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Scenes of Summer

by Esther J. Perne



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Vacation, staycation, getawaycation, one daycation. The great days of summer are here...and they are the best!!

There's sun time to spare to boat and fish and swim. And water ski!

There's a snappiness in the air for the big hike, the long bike, the all-day waterway adventure or the yard work that could lead to an award, or a

good night's sleep.

There're warm rain for anglers and golfers and people who like to walk through the umbrella-ed woods and dreamers.

There's blustery winds and downpours for catching up on movies, browsing, back-to-school shopping and all those postponed visits to libraries and seasonal museums and historical

societies.

There's evenings still long enough for lingering and mornings still bright enough for breakfast outings.

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Designed, built and patented c. 1885 by Oakland resident Sanford J. Baker, the Tramp Chair (there were two of them) all but obliterated the "Wandering Willie" fraternity and their expensive winter jail layovers from Oakland. In fact, tramps gave a wide detour to the town with the cage in the form of a chair on wheels.

This summer, from Memorial Day to Labor Day the Tramp Chair has been on loan to Oakland from the Bangor Historical Society. No one knows how it ended up there but it is known that Houdini's brother, also an escape artist, took 11 minutes and 53 seconds to free himself from 3 sets of



shackles and the chair (the hardest part was the Yale lock - still in place - on the door) in front of 2500 people at the Exchange Theater in Bangor in 1912. Maybe the chair just stayed in Bangor. The other known chair is in the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C. And, a third is rumored to be somewhere on the coast.

To view the Maine Tramp Chair, contact Gary Bennett, Snow Pond Cruises and Historical Tours at 314-3520. 



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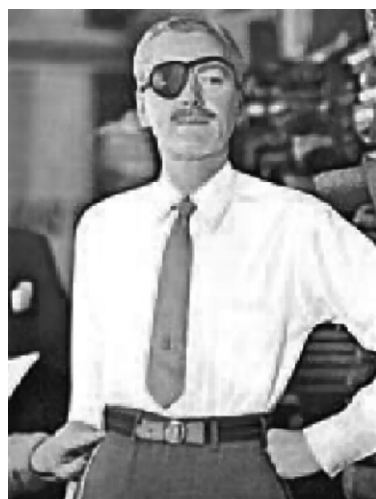
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Great Pond's Woodland Camps: 100% LakeSmart



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But, imagine an entire camp association with 18 owners and 1400 feet of frontage working collectively to achieve 100% LakeSmart. Woodland Camps Association on Great Pond recently accomplished the 100% goal and received a special LakeSmart presentation at the annual meeting of the Belgrade Lakes Association. The award was accepted on behalf of the association by Rich and Nancy Elias.

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—The Luckiest Boy—

Water Skiin' Under Castle Island Bridge (and Other No-No Places)

by Rod Johnson

Okay, this is one of those stories that requires a side note saying Don't Try This. Just take these tales with a grain of salt, and realize that we were kids who took chances in an era when it was expected as part of growing up. We were warned before the fact and scolded after, but regardless, risky behavior continued. The old saying that God watches out for kids and drunks may be true, you decide.

Growing up beside the Mill Stream that leads from Great Pond into Belgrade Lakes village offered a plethora of great opportunities to learn about nature, boating, fishing, as well as some that were not so noble. As we grew up through the formative years, we learned to paddle small crafts around the stream, then to operate small outboard motors on older wooden boats. My dad, Clifford Johnson had a boat rental shop where the Lakepoint Realty is now. At the age of 8 years or so, after my heavy hinting, Dad turned me loose with a tiny .9 horsepower Evinrude Scout on a 14-foot canvas covered cedar boat. Yes, that's nine tenths of one horsepower. Uncle Karl Johnson owned a marina across from Bartlett's store (now Day's) where we local young boys watched as other older summer kids came in for gas. They had larger motors and were water skiing out on the lake. At that time the largest outboard that Johnson made was a 25 horsepower. The older motors seemed to have more power then and a 25 would pull 2 people at once. Glenn Baxter had one that still runs well today and pulled a lot of skiers during the 1950s and 1960s. The Gawler family has one, too which was Ken Bartlett's, the previous Day's Store owner. Before long, Uncle Karl said we could "surfboard" behind his 2.5 horsepower on a small dory. Of course we could never stand up because the boat barely moved with 3 or 4 kids hanging on while being dragged slowly through the water. That was the beginning, with bigger engines and water skis not far behind. Our parental boundaries were "not out of sight" and skiing in the Mill Stream was considered safe, and not against any law at that time. After a summer or two of being confined in the stream, we were let go to spread our wings and go out to the lake. Soon after, when 10 to 12 years old, the skiing was all over the lake behind 10 to 15 horsepower motors and constantly skiing into the stream and down to the marina docks, now the MLRC Annex area. The dan-

gerous part was that we had challenged each other to skiing around the little island we know as Pentlarges Island and Cove. Huge boulders and overhanging tree limbs were ever present. Driving the boat and skiing through there requires "threading the needle" accuracy to not run into them, as many are above the water line. This area can be seen when you travel through the stream en route to the village. Don't go in there unless you want a broken propeller or worse.

We moved to Long Pond on some days when a boat was available to tow us, and we often had a chance to ski there behind an old lap strake wooden craft called Black Maria, powered by a 12 horsepower Elto. The boat came from the Herman family camp on lower Long Pond, one of the camps that my father was the caretaker of. We began to ski under the Castle Island Bridge up to Bartlett's store (Day's) for a soda break. This required ducking slightly so as not to hit your head on the huge log beams that held up the bridge, now changed out to steel I-beams. If the boat was not available, we decided that jumping into the foam off the dam spillway was the next best challenge, as merely jumping off the bridge on the stream side had become old hat. A couple of us did get some bad bruises there from hitting hidden rocks and no doubt we were lucky kids to not have died on some of these stunts. Do not do this.

As the teenage years were in full bloom, bigger boats and horsepower along with new water toys of varied sorts came into vogue. The 360 degree trick skis (also called banana skis) appeared, so skiing backwards was the next big goal. Then it was shoe skis, only 16 inches long with a starter ski they fit into to get up with. The disc, a 36-inch circle was fun, especially with a chair placed loosely on it only to get swept off when hitting a wave. I still have one of the old 1950s surf boards and some trick skis stuck down cellar. The kids of today seem to prefer wake boarding or something like that, and being pulled by a twenty thousand dollar special ski boat. How crazy is that!?

Here's hoping that you found this interesting and that it may have stirred your memories of younger days when life was simpler, but probably just as risky. What do you think?



