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## East Pond Initiates Water Clarity Treatment

by Esther J. Perne



**E**ast Pond is awesome! It's the headwater of the Belgrade Lakes chain. It has the second-oldest lake association in the Belgrades. It is home to one of the chain's four remaining traditional fishing camps – Alden Camps, an historic cottage complex – Sadulsky's and two thriving youth camps – Manitou and Matoaka. And it has just successfully raised one million dollars to implement an alum treatment plan to prevent algae blooms.

Historically East Pond – like all the Belgrade

lakes – was just part of farm country. The first settlers in the 1800s were the Webb family who ran a dairy farm of sorts, attracting customers who took the trolley to the end of the line from Oakland and continued by buggy to purchase milk. Later the railroad in Oakland facilitated the establishment of six boys and girls camps when the summer visitor boom began in the early 1900s. Such camps, and private summer homes, set the pace for much of what East Pond has remained: a lake with highly loyal landowners

and not overwhelming public access.

It was a group of these owners that got together on July 28, 1948, established the East Pond Association and issued stock to 29 charter shareholders at \$7.50 a share.

Although the Association's original objective was to own, operate and maintain the East Pond dam, control the lake's water level, which it still does, and to sponsor the annual sailboat races, 25 years ago the group rallied around a far more

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pressing mission: water quality. In August 1993 lake residents had the awakening experience of a major algae bloom and depth visibility on the lake was reduced to three to four feet. In 1994, acknowledging that East Pond had experienced a half dozen previous blooms, a DEP annual report downgraded the lake to “poor restorable.” (In 2000 it was re-designated a priority watershed.)

In response, East Pond has continually distinguished itself as one of the most proactive lakes in the State concerning water quality research and remediation from passing out buffer plants to initiating the current leading-edge phosphorus curtailment program that is non-toxic and that has been proven to help prevent algae blooms.



Phosphorus, although hard to imagine on a clear day by a clean, sparkling lake, is the nourishment for the ugly clumps of green (algae) that pollute water clarity and can curtail recreational enjoyment, cold water fisheries and real estate sales – unless, of course, a group of shoreline and watershed property owners invest time, money, research, labor, a positive attitude and even love. Such a group is the East Pond Association.

From the water quality awakening in 1993 to the present the East Pond Association can be credited with investigating every aspect of phosphorus, algae, remediation, education and plans of action. Brainstorming retreats have been held, committees formed, reports issued, collaboration established with the other lake associations of the Belgrades, with Colby College, with private water quality companies, with state departments and agen-

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Good Times at the Travis Mills Foundation – Summer 2017

It's terrific to watch people who have never kayaked before, learn how, then get in a boat with their child in front of them and take off happily to paddle about – watching loons dive, seeing eagles overhead – and waving to other people on paddle boards and in boats.

Some take a fishing pole along, and we've seen a few catch good-size bass. Usually, after a fly-tying activity, the group heads out in a special fishing boat to try their luck with fly rods.

All the activities are for families -- for fun -- and they all seem delighted to be doing things together in the Maine sunshine. There is a monster six-person paddle board available. One morning, three people took off for the island on the board. There was one woman staff member, two Vets who were double amputees, and an eager Golden Retriever service dog -- the first to jump aboard. When they returned, both men on the paddle board stood on their heads facing the dock and flipped backwards into the lake - in unison. A great sense of fun. A Kodak moment. The dog followed. The men swam to the ramp and bounced around there. The dog tried to imitate their every move. You could almost see a smile on that dog's face. Laughter and light-heartedness. The lake, the sunshine, the family time -- all healing.

Someone on the dock mentioned that lunchtime was almost over. "Better get on up to the dining room," he said. One guy replied, "Who cares?" His head-standing friend nodded in agreement. Another, also a double amputee, got into his wheelchair (no assistance needed) and asked if he should take his towel with him. "I'm coming back for sure after lunch," he said with a big grin. "This place is awesome."

\*\* It may sound easy, but what makes the program run smoothly is the staff of experts with know-how in adaptive sports. They also have great people skills as well, and make it easy for guests to explore and try new activities they can share with their families.

Kay Overfield, Volunteer



HealthReach Awarded Grant to assist with dental education in local schools

The Northeast Delta Dental Foundation generously awarded a grant in the amount of \$7,000 to HealthReach Community Health Centers for support of the Dental Outreach Program in area schools.

Two of HealthReach's 11 practices, Bingham and Strong Area Health Centers offer family dentistry. In addition, Bethel Family Health Center provides pediatric hygienist services. In 2017, 3,612 patients received 7,244 oral health visits at HealthReach practices.

The dental centers provide comprehensive oral health services to people of all ages in the dentally underserved communities of Western Maine. Private insurance and MaineCare are accepted and a sliding fee scale is offered to eligible patients (based on family size and income).

In addition to providing oral health services to patients, dental staff are committed to community education and prevention initiatives. Rural school systems in Maine have decreasing financial resources to support non-core programs, but the schools and area families value programs geared towards improving community health. Currently, one HealthReach hygienist offers dental health education in three school districts. In two Franklin County school systems, Flagstaff RSU and MSAD #58, she works with pre-K - 12th graders. In Oxford County, she offers oral health classes to second graders.



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## —The Luckiest Boy—

## Snowmobiles in The Early Years

by Rod Johnson

For the sake of this story, let's say that the early years were the 1960s up into the 1970s. Certainly snowmobiles were invented and lightly manufactured prior to those years, but it seems to me that they were not prevalent, at least in Central Maine. The concept and manufacture of vehicles for commercial purposes, made specifically to go through or on snow, came about many decades before. The Lombard Steam Log Hauler, a behemoth cleated track vehicle made to pull sleds loaded with timber, was invented in 1901 and built in Waterville, Maine. These are available to see in museums, one of which is the Woodsman's Museum in Patten, Maine and would not be included in the recreational use of snow traveling machines.

Snowmobiles began to creep into our little town of Belgrade in the 1960s, and I remember the first one that showed up belonged to Clayton Grant. It was a Motoski brand with a cleated track and an 8 or 10 horsepower Rotax engine. Not much else appeared until the 1970s arrived. Suddenly an explosion of demand and the supply to fill it overtook all the states of America where snow sports were possible. Manufacturers popped up everywhere and brands were showing up that had never been heard of. Here's more than a few that I recall: Alouette, Skiroule, SkiDoo, Fox-track, Polaris, MotoSki, Moto-Jet, SnoJet, Chaparralle and Whippit. Even the American-made outboard motor companies like Johnson and Evinrude put out machines. You may recall others, and several of the aforementioned were Canadian products. Like the early century automobile business, competition became fierce and the weaker companies had to accept being bought out or just plain folded their tent and called it quits. Soon the Japanese entered the market with Yamaha that really put the press on American and Canadian manufacturers to put out quality products and stay competitive in the pricing.

This new influx of machines changed winter life considerably. Trails

were established to some extent but in the early 70s most everyone just went anywhere and everywhere. For many families, the old snowshoes were retired to the barn wall and became décor. The machines broke down quite frequently, and the group in Belgrade that we rode with spent at least two hours tinkering after one hour of riding. Undercarriage problems were a constant issue, as were clutch and engine problems. These were mostly overcome by the builders during the 70s decade. During the hard winter, the lakes were great places to ride, congregate and picnic. Ice fishing and socializing out on the ice increased as it was easy to get out there and back. As the years went by, clubs were established and some built clubhouses or met in member's homes, basements and garages. Maine has well over a hundred clubs with some fun names. Here's a few: Belgrade Draggin' Masters, Rome Rough Riders, Readfield Blizzard Busters and Farmington's Shiretown Riders. Gatherings were planned such as races on weekends, more and more trails were established and members spent several days in the summer clearing and maintaining trails for the coming winter. The possibilities seemed endless, but as with all toys, the prices of these vehicles that started in the hundreds in the early 1960s, went into the thousands and later many thousands. Today, Google says the Polaris line of models seem to run between \$10,000 and \$15,000. In 1971 my brother and I bought a new MotoJet for under \$1,000. Like so many of our recreational toys today, as well as our automobiles, the technology has come a long way, though the high costs have made them unaffordable for many. Perhaps it's time to dig out the old snowshoes that are hanging on the barn wall—or maybe splurge and buy a pair of those new-fangled aluminum ones so we don't have to patch the broken gut webbing. As you can see, The Luckiest Boy has clung to many of the old ways of thinking!





