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## Summer of 2010: It's Time!

by Esther J. Perne

It's time for summer: the weather says it is, the schools are about to say it is, and the activities of the season are in place throughout the region.

There's swimming in the lakes already, haying in the fields, the blooming of wildflowers along roadsides, and dreaming and scheming for family getaways. Docks are dotting shorelines, convertibles out touring with tops down, the wild newborn of the season venturing forth, and visitors and vacationers returning to summer routines.

It hasn't taken long this year for the warmth and winds of early summer to air out cottages and camps left long closed up, for the stroller set to emerge on sunny in-town sidewalks, for bikers to share the roads and byways, and for the chug and hum of warm weather machines - boats, lawn mowers, motorbikes - to resonate in the background.

Familiar sounds and images from all the years past repeat themselves anew: ice cream melting

down cones, the crack of bat on ball, the sun setting late and low over the hills. Small symbols celebrate a new season, a new decade, old traditions, and fond memories in the making.

This year, especially, the landscape is ready,

and promises of many more places to go, activities to do, and wonderful people to meet.

National Trails Day, the first Saturday in June, is an excellent incentive to explore and enjoy the area's hiking and biking, walking and viewing and to set a trail-use precedent for the whole summer. Add parks, picnic areas, and playgrounds to the free-for-the-enjoying list and the outdoor living is truly easy.

Waterways are trails, too, and were so long before paths were trod through the woods. The Paddle for Pine Tree Camp fundraiser on June 5 and the Fort to Fort historic paddle ending at the Kennebec Celebration at Augusta's Old Fort Western on June 12 provide sociable flotillas, for discovering and celebrating the Kennebec River.

Along with woods and waterways traditional outlets for summertime activities are the area's many fairgrounds. The Fiber Frolic on June 5 and 6 at the Windsor



Swimming in the lakes.

gardens planted and calendars of events filling up fast.

The summer of 2010 begins with a rich and welcome sampler of festivities and celebrations

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Bikers on the byways.

Fairgrounds is a unique event which also underscores what a restful resource all fairgrounds are for friendly, family-oriented outings - easy parking, covered arenas, fenced-in grounds, plenty of room for children to romp.

Throughout the summer, fairs and concerts, competitions and exhibitions at fairgrounds will welcome visitors of all ages and interest levels. In Skowhegan, especially, the horse trailers roll through town weekly for a summer-long show



Wooden boats heading for Aquafest, July 9.

schedule that is free and open to the public.

Downtowns, this summer, are particularly in the news. Waterville Main Street is embarking on major building improvements, Gardiner Main Street has a new executive director, other downtown revitalizations are in the works. Free week-



Visiting the D.E.W. zoo in Mt. Vernon.



The Theater at Monmouth's annual children's show.

ly outdoor concerts will be on the agenda in downtown Farmington, Hallowell, Augusta, Skowhegan - and, of course, at New England Music Camp in Sidney.

Even as the region is poised for the new and exciting that each summer brings, and in spite of concerns about challenges and transitions on the worldwide scope, it is time once again, to recall the saying that the more things change, the more they remain the same. A dip in the lake, a quiet day fishing, a noisy evening of fireworks, a crowded street festival, music by the water, museums on a rainy day, a good book read by a warm fire, cookouts and picnics - all these and much, much more will be part of the Summer of 2010. It's time!



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## Welcome Letter

Dear Readers:

Welcome to 2010 Summertime in the Belgrades, to another season of timely editorial, to Legacies reviewed and Conservation proactivity renewed, to Gardens and Pets and unique creative Expressions reported and Business trends updated.

Welcome to Summertime in the Belgrades' popular and informative weekly columns, with many thanks to Peter Kallin of the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance for "Watershed Wisdom," to Bob Moore for the Friends of Cobboossee Watershed news coverage, to Dale Finseth, Josh Platt and Art Grindle of the Kennebec County Soil & Water Conservation District their Conservation Too articles, and to Mike Guarino of Fishing fame for his inspiration to all anglers that the big one doesn't always get away.

Welcome to Summertime in the Belgrades' advertisers, that core of business owners and workers who are the

backbone of the region and who help make this unique publication possible, who carry it on their shelves, who provide our support team, and who tirelessly and with a smile persevere during this busy summer season.

This first issue of Summertime in the Belgrades poses a welcome problem - so much to do, so many activities to list. We can't include it all, and we can't attend everything, but we sure would love to. That's life in the Belgrades and beyond in the summertime. We hope you have the same challenge, and that you also take time to occasionally do nothing, relax near the water, listen to the laughter of children, and ...to the laughter of loons.

To a great summertime 2010...

Erle the ad salesman, Esther the writer, Corey the cub, Mike the layout and design guru, and Gregor the webmaster.



## Meet the Fiber Family

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The 10th Annual Maine Fiber Frolic - celebrating fiber, fiber animals, and fiber arts - will take place at the Windsor Fairgrounds, Route 32, on Saturday and Sunday, June 5 and 6, with a nonstop schedule, 9 am to 4 pm daily. There's easy parking, plenty of room for children to romp, and it's ok to touch the soft, wooly exhibits of yarn, felt, mittens, sweaters, and other fiber creations. It's ok to touch some of the animals on exhibit, too, if the owner agrees. Best of all, this outing is very educational about the animals on dis-



play, their history, and their role in our lives and in what we wear.

Highlights of the schedule include: knitting, nutrition, carding, spinning, costumes, a Lama 'lympics, a large exhibit hall, several walk-through barns, and a covered arena. Admission is \$5 adults, \$2 seniors, children under 12 free. For a complete schedule visit [www.fiberfrolic.com](http://www.fiberfrolic.com)



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The Second Annual Civil War Reenactment Weekend at the Washburn-Norlands Living History Center in Livermore will take place on Saturday and Sunday, June 12 and 13. The event is great fun and an informative family outing.

Spend the day: gates open at 9 am til 9 pm on Saturday, 9 am-4 pm on Sunday. Join the work detail: help make quilts. Enjoy the field music. Learn how to make a kite. Play a game of 1864 town ball with the Dirigo Vintage Baseball Club. And, eat good food at the Saturday night ham and bean supper, followed by a Contra Dance with the Racket Factory band - great for beginners and experienced alike to dance along with the Civil War reenactors.

## Civil War Weekend at Norlands Living History Center June 12-13



Local reenactors.

There's more! Children's activities, exhibits, a lecture on the seven Washburn sons' roles in the Civil War, a Sunday church service, raffles, and a fashion show. There will also be a reenactment of a Sanitary Fair - an historic bazaar organized by the Sanitary Commissions of the Civil War era - which will include activities such as fortune-telling, Victorian calisthenics, and odd collections

from the 1800s. The event will close on Sunday afternoon with a Patriotic concert in the historic meeting house by Mitch Thomas and Friends.

Admission tickets for this historic event are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children under 12 years old. Discounted weekend passes are available. Funds raised will help the center rebuild an historic barn lost in a disastrous fire in April 2008.

The Washburn Norlands Living History Center has further activities open to the public throughout the summer: Living History Tours every Tuesday and Thursday from 11 am to 4 pm, June 29 through September 2: special Guided Tours of Historic Buildings on Saturday, July 3, 11 am to 4 pm; and, an exhibit and workshop "Inside the Linen Closet" Friday through Sunday, August 6-8, 11 am to 4 pm. The site is also available to host private events, conferences, gatherings or weddings.

For more information call 897-4366 or visit [www.norlands.org](http://www.norlands.org)



## Notebook

### Maine State Parks

• 75th Anniversary! 2010 marks the 75th Anniversary of Maine State Parks and will be a year full of events, adventure, exhibitions, and celebration. Bird festivals, living history reenactments, hiking, music, fishing, camping, nature study, and much more will be on programs throughout the state. Two special opportunities for Mainers are June 20 - admission free to state parks and historic sites for all Maine residents, and July 17 - admission free with a Maine Loon Conservation license plate. For more information visit [Maine.gov](http://Maine.gov).

### Maine Congress of Lake Associations

• Raffle! Four terrific items are available in the COLA Raffle, available for bid on [www.mainecola.org](http://www.mainecola.org) until June 20. Prizes include: An Adventure for Two on a Traditional Maine Lakes Steamboat; a Day Bass Fishing with a Licensed Maine Guide; two six packs of specialty Craft-Brewed Beers; and time

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## Summer Hiking and Fitness Club Formed for Kennebec Highlands

A new hiking club in the Kennebec Highlands, which includes the towns of Belgrade, Rome, Vienna, and Mount Vernon, is being offered for adults this summer. Sponsored by the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance, the club will consist of two groups: the Recreation Hiker's Group, for hikers who can complete 1 to 4 miles without any extreme discomfort; and the Healthy Start Hiker's Group, with limited to no experience. Participants of both groups will meet twice a month (June through September) to do hikes on a weekday basis and will be asked to contribute \$12 for every month in which they participate. All proceeds will go towards funding BRCA education and outreach programs. To sign up visit <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TVGT9MT> or call 495-6039.

## Funding Available for Small Woodlot Owners

June 15 is the deadline for small woodlot owners to apply for funding to assist in conservation planning and management of their woodlands for fish and wildlife habitat. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Maine, which has received \$1 million of Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) funds, is receiving applications at the USDA Service Center, 107 Park Street, Farmington (778-4767, ext. 105) from small woodlot owners. Eligible work may include removing invasive plant species, establishing native plants for bees, planting buffers along streams and ponds, repairing eroded trails and stream crossings, replacing culverts that block fish passage, creating small openings to increase diversity, as well as making forest nesting sites for a variety of wildlife. For a complete listing of eligible conservation practices, go to [www.me.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.me.nrcs.usda.gov). Maine is one of only seven states offering this forestry initiative.

