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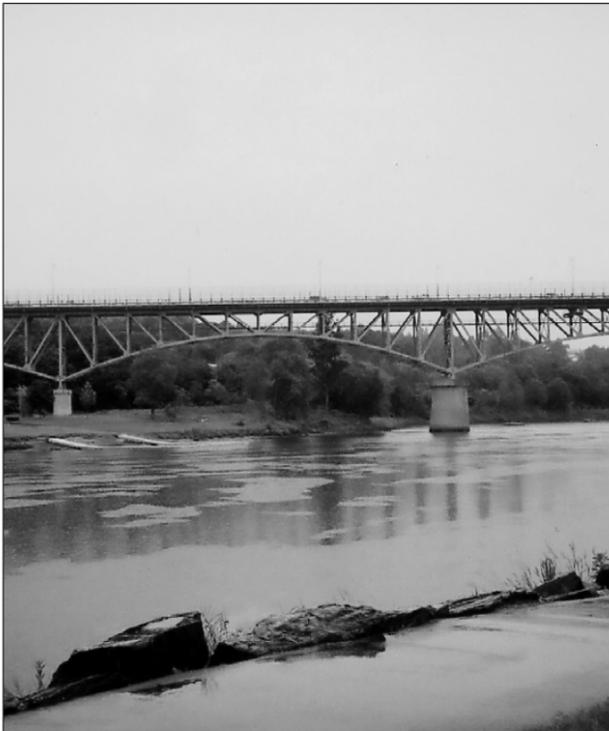
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Awesome Augusta! Wonderful Whatever!

by Esther J. Perne

Where the tide turns, where the turn-pike ends, where the political pulse beats - that's where "Whatever" takes place, too. As the summer season flows with the strong tug of activities, celebrations, fairs, festivities and gatherings, the Whatever Family Festival, which will be celebrated June 16 through July 4, 2010, stands out as one of the earliest, one of the longest, one of the most enduring, and one of the easiest to enjoy - there's simply something for everyone, every age, inter-



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ings and entertainment of summer.

Music on the river, art in the streets and gallery exhibits, local theater at its best, and historical sites that number among the oldest in the nation share the agenda with four jam-packed event days: Greater Gardiner River Festival (June 19), Hallowell Riverfront Celebration (June 26), Kids Day in Capitol Park (June 26) and the 4th of July.

Kids Day in Capitol Park, 11 am-3 pm, includes

85 plus fun events, three stages with nonstop entertainment, a large variety of characters, and free admission at the Maine State Museum.

The Hallowell Riverfront Celebration features an Outdoor Art Fair, 11 am-4 pm, in the Riverfront and Downtown and "Hallowellness,"



a Celebration of Body, Mind & Spirit Health, 11 am-5 pm, on the Waterfront.

Details about the Greater Gardiner River Festival are on page 11.

For a complete Whatever Family Festival 2010 schedule visit www.augustamaine.com.

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Editorial

What About the Rain?

Last year, we learned - learned about rubber boots, boat sandals, rain jackets with hoods, and umbrellas that fit in pockets and purses. We learned about events that are held rain or shine, and most of them are. We learned about the best plan of action - go anyway because it sure can be dreary at home. We discovered indoor visits that are great for all ages and how to dash from a vehicle to get inside. We discovered that even outdoor activities can be done in the rain - given a warm reward of fireplace or hot chocolate or a meal in a cozy restaurant or just a change of clothes. We discovered how wise it is to look the other way when children stomp in puddles because there's no sense in saying no.

This year we are practicing our new lesson. We and our rain paraphernalia and extra clothing and children who stomp in puddles are on the go regardless. We are not alone. The

Fiber Frolic the first weekend in June was also a boot fashion fest. We have seen anglers covered, but happy, in yellow slickers. Cars parked at sightseeing sites have rain gear peeking out hatch backs.

And the mood is good. At the Kennebec Celebration the second weekend in June, which was crowded, the general consensus was "oh well, thundershowers are predicted, but here we are." The exhibition tents, however, did appear to be secured with immense tie-downs.

Now it's the third weekend in June and the summer event season - just like the summer itself this year - has come in with a roar - so much to do and all of it wonderfully tantalizing. The only decision is how many outings can be humanly packed into one weekend. The challenge is fun - as long as the boots are ready



Animal Countdown

The Humane Society Waterville Area, serves 27 towns, shelters homeless cats, dogs and pocket pets (rabbits, etc.) until they can be placed in new homes, educates the public, and provides adoption services, spay/neuter assistance, rabies clinics, adoptive family support services, and a range of fund-raising events.

On Saturday, June 19, the Humane Society will hold its Annual Book and Plant Sale from 9 am to 2 pm. A wide selection of plants will be available, and books by the truckloads! Cathy Hebert from Sunset Greenhouse will be at the sale to answer gardening questions. Refreshments will be sold.

The facility on 100 Webb Road is open Monday through Saturday, 12 to



Waterville Humane Society
100 Webb Road, Waterville

5 pm, and welcomes prospective adoptive families, donations, and volunteers. The following items are on its wish list: dry dog food, dry and canned cat food, cat litter, laundry and dish detergent, towels and wash cloths, and pillow cases. To contribute call 873-2430.



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Legacies

June 2010: the unique Sister City Connection between Waterville, Maine and Kotlas, Russia is celebrating its 20th Anniversary, with the Kotlas mayor, city administrators, and committee members visiting Waterville from June 20 to 28.

Twenty years ago, in June 1990, mayors and delegations of both cities met in Waterville, signed a proclamation declaring Kotlas and Waterville sister cities, and planted a commemorative cluster of birch trees, common in both Maine and Northern Russia, by the Waterville end of the Two Cent Bridge. Their mission was to develop friendship and understanding between the people of both cities by sponsoring educational and cultural programs to raise awareness, and by sponsoring exchanges of people and ideas. The liaison has more than succeeded: hundreds of children and adults from Waterville have been matched with pen pals in Kotlas and dozens of Waterville area residents have visited Kotlas. On two occasions, Waterville has sent cargo containers of humanitarian aid to Kotlas, the city has sponsored extended visits by high school students and

Waterville/Kotlas Connection Celebrates 20th



teachers, held concerts of Russian music, arranged a year-long student exchange on the theme of rivers, organized visits by business and medical delegations from Kotlas, and organized a day of workshops about Russia and Russian culture.

During the past year, there have been two displays of Russian arts and crafts on exhibit; one at the Winslow Public Library will continue through June. In commemoration of the 20th anniversary, Kotlas connection members have offered local schools a

menu of class lessons on daily life in Russia, and a Kotlas teacher spent the spring semester both teaching and taking classes at Thomas College in Waterville.

The celebration continues! In recognition of the 20th anniversary, the 2010 Maine International Film Festival (MIFF) July 9-18 will show two contemporary Russian-Language films: "Alexandra" portrays a grandmother, played by renowned opera soprano Galina Vishnevskaya, who visits her soldier grandson stationed in Chechnya; and "A Room and a Half," is the fictional return to Russia of Noel Laureate poet, Joseph Brodskii, who emigrated to the West in 1972 and died in the U.S. in 1996 at the age of 55, never having actually returned to his native St. Petersburg. The film is a highly stylized review of 20th century Russian history. Dates and times of showings will appear in the MIFF brochure, as well the date and time of the Russian finger foods that the Kotlas Connection will provide after one of the showings.

For more information call 873-6562 or 872-7719, or visit www.kotlas.org.

Notebook

University of Maine Orono

- New water quality website! The University of Maine Cooperative Extension in Orono has a new website: <http://extension.umaine.edu/waterquality/> and is replacing its newsletter, RipRap and Roll, with a Water Quality blog - which is available at that site. Sign up for the RSS feed for the blog to access breaking lake news. For more information call 581-2971.

Augusta

- New site for Discovery Museum! The Children's Discovery Museum has moved to Shaw's Plaza at 171 Capitol Street. New and exciting activities include the Tree House/Nature Center, Construction Zone, Pretend Restaurant, Party Room, Pretend Grocery Store, Multi Cultural Music Center, River Room, Kid's Bank, Bicycle Area, Maine Author's Reading Loft, and Theater. A summer-long series of Day Camps is available starting June 28 for ages 4-7 or 3-5, featuring themes such as science, pirates, dinosaurs, art, cooking, and more. www.childrensdiscoverymuseum.org,



1st row: Max McKenney, Gilbert Whitehead, Jayden Mullens, Nicolas Veilleux; 2nd row: Julie McKenney, Luke Bartlett, Sam Dexter, Michelle Veilleux, Gail York

Belgrade

- Thanks from the Town of Belgrade to members of the Key Club at Messalonskee High School and the

Belgrade Cub Scouts Pack 453 who helped in the planting of the geraniums in the Belgrade Cemeteries for the Memorial Day Service.

Farmington

- Gravel road workshops! Need help fixing your private gravel road from annual runoff 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 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 scheduled for July and August; locations will be posted on www.maine.gov/dep/blwq/training/index.htm. The Guide and appendices can be

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Watershed Wisdom

In the roughly 20,000 years since the last ice age, the lakes of Mother Nature's watersheds in Maine have evolved from crystal clear melted ice water totally devoid of life to carefully balanced watershed ecosystems that support a diverse spectrum of native aquatic plants, plankton, insects, fish and other animals. The natural aging process of lakes is called "eutrophication." After forming a crystal clear, sterile lake by melting a giant mass of ice, Mother Nature begins to fill it back in through erosion of the surrounding land by precipitation. This erosion transports sediment and chunks of plant material with attached nutrients into the water. This allows first bacteria, then algae, then plants to begin growing in the lake, followed by zooplankton and insects to eat the plants, and eventually fish to eat the insects and zooplankton. If the fish begin to get overpopulated, ospreys, eagles, and bigger fish will move in to eat the smaller fish. Mother Nature is very good at keeping her systems balanced and aging slowly through the process of natural selection. She keeps the surrounding watershed vegetated so that erosion is gentle and at a very controlled rate and adds plants and animals slowly over geologic time so growth doesn't get out of control, always ensuring there are checks and balances in terms of predators and prey, with survival of the fittest.

