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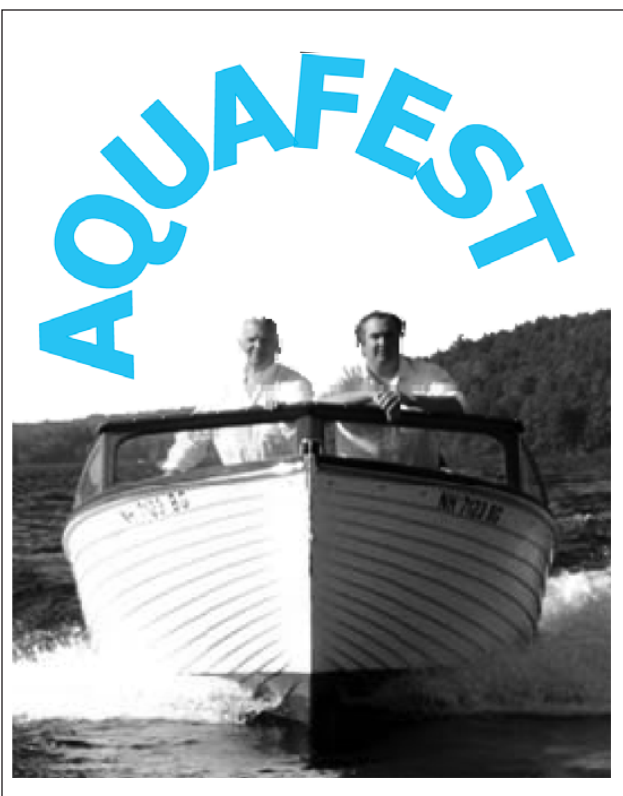
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Mid Summer Celebration Sampler

by Esther J. Perne

Aquafest in Belgrade Lakes, Le Festival de la Bastille in Augusta, the Maine International Film Festival in Waterville, and a boatload of special events in the surrounding towns: Summer is approaching its high noon and the menu of festivities is full.

First, Aquafest: it's the biannual fundraiser for the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance, which maintains a variety of programs to protect and improve water quality. Aquafest will take place on Friday and Saturday, July 9 and 10 with activities on and near the water, from a \$100 a plate dinner at The Village Inn featuring guest speaker Ernest Thompson, author of "On Golden Pond," on Friday night to a free outdoor showing of the movie "On Golden Pond" in back of Day's Store near Long Pond on Saturday night. This is the 30th Anniversary of the legendary movie that was written about the Belgrades and special signed commemorative posters will be on sale.



Movies, too, will take over Waterville at the 13th Annual Maine International Film Festival, July 9-18. One hundred films and fifty filmmakers will be part of this 10-day immersion from Elia Kazan's 1960 American masterpiece "Wild River" restored by Martin Scorsese's Film Foundation to the Serbian filmmaker Miodrag Kolaric's "Finding Belgrade," documentary on the five Belgrades of the world, filmed here last winter.

Along with appearances of guest celebrities, award ceremonies and special entertainment at The Maine International Film

Festival, Waterville has scheduled its 41st Annual Sidewalk Art Show on Saturday, July 17 to coincide with MIFF.

Commemorating the region's unique Franco-American heritage, Le Festival de la Bastille will be held in Augusta Friday through Sunday, July 9-11. A daily entertainment schedule of new Canadian, Cajun and old French favorites will bring many well known bands to Augusta, including local favorites the Pineland Fiddlers led by Ellen Gawler of Belgrade on Saturday at noon.

In Belgrade Lakes, the Gawler Family will perform Friday, July 9 at the Center for All Seasons to help raise funds for the Belgrade Public Library. A second fundraiser - a Golf Tournament at the Belgrade Lakes Golf Course - will be held Thursday, July 15.



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Other area towns holding unique events this mid summer week include: Mount Vernon - The Summer Art and Craft Fair on Saturday, July 10; Hallowell - Snowshoes in July at the Harlow Gallery, 1-3 pm on Sunday, July 11; Oakland - New England Music Camp POPS concert, Saturday, July 10; Monmouth - "The Comedy of Errors" opens Friday, July 9; and Hinckley - Saturday and Thursday Children's Programs. The menu of festivities is full.



