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Stars and Stripes and Fireworks

by Esther J. Perne



Parades by boat, parades by land, and fireworks over water! It's Independence Day weekend and the traditions of celebration continue. Relax with the family, stay at home, join friends, visit a lake...or go to town - park, stay and spend the day.

Towns near the Belgrades with special festivities on Sunday, July 4 include Augusta, Belgrade Lakes, and Winthrop. Winslow holds a weekend-long celebration. Farmington will cele-

brate the holiday with a parade at 10 am and other special events on Saturday, July 3rd.

In Augusta, the Whatever Family Festival ends on July 4th, with a parade from Western Avenue to the City Center starting at 12 noon, there will be family-oriented activities all afternoon at Olde Fort Western and Mill Park, and a concert series at 4 pm with fireworks over the Kennebec River at dusk.

Belgrade Lakes has a full day schedule on the 4th, starting at 8 am and finishing with Fireworks at 9:15 pm, with a Boat Parade at noon, a land Parade at 4 pm, and a lot of food, a book sale, and children's activities in between. A highlight of the day will be the Docks to Doorways kick-off celebration with refreshments, music, conservation displays, boat rides and the opening of the first new dock



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at 1:30 pm at the future site of the Maine Lakes Resource Center.

In Winthrop the legendary Friends on the 4th 5K takes place at 8 am, family activities, food, and music festivities are scheduled at the American Legion from 10 am to 10 pm, and fireworks will be displayed at dusk.



Winslow, with one of the biggest celebrations in Maine (www.winslow4thofjuly.com), has festivities all weekend, with the Biggest Parade in Maine at noon on Sunday (scheduled later this year to accommodate church services).

Check times on websites before attending events. Bring sunscreen and umbrellas. Leave the pets at home, but never the children. And enjoy.



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Editorial

The Warm Glow of Honesty

It's that time of the season when a miracle happens in Maine. It may happen in other places but we know it happens here. Brief signs appear at roadside stands and farm markets and what they say is help yourself (and pay by yourself). What an invitation. It makes us as honest...as these long days of summer. Not a bean over weight nor an extra crumpled lettuce leaf would depart with us.

Sure, someone could take the money, could take the whole container. Some folks do. It's unquestionably their loss. The thrill of theft is surely nothing compared to the quaint exhilaration of honesty, of putting cash in a can, or lunch box, or anchoring it under a rock, adding it to other honest people's cash, and making change ever so honestly, too.

The icing on this sweet cake is when a person connected with the operation appears, usually the farmer himself,

suntanned, tired, smiling. Is he checking up on us, our honesty? Did we read the scale wrong or substitute the zucchinis for the cukes (there is a remote similarity, we think).

But no, not a glance toward the cash is there. Following the requisite weather comment, our new friend in honesty adds a tomato to our take or piles on extra ears of corn - picked fresh every morning and well, morning's almost over - or offers anytime whatever we want; if he's not open just call and he'll leave it in back of the shed. No problem!

We like it, this rare renaissance of trust, and we know it's bigger than just "small potatoes." We've seen a sign for self-serve bicycle rental and have had friends who "gassed up" and left cash per instructions at a local airport. In this day and age of mistrust, such miracles may happen in other places; we know they happen here.



Animal Countdown

Fears on the 4th

Fireworks, parades, bright lights, loud crowds, and noises far into the nights. According to HomeAgain pet finder, more pets go missing (fear and flight) on the 4th of July than any other day of the year. Some preventive suggestions are:

It's best to leave pets at home - with plenty of fresh water, food, and

favorite toys. Good precautions: Find a safe and quiet room for each pet; cover the windows; remove items that could be chewed, scratched, or damaged; walk pets before leaving. Pets on vacation should be leashed at all times. During fireworks, talk to them - the sound of a familiar voice is calming and reassuring.



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Legacies

Docks To Doorways: The Tradition

Legacies and traditions...of boating, docking, and shopping at Belgrade Lakes Village..date to the 1800s.



Above Left: Thomas Golder's Marina, mid-1800s, may have been the earliest on the stream. The Village at that time was named Belgrade Mills. Above Right: With the formation of the Belgrade Lakes Association in 1908, docks like these lined the Village side of the stream.

Notebook

Ski Passes for Honor Students

• Saddleback ski area in Rangeley has expanded its PEAK (Promoting Education and Activity for Kids) program to include honor roll students in all of New England. Honor students in grades K-12 are eligible to purchase a season pass for only \$99. Maine honor roll students can purchase a PEAK pass for just \$59. Proof of honor roll status for the first marking period of Fall 2010 must be furnished. www.saddlebackmaine.com, 866-918-2225.

East Pond Plant Patrol

• Invasive Plant Patrol! Recognizing that plant fragments were found on a boat being launched last year in East Pond and that the association can not cover the public boat landing when every boat is launched or every location where boats are launched, the association is forming an Invasive Plant Patrol. Volunteers will be inspecting the water around boat launch sites in hopes of early detection. The association was awarded a small grant from the New England

Grassroots Environmental Fund to help establish the plant patrol. Volunteers and contributions needed. 465-7307, www.eastpond.org

Grandparent Support

• Families and Children Together (F.A.C.T.) is the Maine organization that provides information, support, and connections for Grandfamilies and any kin caring for relatives' children. A Group Meeting is held in Augusta the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 6 pm at The Children's Center, 1 Alden Avenue. On-site childcare is available. For more information visit www.mainekids-kin.org or call 866-298-0896.

Augusta

• Le Festival de la Bastille, scheduled for July 9-11, celebrates Maine's Franco-American heritage with traditional, local and new Canadian/Cajun music and a variety of popular Canadian and American foods throughout the Festival. a gigantic fireworks display Friday night at 9:30 pm, a Bean Supper Saturday Night 5-6 pm, and a Chicken Barbecue Sunday 11 am-1 pm. New this year on Saturday are a Children's Program 10-11:45 am and a Talent Show

12:45-2 pm. For tickets and more information call 557-1973, 622-1622, or 623-8211.

Belgrade

• The 2nd Annual Golf Tournament fundraiser sponsored by Friends of the Belgrade Public Library will be held on Thursday, July 15 with a 1 pm shot gun start with a scramble format. There will be prizes, a cocktail reception, and live and silent auctions. Auction items include Red Sox tickets, a float plane ride, boat cruises, and a guided fishing/canoe trip. For more information call 495-2101.