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— Take It Outside —

Last week I wrote about a couple of great programs that focus on getting youth outdoors and teaching them the skills they need to enjoy and thrive outdoors. There are also some great programs that encourage life-time learning and enjoyment of the outdoors by people of all ages. Early last week I was headed to BRCA's Great Meadow Stream property in Smithfield to pick some wild raspberries and blueberries. As I crossed the Rt 225 bridge at the Rome-Smithfield line, I noticed a bunch of SUVs and pickups pulling in with canoes and kayaks on the roof. I stopped to talk to the group to make sure they knew about the Milfoil infestation in the stream.

The group was from Gold Leaf, the University of Maine Farmington (UMF) Senior College. Gold LEAF is a member-run organization devoted to life-long learning in the Franklin County, Maine, area, for anyone age 50 or older. They offer intellectually stimulating classes and activities reflecting the interests of its members, socializing with people with similar interests, and affiliation with the University of Maine Farmington, allowing access to UMF's faculty and facilities. There are seventeen Senior Colleges throughout Maine (see: <http://www.mainesenior-college.org/>), including U Maine, Augusta, where I occasionally help teach classes on Maine's Natural World. These are great programs!

One of the leaders of this particular field trip was Frank Chin, who also volunteers as a Courtesy Boat Inspector for the Thirty Mile River Watershed Association (<http://30mileriver.org/>). He was selling "Passive Craft Invasive Aquatic Species Stickers"

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Seniors Outdoors

by Pete Kallin



Frank Chin selling a "Passive Craft Invasive Aquatic Species Sticker" to a Gold Leaf kayaker, Maxine Collins.



Gold Leaf Kayakers heading down the Meadow Stream towards Great Pond.

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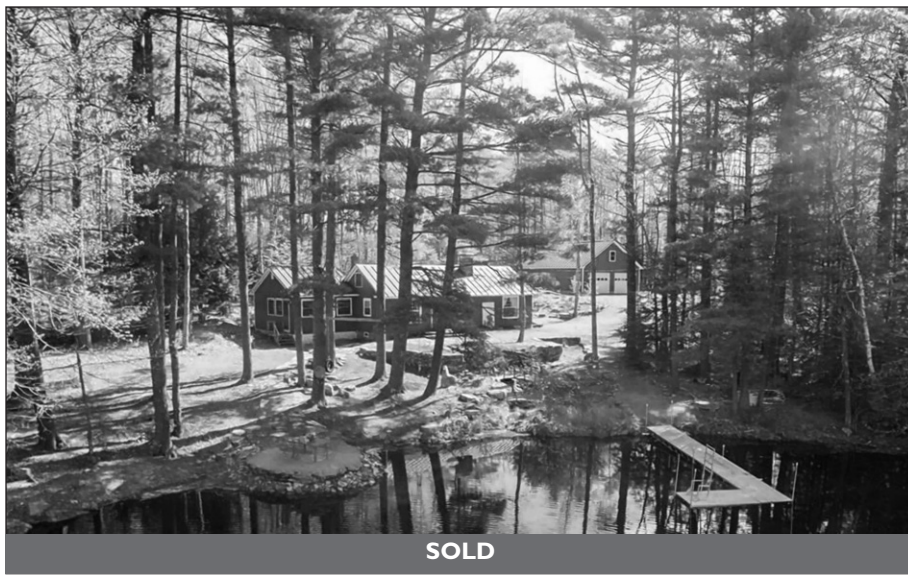


Merline Douglas

Merline's passion lies in real estate and helping people. She especially enjoys helping first time home buyers through the transaction process, a process that can be overwhelming without the help of a real estate professional. She also loves to assist buyers in finding their perfect second home, usually on one of the beautiful lakes in the area.

She puts her marketing hat on when working with sellers and can assist in the sale of any property here in Maine. If you have ever thought about putting your home on the market, she would greatly appreciate the opportunity to meet with you to discuss why you should consider working with her. She has always lived in Central Maine, and thus is familiar with not only the real estate market here, but also the neighborhoods and towns so unique to this area. Merline has been active in the community as a Girl Scout Brownie leader, Gardiner Little League softball manager and softball coach. She has three grown children and two grandchildren. Merline resides in Mt. Vernon with her partner and pets and spends her free time either on Minnehonk Lake or any of the other numerous lakes and ponds in the area. She enjoys photography and gardening and is a member of the Kunklebuster's Antique Auto Club, a board member of the Greater Minnehonk Lake Association, and a certified Water Quality Monitor for the Maine Lakes Volunteer Program.

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READFIELD

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

ROME

- **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; 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, 8 Goldenrod Lane, Route 23
- **Sidney Historical Society**, 724-8032, www.sidneyhistoricalociety.org, 2986 Middle Road
- **Silver Spur Riding Club**, horse shows, River Road, Route 104

SKOWHEGAN

- **Margaret Chase Smith Library**, residence, home, museum exhibits, 474-7133, www.mcslibrary.org, free, Monday-Friday, 10 am-4 pm, 54 Norridgewock Ave.
- **History House Museum**, 1800s local history and culture, heirloom gardens, free, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 am-4 pm, 474-6632, www.skowheganhistoryhouse.org, 66 Elm Street
- **Fairgrounds**, weekly horse shows/competitions, free public events, covered arena, Skowhegan State Fair in August, 474-3621, Madison Avenue, Route 201
- **Farmers' Market**, Wednesday 3-6 pm, Saturday 9 am-1 pm,

weekly entertainment, 938-3906, Somerset Gristmill parking lot, downtown

SMITHFIELD

- **Fairview Grange**, 362-2791, Route 8
- **Smithfield History Society "The Groves House,"** 634-4392, 21 Lakeview Drive
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UNITY

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

WATERVILLE

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

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

WILTON

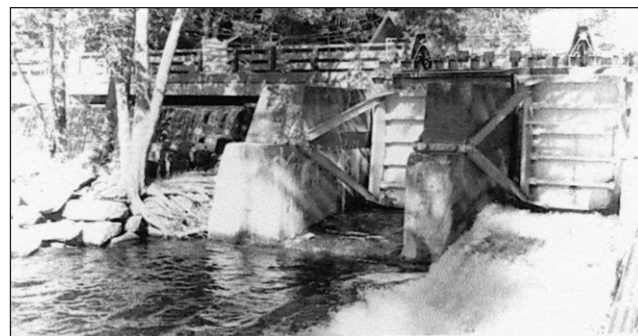
- **Wilton Farm & Home Museum**, 645-2091, 645-4578, www.thewiltonfarmandhomemuseum.org, Saturday 1-4 pm or by appointment, 10 Canal Street

WINSLOW

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

WINTHROP

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



The Dams Keeper Report

Our dry, beautiful summer conditions are beginning to take their toll on the water levels. The scattered and very sporadic afternoon showers do limit phosphorous runoff into our ponds but just do not provide enough precipitation to keep our water levels where we would like them to be. Pretty insolent of us, isn't it?!!