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— Take It Outside —

Summer seems to be in full swing, with long lines at Day’s Store and more out-of-state license plates than Maine plates on the cars parked in the village. The 7 Lakes Alliance (7-LA, formerly BRCA) and Friends of Messalonskee (FOM) Courtesy Boat Inspectors (CBIs) have been on duty since Memorial Day weekend at the public boat launches in the Belgrades, doing their part to prevent the spread of invasive plants into our lakes. Last year, these CBIs inspected over 15,000 boats between Memorial Day and Labor Day and made multiple “saves” of invasive plants entering (and leaving) our lakes. Please help in this effort by learning how to properly self-inspect your own boat, especially when they are not on duty. Check out: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZNQ92bBZTcY>).

This past week has seen a mixture of weather—some hot, some cool, some wind and finally, the remnants of TS Alberto brought a bit of rain in what has been a relatively dry spring so far. As the weather has warmed, the trout and salmon have headed for deeper, cooler water while the bass, sunfish, and landlocked alewives have headed for shallower, warmer water. The pike have finished their early spring spawning and are hungrily chasing whatever they can catch. On a recent afternoon, I was on Long Pond in the late afternoon and the water surface was like glass. I could see several large schools of alewives breaking the surface as they were being chased by a pair of loons in about 25-feet of water. Every now and then a large swirl

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Summer in Full Swing

by Pete Kallin



Sara and Jason Toner with grandchildren, Carter and Brody, and dog, Buddy.



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Long Pond frontage, and lovely sunsets

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The home soon to fulfill a lucky buyer’s dream of lakeside living – with sunsets – was built in 1959 as a traditional fishing camp, and later made four-season with the addition of electric heat.

The location is desirable: a sparsely populated area on the north basin of pristine, 2,714-acre Long Pond (maximum depth 106 feet) whose rich fishery includes landlocked salmon, brook trout and bass. And yet, the Belgrade Lakes property sits less than a half-hour from Augusta.

Here on a 0.65 acre lot with blueberry bushes are 200 feet of private waterfront, with a newer dock, and a deck closer to the lake than one would be permitted to build today. The frontage is sandy-bottomed once you step into the water.

There are two outbuildings. The garage has seen better days and can be replaced with another cabin on its footprint. (A new leach field is in place.) And there’s already a guest cabin, which has a bedroom (note the built-in desk/seat) and a bath with shower.

The main house has an elevated deck; a full bath with tub; a new fridge in the kitchen; and true vintage character, as embodied in the pine paneling and the fieldstone, wood-burn-

ing fireplace.

The home is just two miles north of all conveniences in charming Belgrade village, and one mile from the 1.6-mile hiking trail, “The Mountain.” With both Long Pond and Great Pond loops, the trail provides fine views of both lakes, especially as the leaves change seasonally.



The property at 308 Augusta Road, Rome, is listed by Pam Armour of Hoang Realty in Augusta. Please contact Pam at 314-7445 or at [pbrunye@yahoo.com](mailto:pbrunye@yahoo.com).



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- **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
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- **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
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- **Farmers' Market at Mill Park**, Tuesday 2-6 pm, 626-2305, [www.farmersmarketmillpark.org/](http://www.farmersmarketmillpark.org/), North Water Street
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- **Belgrade Historical Society**, 495-2973, [belgradehistoricalsociety.org](http://belgradehistoricalsociety.org)
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- **Farmers' Market**, 948-5724, Wednesday 2-6 pm, Saturday 9:30 am-1:30 pm, Nazarene Church parking lot, 81 Main Street

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- **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
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- **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
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- **Farmers' Market**, 622-1350, Sun 3-6 pm, Water Street
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- **Lakewood Theater**, Maine's Summer Theater, Young Performers Camp, 474-7176, [www.lakewoodtheater.org](http://www.lakewoodtheater.org), Route 201
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- **The Theater At Monmouth**, The Shakespeare Theater of Maine, Cumston Hall, 933-9999, [www.theateratmonmouth.org](http://www.theateratmonmouth.org), Main Street

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- **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

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- **Sidney Historical Society**, 724-8032, [www.sidneyhistoricalso-ciety.org](http://www.sidneyhistoricalso-ciety.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,

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

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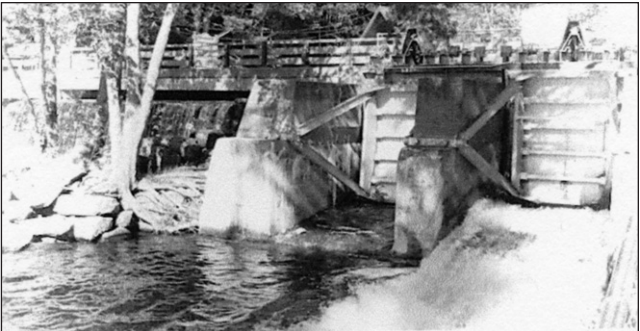
- **Wilton Farm & Home Museum**, 645-2091, 645-4578, [www.thewiltonfarmandhomemuseum.org](http://www.thewiltonfarmandhomemuseum.org), Saturday 1-4 pm or by appointment, 10 Canal Street

### WINSLOW

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

### WINTHROP

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



## The Dams Keeper Report

We’re starting the unofficial beginning of Summer with our pond water levels slightly below where we would like to be. As of this writing, the Village spillway dam is 5” below full pond with Long Pond right at full with all gates at both dams opened just 2” or so for a slight flow. Last year at this time, both Great Pond and Long Ponds were above full, 2.7” and 3.7” respectfully. As with last summer, we were trying to have all of our ponds ‘artificially’ 3” above full because of the dryer than normal forecast. Although we were not able to get to the +3” Memorial Day benchmark due to the lack of rain, we are not shelving our objectives quite yet!

As I am writing this, we have missed the last 4 rain events (all have gone south of us) and the forecast for today and tomorrow is: “New precipitation amounts of less than a tenth of an inch possible.” As well as a zero precipitation forecast for the next 10 days. The long term forecast for this summer is also an average 24% less precipitation than normal: <http://longrangeweather.com/weather-forecasts/US-City.aspx>

So we are looking at another dry and slightly cooler summer – just like the past two. Although this Chamber of Commerce weather is great for boating and water clarity, the lack of precipitation is proving detrimental to our water levels as well as our gardens!

And remember, with 85°F air temperatures, we lose ¾” per day just to evaporation, so we do need some rain – maybe just in the evenings and preferably not a real washout!

Enjoy your summer here in the beautiful Belgrades. And don’t forget to pray for some rain!

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## — Calendar —

**Wednesday 6/13 through Sunday 6/17** – Blistered Fingers Family Bluegrass Music Festival, a dozen great bands, giant tent, plenty of parking, food, camping areas, children 16 and under free with adult, [www.blisteredfingers.com](http://www.blisteredfingers.com), 873-6539, Fairgrounds, Litchfield.