Farmington

• The monthly Contradance will be held on Saturday, July 10, at the Farmington Grange, Bridge Street, West Farmington. From 6:30-7:30 pm will be a Family Dance with sit-in band, \$2 adult/\$1 child. From 6-8 pm will be a Burritos Special \$5. The Regular Contra with Kim Roberts calling and the Farmington House Band is 8-10:30 pm, \$6 adults/\$5students or \$15 family. All dances are called. All dancers are welcome. No partner necessary. For more information or to reserve burritos call 491-9928 or email

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Watershed Wisdom

Two weeks ago we talked a bit about “alien invaders” from foreign (to our watershed) ecosystems. Two days after that article appeared, one of BRCA’s Courtesy Boat Inspectors (CBI), Kerry Schlosser, made our first “Save” of the season. She removed a substantial fragment of Eurasian water milfoil, from a Massachusetts-registered boat that was getting ready to launch into Great Pond after being used the previous day in the Connecticut River in CT, which is heavily infested. Congratulations to Kerry for doing a thorough inspection and preventing a potential disaster. A study done a few years ago by Eiswerth et al. estimated the economic impact of a Eurasian water milfoil infestation on recreation at **30 to 45 million dollars annually per watershed.**

Of Maine’s 6000+ lakes and ponds, 32 (unfortunately up by two from last year) are known to be infested with invasive plants, including Eurasian and variable leaf milfoil, curly-leaved pondweed, European naiad, and hydrilla. That this is a relatively small number, is a tribute to Maine’s strong “Milfoil Law” and the small army of paid and volunteer courtesy boat inspectors that man public boat launches in order to help boaters learn about the dangers of invasive plants and how to inspect their boat before launch and after recovery.

Maine’s “Milfoil Law” (LD1812) was enacted in 2001 and makes it illegal to transport any aquatic plant or plant fragment, invasive or not, on the outside of a vehicle, boat, trailer, or other equipment. It requires all motorized boats used in freshwater to display a lake and river protection sticker that costs \$10 for residents and \$20 for nonresidents. This sticker is now part of the regular registration for Maine residents and no longer a separate sticker. There are substantial fines for noncompliance with this law- up to \$250 for failure to display the sticker, \$500 for transporting any plant fragment (\$2500 for repeat offenders), and up to \$5000 for transporting an invasive plant. Funds raised from sticker sales are used for outreach and education programs and to help pay for courtesy boat inspection (CBI) programs.

The Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance (BRCA) administers one of the largest CBI programs in the state on behalf of our local lake associations. Every summer, we work with the Lakes

More Aliens and UFOs

by Peter Kallin

Environmental Association (LEA), the Maine Congress of Lake Associations (COLA) and DEP to train our team of paid and volunteer CBI’s that man (and woman) up all seven of the public boat launches in the Belgrade Lakes and at most of the sporting camps with private ramps. Last year these trained inspectors inspected over 10,000 boats between Memorial Day and Labor Day and prevented invasive plants from entering the Belgrades four times (and leaving Messalonskee at least 10 times). More importantly, they helped to educate over 10,000 boaters about the importance of inspecting their own boat whether there is an inspector there or not.

While plants are the most visible of the aquatic hitchhikers, there are numerous other Unwanted Floating Organisms (UFOs) that our inspectors are looking for and trying to keep out of our lakes. In addition to invasive fish such as northern pike and walleyes, other potential aquatic invaders include Quagga mussels, Zebra mussels, Chinese Mystery Snails, Rusty crayfish, and a particularly pernicious diatom called Didymo, more commonly called, “rock snot.” While Quagga and Zebra mussels, have not yet been found in Maine, they are common in the Great Lakes and are spreading out from there. Last year, Laurel Lake in western Massachusetts became infested. If your boat is coming from these waters, it should be thoroughly washed and inspected (including the live well) before launching in Maine waters. Chinese mystery snails are present in Maine, including in the Messalonskee Stream near where it enters the Kennebec River. They are larger (about the size of a golf ball) than any native Maine snails and you should thoroughly inspect all surfaces of your boat if you are in these waters. If you detect mystery snails, please contact the Center for Invasive Aquatic Plants (CIAP) of the Maine Lake Volunteer Monitoring Program

(VLMP) at mciap@mainevlmp.org to report your find. They are trying to document its spread in Maine. If you catch a walleye, please keep it, kill it, and call our local fisheries biologist, Bobby VanRiper at 547-5314.

Rusty crayfish are already established in the Belgrades in Great Pond. These crayfish, native to the Ohio River Valley, can be more aggressive than the native Maine crayfish and can displace them from their habitat. So far, this pest has not been that successful here, perhaps due to our aggressive small-mouth bass population, but it needs to be monitored. Both the University of Maine and the Maine VLMP are continuing to monitor the spread of Rusty crayfish in this area. It is thought that these invaders were brought in by an out of state fisherman who brought live bait with him. Fishermen should be aware that it is illegal to bring live bait into Maine from out of state and it is illegal to release unused live bait into Maine waters whatever the source. Live bait should only be purchased from licensed Maine bait dealers who are only allowed to sell native, non-invasive species.

Rock snot is not yet present in Maine but it is present in Vermont in the upper Connecticut River. This organism forms dense mats on the bottom and looks like what you think based on its common name. It can be spread by anglers, especially those who wade in felt soled boots. Any time you move between waterbodies, to prevent inadvertent spread of UFOs, you should thoroughly wash and dry your equipment before fishing in new waters.

To learn more about any of these organisms, please stop in the BRCA office. We have brochures on some of them. Another good source is the CIAP web site at: <http://www.mainevolunteerlakemonitors.org/mciap/>

Enjoy the lakes, but beware of aliens and UFOs. **Don't pick up 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

Fiscal Year 2011 applications are being taken by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service through September 1 for a pilot study on high tunnel growing. A high tunnel is a greenhouse-like structure, at least six feet in height, which modifies the climate inside to create more favorable growing conditions for vegetable and other specialty crops grown in the natural soil beneath it.

Maine is one of 38 states participating in the three-year study that will verify if high tunnels

are effective in reducing pesticide use, keeping vital nutrients in the soil, extending the growing season, increasing yields, and providing other benefits. This will be the second year of a three-year "Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food" initiative.

Producers who would like to sign-up should visit the NRCS office, 21 Enterprise Drive, Augusta or call 622-7847. For more information visit www.me.nrcs.usda.gov



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- **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.
- **Farmers' Market at Turnpike Mall**, 549-5112, Wednesday and Saturday 10 am-1 pm, Western Avenue.

BELGRADE LAKES

- **Great Pond Mailboat**, 215-7520, Monday-Saturday, departs 10 am, Post Office, Main Street, Route 27.

- **Spring Gallery & Sculpture Garden**, 495-3113, www.springgallerymaine.com, presented by Modern Art Foundry, Wednesday-Sunday 11 am-5 pm and by appointment, 81 Main Street, Route 27.

- **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.

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

LIVERMORE

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

MADISON

- **Lakewood Theater and Lakewood Inn Restaurant, Maine's Summer Theater, Young Performers Camp**, 474-7176, www.lakewoodtheater.org, Route 201.

- **Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture**, 474-9345, www.skowheganart.org, summer evening artists lecture series, call for schedule, East Madison Road.

