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It's Awesome August Time

by Esther J. Perne

August arrives with a hint of the refreshing season to come and an invitation to enjoy the summer at its height. August arrives with a flurry of small town events, some super days for outdoor activities, and some rewarding destinations for day trips and drives.

Fairs, summer theater, concerts and art shows, hikes, bikes, fishing and watercraft ventures, shopping, lingering and relaxing – and dreaming - are all on the awesome August calendar along with that rewarding option of just plain doing nothing – and loving it.

The month comes in with some favorite small town traditions: in Belgrade Lakes a Bean Hole bean supper – a great Maine menu benefiting a great Maine cause, the local volunteer fire and rescue workers; a Loon Calling Contest open to all from toddlers to nonagenarians attempting to imitate the lakes' legendary inhabitants; the weekly Farmers' Market; and a lakeside craft fair.

The month comes in with Skowhegan's River Fest – the mighty Kennebec River, of course, into which all the Belgrade lakes flow and through which the region was discovered and economically thrived. River Fest not only honors the history of log days but showcases the downtown river gorge as the future home of Run of River, a recreation area that will include a whitewater park, four-season trails and a riverfront promenade.

The month comes in with the iconic blueberry, on a bush to be picked or at the Wilton Blueberry Festival to be celebrated. At the latter there will be a town full of activities, including a book sale, arts and crafts, boat tours, entertainment a parade and fireworks, all to complement the State's most famous berry.

During August, the accent on most activities is outdoors, under the stars, near the water. Outdoor movies, concerts, markets and various venues to sample brews are open-air. The summer schedules may be winding down but they aren't over – perhaps just a little bit more in the dark with the shortening days and earlier

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evenings.

With August there is still time to catch a few rays, a few fish, a few rounds of golf or that hike not taken, time to catch up on friendships, neighborhoods, organizations that are working hard for the best interests of the area be it increasing water quality or decreasing the shocking number (there should be none) of area children going to bed hungry every night.

With August there is still time to make a difference, a donation, a volunteer effort. Money is great, so is that food left for a food bank from a camp

being vacated. Shopping in advance for the holidays is brilliant, buying that benefits an association or cause is even brighter. Running is good, running to raise funds is more fun.

As August moves on while the weather is still gracious and nature inviting the final ode of August is to plan a return – a return to a lake, or a town, or to a scheme on how to spend more time in the area in the future when it's amazing August time.



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"The Rise and Fall of Axe Making in Maine"



Wednesday, August 15, 6pm
The Oakland Public Library

Howard Hardy, a local historian and tool collector, will present a talk and display. The presentation will focus on how and why axe making became so big in Oakland and around the state.

You will learn about the advantages Oakland had in the making of axes as well as scythes since the scythe's history parallels that of the axe.

Howard will trace the progression and improvements in axes and examples will be on display from primitive axes to more modern refinements. You will learn about the life of a salesman on the road and a show of some of the paperwork: invoices, letters and communications with salesmen.

Howard will discuss competition between manufacturers in Oakland (there were 18 in all), price fixing and how companies competed and cooperated, buying steel, selling polls, trading employees and outsourcing handles (Lemuel Cotton and others).

The library will display its collection of axe labels. For more information call the Oakland Public Library, 465-7533, 18 Church Street, Oakland, ME 04963

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—The Luckiest Boy—

A Village Stroll in 1959 – Part III

by Rod Johnson

Last week in the small village of Belgrade Lakes, we migrated (very slowly) from the Catholic Church down to the first house North of the Union Church. The owners are Ken and Katherine Bartlett. As we pick up where we left off, we scuff our way one building to the North and find ourselves in front of the Belgrade Lakes Post Office. The Post Office is located in the street side of the building and the back portion is the home of Donald and Marion Lord. He is the Postmaster and she is an assistant. They had the building built earlier in the decade and are raising their children Sara, Susan and Peter while working at home. Donald was my Little League coach and is one of Earl Lord's children from the Point Road. Marion is daughter of Larry and Christine (Teeny) Damren from Belgrade Depot. A couple of cars come and go while we gawk and talk, including the bait man from School Street, Cass French. Cass and his dog are seen daily at this spot as they shuttle around town in the beat up '52 Chevy pickup. Let's move on. **[After the Post Office was moved to its current location the building became Great Pond Financial, then the Lazy Lab Cafe' and later Pete's Pig. I may have missed others and it is now for sale.]**

Next is a rather dilapidated sprawling garage with big overhead doors and a semi-rusted ESSO gas sign dangling off a metal post. It's Ken Baker's "everything" garage. He changes everyone's oil, fixes old tires and sells new ones, tinkers lawn mowers and is the area's Evinrude outboard motor dealer. Ken is always attempting to do 15 things at once and his wife Ethyl, who handles the gas pumps, comes out to say hi. Somewhere around 1968 Ken sold the garage to Leland (Red) Buzzell from New Sharon. He did more or less the same jobs as Ken for a decade or so. The building's use from then on was less defined, but Maurice Webster was next in line and continued to pump gas and sell odds and ends. **[The building has gone through several owners who sold antiques and curiosities, during which time it became more and more run down. The current owners have completely rebuilt the building and it has separate space for at least 3 businesses to the best of my knowl-**

edge. Currently, Happy Girl Apparel and the Intriago and Ferguson CPA office reside there.]

As we take 20 steps to the North, we cross over the end of Skunk Alley (as it was, and still is called by the locals). Apparently someone ran over a skunk down there 50 years ago and the name has stuck. The real accepted name is Hulin Road, as an old guide Charlie Hulin used to live there. One can never be too careful right here as we know Sadie Yeaton lives down Skunk Alley and she is known to drive like a bat out of h----. We all love her and don't care, just remember to give her a wide berth. At any rate, voila-there is a long, shabby white building with a sign saying FIRE STATION over the single overhead door. The building is literally on (as in 2 or 3 feet) the tar of Skunk Alley. My parent's house is only two houses away, so I see the men run to take the truck out whenever the siren on top of the building blows. I can't wait 'till the day comes that I can drive the firetruck. Oddly enough, it was only about four years later at the age of 17. In those days, the first person with a driver's license to get to the station jumped in and roared off. What a thrill! We see the old 1937 Dodge open cab firetruck quietly sitting inside as we all peek in the glass windows of the door. The place reeks of smoke and water from firehose and other equipment. The truck has done its job commendably for the town but there's talk of retiring it and ordering a new one in the next 2 or 3 years. Two years ago the old Dodge's flathead six motor seized up after pumping for hours when Don Clement's chicken house burned—but not without saving the building before the motor's meltdown. The motor was replaced with a used one to tide us over until we got a new truck. **[And so it was, four years later the Lakes village got a new 1963 GMC pumper truck which took over residence in the old building. Somewhere around the year 2000, a new firehouse was built just South of the village and the old building we saw in 1959 was torn down.]**

Next, and only 30 feet north, is a big old house crammed between the fire-

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— Take It Outside —

Taking Advantage of Mother Nature's Bounty

by Pete Kallin

We finally got a little much needed rain last week. Early in the week I was out fishing in a light rain and noticed a group of kayakers paddling along. I pulled up alongside the kayaker that looked to be about 5 decades older than all the others and called out, "Hey, don't you know it's raining out here?" He laughed and said, "It doesn't matter when you're out on the lake having fun." The kayaker turned out to be Stan Berman of Dover, MA. Stan and his family have been summer visitors to the Belgrades for 35 years. He was out paddling with one of his grandkids, a niece, and a nephew. Others out fishing this week included 11-year old Vanessa White who caught a nice smallmouth bass over on Snow Pond while fishing with her family.

The rain this week has been good for the garden and given a big boost to the wild berries and mushrooms in the woods and along shorelines. I went foraging at the 7-Lakes Alliance property along the Great Meadow Stream in Smithfield and was rewarded with a delicious mixture of red and black raspberries, the first blackberries of the season, and lots of high bush blueberries. The blueberries were in large clumps growing along portions of the stream and I harvested quite a few canoeing along the stream. Later in the summer I will use them to brew a refreshing blueberry wheat Belgian Ale.

I also got a little hiking in and some foraging for mushrooms. Got enough to make a nice

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Stan Berman and members of his extended family paddling in the rain.



Picking blueberries by canoe.

Left: Vanessa White with nice Snow Pond bass.

