Book Review by Martha Barkley

I found this precious scrapbook style, colorful book last Fall at the Charleston Southern University library in SC displayed for students to check out. Since I live next door in The Elms Retirement Community, my library privileges there are limited to two adult books and not juvenile literature.

It was exhilarating to peruse the art work meticulously done by Sweet, many collages and clever drawings beyond photos. My favorite was EBWhite as a young boy sitting on the Mount Vernon, NY steps of his Victorian home. The artistic author extended the house photo by drawing pen and ink to show the largeness of his privileged-looking home.

My personal discovery in this very well-done biography of EBWhite was the black and white photo of White as an elderly man swinging on the rope in his barn. He and his wife Catherine lived on the coast of Maine near Blue Hill. This saltwater farm location is where Charlotte's Web was inspired and Wilbur the pig learned to trust his friend Charlotte the spider. Templeton the rat, the cackling geese, Wilbur's life being saved even though he was the runt of the litter, the Blue Hill County Fair competition, Charlotte's children ballooning in the barn, all such strong memories of EBWhite's Pulitzer prize winning writing.

At age six, EBWhite came to Maine on the train from New York with his entire family. They packed trunks full of clothes for their August on Great Pond, renting several camps beginning around 1906. Bear Springs and Snug Harbor were two of the many places they stayed every summer for many years. EBWhite returned to Great Pond with a new canoe on his car to celebrate one of his birthdays in his eighties, staying once again at Bear Springs.

The biographer/artist includes part of EBWhite's pamphlet that he wrote, designed and had photos advertising Snug Harbor. There you see White in his favorite canoe. Also the birch trees along the shady shoreline of Great Pond.

It is very special to have an Afterword by Martha White, granddaughter. She is the fortunate person to now own the "XTC" named canoe that White purchased for his last trip to Great Pond. Several vacations to the Belgrades included Catherine and EBWhite's son who has run a boat works on the coast until quite recently.

Stuart Little was born in 1945 and later E.B.White changed it to Stuart Little "arrived". The notorious librarian at the New York City public library banned the book, but thanks to the many letters from children, the mouse became part of everyone's reading life.

When EBWhite died in 1985, the family had a memorial in Blue Hill near his beloved farm. His son read aloud often to his dad during his illness. Portions of his fine writings were read to remember the time-immemorial words between Wilbur the pig and Charlotte the supportive, friendly spider. "Some Pig!" saved Wilbur's life, a miraculous spider web message. "Some Writer!" memorializes a great writer's life.

The Trumpet of the Swan arrived last in 1970, since White had many doctor's bills for his wife Katharine. It is a story about a Trumpet Swan paying back a store owner for the broken window and the trumpet stolen. The cover reveals a cygnet baby swan pulling the boy's shoestring: both the original sketch by E. B. White's neighbor Dorothy B. Hayes and the final cover art work by Edward Frascino are included.

The Elements of Style by Strunk and White was a

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while another group went with Toni Pied to clear brush along the trail and open up some viewsheds near the top. Mount Phillip is the legendary home of Indian King Kababah according to camp lore and the campers have a special relationship with the mountain, which was conserved by the BRCA and Pine Island Camp alumni a dozen years ago. Pine Island alumni develop a special relationship with the Belgrade Lakes Watershed and many have become permanent residents in their "golden years." On the way down the hill, I met the Brennans from Chicago, who were hiking up. They had friends who moved to Chicago from Livermore Falls who kept telling them how beautiful Maine was and encouraged them to visit. They did a few years ago and have been coming back every summer since. This was their first time in our region, but it won't be the last.