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

NORRIDGEWOCK

- **Norridgewock Historical Society Museum**, 634-5032, www.norridgewock.com, Saturday 10 am-3 pm, Mercer Road, Route 2.
- **Osoola Park**, picnic area, playground, boat launch, on Kennebec Rivers, Route 8.

OAKLAND

- **Macartney House Museum, Oakland Area Historical Society**, 465-7549, Wednesday 1:30-4:30 pm. 1815 home with antique furnishings and Oakland artifacts, Main Street.
- **Messalonskee Center for the Performing Arts**, 465-9135, 131 Messalonskee Drive.

READFIELD

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

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- **Silver Spur Riding Club**, River Road, Route 104.

SKOWHEGAN

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

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

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- **Fairview Grange suppers**, 362-2791, every Wednesday in summer, 5 pm til gone, Village Road, Route 8.
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- **Unity College Centre for the Performing Arts**, 568-3147, www.unitymaine.org, 42 Depot Street.

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- **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.

WINTHROP

- **Norcross Park**, playground, picnic site, boat launch on Maranacook Lake, downtown.
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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.
- **Snow Pond/Messalonskee Lake Association**, P.O. Box 532, Oakland, ME 04963, www.snowpond.org, 465-2888.
- **Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance (BRCA) and BRCA Conservation Corps**, P.O. Box 250, Belgrade Lakes, ME 04918. 495-6039, www.belgradelakes.org
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BEYOND...

- **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
- **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
- **Androscoggin Lake Improvement Corporation**, P.O. Box 307, Wayne, ME 04284. www.androscogginlake.org
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Calendar

Thursday 7/1 through Wednesday 9/1 - The July Exhibit - "Genealogy" opens at the Kennebec Historical society, open Wednesday-Friday, 10 am-2 pm, 622-7718, 107 Winthrop Street, Augusta.

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

Friday 7/2 through Monday 7/5 - Maine Quarter Horse Show, concessions, covered arena, free, open to public, 474-3621, Fairgrounds, Route 201, Skowhegan.

Friday 7/2 through Sunday 7/4 - Seaplane Rides, fee, 10 am-4 pm, 859-0109, Airlink, LLC, Waterfront Park, Augusta.

Friday 7/2 - Open House for "Summer Members' Art Show & Sale," original artwork including paintings in oil, acrylics and watercolor, drawings, prints, collage, photographs, sculpture and more, free and open to the public, refreshments included, 5-8 pm, show continues through 7/25, 622-3813, The Harlow Gallery, 160 Water Street, Hallowell.

Friday 7/2 - Street Dance, food booth available 5-11 pm, St. John's school parking lot, Winslow.

Friday 7/2 - Spaghetti dinner and benefit concert, featuring Erik Anderson, to benefit "Camp Golden Pond" scholarship program and to send Erik to theater school in California, 6-8pm, 495-3481, The Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes.

Friday 7/2 - New England Music Camp Counselor Recital, free to the public, everyone welcome, 7:30 pm, 465-3025, Alumni Hall, Route 23, Sidney.

Friday 7/2 - Midnight Mile, registration 10:30-11:30 pm, race at 12 am, 626-3488, Augusta City Center, east side, Augusta.

Saturday 7/3 - Farmington Independence Day Celebration, Rotary Club annual parade with theme of "Hands Around the World," 10 am, line-up at 8:30 am at the UMF parking lot on High Street. Music and strawberry shortcake will be available on the Pierce House lawn following the parade. Members of Henderson Memorial Baptist Church will hold their annual hot dog giveaway on the church front lawn; donations will be accepted for the Ecumenical Heating Fund. The Flagg Family Fishing Derby will begin at 8 am, at Rollo Pond in Abbott Park, there are a limited number of spaces, so get there early. 778-4215, downtown Farmington.

Saturday 7/3 - Guided Tours of Historic Buildings, 11 am-4 pm, 897-4366, Washburn Norlands Living History Center, 290 Norlands Road, Livermore.

Saturday 7/3 - Fun at Fort Halifax, featuring games, a petting zoo, laser tag, climbing wall, bungee jump, dunk tank, inflatable rides and bounces, chicken BBQ, pork roast, 4th of July Novelty Tent, Elton John Tribute, Michael Jackson Tribute, A Journey Tribute, 11 am-10 pm, Fort Halifax Park, Winslow.

Saturday 7/3 - NEMC Concert, featuring Concert Orchestra, Concert Band, Treble Choir, 3 pm, free, open to the public, 465-3025, Bowl-in-the-Pines, New England Music Camp, Route 23, Sidney.

Saturday 7/3 - Baked Bean and Potluck supper, 4:30-6:30 pm, 622-0552, South Parish Congregational Church, Augusta.

Saturday 7/3 - "The Black Fly Follies," \$22 adults, \$18 students and seniors, 7:30 pm. 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater at Monmouth.

Sunday 7/4 - Winthrop 4th of July, 8th Annual Friends on the 4th 5K, run, jog or walk, 621-4100, 7 am, sponsored by Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed, 621-4100, Norcross Point, Winthrop.

Sunday 7/4 - Winthrop 4th of July Celebration, festivities 10 am-10 pm, something for everyone - bring the kiddies!, chicken barbecue, cotton candy, sausage cart, ice

cream, MC by Randy's Music all day, dunk tank, kids games, raffles, bake sale, dance contest 3 pm ages 0-16, face painting, fireworks, Alfred W. Maxwell Jr. Post #40, Maranacook Lake, Winthrop.

Sunday 7/4 - Winthrop Fireworks at dusk, around 9 pm, sponsored by the Winthrop Area Chamber of Commerce, 377-8020, Norcross Point, Maranacook Lake, Winthrop.

Sunday 7/4 - Winslow Family 4th of July, largest Parade in the State of Maine 12 noon-2 pm parade; Fun at Fort Halifax Park, activities and music 2-10 pm, Patriotic Tribute 9:15 pm, Fireworks 9:30 pm, No alcohol, bikes or dogs allowed in the park!, 877-0372 (after 6 pm), www.winslow4thofjuly.com Winslow.

Sunday 7/4 - Pancake Breakfast at Applebee's, to benefit City of Augusta July 4th Celebration, 626-2350, Applebee's, Western Avenue, Augusta.

Sunday 7/4 - Augusta 4th of July Parade, Western Avenue to City Center and Old Fort Western, starts 1 pm, 626-2350, downtown Augusta.

Sunday 7/4 - Fourth at the Fort, Old Time Independence Day Celebration, 2:30 pm, 3-5 pm Townball (old fashioned baseball), Jazz Band, Kids & Family Activities, 626-2385, Old Fort Western, Cony Street, Augusta.