"Finding Belgrade" at MIFF

The 2010 Maine International Film Festival in Waterville will include a unique film about Belgrade... In 2009, Serbian filmmaker Miodrag Kolaric and his crew made a film about the five Belgrades of the world - their capital city, home to millions of people - and the four Belgrades in the United States in Maine, Montana, Nebraska and Minnesota. The Maine portion of the film includes footage shot in Day's Store. Pictured here is Castle Island Camps on Long Pond. "Finding Belgrade" is 70 minutes long and is in Serbian with English subtitles. It will be shown at Railroad Square at 3:15 pm on July 11; 3:30 pm on July 17.



The annual Gawler Family Concert sponsored by the Friends of the Belgrade Public Library, will be held on Friday, July 9 at 7 pm at the Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons. Tickets may be purchased at the door. Adults are \$10, children \$5, under 5 free. Refreshments will be available. 495-3508.



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Editorial

Maine Explained

To explain Maine, let's try to explain Mainers. Mainers eat red hot dogs, drive winterbeaters, wear vests year round, never use their front doors, tend to leave the car keys in the ignition and will move all around the state but won't move away.

Whoopee pies, marshmallow fluff, coffee ice cream, and bingo - not so common to outsiders - are staples of their surroundings. So are some pretty

colorful expressions, such as "Nummer than a sack of hammers" and others too choice to print. They also say "friggin'" a lot which doesn't mean what you think it does. It means doing nothing, hanging around, wasting time, even no good.

If you are from away try explaining that to your mother and she'll call you wicked, and she won't mean wicked good (as in awesome) either.

Animal Countdown

Pets in the Family

A presentation with live pets will be held by the Kennebec Valley Humane Society on Thursday, July 8 at 3 pm, at the Hubbard Free Library, 115 Second Street, Hallowell. The Humane Society will teach about being responsible pet owners and show how to care for these loving members of the family.

Everyone is welcome to this fun event which complements the library's 2010 Summer Reading Program "The World of Families!" Refreshments will follow the presentation which is sponsored by the Friends of Hubbard Free Library. 622-6582.

Pets in the Run

There'll be something free for well-behaved, leashed dogs at the Aquafest Family Festival in Belgrade Lakes on Saturday, July 10. They can participate without charge with owners who enter the Fun Run, Walk, Crawl, or Creep which begins at 11 am at the Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons. Registration is required by 11:45 am.

People have to pay: \$5 per person, \$10 per family. 495-6039.



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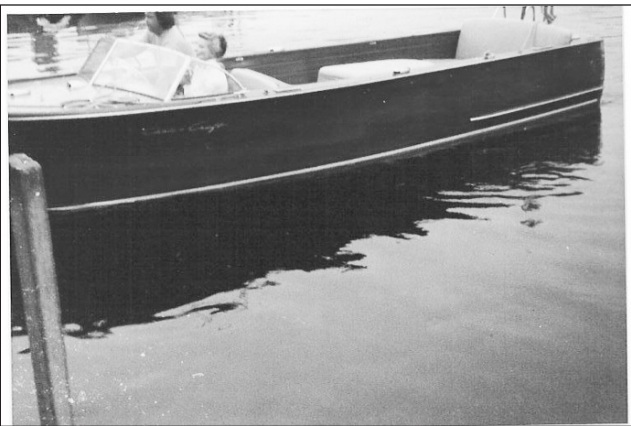


Legacies

The Romance of Boating

"Mahogany!" Little kids on Great Pond learned the big word even before they could handle a paddle. That's about all there was for size and speed on the lake in the fifties where double-ended guideboats, canoes, rowboats and sailboats set the pace. A mahogany speedboat crossing the cove, presumably on the way to the Village, was news. This was after the steamers disappeared and before the public boat ramp opened, the era when Ernest Thompson was a small child and the impressions for creating "On Golden Pond" were being formed.

According to a feature article on "The Boats of Hollywood," written in 1995 by Lois Fecteau for Soundings, the Nation's Boating Newspaper®,



Katherine Hepburn in the Chris Craft on Golden Pond



Going to the Village by boat.