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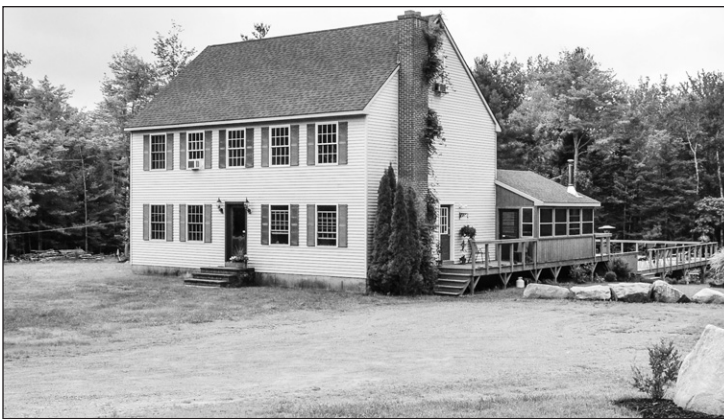


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Highlights are too many to detail here, but mention must be made of:

- The stunning, tiled kitchen, whose new, high-end stainless appliances include a gas range and a French door refrigerator;

- The circular, 33-foot pool that is built into a huge, multilevel deck/patio, and is overlooked by a three-season sun room and an enclosure with a hot tub;
- Two master suite options: one on the second floor, and one on the third, which has a gas fire place;
- A brick fireplace in a handsome, dentil-mold ing surround in the living room;
- A basement with both a family room and a bedroom, and multiple closets.

The location is just 5 minutes to restaurants and other attractions, as well as conveniences, in Belgrade Village, where you will also find public

access to Great Pond; the lakefront, multi-program Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons; and the renowned Belgrade Lakes Golf Club, "the only course in New England to be in the top 100 List and the Number 1 Course in Maine."

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- **Art in the Capitol**, Maine Arts Commission monthly self-guided exhibits in State House hallways (Mon-Fri 8 am-5 pm), Blaine House (call for times), and Maine Arts Commission Office (8:30am-4:30 pm), 287-6746, mainearts.maine.gov
- **Children's Discovery Museum**, CDM, hands-on displays, activities, Tuesday-Thursday 10 am-4 pm, Friday-Saturday 10 am-5 pm, Sunday 11 am-4 pm, admission, 622-2209, www.childrensdiscoverymuseum.org, 171 Capitol Street
- **Danforth Gallery**, Jewett Hall, art exhibits, UMA-1234, www.uma.edu
- **Governor's Mansion**, 1830 Blaine House, Tuesday-Thursday 2-4 pm, 287-2121, www.blainehouse.org, State Street
- **Holocaust and Human Rights Center of Maine**, Michael Klahr Center, Monday-Friday 8 am-4 pm, 621-3530, www.hhrc.uma.edu, University of Maine at Augusta, off Route 27
- **Kennebec Historical Society**, Wednesday-Friday 10 am-2 pm, 622-7718, www.kennebechistorical.org, 107 Winthrop Street
- **Maine State Museum**, Tuesday-Friday 9 am-5 pm, Saturday 10 am-4 pm, \$2 adults, \$1 ages 6-18, 287-2301, www.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, State Street
- **Maine State Library**, Monday-Saturday opens 9 am, 287-5600, www.maine.gov/msl/, State Street
- **Museum in the Streets**, walking/history tour, www.augusta-maine.gov, Water Street/downtown.
- **Old Fort Western**, 1754 fort, house, store, 1-4 pm daily, admission \$6, 4-14 years \$4, 626-2385, www.oldfortwestern.org, Cony Street
- **Riverfront Park**, boat launch, Greenway Trail, playground, eastside Kennebec River
- **Kennebec River Rail Trailhead**, Maine State Housing Authority parking lot, 623-8162, www.krrt.org, Water Street
- **University of Maine at Augusta Fitness Trail**, 2 miles of wooded trails, near Civic Center, Route 27
- **Farmers' Market at Mill Park**, Tuesday 2-6 pm, 626-2305, www.farmersmarketmillpark.org/, North Water Street
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BELGRADE LAKES

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- **The Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons**, pool and lakefront, gym, playground, picnic area, rec programs, 495-3481, www.belgrademaine.com, 1 Center Drive
- **Union Church Coffee House**, check for schedule, 7:30 pm, \$5, 495-3599, www.unionchurchmaine.org, Main Street
- **Belgrade Historical Society**, 495-2973, belgradehistoricalsociety.org
- **Belgrade Lakes Market**, Sun 8 am-1 pm, Main Street
- **Peninsula Park on Long Pond**, picnic tables, Main Street
- **Maine Lakes Resource Center**, 512-5150, www.maine-lakes-resource-center.org, 137 Main Street

FAIRFIELD

- **Fairfield Historical Society**, 1890 Cotton-Smith History House, every Tuesday 9 am-12 noon and 1-4 pm and second Saturday of month, 453-2998, www.fairfieldmehistoricalociety.net, 42 High Street
- **Farmers' Market**, 948-5724, Wednesday 2-6 pm, Saturday 9:30 am-1:30 pm, Nazarene Church parking lot, 81 Main Street

FARMINGTON

- **Farmington Historical Society, Titcomb House Museum**, 778-4275, Wednesday and Saturday, 11 am-2 pm, July-August, www.farmingtonhistory.org, 118 Academy Street
- **Nordica Homestead Museum**, opera singer Lillian Nordica costumes, jewelry, mementos, 778-2042, Tuesday-Saturday 10 am-12 noon and 1-5 pm, Sunday 1-5 pm, www.lilliannordica.com, 116 Nordica Lane, Holley Road
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- **University of Maine campus and Arboretum**, four walking tours with informal guide pamphlet to campus trees, 581-1541, www.umaine.edu/arboretum/, downtown
- **Farmers' Market**, 778-6602, Friday 9 am-2 pm, Better Living Center parking lot, Front Street; Saturday 8 am-12 noon, Main Street
- **Meetinghouse Park and Gazebo**, weekly concerts throughout summer, downtown
- **Fairgrounds**, events throughout summer, Franklin County Fair in September, High Street

GARDINER

- **Artdogs and Circling the Square Fine Art Press**, Friday 1-5 pm, Saturday 10 am-4 pm, 582-6600, www.theartdogs.com, 275-277 Water Street
- **Johnson Hall Performing Arts Center**, 582-7144, www.johnsonhall.org 280 Water Street
- **Monkitree**, art exhibits, 512-4679, www.monkitree.com, Tuesday-Friday 10 am-6 pm, Saturday 12-6 pm, 263 Water Street
- **SpinOff Studio**, 588-7297, spinoffstudio.org, Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm, 405 Water Street
- **Farmers' Market**, 512-8022, www.gardinerfarmersmarket.org, Wednesday 2-6 pm, rain or shine, The Common
- **Kennebec River Rail Trail**, 623-8162, www.krrt.org, access near Gardiner/Randolph Bridge, 6.5 miles to Augusta
- **Waterfront Park**, picnicking, events throughout summer, Kennebec River

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

HALLOWELL

- **Harlow Gallery**, Kennebec Valley Art Association, 622-3813, www.harlowgallery.org Wed- Sat, 12-6 pm, 160 Water Street
- **Gaslight Theater**, 626-3698, www.gaslighttheater.org City Hall, 1 Winthrop Street
- **Museum in the Streets**, history/walking tour, www.historichallowell.org, downtown
- **Farmers' Market**, 622-1350, Sun 3-6 pm, Water Street
- **Vaughn Woods and Homestead**, 166 acre park/trails/homestead, Middle Street
- **Kennebec River Rail Trail**, www.krrt.org, to Augusta, Farmingdale/Gardiner, Water Street
- **Waterfront Park**, deck/walkway on Kennebec River, North Water Street

HINCKLEY

- **L.C. Bates Museum at Good Will-Hinckley School**, early 20th century natural history and cultural exhibits, nature trails and camps, adults \$3, up to 17 years \$1, 238-4250, www.gwh.org Wednesday-Saturday 10 am-4:30 pm, Sunday 1-4:30 pm, Route 201

KINGFIELD

- **Ski Museum of Maine**, 265-2023, www.skimusuemofmaine.org, 256 Main Street
- **Stanley Museum**, 265-2729, www.stanleymuseum.org, memorabilia/displays on photographs, violins and Stanley Steamers, Tuesday-Sunday 1-4 pm, 40 School Street