Sometimes Man short circuits the natural systems. Overdevelopment of shoreland areas increases nutrient loading and can trigger algae blooms that prematurely age the lakes. We will talk about that in more detail in future columns. Another way the natural systems are disrupted is through the introduction of an "alien invader," either plant or animal, from a totally different ecosystem. Sometimes this is intentional such as purposefully introducing a fish that is not native to local waters. If done carefully by trained biologists after long study, this can create a new sport fishery in an area. More often than not, new fish introduction is done by "bait bucket biologists" who don't really understand that by introducing a new top predator such as the northern pike, they could be decimating an existing native trout or salmon fishery that is more appropriate for the existing ecosystem. This is currently happening in the Belgrade Lakes Watershed.

Alien species can be introduced unintentionally by people discarding unwanted aquatic pets or plants from their aquariums into the nearest waterbody. Eurasian milfoil was most likely introduced into this country in the 1940's when someone

Combating Alien Invaders

by Peter Kallin

dumped an aquarium into the Potomac River near Washington DC. It quickly became established and then spread by clinging to boats and trailers as boaters moved between watersheds. It is now present in every state except Hawaii and North Dakota. The invasive plants tend to outcompete the native plants because the natural predators that control the plants in their native waters are not present. These plants then grow rapidly to the surface and form a dense mat that shades the bottom, further disrupting the growth of the native plants. This changes the mix of aquatic organisms that live in the lake and causes ripple effects through the entire ecosystem altering populations of fish etc. Additionally, it completely changes the character of the water and the type of recreation that is possible. It is virtually impossible to swim or water ski through a dense mat of milfoil.

There are eleven species of plants that have been declared as "most unwanted" by the Maine DEP. One of these, variable leaf milfoil, is present in Messalonskee Lake and the Belgrade Stream in our watershed and another, Eurasian water milfoil, was discovered two years ago in Salmon Lake. The BRCA, in partnership with Maine DEP and the McGrath Pond-Salmon Lake Association (MPSLA) has been working hard to at least control, and hopefully, eradicate this menace to our lakes. An herbicide treatment was done last fall

and initial indications are that it was effective. Just how effective we really won't know for at least a year or more. The DEP divers will be back again this summer surveying the cove, placing benthic barriers, and pulling any remaining plants. The BRCA and volunteers from all the local lake associations will be conducting visual surveys from small boats in Salmon Lake, McGrath Pond, and the Hatch Cove area of Great Pond to ensure that the plant has not spread from the infested cove. Additionally, we will be working with the Messalonskee Lake Association to evaluate various options for pulling or harvesting the variable milfoil there. Come to "Milfoil Awareness Day" at the Oakland boat ramp on Sunday, June 27th to learn more. We need volunteers for all these efforts and have a training workshop scheduled for the afternoon of July 6th at the Mount Vernon Community Center on Minnehonk Lake. If you can help with this effort, please contact the BRCA at 495-6039. If you are looking for a good excuse to dive, snorkel, or paddle around a kayak or canoe on a beautiful day, have we got a deal for you! In the future I will talk more about Maine's milfoil law and the invasive plant prevention programs the BRCA administers in the Belgrades. In the mean time, please make sure you thoroughly inspect your boat and trailer every time it leaves or enters the water and remove all aquatic plant fragments. Don't transport aquatic hitchhikers!

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

40th COLA Conference Schedule – June 26, 2010

June 26, 2010: Diamond Building, Colby College, Waterville, Maine

7:45 - 8:45 am
8:45 - 9:00 am
9:00 - 10:00 am

Registration and Continental Breakfast

Welcome. Opening Remarks, Bart Hague, President of COLA
KEYNOTE ADDRESS: *Maine's Sustainability Solutions Initiative: Innovative Partnerships for Linking Knowledge with Action*, David D. Hart, Director, Senator George Mitchell Center for Environmental and Watershed Research, University of Maine;
Statewide Implications of Change and Resilience in a Central Maine Watershed, D. Whitney King, Miselis Professor of Chemistry, Colby
Green Fusion Recycles! Students from Belgrade Central School
PLENARY ADDRESS: *Sustainability for 10,000 Years: The Penobscot Vision*, John S. Banks, Director of Natural Resources for the Penobscot Nation
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- **Children's Discovery Museum, CDM**, 622-2209, www.childrensdiscoverymuseum.org Tuesday-Thursday 10 am-4 pm, Friday-Saturday 10 am-5 pm, Sunday 11 am-4 pm, admission, 171 Capitol Street.
- **Danforth Gallery**, Jewett Hall, art exhibits, University of Maine at Augusta, 621-3243, Tuesday-Friday 9 am-5 pm, Saturday noon-5 pm. Route 27.
- **Governor's Mansion**, 1830 Blaine House, 287-2121, Tuesday-Thursday 2-4 pm, State Street.
- **Holocaust and Human Rights Center of Maine**, Michael Klahr Center, 46 University Dr., University of Maine.
- **Kennebec Historical Society**, 622-7718, www.kennebechistorical.org, W-F 10-2, 107 Winthrop Street.
- **Kennebec River Rail Trailhead**, www.krrt.org, Maine State Housing Authority parking lot, Water Street.
- **Maine State Museum**, 287-2301, www.maine-statemuseum.org Tuesday-Friday 9 am-5 pm, Saturday 10 am-4 pm, admission, State House Complex, State Street.
- **Museum of the Streets**, walking/history tour, downtown.
- **Old Fort Western**, 626-2385, www.oldfortwestern.org, 1-4 pm daily, admission, 16 Cony Street.
- **Farmers' Market at Mill Park**, 626-2305, Sunday 2-6 pm, North Water Street.
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- **The Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons**, 495-3481, www.belgrademaine.com 1 Center Drive, off Route 27.

- **Union Church Coffee House**, 495-3599, last Saturday of month, 7:30 pm, \$5 donation, Main Street/Route 27.

- **Farmers' Market**, 465-7058, Sundays 8 am-1 pm, www.belgradelakesfarmersmarket.org, Main Street/Route 27.

FAIRFIELD

- **Fairfield Historical Society**, 453-2998, www.fairfieldmehistoricalociety.org Tuesdays 9 am-12, 1-4 pm. Cotton-Smith House, 42 High Street.

- **Farmers' Market**, 948-5724, Wednesday 2-6 pm, Saturday 9:30 am-1:30 pm, Nazarene Church parking lot, 81 Maine Street.

FARMINGTON

- **Farmington Historical Society**, 778-2835, Wednesday and Saturday, 11 am-2 pm, July-August, 118 Academy Street.

- **Nordica Homestead Museum**, opera singer Lillian Nordica costumes, jewelry, career mementos, 778-2042, Tuesday-Saturday 10 am-12 n and 1-5 pm, Sunday 1-5 pm, closed Monday, 116 Nordica Lane, off Routes 27/4.

- **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 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, 275 Water Street.

- **Johnson Hall Performing Arts Center**, 582-7144, www.johnsonhall.org Water Street.

- **Farmers' Market**, 582-3100, www.gardinerfarmersmarket.org, Wednesday 2-6 pm, rain or shine, The Common.

HALLOWELL

- **Harlow Gallery**, 622-3813, www.harlowgallery.org Wednesday, Thursday, Sunday, 12-4, Friday, 12-8, Saturday, 12-6, 160 Water Street.

- **Gaslight Theater**, 626-3698, 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 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.

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MONMOUTH

- **Monmouth Museum**, 933-2287, 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, Main Street.

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- **Osoola Park**, picnic area, playground, boat launch, on Kennebec Rivers, Route 8.

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- **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.

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

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- **Margaret Chase Smith Library**, residence and exhibits, 474-7133, www.mcslibrary.org, free, Monday-Friday 10 am-4 pm. 54 Norridgewock Avenue.

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- **East Pond Association**, 197 Brickett Point Estates, Oakland, ME 04963, 465-7307, 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. 512-5150.
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- **Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance (BRCA) and BRCA Conservation Corps**, P.O. Box 250, Belgrade Lakes, ME 04918. 495-6039, www.belgradelakes.org
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- **Maine Congress of Lake Associations (COLA)**, P.O. Box 426, Belgrade, ME 04917. 1-877-254-2511, www.mainecola.org
- **Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed**, P.O. Box 5003, Augusta, ME 04332. 621-4100, 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
- **Kennebec Land Trust (KLT)**, PO Box 261, Winthrop, ME 04364. 933-2220, www.tkl.org
- **Kennebec Messalonskee Trails**, 873-6443, www.KMTrails.org
- **Kennebec River Rail Trail**, 623-8162, www.krrt.org
- **30 Mile River Watershed Association (30 MRWA)**, www.news.30mileriver.org
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Thursday 6/17 through Sunday 6/20 – Blistered Fingers 34th Family Bluegrass Music Festival, great line-up of bands, good family entertainment, camping available, www.blisteredfingers.com, 873-6539, Litchfield Fairgrounds, Litchfield.

Through Sunday 7/4 – Whatever 2009 Family Festival, activities and events for all ages, 623-4559, www.augustamaine.com, greater Augusta area.

Friday 6/18 - Deadline to register interest in workshops to be held in July and August on maintaining gravel roads and forming a road association, various locations statewide, 764-0477, www.maineDEP.com, or 778-4279, Franklin County Soil & Water Conservation District, 107 Park Street, Farmington.

Friday 6/18 through Sunday 6/20 – Trek Across Maine, 3 days, 180 miles, to benefit the American Lung Association, all ages and experience levels welcome, lungme.org, 1-888-241-6566, Bethel to Belfast.

Friday 6/18 through Sunday 6/20 - Seaplane Rides, 10 am-4 pm, fee charged, 859-0109, Waterfront Park, Augusta.

Friday 6/18 – "New Hampshire - Our Next Door Neighbor" presented by Michael Perry, from the white sands of Hampton Beach to the highest point of the state, Mount Washington, the presentation visits a wide variety of historic homes and landmarks plus incredible wilderness beauty, Friday 2 and 7 pm, free admission, 946-5311, www.sawyer-foundation.com, Araxine Wilkins Sawyer Foundation, 371 Sawyer Road, Greene.

Friday 6/18 and Saturday 6/19 – Relay For Life for Greater Augusta, 6 pm-10 am, 1-800-ACS-1245, www.relayforlife.org, Hall-Dale High School, 97 Maple Street, Farmingdale.