"On Golden Pond" was one of the best movies of all time to capture the romance of boating. In it she interviews professional boat coordinator of "On Golden Pond" (and many other top-billing films), Pat Curtin who points out that in addition to its Oscar-winning stars (Katharine Hepburn and Henry Fonda) "On Golden Pond" features some "wonderful gunkholing scenes" that did great things for Chris Craft (the manufacturer)

and for mahogany speedboats in general.

The article also details several technical inaccuracies regarding the boats, but here on the real Golden Pond, and wherever these beautiful boats are sighted, all is forgiven. Mahogany speedboats are almost sacred, inspiration for those who maintain them and a thrill for those who view them. And, yes, they do capture the romance of boating.

There will be a Wooden Boat Showcase on Friday evening, July 9, on the stream in Belgrade Lakes.

For details call 495-6039.



Notebook

Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring

- The 2010 VLMP Lake Monitoring Conference will be held Saturday, July 31 at the Great Outdoors on Pleasant Pond in Turner. Presentations will be made on Lake Protection Efforts, National Lakes Assessment, Growing and Sustaining Maine's IPP, and Branch Lake Milfoil Rangers: a Success Story. Plant Identification, a Paddle on Pleasant Pond and Re-certification are among the activities on the agenda. Certified Water Quality Monitors and Invasive Plant Patrollers are free; all others are \$36. To register go online to

www.MaineVolunteerLakeMonitors.org/conference or call 783-7733 by July 19.

Docks to Doorways

- Docks to Doorways, a \$2.5 million conservation initiative designed to revitalize the village of Belgrade Lakes, build a Conservation Resource Center, rebuild public docks, create green space, and improve water quality in the region, announced at its July 4 kick-off that it was on track to meet its fundraising goals, thanks to the generosity of its lead donors and a \$450,000 challenge grant from the Harold Alfond Foundation. The June goal of \$1.5 million has been exceeded and the group has until October to raise the balance of \$540,000. To donate go to

www.dockstodoorways.com, send contributions to Docks to Doorways, PO Box 551, Belgrade Lakes, ME 04918, or call 242-8119 or 512-5150.

East Pond Association

- The East Pond Association Annual Meeting will be on Saturday, July 24 at 10 am at the Smithfield Town Office, Old Smithfield Elementary School, on Route 8. A barbecue lunch will follow. Topics of concern to East Pond are: the Colby Sediment Study, the Fish Removal project, Courtesy Boat Inspections, invasive plants, and the East Pond dam. Everyone is welcome to attend, and to join. Dues are \$15 for an individual. For more information visit www.eastpond.org



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Watershed Wisdom

Maine has a strong Shoreland Zoning Act that emphasizes protecting the integrity of the vegetation within 100 ft of a Great Pond. The rules are a bit complicated and often violated. There have been some serious violations in the news lately including one in Naples, ME, where the Town is seeking fines in excess of \$700,000. Closer to home, cases have recently occurred on Great Pond (Belgrade and Rome) and Salmon Lake. Belgrade is using penalties received to fund the new "Water Quality Improvement Fund" authorized by the voters at the last Town Meeting. In these cases the violator usually argues, "It's just a tree! I'll plant new ones." Unfortunately it takes decades to replace a mature tree. And a tree is more than just a piece of standing wood with leaves on it. It is actually a remarkable stormwater control system that is better described as the Transpiring, Recyclable, Energy Efficient Stormwater System, or TREES for short. This key component of Mother Nature's basic watershed design is a wonder of efficiency, and coupled with vegetated wetland buffers, does an outstanding job of protecting the water quality of lakes and streams.

As anyone who has ever taken shelter under a tree during a rainstorm knows, trees do a great job of protecting the land under them. When the large raindrops hit the vegetation, they are broken up into many little droplets that continue to fall towards the ground, breaking up into ever smaller droplets as they hit more layers of vegetation, a process engineers would call "energy dissipation." The large surface area of the leaves and small branches becomes coated with water that never reaches the ground, a process hydrologists call "interception." The water that continues to fall to the ground ends up as a fine mist, or slowly moving drops that drip off the lower parts of the tree. This moisture falls gently onto a thick spongy "duff layer" of decomposing leaves and pine needles that comprises the forest floor, soaking in slowly. As the runoff filters slowly through the forest floor, it continues to soak into the sediments below where it enters the groundwater table. A substantial portion is taken up through the roots of the plants and transpires directly back to atmosphere via evapotranspiration from the leaves. Except in very large rain events, very little stormwater actually runs off from a

Transpiring, Recyclable, Energy Efficient, Stormwater System

by Peter Kallin

forest.