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- **The Theater At Monmouth**, The Shakespeare Theater of Maine, Cumston Hall, 933-9999, www.theateratmonmouth.org, Main Street

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NORRIDGEWOCK

- **Norridgewock Historical Society Museum**, 1838 building, Saturday 10 am-1 pm, 634-5032, 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, Thursday and Saturday 10 am-2 pm or by appointment, Route 17, Readfield Depot

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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.sidneyhistoricalalsocty.org, 2986 Middle Road
- **Silver Spur Riding Club**, horse shows, River Road, Route 104

SKOWHEGAN

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

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

SMITHFIELD

- **Fairview Grange**, 362-2791, Route 8
- **Smithfield History Society "The Groves House,"** 634-4392, 21 Lakeview Drive
- **Sunbeam Roller Rink**, 362-4951, 830 Village Rd, Route 8

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 through Saturday noon to 5 pm, Thursday until 6 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

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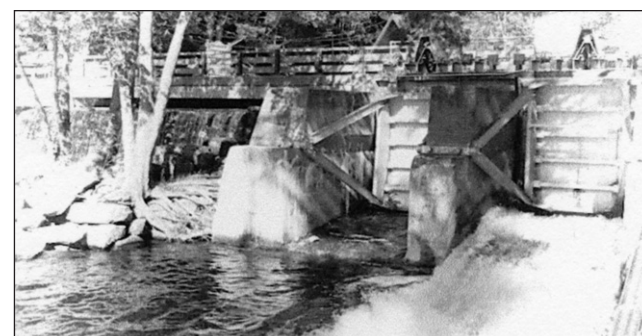
- **Wilton Farm & Home Museum**, 645-2091, 645-4578, www.thewiltonfarmandhomemuseum.org, Saturday 1-4 pm or by appointment, 10 Canal Street

WINSLOW

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

WINTHROP

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



The Dams Keeper Report

The recent afternoon showers and occasional thunderstorms have been of some relief for our farmers and gardens but have been of little benefit to our water levels. As of this writing we have received 1.85" of precipitation in the past 10 days with just 1.37" forecasted for the next 10! Fortunately we are in a new weather pattern with the showers and humidity but we are still very short of our normal 3.25" of precipitation for the month. The forecast for August is just 2.40", another 26% loss in the precipitation department. Hopefully we can do better!

Despite the recent showers all of our ponds are still dropping. Great Pond is now 6.12" below full pond – believe it or not, last year at this time we were right at full pond or 6" above where we are today. Long Pond is a whopping 9.84" below full – last year at this time we were just 1.2" below full. Even on Labor Day Long Pond was down just 1.56" so you can see what dire straits we are in this summer. Salmon is now 8" below full.

While you're looking out for the rocks near shore, you might give an even wider berth and observe Maine's 200' no wake zone! https://www.pressherald.com/2010/08/01/yes-that-no-wake-sign-applies-to-you_2010-08-01/. It's there for a multitude of reasons. Also, for those of you with boatlifts, and to avoid any unnecessary embarrassment, please keep an eye on things to make sure that you can still get your boat off.

Enjoy the family, your vacation and this beautiful weather!

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Secretary, Belgrade Lakes Watershed Dams Committee

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— Calendar —

Through Saturday 8/4 - Skowhegan River Fest, an annual celebration of recreation and life on the Kennebec, festivities, food, fireworks, golf classic, lobster bake, glow stick river run; craft fair, bed races, family games, raft rides, fireworks, see full schedule on page 15, 474-3621, the Kennebec River and historic downtown Skowhegan.

Through Saturday 8/4 - Monmouth Fair, exhibition halls, pulling events, sheep dog demonstrations, ice cream making, 4-H activities, stage shows, midway, pig scrambles, children's entertainment, fun, more, Thursday Senior Citizens Day, schedule 6:30 am-7:30 pm plus entertainment daily, off Route 201, Monmouth.

Thursday 8/2 through Sunday 8/5 - "The Legend of Georgia McBride," 474-7176, Lakewood Theater, Route 201, Madison.

Friday 8/3 and Saturday 8/4 - Wilton Blueberry Festival, book sale, yard sales, arts and crafts, tours, BBQs, Blueberry Bazaar, juried art show, boat tours, entertainment, parade, events all day both days, Saturday no parking on Main Street, fireworks, downtown Wilton.

Friday 8/3 - 2018 Annual SACC Drivers and Duffers Golf Classic, 18-hole team scramble with 2 levels of class determined by collective handicaps, registration 7-7:45 am, shotgun start 8 am, 474-3621, Lakewood Golf Course, Route 201, Madison.

Friday 8/3 - Everyone is a musician with Peter Godfrey, making your own musical instruments, learn about pitch, tempo, rhythm and volume, 10:30 am, 465-7533, Summer Reading Program, Oakland Public Library, Church Street, Oakland.

Friday 8/3 - Opening Reception "Enjoy the Hue," a solo exhibition of artwork by artist Bruce Mayo of Hallowell, through September 1, 5-7 pm, 622-3813, The Harlow, 100 Water Street, Hallowell.

Friday 8/3 - Opening reception, "Full Circle," show through 9/29, by artist-painter Arlene Kelley and collage artist Marj Burgess, 5:30-8 pm, free and open to the public, 512-4679, Monkitee, 263 Water Street, Gardiner.

Friday 8/3 - ArtWalk Gardiner, showcasing original fine art and crafts by area artists, a community celebration in artists' studios, galleries, shops and other venues along historic Water Street, free refreshments, demonstrations, children's activities, live music, 5:30-8 pm, 712-9734, downtown Gardiner.

Friday 8/3 - Juke Joint Devils, free, 6-7:30 pm, 582-7144, Johnson Hall Summer Waterfront Concert Series, Waterfront Park, Gardiner.

Friday 8/3 - A History of the 1950s and 60s through Popular Song, musical program with New York Blues Hall of Fame inductee Marc Black, sing-a-longs, slide show, performance by Marc, 6:30-7:30 pm, 872-1978, Winslow Public Library, 136 Halifax Street, Winslow.

Friday 8/3 - "Richard III," by William Shakespeare, 7:30 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater At Monmouth.

Friday 8/3 - New England Music Camp Honor Camper Recital, 7:30 pm, 844-476-6976, Alumni Hall, 8 Goldenrod Lane, Sidney.

Saturday 8/4 - Loon Call 5K Road Race, scenic route along North Pond, registration begins 7:30 am at Baptist Church, race start 8 am, 362-4772, Route 137, Smithfield.

Saturday 8/4 - Cary Memorial Library, 5K Run/Walk, strollers and pets welcome, registration at 8:15 am; race at 9 am, kids activities, Farmers' Market, Friends of the Library Festival & Lobster Roll Lunch at Williams House, 10 am-1 pm, Silent Auction 9 am-noon, 685-3612, Cary Memorial Library and Williams House, Old Winthrop Road, Wayne.

Saturday 8/4 - 7 Lakes Alliance (formerly the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance) 5K Trail Run, rain or shine, registration 7:30-8:30 am, start time 9 am, \$25 495-6039, Kennebec Highlands, Rome.

Saturday 8/4 - Walkathon to support Mercer Heating Assistance Fund, donations accepted, 9 am, 587-2911, Methodist Church, downtown Mercer.

Saturday 8/4 - Rome Yacht Club Regatta, two classes: 1 sail and 2 or more sails, convene in front of Vines' Camp to receive race clues, bugle will blow promptly at 10 am, victory cookout and official ceremonies follow on Crooked Island, Commodore's Ball Friday 6 pm, 283-3642, regatta in northern most cove on Great Pond, Rome.

Saturday 8/4 - "Secret Garden," Young Performers Camp, ages 9 and up, performance at 10 am, 474-7176, 76 Theatre Road, off Route 201, Madison.

Saturday 8/4 and Sunday 8/5 - Enchanted Forests, fairy houses and gardens, visit a human-sized fairy house, meet and have photos taken with real fairies, create your own fairy house to take home, 11 am-2 pm, 657-4977, Maine Wildlife Park, Route 26, Gray.

Saturday 8/4 - "The True Story of Little Red," family play, 1 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater At Monmouth.

Saturday 8/4 - Travis Mills Foundation Open House, 1-4 pm, free, tours, children welcome, Watson Pond Road, Rome.