Friday 6/18 through Sunday 6/20 – Downeast Horse Show, free, open to public, great family outing, covered arena, 474-2947, Fairgrounds, Route 201, Skowhegan.

Friday 6/18 through Sunday 6/20 – "Bells Are Ringing," the classic Broadway musical, box office opens one hour before curtain time, \$12 adults payable at the door, reservations recommended, (also playing 6/25-27), 626-3698, www.gaslighttheater.org, Gaslight Theater, 1 Winthrop Street, Hallowell.

Friday 6/18 - The Trapps band, Americana, folk and rock and roll, \$15, 8 pm, 948-SHOW, Unity Centre For the Performing Arts, 42 Depot Street, Unity.

Saturday 6/19 and Sunday 6/20 – American Relay for Life, to benefit cancer programs, 1-800-ACS-2345, Fairgrounds, Route 201, Skowhegan.

Saturday 6/19 and Sunday 6/20 - Togus Veterans Intertribal Pow Wow, 9 am-5 pm, 944-5126, www.toguspowwow.webs.com, Togus VA Center, Augusta.

Saturday 6/19 – Greater Gardiner River Festival, all-day schedule includes 5K road race, children's activities, refreshments, music, trolley rides, a talent show, and fireworks, see details on page 11, 582-3312, downtown and waterfront Gardiner.

Saturday 6/19 - Photography Field Trip, Kennebec Land Trust, with Jane Davis and Jym St. Pierre, mile-long trail offers access to a variety of photogenic landscapes, basic photography principles will be presented, 8:30-11:30 am, 377-2848, www.tkl.org, Gott Pasture Preserve, Wayne.

Saturday 6/19 - Boot Camp for New Dads, fun-filled morning learning the first steps to becoming an active, involved father, hands-on practice and practical tips on diapering, feeding, sleeping, crying, troubleshooting, new Moms, and a team approach to parenting, no charge, 9 am-noon, pre-register at 861-3392, Ford Grant Conference Room, Inland Hospital, 200 Kennedy Memorial Drive, Waterville.

Saturday 6/19 – Annual Book and Plant Sale, 9 am-2 pm, wide selection of plants, books by the truckloads, refreshments sold, Cathy Hebert from Sunset Greenhouse will answer

gardening questions. 873-2430, Humane Society Waterville Area, 100 Webb Road, Waterville.

Saturday 6/19 – 13th Annual Garden Party, to benefit Hospice Volunteers of Waterville Area, 9 am, includes workshops and tours, children's activities, live music, \$10 gourmet buffet, rain date 6/20, \$5 admission for all ages, reservations recommended 873-3615, Fieldstone Gardens, Vassalboro.

Saturday 6/19 - Drawing Animals, Children's Program, 10 am, \$1, 238-4250, L.C. Bates Museum, Route 201, Hinckley.

Saturday 6/19 - Workshop: Geo-caching and Letterboxing, call 495-6039 to sign up, Center for All Seasons, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes.

Saturday 6/19 - Seatbelt Safety - Fred Richards Jr. Memorial, chicken BBQ, Seatbelt Convincer, Bounce House, Dunk Tank, and more, 441-5627, Mill Park, Water Street, Augusta.

Saturday 6/19 - Public Supper, 4:30 pm, Smithfield Baptist Church, Route 137, Smithfield.

Saturday 6/19 - Concert by pianist May Ye, 7 pm, donations appreciated, Union Church, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes.

Sunday 6/20 - Maine Day at all Maine state parks and historic sites, free (except for Penobscot Narrows observatory) to all Maine residents, 9 am-6 pm, rain or shine, www.maine.gov/doc/parks, statewide.

Sunday 6/20 and Tuesday 6/22 - Auditions for "Born Yesterday" by Garson Kanin, cold readings from script, performance dates September 3-5 and 9-11, auditions at 6:30 pm, mclements@roadrunner.com, Gaslight Theater, City Hall, 1 Winthrop Street, Hallowell.

Monday 6/21 – Collections Care Workshop - Critical Conversations: How to assess the many values of your collection to maximize support, free, call to reserve a spot, 9 am-3 pm, 238-4250, L.C. Bates Museum, Route

201, Hinckley.

Monday 6/21 through Friday 6/25 - Nature Camp: Monday - Buggin Out!, Tuesday - Retiles Rule!, Wednesday - We love Rocks, Thursday - Brilliant Birds, Friday - The Amazing Life of the Pond, 9-11:30 am, \$5 per day per participant, \$24 for the week, pre-registration required, 238-4250, L.C. Bates Museum, Route 201, Hinckley.

Monday 6/21 – Old Crow Band, 7-9 pm, Meetinghouse Square, downtown Farmington.

Tuesday 6/22 - 20th Anniversary celebration for the Kotlas Connection, 10 am-12 noon, www.kotlas.org, City Council Chambers, 93 Main Street, Waterville.

Tuesday 6/22 – Arizona Rose & the Rich Ric Band, Outdoor Concert, free, 11:30 am-1 pm, Meetinghouse Park Gazebo, downtown Farmington.

Tuesday 6/22 - Eco Kids Series: fun workshop, 4-5 pm, 495-6039, Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance, Main Street, Belgrade Lakes.

Tuesday 6/22 - Pedal-Powered Tuesday, 6 pm, meet at Meetinghouse Park Gazebo, downtown Farmington.

Tuesday 6/22 – Rock on the River, 7-8:30 pm, 620-7477, Riverfront Boardwalk, Hallowell.

Wednesday 6/23 - Learn@Lunch: Peace Corps Volunteer Information Session, bring a lunch and join a former Peace Corps volunteer to learn more about this once-in-a-lifetime experience, no registration necessary, 11:30am-12:30 pm, 617-565-5548, Ford Grant Conference Room, Inland Hospital, 200 Kennedy Memorial Drive, Waterville.

Wednesday 6/23 – Summer Reading Program, Ocean Adventures - "Ocean Guy": "How Fishermen Catch Fish," 11 am-12 noon, free, 465-7533, Oakland Public Library, Church Street, Oakland.

Wednesday 6/23 - Summer Reading

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Wednesday 6/23 – Waterfront Wednesday
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admission, 6 pm, Waterfront Park, Water
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Wednesday 6/23 – Belgrade Historical
Society Annual Meeting, sandwich supper,
guest speaker on Kennebec Highlands
Heritage Project local historical research, 6
pm, reservations 465-7924, Center for All
Seasons, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes.

Wednesday 6/23 - Public Reception for the
Kotlas Delegation, all members of the Kotlas
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ed to meet our Russian guests, 7 pm, The
Forum at The Center, 93 Main Street,
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Wednesday 6/23 through Saturday 6/26 –
"Little Women," comedy, 474-7176,
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Thursday 6/24 - Poet Ellen Taylor and
acoustic musicians Anna and Dave
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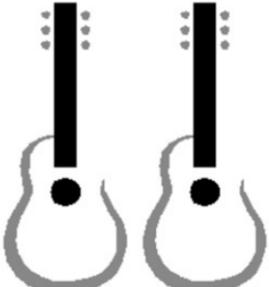
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— Upcoming —

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• The acoustic Coffee House takes place Saturday, June 26 at 7:30 pm at the Union Church in Belgrade Lakes, featuring Con Fullam and Maura Clarke, two of Maine's premier singer/songwriters. \$5 for admission and refreshments.

• An outdoor concert is scheduled for Saturday, June 26 at the Kingfield POPS, preceded by The Festival of the Arts, 10 am-4 pm, featuring over 30 artists and artisans, festivities and live music. www.kingfieldpops.com

• Mozart's "The Impresario," and Donizetti's "The Night Bell" will be performed by PORTopera's Emerging Artists on Sunday, June 27 at 2 pm at Jewett Auditorium, University of Maine, Augusta. 621-3551, www.concertsatjewett.com

• On Sunday, July 4, The Friends of the Belgrade Library will hold their Annual Book Sale fundraiser, 9 am-2 pm, downtown Belgrade Lakes. 495-3508.

• A training workshop in invasive plants will be held by the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance on Tuesday, July 6 in the afternoon at the

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4th Annual River Fest/Upper Kennebec Expo

The 4th annual River Fest & Upper Kennebec Valley Outdoor Expo, presented by Skowhegan Savings and the Run of River Project, will be held Friday through Sunday, June 25-27. The event offers a host of family-friendly entertainment including free rafting trips, rock climbing wall, youth fishing tournament, 5K road race, Glow Stick paddle on the Kennebec, a recreation/outdoor adventure travel trade show and concerts featuring acoustic music by Aztec Two Step, female folk and jazz vocalist Emilia Dahlin, and Portland's own independent band, Rustic Overtones.

River Fest and the Upper Kennebec Outdoor Expo began in 2007 as events to promote the Run of River Project, whose mission is to preserve and enhance the Kennebec River Environment to benefit the physical and economic well-being of the greater Skowhegan area. This is the first year that Skowhegan Savings will underwrite the event. All of the events are open to the public and free-of-charge except the two concert events featuring Aztec Two Step and Emilia Dahlin on Friday evening at the Skowhegan Opera House and Rustic Overtones on Saturday evening at the River Fest Event Tent.