Contrast this with rain that falls on a plowed field, paved surface, or a dusty camp road. The raindrop hits the ground at high speed, with enough kinetic energy to erode the surface of the soil and splatter up muddy water. This water begins to puddle up and move down the hill, carrying dirt, manure, or other pollutants such as oil or grease along with it. If the surface topography is steep, the stormwater gains momentum and continues to erode, picking up an even higher pollutant load. Typically the stormwater from these developed areas is routed rapidly through ditches and pipes directly to the nearest stream, river, or lake. The turbulent motion generates kinetic energy that allows the flowing water to carry a large load of suspended sediments. When the polluted water eventually reaches a large pond or lake, the velocity will slow and the suspended sediment will settle out. The coarser sediments settle rapidly near the shore forming a delta near the inlet (check out the north end of Long Pond where Rt 27 drains into the lake at Tracy Cove) but the finer sediments (and attached pollutants) move out into the lake, creating turbidity, or cloudiness. These fine sediments settle very slowly, spreading pollutants and nutrients such as phosphorus to the deepest portions of the lake.

Under Mother Nature's system, thanks to the trees and surrounding vegetation, there is much less water flowing across the land surface towards the water. This water continues to be slowed and filtered by vegetation and rarely develops enough momentum cause

erosion or carry a heavy sediment load. As the flowing water approaches a stream or lake, it typically flows into a heavily vegetated wetland buffer that acts as a large sponge to absorb the water and further slow the flows, allowing suspended sediments to settle. Some of the fine sediments adhere to the surface of the plant stems in the water column, a process known as "adsorption." The end result is that the water finally reaching the lake is clean and clear.

Another important and often overlooked advantage to Mother Nature's system is that much of the water entering the lake or feeder streams comes not over the surface of the land, but infiltrated through the ground. This not only filters and cleans the water but also chills it to the groundwater temperature, which around here is about 50° F (10° C). Contrast this to water running off a hot asphalt road or parking lot in the summertime, which can easily exceed 80° F. The cooler water is much healthier for the lake, enabling higher dissolved oxygen levels and much happier fish, especially trout and salmon.

So, how do we protect our watershed and maintain high water quality? One way is to protect as much forested land as possible within the watershed. This is one of the main drivers for BRCA's land conservation programs, especially the Kennebec Highlands Project, to which we are currently trying to add over 1000 acres. Please visit our web site at www.belgrade-lakes.org to see how you can help. On land that is developed, the answer is to mimic Mother Nature's system as much as possible in handling the stormwater runoff. More on that in future columns.

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.

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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.
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- **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.
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- **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

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

- **Monmouth Museum**, 933-2287, www.monmouthmuseuminc.org Wednesday-Sunday 1-4 pm, shop open Thursday 5:30-8 pm, 751 Main Street.
- **The Theater At Monmouth, The Shakespeare Theater of Maine**, Cumston Hall, 933-9999, 933-9999, www.theateratmonmouth.org, Main Street.

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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.

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

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- **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.
- **Farmers' Market**, 215-7183, Tuesday and Saturday 9 am-1 pm, parking lot, downtown.



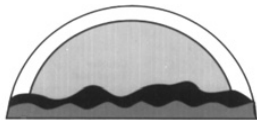
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- **McGrath Pond/Salmon Lake Association (MP/SL)**, RR 2 Box 2800, Belgrade, ME 04917. 465-3983.
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- **Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance (BRCA) and BRCA Conservation Corps**, P.O. Box 250, Belgrade Lakes, ME 04918. 495-6039, www.belgradelakes.org
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Thursday 7/8 - Presentation by the Kennebec Valley Humane Society...with live pets, responsible pet care, everyone welcome, refreshments, 3 pm, 622-6582, Hubbard Free Library, 115 Second Street, Hallowell.