Sunday 7/4 - Celebration at Mill Park, vendors, bounce houses, chicken BBQ, children's entertainment, karaoke and old fashioned game, 3:30 pm; hayrides and trolley rides 3:30-7 pm, 626-2350, Mill Park, Augusta.

Sunday 7/4 - Concert Series, Zacc Taylor, Sun Dog, Emerald Sky, Augusta Recreation, 4 pm, 626-2350, Waterfront Park, Augusta.

Sunday 7/4 - Augusta Fireworks over the Kennebec River, dusk, Waterfront Park, City of Augusta.

Sunday 7/4 - Belgrade Lakes 4th of July,

Book Sale, Bounce House, Face Painting, Antique Boat and Motor Display, Boat Parade and Land Parade, Ice Cream Social, Strawberry Shortcake, Frog Jumping, Entertainment, Fireworks, 9 am to after dark, 242-9958, Belgrade Lakes Village.

Sunday 7/4 - Book Sale to benefit the new Belgrade Public Library, 9 am-2 pm, 495-3508, Main Street, Belgrade Lakes.

Sunday 7/4 - Kick-off Celebration, Docks to Doorways, opening of the first new dock on the Mill Stream, refreshments, music, conservation displays, boat rides, 1:30 pm, site of future Maine Lakes Resource Center, Main Street, Belgrade Lakes.

Sunday 7/4 - New England Music Camp Student Concert, featuring Symphony Orchestra, Chorale and Symphonic Band, open to the public, free of charge, everyone welcome, 3 pm, 465-3025, Bowl in the Pines, Route 23, Sidney.

Monday 7/5 - Teen Summer Theater Camp begins at the Waterville Opera House for three weeks, ages 13-18, M-F, 12 noon-5 pm, 873-7000, Waterville Opera House, 93 Main Street, Waterville.

Monday 7/5 - Old Crow Band, Gazebo, Meetinghouse Square, 7 pm, Route 27, Farmington.

Tuesday 7/6 - Seminole Wind, Outdoor Music Concert, free, 11:30 am-1 pm, Meetinghouse Park Gazebo, downtown Farmington.

Tuesday 7/6 - Invasive plants training workshop, sponsored by the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance, 495-6039, Mount Vernon Community Center, downtown Mount Vernon.

Tuesday 7/6 - "Rock On The River" Music Series, 7-8:30 pm, boardwalk on Kennebec River, Water Street, Hallowell.

Wednesday 7/7 - Puppet Show, Summer Reading Program, 465-7533, Oakland Public

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Wednesday 7/7 – Summer Art/Humanities Workshop, Children and Family Program, \$2 per participant, including materials, 1 pm, 238-4250, L.C. Bates Museum, Route 201, Hinckley.

Wednesday 7/7 - Summer "Carnival," Summer Reading Program, Make A splash - Read!, 2-3 pm, 465-7533, Oakland Public Library, Church Street, Oakland.

Wednesday 7/7 - Public Supper, 5 pm til gone, 362-2791, Fairview Grange, Route 8, Smithfield.

Wednesday 7/7 – Waterfront Wednesday Outdoor Concert Series, 6 pm-sunset, Waterfront Park, behind Water Street, Augusta.

Wednesday 7/7 – New England Music Camp Faculty Recital, open to public, free of charge, everyone welcome, 8:00 pm, 465-3025, Alumni, NEMC, Route 23, Sidney.

Wednesday 7/7 through Saturday 7/10 – "Ring of Fire," life and songs of Johnny Cash, 474-7176, Lakewood Theater, Route 201, Madison.

Thursday 7/8 – Summer Art Program for Children, \$2 per participant, including mate-

rials, 1 pm, 238-4250, L.C. Bates Museum, Route 201, Hinckley.

Thursday 7/8 - Matt and Shannon Heaton, updated and traditional Irish music on flute/guitar/bouzouki/accordion, 7:30 pm, \$10, 948-SHOW, Unity Centre For the Performing Arts, 42 Depot Street, Unity.

Thursday 7/8 - Evening Story Time, 6 pm, 495-3508, Belgrade Public Library, Center for All Seasons, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes.

Thursday 7/9 through Sunday 7/11 - "Comedy of Errors," Shakespeare, 7:30 pm (Sunday 7 pm), 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater at Monmouth.



July 4th in Belgrade Lakes

Sunday July 4, 2010

8:00 **Flea Market** \$20 table rental proceeds donated to Belgrade Rec. Program 458-0771

9:00 – 2:00 **Book Sale** in Belgrade Village
Sponsored by The Friends of The Belgrade Library 495-3508

11:00 **Bounce House and Face Painting** at The Village Peddler

11:00 **Lead rides** and demonstrations at **Rome Farms** north of Belgrade Village

11:00 **Antique Boat and Motor Show** along the stream 495-3680

12:00 BOAT PARADE

From the mouth of the Mill Stream on Great Pond to the Belgrade Lakes Village
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12:00 **Strawberry Shortcake and Hot Dogs** at The Union Church

1:30 **The Docks to Doorways Ground Breaking on The old Damren property, come share in the excitement with refreshments, music and education**

3:00 **Parade Line-up for all vehicles and floats** at Rome Farm

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4:00 PARADE

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ENTRY FEE: \$10 Registration and Waiver required
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- On Friday, July 9 at 7 pm, the Gawler Family will perform at the Center for All Seasons in Belgrade Lakes to benefit the new Belgrade Public Library. Tickets sold at the door. 495-2286.
- A Bicycle Workshop and Ride will take place Saturday, July 10, 8:30 am-3 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Community Church, 69 Winthrop Street, Augusta. For those with no bicycle repair experience; learn how to fix a flat, put a chain back on and keep brakes and shifters working. Includes coffee and muffins, a delicious lunch, and a short ride on the Kennebec Rail Trail. \$15. 512-5382.
- On Saturday, July 10, 9 am-2 pm, the Summer Arts and Crafts Fair will be held at the Mount Vernon Community Center (inside and out). \$20 per table to participate. 293-2877.
- New England Music Camp's Annual POPS Concert will be held on Saturday, July 10, at the

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— Activities & Outings —

Aquafest Celebrates the Belgrades



Thompson, author of "On Golden Pond" and the day-long celebration on Saturday will contribute to the Milfoil control initiative, the work of the Belgrade Conservation Corps, and numerous other watershed-wide programs.

Saturday's schedule includes free games, activities and leaning adventures for kids of all ages from 9 am to 4 pm at the Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons, where there will also be a Fun Run, Walk, Crawl, or Creep at 11 am (\$5 entry fee), a Barbecue Lunch 12 noon to 1 pm (\$5, age 3 and under free), and a Free Family Swim 1-3 pm. Activities around

A Family Festival and Wooden Boat Showcase to benefit water quality improvement in the Belgrade Lakes Watershed will be held Friday and Saturday, July 9 and 10 in Belgrade Lakes. Sponsored by the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance, the kickoff dinner Friday night with guest speaker Ernest

the Village will include a Kayak/Canoe Race at 2 pm (\$10 entry fee), a Sailboat Race (details tab), seaplane rides, an Art and Craft Sale all day, Native American drumming at 7 pm, and an outdoor movie and ice cream at 9:30 pm.

