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Docks To Doorways Conservation Initiative

by Esther J. Perne

There's a great new plan in place for the Belgrades watershed, for the lakes, for the community, and for a visionary Conservation Resource Center.

Docks to Doorways is the project that began last summer with a favorite memory: visiting the village of Belgrade Lakes by boat. It was great to be onboard, slowing to no wake speed, gliding past historic boathouses, letting children sit on the boat's deck, restraining dogs from leaping over side rails, scattering friendly ducks, and waving at passersby on other boats, at swimmers, at sunbathers, at visitors to the village.

It was great not to be onboard, too, to be strolling through the village or along the bridge, watching all that bustle of boats and getting drawn back into a freer, more relaxed, more gen-



Belgrade Mills circa 1900



Proposed Post Office building, boathouse and docks.

erous way of life, marveling at how such a mixture of watercraft and people could calmly move in and out of dock space, as had been done for over a century.

What a tradition....a good one, well worth the effort to bring back the docks that have been closed for almost a decade, to revive the access by water from Great Pond to the stores and shops, the post office and the ice cream bars that beckoned in the village.

Docks to Doorways subsequently expanded its plan of action, to pinpointing real estate (the Post Office building and the Damren site), to organizing a steering committee and four working committees, to discussing funds and fundraising.

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Tradition was wonderful, but what about the Belgrades today, in an era of watershed-wide alliances, pro-activity for water quality and identifying invasives, of total community cooperation and involvement, and being at the leading edge of conservation education and practices.

Docks to Doorways took the traditions, the plans, the economic practicality and added vision, a vision to revitalize the village - to give residents and visitors a reason to come to town,

to improve water quality - which is the area's economic base, to promote best conservation practices - to make conservation visible, and to make the Belgrades into a model for conservation in Maine, statewide and beyond.

Currently Docks to Doorways is completing the quiet phase of a 2.5 million dollar campaign. On July 4 Docks to Doorways will host a kick-off ceremony at 1:30 pm at the Damren (foundation) site introducing impressive building plans,

announcing the public phase of the fundraising and dedicating the first new dock on the stream. Everyone is invited to enjoy refreshments, music, conservation displays, and rides on the research pontoon boat, the Melinda Ann.

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Editorial

Was Summer One Week in May?

We swam this year, in the lake, in May. We didn't just swim. We also walked leisurely through the water along the shore, as close as possible. It was a first time ever, that closeness. There were no docks in the lake...yet.

May swimming is not unlike those great, glorious late swims in September when everything is calm except the energy of seasonal change...and when we are smug that no one knows about this great autumn time of year, except, of course we acknowledge, if they only knew it would help the local economy.

May's idyllic summer this year would have been something to talk about when the nights turned chilly again and there was a rainy day or two, or three, but we didn't. We didn't because summer always comes back around, because we didn't want to offend those who live here and didn't have the early swimming experience, because we realize that that first taste of summer is when you take it.

Yes, summer arrives not when it actually reaches the lakes, but when we do. As late as August, more likely in July or June, be the return visit a day or week or just a few hours. We savor the sun shining off the water, the lapping of waves, the smell of hot pine needles, the sounds of bird, bug, or child magnified by water, and summer is here.

Was summer in May this year? For some of us, yes, for one great, glorious week, before the docks went in.

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Of Norridgewock's several well-known authors, the most famous was Sophie May (1833-1906). Born Rebecca Sophie Clark, she started writing in the 1860s and published at least 46 books. Most of them were written for children. They became so popular throughout the United States and beyond that many were published again and again, and even today some are available new in paperback.

The Norridgewock Historical Society Museum has acquired copies of most of Sophie May's books over the years, although not yet all. 36 of her best-known books were written in 6 series of 6 books each. The series are called Dotty Dimple, Little Prudy, Little Prudy's Flyaway, Littler Prudy's Children, Flaxie Frizzle, and for somewhat older children Quinnebasset Girls. We'll be glad to give you the names of all 36 books if you think you may have some of them.

Sophie May also wrote 6 novels for "grown-ups" in the 1880s: Drone's Honey, Her Friend's Lover, The Champion Diamonds, Pauline Wyman, Joy Bells, and Her Friend's House. Others she wrote were Fairy Book, Santa Claus on Snowshoes, The

Horsemen of the Steppes, and The Jungle. These we know about and hope to obtain, but if you know of another, please tell us so we can add it to our list and try to find a copy.

Sophie May also published in magazines of the period, such as Oliver Optic's Magazine and Merry's Museum. This may have been some of the above books published chapter by chapter, or it may have been short stories that we know nothing about. We would like to know.

Our collection is not complete. If you have a Sophie May book you'd be willing to donate, we'd love to have it. Even if we already have the same title, your old book may match the cover of a different publishing set that we'd like to complete. And we may not even have the title you have, so please check that old book shelf of yours. Remember, we are a tax deductible organization.

We also hope to complete our collection of books by Sophie May's sister Penn Shirley (1840-1925). Born Sarah J. Clark, she wrote at least 9 books including 3 Little Miss Weezy's, 3 Boy Donald's, and Young Master Kirke, The Merry Five, and The Happy Six. Penn Shirley's books were not as suc-

cessful as her sister's but she too was a prominent Norridgewock authoress.

Anything you can do or tell us to help us round out our collection will be greatly appreciated.

To contact the Norridgewock

Historical Society, write to the Museum at P.O. Box 903, Norridgewock, ME 04957, call 634-5032 or visit www.norridgewock.com.

The Museum is located on Mercer Road, Route 2, in downtown Norridgewock and is open Saturdays, 10 am-3 pm.



Notebook

Maine Preservation

- Bid on a day sail, Red Sox dugout seats, ski condos, camps, cottages, and historic tours, books, drawings and consults - and more. The First Annual Silent Auction of Maine Preservation is on-line and bids must be received by Thursday, July 1. Minimum bid prices range from \$25 on up. The catalogue and bidding form can be found at www.maine Preservation.org.

Belgrade

- The Belgrade Public Library will be offering Evening Story Time on Thursdays at 6 pm from July 1 through August 19. The summer reading program Make a Splash READ has begun; children who read or listen to 10 or more library books will receive a free book at the end. Also they can register for prizes, Portland Sea Dogs Game vouchers, and fun surprises. There will be exciting presentations throughout the summer. 495-3508.

Gardiner

- Space is still available at Summer Shenanigans Visual and Performing Arts Day Camp held at Johnson Hall, where campers use their creativity to write a play, build sets, make props, and perform an original piece. Session I, June 28-July 2, 9 am-noon for kids entering grades K-1 and Session IV, July 26-30, 9 am-4 pm, for kids entering grades 6-9 have space available. 582-7144.

Hallowell

- Hey kids 5-7 years old! If you live in Hallowell and will be 5-7 on July 17, 2010, the Old Hallowell Day Parade Contest is for you. Draw a picture of what you like best about living in Hallowell, deliver it to City Hall by July 2 at 5 pm, and it will be included in a random drawing to Win a Ride in a Hallowell Fire Truck during the Old Hallowell Day Parade! Winner will be notified by phone on Tuesday, July 6 and must be available from 9:30-11:30 am on Saturday, July 17. All entries will be displayed in J. Fitzgerald at 151 Water Street. Registration forms are available at Boynton's and other local stores.