Great Pond is now .48" below full pond for the first time this summer with both Gates now completely closed. Remember that we held our ponds at 3" above full in case we had a dry summer. Well, guess what? And the long-term forecast (for the next 12 mos.) calls for below normal precipitation each and every month: (<http://longrangeweather.com/weather%2Dforecasts/US-City.aspx>) I guess it's alright if you're a cactus!

Long Pond (upper and lower) has now dropped to 2.28" below full with both Wings Mill gates still completely closed as they have since June 2nd. Salmon/McGrath Ponds have now dropped to 4/10" or about 5" below full.

Evaporation levels are no longer being balanced by that occasional shower but despite that, we are still in excellent shape. Remember that such was not the case last summer with the drought.

Hopefully you've got some time off to enjoy this beautiful weather!

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— Calendar —

Thursday 8/10 - Camp Road Maintenance Workshop, 10 am-2:30 pm, 495-6039, Maine Lakes Resource Center, Main Street, Belgrade Lakes.

Thursday 8/10 through Saturday 8/19 - Skowhegan State Fair, midway, harness racing, exhibits, food, fun, entertainment, live music every night, shows daily, more, 474-2947, www.skowheganstatefair.com, Fairgrounds, Route 201, Skowhegan.

Through Saturday 8/12 - "The Savannah Sipping Society," 474-7176, Lakewood Theater, Route 201, Madison.

Friday 8/11 - Musician Barry Wood performing, free admission, 2 and 7 pm, 946-5311, The Araxine Sawyer Memorial, 371 Sawyer Road, Greene.

Friday 8/11 - Lexi James, Waterfront Concert Series, 6-7:30 pm, Waterfront Park, Gardiner.

Friday 8/11 - "The Learned Ladies," 7:30 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater At Monmouth.

Saturday 8/12 - Neighbors Driving Neighbors breakfast, to support rides to allow aging in place, 9-11 am, 860-0677, Mount Vernon Community Center, downtown Mount Vernon.

Saturday 8/12 - Capital Y Tri, Kennebec Valley YMCA Sprint Triathlon, 13 and older, 8 am, 622-9622, 31 Union Street, Augusta.

Saturday 8/12 - Belgrade Historical Society Fair, lawn sale, book table, baked goods, plants, crafts, costume jewelry, exhibits and more, 10 am-3 pm, 495-3581, Old Town Meeting House, Route 135, Belgrade.

Saturday 8/12 - Oakland Alumni Annual Banquet, advance reservations required, doors open 10:30 am, buffet lunch noon, \$22, 465-2849, Elks Lodge, 76 Industrial Street, Waterville.

Saturday 8/12 - "My Father's Dragon," family program, 1 pm; "Macbeth" by William Shakespeare, 7:30 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater At Monmouth.

Saturday 8/12 - "The Wiz of the West," Missoula Children's Theater production of a western version of "The Wizard of Oz," 2 pm, 873-7000, Waterville Opera House, Main Street, Waterville.

Saturday 8/12 - Union Coffeehouse presents Simons & Goodwin, folk singers, plus open mic, 7 pm, \$5 donation at door includes refreshments, Union Church, Main Street, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes.

Sunday 8/13 - "Macbeth," by William Shakespeare 1 pm, "Red Velvet" 7 pm followed by Post Show Discussion, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater at Monmouth.

Sunday 8/13 - "Angels in America Part Two," Perestroika, the saga continues, 1 pm, 973-7000, Waterville Opera House, Main Street, Waterville.

Sunday 8/13 - Poetry, Second Sunday event, lead by Claire Hersom, come join the fun and let your inner poet speak, 2-4 pm, free, open to public, Harlow Gallery, Water Street, Hallowell.

Sunday 8/13 - Coburn Park Concert, 5-6:15 pm, bring lawn chairs and blankets, 474-0527, Philbrick Gazebo, Coburn Park, Water Street, Skowhegan.

Sunday 8/13 - Sandy River Ramblers Concert, bluegrass, 7 pm, \$10 adults, \$5 16 years and younger, 563-1507, River Arts Gallery, 241 Route 1, Damariscotta.

Tuesday 8/15 - "Three Days of Rain" 1 pm;

"Othello" by William Shakespeare 7:30 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater At Monmouth.

Tuesday 8/15 - Quarry Road Summer Race Series, 3 K and Awards, 6 pm, day-of registration opens at 5 pm, kids fun runs 5:30 pm, www.quarryroadraces.com, off North Avenue, Waterville.

Tuesday 8/15 - Ice Cream Social and RB Hall Band Concert, rain date August 22, 6:30 pm, 649-4942, Oakland Historical Society, Macartney House Museum, Main Street, Oakland.

Tuesday 8/15 - Belgrade Lakes Village...From Industrial Center to Tourism Mecca, the whole story by noted lecturer and retired Bates and Bowdoin College professor Eric Hooglund, 6:30-8 pm, admission free, Union Church, Main Street, Belgrade Lakes.

Wednesday 8/16 - "The Learned Ladies" 1 pm; "Macbeth" by William Shakespeare 7:30 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater At Monmouth.

Thursday 8/17 - Child Identification

Program, the Oakland Masonic Lodge is providing a FREE child identification program, child must be accompanied by parent or legal guardian, parents will receive a video of the child, detailed information on the child including height, weight and identifying marks, a copy of the child's fingerprints, and two wallet-sized emergency cards, no information is retained by the Masons other than a signed permission slip, 11 am-4 pm, 495-3508, Belgrade Public Library, 124 Depot Road, Belgrade.

Thursday 8/17 - "My Father's Dragon," Family Show, 1 pm; "Red Velvet," 7:30 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater At Monmouth.

Thursday 8/17 - "Mr. Magic," Dennis Labbe, Children's Day 2 pm only, recommended for ages four and up, children should be accompanied by an adult, free admission, 946-5311, Sawyer Memorial, 371 Sawyer Road, off Route 202, Greene.