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## Watershed Wisdom

Greetings to the greater Belgrade Lakes Community! After a winter that came and went a few times with much less snow than in recent years, spring arrived with ice out on March 19th, nearly a month earlier than last year. Now summer has unofficially arrived, marked by this initial edition of this year's "Summertime in the Belgrades." This is my fourth season as author of the Watershed Wisdom column and I am looking forward to having the opportunity to help our readers better understand some of the natural processes that take place in our lakes and some of the science behind the measures that need to be taken to protect our lakes. Hopefully a little knowledge and understanding will raise awareness and inspire living lightly on the land for the sake of the lakes. Our children and grandchildren will then be able to enjoy the same water quality we have. Because of their fundamental importance, I will be revisiting some of the same topics I discussed last year but hopefully in a way that will shed more understanding. We will also look at some new topics and emerging developments and programs.

Our first topic is one of the most basic but also one of the most important to understand: "What exactly is a watershed and why should I care?" When most people hear the word, "watershed," they immediately think of water bodies such as lakes, rivers, or streams. But a watershed actually refers to the land from which water flows into a particular water body. Think of it as the land "shedding" water like feathers shed water from a duck's back. When it rains, some of the water evaporates quickly back into the atmosphere, some infiltrates into porous soils and becomes groundwater, and the rest runs off as "stormwater." Watershed boundaries are always at the top of the hill or along a ridge. Rain landing (or snow melting) on one side of the hill will run into one watershed and rain landing a short distance on the other side of the hill may drain to a completely different watershed.

The amount that runs off depends on the land characteristics. In undeveloped forest areas like the Kennebec Highlands, or in areas such as the Belgrade Esker with very porous soils, infiltration is high and very little runs off. In steep rocky areas or in developed areas with lots of

## Watersheds 101

by Peter Kallin

impervious surfaces such as roofs or pavement, less infiltrates and more runs quickly down the hill, perhaps in a roadside ditch that dumps to a small stream to a larger one and then to the Belgrade Lakes. As the water flows across the surface of the land, it picks up dirt and other pollutants such as oil and grease from the roads. In most cases, those pollutants eventually end up in the lake. In future columns we will talk about ways of maximizing the use of some of Mother Nature's cleansing processes in order to minimize polluted runoff.

Some water bodies have very large watersheds- the Mississippi River Watershed comprises approximately half the area of the continental United States and includes many large subwatersheds such as the Ohio and Missouri Rivers. The Belgrade Lakes Watershed is approximately 180 square miles with portions of 13 different municipalities in three different counties and contains the subwatersheds of East Pond, North Pond, Salmon Lake, McGrath Pond, Great Pond, Long Pond, and Messalonskee Lake. The Belgrade Lakes Watershed in turn is a subwatershed of the Lower Kennebec River Watershed (USGS Hydrologic Unit Code 01030002). This illustrates

another important point about watersheds- they are determined entirely by Mother Nature's boundaries when she laid down the topography, not by Man's artificial municipal boundaries. This means that many different political groups need to cooperate to control the land use within a watershed.

The bottom line- everyone lives in a watershed and the water quality of the downstream watersheds is determined by the water quality upstream. For example, over half the water entering Long Pond comes over the Belgrade Lakes Dam from Great Pond. And how we live on the land determines the quality of the water that drains from our watershed. We will talk more about that in future columns.

If you are not yet a member of the BRCA or one of our lake associations, please consider joining to help protect water quality. If you are in Belgrade Lakes Village, please stop by the BRCA Office and introduce yourself. We are in the same building as the Post Office, across the street from Day's Store. We have a lot of good information about the natural resources of this region, including maps of the nearby hiking trails, surveys of the lakes, and in depth informational brochures about some of the topics that will be covered in this column.

*Peter Kallin, Executive Director of the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance (BRCA), can be contacted at 495-6039 or brca@gwi.net, or visited at the BRCA Office, The Boathouse, Belgrade Lakes.*

## Conservation

Saturday, June 26 will be a day devoted to "A Delicate Balance: Sustaining Maine Lakes," when the 40th Annual Maine Lakes Conference takes place at Colby College in Waterville. Networking at breakfast, lunch and the 40th birthday party among lake association members from all over the state will complement serious and informative presentations by watershed and conservation professionals. Highlights of the program will include:

- Keynote Address: "Maine's Sustainability Solutions Initiative: Innovative Partnerships for Linking Knowledge with Action," by David D. Hart, Director, Senator George J. Mitchell Center of Environmental and Watershed Research, University of Maine
- "Statewide Implications of Change and Resilience in a Central Maine Watershed," by D.

## Watershed Questions/Answers/Solutions Subject of Colby Conference

Whitney King, Miselis Professor of Chemistry, Colby College

- "Green Fusion Recycles!" by students from Belgrade Central School.
- Plenary Address: "Sustainability for 10,000 Years: The Penobscot Vision," by John S. Banks, Director of Natural Resources of the Penobscot Nation

In the afternoon four concurrent sessions will be held on Resilience; Indicators; Look to the Land for the Lake's Sake; and Sustaining the Sustainer. The range of topics will include history, invasives, students as stakeholders, land trusts, economics, temperature dynamics, loons, and landscaping. A detailed schedule is available at [www.mainecola.org](http://www.mainecola.org), or call 1-877-254-2511.

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- **Children's Discovery Museum, CDM**, 622-2209, [www.childrensdiscoverymuseum.org](http://www.childrensdiscoverymuseum.org) Tuesday-Thursday 10 am-4 pm, Friday-Saturday 10 am-5 pm, Sunday 11 am-4 pm, admission, 171 Capitol Street.
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- **Holocaust and Human Rights Center of Maine**, Michael Klahr Center, 46 University Dr., University of Maine.
- **Kennebec Historical Society**, 622-7718, [www.kennebechistorical.org](http://www.kennebechistorical.org), W-F 10-2, 107 Winthrop Street.
- **Kennebec River Rail Trailhead**, [www.krrt.org](http://www.krrt.org), Maine State Housing Authority parking lot, Water Street.
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[www.fairfieldmehistoricalsociety.org](http://www.fairfieldmehistoricalsociety.org) Tuesdays 9 am-12, 1-4 pm. Cotton-Smith House, 42 High Street.

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#### FARMINGTON

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- **University of Maine Farmington (UMF) Art Gallery**, 778-7002, Tuesday-Sunday noon-4 pm, free. 238 Main Street.

- **Contra Dance**, 491-9928, [www.starleft.org](http://www.starleft.org) second Saturday of the month, all welcome, 6:30-7:30 pm family dance, 8-11 pm regular dance, admission, Grange Hall, Bridge Street, Route 43, West Farmington.

- **UMF Arboretum**, four walking tours with informal guide pamphlet to campus trees, University of Maine.

- **Farmers' Market**, 778-6602, Friday 9 am-2 pm, Better Living Center parking lot, Front Street; Saturday 8 am -12 noon, Main Street.

#### GARDINER

- **Circling the Square Fine Art Press**, 1-5 pm Friday, 10 am-4 pm Saturday, 582-2108, [www.theartdogs.com](http://www.theartdogs.com), 275 Water Street.

- **Johnson Hall Performing Arts Center**, 582-7144, [www.johnsonhall.org](http://www.johnsonhall.org) Water Street.

- **Farmers' Market**, 582-3100, [www.gardinerfarmersmarket.org](http://www.gardinerfarmersmarket.org), Wednesday 2-6 pm, rain or shine, The Common.

#### HALLOWELL

- **Harlow Gallery**, 622-3813, [www.harlowgallery.org](http://www.harlowgallery.org) Wednesday, Thursday, Sunday, 12-4, Friday, 12-8, Saturday, 12-6, 160 Water Street.

- **Gaslight Theater**, 626-3698, [www.gaslighttheater.org](http://www.gaslighttheater.org) City Hall, 1 Winthrop Street.

- **Museum of the Streets**, downtown history/walking tour.

- **Farmers' Market**, 622-1350, Sunday 11 am-3 pm, north end of Water Street.

#### HINCKLEY

- **L.C. Bates Museum at Good Will-Hinckley**, 238-4250, [www.gwh.org](http://www.gwh.org) Wednesday-Saturday 10 am-4:30 pm, Sunday 1-4:30 pm, Route 201.

#### KINGFIELD

- **Reinhold Fine Arts Gallery**, 266-4656, 245 Main Street.

- **Ski Museum of Maine**, 8 am-5 pm Monday-Thursday, 8 am-6 pm Friday and Saturday, 491-5481, 256 Main Street.

- **Stadler Gallery**, 265-5025, 12-4 pm daily or by appointment. 225 Main Street.

- **Stanley Museum**, 265-2729, [www.stanleymuseum.org](http://www.stanleymuseum.org), memorabilia/displays on Stanley Steamers, Tuesday-Sunday 1-4 pm, 40 School Street.

#### LIVERMORE

- **Washburn-Norlands Living History Center**, 18th-19th century mansion/farmstead/schoolhouse, 897-4366, [www.norlands.org](http://www.norlands.org), admission, tours Tuesday-Saturday 1-4 pm, 40 School Street.

#### MADISON

- **Lakewood Theater and Lakewood Inn Restaurant, Maine's Summer Theater, Young Performers Camp**, 474-7176, [www.lakewoodtheater.org](http://www.lakewoodtheater.org), Route 201.

- **Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture**, 474-9345, [www.skowheganart.org](http://www.skowheganart.org), summer evening artists lecture series, call for schedule, East Madison Road.

#### MONMOUTH

- **Monmouth Museum**, 933-2287, [www.monmouthmuseuminc.org](http://www.monmouthmuseuminc.org) Wednesday-Sunday 1-4 pm, shop open Thursday 5:30-8 pm, 751 Main Street.