Saturday 8/4 - "Blackbeard the Pirate," Missoula Children's Theatre Camp production starring local students, 873-7000, 2 pm, Waterville Opera House, Main Street, Waterville.

Saturday 8/4 - New England Music Camp Student Concert at "Bowl in the Pines," open to the public, free of charge, everyone welcome, 3 pm, 844-476-6976, NEMC Camp, Route 23, Sidney.

Saturday 8/4 - Bean Hole Bean Supper, sponsored by the Belgrade Fire Department, 5-7 pm, Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons, Route 27, Belgrade.

Saturday 8/4 - Annual Belgrade Lakes Loon Calling Contest, sponsored by Castle Island Camps, sign-up 6:30 pm, contest 7 pm, Lakepoint docks, Route 27, the bridge in Belgrade Lakes.

Saturday 8/4 - Contra Dance, featuring live music with Bien Sur and calling with John Macintire, all levels welcome, all dances taught, no partners necessary, \$7, 7:30 pm, 399-8454, Canaan Farmers Hall, 296 Main Street, Route 2, Canaan Village.

Saturday 8/4 - "Dial 'M' For Murder," 7:30 pm Saturday, 1 pm Sunday, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater At Monmouth.

Sunday 8/5 - Belgrade Lakes Lakeside Artisan Show, handcrafted items including pottery, fiber, collectibles, jewelry, wood and more in every price range, 9 am-3 pm, 495-3481, Center for All Seasons, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes.

Sunday 8/5 - Mount Vernon 5K, The Loon Loop, walk/run around Minnehonk Lake and Hopkins Pond, wheelchair partici-

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pants welcome, 10 am-noon, rain date August 13, \$10 adults, children under 12 free, 9:30 am registration at the Mount Vernon Community Center, Mount Vernon.

Sunday 8/5 - Mercer Old Home Days, church at 10 am, lunch 11-12:30 at Mercer Community Center, program at 1 pm at Meeting House, 587-2911, off Route 2, Mercer.

Sunday 8/5 - Drawing for Belgrade Lakes Association Raffle, 12 noon, 512-5150, Farmers' Market, Maine Lakes Resource Center, Main Street, Belgrade Lakes.

Sunday 8/5 - "Richard III" 1 pm; "Dial 'M' For Murder," 7 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater At Monmouth.

Sunday 8/5 - New England Music Camp Concert at "Bowl in the Pines," rain or shine, free to the public, everyone welcome, 3 pm, 844-476-6976, NEMC Camp, Route 23, Sidney.

Sunday 8/5 - Misty River Band, Coburn Park Concert Series, 5 pm, free, refreshments for sale on premises, 474-6894, Philbrick Gazebo, Coburn Park, Water Street, Skowhegan.

Monday 8/6 through Friday 8/10 - Visual and Performing Arts Camp, full day and half day sessions, 4 art disciplines with experienced instructors, Friday evening exhibit and performance for families and friends, 626-2350, City of Augusta Recreation, Buker Center, Augusta.

Tuesday 8/7 through Thursday 8/9 - Nature Art Camp, Quiet Forest, exploring 40 acres on Minnehonk Lake, learn about the earth and art and nature, ages 8-12, 9 am-1 pm, 485-0139, Mount Vernon.

Tuesday 8/7 - "The True Story of Little Red," 1 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater At Monmouth.

Tuesday 8/7 - Quarry Road Summer Race Series, 5K 6 pm, Kids Fun Run 5:30 pm, www.quarryroadraces.com, off North Avenue, Waterville.

Tuesday 8/7 - "Coco," free outdoor movie, 474-3621, Coburn Park, Water Street, Skowhegan.

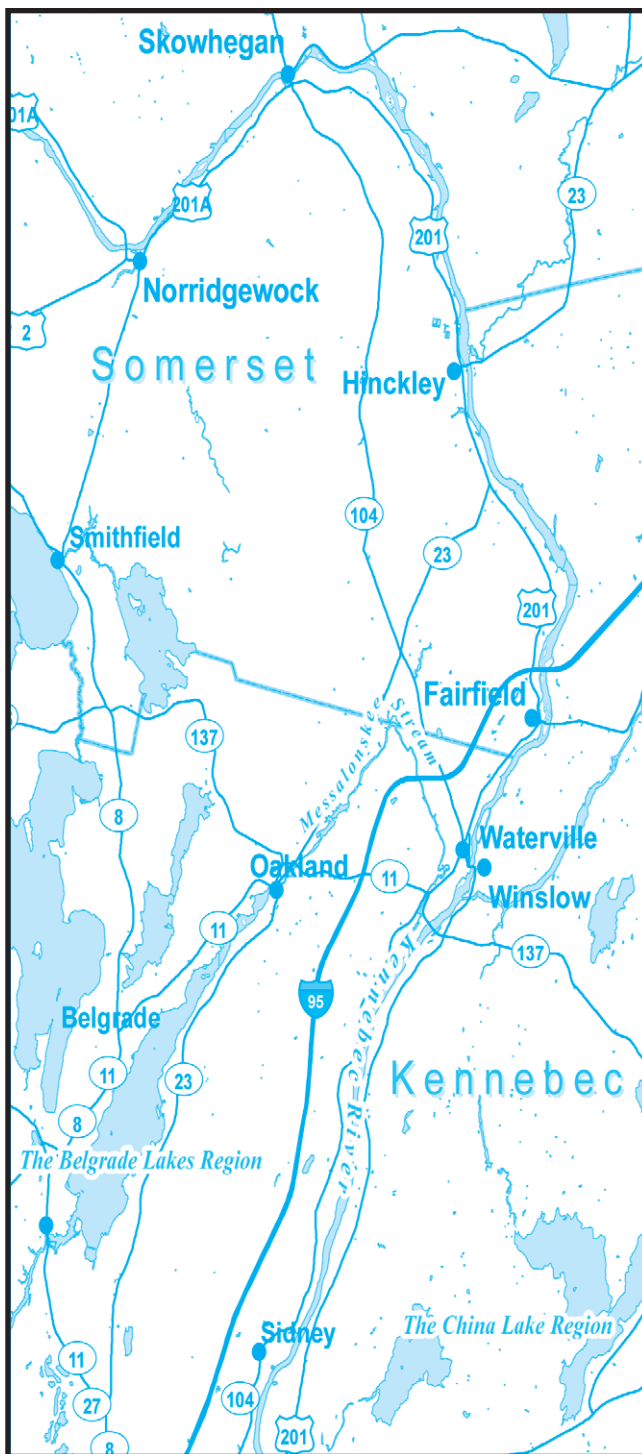
Tuesday 8/7 - "Dial 'M' For Murder," 7:30 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater At Monmouth.

Tuesday 8/7 - Concussions, presentation by Scot Padelford, LATC, RFGH Certified Athletic Trainer, what is a concussion and how do they occur, signs and symptoms, management, return to participation, return to academics, 5:30-6:30 pm, free, pre-register 858-2318, Redington Fairview General Hospital, Conference Room #1, Skowhegan.

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

Wednesday 8/8 - Pilates Mat Class, bring a pilates mat, all welcome, class geared toward ages 55+ and those healing from injury, \$10 per class, 9:30-10:30 am, 362-4772, Smithfield Town Office Complex, downtown Smithfield.

Kennebec Corridor



Wednesday 8/8 - The Taste of Greater Waterville, sponsored by the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce, 11 am-11 pm, Children's Events 11 am-7 pm, Beer Garden headlining Sparks the Rescue opens at 5 pm, Meatball Eating Contest to benefit Food Bank of Waterville 7:30 pm, live food demos in Castonquay Square, 13 restaurants, 15 bite booths, over 18 vendor booths, 873-3315, downtown Waterville.

Wednesday 8/8 - "Dial 'M' For Murder," 1 pm; "Enchanted April," 7:30 pm, 933-9999, The Theater at Monmouth.

Wednesday 8/8 - Turkey Supper, roast turkey with all the trimmings and homemade pies, 5-7 pm, \$10 adults, children 6-12 \$5, Oakland-Sidney Methodist Church, West School St., Oakland.

Wednesday 8/8 - "The North Pond Hermit," living hidden and off the grid for 27 years, panel on search and legal ramifications with District Attorney Meaghan Maloney and Game Warden Terry Hughes, free and open to the public, light refreshments served, 6-8 pm, 495-3508, Belgrade Public Library, Depot Street, Belgrade.