Thursday 8/17 through Sunday 8/20 - "Baskerville A Sherlock Holmes Mystery," 474-7176, Lakewood Theater, Route 201, Madison.



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music school that offers afterschool programs for children and teens. They made excursions to Turovets, a settlement across the river from Kotlas where the Virgin Mary is said to have appeared in a clearing; to Krasnoborsk, hometown of the painter Alexander Borisov (1866 – 1934) who was internationally famous in his own day for his paintings of snow and ice; and Velikiy Ustyug, which like Solvychegodsk is famed for its churches, but is an older and larger town with nearly all of its historic houses of worship intact.

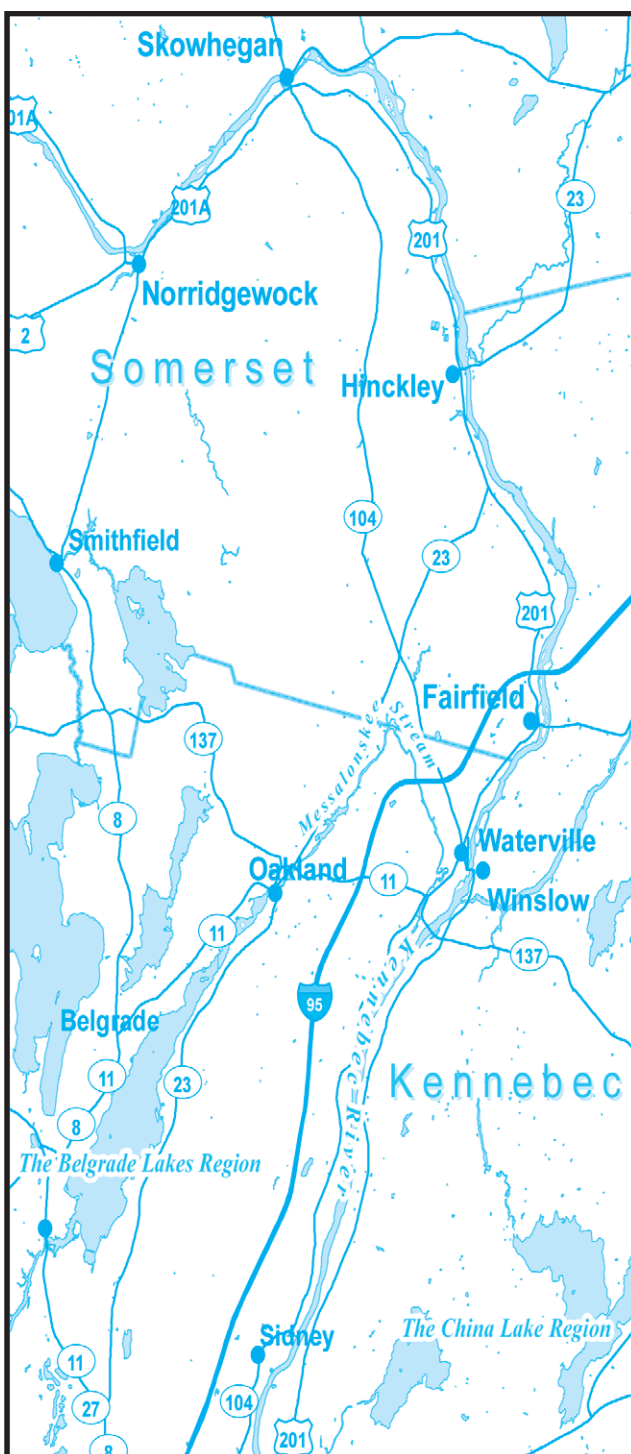
Kotlas itself is home to around 75,000 people. At 61° North, it lies on the same parallel as Anchorage, Alaska. Two large rivers, the Northern Dvina and the Vychegda, flow together at Kotlas. While similar in size to the Mississippi and the Missouri, Kotlas's rivers flow north, to the Arctic Sea.

Although people have lived in the region for centuries and it became a center of commerce in the 19th century, Kotlas did not incorporate as a city until 1917, the year of the Bolshevik Revolution. Today, Kotlas boasts a shipyard, a rail hub, an airport, and a once-secret "electro-mechanical" factory, which produces aircraft and rocket parts. A nearby town, Koryazhma, has a cluster of paper mills with the largest annual production in the former Soviet Union.

Kotlas and Waterville became sister cities in June 1990, when the mayors of the two municipalities signed a sister city pact. (Although technically the agreement is between Kotlas and just Waterville, sister city organizers here have always interpreted it broadly to include the surrounding towns.) For more information about Kotlas and the sister city partnership, one may visit the website of the Kotlas - Waterville Area Sister City Connection at www.kotlas.org.