**Wednesday 6/13 through Saturday 6/16** – “Incorruptible,” 474-7176, Lakewood Theater, Route 201, Madison.

**Wednesday 6/13** – Grand Opening “The Shoe Shops,” rotating exhibit curated by Melvin Burnham whose presentation explores the history of shoemaking and its role in the Skowhegan economy, 7 pm, refreshments offered, free to the public, 474-6632, Skowhegan History House Museum and Research Center, Skowhegan.

**Friday 6/15 through Sunday 6/17** – Trek Across Maine, sponsored by the American Lung Association, overnights at the University of Maine at Farmington and Colby College in Waterville, 1, 2, or 3 day options available, 1-800-499-LUNG, Bethel-Belfast.

**Friday 6/15 through Sunday 6/17** – Maine Horse Association Downeast Horse Show, public welcome, covered arena, concessions, free admission, Skowhegan Fairgrounds, Madison Avenue, Skowhegan.

**Friday 6/15 through Sunday 6/17** – “Seussical the Musical,” 873-7000, Waterville Opera House, Main Street, Waterville.

**Friday 6/15 through Sunday 6/17** – “Witness for the Prosecution,” by Agatha Christie, 7:30 pm Friday and Saturday, 2 pm Sunday, 626-3698, Gaslight Theater, Hallowell City Hall, Winthrop Street,

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**Friday 6/15** – Ruth Hill performing at the Farmington North Church, 7 pm, 778-2006, 118 High Street, Farmington.

**Saturday 6/16** – PFBF CPA’s “Run the Numbers” 5K Road Race and Kids Fun Run to benefit Camp Tracy, Kids Fun Run 8:30 am, 5K Run/Walk 9 am, professionally timed race starts and ends at Perry, Fitts, Boulette & Fitton CPAs, 873-1603, 46 First Park Drive, Oakland.

**Saturday 6/16** – Free Family Book Fair, 9 am-12 noon, Tewksbury Hall, The Island, Skowhegan.

**Saturday 6/16** – American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Greater Augusta, 12 noon-12 midnight, 1-800-227-2345, Windsor Fair Grounds, 82 Ridge Road, Windsor.

**Sunday 6/17** – **Father’s Day** – celebrate fathers and father figures with a special visit or outing.

**Monday 6/18 through Friday 6/22** – Natural History Week presentations and nature walks by visiting naturalists, 10:30 am and 1:30 pm, 293-2280, Camp Bearnstow, Parker Pond, Mount Vernon.

**Monday 8/18** – Get Outside: Explore the Augusta Trails, fun and informative presentation to learn more about all the trails of Augusta, 6:30 pm, 626-2415, Lithgow Public Library, 45 Winthrop Street, Augusta.

**Tuesday 6/19** – Quarry Road Race, 8 K at 6 pm/registration 5 pm, Kids Fun Run at 5:30 pm, [www.quarryroadraces.com](http://www.quarryroadraces.com), Quarry Road, Waterville.

**Wednesday 6/20** – “Sharon Hood and Dixon Road,” country, Waterfront Wednesday Free Concert, concessions, activities for children, 6 pm, Waterfront

Park, Downtown Augusta.

**Thursday 6/21 through Sunday 6/24** – “Little Shop of Horrors,” 474-7176, Lakewood Theater, Route 201, Madison.

**Thursday 6/21** – Belgrade Historical Society Annual Meeting, “A Brief History of Outboard Motors in the Belgrade Chain of Lakes,” by Rod Johnson, 7 pm, Maine Lakes Resource Center, Main Street, Belgrade Lakes.



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cies. Annual meetings have been turned into forums of information and education about everything there is to know about East Pond and don't be afraid to ask, about all facets of maintaining good water quality, about yes there is a sometimes problem and this is what we can do and are doing about it.

Landowners, residents, vacationers, visitors, watershed businesses and boat launch users have responded impressively. In 1999, when a call went out along with the annual dues notice for \$15 for supplemental funds for The Fund for the Preservation of East Pond Water Quality, \$33,000 came in. In 2017, when a campaign was established to raise funds for the alum treatment, according to Jerry Tipper, Fundraising Chair of the East Pond Restoration project, “The outstanding support of approximately \$600,000 from residents and commercial camps reflects how clearly they understand the need for the alum treatment.”

Tipper also cites two substantial grants in support of the project. “The first is from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for \$232,000 demonstrating its confidence that the project's science is sound and our plan is effective. The second is a \$200,000 grant from the Harold Alfond Foundation. The Foundation's support underscores the effective collaboration of the East Pond Association, the 7 Lakes Alliance (formerly the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance), Colby College, the DEP and other scientists. It provides a model for addressing similar problems on other Maine lakes.”

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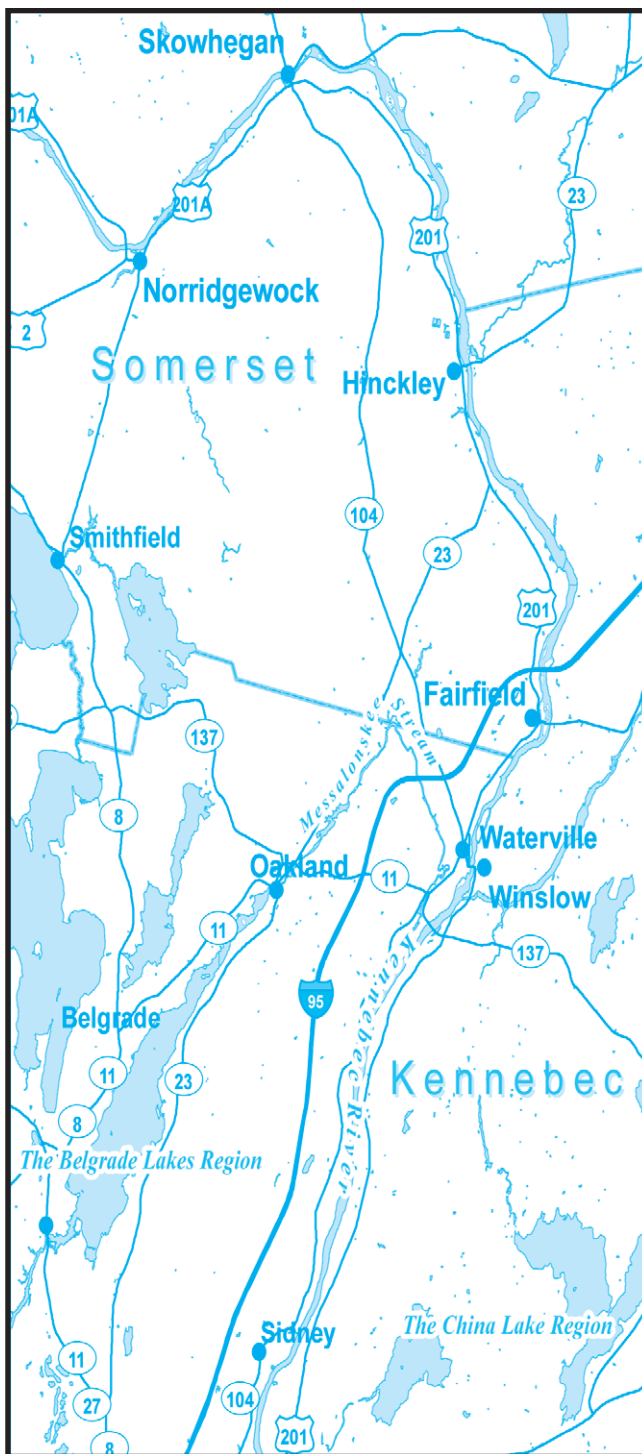


The 50th Blistered Fingers Family Bluegrass Festival will take place at the Litchfield Fairgrounds, June 13-17. The 50th event offers a large tented spectator area, food, music-oriented concessions, a spacious camping area with super clean restroom facilities, a Kids Academy and a great line up of bands from around the country, including:

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- Dave Parmley & Cardinal Tradition – TN, Friday
- The Little Roy & Lizzy Show – GA, Saturday
- Danny Paisley & Southern Grass – PA, Friday
- The Dave Adkins Band – KY, Saturday
- Zink & Company – MA, Saturday
- The Misty Mountaineers – ME, Thursday, Friday
- Tony & Heather Mabe – SC, Friday
- The Baker Family – MO, Wednesday, Thursday
- Back Woods Road – ME, Wednesday, Friday
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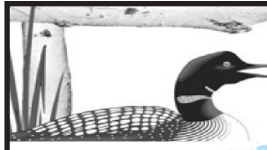
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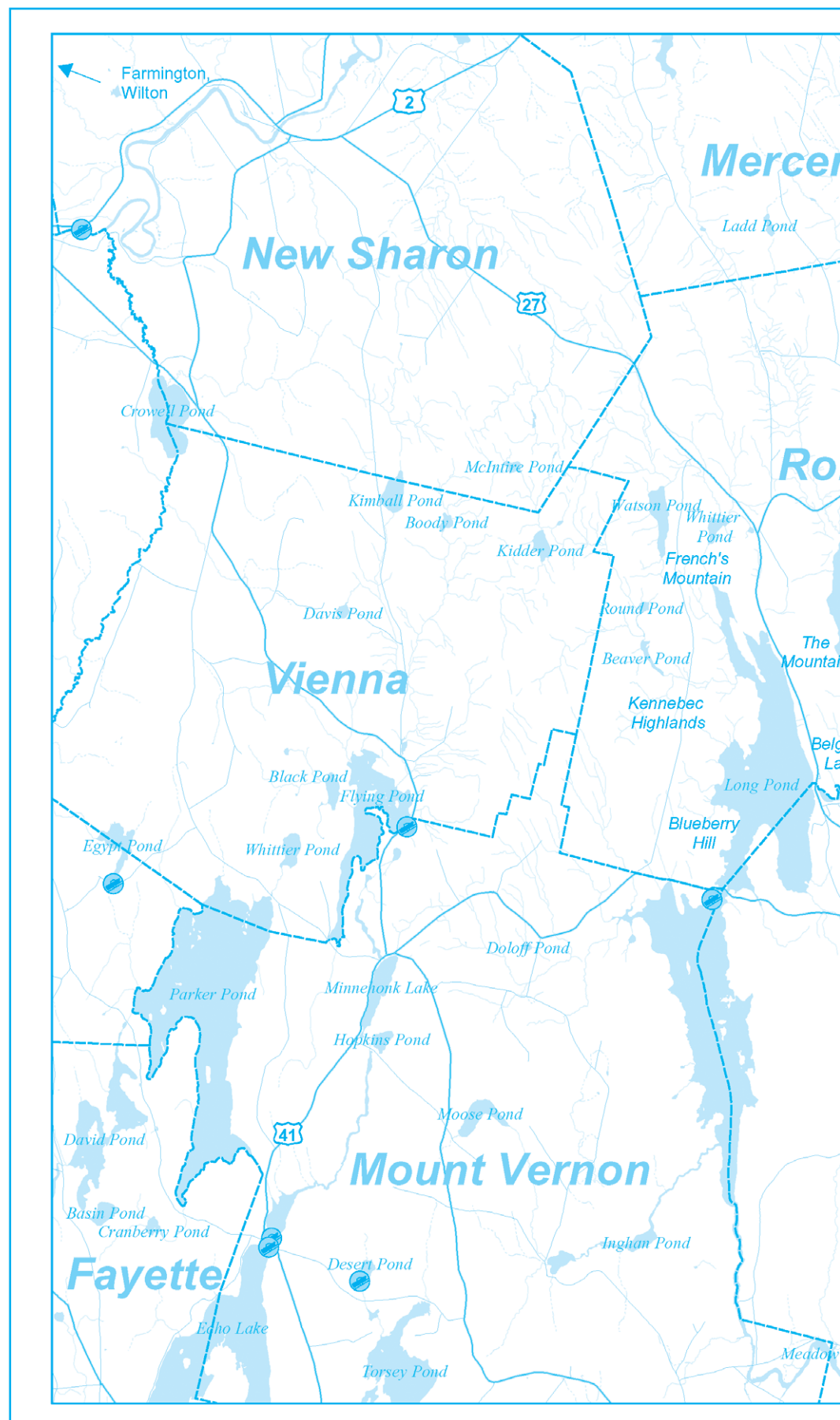
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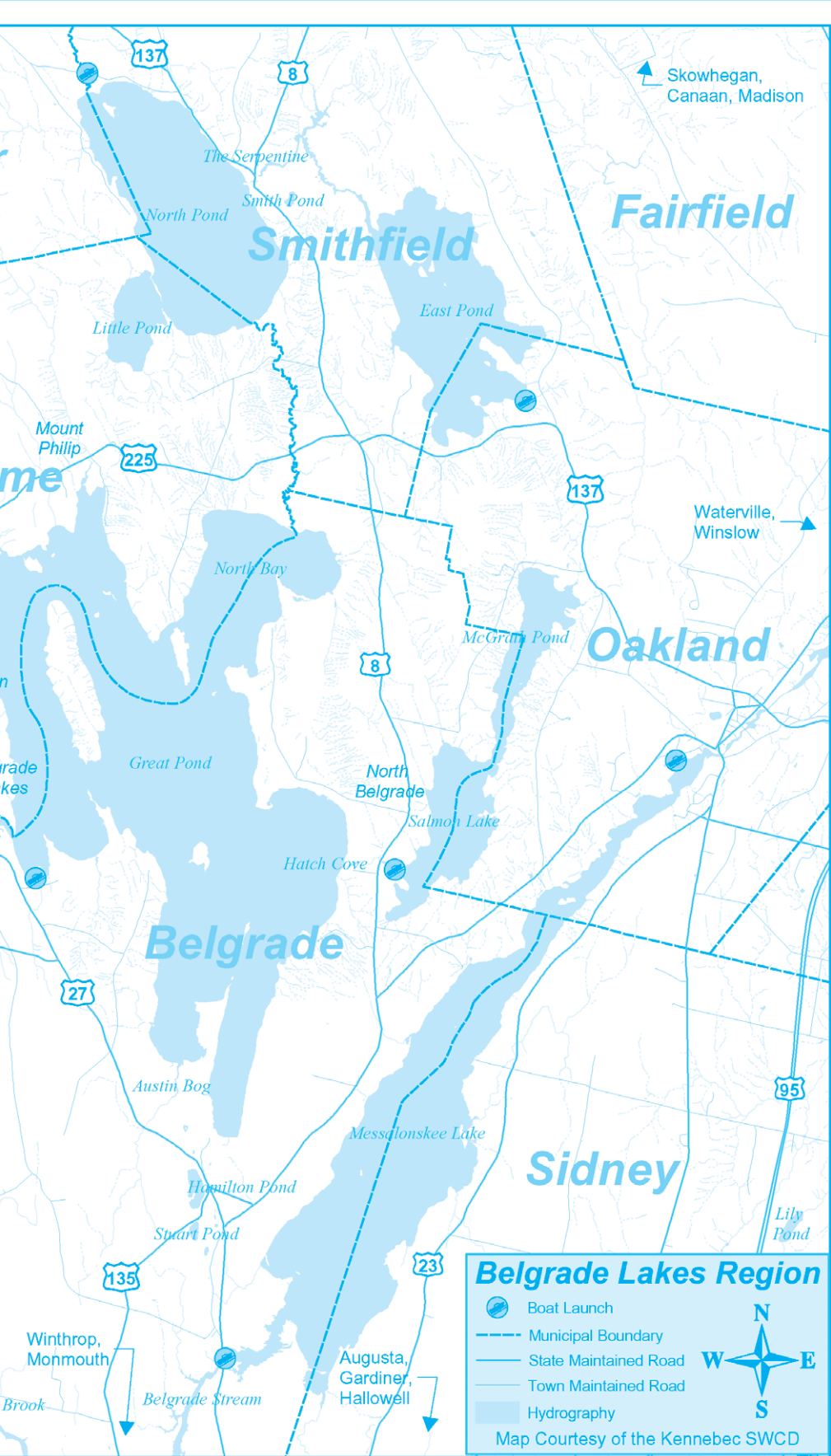