Thursday 7/8 through Sunday 7/11 – William Shakespeare's "Comedy of Errors," Preshow Festivities - parking lot performances, discussions, tours each night, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater at Monmouth.

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

Friday 7/9 through Sunday 7/11 - "Honk!" presented by Sandy River Players Youth Musical Theatre Camp, 7 pm, Alumni Theatre, University of Maine, Farmington.

Friday 7/9 through Sunday 7/18 – 13th Annual Maine International Film Festival, great selection of films at Waterville Opera House and Railroad Square Cinema, for ticket information 873-7000 or www.miff.org, other information 861-8138, info@miff.org, www.miff.org, viewing sites in downtown Waterville.

Friday 7/9 through Sunday 7/11 – Moxie Festival 2010, celebration of Moxie – the official soft drink of Maine, three days of events, food, fun, a parade, fireworks, and more, www.moxiefestival.com Lisbon Falls.

Friday 7/9 through Sunday 7/11 - Saddlebred Horse Show, free admission, covered arena, concessions, Fairgrounds, Route 201, Skowhegan.

Friday 7/9 - 7th Annual Stanley Museum Consignment Auction, 265-2729, 40 School Street, Kingfield.

Friday 7/9 - Aquafest Wooden Boat

Showcase and Dinner/fundraiser with "On Golden Pond" author Ernest Thompson, 5:30 pm, 495-6039, The Village Inn, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes.

Friday 7/9 – Gawler Family Concert, to benefit the Belgrade Public Library, 7 pm, tickets sold at the door, adults \$10, children \$5, under 5 free, refreshments available, 495-3508, Belgrade Center for All Seasons, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes.

Friday 7/9 - New England Music Camp Student Honor Recital, open to the public, free of charge, everyone welcome, 7:30 pm, 465-3025, Alumni Hall, Route 23, Sidney.

Saturday 7/10 - Bird Walk, with Friends of Merrymeeting Bay, 6:30-8:30 am, 837-9520, Bowdoinham.

Saturday 7/10 - Bicycle Workshop and Ride, 8:30 am-3 pm, \$15, 512-5382, Unitarian Universalist Community Church, 69 Winthrop Street, Augusta.

Saturday 7/10 - Family Festival, Fun Run, canoe/kayak race, sailboat race, children's activities all day, 495-6039, sponsored by the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance, Belgrade Lakes.

Saturday 7/10 – Summer Arts and Crafts Fair, inside and out, many crafts, food, lake-side setting, 9 am-2 pm, 293-2877, downtown Mount Vernon.

Saturday 7/10 – "The Wizard of Oz," Teens, production of Young Performers Camp (ages 13 and up), 10 am, also performed on 7/17, 474-7176, Lakewood Theater, Route 201, Madison.

Saturday 7/10 – "Rocks, Rock," Children's Program, 10 am, \$1, 238-4250, L.C. Bates Museum, Route 201, Hinckley.

Saturday 7/10 – Contradance: Family Dance with sit-in band, 6:30-7:30 pm - \$2 adult/\$1 child; Burritos Special \$5 from 6-8 pm; Regular Contra with Kim Roberts calling and the Farmington House Band, sit-ins

welcome, 8-10:30 pm - \$6 adults/\$5 students or \$15 family, all dances called, all welcome, no partner necessary, for more information or to reserve burritos 491-9928, www.starleft.org, Farmington Grange, Bridge Street, Route 43, West Farmington.

Saturday 7/10 – New England Music Camp POPS Concert, 7:30 pm, 465-3025 for tickets, Messalonskee Performing Arts Center, Oakland.

Sunday 7/11 - Snowshoes in July! interactive demonstration with master Maine craftsman Brian Theriault, 1-3 pm, 622-3813, Harlow Gallery, Water Street, Hallowell.

Sunday 7/11 through Wednesday 8/11 - Art Quilts Maine Show, exhibit and sale, 20-25 small quilts, opening reception 3-5 pm, 858-0797, 72 West Front Street, Skowhegan.

Sunday 7/11 – New England Music Camp concert at "Bowl in the Pines," featuring Symphony Orchestra, Symphonic Band, Chorale, 3 pm, open to public, free of charge, 465-3025, Route 23, Sidney.