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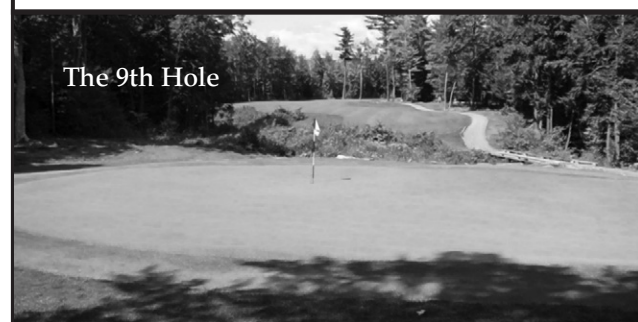
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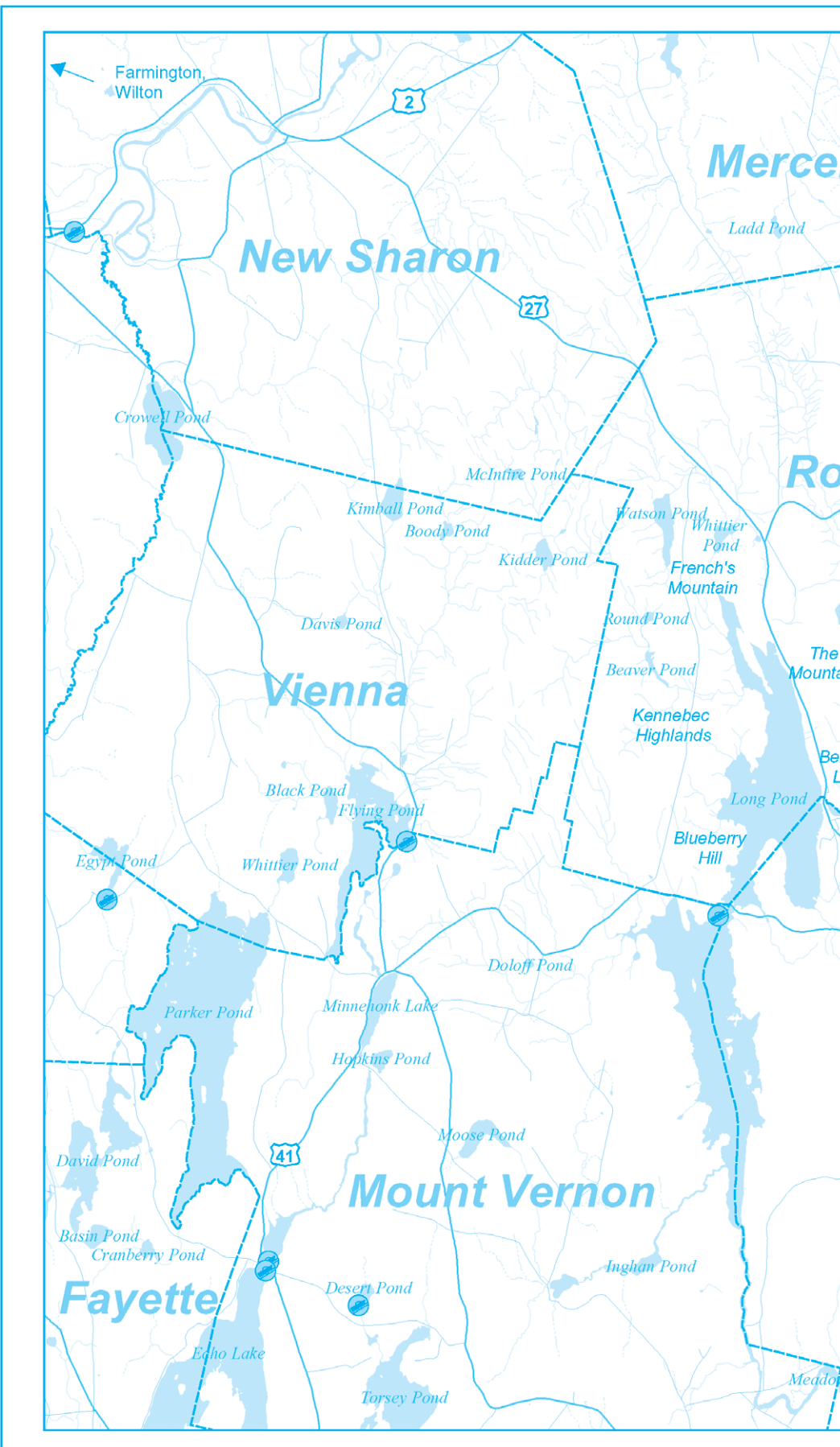


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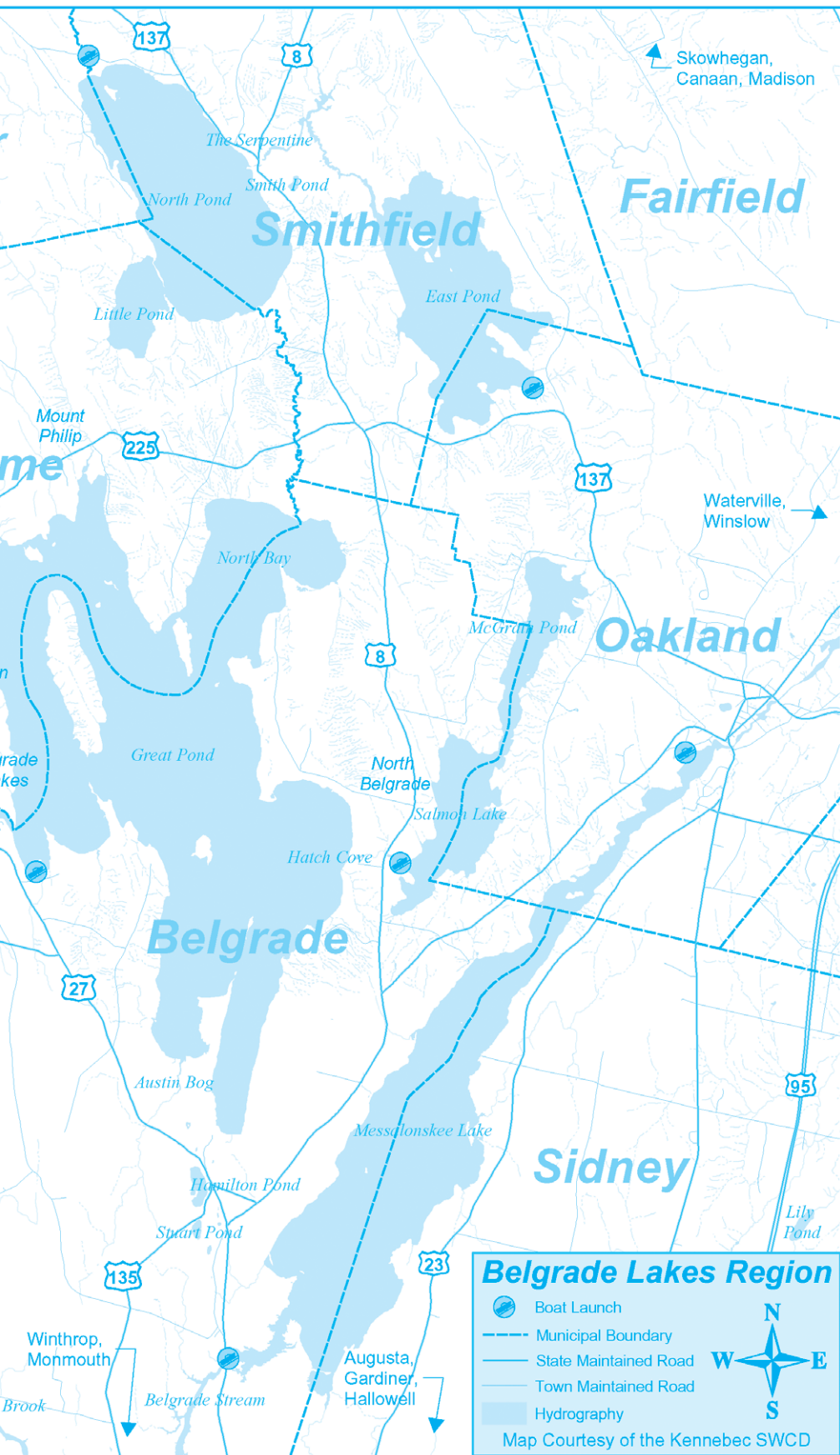