Hinckley

- Nature Camp at the L.C. Bates Museum! Nature Camps with tons of fun activities and hands-on explorations continue through Friday, July 2. Pre reservation is required; \$5 per participant each day or \$24 for each week. The two-week schedule, by topic is: June 21- Buggin Out, 22 - Reptiles Rule, 23 - We love Rocks, 24 - Brilliant Birds, 25 - The Amazing Life of the Pond, 28 - Marvelous Mammals, 29 - Using Stone Tools of the Past, 30 - Fossils Explored, July 1 - Trees in Our Forest, 2 - Wildflowers and Making a Flower Press. 238-4250.

Livermore

- Washburn Norlands Living History Center will offer Living History Tours from June 29 through September 2 every Tuesday and Thursday 11 am-4 pm - and on Saturday, July 3 - done by interpreters in period clothing. In the schoolhouse learn about rural education in 1853, tour the mansion house with the youngest Washburn daughter Caroline, spend time in the busy kitchen. Do a self-guided tour of the grounds; plenty of picnic space. 897-4366

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— Watershed Wisdom —

What's the deal with phosphorous?

by Peter Kallin

This time of year, I go to a lot of lake association and road association annual meetings to talk about water quality. One question I get frequently is some variant of, “What’s the deal with phosphorous?” We have previously discussed the concept of “eutrophication,” or nutrient enrichment. Even with fully intact upland forests and vegetated wetland buffers to control sediment erosion, some sediment and nutrients are going to enter the lake. These are natural processes and a certain level of nutrients is necessary to support aquatic life. The problem comes when nutrient loading exceeds what the lake really needs to maintain a healthy aquatic ecosystem. The situation is analogous to maintaining a healthy diet and active lifestyle. If you consistently overeat, you will gain weight and suffer other health problems including premature aging. To remain healthy, you need to limit your caloric input to what your metabolism requires. It is the same with lakes. A lake will normally exist in a relatively clean state for tens of thousands of years with the healthy nutrient loading provided by Mother Nature. But if the nutrient load is excessive, that clean stage of life (the stages limnologists refer to as “oligotrophic” or “mesotrophic”) can be reduced to less than 100 years. To keep our lakes from premature aging, we need to put the lakes on a diet. Most freshwater watershed managers attempt to limit degradation of water quality by limiting phosphorous. This week I will further discuss the process of eutrophication and explain the concept of a “limiting nutrient” and why controlling phosphorous is important.

Aquatic ecosystems vary in complexity but are all based on a food chain that has phytoplankton and other plants at the bottom. Phytoplankton are minute floating plant cells that create biomass through the process of photosynthesis. Using energy from sunlight, algae form plant cells by combining carbon dioxide (CO₂) and water (H₂O) with some nitrogen (N) and phosphorous (P). In the 1950s, an oceanographer named Redfield studied marine algae and determined that on average they were comprised of carbon, nitrogen, and phosphorous in a C:N:P ratio of 106:16:1. For freshwater algae, the ratio is 113:15:1. This means that for every 113 molecules of carbon dioxide the plant uses, it needs 15 molecules of nitrogen and 1 molecule of phosphorous to create plant biomass. Since light, carbon dioxide and nitrogen are in ample supply in most freshwater systems, the amount of plant growth that can take place is limited by the amount of phosphorous available. Phosphorous is

the “limiting nutrient” in the system. Think of a car manufacturer who needs a ton of steel and 4 tires to manufacture a car. Even with twenty tons of steel, if he only has four tires, he can only make one car until he gets more tires. He is limited by his tire supply. In the same way, the productivity of freshwater aquatic systems is generally limited by the amount of phosphorous available.

Phosphorous is critical to life and helps organisms store energy through the ATP-ADP cycle. It exists in multiple oxidation states and readily combines with oxygen. Under aerobic conditions, phosphorous is not especially soluble in water so precipitation percolating or filtering through the soil will not dissolve much phosphorous even if it is relatively abundant in the soil, as it is around here. Most of the phosphorous in the soils is strongly bound to iron or aluminum minerals under normal oxygenated conditions and the key to keeping phosphorous out of the lake is to keep the soil from being eroded and transported into the lake. *In simple terms, erosion control equals phosphorous control.*

Once in the lake, some phosphorous rich sediments settle to the bottom but soluble, available phosphorous in the water column is quickly taken up by some type of algae, either green or blue-green, which reduces water clarity, or perhaps by macrophyte (large) plants. These algae will be

grazed by zooplankton, which in turn will be eaten by fish, transferring the phosphorous up the food chain. Some will be returned to the water through excretion, starting the cycle again, but some will be washed downstream, be removed by human or other fishermen, or settle to the bottom where it is at least temporarily not “bioavailable.” Limnologists refer to these various places phosphorous can be as “compartments” and phosphorous is always cycling between compartments. The bottom line is that some phosphorous is always coming into the lake, some is being stored as biomass, and some is always leaving. If more is coming in than going out, phosphorous will accumulate and plants and algae will thrive. It’s a bit like tracking the amount of money in your check book. Some cash is always coming in and some is leaving and the actual amount in your account will vary over time. If you have more coming in than going out, your account will grow and you can afford to spend more.

The actual fate of phosphorous in the water is even more complex than described here due to its chemical properties and the seasonal cycle of lakes. In future columns we discuss some of these a bit as well as ways of taking advantage of Mother Nature’s natural systems to reduce phosphorous loading. In the mean time, do everything you can to reduce erosion and prevent sediment from entering the lakes.

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- **Governor's Mansion**, 1830 Blaine House, 287-2121, Tuesday-Thursday 2-4 pm, State Street.
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- **Kennebec Historical Society**, 622-7718, www.kennebechistorical.org, W-F 10-2, 107 Winthrop Street.
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HALLOWELL

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HINCKLEY

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LIVERMORE

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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.
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- **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.

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

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- **Aqua City Actor's Theatre (ACAT)**, 873-7000, 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/ 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. Tuesday-Saturday; tours at 10, 11, 1 and 2, 62 Silver Street.
- **Waterville Opera House**, 873-7000, www.operahouse.com, 93 Main Street.
- **Farmers' Market**, Thursday 2-6 pm, 680-2055, www.watervillefarmersmarket.org, The Concourse parking lot.

WILTON

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

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- **Norcross Park**, playground, picnic site, boat launch on Maranacook Lake, downtown.
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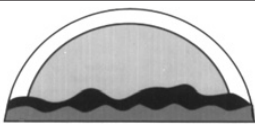
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- **Maine Congress of Lake Associations (COLA)**, P.O. Box 426, Belgrade, ME 04917. 1-877-254-2511, www.mainecola.org
- **Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed**, P.O. Box 5003, Augusta, ME 04332. 621-4100, www.watershedfriends.com
- **Franklin County Soil & Water Conservation District**, 107 Park Street, Farmington, ME 04938, 778-4279, www.franklin2swcd.org
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— Calendar —

Wednesday 6/23 through Saturday 6/26 - "Little Women," 474-7176, Lakewood Theater, Route 201, Madison.

Thursday 6/24 through Sunday 6/27 - "Bells are Ringing," classic Broadway musical, evenings 24-26, matinee 27, \$12, 626-3698 for reservations, Gaslight Theater, Winthrop Street, Hallowell.