Sunday 7/11 - Paddle from Great Pond Boat Ramp at 6:30 pm; campfire next to Maine Made Shop, downtown Belgrade Lakes, with musical performance, by singer/songwriter, Lois Hinckley at 7:30 pm; call ahead to BRCA 495-6039, meet at boat ramp, Sahagian Road, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes.

Sunday 7/11 - Coburn Park Concert Series, Kennebec Valley Performing Arts Band, 5 pm, 474-0527, Philbrick Gazebo, Coburn Park, Water Street, Skowhegan.

Monday 7/12 - The Atlantic Music Festival, through august 6, 26 nights of classical music, for promising young musicians from all over the world, 704-1311, Colby College, Waterville.

Monday 7/12 - 16th Annual Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament to benefit the Kennebec

Leadership Institute, 12 noon, 623-4559, Augusta Country Club, Route 202, Manchester.

Monday 7/12 - Old Crow Band Concert, 7:30-9 pm, Meetinghouse Park Gazebo, Main Street, downtown Farmington.

Tuesday 7/13 - Eco Kids Series: Ecology Kids' Relay with Sarah Zazzaro, 10 am, 495-6039, Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance, Main Street, Belgrade Lakes.

Tuesday 7/13 – The Crosby's, Outdoor Music Concert, free, 11:30 am-1 pm, Meetinghouse Park Gazebo, downtown Farmington.

Tuesday 7/13 – Rock on the River, 7-8:30 pm, boardwalk on the Kennebec River, Hallowell.

Wednesday 7/14 – Summer Art/Humanities Workshop, "Learning About the Past Through Play," \$2 including materials, 1 pm, 238-4250, L.C. Bates Museum, Route 201, Hinckley.

Wednesday 7/14 – Gene Roy - "Water Crossing Raft Design," Summer Reading Program, 2 pm, Oakland Public Library, 465-7533, Church Street, Oakland.

Wednesday 7/14 – Public supper, 5 pm 'til gone, Fairview Grange, Route 8, Smithfield.

Wednesday 7/14 - Waterfront Wednesday, Sunset Concert Series, clown, bounce house, vendors, 6 pm, Waterfront Park, Augusta.

Wednesday 7/15 – William Shakespeare's "Comedy of Errors," 7:30 pm, preshow schedule, 933-9999, The Theater at Monmouth.

Wednesday 7/14 - Faculty Recital, 8 pm, 465-3025, Alumni Hall, New England Music Camp, Route 23, Sidney.

Thursday 7/15 - 2nd Annual Golf Tournament to benefit the Belgrade Public

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Thursday 7/15 – Summer Art Program for Children, 1 pm, \$2 per participant, 238-4250, L.C. Bates Museum, Route 201, Hinckley.

Thursday 7/15 – Arts in the Park, local artists, hands-on participation, dancing, music, more, noon-4 pm, Castonquay Square, Main Street, Waterville.

Thursday 7/15 - Learn to Care for Your Family Photographs, Objects and Documents, 3 pm, 238-4250, L.C. Bates Museum, Route 201, Hinckley.

Thursday 7/15 - Evening Story Time, 6 pm, 495-3508, Belgrade Public Library, Belgrade Center for All Seasons, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes.

Thursday 7/15 – BRCA Lecture Series, "Reading the Forested Landscape" with

author Tom Wessels talking about his popular book, \$5 donation requested, 7 pm, 495-6039, sponsored by Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance, Union Church, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes.

Thursday 7/15 - ArtTalk for July: Jeannie Brett, Children's Book Artist, 7-8 pm, \$3 suggested donation, The Harlow Gallery, 160 Water Street, Hallowell.

Thursday 7/15 - Colin Grant, violinist, Cape Breton-style traditional music, 7:30 pm, \$10,

948-SHOW, Unity Centre for the Performing Arts, 42 Depot Street, Unity.

Thursday 7/15 through Sunday 7/18 – "Shakespeare in Hollywood," comedy, 474-7176, Lakewood Theater, Route 201, Madison.