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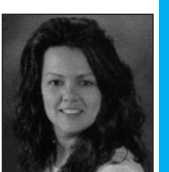
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- A Smithfield Summer Spectacular will be held on Saturday, August 19 at the Fairview Grange with a Bean-Hole Bean Supper at 5 pm 'til gone (\$8 per plate) and Live Music Lakeside 6-9 pm featuring the Third Saturday All-Stars and special guests The Snow Pond Pantasticks.
- On Wednesday, August 23, 6-8 pm, the Belgrade Public Library will present Richard Rubin, author of "The Last of the Doughboys" and "Back Over There," books based on interviewing the last of the World War I survivors. Books will be available for sale and light refreshments will be served. 495-3508
- On Wednesday and Thursday, August 23 and 24, 9 am-4 pm, the annual Maine Farm Days will be held at Misty Meadows Farm in Clinton, a large dairy farm, featuring a kid's tent, equipment displays, wagon tours, exhibits and concessions. Free and open to the public. www.MaineFarmDays.com
- On August 23-27, the 49th Blistered Fingers Family Bluegrass Music Festival will be held at Litchfield Fairgrounds with 12 bands, a Kids Academy, camping, food, field pickin' and more. Children 16 and under free

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- The Friends of Messalonskee will hold the annual meeting on Thursday, August 24 at 6 pm at the Snow Pond Center for the Arts. 465-4622
- AbbaFab! Concert will be held on Thursday, August 24, 7:30 pm, at the Bowl In The Pines, Snow Pond Center for the Arts, Sidney. 844-476-6076
- On Saturday, August 26, 10 am-6 pm, the Foothills Fest at the Farmington Fairgrounds will offer music, food, arts and crafts, demonstrations, rain or shine. \$5; children 12 and under free.
- The Windsor Fair is scheduled for Sunday, August 27 through Labor Day, September 4: free parking every day, campground, race simulcasting daily, barns and exhibition halls, Historical Society museum, midway and full entertainment. www.windsorfair.com
- On Wednesday, August 30, at 6 pm, the Belgrade Public Library on Depot Street, will present Libby Bischof : World War I Centennial: Monuments and Memorials in Maine." Free and open to the public. 495-3508

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val 3-7 pm. 612-2571

- "Windows on the Water," a Homes of Wayne Tour to benefit the Cary Memorial Library and Wayne Community Church will be held on Saturday, September 9, 10 am-4 pm, \$25 in advance, \$28 day of tour. 685-3612
- Barks In The Park will be held on Saturday, September 9, 10 am-2 pm at Gardiner Waterfront Park. 582-3100
- On Saturday, September 9, a Chicken Barbeque will be held at the Thorndike Masonic Lodge Hall, Gordon Hill Road, 11:30 am 'til gone, \$8, and a Yard Sale. 948-2455
- The 5th Annual Somerset Sports & Fitness Sprint Triathlon will be held Sunday, September 10 at Lake George and the Fitness Center. www.lakegeorgesft-triathlon.webs.com
- The 24th Annual Rise 'N Shine 5K Road Race, sponsored by Kennebec Savings Bank, will be held Friday, September 23 at 6:27 am, beginning and ending at the Kennebec Valley YMCA in Augusta. 622-5801

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-Conservation Too-

Road Crossings are Frequently Stream Barriers

By Dale Finseth

As towns, road associations and land owners continue work on their roadways this summer and fall, the sites where they cross streams i.e. Stream Crossings need special attention. Usually this involves installing or replacing a culvert and sometimes a bridge. There seems to be two primary issues

1] Culvert is too small - With changes in how severe a rain storm may be, the culvert may no longer be large enough or it has become "pinched". Or, given changes in land use upstream, the stormwater runoff may have increased and overwhelms the current culvert.

2] The current culvert was installed without attention to habitat protection. Fish and other aquatic animals can't use the stream to move up and downstream. The culvert creates high water velocity or may be "perched" so that animals, usually fish, are not able to travel upstream to other parts of their habitat.

Road crossings are, by their nature, restricted points in a stream's path to downstream. Ideally the water would move slowly enough and through a wide enough channel to maintain an environment conducive to aquatic animal passage. But a road crossings 'choke point' can alter the natural flow and action of the stream. Both the stream environment and its water quality can be effected.



This culvert seems large enough to allow a stream channel to form in the bottom.

Occasionally the road crossing is a bridge. Usually better than a culvert because the water flow is more gradual and the stream bed beneath the bridge is closer to a "natural" channel. But in the case of a culvert, they may be too small and/or steep. Wildlife is unable to cross the barrier. They may be so damaged that critters, and certainly fish, can't travel through them. The classic - a culvert where the water runs out the lower end, drops a couple feet and scours out a large hole beneath the outlet. That is a "perched" culvert.

The 'fix' for such barriers is usually replacement. The replacement is nearly always larger

and installed deeper. Replacement is expensive. The improved life span of the properly sized culvert makes the cost more realistic as a long term investment. The initial installation cost can be higher. But the vast improvement for aquatic plants and animals up stream can be priceless!

It is estimated that about 40% of a watershed's area may be impaired because water flow is hampered by culvert barriers. A program called Stream Smart helps people identify stream barriers, judge their impact on the stream habitat and identify prospective "fixes". They sponsor workshops around the State. The LakeSmart Program has begun to incorporate Stream Smart practices into their program. Maine DEP has offered grant funds targeted at culvert replacement. Contact Maine DEP or your local watershed association if interested.

Remember... the objective is improved water quality. Managing the waterways for native plants and animals is a big part of that.

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Belgrade Health Center to Hold Toiletries Drive

Belgrade Regional Health Center will hold a Toiletries Drive in celebration of National Health Center Week starting Monday, August 14 and ending Friday, August 25. Donations will be accepted at the Health Center during business hours.

All donations will be collected to support local members of the community. Donated items must be new and unused or unopened, please.

Examples of needed toiletry items include:

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Belgrade Regional Health Center is located at 4 Clement Way (of Route 27) in Belgrade. For more information about the Toiletries Drive, please call tel: (207) 495-3323.