Wednesday 8/8 through Saturday 8/11 - "The Legend of Georgia McBride," 474-7176, Lakewood Theater, Route

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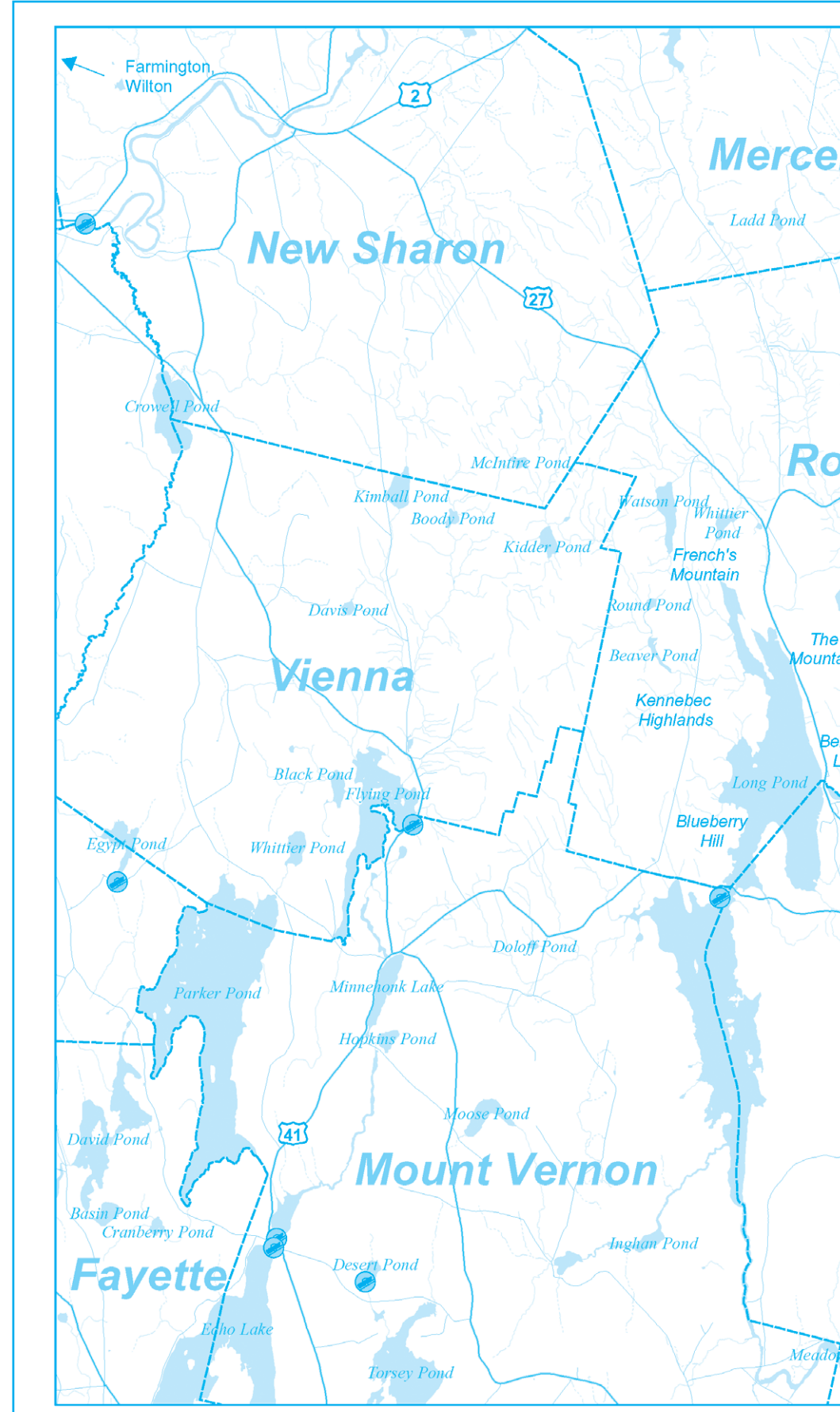
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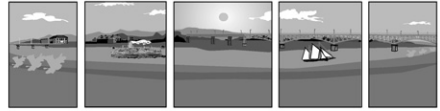
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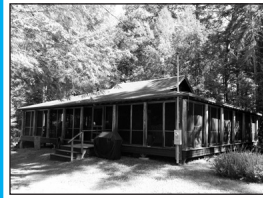
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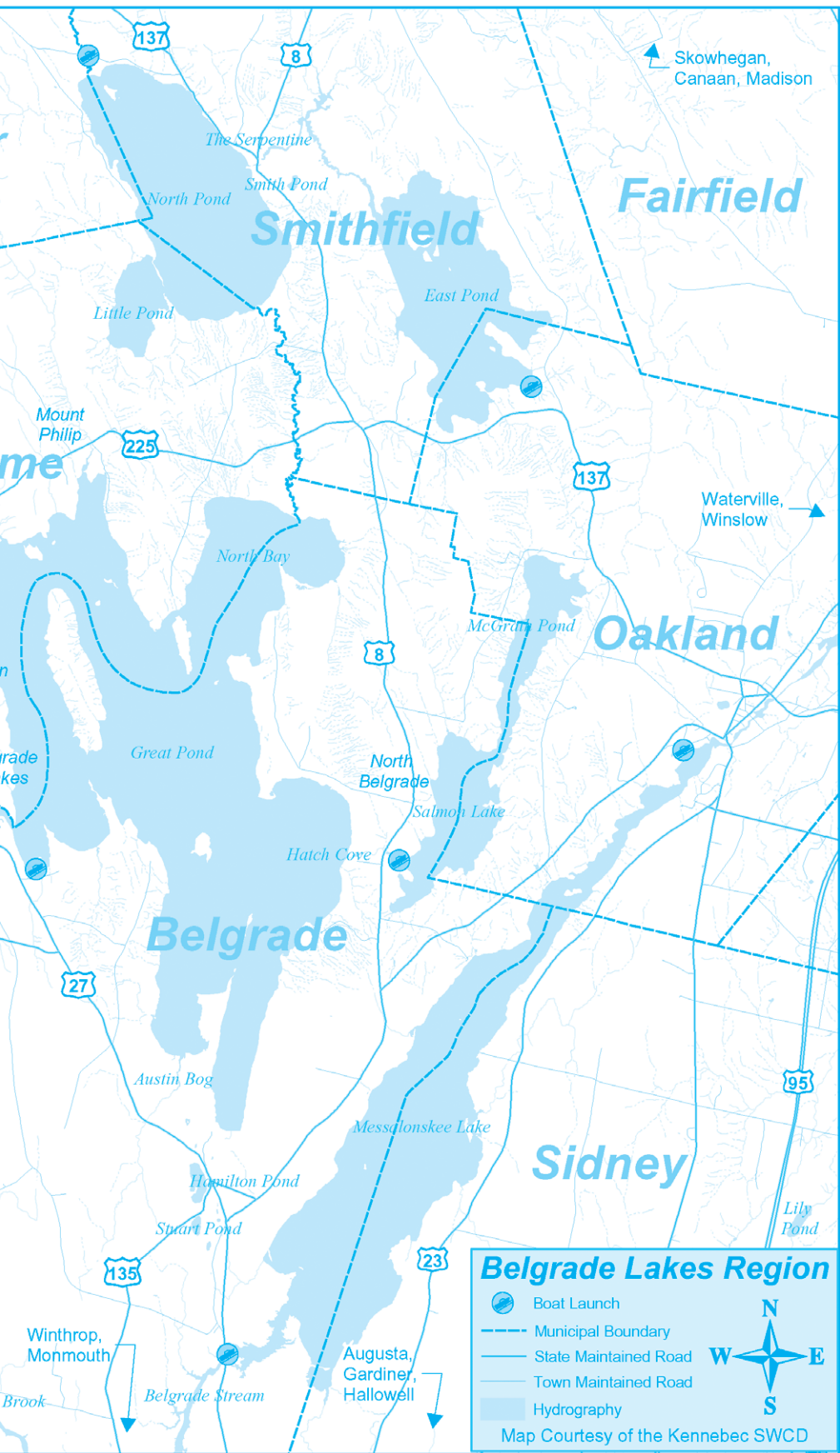