- **The Theater At Monmouth, The Shakespeare Theater of Maine**, Cumston Hall, 933-9999, 933-9999, [www.theateratmonmouth.org](http://www.theateratmonmouth.org), Main Street.

#### MOUNT VERNON

- **D.E.W Animal Kingdom, Zoo**, 293-2837, [www.dewanimalkingdom.com](http://www.dewanimalkingdom.com), 10 am-5 pm, 918 Pond Road, Route 41.



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**NEW SHARON**

- **Farmers' Market**, Saturday 9 am-1 pm, Douin's Market, intersection Routes 2/27.

**NORRIDGEWOCK**

- **Norridgewock Historical Society Museum**, 634-5032, [www.norridgewock.com](http://www.norridgewock.com), Saturday 10 am-3 pm, Mercer Road, Route 2.
- **Osoola Park**, picnic area, playground, boat launch, on Kennebec Rivers, 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, Main Street.
- **Messalonskee Center for the Performing Arts**, 465-9135, 131 Messalonskee Drive.

**READFIELD**

- **Readfield Historical Society and Museum**, 685-4662, Thursday and Saturday 10 am-2 pm or by appointment, Readfield Depot.

**ROME**

- **Mt. Philip Grange suppers**, the third Saturday of the month, 4:30-6 pm, all you can eat beans, cornbread, rolls, chop suey, pies, Routes 135/225.
- **Trails**: Mount Philip, Route 225; The Mountain, Route 27; French's Mountain and Kennebec Highlands, Watson Pond Road; [www.belgradelakes.org](http://www.belgradelakes.org), 495-6039.

**SIDNEY**

- **New England Music Camp**, 465-3025, concerts free and open to the public, 465-3025, [www.nemusiccamp.com](http://www.nemusiccamp.com), Route 23, Lake Messalonskee.
- **Silver Spur Riding Club**, River Road, Route 104.

**SKOWHEGAN**

- **Margaret Chase Smith Library**, residence and exhibits, 474-7133, [www.mcslibrary.org](http://www.mcslibrary.org), free, Monday-Friday 10 am-4 pm. 54 Norridgewock Avenue.

- **History House Museum**, 474-6632, [www.skowhegan.com/historyhouse](http://www.skowhegan.com/historyhouse), Tuesday-Friday 1-5 pm, Elm Street.
- **Skowhegan Fairgrounds**, weekly horse shows at the covered arena, 474-3621, Madison Avenue, Route 201 North.
- **Farmers' Market**, Saturday 9 am-1 pm, 938-3906, Skowhegan Savings Parking Lot, Old Grange Hall, Madison Avenue.

**SMITHFIELD**

- **Fairview Grange suppers**, 362-2791, every Wednesday in summer, 5 pm til gone, Village Road, Route 8.
- **Sunbeam Roller Rink**, 362-4951, 830 Village Road, Route 8.
- **Sunset Camps**, public beach, 362-2611, [www.sunsetcamps.com](http://www.sunsetcamps.com), Village Road, Route 8.

**UNITY**

- **Unity College Centre for the Performing Arts**, 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 of the Streets**, downtown history / walking tour.
- **Colby College Museum of Art**, 859-5600, [www.colby.edu/museum/](http://www.colby.edu/museum/) Tuesday-Saturday 10 am-4:30 pm, Sunday 12-4:30 pm, free, Colby College Campus, Mayflower Hill.
- **Thomas College Art Gallery**, 180 West River Road.
- **Waterville Historical Society Redington Museum**, 872-9439, [www.redingtonmuseum.org](http://www.redingtonmuseum.org). Tuesday-Saturday; tours at 10, 11, 1 and 2, 62 Silver Street.
- **Waterville Opera House**, 873-7000, [www.operahouse.com](http://www.operahouse.com), 93 Main Street.
- **Farmers' Market**, Thursday 2-6 pm, 680-2055, [www.watervillefarmersmarket.org](http://www.watervillefarmersmarket.org), The Concourse parking lot.

**WILTON**

- **Wilton Farm & Home Museum**, 645-2261, 645-2360, Saturday 1-4 pm or by appointment, Canal Street.

**WINTHROP**

- **Norcross Park**, playground, picnic site, boat launch on Maranacook Lake, downtown.
- **Farmers' Market**, 215-7183, Tuesday and Saturday 9 am-1 pm, parking lot, downtown.

**ASSOCIATIONS/GROUPS**

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- **East Pond Association**, 197 Brickett Point Estates, Oakland, ME 04963, 465-7307, [www.eastpond.org](http://www.eastpond.org)
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- **McGrath Pond/Salmon Lake Association (MP/SL)**, RR 2 Box 2800, Belgrade, ME 04917. 465-3983.
- **Great/Long Ponds: Belgrade Lakes Association (BLA)**, P.O. Box 551, Belgrade Lakes, ME 04918. [www.belgradelakesassociation.com](http://www.belgradelakesassociation.com). 512-5150.
- **Snow Pond/Messalonskee Lake Association**, P.O. Box 532, Oakland, ME 04963, [www.snowpond.org](http://www.snowpond.org), 465-2888.
- **Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance (BRCA) and BRCA Conservation Corps**, P.O. Box 250, Belgrade Lakes, ME 04918. 495-6039, [www.belgradelakes.org](http://www.belgradelakes.org)
- **Belgrade Lakes Region Business Group (BLBG)**, P.O. Box 596, Belgrade Lakes, ME 04918. 495-3700, [www.belgradelakesmaine.com](http://www.belgradelakesmaine.com)

**BEYOND...**

- **Maine Congress of Lake Associations (COLA)**, P.O. Box 426, Belgrade, ME 04917. 1-877-254-2511, [www.mainecola.org](http://www.mainecola.org)
- **Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed**, P.O. Box 5003, Augusta, ME 04332. 621-4100, [www.watershedfriends.com](http://www.watershedfriends.com)
- **Kennebec County Soil & Water Conservation District**, Central Maine Commerce Center, 21 Enterprise Drive, Augusta, ME 04330, 622-7847, ext. 3, [www.KCSWCD.org](http://www.KCSWCD.org)
- **Kennebec Land Trust (KLT)**, PO Box 261, Winthrop, ME 04364. 933-2220, [www.tkl.org](http://www.tkl.org)
- **Kennebec Messalonskee Trails**, 873-6443, [www.KMTrails.org](http://www.KMTrails.org)
- **Kennebec River Rail Trail**, 623-8162, [www.krrt.org](http://www.krrt.org)
- **30 Mile River Watershed Association (30 MRWA)**, [www.news.30mileriver.org](http://www.news.30mileriver.org)
- **Androscoggin Lake Improvement Corporation**, P.O. Box 307, Wayne, ME 04284. [www.androscogginlake.org](http://www.androscogginlake.org)
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## Calendar

...**Thursday 6/3 through Sunday 6/6** – "Drop Dead," comedy, 474-7176, Lakewood Theater, Route 201, Madison.

...**Thursday 6/3** - Meet the author, Maine author Ben Thomas will discuss his newest book "Code Breaker," free and open to the public, 6:30 pm, 626-2415, Lithgow Public Library, Winthrop Street, Augusta.

...**Thursday 6/3** - Kick-off for the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance summer lecture series, "Working Together - Rods and Guns and Backpacks and binoculars," guest panelists George Smith, Sportsman's Alliance of Maine; Ted Koffman, Maine Audubon Society; and Peter Kallin, BRCA Executive Director, 7 pm, 495-6039, Union Church, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes.

...**Thursday 6/3 and Friday 6/4** - Revitalizing Maine Communities, a dynamic educational event focused on downtown revitalization and preservation-based economic development, Thursday 8 am-7:30 pm, Friday 7:45 am-6 pm, 626-3117, www.mdf.org, Flatiron Building (former CONY High School) and throughout downtown Augusta.

...**Thursday 6/3 and Friday 6/4** - Free Coach Training, looking for volunteer coaches for A Matter of Balance, managing concerns about falls, 8:30 am-12:30 pm, 282-0764, ext. 126, Spectrum Generations, Cohen Community Center, 22 Town Farm Road, Hallowell.

...**Friday 6/4 through Sunday 6/6** - Art in Bloom, stroll among the flowers and art, floral designs by members of several area garden clubs and local florists, sponsored by Central Maine Garden Club, 10 am-4:30 pm, Colby College Museum of Art, Mayflower Hill Drive, Waterville.

...**Friday 6/4** - "Menes in Motion," international performer who features expert juggling, skillful acts of balance, physical illusions and eccentric comedy, free to the

public, 2 and 7 pm, 946-5311, Sawyer Memorial, 371 Sawyer Road, Greene.

...**Friday 6/4** - "Carlton Plummer Retrospective" opening, celebrating internationally renowned watercolorist who grew up in the Augusta area, 5-8 pm, free and open to the public, exhibit on view through 6/27, 622-3813, Harlow Gallery, 160 Water Street, Hallowell.

...**Friday 6/4 through Sunday 6/6** – "I Ought to be in Pictures," three-character comedy-drama by ACAT, Aqua City Actors' Theatre, Friday and Saturday evenings 7:30 pm, Sunday matinee 2 pm, handicap accessible, tickets \$12, seniors and students \$10, 873-7000, www.operahouse.org, Studio Theater, Waterville Opera House, 93 Main Street, Waterville.

...**Friday 6/4 and Saturday 6/5** – Yard & Plant Sale, 9 am-2 pm, Fairbanks School Neighborhood Association, Routes 27/4, north of Farmington.