Thursday 7/15 through Sunday 7/18 – "Is He Dead?," Mark Twain's lost comedy of starving Parisian artists who will just "die" for success, 7:30 pm, 933-9999, The Theater at Monmouth.

Snowshoes in July?



Snowshoes in July? Why not! Children and parents are invited to the Harlow Gallery on Sunday, July 11, 1-3 pm to learn about traditional Maine crafts with master craftsman Brian J. Theriault. Brian has been making

snowshoes and baskets for over 35 years from rawhide and brown ash trees, and has been recognized as a Traditional Arts Master by the Maine Arts Commission. In 2005 he was invited to spend a month in France demonstrating the art of traditional snowshoe making.

For more information about the Harlow gallery program call 622-3813. For more information about Brian Theriault and traditional crafts visit <http://www.ilovesnowshoes.com/>.

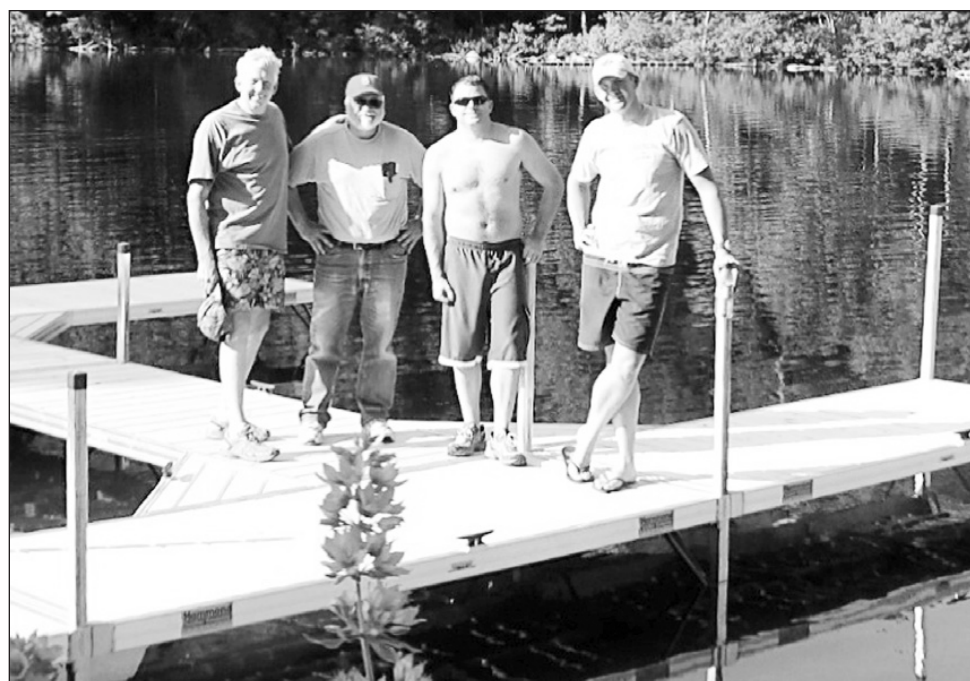
Brian Theriault will also be demonstrating snowshoe and basket making at the Center for Maine Craft located at the West Gardiner Service Plaza on Saturday, July 10 from 10 am-1 pm. For more information call 588-0021.

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— Activities & Outings —

It's a fundraiser, a family festival, an opportunity to learn a lot about the lakes, and to have fun on them, too. On Friday and Saturday, July 9 and 10, Aquafest will take over the village of Belgrade Lakes. Friday night will feature a Wooden Boat Show and a dinner at The Village Inn. Saturday will be devoted to events all day for children, families, and competitors by foot, paddle, and sail.

The day will begin at the Community Center for All Seasons on Route 27 with a free Kids Corner Challenge - games, activities and learning adventures - from 9 am to 4 pm. The Maggie Schneider Science Collection will be on display in the library during Aquafest.

At 11 am there will be a Fun Run, Walk, Crawl, or Creep for all ages, and for well-behaved dogs, too. Registration is required by 10:45 am and is \$5 per person or \$10 per family. At 12 noon to 1 pm there will be a barbecue lunch for \$5 per person, kids 3 and under free, on a first come first served basis, followed by a free Family Swim at the Center for All Seasons beach from 1-3 pm. Life guards will be on duty; bring your own towels.