Friday 6/25 through Sunday 6/27 - Multi-watermedia painting workshop with Carlton Plummer, A.W.S., 8:45 am-4:15 pm, 622-3813, Harlow Gallery, Water Street, Hallowell.

Friday 6/25 - Maine 4-H Horse Team Tryouts, Fairgrounds, Route 201, Skowhegan.

Friday 6/25 through Sunday 6/27 - 15th Annual Maine Antique Tractor Club Festival, games, pulls, parades, auction, drafters, vendors and more, adults \$6, 11-17 \$2, 10 and under free, 892-4946, Fairgrounds, Farmington.

Friday 6/25 through Sunday 6/27 - Skowhegan Riverfest 2010, water events, rafting, biking, canoeing, fun family activities, food, live music and more, 474-6901, www.skowsavings.com/riverfest, downtown and riverfront Skowhegan.

Friday 6/25 - Guided Tour of the Arboretum, 9 am, 621-0031, meet at Viles Visitor Center, Route 201, Augusta.

Friday 6/25 through Sunday 6/27 - Seaplane Rides, with Airlink LLC, 10 am-4 pm, fee charged, 859-0109, Waterfront Park, Augusta.

Saturday 6/26 - Annual Trail-a-thon, Rail Trail Half Marathon and 5K Race for the Rail Trail, 5:30 am, 30 mile challenge, starting at the Maine State Housing Authority parking lot, Water Street, Augusta; 7:30 am, Half Marathon and 5K, start at City Center, Augusta; 11 am Walkathon, www.krrt.org for details, Kennebec River Rail Trail, Augusta.

Saturday 6/26 - Yard Sale, 8 am-1 pm, 622-

0552, South Parish Congregational Church, Augusta.

Saturday 6/26 - 40th Annual Maine Lakes Conference & Celebration "Sustaining Maine Lakes," \$35 includes food, materials, exhibits, prizes, register at Congress of Lake Associations www.maineicola.org, Colby College, Waterville.

Saturday 6/26 - Recreation Hiker's Club, \$12 contribution, 8:30 am, call to sign up and for details, 495-6039, Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance, Belgrade Lakes.

Saturday 6/26 - Garden Tour and Open House, free and open to the public, 9 am-1 pm, 626-7786, Granite Hill Estates, 60 Balsam Drive, Hallowell.

Saturday 6/26 - 1st Annual Whatever Arts Festival, 9 am-4 pm, 622-2424, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Augusta.

Saturday 6/26 - Frog Day, explore the pond and learn about frogs and their friends, programs start on the hour 10 am-2 pm, 238-4250, L.C. Bates Museum, Route 201, Hinckley.

Saturday 6/26 - Fly Casting Clinic with Mike Guarino, local Maine Guide, 10 am, 495-3508, Belgrade Public Library, Center for All Seasons, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes.

Saturday 6/26 - Monmouth Garden Club Tour, a dozen unique gardens, learn about water gardening, erosion control, architecting, sustainable use of plants, hardscaping, boat ride to an island garden, rain or shine, advance tickets: tour \$15, lobster plate \$29, salad buffet \$23 at Longfellow's Greenhouses or DR Struck; day of tour \$20, \$34, \$28; credit card purchase and information until June 24 at 8 pm at www.monmouthgardenclub.com.

Saturday 6/26 - Festival of the Arts and Kingfield POPS under the stars, festival 10 am-4 pm featuring over 30 artists and artisans, food, live music, more, Kingfield POPS gates open at 4 pm, Kennedy Farm, entertainment includes four popular musical groups, the Casco Bay Concert Band, fireworks, www.kingfieldpops.com Route 27, Kingfield.

Saturday 6/26 - Kids Day In Capitol Park, more than 80 free events and activities, entertainment on three stages, fun, fun, fun, 11 am-3 pm, rain location Augusta Civic Center, 623-4559, Capitol Park, State Street, Augusta.

Saturday 6/26 - B98.5 Colgate Country Showdown, 12 noon-5 pm, special guests Borderline Express, 25 guests vie for top spot to compete in the Regional Finals, 623-4735, Capital Stage (rain location - Armory), Augusta.

Saturday 6/26 - Hallowell Riverfront Celebration, Green Scene - Appreciating Our Environment, Hallowellness, Art Fair, variety of music, food, exhibits, free kayak and canoe tryouts, displays, serenade, and a "Taste of Hallowell," 11 am-5 pm, downtown and riverfront Hallowell.

Saturday 6/26 - Union Coffeehouse, featuring Con Fullam and Maura Clarke, followed by Open Mic Hour, 7:30 pm, \$5 donation at the door, includes refreshments, Union Church, Main Street/Route 27, Belgrade Lakes.

Saturday 6/26 - Shirley Valentine, with Marie Cormier in her signature role, to benefit the Arts-in-Educatin Programs at the Waterville Opera House, 7:30 pm, tickets \$25, \$35 includes reception with Marie, 873-7000, Waterville Opera House, 93 Main Street, Waterville.

Saturday 6/26 - "Shakespeare's Clownes: A Foole's Guide to Shakespeare," performed by Curt L. Tofteland, one-man show portraying over a dozen Shakespeare characters who might be clowns - or fools, the audience will help decide, 7:30 pm, \$22 adults, \$18 students and seniors, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, Main Street, The Theater at Monmouth.

Sunday 6/27 - Milfoil Mania - Show Us Your Milfoil, sponsored by Snow Pond/Messalonskee Lake Association, take a boat ride with a plant specialist, see what Milfoil looks like, or check out the shoreline near your property if you live on the lake, educational material and exhibits on display, experts available to answer questions, refreshments available throughout the day, 11 am-3

pm, Oakland Town Landing, Belgrade Street, Oakland.

Sunday 6/27 - Bones Exhibit - Artist Reception, 2-4 pm, 238-4250, L.C. Bates Museum, Route 201, Hinckley.

Sunday 6/27 - The Life of Maurice "Jake" Day, a perspective by his son Dick Day, 2 pm, \$2 donation, 622-7718, Kennebec Historical Society, Fuller-Johnson-Fisher House, 107 Winthrop Street, Augusta.

Sunday 6/27 - Mozart's "The Impresario" and Donizetti's "The Night Bell," performed by PORTopera's Emerging Artists, 2 pm, pre-concert talk by Elen Chickering at 1 pm, tickets \$10, student \$5, 12 and under free, 621-3551, www.concertsatjewett.com, Jewett Auditorium, University of Maine, Augusta.

Sunday 6/27 - Free Family Concert - Summit Crossing, block party with kids activities, bounces, etc., 215-3741, Sheepscot Valley Community Church, Whitefield.

Monday 6/28 through Friday 7/2 - Outdoor explorations at L.C. Bates Museum, 9-11:30 am, \$5 per day, \$24 for week, preregistration required 238-4250, L.C. Bates Museum, Route 201, Hinckley.

Monday 6/28 - Free Family Concert - Summit Crossing, block party with kids activities, bounces, etc., 449-3390, Norcross Point, Winthrop.

Monday 6/28 - Old Crow Band, 7:30 pm, Meeting House Park, Downtown Farmington.