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- Johnson Hall's Free Waterfront Concert Series kicks off on Friday, June 22 in Gardiner with Skosh, the four-piece funk/classic rock/blues band from 7-8:30 pm. Fireworks to follow. [www.johnsonhall.org](http://www.johnsonhall.org)
- Camp Mechuwana's Third Annual Golf Tournament to support the scholarship program will take place on Saturday, June 23 at Springbrook Golf Course in Leeds, rain or shine, with a 1 pm shotgun start.
- Cheese, Brews and Bread, samples from some of Maine's local chesemakers, bread makers and one of Skowhegan's local breweries, Bigelow Brewing Company will be held on Sunday, June 24. 474-3621
- The 5th Annual Terrier Tee-Off Classic to support student-athletes and teams of the Thomas College Athletic program will be held on Wednesday, June 27 at the Waterville Country Club. Registration at 11 am; noon shotgun start. 859-1206
- The 16th Anniversary of the Kingfield POPS will be held on Saturday, June 30 at 4:30 pm at the Kennedy Farm, Kingfield. [www.kingfieldpops.com](http://www.kingfieldpops.com)

- In memory of Halee Lynn Cummings of Sidney, the 3rd Annual Barrel Race will be Friday-Sunday, June 29-July 1, at the Silver Spur Riding Club, River Road. 215-7222
- JULY**
  - The Snow Pond Symphony, in celebration of Leonard Bernstein and John Williams, will perform on Sunday, July 1 at Bowl in the Pines at 6 pm. For tickets call844-476-6976, ext. 1
  - Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed will hold the 16th Annual Friends on the 4th 5K - run, jog or walk, starting at Norcross Point in Winthrop at 8 am. 621-4100
  - The 20th Annual Maine International Film Festival with 100 films and 50 filmmakers will run from July 13 through July 22 in Waterville. 861-8138
  - The Colby College Museum of Art Summer Luncheon will be held on Saturday, July 14 to celebrate ad support the Colby Museum's exhibitions and educational programs. 859-5600
  - The Wall That Heals, Vietnam Veterans Memorial Replica & Mobile Education Center will be on the Gardiner Common, 2 Dresden Avenue, July 19-22. [christchurchgardiner.org](http://christchurchgardiner.org)
- AUGUST**
  - On Saturday, August 4, the Belgrade Fire & Rescue Association Bean Hole Supper will be at the Center for all Seasons, Belgrade Lakes, 5-7 pm.
  - The Taste of Greater Waterville presented by the Mid-

- Maine Chamber of Commerce will be held Wednesday, August 8, featuring children's activities on the Concourse, food, music, sales and more food along Main Street in downtown Waterville. 873-3315
- The 51st Blistered Fingers Family Bluegrass Music Festival will take place August 22-26 at the Litchfield Fairgrounds. 873-6539
- "Marriage is Murder" will be presented August 24-26 and August 31-September 2 by the Gaslight Theater in Hallowell. 626-3698
- SEPTEMBER**
  - The Skowhegan Craft Brew Festival with farm-to-table fare, tours of Maine Grains, exploration of the riverfront and Skowhegan's portion of the Langlais Art Trail and live music in the streets will be held on Saturday, September 1.
  - Run For The Horses 5K to benefit Double B Equine Rescue will be held on Monday, September 3 near Lake Wesserunsett. [runsignup.com/Race/ME/Madison/FunForHorses5K](http://runsignup.com/Race/ME/Madison/FunForHorses5K)
  - On Friday, September 7 the Maine Preservation Gala will be held at the Portland Masonic, 415 Congress Street with music, gourmet hors d'oeuvres, desserts and complimentary wine & beer in support of preserving Maine places that matter. 847-3577
  - The Common Ground Country Fair will be Friday through Sunday, September 21-23 in Unity. Gates open 9 am. 568-4142



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As chair and spokesperson for fundraising, Tipper is representative of the unique dedication of East Ponders. His home is on the lake, he was president of the East Pond Association during the nineties, he has headed many of the remediation and research collaboration projects, including coordinating with Colby College since 1999, and he spearheaded some of

the summer fun events including the former annual East Pond Association Lake Fests and the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance golf tournaments.

"East Pond has a reputation as the quintessential Maine lake," says Tipper. "The tree-lined, sparsely developed shoreline makes it ideal for getting away from it all. People who come to East Pond are expecting a clear, fresh, stunning lake. Clear water is critical to delivering on that promise. I think the alum treatment will go a long way toward returning East Pond to that beautiful body of water we all remember and love."

As the barge heads out this week and again in the fall applying liquid alum to approximately 676 acres of the lake's deepest areas where phosphorus laden sediment accumulates, East Pond will once again be providing a model in positive water quality planning, and action, in the Belgrade Lakes.



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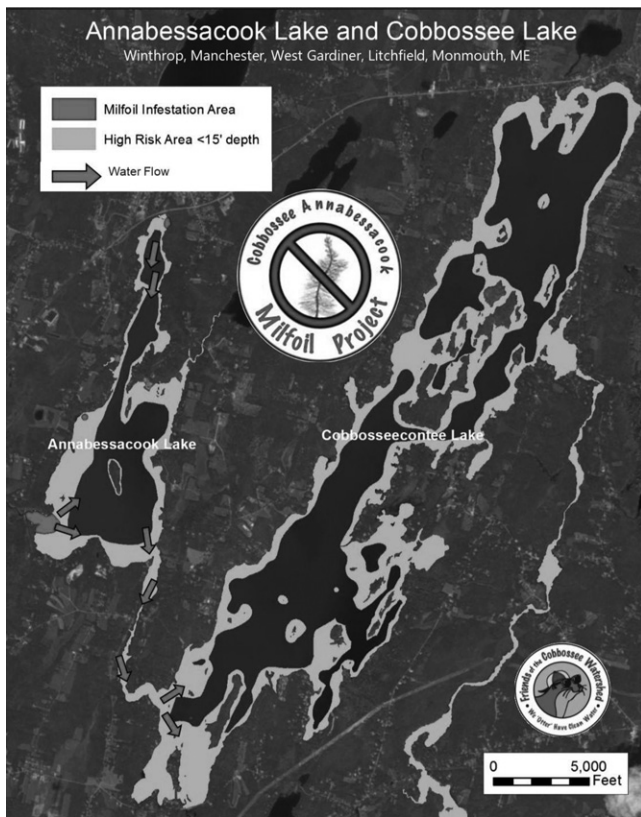
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## The Cobbossee Annabessacook Milfoil Project: The Friends launches a 3-year Campaign to RESTORE Annabessacook and PROTECT Cobbossee



In 2014, an aggressive invasive aquatic plant called variable milfoil was discovered at the boat launch in Annabessacook Lake. Since then, the Annabessacook Lake Improvement Association (ALIA), the Cobbossee Watershed District (CWD), and the Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed (The Friends) have worked with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (Maine DEP) to locate the invasive plants and prevent them from spreading, but THE PROBLEM IS GROWING.