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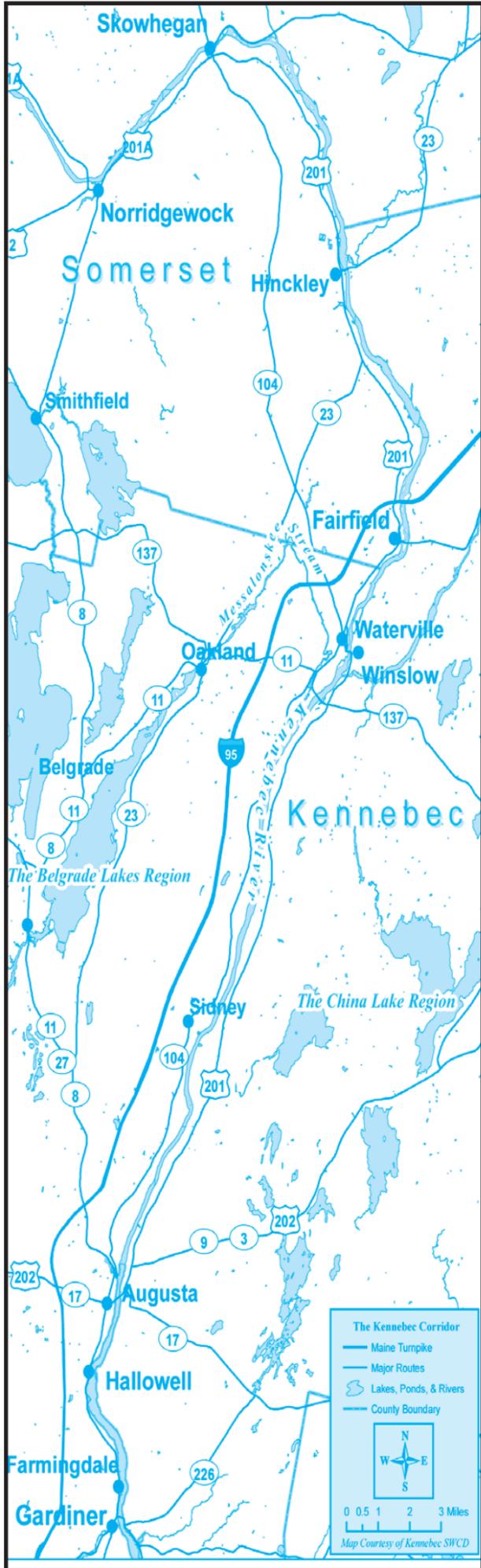
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Greater Gardiner River Festival June 19

The Greater Gardiner River Festival on Saturday, June 19 is kick-off day for the Whatever 2010 Family Festival. With attractions and activities for all age levels, this annual event focuses on quaint Water Street, the scenic Kennebec River waterfront, historic Johnson Hall, the Gardiner Public Library, and other historic buildings and landmarks. From 7 am until after dark, the Greater Gardiner River Festival Calendar of Events provides non-stop activities, including:

- Christ Church**
 - Pancake Breakfast, 7-11 am;
 - Colossal Yard Sale, 8 am-3 pm
- First Baptist Church**
 - Gigantic Lawn Sale, 8 am-3 pm
- Gardiner Public Library**
 - Book Sale, 9 am to 4 pm;
 - Author Shirley Hanley, Book Signing, 10 am-12 noon
- Johnson Hall**
 - Music, Art & Theater Sale, 9 am-4 pm
 - Children's Art in the Mini-Park, create artwork to take home, rain location inside Johnson Hall, 10 am-12 noon
 - Performance Stage in the Mini-Park, Music and Entertainment, (rain location inside Johnson Hall)
 - Hall Dale High School Taiko Drumming Group; exciting Japanese-style drums, noon
 - Charlie Who - juggling, magic, comic characters, and more, 1:15 pm
 - Con Fullam - singer/songwriter, country-rock-folk, 2:30 pm
- Downtown Gardiner**
 - 9th Annual Gardiner Arts & Crafts Festival along Water Street, Maine artists and artisans, specialty food vendors, sales and specials at local shops, galleries and restaurants, R & B Dance Company performances, 10 am to 4 pm
 - Go Augusta Trolley Rides, free, 10 am-4 pm
- Gardiner Waterfront**
 - Children's Activities, games, bounces, slides, food, 10 am-4 pm
 - Coast Guard Vessel Tours, 10 am-5 pm
 - Specialty Food Vendors/Novelties/Non-Profit Groups, 10 am-10 pm
 - Firefighter's Demonstrations, 11-3 pm
 - Johnson Hall Waterfront Talent Show, shine only, 6:30 pm
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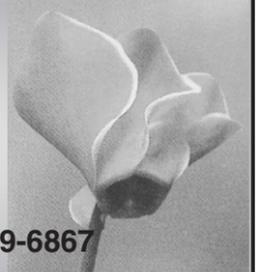
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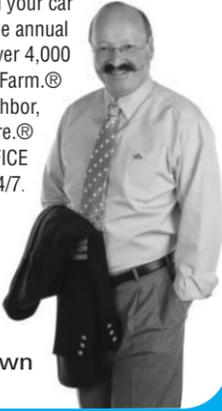
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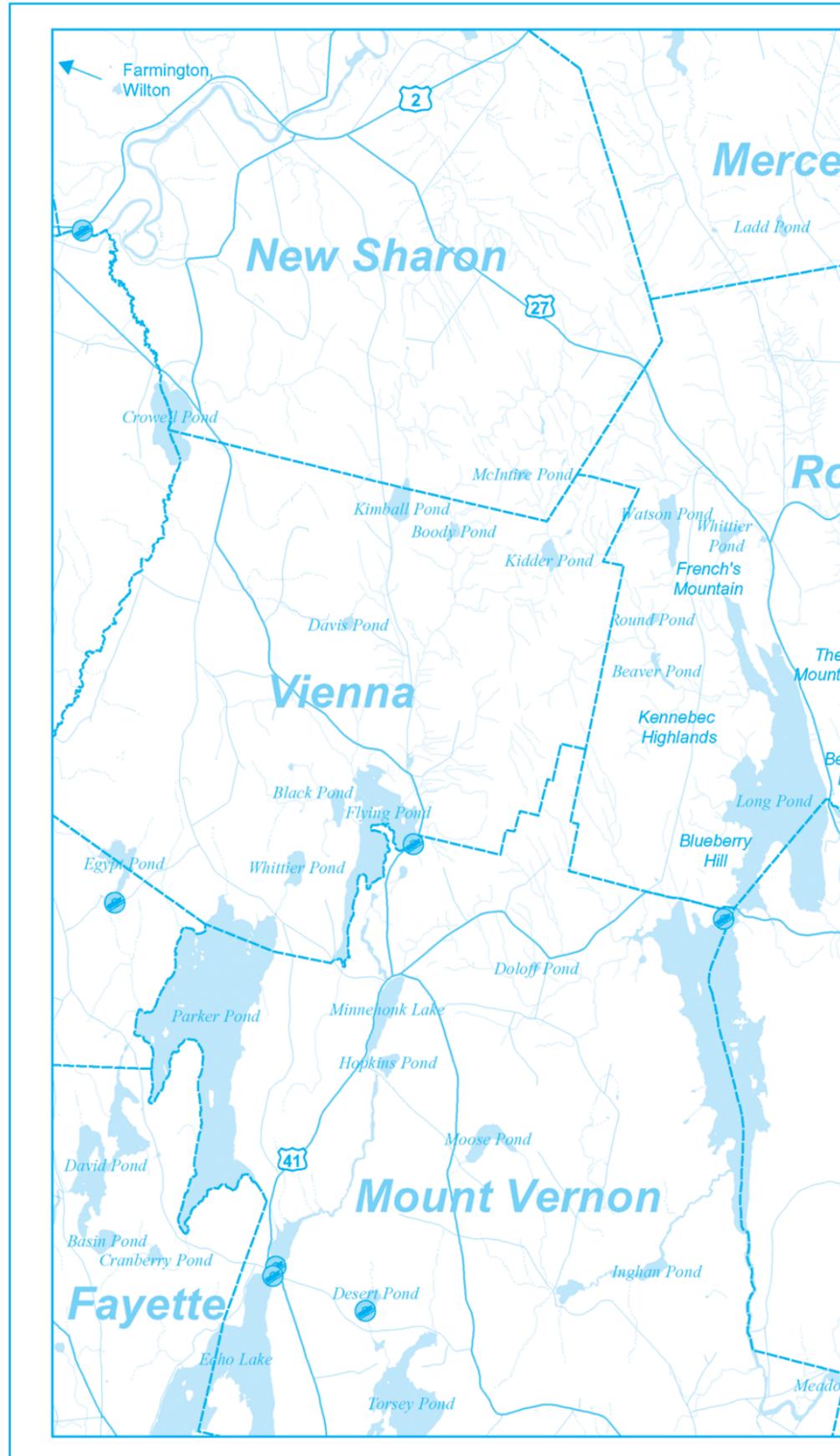
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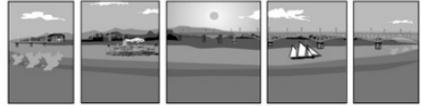
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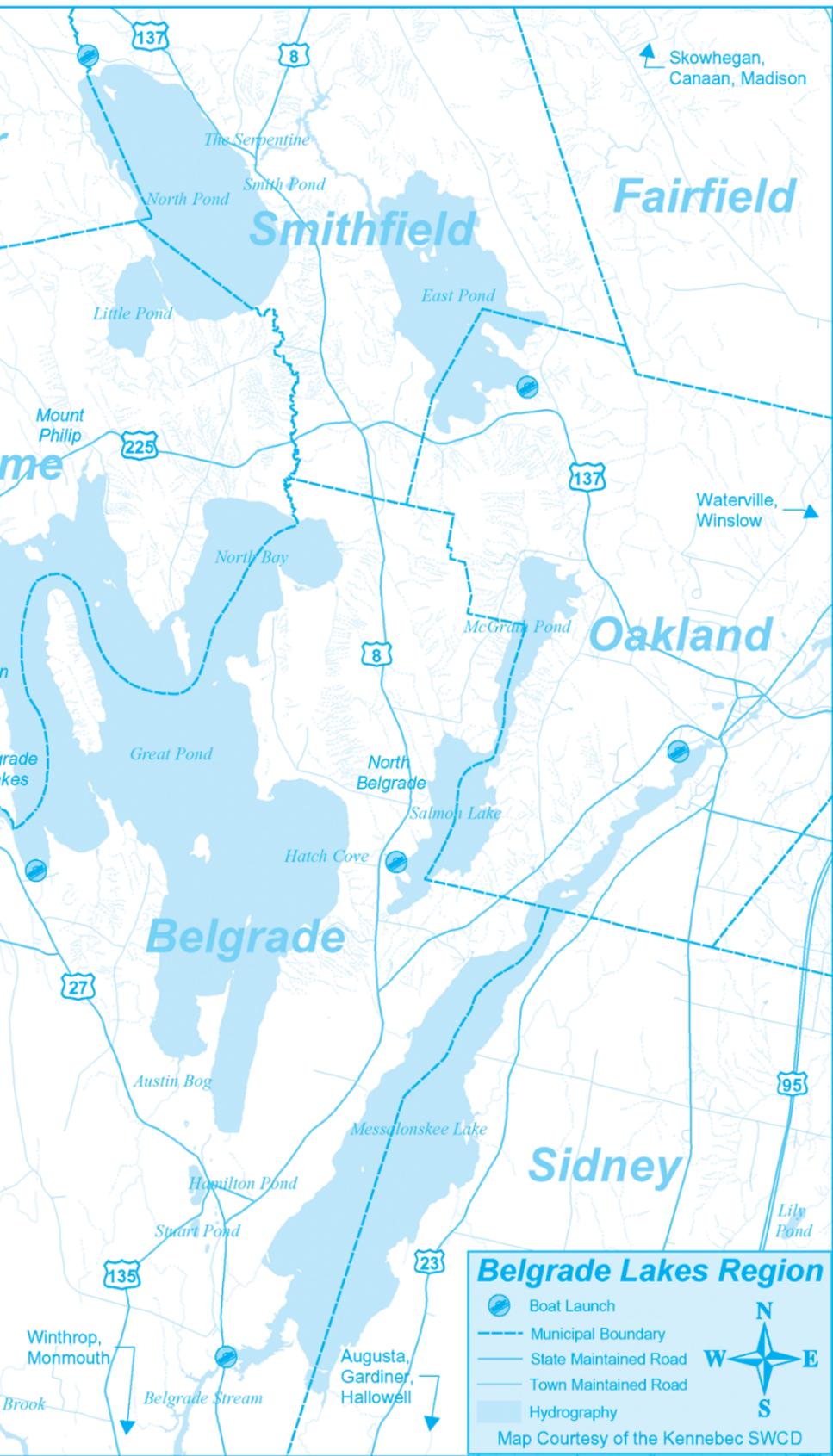