Tuesday 6/29 - Off the Hill Outdoor Music Concert, free, 11:30 am to 1 pm, Meetinghouse Park Gazebo, downtown Farmington.

Tuesday 6/29 - Lost Pond kayak/canoe paddle, 10 am, call for directions, 495-6039, Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance, Belgrade Lakes.

Tuesday 6/29 - Free Family Concert and Block Party with kids activities, bounces, etc., 6-8 pm, 623-0911, Waterfront Park, Augusta.

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Tuesday 6/29 – Rock On The River, 7-8:30 pm, 620-7477, Riverfront Boardwalk, Hallowell.

Wednesday 6/30 and Thursday 7/1 - Toy, Doll and Advertising Auction, 1 pm Wednesday, 10 am Thursday, Preview Tuesday 10 am-5 pm, Wednesday 8 am-1 pm, Thursday 8-10 am, 453-7125, www.jamesdjulia.com, James D. Julia Inc., Route 201, Fairfield.

Wednesday 6/30 – Waterfront Wednesday Free Concert, concessions, activities for chil-

dren, 7 pm, Waterfront Park, Downtown Augusta.

Wednesday 6/30 - Maine Wildflowers - from the Usual to the Unusual - with some Surprises, see the diversity and beauty of area wildflowers, presented by G. Marianne Heinrich-Perry, free and open to all, 7-9 pm, Union Church, Main Street, Belgrade Lakes.

Thursday 7/1 - Majesties of the Pond - Dragonflies, with Jerry Schneider, learn about these popular insect and craft a dragonfly tee shirt, 10:30 am, 495-3508, Belgrade Public Library, Center for All Seasons, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes.

Thursday 7/1 - Evening story time, 6 pm, Belgrade Public Library, Center for All Seasons, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes.

Thursday 7/1 – Lecture series, sponsored by Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance, 495-6039, 7 pm, Union Church, Main Street, Belgrade Lakes.

Thursday 7/1 - The Paul McKenna Band, traditional and folk music, \$10, 7:30 pm, 948-SHOW, Unity Centre for the Performing Arts, 42 Depot Street, Unity.

Thursday 7/1 through Sunday 7/4 – "Ring of Fire," Johnny Cash musical, 474-7176, Lakewood Theater, Route 201, Madison.



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— Upcoming —

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• July 4th in Belgrade Lakes presents a full schedule from 9 am to 9:15 pm, including a book sale, boat parade, ground parade, lots of food, children's activities, and fireworks. 242-9958

• Teen Summer Theater Camp, a three-week intensive theater camp for ages 13-18, will be held July 5-23 at the Waterville Opera House, Monday-Friday, 12 noon-5 pm. Two public performances of fully produced scenes will be held July 23, 3 and 7 pm. Camp fee is \$275. Some scholarships are available. 873-7000

• A Bicycle Workshop and Ride will be held Saturday, July 10, 8:30 am-3 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Community Church, 69 Winthrop Street, Augusta. \$15 fee, limited to 20 participants. 512-5382

• On Saturday, July 10, from 9 am-2 pm, a Summer Art & Craft Fair will be held at the Mount Vernon Community Center, featuring jewelry, baked goods, homemade crafts, art prints and more, food booth, rain or shine, Route 41, downtown Mount

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— Activities & Outings —

Kids Day in Capitol Park June 26

Touch A Truck, Kids Stage, Park Characters....there'll be singing and dancing, face painting and trolley rides, the park will have dozens of booths, and children will reign. Everything is free at Kids Day in Capitol Park on Saturday, June 26 as Whatever 2010 Family Festival holds its most popular day.

At 10 am the celebration begins with free admission all day to the Maine State Museum. At 11 am the park booths, characters and Touch A Truck will be greeting guests. And at noon the Kids Stage and Dance Stage start their entertainment. Thanks to a large corps of dedicated sponsors the activities last until 3 pm, Capital Stage with the B98.5 Colgate Country Showdown continues until 5 pm.

In the event of rain, Kids Day in Capitol Park will be held in the Augusta Armory. For more information or a complete schedule call the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce 623-4559 or visit www.augustamaine.com.

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The 4th annual Skowhegan River Fest will be celebrated on June 25-27 with an awesome schedule of events on the river and in downtown Skowhegan - to bring people together to enjoy a weekend of outdoor activities, to showcase whitewater paddle sports and to raise awareness about the Run of River project, a whitewater park in the Kennebec River gorge in downtown Skowhegan.

River Fest begins on Friday at 1 pm in the municipal parking lot with vendor tents, beverages, food and fun. At 7 pm doors open at the Opera House for Aztec Two Step and Emilia Dublin performances.

Saturday's activities begin with a 5K Road Race at 8 am at Coburn Park. At 9 am "Rolling on the River Raft Rides," will be offered by Moxie Outdoor Adventures, the Farmers' Market will open and there will be a lot of family fun events. At 7 pm Rustic Overtones will perform live under the tent, and at 8:30 pm a "Glow Stick" River Run will depart from the Route 2 boat landing.

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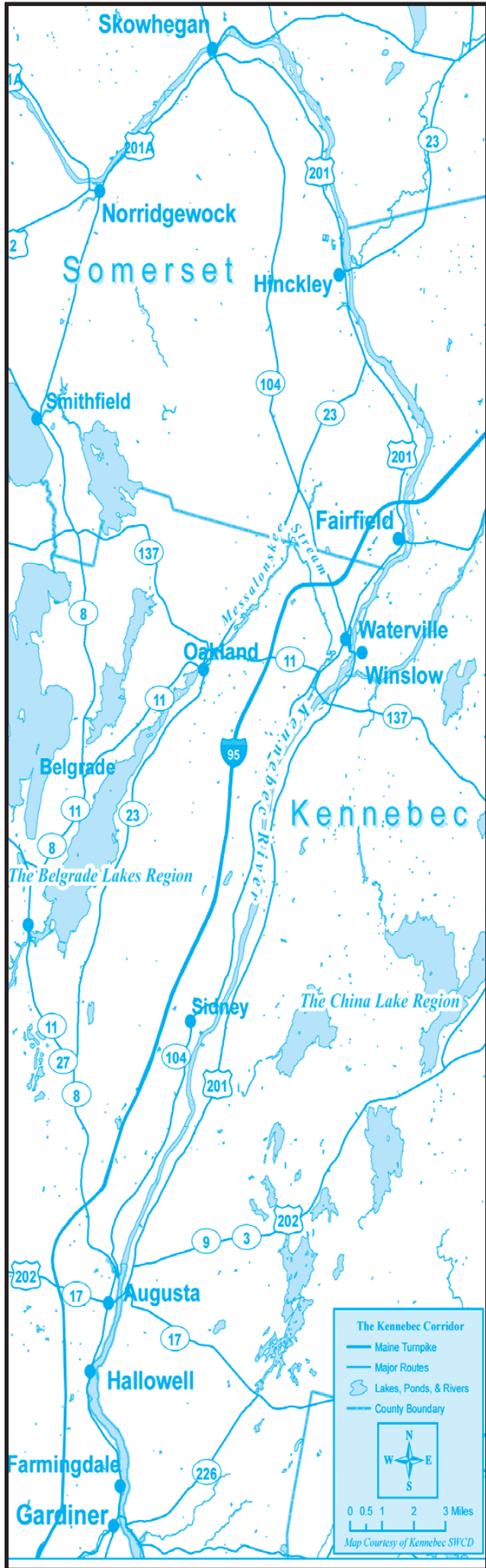
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Hallowellness is about health - Holistic Health: it is patient centered and encompasses mind, body and spirit, eating well, moving well, thinking well. Toxicity and deficiency affect our homeostasis, which is how we maintain balance. The professionals at Hallowellness at the Hallowell Waterfront, from 11 am-5 pm, will help people to become aware of what they may require to help them attain this higher level of wellness. Personal trainers, massage theorists, sun safety, breast health education will be among the many booths.