...**Friday 6/4 and Saturday 6/5** – Franklin County Relay For Life, an overnight event that joins communities in the fight against cancer; friends, families, schools, businesses and organizations walk around the track, camp, enjoy entertainment, activities and a Luminaria ceremony, while raising money for the American Cancer Society, 4:30 pm-8 am, 1-800-ACS-2345, www.relayforlife.org, Mt. Blue High School, Farmington.

...**Saturday 6/5** – Paddle with a purpose, raise pledges to benefit campers with disabilities, Paddle for Pine Tree Camp, Solon to North Anson, on the beautiful Kennebec River, 7 miles, 2 hours, all skills, free shuttle available for participants, followed by a celebratory barbecue with live music, www.pinetreesociety.org, 443-3341, 8 am, Evergreens Campground, Solon.

...**Saturday 6/5** - Trail Work at Jamies Pond Wildlife Management Area, a morning of trail work organized by the Hallowell Conservation Commission, bring hats, work gloves, insect repellent, water, clippers, and

small saws, refreshments will be served, rain day is Sunday, June 6, 9 am, 623-5013, volunteers meet at the Boat Landing, off Outlet Road, Hallowell.

...**Saturday 6/5 and Sunday 6/6** – 2010 Maine Fiber Frolic, great family outing, sheep, llamas, goats, rabbits, fleece/fiber products, sheep dog demo, sheep shearing, goat show, llama drill parade, children's area, educational presentations, and much more, food concessions available, picnic tables, 9 am-4 pm, adults \$5, seniors \$2, children under 12 free, www.fiberfrolic.com, Windsor Fairgrounds, Route 32, Windsor.

...**Saturday 6/5 and Sunday 6/6** - Downeast Horse Show, free, open to public, covered arena, barns to visit, some concessions, restrooms, 474-2947, Fairgrounds, Route 201, Skowhegan.

...**Saturday 6/5** – Morning Bird Walk to celebrate National Trails Day, visit forest, wetland, and field habitats with guide Brian Willson of Rockport, learn excellent tips for bird watching, including different types of bird calls, free and open to the public, starts 8 am, after the walk everyone is invited to visit the L.C. Bates Museum Bird Gallery to see the dioramas of Maine birds, 238-4250, L.C. Bates Museum, Route 201, Hinckley.

...**Saturday 6/5** - Community celebration and trail walk in recognition of National Trails Day, walk across the Fairfield-Benton Bridge over the Kennebec to the newly improved Crummett Street entrance of the Rotary Centennial Trail in Benton for a walk along the scenic, riverside trail, 4 1/2 miles, maybe shorter, everyone welcome, refreshments and prizes at conclusion, 680-2055, depart 9 am, mill Island Park, Fairfield.

...**Saturday 6/5** - Omar Ricardo's Merry Melodies from Movieland Music, Annual cabaret fundraiser for Johnson Hall by Frank Omar and Friends, comedy, great desserts, cash bar, tickets \$28, includes desserts, 582-7144 for reservations, Johnson Hall Performing Arts Center, Water Street,

Gardiner.

...**Tuesday 6/8** - Birding Hike with Don Mairs, easy walk, must pre-register, 495-6039, 7 am, Center for All Seasons, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes.

...**Wednesday 6/9** - Healthy Start Hiker's Club, \$12 per month, also meets 6/23, 5:30 pm, call 495-6039 for location, Belgrade Regional Conservation Corps, Belgrade Lakes.

...**Wednesday 6/9 through Sunday 6/12** – "Drop Dead," comedy, 474-7176, Lakewood Theater, Route 201, Madison.

...**Thursday 6/10** - 140th Anniversary celebration, Skowhegan Savings, meet the mascots, enjoy fine food and entertainment, 5-7 pm, Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes.

...**Thursday 6/10** - Recreation Hiker's Club, \$12 per month, also meets 6/26, 5:30 pm, call 495-6039 for location, Belgrade Regional Conservation Corps, Belgrade Lakes.

...**Thursday 6/10** - ArtTalk by Carlton Plummer "Transitioning through 50 years of Painting," a unique look back at the life and work of a nationally known artist, 7-8 pm, open to the public, \$3 donation optional, 622-3813, The Harlow Gallery, 160 Water Street, Hallowell.

...**Friday 6/11** - "I Ought To Be In Pictures," a Neil Simon three-character comedy-drama, by ACAT, Aqua City Actors Theater, 7:30 pm Friday and Saturday, 2 pm Sunday, tickets \$12, seniors and students \$10, www.operahouse.org or 873-7000, Studio Theater, Waterville Opera House, 93 Main Street, Waterville.

...**Saturday 6/12** - Kayak/Canoe Trip, 10 am-1 pm, Great Meadows Stream, call for directions, Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance, Belgrade Lakes.

...**Saturday 6/12 and Sunday 6/13** – Civil

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...**Saturday 6/12** – Fort to Fort Canoe and Kayak Expedition, leave Fort Halifax Park in Winslow 8 am, arrive Old Fort Western in Augusta 5-6 hours later, scenic, historic, fun, bring sufficient water and snacks, return shuttle for participants available, flotation devices required, register at 626-2385, Old Fort Western, Augusta.

... **Saturday 6/12** – The Kennebec Celebration, Celebrating the Spring Running and Life in, on and along the Kennebec River with exhibits, events, crafts, demonstrations, 11 am-5 pm, rain or shine, www.KennebecCelebration.com, Old Fort Western and East Side Boat Launch, Kennebec Riverfront, Augusta.

...**Saturday 6/12** – Antique Power Show, free, open to public, view antique motors, machines, tractors, inventions, 474-3621, Fairgrounds, Route 201, Skowhegan.

...**Saturday 6/12** – Contra Dance, all welcome, 6:30-7:30 pm family dance with sit-in band, 7:30-8:00 pm pot luck snacks, 8-10:30 pm regular dance with band Whiffletree and caller John McIntire, admission for family dance \$2 adults, \$1 children; regular dance \$6, \$5 students, \$15 family max., Farmington Grange, Bridge Street, Route 43, West Farmington.

...**Saturday 6/12** - Italian Night, Union Church, Route 27/Main Street, Belgrade Lakes.

...**Saturday 6/12** - Learn about Loons and Paddle, participate in a short educational program about loons, then canoe or kayak on Torsey Pond with Lisa Kane, MDIFW and

Kennebec Land Trust Board member, and Tim Sniffen, Readfield Conservation Commission, co-sponsored by the KLT and the Readfield Conservation Commission, 8-10:30 am, 377-2848, www.tkl.org, meet at the Readfield Town Office, Giles Road, Readfield.

...**Saturday 6/12** - Italian Night, public supper of mist salad, a variety of delicious traditional Italian entrees, bread, and an assortment of Italian desserts and drinks, 5:30-7 pm, \$8 donation for adults, \$3.50 for 5-10 years of age, under 5 free, proceeds will benefit the mission and ministries of Union Church in our community, 495-3599, Union Church, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes.

...**Saturday 6/12** - Borderline Express, 7 pm, \$5, Community Center, Mercer.

...**Monday 6/14** - Kennebec Valley YMCA Golf Tournament, to benefit youth scholarships, 18th annual, noon shotgun start, rain or shine, 626-3488, Augusta Country Club.

...**Tuesday 6/15** – The Crosby's free Outdoor Concert Series, 11:30 am-1 pm, Meetinghouse Park Gazebo, downtown Farmington.

...**Tuesday 6/15** - Geology Hike with Mel Croft, easy-moderate walk, call 495-6039 for location, Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance, Belgrade Lakes.

...**Tuesday 6/15** - Pedal-Powered Tuesday, 6 pm, Meetinghouse Park Gazebo, Farmington.

...**Tuesday 6/15** - Deadline for applications for Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program, funding to assist small woodlot owners in conservation planning and management, www.me.nrcs.usda.gov, 778-4767, ext. 105, USDA Service Center, 107 Park Street, Farmington.

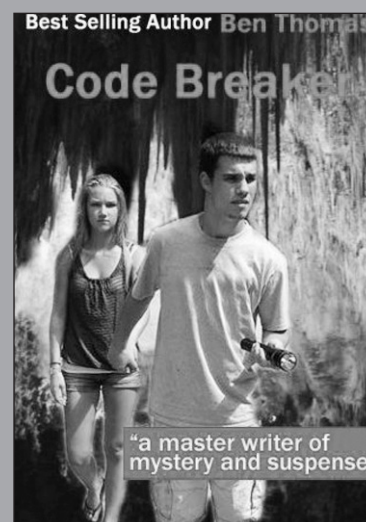
...**Wednesday 6/16** - Public Supper, 5 till gone, 362-2791, Fairview Grange, Village Road, Route 8, Smithfield.



**Boreal Tordu to Perform at Unity Centre June 17**  
Fiddler Steve Muise from Farmington and singer Robert Sylvain of Portland share a mutual interest in the music of their Acadian heritage and its revival is their passion. Their music represents a continuation of traditions passed down from the Acadians, the Quebecois, and the many Francophones of New England; they also offer some original compositions in their upbeat performance. Sharing the stage are Pip Walter on guitar and backing vocals and Andy Buckland on upright bass. Boreal Tordu will perform on Thursday, June 17 at 7:30 pm at the Unity Centre For the Performing Arts, 42 Depot Street, www.unityme.org/theater, 948-SHOW. Tickets are \$10.

**Meet Author Ben Thomas June 3 at Lithgow Library, Augusta**

Maine author Ben Thomas, from Winthrop will discuss his new book "Code Breaker" on Thursday, June 3 at Lithgow Public Library, 626-2415, Winthrop Street, Augusta, at 6:30 pm. "Code Breaker" is a teenage adventure novel with Maine as a backdrop, including settings in Yarmouth and Freeport, L.L. Bean and Casco Bay, the University of Maine's Stone House at Wolfe's Neck, and Bowdoin College. The plot is based on the World War II pieces of history right in our midst, such as prisoner of war camps and observation towers on the coastal islands. In "Code Breaker" Sam Ryder, a high school student, finds a secret German code hidden since WWII in an abandoned Maine cabin. The plot is his race to unravel that cipher. Think you could solve the code? "Code Breaker" can be purchased at Apple Valley Books in Winthrop; Barnes and Noble; Mr. Paperback; and the publisher North Country in Unity.