The event is being held in celebration of National Health Center Week, which runs from

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Notebook

Belgrade

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- A Traditional Turkey Dinner will be held at the Union Church of Belgrade Lakes on Saturday, August 26, 5-7 pm. The menu includes turkey, gravy, potato salad, corn on the cob, salad, rolls, brownie ice cream sundaes, cold drinks, tea and coffee. \$10 for adults, \$5 children under 10. 495-3599

Waterville

- Central Maine Tech Night, Thursday, August 10, 5-7 pm at Hathaway Creative Center, 10 Water Street. Join us for a Night Talking All Things Technology and Innovation! A fun night of collaboration, drinks, food and networking. A monthly event for experts and hobbyists to benefit the IT community as a whole. Special presentation: "Tech Talk & Exploring Automation: Uses in Our Everyday Lives" by Mert Ozsaydi and Samuel E. Hazlehurst of CGI.

- Literacy Volunteers - Waterville Area is seeking volunteers who would like to tutor adults in a 1-to-1 setting. There will be a training workshop for new volunteers on Saturday, September 9, 9 am-3 pm at the United Way office in Waterville. lvwaterville@gmail.com or 873-7786



Left to Right- Debra Burnham-Skowhegan Woman's Club Treasurer-Dale Jandreau, Skowhegan Free Public Library Director, Joyce Noonan- Skowhegan Woman's Club Fundraising Chair

Skowhegan

- The Skowhegan Woman's Club (GFWC ME) is celebrating its 136th anniversary. One of the main functions of the Woman's Club is volunteering in community and lending a hand. Recently members of the GFWC, Skowhegan Woman's Club, Debra Burnham- Treasurer, and Fund Raising Chair-Joyce Noonan handed Dale Jandreau, Skowhegan Free Public Library Director, a check for \$500. This major donation was the result of a lawn sale held on June 3, 2017 at the Skowhegan Savings Bank's lower parking lot. It was raised to support to the library's elevator fund which is nearing completion.





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Readfield Historical Society Activities for Heritage Days

FRIDAY, AUG. 11TH

5:00-6:30pm Annual Wine and Cheese

Guests will enjoy an assortment of cheeses, sausages, crackers, pickles and cookies. Wine will be served by James Webb, sommelier. Non-alcoholic beverages will also be available. Begin Readfield Heritage Days weekend by learning about our town's roots by taking in the museum displays, collections and some of the changes made this summer.

6:30-7:00pm Dedication of Library and Archives

Join members of the Dumaine family and RHS members at the RHS building for the dedication of the new "Holly Hock Dumaine Library and Archives". This addition is made possible by Chris Dumaine's generous donation in memory of his wife Holly, who was an RHS charter member and longtime supporter.

SATURDAY, AUG. 12TH

9:30-11:00am Old Fairgrounds Trail History Walk:

Dale Potter-Clark from RHS will share some history of the old Fairgrounds and Readfield's Age Friendly Committee and Trails Committee will provide opportunities to appreciate the handicapped accessible trails within that system. Meet at the Old Fairgrounds parking lot by 9:30am.

10:00am-2:00pm Visit the RHS Museum and Holly Hock Dumaine Memorial Library and Archives":

Readfield historian Evelyn Potter and longtime Lake Maranacook summer resident Laurie Emmett will man the RHS building. Enjoy browsing the museum and chatting with Evelyn and Laurie who, in addition to summering in Readfield for decades, was a long time friend of the infamous Townsend sisters - Ruth, Marion, Mary and Alice, of Readfield Depot.

11:30am - 2:00pm Dale Potter-Clark at RHS for a book signing and to answer questions about her and Charles L. Day's book "The Founders and Evolution of Summer Resorts and Kids' Camps on Four Lakes in Central Maine". Included in the 356 page book are 220 photos and the histories of forty establishments and their founders that did or still do exist on the lakes Maranacook, Torsey, Lovejoy, Echo and "Lake Myra", including Townsend Farm (see photo). Also covered in the book is the coming of the railroad and trolley; the development of Readfield Depot into a village; and the evolution of this area into a fishing mecca and tourist destination point.

Readfield Historical Society is a 501 C3 founded in 1985 to preserve the rich history of Readfield, Maine its people. Located at 759 Main Street, Readfield Depot the building is open for tours and research on Thursdays and Saturdays 10am-2pm until Labor Day weekend, and by appointment. Call 377-2299.

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to all the kayakers as "the price of admission." These stickers are printed by the Maine Lakes Society and Lakes Environmental Association and distributed to lake associations and watershed associations to help them raise funds for their invasive aquatic species programs. If you want one for your canoe or kayak, stop in to the MLRC and BRCA's Toni Pied will give you one in exchange for a \$5 (minimum) tax deductible donation.

I gave the group a short briefing on the milfoil mitigation efforts taking place in the stream, helped them launch their boats, and then headed down the access road to the BRCA property along the stream to pick berries. I first went down to the old "Oakland Marina" and waited for the kayakers to pass by so I

could take some pictures of them paddling by. About five minutes before they arrived, I could hear them coming downstream. For the next few minutes I was treated to a parade of waterfowl flying right past me that the boats were flushing ahead of them. I saw Wood ducks, Black ducks, Belted kingfishers, rails, and an American Bittern, all of which flew right past me headed downstream.

Take advantage of the rest of the summer and get out on the lakes or hike or bike in the hills. Try a kayak trip down the Great Meadow Stream. And take a kid along, or a senior citizen that you will help make a kid again. You will be creating memories that will last a lifetime.




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Four From the Belgrades Visit Russian Sister City for Centennial Celebrations

by Gregor Smith

In June, four residents of the Belgrades flew to Russia to mark the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of Kotlas, Greater Waterville's sister city. In all, the group spent six days in Kotlas. Besides attending the centennial celebrations, they toured schools, museums, and medical facilities; took day trips to nearby historic towns; and enjoyed many elaborate feasts.

The four travelers were Mark Fisher of Oakland, John and Lisa Fortier of Belgrade, and Gregor Smith, also of Belgrade. Mark Fisher is an Oakland town councilor, host father to many past Russian exchange students, and founder of American Academic Adventures, a new company that arranges student exchanges. Lisa Fortier is the daughter of non-Communist Russian refugees who emigrated to New York City after World War II, and her husband, John, owns the State Farm Insurance Agency on Silver Street in Waterville. Gregor Smith works at the L.L.Bean Contact Center in Lewiston and for this newspaper.

Maine Governor Paul R. LePage had hoped to join the delegation for its first few days in Kotlas but was not granted a visa. Gov. LePage visited Kotlas twice while he was mayor of Waterville, in 2005 and 2008, and has vowed to return to Kotlas before his term as governor ends in two years.