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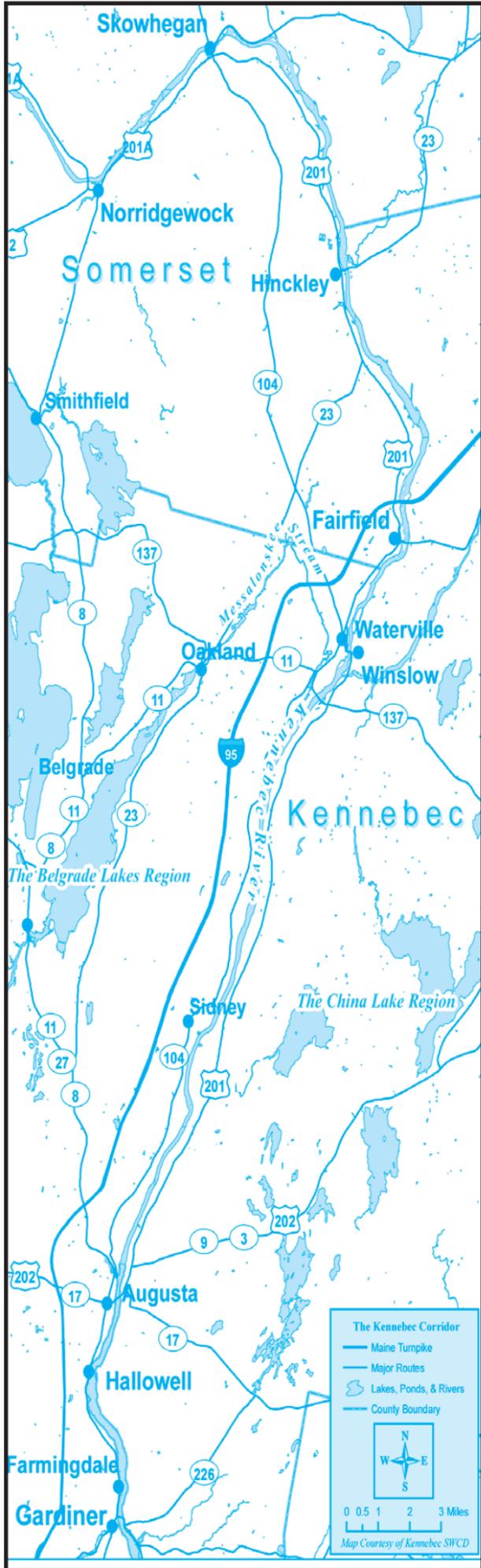
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July 10 - Bird Walk: 6:30-8:30 am, Bowdoinham, Will Broussard 837-9520

July 17 - Pownalborough Courthouse Tour: 3-5 pm, Jay Robbins 737-2239

August 7 - Explore Swan Island: 10 am-12 noon, Jay Robbins 737-2239. This program will have an \$8 fee per person.

September 4 - Merrymeeting Bay Paddle: 7:30-11:30 am, Anne Hammond 442-8535

September 12 - Rare Mud Plant Walk: 3-5 pm, Choice View Farm, Dresden, Andy Cutko 666-3162

September 26 - Mushroom Walk: 2-4 pm, Bowdoinham, Michaeline Mulvey. Sign up with Misty Gorski 737-8508

Pre-registration is required for all programs. To register or for questions, please call the contact number for each individual trip.

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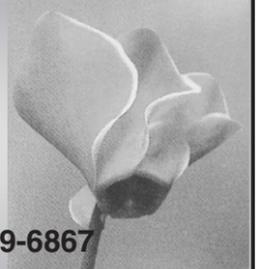
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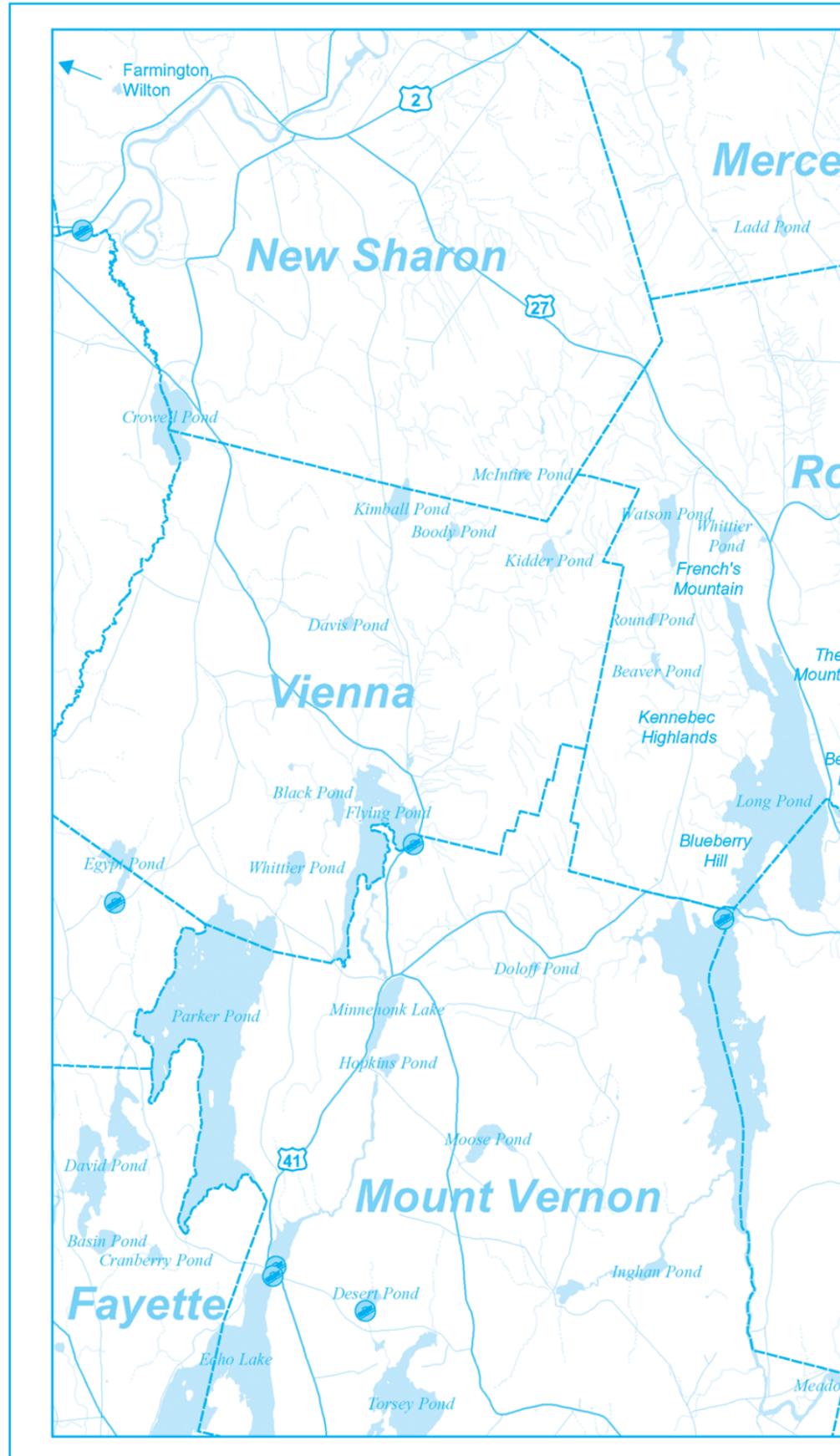