At the same time the Riverfront Art Fair and Sale, sponsored by the Kennebec Valley Art Association, will showcase over 30 area artists and fine crafters.

From 2-4 pm there will be a Riverfront Serenade - Fusion on the Boardwalk Prism Jazz Ensemble, featuring faculty from the University of Maine Music program.

Hallowell's grand finale will be the "Taste of Hallowell" A Buck A Bite all over town from 5-7 pm. That's the official end of the Hallowell Riverfront Celebration, but - this is Hallowell where live entertainment, fine dining, window shopping, and a lot of night activity will carry the celebration on.

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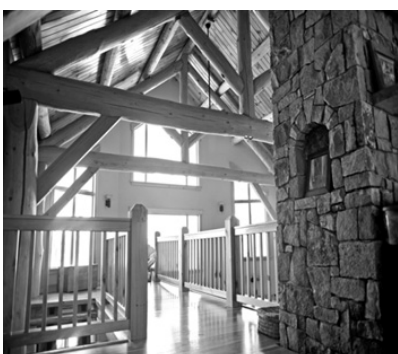
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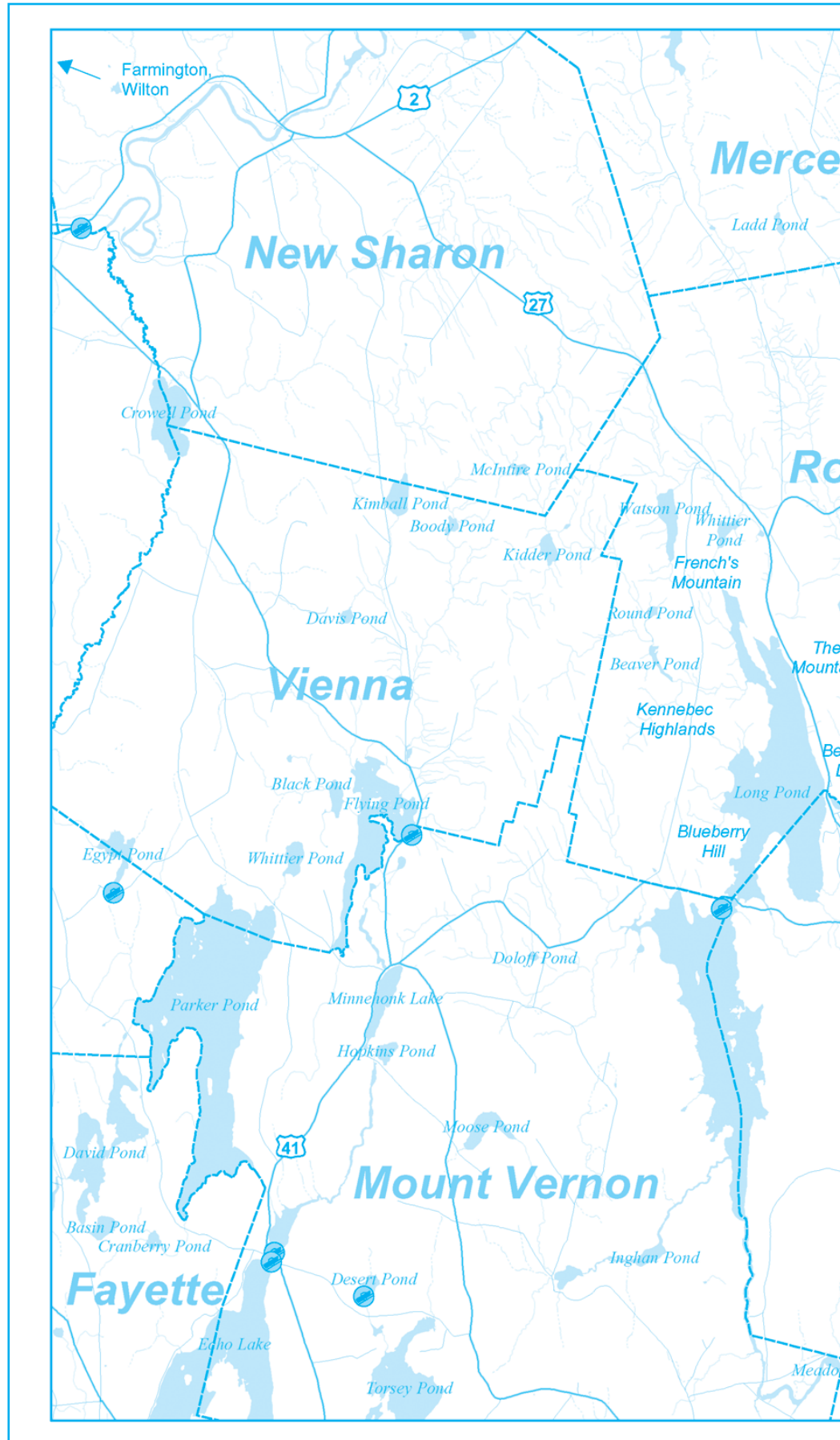
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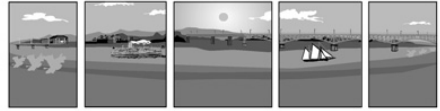
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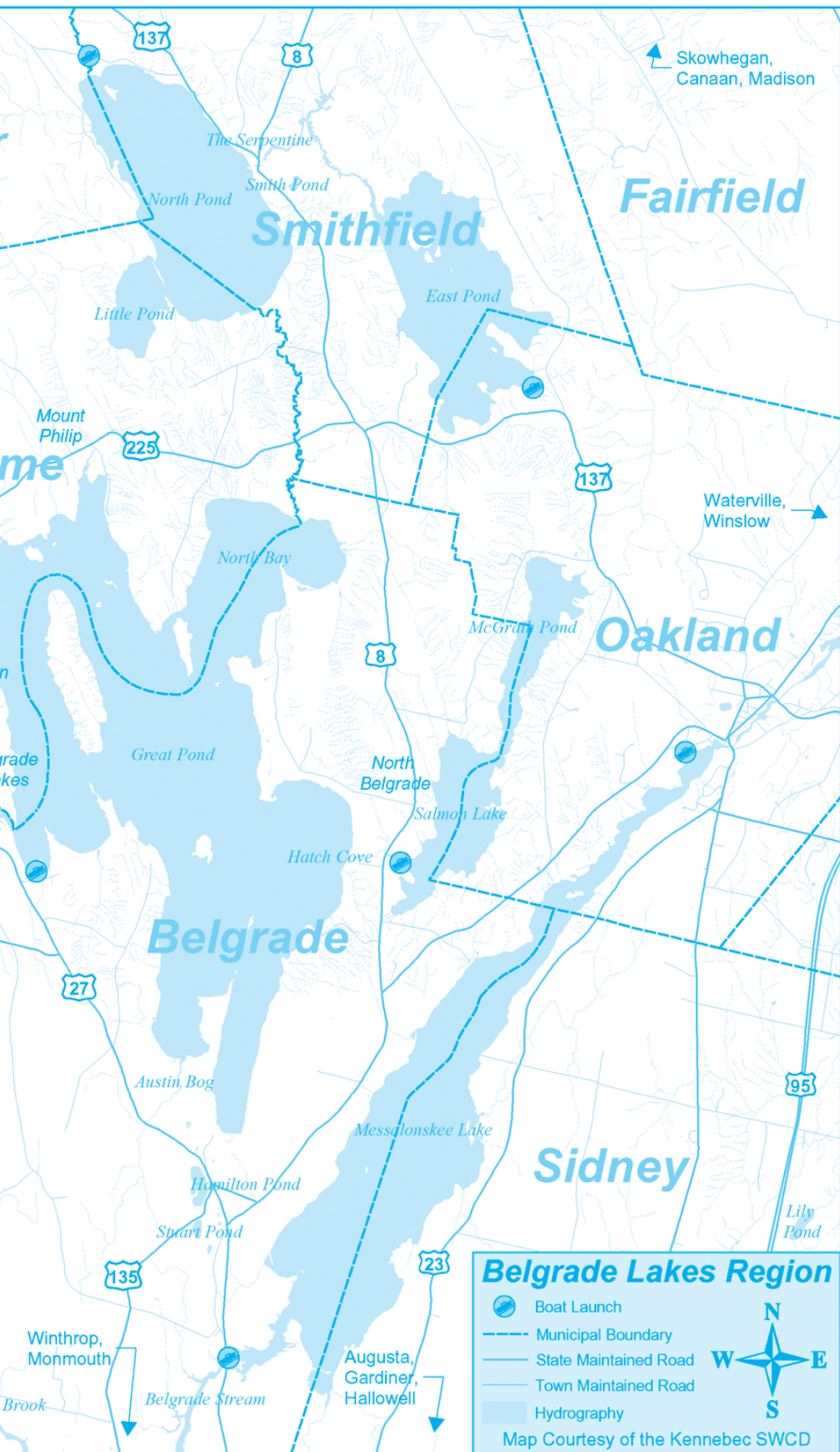