Variable milfoil has the ability to impact the quality of life on both Annabessacook and Cobbossee, as it has for many other lakes in Maine and around the country. Cobbossee Lake is one of the largest lakes in Kennebec County and the heart of the Cobbossee Watershed. Cobbossee Lake has been identified by the Maine DEP Invasive Aquatic Species Program as the second most vulnerable lake in the state to invasive aquatic plants. An infestation of invasive plants in Cobbossee Lake would increase the vulnerability of other lakes in the surrounding area.

This is why The Friends has launched a 3-year campaign to REMOVE invasive variable milfoil from Annabessacook, SURVEY vulnerable areas of both lakes, and EDUCATE the public about what milfoil looks like and how they can help. This work is estimated to cost \$250,000 during the 2018-2020 project period. We need ALL shorefront property owners, businesses, and people who use and love these lakes to participate in this project. Funding is critical to the success of this project. Please consider a donation to the Cobbossee Annabessacook Milfoil Project.

You can donate online at <https://www.watershedfriends.com> or send a check to P.O. Box 5003, Augusta, ME 04332 (Please put C.A.M.P. in the memo)

## — Conservation Too —



I'm focusing this week's article on "bad plants" of the terrestrial variety and particularly on "terrestrial invasive plants". Over the past few years there has been an increase in terrestrial invasives. Local land owners, foresters, land trust managers and State of Maine officials are taking notice. An invasive plant is defined as a plant that 1] is not native to a particular ecosystem, 2] whose introduction does or is likely to cause economic damage or environmental harm or 3] may cause harm to human health. Approximately one third of Maine's plant species are not native. Only a small fraction of those are considered "invasive". These have the potential to cause great harm to our landscape. Check the Maine Natural Areas Program list of fact sheets to determine if a particular species is considered invasive in Maine. The MNAP is the 'go to' State agency in Maine for answering questions and getting information about invasive plants. [http://www.maine.gov/dacf/mnap/features/invasive\\_plants/invshets.htm](http://www.maine.gov/dacf/mnap/features/invasive_plants/invshets.htm) There is also a generic State website for all types of invasives i.e. animals, forest pests, aquatic plants, and terrestrial plants [http://www.maine.gov/portal/about\\_me/invasives.html](http://www.maine.gov/portal/about_me/invasives.html) These websites have 'gallery views' available which provide good photos to use in identification.

Here in the local area we need to come to grips with the invasive plants that are doing damage to our natural areas and native plants.

In the Belgrades most people are fully aware of the problem caused by waterbased invasives like Milfoil and Hydrilla. Hours of time and thousands of dollars are spent trying to control their spread. But 70-80,000 acres of the Belgrade area is land. There is a great deal more land that is being invaded than the shoreline waters.

Japanese Barberry [ see picture], Multiflora Rose and Autumn Olive seem particularly robust. Asiatic Bittersweet vine and Common Buckthorn are also appearing more frequently. Japanese Knotweed often gets established at a construction site or as we do landscaping. Your back yards are feeling the pressure of these invasive plants. There is a list of these invasive plants with names and pictures [see above]. Check the Maine Lakes Center or Cooperative Extension, or our office and pick up some of the handouts. Some are also reporting that the Japanese Barberry is prone to harbor more ticks.

The first line of defense is to accurately identify the plant. Usually trying to control their spread is the only choice. They will eventually appear.

Recognize that there is a problem. That occasional plant out back with interesting foliage and a pretty flower might become a thick bank of vegetation if you leave it be. Look along the edge of the woods on your property and note the occasional spring clusters

## Invasives – the Plant Variety

By Dale Finseth

of white flowers which indicate Multi Flora Rose. Next year that small patch of white flowers will be joined by additional mounds of nasty thorn covered plants. At that point removal is much more difficult. That area can become a breeding ground of fruit and seeds which get spread to neighboring properties.

Our natural landscape is part of what Maine is all about. Its future depends on the choices we make. When buying plants or moving them from place to place, consider whether the plants are likely to escape. Plants advertised as fast growing, prolific, and soil tolerant are often the ones that become invasive. Maine just won't be Maine if the plants dominating our landscape are all from away. As Harry Potter's professor, Mad Eye Moody, would say, 'constant vigilance'.

- Replace invasive plants in your garden with non-invasive alternatives.
- DO NOT attack the problem with indiscriminate herbicide use. They may have a place in your management plan but they are NOT a magic bullet. Be careful with their use.
- Check out the Maine Natural Areas IMapInvasive program and become a citizen scientist.

Remember, there is a lot to do in order to protect water quality. Managing invasive plants in the landscape is part of that effort. While we may talk about managing our tourists [the other "invasives"], those people usually leave in the fall. We frequently benefit from their visit. Not so with the invasive plants.



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

## Educational Programs This Summer

Looking for something fun and educational for your kids this summer?! Tadpole Patrol is the Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed's innovative and immersive learning experience aboard the Otter II, our 22' pontoon boat. For 14 years, children have boarded our "floating classroom" to learn about lake ecology and how to test and protect water quality. Today, we offer five different versions of Tadpole Patrol! Our original version for children entering grades 2-4, Spotter's Amphibious Adventure! Is for children ages 8 and older and explores both land and water, TPII-LSI! (Lake Science Investigators) for youth entering grades 4-6, TP 3-Jr. Lake Monitors for young adults in grades 6 and up, and our Family Tadpole Patrol which is fun for the whole family and "kids" of all ages!

Summer Nature Day Camp focuses on providing campers an opportunity to make connections to the natural world through activities such as: Exploring ponds/streams/forest habitats, hiking/swimming, paddle boarding, nature skits and crafts, group challenges, fishing, drawing/writing in nature journals, and nature based games. Summer Nature Day Camp focuses on RESPECT for yourself, others, and the environment, and takes place at the YMCA Camp of Maine on Cobbossee Lake in East Winthrop! There are two sessions for children this summer that are entering 4th, 5th, and 6th grade (July 23-27 & August 6-10).

To sign up for Nature Day Camp and to view our calendar of Tadpole Patrol adventures and register, please visit our website at [www.watershedfriends.com](http://www.watershedfriends.com) or contact Cami at [cam@watershedfriends.com](mailto:cam@watershedfriends.com) or (207)621-4100





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## Notebook

### VLMP Changes Name

• The Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program has a new name and logo: Lake Stewards of Maine (LSM), designed to more accurately address the Mission of caring for Maine's clear, clean lakes through widespread citizen engagement. Currently over 1300 active lake stewards monitor and care for several hundred Maine lakes. Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program has been retained as the new tagline and remains part of the legal name. The statewide organization is based at 24 Maple Hill Road in Auburn. 783-7733

### Invasive Plant Patrol 101 Workshop in Belgrade Lakes

• The 7 Lakes Alliance (formerly the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance), the 30 Mile River Watershed Association and the Flying Pond Improvement Association are co-hosting Invasive Plant Patrol 101, presented by the Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program (Lake Stewards of Maine) on Tuesday, June 19, 9 am-3 pm at the Maine Lakes Resource Center in Belgrade Lakes. The 6-hour class prepares participants for conducting or leading invasive aquatic plant screen surveys and satisfies the quality assurance requirement for IPP certification. The workshop is free and open to anyone interested in the threat of invasives. 783-7733

### Augusta

• The 3rd Annual Girls Basketball Skills Clinic/League for grades 5-8, sponsored by the Capital Area Recreation Association and Augusta Recreation Bureau, will be held July 9-30 at the John Bridge Basketball Courts on the Piggery Road (CARA Complex). Clinics will be Mondays and Wednesdays, 6-8 pm and will feature guest coaches from high school and college teams. The fee is \$25. Registration is required at <https://secure.rec1.com/ME/city-augusta-maine/catalog>. 626-2350

### Belgrade

• Friends and Neighbors Lunch is scheduled for June 14, July 12 and August 9 with salads, sandwiches and sociability. All welcome. 11:30 am to 1 pm. 495-3599.