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- "Mystery at the Museum – Resurrecting Rachel (Coburn) Parker," presented by Trustee Kay Marsh, will be presented on Friday, August 10, 7 pm at the Skowhegan History House Museum. Free to the public, refreshments offered. 474-6632
- Readfield Festival Days will be held Friday, August 10 and Saturday, August 11. 685-4939
- The final Union Coffeehouse of the season will be held on Saturday, August 11, with the music of Simons and Goodwin, \$5 donation, 7 pm, Union Church, Main Street, Belgrade Lakes.
- The 2018 North Pond Flotilla Parade will take place Saturday, August 11, 10 am, north side of Hight Island; no rain date. Prizes of \$50, \$25 and \$15 for most festive and creative. 362-1009
- The Oakland Alumni Annual Banquet buffet luncheon will be held on Saturday, August 11 at the Waterville Elks Lodge, 10:30 am, admission \$22. 441-7055
- Bids close for Wayne's Cary Memorial Library annual Silent Auction at noon on Saturday, August 11. 685-3612

• Volunteers needed for the Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter! Middle School.
A training session will be held on Sunday, August 12, 2-4 pm, 19 Colby Street. 872-8082

- The Winthrop Center Friends Church will host a free workshop: Creating An Ethical Will, on Wednesday, August 15 at 6:30 pm, 219 Winthrop Center Road. 377-2354
- The third concert in the Waterville Rocks! Series is scheduled for Friday, August 17, 6 pm, in Castonguay Square and will include performances by Enter the Haggis (Toronto-based Celtic Folk Rock) and Muddy Ruckus (Punk Blues Rock from Portland). 509-3365
- On Sunday, August 19 at 6 pm a seminar on Planned Giving will be held at the Union Church in Belgrade Lakes with Gary Melville, Director of Development for the United Methodis Foundation of New England.
- The Union Fair, "A Real Maine Agricultural Fair" and Maine Wild Blueberry Festival is scheduled for Saturday, August 18 through Saturday, August 25. Free parking, free grandstands, nonstop schedule of events. www.union-fair.org
- The Annual Winthrop Sidewalk Art Festival, showcase for artists, local music, food, sales and nearby recreation, is scheduled for Saturday, August 18, 10 am-3 pm along Maine Street, downtown. 377-8020
- In Rome, the Mt. Philip Grange will hold its monthly bean supper on Saturday, August 18, starting at 4:30 pm. Proceeds will purchase school supplies for Messalonskee

• Come to Maine Farm Days, Wednesday and Thursday, August 22 and 23, 9 am-4 pm, at Misty Meadows Farm, 71 McKenney Road in Clinton and enjoy the wagon tours, corn maze, children's learning center, food booths, farm equipment. Free, public welcome.
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- The Annual Skowhegan Craft Brew Festival will be held on Saturday, September 1 in downtown Skowhegan, VIP 1:30-3 pm, general session 3-7 pm. No one under 21; no dogs. SkowheganCraftBrewFest.com
- On Monday, September 3, Run for the Horses 5K to benefit Double B Equine Rescue will be held at 10 am, Hight Chrysler Dodge, 507 Lakewood Rd., Madison
- Save the Date to Celebrate: Friday, September 7, Maine Preservation Gala at the Portland Masonic, 415 Congress Street. 847-3577
- Celebrate rural living with Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners at the Common Ground Country Fair from Friday, September 21 through Sunday, September 23 at the fairgrounds in Unity Maine. 568-4142



Celebrating Resilience

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On Thursday, September 20th, Maine Children's Home for Little Wanderers will be 'Celebrating Resilience' at O'Brien's

Event Center at the Best Western in Waterville from 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm. This year's celebration recognizes the hard work and dedication of some past and present pregnant or parenting teens to complete their high school education and become successful parents. Past and present teen parents will share their stories of the Sharon Abrams' Teen Parent School Program and we will also have a number of silent auction items to bid on and support our fundraising! The event will start at approximately 6:00 PM with a social and silent auction bidding available at 5:30. Tickets are \$40 and are available online (celebratingresilience.eventbrite.com) or by calling (207) 872-0261

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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 environ-



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

ment and its water quality can be effected. 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.

For information about any of our conservation projects please contact Dale Finseth at 622-7847, x 3 or check our website at www.kcswcd.org



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Fishing buddies Bella (the dog) and David Cottrell caught this beautiful Northern Pike on Long Pond in June. It was caught on a lure while trolling and was 36" long. It was a 15 minute fight on 12 lb. test line. Says David, "I have been fishing here for 50 years and never caught anything this big!"



Fifteen year old Ernie Mealey III from Quincy, MA caught this beauty on the dock with no live bait while visiting his grandparents Mary Ann and Walter Frame, Jr. on Abena Shores, Great Pond. It was well worth the wait as he's been trying to catch one for years.

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house and my parent's home. It appears vacant. I know that it belonged to an old guide named Pudge Farnham and that he died within the last year or two. I've heard my parents talking about buying the property and tearing the house down. **[In the next year the property is in fact purchased by my parents Cliff and Elsie Johnson. It becomes a community project to tear it down and we have small bonfires whenever there is a work bee. The fires get rid of the wood scrap and create a festive atmosphere. People take used wood home for their own projects. Paul Hammond fills in the cellar hole next spring and my mother plants the flower garden that may well still be there.]**

We have reached my parent's home. It sits directly across from the big

Tillson house. My parents bought it right after WWII and have, little by little, made it into a fine home. My older brother is in the army and I live here with my folks until it's time to go off to school and military in the late sixties. **[My parents pass at a young age in 1971 and 1972. My brother and I rent the house for 3 or 4 years, then sell it to Maurice and Becky Webster. They live there for 20 years or so until the current owners purchase it from them. The Tillson house I spoke of is what we all now call the Lime House.]**

Author's Note: There's one more installment left before we get to the dam where we started last year on the other side of Main Street. Hope you hang in there and stay with us—also hope that a little history is shed here for all to learn.





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Notebook

Programs for Students in Need Seek Donations

• Oakland: Blessings in a Backpack/SnackPack is having an In-Door Yard Sale on Saturday, August 25, 9 am-3 pm at the Universal Baptist Church, 45 Church Street. Items will include bedroom and dining room furniture, kitchen items, dishes and much more. 616-0093

• Belgrade: Belgrade Bible Church is currently taking donations of school supplies to be distributed to students of all ages in the upcoming weeks for the 2018-2019 school year and is hoping to supply 50 families. The church is also taking donations for the clothes closet of any size and donations of new underwear and socks of all sizes. Please donate by August 15. Distribution of supplies will be made available to the public on August 18, 9 am-12 noon when the clothes closet will also be open. 495-2200

Fall Weekend Yoga Retreat

• Return to Self: Weekend Yoga Retreat is being offered by Readfield/Augusta resident Nicole Hudson October 26-28 at the Nature Retreat Center in Denmark, Maine. Titled WanderFreely, the retreat includes two nights at the Nurture Through Nature Retreat Center, five vegetarian meals, a nature hike, daily yoga and meditation classes, daily lectures and workshops, a workbook to create your own home practice, sauna time to detox and free time to relax and reconnect with nature and yourSELF. www.WonderFreely.com; connect@wonderfreely.com

Augusta

• Now in progress: the Kennebec Valley YMCA Strong Kids and the Friends of Lithgow Library Annual Campaign Raffle for a grand prize of \$10,000. Only 300 tickets at \$100 each will be sold to an individual or a team of up to 10 individuals. Sales end once tickets are sold. There will also be 3 Door Prize Drawings. The balance of proceeds to be split 50/50 by the Y and Lithgow.

Belgrade

• Did you know? The Belgrade Public Library provides passes to the following attractions for free or discounted admission. Passes may be signed out for a specific day and card-holder accounts must be in good standing.

- Boothbay Railway Village, 2 adults plus all children or grandchildren accompanying them for free.
- Children's Discovery Museum, Augusta, a group of up to 4 people for _ price admission.
- Maine Department of Conservation's State Park Pass, all the occupants of up to a 17-passenger

vehicle free day use.