...**Wednesday 6/16 through Sunday 7/4** – Whatever 2009 Family Festival, free family fun, more than 85 entertainment and sports offerings during the festival, highlights include Saturday, June 19 – Greater Gardiner River Festival, Saturday, June 26 – Hallowell Riverfront Celebration and Kids Day in Capitol Park, Sunday, July 4th festivities, www.augustamaine.com for complete schedule, greater Augusta.

...**Thursday 6/17 through Sunday 6/20** – 34th Blistered Fingers Family Bluegrass Music Festival, good family entertainment, extra large tent area, 15 great groups, camping available, 873-6539, http://www.blisteredfingers.com, Litchfield Fairgrounds, Litchfield.

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- Gaslight Theater in Hallowell's City Hall presents "Bells are Ringing," the classic Broadway musical, June 18-20 and 24-27. Admission is \$12, payable at the door. 626-3698
- Hospice Garden Party celebrates its 13th year on Saturday, June 19 at Fieldstone Gardens in Vassalboro, beginning at 9 am, rain date June 20. Activities include workshops, tours, children's activities, live music, local artisans, buffet gourmet luncheon. \$5 admission for all ages, buffet \$10. 873-3615 for reservations.
- Sunday, June 20, is Maine Day at all Maine state parks and historic sites, which will be open free (except Penobscot Narrows observatory), 9 am-6 pm, rain or shine, to all Maine residents.
- The Annual Meeting of the Belgrade Historical Society will be held on Wednesday, June 23 at 6 pm at the North Belgrade Community Center. Light refreshments will be served; a guest speaker from the Kennebec Highlands Heritage Project will address local historical research. 465-7924.

• Riverfest 2010 will be held in Skowhegan June 25 through 27, [www.skowhegan-chamber.com](http://www.skowhegan-chamber.com), 474-3621.

• Saturday, June 26 is Kids Day in Capitol Park in Augusta with more than 80 free events and activities, entertainment and fun. 623-4559, [www.AugustaMaine.com](http://www.AugustaMaine.com)

• A Walk-a-thon, a 5K, and a Half Marathon will be held on the Kennebec River Rail Trail in Augusta on Saturday, June 26. For start times and locations and courses visit [www.krrt.org](http://www.krrt.org) or call 623-8162.

• "A Delicate Balance, Sustaining Maine Lakes," is the theme of the 40th Annual Maine Lakes Conference set for Saturday, June 26 at Colby College, Waterville. The day-long agenda includes several distinguished presenters, networking, vendors, workshop sessions, a birthday party and a plant raffle. Continental breakfast and lunch are included in registration. [www.maine-cola.org](http://www.maine-cola.org)

• On Sunday 6/27, Concerts at Jewett will feature PORTopera's Young Artists in two comic operas (in English), Mozart's "The Impresario" and Donizetti's "The Night Bell." Concert at 2 pm, pre-concert talk by Ellen Chickering at 1 pm. Tickets \$10, students \$5, 12 and under free, available at Pat's Pizza of Augusta, Apple Valley Books in Winthrop, and the Al Corey Music Center, Waterville. 621-3551.

• The 8th Annual "Friends on the 4th" 5K, sponsored by the Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed

## Celebrate the Kennebec at Old Fort Western

The Kennebec Celebration, "Celebrating the Spring Running and Life In, On and Along the Kennebec River," will take place Saturday, June 12, 11 am-5 pm at Old Fort Western in Augusta. The festival celebrates the renewed vitality of the river since the removal of the Edwards Dam in Augusta, the annual return of fish from the sea to their freshwater spawning grounds, and the improved quality of lifestyles along the Kennebec. On June 12 visitors will be treated to a gathering of Maine artisans featuring finely crafted products and work, Abenaki Jonathan Yellowbear will be available to answer questions about early Indian history and culture, there will be an Education Tent, live music, healthy cooking demos, free trolley rides, and sea plane rides (for a charge). Admission to The Spring Running is free for the whole family. For more information visit [www.KennebecCelebration.com](http://www.KennebecCelebration.com) or call 626-2385.

will take place in Winthrop along Lake Maranacook on Sunday, July 4. 621-4100, [www.watershed-friends.com](http://www.watershed-friends.com)

• Aquafest, hosted by the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance, celebrates the Belgrades on Friday July 9 and Saturday, July 10 with a Family Festival and Wooden Boat Showcase, a Fun Run, a

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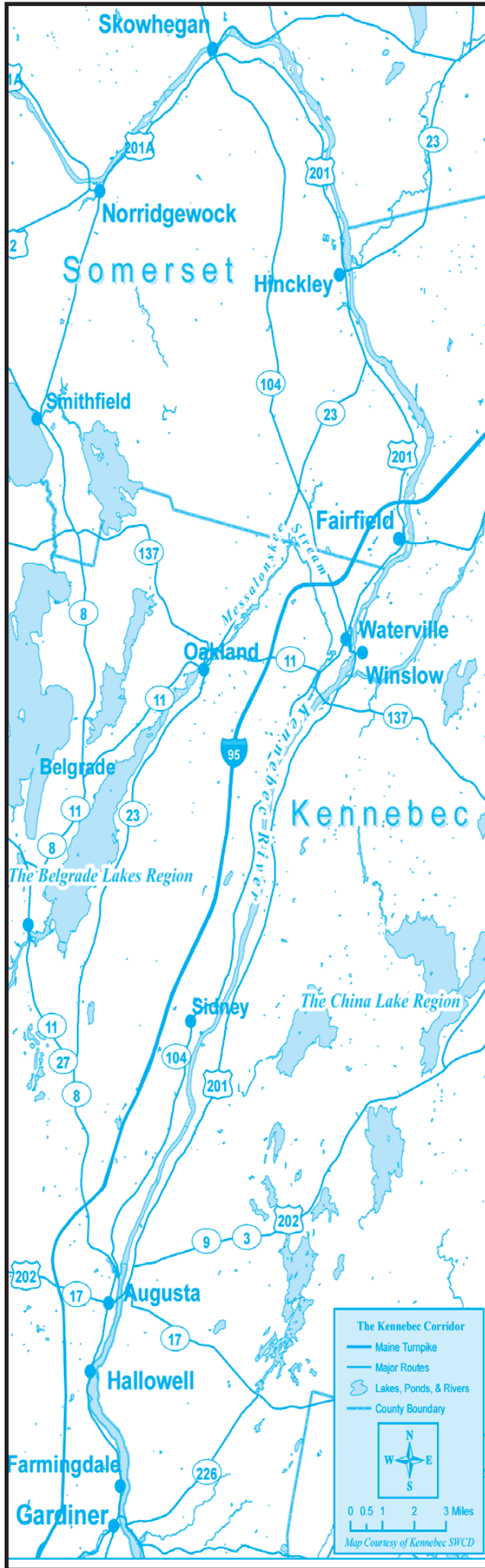
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Each participant is requested to raise a minimum of \$50. There will be prizes for top fundraisers and a t-shirt and plenty of food and drinks for all. To register or for more information, visit [www.pinetreesociety.org](http://www.pinetreesociety.org) or call 443-3341. Pine Tree Camp in Rome offers children and adults with disabilities an opportunity to experience the outdoor recreation activities Maine has to offer.

### Canoe/Kayak Fort to Fort June 12

The 11th annual Fort to Fort Canoe and Kayak Expedition sponsored by Old Fort Western will be Saturday, June 12. Official shove-off time is 8 am from Fort Halifax Park in Winslow, but participants are free to put in whenever and wherever they wish. The full trip takes five to six hours and ends at Old Fort Western in Augusta. All safety regulations will be in effect; participants are encouraged to bring sufficient water and snacks for the trip; water and snacks will not be available at the Sidney landing (the halfway point) this year. Interested paddlers are urged to phone 626-2385 or e-mail [oldfort@oldfortwestern.org](mailto:oldfort@oldfortwestern.org) no later than June 10. An announcement will appear on [www.oldfortwestern.org](http://www.oldfortwestern.org) by 6 am the morning of June 12 if it is necessary to cancel for weather conditions.