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"Shakespeare's Clownes: A Foole's Guide to Shakespeare," performed by Curt L. Tofteland, will help the audience decide which group - clown or fool - Shakespeare intended his comedic characters to join. Laughing is guaranteed!



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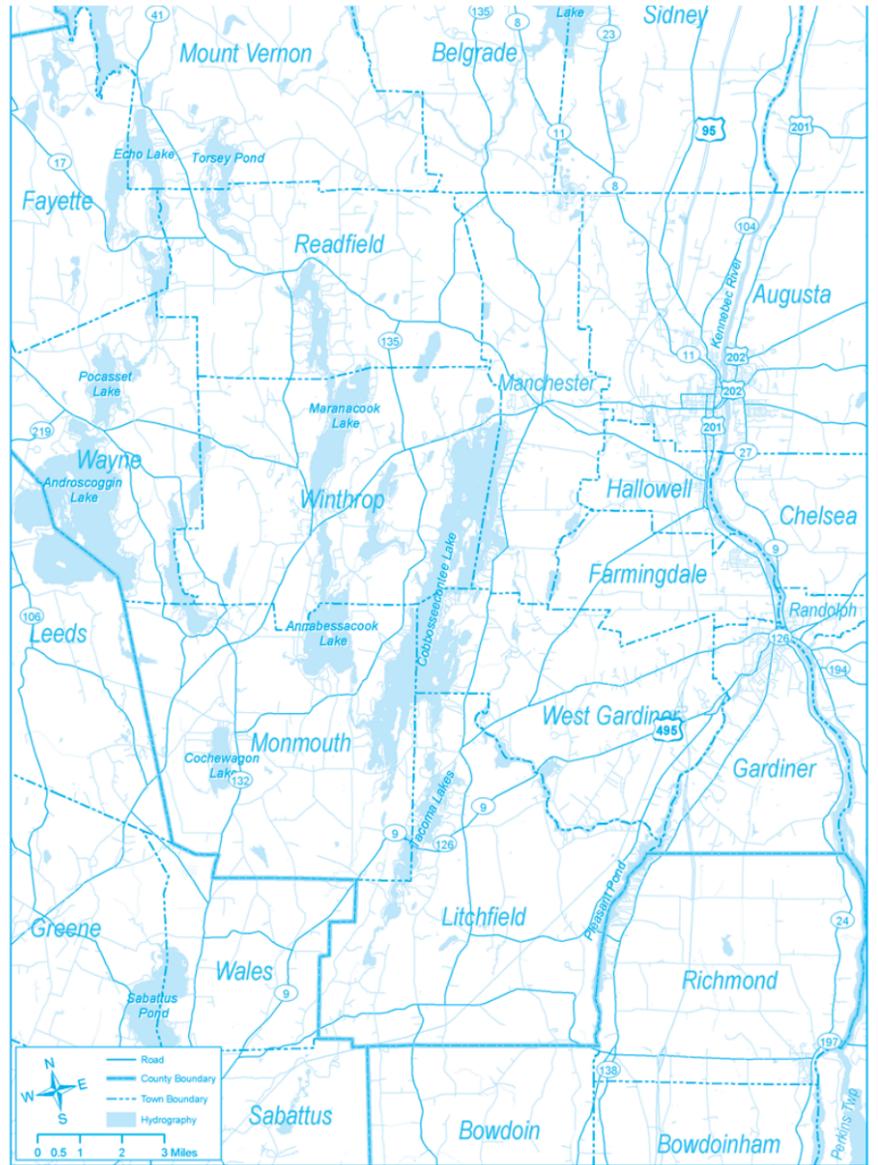
The performance will take place in historic Cumston Hall. Tickets are \$22, \$18 for seniors/students.

Tofteland is new to The Theater At Monmouth and will also direct Shakespeare's "The Comedy of Errors," which opens Friday, July 9 at 7:30 pm. For a complete summer schedule, tickets and other information visit www.theateratmonmouth.org or call 933-9999.

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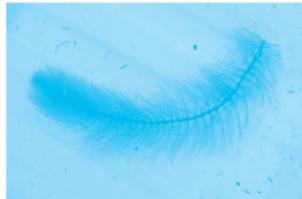


Cobbossee Watershed



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Cobbossee Corner

Watershed Education Goes "Outside" in the Cobbossee Watershed!



Winthrop Grade School students conducting deep water sampling aboard the OTTER II on Maranacook Lake.

The Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed wrapped up the 2009-2010 school year with several culminating projects and field trips that provided hands-on, interactive, and FUN activities with 266 students at four area schools recently. The field lessons are part of the Friends' Watershed Science Program, provided at no charge to area schools within the Cobbossee Watershed during the academic school year. In 2009-2010, Education Director Tamara Whitmore provided meaningful watershed education experiences – customized lesson plans (both inside and outside the classroom) aligned with Maine Learning Results standards – to over 800 students in 33 classrooms at 8 area schools.

During the field strips, students learned about lake ecology and conservation by rotating through several stations that allowed them to participate in interactive, hands-on, ecology activities on both land and on the water aboard the "OTTER II", the Friends' 22' "floating classroom" pontoon boat.

On June 4, (92) 4th & 5th graders from the Carrie Ricker Middle School traveled to Woodbury Pond in Litchfield; on June 8, (35) 5th graders from Manchester Elementary School spent the day at the YMCA Camp of Maine on Cobbossee Lake; on June 9 (61) 5th graders from Winthrop Grade



Students from Carrie Ricker gather "water critters" (invertebrates) from Woodbury Pond to observe and identify.



Readfield Elementary students and Friends' staff member Jillian Morin braving the elements aboard the OTTER II on Maranacook Lake

School went to Norcross Point on Maranacook Lake; and on June 10, (78) 4th & 5th graders from Readfield Elementary School spent the day at Camp KV for Kids on Maranacook Lake.

Friends' staff Tamara Whitmore and Executive Director Bob Moore were assisted by AmeriCorps volunteer Whitney Grass, a 2010 Bowdoin College graduate who will be working as the Friends' Watershed Steward intern through the fall; Edward Hanlon, AmeriCorps Watershed Educator with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection; Sharon McKee, Friends' Board member; and volunteers Tom Poulin, Jillian Morin, and Morgan Chessman, Courtesy Boat Inspectors with the Friends' MilFoiler program.

FMI on how you can get your school involved, contact Education Director Tamara Whitmore at 621-4100 or via email at tamara@watershed-friends.com.

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The Gaslight Theater production features a cast of well-known area actors. Performances are scheduled for June 18, 19, 25 and 26 at 8 pm; June 20 and 27 at 2 pm; and June 24 at 7:30 pm. Admission is \$12 for all tickets, payable at the door. For reservations call 626-3698. A post show reception will be held on the 18th.



Music Festival Performs in Litchfield

Blistered Fingers Family Bluegrass Music Festival has a new site this season as its 34th production starts Thursday, June 17 and runs through Sunday, June 20. Fifteen bands will share the stage during the four-day festival. Arts, crafts, food vendors, instrument and supply displays, and camping will be available on the grounds.

Hosted by the Cormier family of Sidney - and of Blistered Fingers fame - the twice-a-summer event is the perfect outing to enjoy a line-up of bands, local and from away, and a lot of nonstop field picking. Open stage for Acoustic Bluegrass bands on Saturday afternoon guarantees a 2011



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- Conservation Too -

On June 9th a number of us met and discussed the upcoming field season with a focus on the "LakeSmart" program. That is a voluntary program where shoreline landowners on some lakes in Maine have their property evaluated for its potential impact on the lake water quality. The program began about seven years ago and has evolved. It's objective is to identify properties on the shorefront that exhibit "gold standard" practices to control erosion and water runoff. It is a demanding evaluation!

Over time the standards have become more exacting. Best of all - everyone who has a "LakeSmart" review done whether they earn an award or not, learns about what they can do to minimize their impact on their lake or pond. It's all about the goal of clean water and moving in that direction.

Much of our discussion that day was focused on controlling rain runoff. In the past few years rainstorms seem to have become more intense. Overall the annual amount of rain is about the same, but it seems to arrive in heavier doses. As a result, water runoff can cause more severe erosion and carry even more "stuff" into our waterways. When it comes to intercepting and filtering that runoff, riparian buffers are almost always part of

the discussion. For most of us landowners, that means some sort of buffer planting between our buildings, driveways, patios or lawns and the waterway into which the water runs.

So, what makes a riparian buffer so important? A riparian buffer (lake or streamside plants) can be thought of as the link or transition between the land and water. The water flowing over driveways, lawns, or rooftops picks up sediments, fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, heavy metals, and other pollutants that people don't want in their waterways. That flowing water or "water in a hurry" can have a number of impacts, and the buffer can help minimize them.