- Farnsworth Art Museum, Rockland, free admission for 2 adults and all children or grandchildren through the age of 18.
- Maine State Aquarium, Boothbay Harbor, each member of the group (3 years old and up) for discounted admission.
- Maine State Museum, Augusta, free admission up to 4 people.
- Maine Wildlife Park, Gray, up to 7 people discounted admission.
- USM Southworth Planetarium, Portland, up to 6 people to attend a show. 495-3508

Gardiner

• The Union of Maine Visual Artists Gallery at Portland Media Center, 516 Congress Street, announces its August exhibition "Everybody's Talkin' at Me" featuring recent large scale mixed media paintings by Gardiner artist Matt Demers. The artist presents new abstract perspectives in works that evoke elements of landscapes, figures, and objects using a variety of materials and techniques. "My work is an interpretation of my constantly racing mind. It's a channel for observation, memory, overthinking, doubt, fear and happiness. Emotions and personal experiences become compositions of forms, textures and materials." The show is August 2-September 1 with an opening reception during the Portland Art Walk on Friday, August 3, 5-8 pm. 557-5851

Greene

• Thursday, August 16 is Children's Day! At the Araxine Wilkins Sawyer Foundation with a performance of World of Wonder at 2 pm only. Presented by Leland Faulkner, this live performance transports audiences into their imagination. Leland is a master theatre artist who will share amazing and engaging stories full of magic and imagination which leap off the stage to create unique experiences that promote kindness, respect and curiosity. Appropriate for children of all ages as well as adults. Children should be accompanied by an adult. Free, air conditioned. 946-5311

Hallowell

• Call for art: Life On The Trail. The Harlow, in partnership with Friends of the Kennebec River Rail Trail (FKRRT), invites Maine artists to submit work inspired by or depicting the Kennebec Rail Trail for an upcoming exhibition "Life on the Trail." All media welcome including but not limited to sculpture, photography, fine art and fine crafts. Artists may submit to 4 pieces. The deadline is September 1, 11:59 pm. 622-3813

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Tuesday 8/21 – It was 50 Years Ago Today: The Making of the White Album

Wednesday, 8/22 – Staged Reading of Buttering Toast by Ryan Vincent Anderson

Thursday, 8/23 – Staged Reading of Tendrils...a play about transformations and bugs by Catia Cunha

Friday, 8/24 – Staged Reading of Howards End adapted by Caroline Hewitt and Autumn Dornfield from the E.M. Forster novel and directed by Linsay Firman

Suggested donation \$10. 933-9999

Readfield

• Readfield Historical Society (RHS) will host two events during Readfield Festival Days. Their 15th annual Wine and Cheese soiree will be held on Friday, August 10, 5-7 pm at the RHS building, 754 Main Street. On Saturday morning, August 11, Dale Potter-Clark will lead a history walk of Readfield Depot village following a photo show that depicts Readfield Depot in its heydays. Meet at RHS by 10 am. 377-2299

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201, Madison.

Thursday 8/9 through Saturday 8/18 - Skowhegan State Fair, midway, harness racing, exhibits, livestock, 4-H display, nightly entertainment, food, fun, more, www.skowheganstatefair.com, Fairgrounds, Route 201, Madison Avenue, Skowhegan.

Thursday 8/9 and Friday 8/10 – "Little Shop of Horrors," presented by New England Music Camp Musical Theater, 7:30 pm, 465-3025, Alumni Hall, Route 23, Pond Road, Sidney.

Thursday 8/9 – Invasive Plant Workshop and insect identification and control, with Field Session, identify plants where they grow, \$20 per person, 778-4279, Franklin County Soil and Water Conservation District, 107 Park

Skowhegan

• Celebrate Life on the River with the following River Fest schedule of events, August 1-4:

Wednesday, August 1 – Lions Club Chicken Barbecue; Classic Car Cruise-in; Skowhegan Community Band Concert; Kids Bike Night

Thursday, August 2 – Moonlight Madness, Bed Races

Friday, August 3 – Skowhegan Rotary Club Lobster Bake; Gold Tournament; Blow Stick River Run

Saturday, August 4 – River Cleanup; Farmers Market; Craft Fair; Guided Paddle; Raft Rides; Somerset Woods Trustees Barbecue; Family Activities, Kids Activities; Dinner in the Park, Coburn Park; Fireworks.

For times and locations visit Skowhegan River Fest.com 474-3621

Waterville

• On Thursday, September 20, "Celebrating Resilience" will be held at O'Brien's Event Center, Best Western, 5:30-8 pm to recognize the hard work and dedication of some past and present pregnant or parenting teens to complete their high school education and become successful parents. They will share their stories of the Sharon Abrams' Teen Parent School Program. There will also be a number of silent auction items to bid on to support fundraising. Tickets are \$40 at celebratingresilience.eventbrite.com. 872-0261

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Thursday 8/9 – Friends and Neighbors Lunch, all welcome, 11 am, 495-3599, Union Church, Main Street, Belgrade Lakes.

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Black Trumpets on The Mountain.

meatloaf with wild mushrooms for dinner one night and scrambled eggs with onions, garlic scapes, and black trumpet mushrooms for breakfast. Another night we had some friends over and grilled white and yellow perch and crappie filets with a honey-coriander glaze. The honey was supplied by friend, Matt Scott, a master beekeeper.

Take advantage of the rest of the summer and get out on the lakes or hike or bike in the hills. And take a kid along. You will be creating memories that will last. Check out the events at the 7-LA web site and the sign in front of the MLRC. Lots of exciting things coming up including the Beanhole Supper, the Loon Calling Contest (a unique event you shouldn't miss!), and the 7-LA 5K Trail Run, all on the 4th of August. There will also be another Chewonki program for kids: Tide Pools (August 7th at 2 PM). 

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ence in US-Russia relations during a difficult time.

Albion native Elijah Parish Lovejoy has a huge 110 foot high monument in Alton, Illinois, honoring his journalism and persistence. Read about his struggles and why his fame goes way beyond our Maine borders. I noticed many of these world changers were graduates of Colby, Bowdoin, Orono campus of our state university or Bates. Our colleges and libraries help bring about change and improvement for all, inside Maine and outside our fair state.

Check this title out of Belgrade Public Library. If others by this author are not available, try inter-library loan with a librarian's assistance. Almost every person featured in this short book has multiple biographies out there to select from. Many Margaret Chase Smith histories are at her home and museum in Skowhegan, not that far away. She was the only Senator that dared to speak out! Not even President Eisenhower had the gumption she had at that time. Go see the Eisenhower room added to Smith's lovely home on the river.

All three librarians here in Belgrade this summer are very helpful indeed, as they were last summer, too. Air-conditioned and comfortable if you do not care to jump into the lake to cool off! Better yet, swim in the lake AND go to our local library. 

RESTAURANTS

See Dining Directory on page 15

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Monica Woods

by Martha F. Barkley

How good to read that this very widely read novelist (many languages, not English only) will present at the Winslow Library. If you can not attend that August 14 event at 6:30, perhaps you will attend her talk on "The Role of Failure in the Creative Life," at Belgrade Public Library,



Dawn Caldwell, Columbia, SC artist, was commissioned by me last summer to paint some favorite books: "a piece of the world" by Christina Baker Kline now out in paperback

Mid-wife Tale by Laura Ulrich, Pulitzer

The Sea Around Us by Rachel Carson

Frank sent her photos of our wall panelling in our lakeside home for background...blue tablecloth turned out to be too bright: I wanted a light blue linen look,

Wednesday, August 22nd at 6 pm.

Our local library book group discussed her very well published novel, "The One-in-a-Million Boy," last summer and every participant gave rave reviews during our 10:30 am get-together. Two summers ago we read together her equally fascinating novel, "When We Were Kennedys."

Some members in the Belgrade book group have taken writing classes in Portland from Monica Woods, so there was added interest in our discussion. She develops each character so fully and realistically. I still remember vividly the priest who was an uncle in the Mexico/Rumford staged story in "When We Were Kennedys". Yes, the title refers to President Kennedy's family and their Catholicism. A tender memoir of grief for Monica Woods community and family like the tragedy of President Kennedy's family...

One-in-a-million is a term often heard in my family, so the title alone interested me. The elderly lady (over 100 years!) with so much fortitude and strength still rings clearly in my memory from last summer's reading and discussion. Her daring assault on an intruder in her second floor bedroom was quite the scene. Falling in love with a lost son by his absent father is poignant and real as portrayed by Woods' portrayal of a strong, unlikely friendship. The delinquent father learns that his own son was most certainly one-in-a-million.

Both novels were discussed at great length by every participating book group member. We do not mince words, sometimes talking among ourselves until noon. We all seem to have an admiration for Monica Woods novel characters weaving together into clearly understood intricate plots.