• Calling all parade floats! Join the Belgrade 4th of July Parade. Meet at Rome Farm at 3 pm on the 4th to participate in this popular community event. 858-2611

• Beach Tennis: Come try the fastest-growing sport in the world! Yes, BEACH TENNIS in Belgrade. Play

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• Special summer events at the Belgrade Public Library will include:

7/11 – Author Greg Westrich, “Best Maine Hikes,” 6-8 pm, library

7/17 – Mad Science of Maine “Sounds Like Science,” 10-11 am, Center for All Seasons

7/25 – Author Mark Alan Leslie, “Klu Klux Klan in Maine,” 6-8 pm, library

8/1 – Meaghan Maloney, Diane Vance & Terry Hughes, “The North Pon Hermit,” 6-8 pm, library

8/14 – Chewonki “Bugmobile,” 10-11 am, Center For All Seasons

8/22 – Author Monica Woods, “After Failure,” 6-8 pm, library.

For more information call 495-3508.

### Gardiner

• Gardiner artist Matt Demers is exhibiting new work at the Frank Brockman Gallery in Brunswick from June 9-30. Demers creates abstract mixed media compositions using a wide variety of materials and techniques. Frank Brockman Gallery is located at 68 Maine Street. Hours are Tuesday-Saturday, 11 am-5 pm. 557-5851

### Madison

• Kids Summer Golf Clinics, made possible by the Jim Browne Foundation, will be held at the Lakewood Golf Course July 16-20 and August 6-10. The clinics are for all ages and abilities and will be divided into younger – 10-11 am and older 12-1 pm. The cost is \$20 for the week or \$5 a day. To register email [jimbrownefoundation@gmail.com](mailto:jimbrownefoundation@gmail.com) 474-5955

### Monmouth

• Jane Austen's most popular novel, adapted by Daniel Elihu Kramer as *Pride@Prejudice*, will open the Theater at Monmouth's 2018 Summer Repertory Season on Saturday, June 23 at 7:30 pm and run through August 17. It will be delivered by modern-day characters. Performance dates include 7/11, 22 and 28, 8/2, 9, 15 and 17. The July 7 performance will have a Post-Show Discussion. For times and reservations call 933-9999.

### Oakland

• Music in Oakland Waterfront Park on Lake Messalonskee in the new gazebo will be held every Thursday, June 14 to September 13, 6-9 pm. The recently-completely gazebo was built uniquely from donations, has its own PA system and is near the waterfront where music listeners can anchor their boats to listen to concerts. No dogs, no alcohol, no smoking are allowed.

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### Sidney

• Snow Pond Center for Arts and Snow Pond Music Festival present the first annual Snow Pond Jazz Brunch on 6/24 at the Lodge at the Center, featuring faculty and students from the world renowned 21st Century Band Jazz Institute. Doors open 9:45 am; music from 10:30 am-1 pm. Brunch will include a selection of quiche, fresh fruit, homemade granola, Maine maple mimosas and more. 1-844-476-6976, ext. 1

### Waterville

• Hospice Volunteers of Waterville Area will offer a Grief Support Walking Group for adults grieving the loss of a loved one. The group will begin Tuesday, June 26, at the Quarry Road trails at 6 pm. The walk is slow-paced and designed to enjoy nature, share, listen, connect with others in grief and find healing. Pre-registration is required. 873-3615 ext. 19

• The Maine International Film Festival will present its Lifetime Achievement Award to renowned French actress Dominique Sanda (known as "La Sanda") during the 10-day MIFF Festival. Best known for her role in the 1971 Academy Award-winning film *Garden of the Finzi-Continis*, Dominique Sanda has worked with the industry's most celebrated directors, including Vittorio de Sica (*Garden of the Finzi-Continis*), Bernardo Bertolucci (*The Conformist* and *1900*), Robert Bresson (*Une Femme Douce*) and John Huston (*The Mackintosh Man*). Sanda will be present for the entire festival. Passes are now on sale at <http://www.miff.org>.



Dominique Sanda

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indicated the presence of large fish taking part in the action. I moved in and began casting my 6-wt flyrod with a weighted streamer fly that imitated the alewives. In the next 20 minutes I caught and released four nice (3-4 pound) smallies casting into the school, letting the fly sink down about ten feet and then a slow jerky retrieve. Suddenly I had a particularly vicious hit followed by a strong deep run. As I worked the fish in I discovered I was playing a pike about 28" long. Luckily the fish was hooked at the top of it's upper lip and wasn't able to chew through my 5X (~5 lb test) leader and I was able to net the fish after a ten-minute battle. This one went home with me to become filets and chowder. They are quite tasty if cleaned and prepared properly.

Recently, some new neighbors moved into my neighborhood. Jason and Sarah Toner are avid outdoor enthusiasts and have already discovered many of the local biking and hiking trails. Even better, they have signed up for the 7-LA Stewardship Committee to help take care of those trails. Recently, they had their grandkids (Carter and Brody) over for a bit of kayaking and a little swimming, although the two young cousins and the dog seemed to be having more fun in the 65-degree water than the grandparents.

This area offers some great outdoor recreation, whether you like to hike, bike, birdwatch, fish, sail, or paddle a canoe or kayak. Pick up a map of the local trails at Day's Store or from the 7-LA at the Maine Lakes Resource Center Building (MLRC). Get out and explore! Sign your kids up to learn to sail through the Great Pond Yacht Club (<https://greatpondyachtclub.com/junior-sailing-program/>). And make sure you take a kid along on your next outdoor adventure.

The 7-LA is hosting numerous outreach events this summer, beginning with a presentation by myself and Mel Croft entitled, "Belgrade Lakes, the last 400-million years: how we got to where we are - a biogeomorphological history." (At the MLRC on June 13th at 5:30 PM). On Friday, July 6th, at 2 PM, staff from Chewonki will be doing a presentation on "Owls of Maine." Keep an eye on the sign in front of the MLRC and check the 7-LA web site and Facebook page for further updates



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### BOAT MOORINGS

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

### BOAT RENTALS

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

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

### BOAT SALES AND SERVICES

**Clark Marine**, 57 Puddledock Road, Manchester, 622-7011, [mail@clarkmarine.biz](mailto:mail@clarkmarine.biz), [funonthewaterstartshere.com](http://funonthewaterstartshere.com)

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

**Mid-Maine Marine and RV**, 885 Kennedy Memorial Drive, Oakland, 465-2146, [www.mid-mainemarine.com](http://www.mid-mainemarine.com)

### BOAT STORAGE

**Belgrade Boat Storage**, 31 Pinkham's Cove Road, Belgrade, 495-3421, 314-3287, [www.belgradeboatstorage.com](http://www.belgradeboatstorage.com)

**Belgrade Lakes Marine and Storage, Inc**, 366 Augusta Road, Belgrade, 495-2378, [www.belgradelakesmarine.com](http://www.belgradelakesmarine.com)

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### BOOKS

**Children's Book Cellar**, 52 Main Street, Waterville, 872-4543, [childrensbookcellar.com](http://childrensbookcellar.com)

### BUILDERS

**Craig's Carpentry/North Bay Estates**, Route 8, North Belgrade, Craig Alexander, 649-3749

**G&L Contracting**, 116 Lakeshore Drive, Belgrade Lakes, 215-7951, 495-2325, 233-7408, [gandlcontractingmaine.com](http://gandlcontractingmaine.com)

**LakeHouse Design, Build, Renovations**, 17 Birchwood Road, Augusta, 242-3663, [www.lakehousedesignbuild.com](http://www.lakehousedesignbuild.com)

### BUILDING MATERIALS

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### CAMP JACKING

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Macintosh Solutions, Michael Breault, 24 Welch Road, Wilton, 645-5083, cell 578-0226, [www.michaelbreault.net](http://www.michaelbreault.net)