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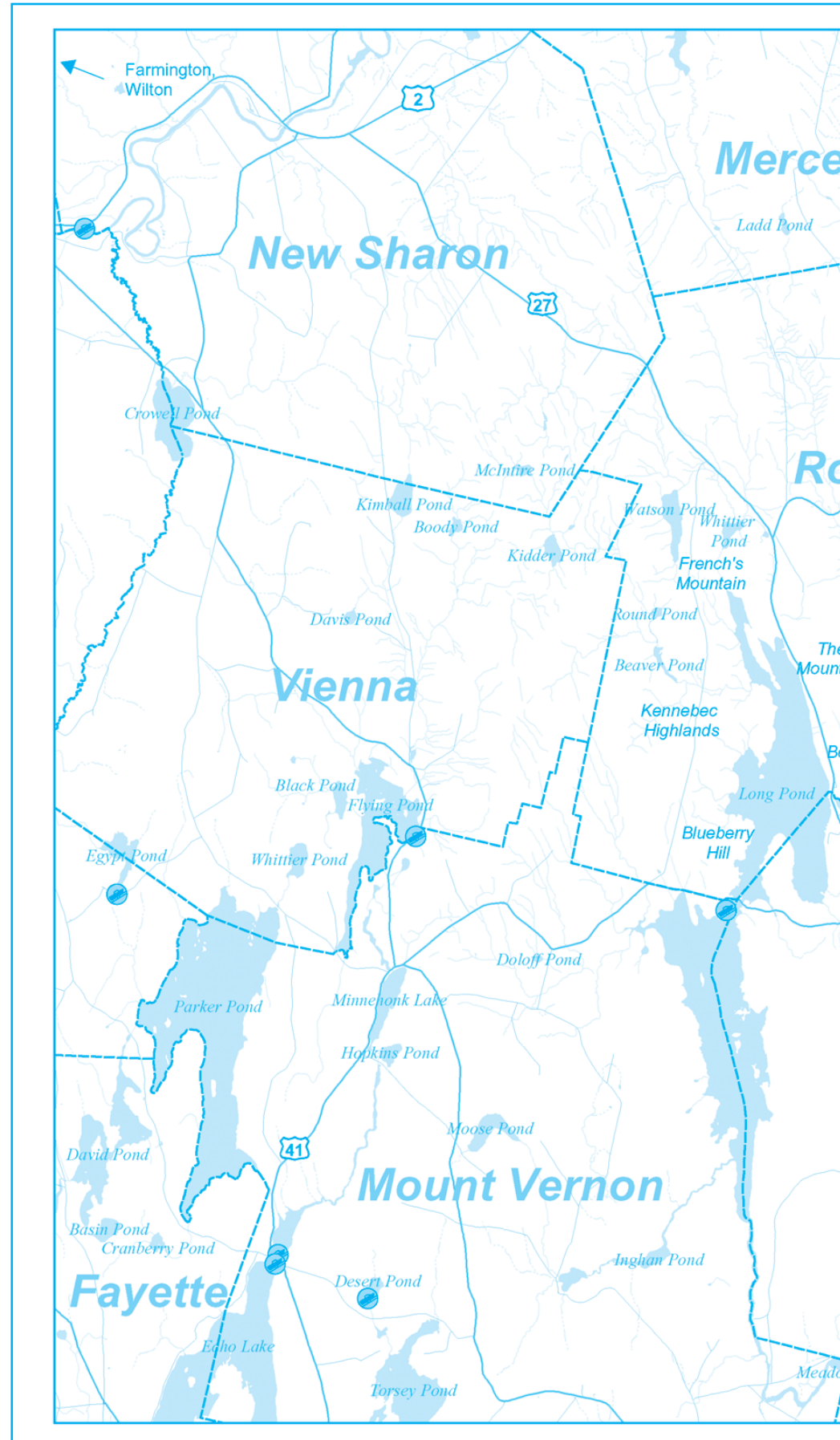


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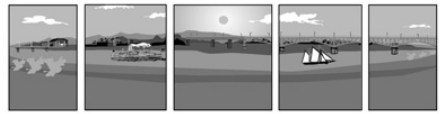
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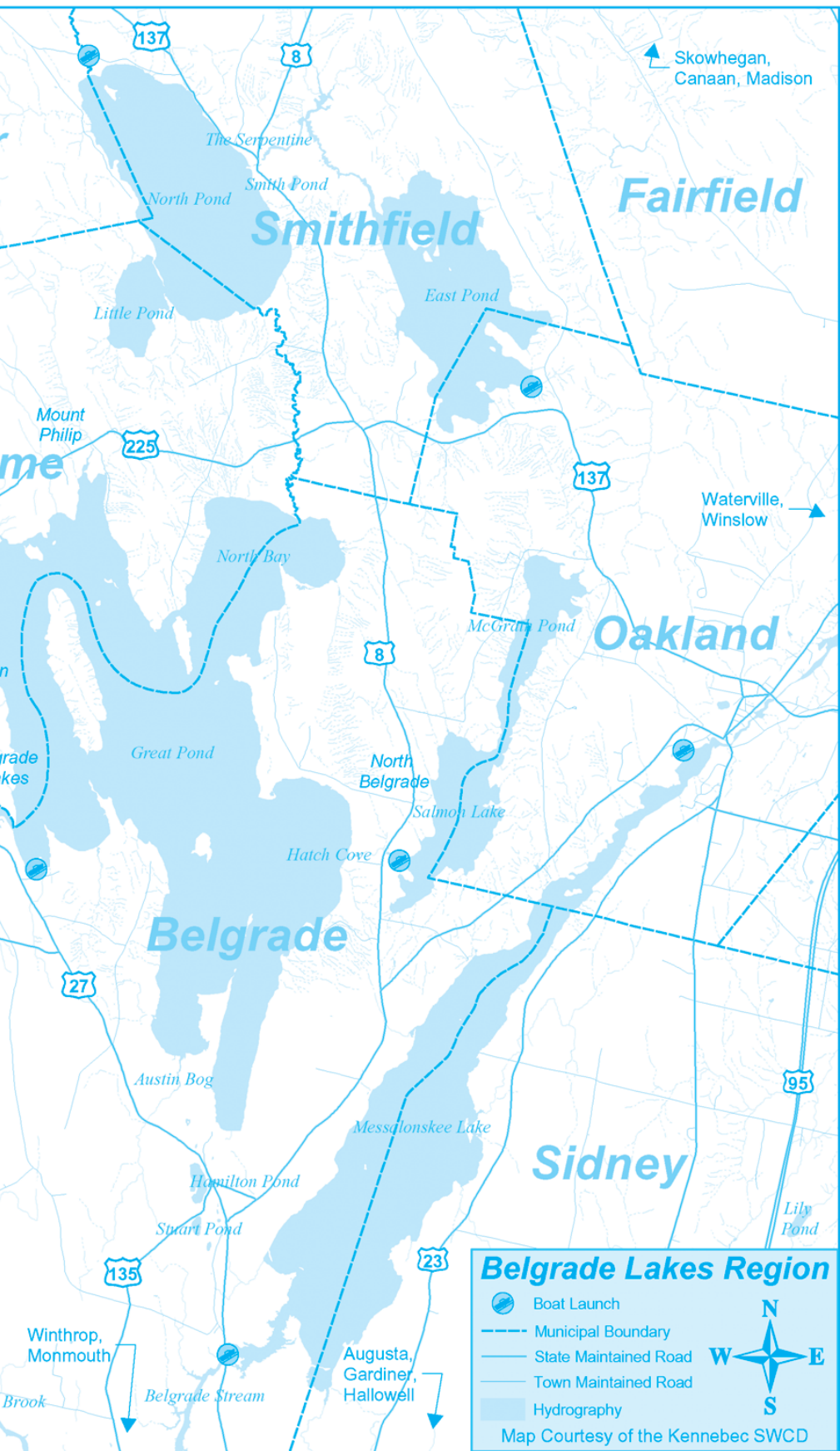


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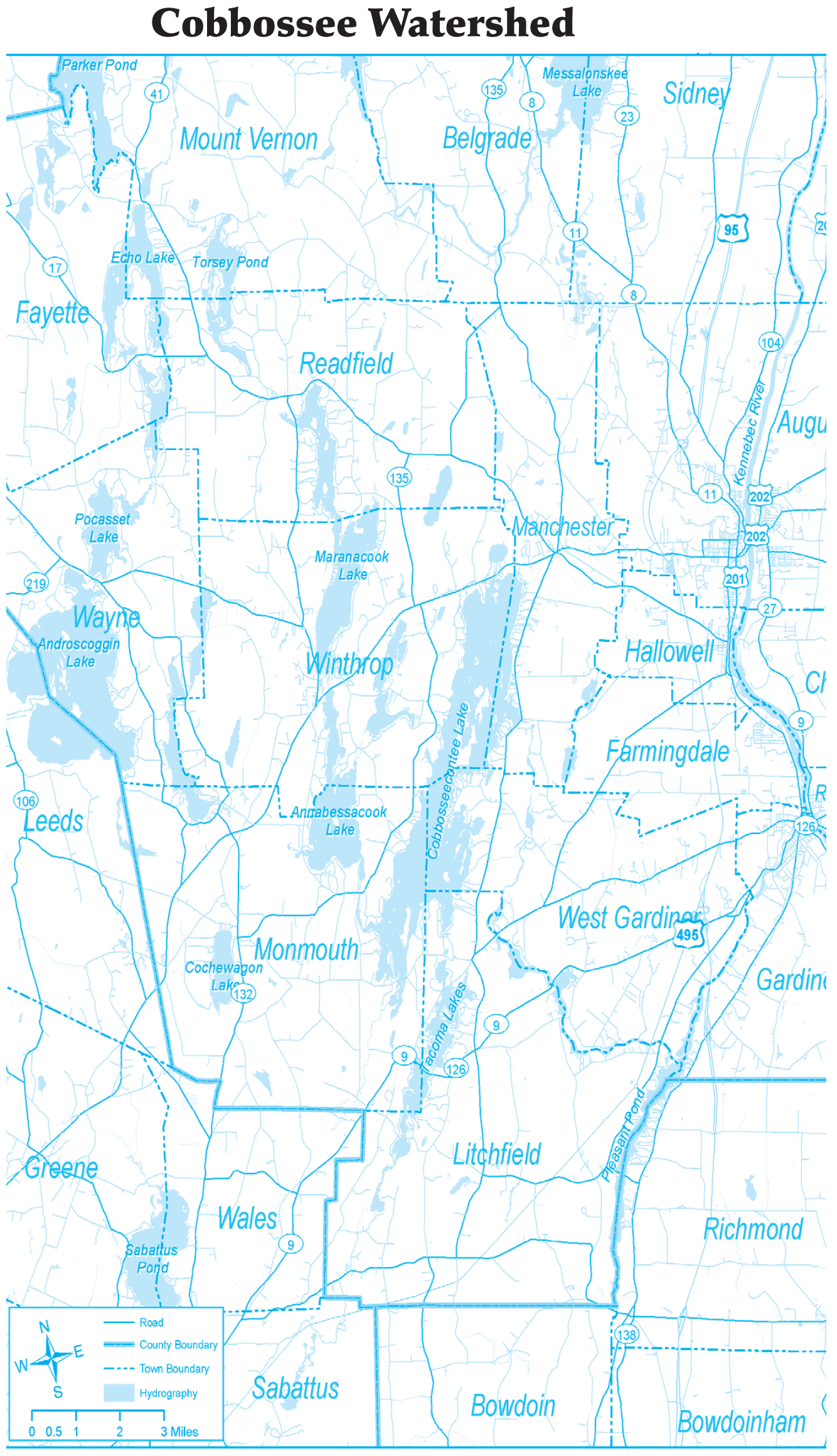
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Friends Board member Evelyn Kieltyka and Board President Jeff Timm with guests.