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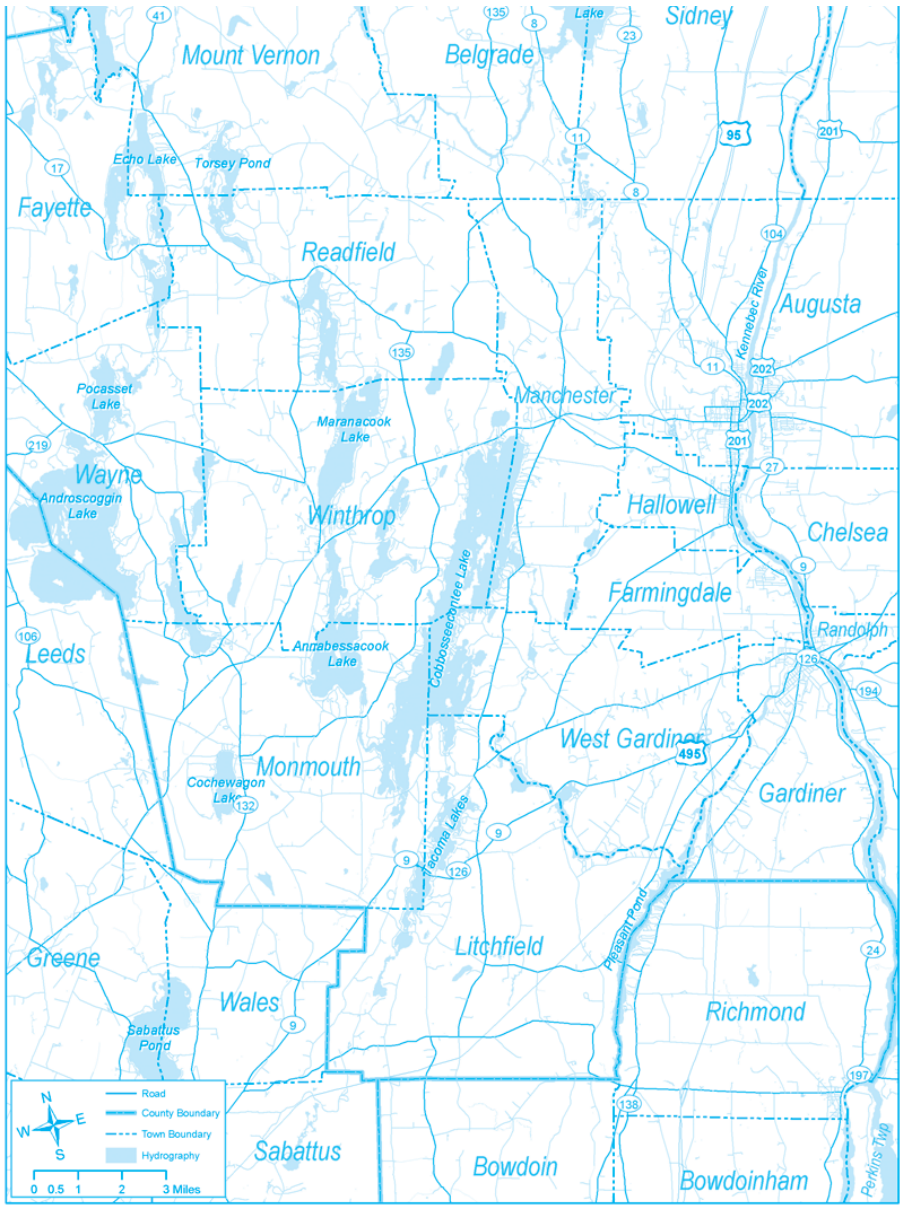


Mozart's "The Impresario" and Donizetti's "The Night Bell" will be presented (in English) on Sunday, June 27, at 2 pm, at Jewett Auditorium by the University of Maine at Augusta College of Arts and Humanities and UMA Senior College. There will be a pre-concert talk by Ellen Chickering at 1 pm. "The Impresario" is the story of two sopranos squabbling for the best

operatic role. "The Night Bell" is a comic scenario of an elderly druggist's wedding night that is interrupted by his wife's former suitor, who does all he can to keep them apart. The concert is part of the PORTopera's Young Artists performances. For tickets and more information visit www.concert-satjewett.com or call 621-3551.

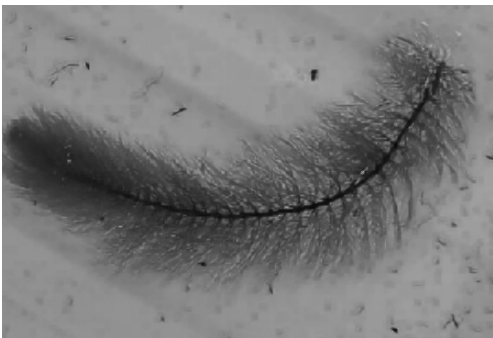


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Campers will enhance their relationship with the natural world as they explore, observe and experience the nearby ponds, forests and fields (hiking, fishing, and canoeing, kayaking and geocaching); record observations in their own nature journal; learn basic wilderness skills; and participate in ecology skits, crafts and games. Supervised swimming will be available each day, and campers will also be treated to a special session of “Tadpole Patrol” aboard the Friends 22’ pontoon boat, the OTTER II.