Use it to slow or stop erosion, limit flooding caused by heavy runoff from impervious surfaces, help stop algae blooms caused by contaminants, and cut back on your property's impact on water temperature, clarity or chemistry caused by excessive runoff.

THE PARTS OF A RIPARIAN BUFFER

An easy guide for describing a riparian buffer is to identify its three zones.

Streamside is that area from the water level to the top of the immediate bank. This area protects the bank and offers habitat. Mature forest is best

but large shrubs may be preferred because trees may collapse a bank.

The Middle Zone is from the top of the bank inland. This area protects stream water quality and offers habitat. The best buffer has trees, shrubs, and perennial ground plants and probably mulch. This area is an excellent target to use your buffer as a filter and to slow the water flow.

The Outer Zone is that area between your home and the rest of the buffer. It is your yard, garden or woods. It can serve to trap sediment and filter runoff if designed properly. This is the area more suitable for human activities. If thoughtfully designed, this part of your buffer can divert water into filtering areas before it even gets near the shoreline.

You may also hear people refer to the "tiers" of a buffer. In the coming weeks we will discuss more buffer details. You will have the opportunity to read and learn about the five tiers: the canopy, shrub, under-story, ground cover and, last but not least, the duff.

Until next time, keep aiming to minimize your impact on water quality.



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• Aquafest Family Festival and Wooden Boat Showcase will be held July 9 and 10 in Belgrade Lakes. Many children's activities, arts & crafts, special events, canoe/kayak race, sea plane rides, dinner Friday evening with writer Ernest Thompson guest speaker. 495-6039.

• Le Festival de la Bastille will be July 7-11 in Augusta. New this year a Saturday Children's Program. 557-1973, 622-1622.

• Waterville's 40th Annual Intown Arts Fest will be Saturday, July 17. Over 100 artists will be set up along Main Street, offering a variety of art in a range of prices.

• Ice Cream Socials at the Oakland Area Historical Society McCartney House Museum are scheduled for July 20 and August 17, in the parking lot in front of the museum. 465-7549.

• The Taste of Greater Waterville will be Wednesday, August 4. Downtown Waterville Sidewalk Sales are August 5 through 7. www.watervillemainstreet.org

• The 28th Annual Wilton Blueberry Festival will be August 6 and 7, featuring food, music, tours, a parade, a free concert, activities and entertainment all day both days, a boat parade, fireworks, free shuttle service 7 am-4 pm. www.wiltonbbf.com

• Maine Farm Days 2010 will be held at the Barker

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• August 27-29 the End of Summer Hoorah! Automobile & Motorcycle Show and Swap Meet will be held at Farmington Fairgrounds. Highlights will include a social, BBQ, auction and motorcycle raffle run. www.franklincountymaine.org

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Alden Camps, American Plan cottages, boat rentals, 3 Alden Camps Cove, Oakland. 465-7703. www.aldencamps.com

Among the Lakes Bed & Breakfast, Route 8, North Belgrade, 465-4900. www.amongthelakes.com

Bear Spring Camps, 60 Jamaica Point Rd., Rome. 397-2341, www.bearspringcamps.com

Castle Island Camps, American Plan, Castle Island Road, Belgrade Lakes. 495-3312. www.castleislandcamps.com

Kozy Cove Cottages. Route 8, Salmon Lake, Belgrade. 465-0959, www.kozy-covecottages.com

The Village Inn, 1 & 2 bedroom suites, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes Village. 495-3553. www.villageinnducks.com

Whisperwood Cottages, American Plan, boat rentals, 103 Taylor Woods Road, Belgrade. 465-3983. www.whisperwoodlodge.com

Wing's Hill Inn, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes. 495-2400 or 866-495-2400. www.wingshillinn.com

RESERVATIONS SERVICES

Belgrade Vacation Rentals, 54 Main St., Oakland, 04963, 207-465-7007, www.belgradevacationrentals.com

Lakeside Cottage Rentals, P.O. Box 304, Belgrade Lakes, 04963, 512-2957, www.lcrentals.com



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found at www.MaineDEP.com. For more information about the Franklin County Soil & Water Conservation District call 778-4279.

Gardiner

- Annual spring/summer book sale! All are welcome to visit the Gardiner Public Library Book Sale on Saturday, June 19, 9 am-4 pm. Most hardcovers - \$1; children's books - 50 cents; and most paperbacks - 50 cents. Videos and audio books and a special cart of older books will be priced as marked. All proceeds will help defray the costs of the restorations to the library. At 10 am-noon the library will hold an author book signing in the Children's Room where local author, Shirley Hanley will have copies of her book, "Horse Memories of Luck Ahead" for sale. 582-3312.

Hinckley

- The L.C. Bates Museum summer 2010 exhibition "Bones: A Magnetic Reaction" is now open through October 15, 2010. The paintings, prints, fresco, sculptures, and photographs of the 22 artists in the exhibition explore bones as perfect devices with functional beauty and exquisite frameworks. The exhibition is designed to enhance the interpretation of the museum's natural history collections and focuses on the natural sculptural beauty of bones. Everyone is invited to meet the artists at a public reception for the artists on June 27, 2-4 pm. 238-4250.

Maranacook

- An awesome list of Youth Summer Camps is being offered in 2010, starting June 23-24 and ending August 16-19. Babysitter Training, Tennis, Art & Nature, Acting, Art, and a range of sports camps are on the schedule. For details visit <http://marana->

cook.maineadulted.org or call 685-4923, ext. 303.

Oakland

- Make A Splash - Read! The Oakland Public Library Summer Reading Program - Wet Wednesdays - starts Wednesday, June 23 and will offer special Wednesday programs through July 28, as follows: 6/23 - "How Fishermen Catch Fish" and "Touch Tank Program," 6/30 - Puppet Show, 7/7 - Summer Carnival, 7/14 - "Water Crossing Raft Design," 7/21 - "Water and Wildlife: - Chewonki, 7/28 - Judy Pancoast - "Beach Songs. For details, times and other information, please call 465-7533.

Skowhegan

- Library Night at the Movies will be held Thursday, June 17 at dusk at the Skowhegan Drive-In Theater. All gate money will be donated to Project 2012, the expansion of the library. There will also be a 50/50 Raffle. The title of the movie will be announced the Monday preceding the showing (6/14); it will be a family-oriented film.

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- **Belgrade Lakes Golf Club**, lunch/snacks, West Road, Belgrade Lakes, 495-4653
- **Belgrade Lakes Seafood and Dairy Bar**, Rte. 27, Belgrade Lakes, 495-0926
- **Lazy Lab Café**, 81 Main St., Belgrade Lakes, 495-2872, www.lazylabcafe.com
- **Sunset Grill**, West Rd., Belgrade Lakes, 495-2439
- **The Village Inn**, Rte. 27, Belgrade Lakes Village, 495-3553, www.villageinnducks.com
- **Wings Hill Inn**, Rte. 27, Belgrade Lakes Village, 495-2400, www.wingshillinn.com
- **Whisperwood**, Salmon Lake/McGrath Pond, Taylor Woods Road, open to the public by reservation only, 465-3983, www.whisperwoodlodge.com

Oakland

• **Alden Camps**, Lunch or dinner by reservations, Sat. - Wed., space permitting. 3 Alden Camps Cove, Oakland.

465-7703. www.aldencamps.com

- **Pete's Pig Southern Barbecue**, Catering for corporate outings, golf tournaments, special events, 54 Main Street, Oakland. 1-877-860-1503
- **Riverside Farm Market & Cafe**, 291 Fairfield Street, Oakland, 465-4439. www.riversidefarmmarket.com

Waterville

- **Buen Apetito**. 46 Chaplin St. (at Railroad Square), Waterville. 861-4649.
- **Cacciatores**. 150 JFK Plaza, KMD, 872-9700.
- **Dairy Queen**. 13 KMD Plaza, Waterville, 872-2220; and 161 College Ave, Waterville, 873-1677, www.dairyqueen.com
- **Killarney's Restaurant & Pub**. At The Holiday Inn, 375 Upper Main Street, Waterville. 873-0111.

Winslow

• **Lobster Trap & Steakhouse**. 25 Bay Street, Winslow. 872-0529. www.lobstertrap-seafood.com.

Winthrop

• **Peppers Garden & Grill**. 357A Main Street, Winthrop. 377-8877

The Small Garden Guide

Gardening the Focus of Hospice Benefit



Garden workshops throughout the day, tours of a prominent area nursery, plant specials, local artisans, children's activities, and a buffet gourmet luncheon are on the schedule for "Summer Solstice in the Garden," the 13th Annual Hospice Garden Party, to be held Saturday, June 19, beginning at 9 am, at Fieldstone Gardens in Vassalboro.

Sponsored by Hospice Volunteers of the Waterville Area, the event is particularly special this year due to the support from the Kennebec District of the Maine Federation of Garden Clubs. Members will lead some of the workshops, which will include Container Gardening with Pat Michaud, Director of the Waterville Community Garden Club; Flower Arranging with Shelly Hanson, District Director of the Kennebec District of Garden Clubs; and What's New in Perennials

with Steve Jones, owner of Fieldstone Gardens. Children are invited to dress as fairies in keeping with building a Fairy House Village, live music will be provided by The Katahdin Valley boys, David Deas and Friends and others, and a free daylily will be given out to the first 100 guest over the age of 18.

Admission is \$5 for all ages, which includes a Fairy Feast for children under 12 years. Cost for the buffet luncheon is \$10. Reservations are recommended. Call 873-3615 or www.hvwa.org/special-events.shtml. The rain date will be Sunday, June 20. Hospice Volunteers of the Waterville Area provides end-of-life care and grief support to residents in 27 communities in Kennebec, Waldo, Penobscot and Somerset Counties.