The extra week was well worth the wait! After being rained out the previous week, over 150 guests attended the joint Winthrop and Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce's "Business After Hours" event hosted by the Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed and Lakeside Motel & Marina on Cobbossee Lake on Wednesday, May 26.

Guests were treated to an old fashioned cookout

with all of the fixings, followed by Hershey's ice cream aboard the OTTER II for dessert, compliments of the Friends. Andy and Sheree Wess of Lakeside Motel once again offered up their beautiful facilities and provided all of the beverages, while Clark Marine supplied the boats and operators that provided guests with sunset cruises on Cobbossee on what turned out to be a "picture-perfect" night.

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### Hallowell's Harlow Plans Plummer Retrospective

#### Fiberarts Exhibit Features "Embroidered Stories"

Maine Fiberarts in Topsham, the statewide organization dedicated to advancing Maine fiber in all its aspects, will be displaying a unique celebration of art, "Between Fact and Fiction: Embroidered Stories" by Minot artist Jill Snyder Wallace through June 30. Combining embroideries and mixed-media, Snyder Wallace's creations use the vocabulary of stitch embroidery to convey beauty and also social and personal commentary. A gallery talk, "Embroidered Stories: Motivation behind the Making" will be presented by Snyder Wallace June 26, 2-4 pm at Maine Fiberarts Gallery. Techniques will be discussed and questions encouraged. The event is free and the public is invited. Exhibitions at the Topsham Center/Gallery change every two months and are open to the public weekdays from 10 am-4 pm. For more information or to see a preview of the artist's work, visit [www.mainefiberarts.org](http://www.mainefiberarts.org) or call 721-0678.



Master watercolorist Carlton Plummer, M.A.W.S., of East Boothbay last exhibited at the Harlow Gallery on Water Street in Hallowell in the 1960s. Following four decades of international acclaim, publication in numerous art books and magazines, and showings in galleries, museums, corporate and private collections throughout the United States and abroad, Plummer returns for the month of June, to the Harlow and to his roots where he grew up on a farm near Augusta. Self-described as a blend of

art educator/fine art painter, Plummer transitioned from plein-air painter in the 60s to a studio painter - which allowed the opportunity to explore and experiment with mixed media and a variety of subject matter. He is well known on the American art scene for his vibrant watercolors of the Maine coast.

"As I chose the work for this retrospective exhibit," Plummer says, "I am convinced that my love for adventure, strong ties to nature and the wilderness as well as a kinship to people, manifests itself in much of my work."

The "Retrospective Survey of 50 Years of Painting" will be on view at the Harlow Gallery June 4 through 27. The public is invited to meet the artist at the show's opening on Friday, June 4, 5-8 pm. The event is free and open to all; refreshments will be served.

On Thursday, June 10, from 7-8 pm, Plummer will give a talk at the gallery entitled "Transitioning through 50 years of Painting." A \$3 donation is optional.

The show's finale will be a 3-day multi-water-media painting workshop on June 25 through 27, 8:45 am-4:15 pm. Tuition is \$295 for current members or \$345 for non members. For more information call 622-3813 or visit [www.harlowgallery.org](http://www.harlowgallery.org)



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## Conservation Associations

by Josh Platt

If you live in or spend time in Kennebec County and enjoy the numerous lakes, ponds and streams and abundant natural resources here, you are in a very good place. This part of Central Maine is blessed with 52,000 acres of water or nearly 10% of Kennebec County's 553,000 acres. These highly valued waterbodies make a significant contribution to Kennebec's quality of life, economy and property values.

There isn't another county in Maine with as many groups working closely together on water quality issues as Kennebec. Lake Associations, Watershed Districts, Conservation Associations, Friends Groups, the Soil & Water Conservation District are all working to protect and improve water quality for all to enjoy. Descriptions of some of these organizations with contact information are included on page 7. All of these organizations are resources for the public to use and can be contacted for further information.

Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed – The Friend's mission is to protect and improve the 28 lakes and streams of the Cobbossee Watershed. This is done by promoting awareness of water quality issues, educating the public about water quality, enlisting citizen, community and municipal involvement, and conducting varied pro-

grams and projects to achieve these goals. Work is focused on two important issues: Limiting Non-Point-Source Pollution and educating about invasive aquatic plants.

Cobbossee Watershed District – CWD provides the scientific expertise within the greater Cobbossee watershed. They provide water quality monitoring and other technical expertise. Kennebec County Soil & Water Conservation District – The District works to protect and enhance Maine's soil and water resources by providing educational programs, conservation information and technical assistance to municipalities, schools, landowners and residents of Kennebec County. Services provided by the district include implementation of water quality grant funds, permitting assistance, GIS mapping, third party inspection, Phase I environmental site assessment, education, outreach and regional planning.

Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance – BRCA conserves the lands, water quality, and natural heritage of the Belgrade Lakes Watershed. BRCA serves as both a land trust and a lake trust. The land trust includes land preservation through land acquisition and stewardship. The lake trust includes an invasive aquatics program, a Conservation Corps program, and a Watershed

program.

China Region Lakes Alliance – This regional group represents the 4 lakes that make up the alliance. to preserve and protect the water quality of area lakes through education and erosion control work.

Lake Associations and Conservation Commissions – Many towns in Kennebec County have a conservation commission or similar group that may be part of the municipal government. These groups may provide education and outreach or may partner with other groups listed here to help deliver conservation projects in their town. Most lakes in Kennebec County have some kind of lake association or group formed to help protect the resource. Some are formal associations with significant financial resources while others are less formal and provide residents a place to express concerns or issues that may come up.

Partnerships among these groups have been on the rise over the past few years. People have learned that more success can be attained and in some cases, more money can be garnered by working together.



Articles contributed by the Kennebec County Soil & Water Conservation District in Augusta who can be contacted at the District office on Green Street at 207-622-7847 x 3 or check our website at [www.kcswcd.org](http://www.kcswcd.org)

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at a secluded lakefront cottage. COLA's 40th Annual Maine Lakes Conference will be held June 26 at Colby College in Waterville. For more information visit [www.mainecola.org](http://www.mainecola.org).

### Foster Care Month

• Free day at Fort Knox! June is National Foster Care month, which will be recognized in Maine with Foster Family Day at the Fort, Saturday, June 5, 11 am-4 pm at Fort Knox in Prospect, Maine. This is a free family event with food, games and exploring a classic Maine Historical Landmark. Adoptive and Foster Families of Maine and the Kinship program is hosting this 5th annual event. To register call 1-800-833-9786.

### Belgrade

• Camp Golden Pond! Summer day camp at the Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons will start June 21 through August 6. The eight one-week ses-

sions include water safety, a weekly field trip, special guests for the weekly theme, a Care & Share day, and a wheelie day. Fees are \$75 per week for residents; \$100 for non residents. Before and after hour care and field trips (\$5 to \$10) are extra. Registration forms are available at the center or [www.belgrademaine.com](http://www.belgrademaine.com). The pool is also available for community swims.

### Farmington

• Gravel road workshops! Need help fixing your private gravel road from annual run-off to streams and lakes? Interested owners/users of private roads are encouraged to contact the Maine Department of Environmental Protection at 764-0477 or [sue.miles@Maine.gov](mailto:sue.miles@Maine.gov) by June 18 to help the state and the Franklin County Soil & Water Conservation District set up workshops to introduce the "Guide to Forming Road Associations." Workshops will be

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craft sale, a canoe/kayak race, and a sailboat race. Dinner/fundraiser on Friday with On Golden Pond's author Ernest Thompson; events all day Saturday. 495-6039.

• Monday, July 12 is the date for the 15th Annual Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament to benefit the Kennebec Leadership Institute, 12 noon at the Augusta Country Club. \$120 per player, 623-4559

• The 31st Old Hallowell Day celebration is scheduled for Saturday, July 17, starting with a 5K Road Race at 7:30 am. Pre-register by July 1 and receive a t-shirt. 512-2587

• The Maine International Film Festival in Waterville is scheduled for Friday, July 9 through Sunday, July 18. The event features the best of American independent, international, and Maine-made films. [www.miff.org](http://www.miff.org)

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**Alden Camps**, American Plan cottages, boat rentals, 3 Alden Camps Cove, Oakland. 465-7703. [www.aldencamps.com](http://www.aldencamps.com)

**Among the Lakes Bed & Breakfast**, Route 8, North Belgrade, 465-4900. [www.amongthelakes.com](http://www.amongthelakes.com)

**Bear Spring Camps**, 60 Jamaica Point Rd., Rome. 397-2341, [www.bearspringcamps.com](http://www.bearspringcamps.com)

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**Kozy Cove Cottages**. Route 8, Salmon Lake, Belgrade. 465-0959, [www.kozy-covecottages.com](http://www.kozy-covecottages.com)

**The Village Inn**, 1 & 2 bedroom suites, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes Village. 495-3553. [www.villageinnducks.com](http://www.villageinnducks.com)

**Whisperwood Cottages**, American Plan, boat rentals, 103 Taylor Woods Road, Belgrade. 465-3983. [www.whisperwoodlodge.com](http://www.whisperwoodlodge.com)

**Wing's Hill Inn**, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes. 495-2400 or 866-495-2400. [www.wingshillinn.com](http://www.wingshillinn.com)

### RESERVATIONS SERVICES

**Belgrade Vacation Rentals**, 54 Main St., Oakland, 04963, 207-465-7007, [www.belgradevacationrentals.com](http://www.belgradevacationrentals.com)

**Lakeside Cottage Rentals**, P.O. Box 304, Belgrade Lakes, 04963, 512-2957, [www.lcrentals.com](http://www.lcrentals.com)

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scheduled for July and August; locations will be posted on [www.maine.gov/dep/blwq/training/index.htm](http://www.maine.gov/dep/blwq/training/index.htm). The Guide and appendices can be found at [www.MaineDEP.com](http://www.MaineDEP.com). For more information about the Franklin County Soil & Water Conservation District call 778-4279.