Ask Janet, director at Belgrade library, if you want to join our monthly book discussions. Better yet, try to attend one of Monica Woods presentations in our two local libraries, free and open to the public most everyday, even in the summer. Aren't we lucky readers!



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WATERFRONT-READFIELD-Exceptional 12+acre property, over 1,100' frontage on Readfield's Torsey Pond. 5,000+ SF, post and beam, Saltbox Colonial home. 4-5 BD, 4.5 BA, exceptional kitchen/expansive FR w/vaulted ceilings. Beautiful LR/DR w/exposed beams, wood floors, fireplace. 1st fr bedroom & bath or potential in-law apartment, walk-in wine vault, spectacular Master BR w/bath & vaulted sleeping area/private deck. Sandy beach area. 3 car attached garage w/overhead storage. **MLS #1350447 \$799,000**

NEW LISTING-BELGRADE-Immaculate 3 bedroom, 1.5 Bath, home in very desirable location in Belgrade. Quiet private setting with heated in-ground swimming pool and patio area. Capture the cool summer breeze on the relaxing farmers porch. Large living room with cathedral ceiling and skylights. Interior completely repainted with some new flooring. Looks like new! **MLS#1363450 \$219,900**

NEW LISTING-FAYETTE-Fabulous 2.85 acre lakefront property w/321' of spectacular water frontage on pristine Echo Lake. Features a year-round, 3-4BR Raised Ranch along with a well-kept, mid-1900's, 3BR Cottage. Excellent water frontage. **MLS#1363422 \$445,000**

NEW LISTING-BELGRADE- Beautiful 2 story Colonial in this lovely country neighborhood. Home features Oak kitchen with center bar and tile backsplash. Open DR & spacious LR w/pellet stove. MBR w/walk-in closet and private bath. Total 2.5 baths, laundry conveniently on the first floor. Front porch and back deck for relaxing. Whole house generator, attached garage, paved drive. **MLS #1363331 \$269,000**

NEW LISTING-LAND-READFIELD - Incredible lake/mountain views from this 52.07 acre lot in Balsam Ridge Estates, walking distance to public boat launch. Town maintained recreational and snowmobile trails. One of the finest subdivisions you'll find. ONE of two lots available. Seller will sell Lot #1 and #3 together for \$199,000. **MLS #1363059 \$99,000**

CHINA-WATERFRONT- Beautifully maintained home w/4 BD and 2.5 baths. 3 car attached garage, beautifully landscaped yard w/over 50 varieties of Hosta! Shares 200 feet of beach space (including a boat mooring) on Three Mile Pond. Nice sandy swimming area, lots of storage in basement and garage. Great school options including Erskine Academy. **MLS #1362302 \$249,900**

CHINA-CHINA LAKE-This is a 2-3BR Camp, potential to sleep 8-10. From the dock you can see the entire length of China Lake. Westerly views of those spectacular summer sunsets. Many updates including vinyl windows. New leach field, new exterior paint prior to closing. Make this 3 season Camp on China Lake your "home away from home"! **MLS #1361292 \$169,900**

CHINA-Wonderful China, 3BR, 2.5BA, Antique Colonial w/12+/- acres, deeded access to China Lake. Spacious cathedral kitchen, FR w/fireplace/woodstove and glass doors to the deck, screened porch and back yard, formal living room, den or office, 1st floor Master BR suite w/bath, and 2 upstairs BD w/full BA. All w/majestic barn. A classic NE Farmhouse. **MLS#1346255 \$199,900**

AUGUSTA-3 BD, 2 BA, lovely kitchen opens to the large FR. Separate DR & formal LR w/FP & heat pump. 3 bedrooms & a full bath add to this great space. Walkout lower level has a fantastic FR & office, or 4th bedroom, full bath & laundry. Gorgeous back yard with stone patio & inground pool. Improvements include roof, windows, doors, heating system, flooring & paint. Great neighborhood & convenient locations. Move in ready. **MLS #1356886 \$230,000**

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How Maine Changed the World by Nancy Griffin

by Martha F. Barkley

As with most of my reading, this book makes me want to find 50 Things to Do in Maine Before You Die, another young adult read by the same Down East published author. I must check again with our wonderful Belgrade Public Library.

We are so fortunate to have this gem of a public place in our summer midst and year round, especially for children and young adults just discovering the power of learning. Knowledge changes our lives and this one book shows in particular detail how Maine has already changed the world, beyond our Maine borders: people, places and objects (inventions). Surprises on every single page...

MASH reruns on television remain a favorite in our home. Who knew that Dr. H. Richard Hornberger of Bremen, Maine wrote the original comedic story about his experience in the Korean Conflict? I did not. The 1970 movie based on his 1968 book was different from the ever popular later television series. In fact, the author did not care for the rather anti-war character Hawkeye (Alan Alda) as portrayed and televised during the Vietnam War era.

This is the summer of paper bags, not plastic, please! Margaret Knight from York, Maine is the inventor of the machine that makes that flat bot-

tomed paper bag. She invented and patented so many other creations that Knight has been nicknamed our "female Edison". It is good to shop at Reny's, Christy's and Day's Stores where paper bags are happily provided and often the young folks take my heavy bags to the car in the hot parking area.

The world renowned Dorothea Dix is from Hamden, Maine. She trained Louisa May Alcott in Washington, DC to be a nurse for Civil War wounded. "Dragon Dix" was her nickname due to a bossy personality in handling many Army nurses. One way to get the job done, right?

Who knew that John Ford was originally from Cape Elizabeth? So far he is the only American director of movies to earn four Academy Awards: 1936 The Informer, 1941 The Grapes of Wrath, 1942 How Green Was My Valley and 1953 The Quiet Man. My favorite is the Irish story How Green Was My Valley with John Wayne...what is your's? On Golden Pond another favorite by local Ernest Richard Thompson, playwright, director and writer.

This 135 page young adult book has so much to offer to all ages, young and not so young. Even picture reading children will learn along with you because every page has a great photo, drawing or illustration of interest. The only

thing missing for me was a map of Maine to show where all these famed places are. I kept googling for maps.

Camp Powhatan in Otisfield was a new locale in Maine for me. "This camp is as important as anything being done by statesmen or politicians, because it creates hope. Without that understanding--that love--conflict is created" according to Senator George Mitchell.

"Seeds of Peace" began in 1993 with an idea of children from Arab-Israeli conflict zones coming together for camp in Maine...success grew and grew. Now the children attending are from every possible place of conflict in the world you can think of: over 25 listed on page 21, if you are curious, dear reader...

Samantha Smith was honored in a local parade upon her return from Russia to Manchester, Maine, our Belgrade neighbor. We were boating on Lake Cobbesee that particular parade day, so we heard about her letter-writing to Yuri Andropov in 1982 when he became the Soviet premier.

What a lesson in letter writing for kids in 2018. Samantha helped bridge the gap during the Cold War. Her lovely statue in bronze can be seen just outside our Maine State Museum in Augusta. One letter written by a ten year old made a differ-

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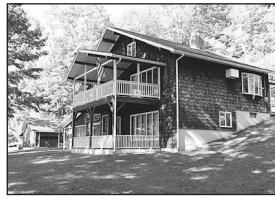
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GREAT POND Year-round 4 bed, 3.5 bath home with sweeping views up lake situated on well landscaped lot with 100' of sandy waterfront and a side deck. 3-car attached garage, tile/wood flooring and generator. **MLS# 1361165 \$750,000**



KIMBALL POND Classic Maine off-grid 2 BR + 2 loft cottage w/ 250' of west facing frontage & sandy beach. Lights, heat, stove & refrigerator powered by propane. Dock and float included. **MLS# 1312495 \$155,000**



GREAT POND Newly built 4 bedroom, 1 bath modern camp with 200' of private lakefront. New appliances and fixtures throughout, exposed beams, wood floors, open layout, deck, private dock and minutes to the village. **MLS# 1361305 \$455,000**



GREAT POND Year-round lake home with 200' of sandy beach frontage on 4+ acres. 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, one-level living w/ open layout. First floor master w/bath, granite countertops, sunroom, guest house over the heated, 2-car garage. **MLS# 1310458 \$779,000**



LONG POND Large views all the way down the lake with sunny, southerly exposure! Classic 2BR, 2 BA log cabin right at water's edge w/ deck & private dock! Guest cottage w/ living space & bath for extra company. 2.25 acres with 200' of private frontage **MLS# 1306038 \$499,000**

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