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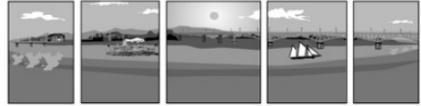
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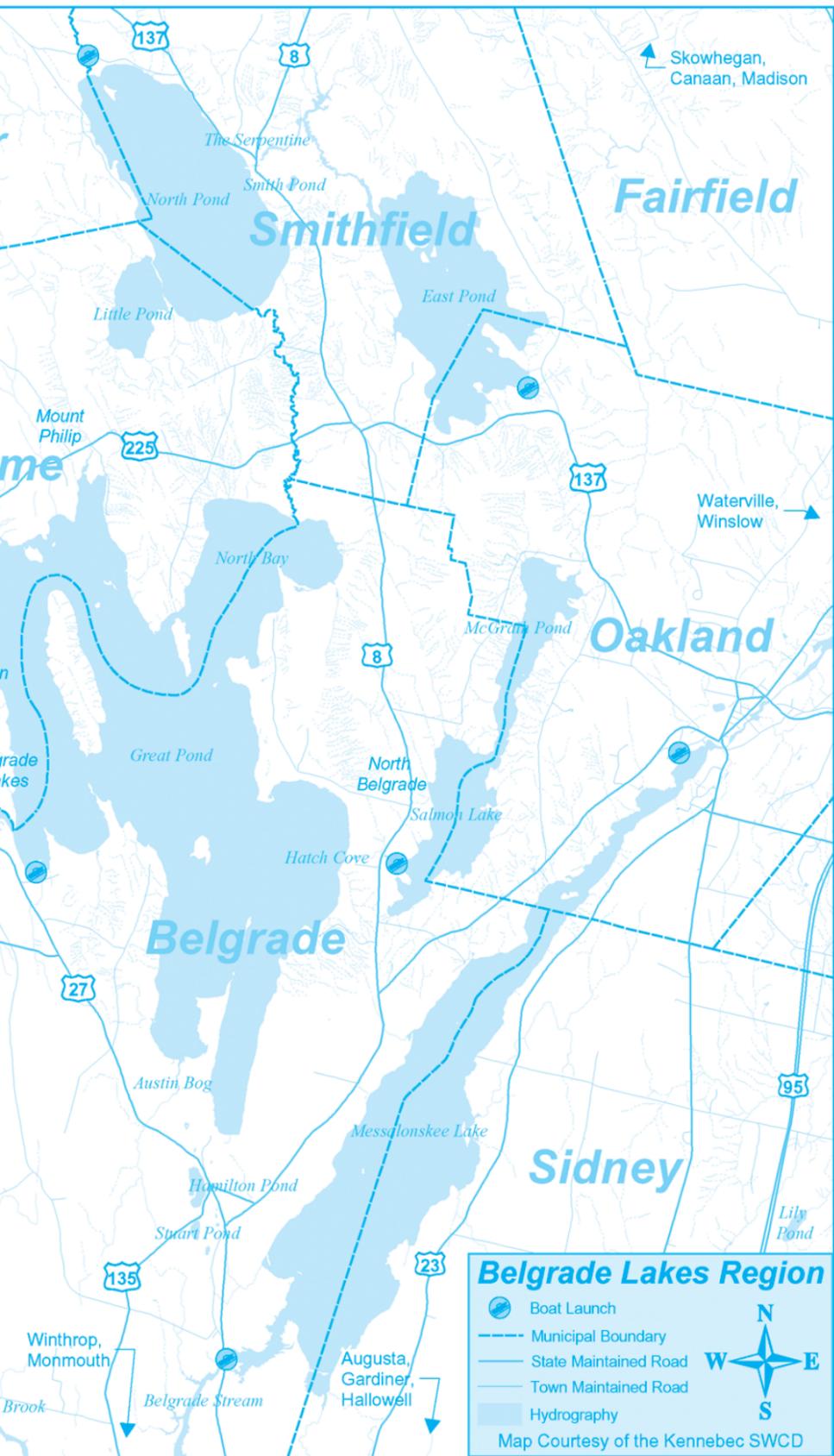


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Monmouth Black Fly Follies July 3



The Theater At Monmouth's 10th annual music and comedy variety show, Black Fly Follies, will be presented Saturday, July 3 at 7:30 pm.

Staged every year at historic Cumston Hall, the show allows Monmouth's repertory members to present their many talents - some of which might not be seen in the regular summer shows.

Past Follies acts have included song and dance, comedy, improve, fiery tap

dance, stand up, drumming, and much, much more.