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Maine Wilderness Tours. Fishing, canoeing/kayaking, lobster picnic, bird watching. Belgrade. 465-4333.

www.MaineWildernessTours.com

Paradis Outfitters. 3575 Middle Road, Sidney. 547-GUNS, www.paradisoutfitters.com

AIRPLANE RIDES

AirLink, LLC. Float plane rides. 2 LaFleur Rd., Waterville. 859-0109 or 609-712-0866 (Cell) www.airlinkconnection.com

ANTIQUES

Barbara's Antique & Collectibles Group Shoppe. Rt. 201, 414 Lakewood Road, Madison. 474-2550

AUCTIONS

James D. Julia, Inc., 203 Skowhegan Road (Rte. 201), Fairfield, 453-7125, www.juliaauctions.com

BANKING

Kennebec Savings Bank. 150 State St., Augusta. 622-5801. www.kennebecsavings.com

Skowhegan Savings Bank, Route 27, Belgrade. 495-7787. www.skowsavings.com

Taconnet Federal Credit Union, 316 Benton Avenue, Winslow. 872-7909, 1-800-339-7909 www.taconnet.com

BEVERAGES

Jokas Discount Beverage, 52 Front Street, Waterville. 873-6228.

BOATS

(Besides the categories immediately following, see Canoes and Kayaks, Docks, and Wooden Boat Repair.)

BOAT COVERS

Waterville Auto Top & Upholstery. 1042 Kennedy Memorial Drive, Oakland. 465-7847

BOAT LIFTS

Hammond Lumber Company. Auburn, Bangor, Belgrade, Brunswick, Fairfield, Farmington, Greenville, Portland and Skowhegan. 866-HAMMOND, www.hammondlumber.com

Power Equipment Plus. 2309 Belgrade Road, (Route 27), Sidney. 547-4114, pep@pivot.net

BOAT MOORINGS

Great Pond Marina. 25 Marina Drive (Route 27), Belgrade Lakes. 495-2213, www.greatpondmarina.com

BOAT RENTALS

Belgrade Boat Rentals and Storage. Route 27, Belgrade. 495-3415, boatstorage@roadrunner.com

Belgrade Canoe & Kayak, Route 27, Belgrade. 495-2005, 242-6331, www.kayakandcanoe.com

Castle Island Camps, Castle Island Road, Belgrade Lakes. 495-3312, www.castleislandcamps.com

Great Pond Marina. 25 Marina Drive (Route 27), Belgrade Lakes. 495-2213, www.greatpondmarina.com

Whisperwood Cottages, 103 Taylor Woods Road., Belgrade. 465-3983, www.whisperwoodlodge.com

BOAT REPAIR

Mobile Marine, 897-1032 (home) or 897-8433 (cell)

BOAT SALES AND SERVICES

Belgrade Canoe & Kayak, Route 27, Belgrade. 495-2005, 242-6331, www.kayakandcanoe.com

Clark Marine, 57 Puddledock Road, Manchester. 622-7011, www.clarkmarine.biz

Hamlin's Marine, 290 West River Road, Waterville. 872-5660, www.hamlinsmarine.com

Mid-Maine Marine and RV, 885 Kennedy Memorial Drive, Oakland. 465-2146, www.midmainemarine.com

Power Equipment Plus, 2309 Belgrade Road, (Route 27), Sidney. 547-4114, pep@pivot.net

Trailside Performance, 797 Augusta Road (Rte. 201), Winslow. 873-2366, www.trailsideperformance.com

BOAT STORAGE

Belgrade Boat Rentals and Storage, Route 27, Belgrade. 495-3415. boatstorage@roadrunner.net

Belgrade Lakes Marine and Storage, Inc., 366 Augusta Rd., Belgrade. 495-2378, www.belgradelakesmarine.com

Clark Marine, 57 Puddledock Road, Manchester. 622-7011; and Rte. 202, Monmouth. www.clarkmarine.biz

Great Pond Marina, 25 Marina Drive, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes. 495-2213, www.greatpondmarina.com

Hamlin's Marine, 290 West River Road, Waterville. 872-5660. www.hamlinsmarine.com

Maple Leaf Self Storage, 688 Manchester Rd., Belgrade. 495-2191, 441-5529.

Mid-Maine Marine and RV, 885 Kennedy Memorial Drive, Oakland. 465-2146, www.midmainemarine.com

Trailside Performance, 797 Augusta Road, Route 201, Winslow. 873-2366, www.trailsideperformance.com

BOOKS

Children's Book Cellar, 52 Main St., Waterville. 872-4543, kidsbookseller@verizon.net

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Flying Pond Variety, 165 Pond Rd., Route 41, Mt. Vernon. 293-2916 or 293-2994

Jokas' Discount Beverage, 52 Front Street, Waterville. 873-6228

BUILDERS

(See also Electricians, Kitchens, Plumbers, and Excavating.)
Craig's Carpentry/North Bay Estates, North Belgrade. Craig Alexander, 649-3749

G&L Contracting, Adam Gardner, Belgrade. 215-7951

Grandview Log & Timber Frames, 72 Burtons Lane, Winthrop. 395-4172. www.grandviewtimbers.com

Home Modification Specialists of Maine, a Division of Care & Comfort, 180 Main Street, Suite 4, Waterville. 1-800-366-5302, www.careandcomfort.com

LakeHouse Renovations, Joint Venture Company, Liberty Rd., Readfield. 685-7393 or 242-3663, www.adedesignbuild.net

Mainly Molding & Restoration, 449 Wilder Hill Rd., Norridgewock. 634-2821, lanca@tds.net

BUILDING MATERIALS

(See also Flooring, Stonework and Windows.)

Gagne and Son, 28 Old Route 27, Belgrade. 495-3313, www.gagneandson.com

Hammond Lumber Company, Auburn, Bangor, Belgrade, Brunswick, Fairfield, Farmington, Greenville, Portland, Skowhegan. 866-HAMMOND, www.hammondlumber.com

BUS SERVICE

Concord Coach Lines, 9 Industrial Drive, Augusta. 1-800-639-3317, concordcoachlines.com

CANOES AND KAYAKS

Belgrade Canoe & Kayak, Route 27, Belgrade. 495-2005. www.kayakandcanoe.com

Kimball Pond Boat Barn, specializing in wood-canvas canoe restoration. 21 Day Road, Vienna. 249-2814, kpboatbarn@yahoo.com

CHAINSAWS

Power Equipment Plus, 2309 Belgrade Road, Route 27, Sidney. 547-4114, pep@pivot.net

CLASSES

Thomas College, 180 West River Road, Waterville. 859-1102, 888-299-6832

CLOTHING

New Balance Factory Outlet, 13 Walnut St., Skowhegan. 474-6231.

COMPUTER CONSULTANTS

Samara Consulting. Macintosh Consultant, Michael Breault, 24 Welch Road, Wilton. 645-5083, cell: 578-0226 mbreault@samarac consulting.com, www.samarac consulting.com

DINING

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DOCKS

G&L Contracting, Belgrade. 215-7951, agardner81@yahoo.com

Hammond Lumber Company, Auburn, Bangor, Belgrade, Brunswick, Fairfield, Farmington, Greenville, Portland and Skowhegan. 866-HAMMOND. www.hammondlumber.com

Power Equipment Plus, 2309 Belgrade Road, Route 27, Sidney. 547-4114. pep@pivot.net

Trailside Performance, 797 Augusta Rd. Route 201, Winslow. 873-2366. www.trailsideperformance.com

ELDER CARE

Maine-ly Elder Care, 28 Center Street, Oakland. 465-3249. www.maine-lyeldercare.com

EXCAVATING

Belgrade Boat Rentals and Storage. Route 27, Belgrade. 495-3415. boatstorage@roadrunner.com

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

EYE CARE

Maine Eye Care Associates 325 E. Kennedy Memorial Drive, Waterville. 873-2731, www.MaineEyeCare.com

FARMSTAND

Riverside Farm Market & Cafe, 291 Fairfield Street, Oakland. 465-4439, www.riversidefarmmarket.com

Winterberry Farm, Route 27, Belgrade. 495-2593, www.winterberryfarmstand.com

FINANCIAL PLANNING

Edward Jones, 54 Main Street, Oakland. 465-7179



Golden Pond Wealth Management, 129 Silver Street, Waterville. 873-2200, www.goldenpondwealth.com

FLOORING

Hammond Lumber Company, Auburn, Bangor, Belgrade, Brunswick, Fairfield, Farmington, Greenville, Portland and Skowhegan. 866-HAMMOND, www.hammondlumber.com

FLOWERS AND PLANTS

Longfellow's Greenhouses, 81 Puddledock Rd., Manchester. 622-5965, www.longfellowsgreenhouses.com

FURNITURE

Country Rustics Furniture & Lighting, 844 US Route 2., East Wilton. 645-7110

GALLERIES

Artisan's Barn, 163 North Rd., Readfield. 685-9787, www.theartisansbarn.com

Spring Gallery & Sculpture Garden, bronze castings, 81 Main Street, Belgrade Lakes. 495-3113, www.modernartfoundry.com

GIFTS

365 Days of Christmas, Route 27, (between Belgrade Canoe & Kayak and Town Office), Belgrade. 495-6090, 877-365-XMAS www.365daysofchristmas.com

The Brass Knocker Gift Shop, Route 27, Main St., Belgrade Lakes. 495-3345.

Day's General Store, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes. 495-2205. www.go2days.com

Kozy Cottage, 13 Church St., Oakland. 465-0959 www.kozy-covecottages.com

The Village Peddler Gift Shop, Lake Shore Drive, Belgrade Lakes. 495-7707.