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through Main Street and then follows the eastern shore of Maranacook Lake.

The pre-registration fee of \$18 guarantees all participants a T-shirt and stuffed gift bag. Event day registration is \$23 and starts at 7 a.m. at the American Legion on Bowdoin Street.

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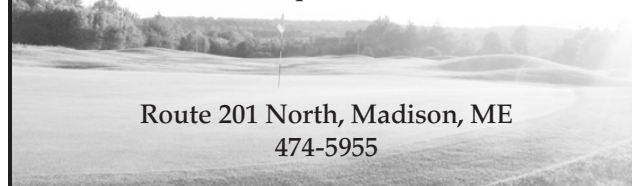
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Uniquely, both Con and Maura come from musical families and started in the work they love as young children. Con grew up in Sidney where he performed locally through his school years. Since then he performed with many well-known bands throughout the country. Two years ago he released four CDs recapping his 40 years of writing and performing. Maura has two CDs of her original work to her credit. For more information visit www.mauraclarke.com or www.confullam.com.

On Saturday evening Con and Maura will treat the audience to both solo and duo renditions during the first hour. The second hour of the Coffeehouse will be Open Mic. A donation of \$5, which includes refreshments, will be accepted at the door.



Movie-Makers Invited To Join 48 Hour Film Festival in North Wayne

All you need is access to a video camera, a computer, and a "can-do" spirit! On August 20-22 and 29th, twelve teams of movie-makers will join in a fun-filled "48 Hour Film Festival" to take place at the North Wayne Schoolhouse.

Signups for the North Wayne event are now under way. A maximum of twelve teams of one to four members will have forty-eight hours to create a four to six-minute film each. The entry fee is \$35 per team.

The kickoff will be at the Friday evening, August 20, get-together to announce the "mystery prop" to be included in each film. Emerging videographer William Richards will be on call all weekend to help out technically as needed. The teams will deliver their movies to the Schoolhouse on Sunday, August 22 for an "It's A Wrap!" event. At the Make-A-Movie Film Festival the following Saturday, August 29, teams will present their films to the public and prizes will be awarded. Master of Ceremonies for the event will be Chuck Feil, an accomplished Maine photographer.

According to a recent "New York Times" article, North Wayne is not the only place where such festivals are happening. Films from unexpected sources are ending up on You Tube. At the Guggenheim Museum in New York, a first-ever biennial event "You Tube Play" is being launched to discover innovative work and give people who may not have



access to the art world a chance to have their work recognized. It encourages the participation of people with little or no experience in video.

To sign up for the August event, visit the North Wayne Schoolhouse at <http://northwayneschoolhouse.blogspot.com/> or join the North Wayne Schoolhouse Make-A-Movie Weekend Facebook page for regular updates. Email loonalone@roadrunner.com to be added to the email list.

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– Conservation Too –

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At the Kennebec Conservation District, as we always have, we are working hard toward these ends in the watersheds of Kennebec County and beyond. Currently we are actively involved in several federally funded phosphorus reduction grant projects. One of which is the Long Pond Watershed (in partnership with the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance (BRCA)). This grant program is in its second year and has com-

Kennebec SWCD is Working in the Watershed

by Art Grindle

pleted several projects to clean up non-point source (NPS) pollution. If you live in the Long Pond Watershed and would like to take advantage of available grant funds for conservation work contact the BRCA at 207-495-6039.

Another watershed where grant projects are being completed is the Pleasant Pond Watershed. This grant program is in its third year and rapidly coming to a close, but there may still be time to get some help for your erosion issues. Contact the Kennebec Conservation District at 207-622-7847 ext.3 to find out.

We are also working in the Pattee's Pond Watershed (in Winslow). Based on a successful partnership with the City of Augusta that was established to address some of the NPS issues at Togus Pond last year, the Kennebec District has teamed up with the Town of Winslow and the Pattee's Pond Association to eliminate NPS issues in the Pattee's Pond Watershed. If you live in the Pattee's Pond Watershed, contact the Pattee's

Pond Association or the Kennebec Conservation District to see how you can do your part to safeguard the pond.

We are also continuing ongoing work with the China Region Lakes Alliance (CRLA). Together we have completed many erosion control and NPS reduction projects in the China Lake, Threemile Pond and Webber Pond Watersheds over the last few years. Inquiries should go to the CRLA or Kennebec SWCD.

This summer, while you're enjoying the lakes and ponds that make central Maine so special, be diligent and remember that our special places can be compromised if we let them. Do what you can, whenever you can to keep them clean and work on your watershed.



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Manchester

- Maranacook Adult Education Youth Summer Camps schedule begins June 23-24 with Babysitter Training, 9 am-3 pm, ages 11-15, Manchester Elementary School. For details about other classes and camps, visit <http://maranacook.maineadulted.org>; with questions email adulted@maranacook.org or call 685-4923, ext. 303.

Monmouth

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Oakland

- History update! The Oakland Area Historical Society has CDs for sale: the History of Kennebec County; Families of Oakland; Old Houses Volume 1; and Census Records. Soon Old Houses Volume 2, Continued on page 18...

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Vernon. 293-2877

- On Saturday, July 10 the Aquafest Family Festival will be held at the Belgrade Center for All Seasons and in Belgrade Lakes Village to raise funds for the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance, 9 am- 4 pm. Activities will include a Fun Run, kayak/canoe race, float plane rides, Kids Corner, and much more. 495-6039.

- Snowshoes in July! Families are invited to an interactive demonstration with master Maine craftsman Brian Theriault, Sunday, July 11, 1-3 pm at the Harlow Gallery, Water Street, Hallowell. 622-3813.

- "Southern Rail," a Bluegrass band, will perform at the Araxine Wilkins Sawyer Memorial in Greene on Friday, July 16 at 2 and 7 pm. Free admission, air-conditioned. 946-5311

- An Antique and Vintage Art and Appraisal Sale will be held at the Harlow Gallery in Hallowell on Saturday and Sunday, July 24 and 25, 11 am-3 pm with David Keef and Johanna Moore of ARTI-

FACTS in Farmingdale. \$10 per piece of artwork verbal, \$100 per piece written which can be offered at an exhibition/sale July 30-August 1. 622-3813

- The Belgrade Fire Department will hold its 4th annual Auto Show on Sunday, July 25 at the Belgrade Central School grounds, off Route 27 in Belgrade. Gates open at 8 am, judging begins at 10 am, rain or shine, spectator admission \$3, 5 and under free. 215-6142

- The Taste of Greater Waterville will be held Wednesday, August 4. Food booths and children's activities will be set up at 11 am in Castonguay Square, including a dunk tank, petting zoo, art contest, a clown, balloons and a tiger slide. Main Street will be closed to traffic from 12 pm to 11 pm. At 5 pm a beer garden will open; a la carte dining and live entertainment will be take place along Main Street. 873-3315