### Gardiner

• Music and art items sought! Johnson Hall is pleased to announce a new addition to the annual Gardiner River Festival celebration on June 19: a benefit sale of all things music, media, performance and art - both useful and beautiful. Items wanted include: musical instruments, cases, sheet music, record albums, tapes, CDs, performance videos, DVDs, equipment, costumes and props, paintings and prints, posters, and books on fine and applied arts, music, theatre, and the other performing arts. Donations are tax-deductible. Please drop items between 9 am and 5 pm on weekdays at Johnson Hall Performing Arts Center, 280 Water Street, or call 582-7144 for pickup of a large lot of items.

### Hallowell

• Auditions for Gaslight Theater's third full production of the year, "Born Yesterday" by Garson Kanin, will be held June 20 and 22, 6:30 pm, at Hallowell City Hall. No advance preparation is necessary; auditions will be cold readings from the script. "Born Yesterday" is the story of wealthy junkman Harry Brock who comes to Washington, D.C. to make some deals, and hires journalist Paul Verrall to tutor his chorus-girl mistress, Billie, in the ways of the nation's capitol. Billie teaches them as much as she learns. Mike Clements and Alicia Oueletts will direct the show, to be produced by Linda Duarte; parts are available for 12 men and 4 women. Performance dates are September 3-5 and 9-11. For more information, contact director Mike Clements at [mclements@roadrunner.com](mailto:mclements@roadrunner.com).

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### Sidney

• After 18 years at the Silver Spur Riding Club in Sidney, the Blistered Fingers Bluegrass Festival is relocating to the Litchfield Fairgrounds in Litchfield. This year's Festivals will be June 17 through 20 and August 26 through 29, the 34th and 35th Blistered Fingers Family Bluegrass Music Festivals respectively. Line-ups and formats will remain the same, with a selection of 14 or 15 great bands at each Festival, and a lot of field picking throughout the event. For more information visit [www.blisteredfingers.com](http://www.blisteredfingers.com) or call 873-6539.

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- **Whisperwood**, Salmon Lake/McGrath Pond, Taylor Woods Road, open to the public by reservation only, 465-3983, [www.whisperwoodlodge.com](http://www.whisperwoodlodge.com)

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### Winslow

• **Lobster Trap & Steakhouse**. 25 Bay Street, Winslow. 872-0529. [www.lobstertrap-seafood.com](http://www.lobstertrap-seafood.com).

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## The Small Garden Guide

...the first week in June:

### Food for Thought

**Zoning in:** Before selecting and purchasing plants, the Kennebec County Soil & Conservation District advises, it is important to know whether or not they are likely to survive. The Kennebec "Plant Hardiness" zones are 4 and 5 with the average minimum temperatures ranging from -15 degrees to -20 degrees. Somerset County is mostly zone 4 with minimum temperatures from -20 to -25. For more advice about your specific area, talk to someone who gardens there, the Cooperative Extension, a local nursery, or a greenhouse. For a detailed map and more information on Plant Hardiness Zones of Maine, visit a gardening center, contact a Cooperative Extension office and ask for bulletin #2242, or visit [www.umext.maine.edu/onlinepubs/PDFpubs/2242.pdf](http://www.umext.maine.edu/onlinepubs/PDFpubs/2242.pdf)

**Seasonal timing:** A wise guideline to planting seeds or purchasing plants is the length of the growing season - Maine's summer and also your own. Growing days are indicated on packages and on seedling markers, or can be obtained from vendors. Bear in mind that first fall frost, always unpredictable, and your personal busy schedule toward summer's end, more predictable because of school, work, leaving the area and other demands, and plan for harvesting that doesn't conflict.

**CSA:** Community Supported Agriculture is a great means to have fresh garden products. It is a subscription service where consumers sign up and pay growers in advance to receive vegetables or other farm products - meat, dairy - during the



summer. Some plans provide for a weekly share of whatever is in season; others allow the shareholders to choose produce and draw against their account. The farmer gets early season financial support and the shareholder gets fresh products and a weekly visit to a local farm. Some farms offer CSA work shares. A partial list of CSAs is available at [www.mofga.org](http://www.mofga.org)

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**Paradis Outfitters.** 3575 Middle Road, Sidney. 547-GUNS, [www.paradisoutfitters.com](http://www.paradisoutfitters.com)

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**Clark Marine,** 57 Puddledock Road, Manchester. 622-7011; and Rte. 202, Monmouth. [www.clarkmarine.biz](http://www.clarkmarine.biz)

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

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## Fishing

## Welcome to Another Fun Filled Summer Season

by Mike Guarino



Dan Marquis from Wells, Maine caught his biggest pike to date on Saturday, May 15, 2010. Dan's been coming up to Belgrade for years and beat his personal best with a 20.30 pound pike. Congratulations!

All of a sudden the spring season showed up here in Central Maine. It arrived almost a month early, then went away, then came back, then left . . . the saga seemed to never end. It's typical when you compare the seasonal changes to years past, but it felt odd because the good days were very, very good and the bad days were very, very bad. Unseasonable temperatures had anglers scratching their heads, but just about everyone was rejoicing when April temperatures pushed 70-degrees. There was a compromise though and it was a bitter pill for anglers – WIND! I'm not sure if they keep track of such things, but April and May 2010 seemed to be the windiest spring months I can recall in recent memory.

The early spring brought anglers out in droves and for the first time in years we were able to get the boats on the local lakes in time for April 1. That's pretty exciting when you consider the lakes are usually frozen for another 20+ days. The early fishing was a bit nippy but some fishermen caught trout and salmon. Northern pike fishermen reported slightly slower fishing but some big fish were caught. Most of the salmon were caught on either live or sewn smelts slowly trolled or drifted just below the surface of the lake. As the lake surface temperatures have warmed into the high 60's, fish have moved a bit

deeper and have already set up on bait in the 25-foot range as of May 30. Early in the year it was nice to see some decent salmon in the 2-3 pound range come from Long Pond. A few beauties were caught in the spillway near Day's Store and some were caught in the southern section off Green Island. Now that the water is warming up, streamer flies like Grey Ghost or Black Ghost and Jerry's Smelt are great patterns to run behind a small dodger either on a couple of colors of lead core or a downrigger.

A shocking tale! May 2nd started like any other morning – up at 4:00 a.m., get the boat ready and head to the boat launch. I put my boat in at 4:45 in Sidney and headed down to my camp on Snow Pond to pick up a couple of boys from Vermont. I know these guys well and I couldn't wait to take them pike fishing. We were hoping to hook into a couple of trophies, but I was more excited just to spend the day with the guys. They always make me laugh and the camaraderie in the boat makes for a special day regardless of the fishing. Well, about half way down the lake, just as the sun peaked over the trees by the music

camp, I felt wind and rain on the nape of my neck. I slowed the boat and saw an enormous black cloud heading down lake. At first the lake stayed calm, but then it started to rain and the wind kept picking up. Within about 5 minutes the storm was on top of me and the lake was covered in white caps. I pulled up to the dock, but it was so rough I didn't want to pull in and bang up my boat on the dock, so I yelled to the boys to go back inside and I'd ride the storm out on the lake. It took about 10 minutes or so until the weather changed again only this time it switched from rain to hail! It was coming down I buckets and the entire boat filled with ice – which was pretty cool to be honest. I've never experienced anything like it. I decided to run for cover and put the boat on the dock and sprinted into the camp to the laughter of the guys. They busted me pretty good as the meat of the storm hit with a vengeance, bringing lightning and thunder that rocked the pine around the cottage. When the storm cleared we shoveled the ice out of the boat and got ready to go fishing. Funny thing was, my voltage meter in the boat was reading 2.5 instead of about 14 volts when the engine was on. Turns out, my boat was hit by lightning! The "mother board" in the 115 Yamaha was cooked along with all the connections to the batteries. The motor would start, but it wasn't able to recharge. The same thing with my trolling motor and the 24-volt charging system. Every fuse was blown and every connection had been sizzled. I am so glad I ran for it and got inside before the lightning hit. That was a storm I'll never forget and a good reminder for us all to get off the lake when the storms hit!

Facebook - For the last few years lots of people have been e-mailing and calling asking questions about the fishing, water temperatures, if the ice is out, what's the hot bait, etc, etc. So this year I created a Facebook page for all of us to share stories, pictures, etc. You can look it up under Maine Wilderness Tours and join in the discussion. Hopefully everyone will post pictures of their catch and tell some Belgrade fishing stories too. See you on the lake!



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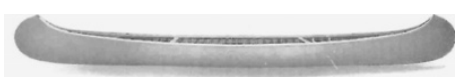


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