GOLF

Lakewood Golf Course, 803 Lakewood Road, Madison. 474-5955, www.lakewoodgolfmaine.com

Natanis Golf Course, 735 Webber Pond Road, Vassalboro. 622-3561. www.natanisgc.com

GROCERIES

Day's General Store, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes. 495-2205. www.go2days.com

Flying Pond Variety, 165 Pond Rd., Mt. Vernon. 293-2916

HEALTH CENTER

Belgrade Regional Health Center, 4 Clement Way, Belgrade Lakes. 495-3323, www.healthreachchc.org/Belgrade/

ICE CREAM

365 Days of Christmas, Route 27, (between Belgrade Canoe & Kayak and Town Office), Belgrade. 495-6090, www.365daysofchristmas.com

Belgrade Lakes Seafood and Dairy Bar, Rte. 27, Belgrade Lakes. 495-0926

Dairy Queen, 13 KMD Plaza, Waterville, 872-2220; and 161 College Avenue, Waterville. 873-1677. www.dairyqueen.com

Day's General Store, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes. 495-2205. www.go2days.com

INSURANCE

John M. Fortier, State Farm Insurance, 16 Silver St., Waterville. 873-1101, john@johnfortier.com

Higgins & Bolduc Agency, 56 Main Street, Oakland. 465-2531, www.higginsandbolduc.com

JEWELRY

Larsen's Jewelers, 57 Main Street, Waterville. 872-6301, 800-697-1874, www.larsensjewelers.com

L. Tardif Jeweler, 62 Main St., Waterville, 800-834-3638 or 872-7542.

KITCHENS

Hammond Lumber Company, Auburn, Bangor, Belgrade, Brunswick, Fairfield, Farmington, Greenville, Skowhegan. 866-HAMMOND. www.hammondlumber.com

LANDSCAPING

Foster Tree Care and Landscaping, 3675 Middle Rd., Sidney. 547-3476

G&L Contracting, Belgrade, 215-7951, agardner81@yahoo.com

Lakeside Landscape, Belgrade. 831-7053, 632-1086, lakesidelandscape1@yahoo.com

Longfellow's Greenhouses, 81 Puddledock Rd., Manchester. 622-5965, www.longfellowsgreenhouses.com

Native Notions, 213 West Rd., Belgrade. 495-6040 or 314-9538, nativenotions@hotmail.com

LAKE ASSOCIATIONS

Belgrade Lakes Association, BLA, Long Pond and Great Pond, PO Box 551, Belgrade Lakes. 512-5150, www.belgrade-lakesassociation.com

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Foster Tree Care and Landscaping, 3675 Middle Rd., Sidney. 547-3476

G&L Contracting, Belgrade, 215-7951, agardner81@yahoo.com

Lakeside Landscape, Belgrade. 831-7053, 632-1086, lakesidelandscape1@yahoo.com

Longfellow's Greenhouses, 81 Puddledock Rd., Manchester. 622-5965, www.longfellowsgreenhouses.com

Lynch Landscaping, 474-2420, www.lynchlandscaping.com

Native Notions, 213 West Rd., Belgrade. 495-6040 or 314-9538, nativenotions@hotmail.com

LAWN AND GARDEN EQUIPMENT

Power Equipment Plus, 2309 Belgrade Road, Route 27, Sidney. 547-4114, pep@pivot.net

MEATS

Ballard Meats & Seafood, Myrtle Street, Manchester. 622-9764, 1-800-564-6328

MOVIE THEATERS

Railroad Square Cinema, call for titles and times, 17 Railroad Square, Waterville. 873-6526, www.railroadsquarecinema.com

PHARMACY

Kennebec Pharmacy & Home Care, 43 Leighton Rd., Augusta. 626-2726 or 888-463-8083, www.kpprx.com

PHYSICAL THERAPY

Dockside Physical Therapy, 47 Main St., Belgrade Lakes. 495-3195, 512-2544, Fax 512-2545

PICTURE FRAMING

The Framemakers, 46 Main St., Waterville, 872-8927, www.theframemakers.com

PLUMBING

Paul Hanna's Plumbing, Belgrade Lakes. 495-3805

Houle's, 19 North Street, Waterville. 872-6762, www.houlesphac.com

REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENTS

North Bay Estates, Belgrade. 649-3749. crgsnbe@yahoo.com

REAL ESTATE

Coldwell Banker Thomas Agency, 75 Main St., Winthrop. 377-2121. www.coldwellbankerthomas.com

Cathleen Horner, Century 21 Surette Real Estate, 113 Silver Street, Waterville. 491-2846

Day's Real Estate, 262 Augusta Road (Rte. 27), Belgrade Lakes, 495-3111, 888-495-3111. www.daysrealestate.com

Lakepoint Real Estate, 221 Main St., Belgrade Lakes, 495-3700, www.belgradelakepoint.com

North Bay Estates, Belgrade. 649-3749. crgsnbe@yahoo.com

RESERVATIONS

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RESTAURANTS

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RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES

Granite Hill Estates, 60 Balsam Drive, Hallowell. 626-7786. www.granitehillestates.com

SEAFOOD

Ballard Meats & Seafood, Myrtle Street, Manchester. 622-9764, 1-800-564-6328

Lobster Trap & Steakhouse, 25 Bay Street, Winslow. 872-0529, www.lobstertrap-seafood.com

SELF STORAGE

Maple Leaf Self Storage, 688 Manchester Rd., Belgrade. 495-2191, 441-5529

SEPTIC SYSTEMS

Stanley's Septic Tank Service & Construction, 187 Norridgewock Road, Fairfield. 453-9819, fax 453-6962

SHOES AND SNEAKERS

New Balance Factory Outlet, 13 Walnut St., Skowhegan. 1-877-623-7867

STONEMASONRY

Gagne and Son, 28 Old Route 27, Belgrade. 495-3313, www.gagneandson.com

THEATERS

The Theater at Monmouth, Cumston Hall, off Route 135, Monmouth. 933-9999, www.theateratmonmouth.org

TREE CARE

Foster Tree Care and Landscaping, 3675 Middle Road, Sidney. 547-4376

WINDOWS

Hammond Lumber Company, Auburn, Bangor, Belgrade, Brunswick, Fairfield, Farmington, Greenville, Portland and Skowhegan. 866-HAMMOND. www.hammondlumber.com

WOODEN BOAT REPAIR

Kimball Pond Boat Barn, specializing in wood-canvas canoe restoration, 21 Day Road, Vienna. 249-2814, kpboatbarn@yahoo.com





Fishing



Kevin and Jen from Cape Cod with a great largemouth



An American Bittern found on Long Pond last week.

My kid sister summed up this past week with a very profound statement when she said, "sometimes life is so good I wish it had a pause button." Of course she was referring to her new baby daughter and the fun her family is having, but I totally agree with her thought process. I'd love to write and tell you all about my newly born niece, who by the way is the cutest little thing you've ever seen (and is going to be an amazing fisherman - I can just tell!), but there isn't enough space in this paper. The bottom line is that my sister is on to something, and she obviously had as much fun this week as some of the folks in the Belgrades did.

I'm not exactly sure how to sum up all the interesting things that happened this week, but let's give it a try: black headed terns everywhere, snakes giving me the creeps, gigantic snapping turtles with bad attitudes laying their eggs all over the yard, mayflies stuck on porch screens, a psychotic black Labrador retriever that enjoys "French kissing" largemouth bass and an American Bittern that had us completely confused. Oh, and let's not forget about some really cool storms and fishing with some of the best friends a guy could ask for! Put that all together and you have a week worth repeating again and again.



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What a Great Week!

by Mike Guarino



A very happy, but confused black lab enjoying his vacation in Belgrade Lakes!

Fishermen are rejoicing over the big mayfly hatch going on right now. This hatch is fluttering gold for dry fly fishermen on local trout ponds and the rivers in the area, and it's also a blessing for white perch and crappie fishermen. This mayfly hatch brings everything to the surface this time of year and on the bigger lakes in the chain it provides a great chance for anglers to catch humped-back white perch on the shorelines. Early in the morning, try checking the windblown shorelines for signs of activity in the calm water before the breezes of mid-day pick up. You can often see the perch feeding on mayflies that are sitting on the film of the water's surface. If you are not a fly fisherman, don't worry. While the perch are keyed on bugs, they will still bite small stickbaits and beetle spins or other assorted pan-fish lures.

My friend Jen gave me the photograph of the American Bittern and it had us baffled. I posted the picture on the facebook page just to see who could help and it didn't take long for e-mails to come in explaining what kind of bird it was. It's a member of the Heron family and feeds mostly in marshes on small fish, frogs and bugs. Our area is north of its prime

habitat, however local bird watchers tell me there are more of these birds around than people realize simply because the bittern is so good at camouflaging itself.

The Kennebec River is a prime spot now for some serious fishing activity. If you get a chance, head to the river to chase down sea run striped bass, but bring a strong rod and a big bucket full of patience. While there are big stripers in the river, there is also a TON of bait including alewives and blue back herring. Because there is so much bait in the river right now, getting the game fish to hit your fake offering is very tricky. But when they do bite, you'd better hold on because pound for pound I don't think there's a better fighting fish on inland Maine waters. Anglers should be sure to check the rule book before hitting the Kennebec River for striped bass too, there's a variety of rules and regulations specific to these fish. Good Luck!



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Kennebec Savings Sets Record Relay For Life Goal



Gardiner River Fest, June 19, 2010

For over a decade, Father's Day weekend has been devoted to a fundraiser by Kennebec Savings Bank employees, and this year is no exception. Twenty-six employees have committed to the Greater Augusta Relay for Life at the Hall-Dale High School in Farmingdale on Friday, June 18 and Saturday, June 19 and their goal is to raise \$10,000.

Relay luminary bags are being sold at each of the bank's four branches - Augusta, Waterville, Winthrop and Gardiner, which also have displays and posters promoting the Relay, two teams will be participating in the all-night walking/running around the track, and in pre-Relay fundraising Kennebec Savings Bank had both the top team and the top individual.

The Relay theme this year is "Celebrating More Birthdays;" the Kennebec Savings Bank theme is to have a Superheroes birthday party. Employee "Superheroes for Relay" will wear emblematic t-shirts and red capes in support of the event, and balloon animals will be available for sale at their tent with all proceeds being donated to the American Cancer Society.

Relay For Life gives everyone in communities everywhere a chance to celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, to remember loved ones lost, and to fight back against the disease. Relays are overnight events because cancer never sleeps.

For more information call 1-800-ACS-1245 or visit www.relayforlife.org.

Belgrade Business Group Calendar of Events

The Belgrade Lakes Region Business Group has issued a list of group events through the end of the calendar year. Activities on the schedule include:

-July 4, **all day** - Belgrade Village July 4th Celebration - Events for the entire family - Boat Parade, Frog Jumping, fun all day, Land Parade, entertainment, Fireworks in the evening
-July 14, **5 pm** - Great Pond Marina Summer Social
-August 7, **5 pm** - Bean Hole Supper and Loon Calling Contest
-October 9, **11 am** - Octoberfest
-December 4 - **Christmas Stroll** - Buggy rides thru the Village - Meet Santa!

Regular monthly meetings are the third Wednesday of each month at 8 am, with the exception of August. Guest speakers or programs are planned which will help members to better run their businesses.

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