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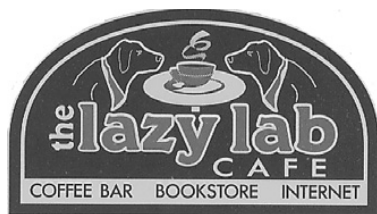
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History of the Cascade Woolen Mill and Our Postcard Collection will be available. For meetings (the first Monday of the month) this year, each member is taking a month to talk about their family, or a family from Oakland. The museum is open every Wednesday during the months of July and August from 1:30-4:30 pm. Ice Cream Socials are scheduled for July 20 and August 17. And, President Alberta Porter will be teaching an Adult Education Class on September 15 on the History of Oakland from 7-9 pm. 465-7549

Readfield

The Readfield Conservation Commission has been named by the Maine Association of Conservation Commissions a co-recipient of the 2010 Maine Conservation Commission of the Year award. Readfield shares the honor with the Kennebunkport Conservation Commission. Taking the lead in acquiring several important land of the community, preparing a local Open Space Plan, undertaking a project to control invasive plants at the town forest, and initiating an inventory of vernal pools are among the credits that won Readfield the award.

Sidney

• New England Music Camp will open on Sunday, June 27. The first session runs through July 26; the second session August 16. PPS Concerts have been scheduled for July 10 and August 7 at 7:30 pm at the Messalonskee Center for the Performing Arts in Oakland. 465-3025.

Skowhegan

• Sunday night Concerts in Coburn Park, begin on July 11 through August 29, as follows: July 11 Kennebec Valley Performing Arts Group, 18 Borderline Express, 25 Barbie & the Band, August 1 Skowhegan Brass & Quintessential Winds, 8 Bob Lovelace, 15 Old Liberty String Band, 22 Skowhegan

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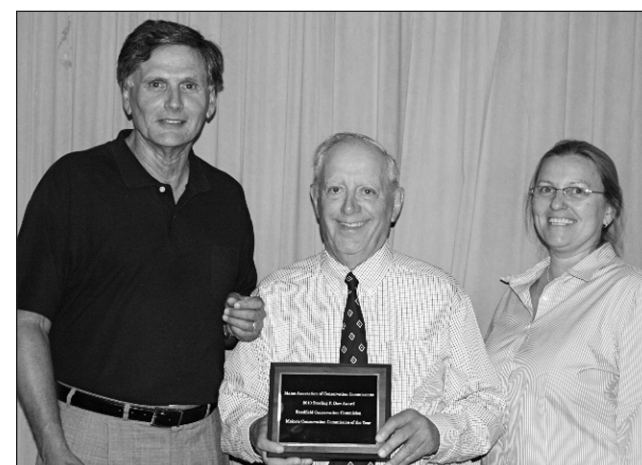
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community Band, 29 After Six. Start time: 5 pm.

Waterville

• The Atlantic Music Festival, 26 nights of classical music bringing together emerging and revered musicians and composers, will be hosted by Colby College July 12 through August 6. The festival provides fellowships for promising young musicians from all over the world. 704-1311.

Winthrop

• The 8th Annual Friends on the 4th 5K Run, Jog & Walk will be held on Sunday, July 4 at 8 am, starting at Norcross Point on Lake Maranacook. Over 600 racers are expected at "Central Maine's Biggest Road Race." Registration along with \$18 must be received by 12 noon, Wednesday, June 30 in order to guarantee a t-shirt and gift bag. Registration on race day begins at 7 am at the American Legion on Bowdoin Street. Forms available at www.watershedfriends.com. 621-4100.

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- **Buen Apetito**, 46 Chaplin St. (at Railroad Square), Waterville. 861-4649.
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- **Dairy Queen**, 13 KMD Plaza, Waterville, 872-2220; and 161 College Ave, Waterville, 873-1677, www.dairyqueen.com
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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
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Clark Marine, 57 Puddledock Road, Manchester. 622-7011; and Rte. 202, Monmouth. www.clarkmarine.biz
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Fishing

Brown Trout Mania in Belgrade Lakes

by Mike Guarino



Nick Shaw with a trophy brown trout caught in the Belgrade's last week.

"I dropped them off at 1:15 with a bag full of brown trout weighing close to 18lbs.!!" That was the quote from local Registered Maine Master Guide Bill Laflamme after a very successful fishing trip last week. Bill is one of my best friends and in my opinion he's the best trout troller you'll ever meet. The guy fishes sewn bait in a traditional Maine fashion that would make the old timers tip their cap in appreciation. His success and comments echo those of local fishermen – lately the bite has been on. The bottom line is, IT'S BROWN TROUT TIME!

How wonderful it is to hear successful trout and salmon fishing stories here in the Belgrade's. This spring came early to our region and many were concerned that the majority of trollers would miss the traditional "ice out mania" that takes place about a week or two after the ice goes out. Many anglers didn't even have their boats ready this year

because there's usually about a 3-week grace period between opening day and open water. But this year, we were fishing on April 1, and to be honest I had to scramble to get everything ready to rock & roll that early in the season. Usually we are putting away the snowmobiles and snow throwers (although it's always wise to keep a couple of shovels handy until Easter)! The good news is that the brown trout that swim in the Belgrade Lake's chain seem to turn on after "ice out mania" and wait until the surface water temps hit 62 – 65 degrees. This year many of the local lakes have been producing beautiful trout in the 2 – 6 pound range with the possibility of catching a true trophy like the one pictured on any outing. Many local anglers, guides and sporting camp owners have been encouraging DIF&W to continue to stock more brown trout in our lakes because they grow so big here. The proof is in the pictures!

When Bill and his clients caught this fish, they had already landed 5 small browns in the 12 to 14 inch range. Then the chaos took over when this monster brown hit! It must have been a ho-hum feeling when the next fish only

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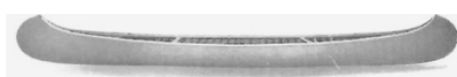


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weighed 4-pounds, 8 oz. followed by an 18-inch beauty. Kerri Oliver over at Day's Store weighted the big brown on his certified scale at 10 pounds -11 ounces and the fish was 26.5 inches in length and had a girth of 18 inches. What a day for everyone involved.

BABY LOONS – Many people have been waiting to see baby loons riding along mom's back or quietly floating off to bob along near their feeding parents. This year to date, I have yet to take a picture of a baby loon hitching a ride. I'm sure the babies should be hatching as I write this, so any day now you should see them bee-bopping their way along. If you happen to get a good photo or have any loon stories regarding the hatching of their young, post it on our facebook page for all to see.

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Highlights of the celebration included welcomes by John Witherspoon, president of the bank, and Megan Loubier, Belgrade Branch Manager, also recently elected president of the Belgrade Lakes Region Business Group, a thank you from Michael Barrett for the bank's donation



to the Belgrade Library, currently housed at the Center for All Seasons and open for the event, and the sets of quarters the bank gave out to guests.

Skowhegan Savings, founded in 1869, is an independent mutual savings bank and now has nine Maine branches: two in Skowhegan, Belgrade, Bingham, Dexter, Fairfield, Madison, Norridgewock, and Pittsfield. The Belgrade branch at the 135/27 crossroads has been part of Skowhegan Savings for the past twenty years.



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