### DINING

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### DOCKS

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### ELDER CARE

**Maine-ly Elder Care**, 28 Center Street, Oakland, 465-3249, [www.maine-lyeldercare.com](http://www.maine-lyeldercare.com)

### ENGINEERING

**Thayer Engineering**, septic design, storm water mitigation, permitting, 17 Hasson Street, Farmingdale, 582-7762, [www.thayereng.com](http://www.thayereng.com)

### ESTATE APPRAISALS

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### EXCAVATING

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**David Stevens**, P.O. Box 146, Belgrade, 465-3815, cell 314-0314

### EYE CARE

**Eye Care of Maine**, 325 E. Kennedy Memorial Drive, Waterville, 873-2731, 1-800-660-3403, [www.Maine2020.com](http://www.Maine2020.com)

### FARMSTANDS

**Winterberry Farm**, 538 Augusta Road, Route 27, Belgrade, 495-2593, 649-3331, [www.winterberryfarmstand.com](http://www.winterberryfarmstand.com)

### FINANCIAL PLANNING

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## LAKE ASSOCIATIONS

**Belgrade Lakes Association (BLA)**, Long Pond and Great Pond, PO Box 551, 137 Main Street, Belgrade Lakes, 512-5150, [belgradelakesassociation.org](http://belgradelakesassociation.org)

## LANDSCAPING

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## MOVIE THEATERS

**Railroad Square Cinema**, call for titles and times, 17 Railroad Square, Waterville, 873-6526, [www.railroadsquarecinema.com](http://www.railroadsquarecinema.com)

## MUSEUMS

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

## PHYSICAL THERAPY

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## PIANO ENJOYMENT

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Belgrade – The 9th Annual Friends of the Belgrade Public Library 5k Walk, Run, Jog, will be held at 8 a.m. Saturday July 14th at Belgrade Central School. The first 250 people to register before July 5 will receive a T-shirt. Pre-registration is \$15, race day \$20. Registration and packet pick up will be at 7 a.m. Registration forms may be obtained at [www.belgrade.lib.me.us](http://www.belgrade.lib.me.us) or at [www.friendsofbelgradepubliclibrary.com](http://www.friendsofbelgradepubliclibrary.com). Click on Friends then event. Online registration available at [www.RunReg.com](http://www.RunReg.com). Call race director John House at 465-3524 or e-mail [belgradehouse@roadrunner.com](mailto:belgradehouse@roadrunner.com) with any questions or if you wish to volunteer.

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## RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES

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## SECURITY SYSTEMS

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## Plain, Honest Men by Richard Beeman

by Martha F. Barkley

The Making of the Constitution is right up my neighbor's alley. Richard Beeman fell in love with history upon reading Miracle at Philadelphia by Catherine Drinker Bowman years and years ago. When I discovered this mutual admiration for a particular history title, we both continued our walk on Point Road talking history the whole way.

Richard (he called himself Rick) appeared on Laugh-in with John Stewart about one of his history books. His full time work was with The Constitution Center in Philadelphia and teaching at the Univ. of Pennsylvania. The Founding Fathers are portrayed as individuals in Plain, Honest Men. I love the title because it is a quote, simple and true. Beeman approaches each member of the Constitutional Convention as a friend, a very well known and understood friend.

History buffs who heard Beeman's presentation several summers ago told me that he really knew his stuff! His voice was beginning to fail at that time. Unfortunately he died last Fall of ALS and The Constitution Center held his memorial service in September. Jeffrey Rosen, among many, spoke to honor his life and work, along with his son Joshua. Rosen is President of The Constitution Center. Both Beeman and Rosen have been on C-SPAN many times revealing his-



tory at its best. Try the archives for American History on C-SPAN 3 to hear both speak. I promise you will learn something new about US history.

I wish that I could ask Richard his opinion of the Hamilton smash on Broadway. Last summer Hamilton: The Revolution by Lin-Manuel Miranda and Jeremy McCarter was published. Richard sat on his porch and was too ill to consult. His wife Mary kindly came to our car with their dog Abby (Abigail Adams) and related they needed to return to Philadelphia soon. The wheelchair access ramp had been added to his grandmother's farmhouse just before they

arrived. Now the ramp has been removed this summer.

It is good to remember a neighbor like Richard Beeman and his life's passion about our country's beginnings. He loved Maine and he loved our Founding Fathers working on the constitution that long, hot summer. He loved his family and I often saw him throwing the stick for Abby. Read one of his history books. I highly recommend Plain, Honest Men: The Making of the Constitution.



Pictured are the five winners who tried their luck at \$1,000,000 left to right: Todd Desjardins of Keybank, Deborah Dow of Bangor Savings Bank, Tony Dessent of Pepsi, Mike Fortin of Fortin's Home Furnishings, and Jonathan Seavey of Gordon Contracting. See page 19 for more on the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce Annual Golf Classic.

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If we can assist you with a LOMA, an Elevation Certificate or any other survey needs, including boundary surveys, please feel free to contact us and we would be happy to discuss all your options.

Sincerely,

*Erik Lochmann*

Erik Lochmann  
Project Manager





Mid-Maine Chamber Hosts RJ Anzelc at Leadership Luncheon

Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce hosts RJ Anzelc, founder of Bricks Coworking & Innovation, as part of its Leadership Luncheon Series. RJ Anzelc is scheduled to speak at the Chamber's Leadership Luncheon held on June 19, 2018 from 11:30am to 1:00PM at Amici's Cucina, 137 Main Street, Waterville. Get a bird's-eye view of how a start-up evolves from a local entrepreneur while enjoying fine Italian cuisine.

Mid-Maine Chamber's Leadership Luncheon is a quarterly series of professional speakers sharing their path to success and their struggles along the way. This series is cohosted with KV Connect and sponsored by Anthem BlueCross BlueShield and Kennebec Savings Bank.

Registration for the event is \$20 for Mid-Maine Chamber members until the Friday before the event and \$25 general admission, which includes a luncheon buffet. Space is limited, so pre-registration is preferred. Please email Kelly Smith, program assistant at [programs@midmainechamber.com](mailto:programs@midmainechamber.com) or call 873-3315.

Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting and advocating for business prosperity and regional economic improvement. Its region includes the towns of Albion, Belgrade, Benton, Branch Mills, Burnham, China, Clinton, Fairfield, Hinckley, Oakland, Rome, Sidney, Shawmut, South China, Thorndike, Unity, Vassalboro, Waterville, Weeks

Mills and Winslow. For more information on the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce, including how to become a member, call (207) 873-3315 or visit [www.midmainechamber.com](http://www.midmainechamber.com).



Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce held its Annual Chamber Golf Classic

Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce held its Annual Chamber Golf Classic on Monday, June 4, 2018. Despite the spring rain, 33 teams showed to swing their clubs.

The Golf Classic is open to all Chamber members and non-Chamber members. It is the area's most prize-laden tournament including a chance to win \$1,000,000. The two major sponsors of this event are Damon's Beverage & Redemption and Maine State Credit Union.

The Winners of gross are Pine Tree Cellular, Veilleux's Funeral Home and Gordon Construction all tying in first place. Net first place is Maine Technology Group, second place is Labun's Flooring, and third place is Nicolson, Michaud & Co. Closest-to-pin include: Rick Forsley of Choice Investments; Lennie Langlais of Central Maine Motors Auto Group; Mike Fortin of Fortin's Home Furnishings and Scott Nielsen of Sheridan Corp. Men's longest drive went to Joshua Herlihy of Kennebec Federal Savings Bank and Nancy Karter had the women's longest drive. Jason Bartlett took straightest drive and Zimba Company had the highest team score.

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