I also managed to get a bit of fishing in. As the water has warmed, the bigger fish have moved out to the deep water to chase schools of alewives. I caught several 4-pound bass on my trusty white zonker weighted streamer fished about 20 feet down, where I saw schools of fish on my fish finder. In the middle of the week, I met up with my friend Mel Croft, who lives on East Pond. We went out on his boat, grilled hot dogs for lunch, and started fishing. At one point, I asked Mel how deep the water was and whether he saw any fish on the fish finder. He told me his dog, Jasper, was his fish finder. We started casting where Jasper pointed and we soon had what Florida native, Mel,



Pine Island camper with machete and the Brennan Family from Chicago



Mel Croft with Jasper, the fish hunting dog

Mel Croft with Jasper, the fish hunting dog

calls, "a mess of fish." I kept enough white perch to give some fresh filets to my neighbors and still had plenty for an awesome fish fry that night.

Take advantage of the rest of the summer and get out on the lakes or hike or bike in the hills. And take

a kid along. You will be creating memories that will last. Check out the events at the MLRC web site. There will be a recital by the New England Music Camp on July 27th at 3 PM that should be excellent.



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**LITCHFIELD-LAND** — Wooded parcel goes to Cobbossee Stream, short distance to Pleasant Pond. Wonderful lot to build a home. Driveway already in place. Lots of privacy. Short distance to I-95 and the Maine Turnpike. **MLS# 1293181 \$75,000**




**WINTHROP-UPPER NARROWS** — A beautiful building lot w/430' of frontage; & a 1970's Maine log home with 2 bunk houses. Private spot, year round use. Year round road, property equipped with automatic generator. Lots of water views from the many windows, floor to ceiling stone fireplace, wide pine floors, 2 BR, 1BA & bunk houses with power. Land is open & wooded. Well & septic, full basement, central heat. **MLS#1299844 \$325,000**




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**MANCHESTER-COBBOSEE LAKE** — Exceptional property. Incredible location, spectacular lake/westerly/sunset views, gorgeous yard/level lawn to the water, magnificent granite lined waterfront w/beach, fabulous custom built 2500' +/- square feet, 3 BR, 3.5 BA expandable cape. Extra 11 ac available. Open interior, spacious kitchen w/island, formal lake-side LR/DR w/fireplace / WS / HW floors. 1st floor master suite. Expansive front deck / screened porch, 3 car, paved drive, much more. **MLS#1307818 \$1,475,000**



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# Hammond Lumber Mills Again are First in Safety

The Northeast Lumber Manufacturers Association (NeLMA) announced in June that it has given Hammond Lumber Company two 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. Hammonds Sawmill also earned an Honorable Mention in Division 2 for an Accident Free Year. Divisions are determined by the number of work-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.

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 11 people working in the sawmill, and 6 in the planer mill, representing a total of more than 250 years of experience at Hammond. Gerald Manley has worked for the company for 38 years, Craig Dawes for 37, Cliff Elliott for 32, and Rob Higgins for 23. Richard Thyng, Alan Bickford and Travis Manley have all been on the job more than 15 years. Ron Albair has 13 years in.

Those with 10 years or less are Bruce Albair, Coyt Ingraham, Chris Hinkel, Frank Walker, Matt Dawes, Nate Hewitt, Kris Merrill, Miranda Bickford 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.”

Further information about Hammond Lumber Company is available toll free in Maine at 1-866-HAMMOND, or online at [www.hammondlumber.com](http://www.hammondlumber.com).



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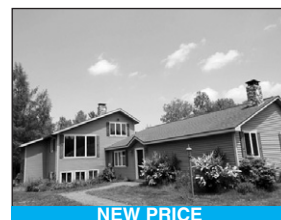
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**MOUNT VERNON**: Unique home with 22.5 surveyed acres. Built in 1926, updated in 2002. Property has 8 rooms, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, laundry room, mud room, 22x11 sunroom, Living room, sitting room and renovated kitchen. Wonderful landscaping, 40x24 barn and 24x20 out building, 2 fields - great for pets or gardens. Large 24x8 screened porch. Just minutes from Parker Pond. #1313088 \$219,000



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NEW LISTING

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