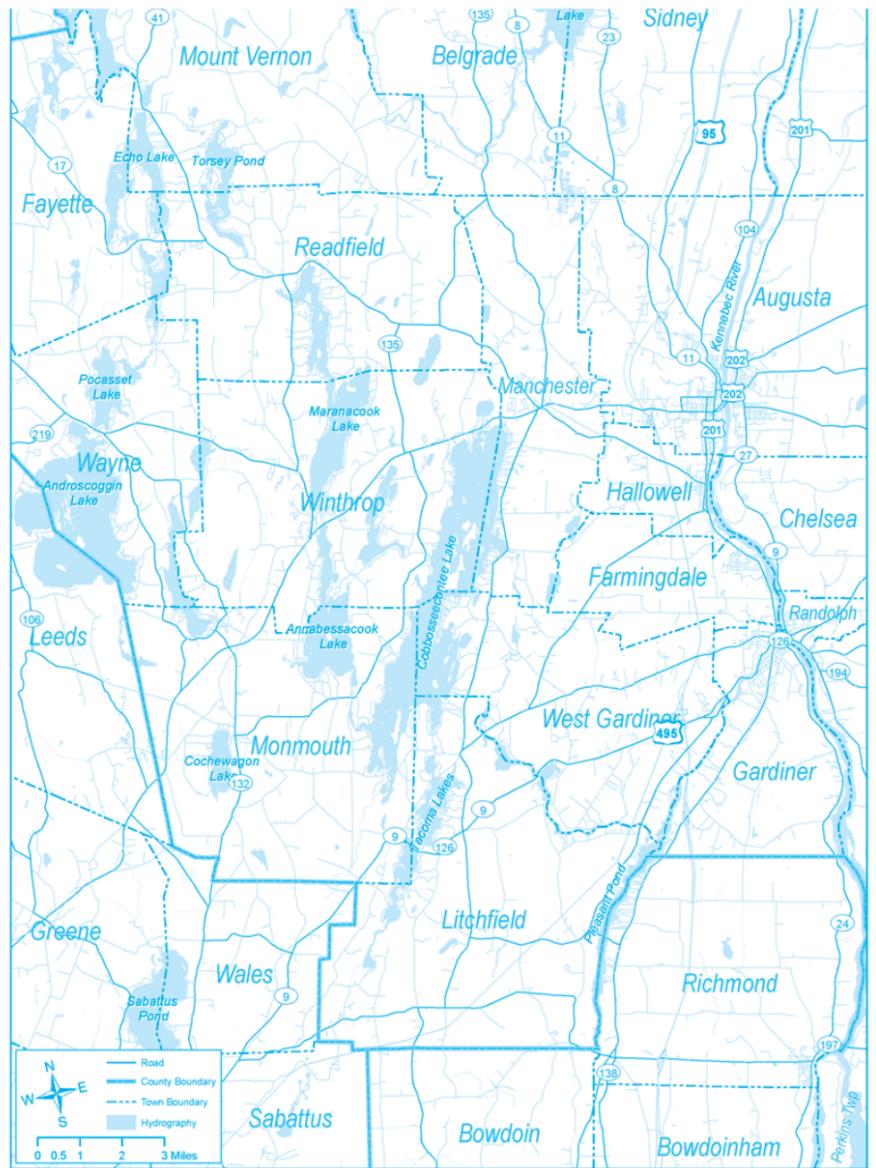
Black Fly Follies is the final one-night event before The Theater at Monmouth's season of shows in rotating repertory, which begins on July 8th with Shakespeare's The Comedy of Errors.

The Theater at Monmouth, founded in 1970, is a professional repertory company that strives to bring innovative approaches to Shakespeare and other classic plays through professional productions. Tickets, calendars and show information for the 2010 season can be found at www.theateratmonmouth.org.

Tickets for "Black Fly Follies" are \$22 for adults and \$18 for students and seniors. Seats sell quickly for this special event due to the enthusiastic crowd of Follies faithful followers. For reservations call the box office at 933-9999.



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Cobbossee Corner

Tadpole Patrol with the Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed



Since 2004, over 850 children have participated in one or more levels of a Tadpole Patrol session

The Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed's popular summertime program, Tadpole Patrol, returns this summer aboard the OTTER II, the Friend's 22' pontoon boat and "floating classroom". Now with three integrated levels, children in grades 2- 12 have the opportunity to experience interactive, hands-on, FUN activities that focus on watershed protection and water quality.

Tadpole Patrol (Level 1) is for children entering grades 2-3-4 and allows participants to experience the ecology of the lake firsthand through exploration, wildlife observation (eagles, fish and zooplankton), and learning the basics of water testing by using professional equipment. Attendees will earn a Tadpole Patrol badge, t-shirt and prize grab bag. Each session can accommodate up to (12) children.

TP Patrol II-LSI! (Level 2) is for children entering grades 4-5-6 and is geared for older children or those who have already attended Tadpole Patrol. Activities are more science-based, with participants performing water quality tests and recording data in their own keepsake LSI Journal. Wildlife species are observed and recorded – using binoculars above the water and an underwater camera to 'spy' on aquatic life living beneath the surface. Participants will also learn about and begin to identify native and invasive aquatic plants. Attendees receive a Friend's waterproof knapsack in which to keep their LSI Journal and other items dry. Each "class" can accommodate up to (8) children.

TP3 - Jr. Lake Monitors (Level 3) is new for 2010 and offered for youth entering grades 6 & up. Participants will be trained in proper water quality data measurement techniques; conduct precise measurements themselves; and then

compare and analyze their results to data recorded by the Cobbossee Watershed District over the past 30+ years. Results will be posted on the Friends website for others to observe. Pre-requisite of TPII-LSI! is required. Participants will receive a certificate of achievement and a Friends calculator/ruler. Each session can accommodate up to (8) young adults.



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Harlow Highlights Local Maine Artists

Opening Friday, July 2, through Sunday, July 25, the July art exhibit at the Harlow Gallery in Hallowell features original artwork by members of the Kennebec Valley Arts Association, including paintings in oils, acrylics and watercolor, plus drawings, prints, collage, photographs, sculpture and more. Most work will be for sale and priced affordably and may be purchased off the wall and taken home the same day.

The public is invited to the opening celebration on Friday, July 2, 5-8 pm. The artists' reception is free; refreshments will be available. Harlow Gallery is located at 160 Water Street. For



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But didn't the state already solve this problem?

The issue of lead is still a problem for wildlife and water quality. Though the state banned the sale of lead sinkers less than one half ounce in 2002, lead poisoning continues to be a widespread issue on Maine's lakes. All lead-based tackle is still legal for fishermen to use and lead-headed jigs are currently still legal to sell and use. This means that we continue to dump an unacceptable amount of lead into our lakes each year. When sinkers and jigs are lost by anglers, these items settle on the bottom of the lake. They do not dissolve.

Over the past five years, a number of sick loons from the Belgrade lakes have been taken to a bird rehabilitation center where they died of lead poisoning. More dead loons have been collected from the Belgrade lakes and sent to Tufts

University where necropsies have revealed ingested lead tackle. Just one small sinker or jig head is enough to kill an adult loon. The symptoms of lead poisoning are severe and fast, and generally by the time a loon appears sick, it is too late to reverse the process. Reported cases of lead poisoning do not begin to tell the whole story, however, since often sick loons will isolate themselves or be taken by predators, meaning that a high percentage of lead poisoned loons will never be found.

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Rome

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• Missoula Children's Theatre offers three day camps at the Waterville Opera House: Sleeping Beauty, July 19-24, The Jungle Book, August 2-7, Red Riding Hood, August 9-14. Children entering grades 1-8 are cast and rehearsed throughout the week. On Saturday at 3 pm campers take the stage. Weekday schedule is 9 am-4 pm. www.operahouse.org, 873-7000.

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

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- **Peppers Garden & Grill**. 357A Main Street, Winthrop. 377-8877
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The Small Garden Guide

The WWW Market

There's a new online market in Franklin County, and although it doesn't offer that one-on-one and hands-on shopping of Farmers' Markets with all their tempting sights, smells and conversation, the benefits of putting local producers and consumers together are many: 24-hour availability, reduced travel time, shopping consolidation, member bios and photos, a specific ordering format, an email confirmation system, room for notes, and other useful information (for example, one farmer in the northern part of the county will deliver to customers).