The group flew out of Boston on June 4, and arrived in St. Petersburg the next day. After four days of sightseeing, they got on a train for a 23-hour ride to Kotlas. Two hours after arriving in Kotlas, they attended the grand opening of a new park along the river, a short walk from the railroad station. This new park, constructed next to an existing WWII memorial, features pre-cast concrete dinosaurs for children to play on, a replica of a Viking ship for them to play in, and paved walking paths for people of all ages.

After lunch, the group traveled by van and by ferry to Solvychevodsk, a picturesque village 15 miles northeast of Kotlas. The area's saltwater springs were literally the source of wealth for the Stroganov family, which is best known in this country for its recipe for preparing beef. Starting in the 16th century, the family built some 13 Russian Orthodox churches in Solvychevodsk, three of which remain, and one of which the group visited.

Construction of this church, the Annunciation Cathedral, began in 1560. It was originally a private church for the family. Its most remarkable feature is the elaborate iconostasis with five rows of paintings of the saints. This wall of icons separates the sanctuary from the altar. No longer a working church, the building is now a museum.

Besides being known for its churches and the famous family that founded them, Solvychevodsk was also a place of exile. One of its earliest "guests" was an uncle of poet Alexander Pushkin. In the early 20th century, many Marxists were sent there, including Vyacheslav Molotov, as in "Molotov cocktail," and most famously, Joseph Stalin. Stalin was first sent to Solvychevodsk after his arrest in 1908, but he escaped in 1909, was recaptured and sent back to Solvychevodsk in 1910, and escaped for good in 1911. The group visited the modest log home where Joseph Stalin lived during his second stay; the house is now a museum.

The anniversary festivities in Kotlas took place the following day, on Sunday, June 11. The day opened with a 10 a.m. parade of representatives of various schools, organizations, companies, and institutions. Our group marched with the Waterville Committee, the sister city organization in Kotlas, directly in front of a large contingent of men and women smartly dressed in sport coats and military uniforms with ribbons and medals, holding red flags with hammer-and-sickle finials, and carrying a red banner with a likeness of and quote by Lenin. At first, I thought that they were Communists, but was assured later that they were railroad workers, of which there are many in Kotlas. (The Communists did march in the parade, but symbolic of their reduced status in Russia, there were but half a dozen of them and they were dead last, after one other political party.)

The parade ended in the town square, a large paved area in front of city hall, which still sports a two-meter, bust of Lenin in profile built into the front of the building, watching over activities in the square below. As each parade group entered from the side the square, an announcer from the stage set up opposite city hall call out its name. The group then made a U-turn and dispersed when it reached the edge of the square. Various dignitaries then gave speeches and area child and young adult dancers recreated the history of Kotlas in a carefully choreographed pageant.

After the end of the festivities in the square, the Greater Waterville group



A view of the Vychegda River, looking downstream from the belfry of the Annunciation Cathedral in Solvychevodsk.



Gregor Smith, Mark Fisher, Lisa Fortier, and John Fortier in a classroom at the Russian Railroads boarding school in Kotlas.

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John Fortier (kneeling) and Gregor Smith pose with freshly carved wooden sculptures. John his wearing his safari hat, which he had painted yellow. This hat and his height made him easy to spot in crowds.

walked to a restaurant called “Bowling,” which included a bowling pin in its sign on top of the building. On the way, they passed through a street market that seemed to stretch on for kilometers and watched a chainsaw sculpting demonstration, i.e. where the artist uses a chainsaw to carve a sculpture out of a log.

After lunch, they saw part of pantomime performance of a fairy tale with the actors dressed in oversized — and probably very hot — foam costumes and then visited the municipal museum to view exhibits on the history of Kotlas, starting with its earliest inhabitants — dinosaurs! It's hard to believe that millions of years this land that is as far north as Anchorage, Alaska once had a tropical climate that supported fourteen different species of

“giant lizards.”

That evening, the sojourners attended a gala dinner at a local karaoke club, “Joy.” They were among a hundred or so invited guests, which also included past mayors of Kotlas, the governor of the Archangel Region, the bigger-than-Texas province of which Kotlas is a part, and the Polish consul general from St. Petersburg. The day ended with fireworks over the river at 11:00 p.m.

After the centennial celebrations, the Greater Waterville delegation stayed in Kotlas for another four full days. During that time, they visited a chiropractic care center and got free massages at an affiliated spa; toured a K-12 boarding school, a post-secondary technical college, and an art and

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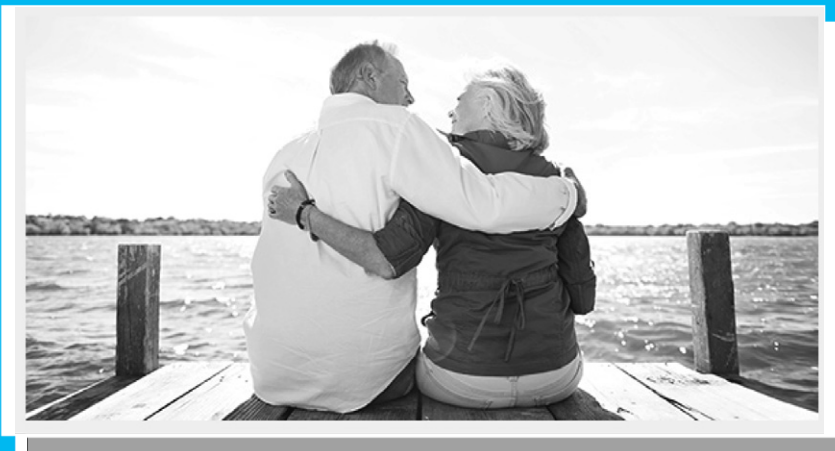


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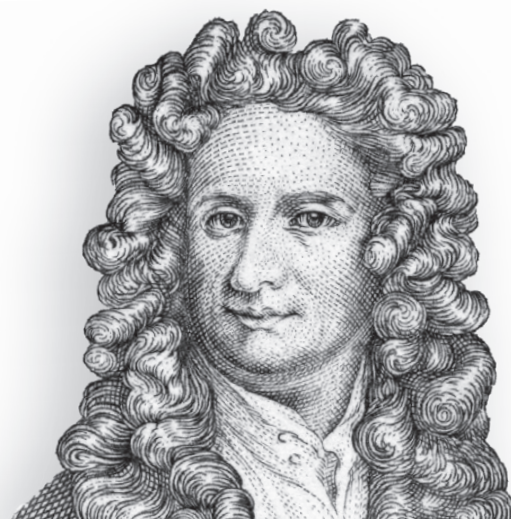
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