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Even without ordering from the Western Maine Market their website is a great visit. The photos are inspiring, the farm bios interesting, the product coverage extensive, and the ordering set-up very efficient. Member farms cover a wide geographic area - Jay, Stratton, Leeds, Freeman Ridge, Farmington, Fairfield, New Sharon, Industry are a few examples of locations.

The site in Franklin County is modeled after a venture in Plymouth, New Hampshire, it has over a dozen farmers to date, is open and updated continuously, and productwise is very com-

prehensive, including fresh produce items, personal care products, baked goods, beverages, creams and lotions, dairy, cut flowers, dried food, eggs, herbs, meats and CSA shares. There are two pick up options weekly in Farmington: Tuesday 3-5:30 pm at the Better Living Center and Saturday 9-11 am at the Courthouse. Consumers have until 7 pm Thursday to order for Saturday mooring, until noon Monday to order for Tuesday afternoon. The online market can be visited at www.westernmainemarket.com



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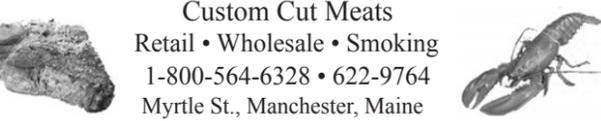


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Paradis Outfitters. 3575 Middle Road, Sidney. 547-GUNS, www.paradisoutfitters.com

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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

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

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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

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

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G&L Contracting, Adam Gardner, Belgrade. 215-7951
Grandview Log & Timber Frames, 72 Burtons Lane, Winthrop. 395-4172. www.grandviewtimbers.com

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www.hammondlumber.com **BUS SERVICE**

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DINING

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DOCKS

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

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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.

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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

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HEALTH CENTER

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

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

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

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

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RESERVATIONS

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RESTAURANTS

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RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES

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SEAFOOD

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

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Fishing

Belgrade Smallmouth Bass is Insane!

by Mike Guarino



Gary Alter with a nice shallow water smallmouth caught on June 23.



Bob Richter of Belgrade Four Season Cottages holds a huge Great Pond Smallie!

For the last couple of weeks, the local lakes have been teeming with happy fishermen and it's all due to a little red eyed, bronze backed beauty! Every year the bass fishing is a little different, each lake produces in different ways and some local ponds fish better than others. Well, this year it seems every lake in the Belgrade chain is fishing really well and anglers are rejoicing in the spirit of the catch. ((There are a lot of reasons why the lakes here offer such great fishing for smallies. For starters, the local waters are full of crayfish which is a favorite forage for bass. Then there is the wide variety of baitfish including alewives, shiners, smelts, sunfish, etc. Finally, there's all that excellent structure where bass can hide! Add it all up and you have a bass haven that's perfect for growing big fish.

One really neat observation during the last few days of fishing on Great Pond, Long Pond and East Pond is that we are still catching bigger bass and post spawn females in wicked shallow water. It's not really unusual to catch big bass early in the morning or late in the evening in the shallows, but we were even catching them during the heat of the day (and we've had some really HOT days lately).

Generally speaking, I think of bigger smallies moving off shore and stacking up around sunken humps and rock piles to eat crayfish or moving way out and suspending over deep water to feed on alewives and other bait fish. Of course it goes without saying that when fish are shallow, they are much easier to catch because you don't have to cover as much water. This is also a huge bonus if you are a fly fisherman and enjoy catching smallies on a fly rod. Personally, I think this is a hoot and am surprised that more fly fishermen don't take advantage of this awesome sport. On a normal year, the best time to fly fish for bass is when they are on their beds, but this year fly casters can enjoy really terrific fishing all day long without having to cast heavy sinking lines.

Lure selection is always challenging when it comes to consistently catching smallmouth bass. Because the fish is generally quite aggressive by nature, they will hit a variety of baits and lures. However, their aggressiveness can cause confusion amongst anglers because you can catch one or two fish on one lure and a few more on a different style bait, making it difficult to pattern the fish. For example traditional tube jigs and the popular Gitzit

are always great choices for smallies. However, during the last three days of fishing, we did not catch a single bass on a tube! That's amazing. Basically, we narrowed the lure choices down to small plastic baits in black/blue and watermelon and stick baits like a silver/black Rapala. Gary Alter (shown in the picture) has been fishing smallmouth bass longer than I have been alive and he offered up a great tip when fishing Rapala's. Everyone who fishes these lures will attest to the fact they twist your line something fierce. You can use a swivel, but you don't get the same action, and even if you use a Rapala knot, you will still experience line twist. Gary had a very simple observation/solution . . . simply keep your bait in the water until you are ready to make your next cast. The line twist caused by Rapala's generally takes place when you remove the lure from the water and look for your next casting location. Simply by leaving the bait in the water until it's time to cast will dramatically reduce line twist. Good luck this week!

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Messalonskee Performing Arts Center in Oakland. Tickets are available by calling the camp office at 465-3025.

- On Monday, July 12, Alberta Porter will give a presentation at Oakland Area Historical Society about her family as part of this year's monthly program for each member to talk about family. 465-7549 for more details.

- Waterville's 41st Annual Intown Arts Fest will be Saturday, July 17. Over 100 artists will offer their work to admire and buy.

- Animal Story Hour will take place at 10 am on Friday, July 23 at the L.C. Bates Museum in Hinckley. Ages 3-6 recommended. 238-4250.

- The Belgrade Historical Society will meet Wednesday, July 28 at 7 pm at the North Belgrade Community Center for a program on boating (and a little fishing) in the Belgrades.

- The Eastern Maine Agility Dog Show will be held at the Skowhegan Fairgrounds Friday, July 30 through Sunday, August 1. Free and open to the public. 474-2947.

Business

Friends of the Belgrade Library Schedule Summer Fundraisers

The Friends of the Belgrade Public Library have three fundraisers coming up in July: their annual Book Sale on Saturday, July 4th, 9 am-2 pm in Belgrade Lakes Village; the annual Gawler Family concert on Friday, July 9th at 7 pm at the Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons; and the 2nd Annual Golf Tournament fundraising event on Thursday, July 15, at the Belgrade Lakes Golf Course.

The Golf Tournament will begin with a 1 pm shot gun start with a scramble. There will be great prizes, a cocktail reception and live and silent auctions, featuring items such as Red Sox tickets, a float plane ride, boat cruises, and a guided fishing/canoe trip. For more information call 495-2101.

In August, a Comedy Night with the "Marden Lady" (Birdie Googins) will be held on Friday, the 27th at 7 pm at the Center for All Seasons in Belgrade Lakes.

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