Other activities around the Village on Saturday, include an Art and Craft Sale all day; a Kayak/Canoe Race at 2 pm at the Belgrade



Town Beach on Long Pond; a Sailboat Race at 2 pm at the south side of Hoyt's Island; and Airlink Sea Plane Rides from 10 am-3 pm at the Great Pond Marina.

Pre-registration of \$10 for the Kayak/Canoe

Aquafest: An All Day Family Festival

Race is by 1:30 pm. Registration for the Sailboat Race is at 1 pm - \$10. The rate for plane rides is \$55 per person for a 20 minute ride or \$79 per person for a 35 minute ride.

At 7 pm there will be Native American Drumming at the Wisdom Center and Gallery on Route 27 north of the bridge. At 9:30 pm, Day's Store will show "On Golden Pond" outdoors in back of the store.

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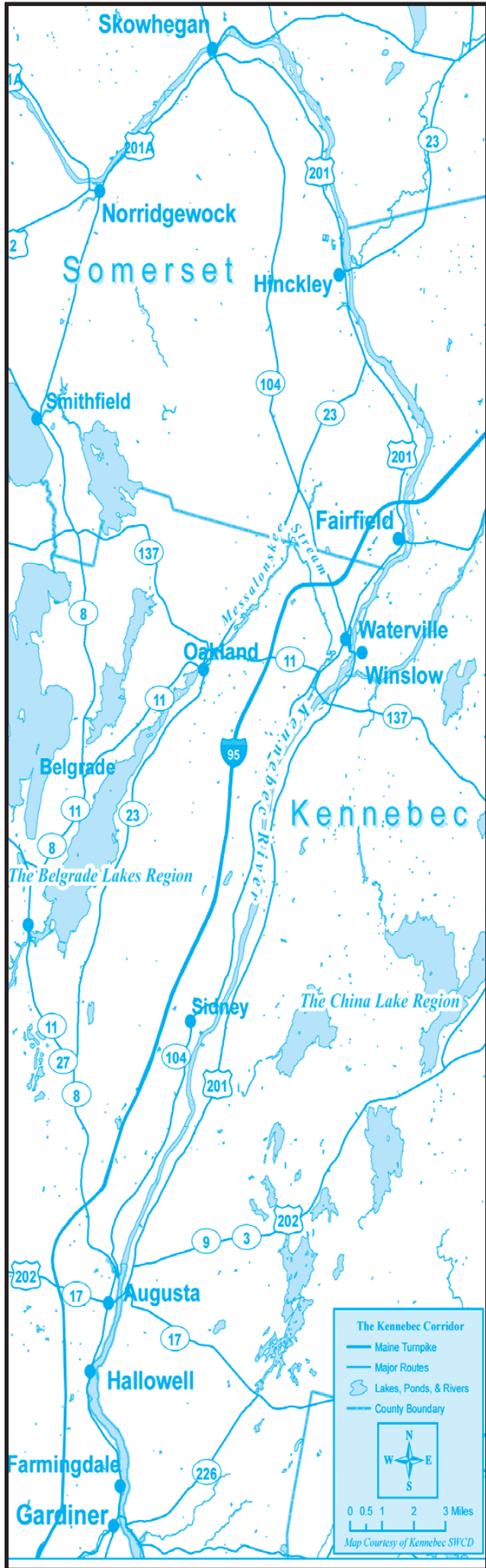
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- 7:30-8:30 Dan & Lou
- 8:45-9:30 Chantal & Marcel
- 9:30-10:00 Fireworks
- 10-11:45 Lost Bayou Ramblers

Saturday, July 10

- 10-11:45 am Children's Program
- 12-12:30 pm Pineland Fiddlers
- 12:45-2:00 Talent Show
- 2:15-2:45 Nel & Aurel
- 3:00-3:45 The Leblanc Family
- 4:00-4:45 Josee Vachon
- 5:00-6:00 Bean Super
- 6:00-6:45 The Leblanc Family
- 7:00-8:00 Dan & Lou
- 8:15-9:45 Lost Bayou Ramblers
- 10:00-11:30 Hert Leblanc

Sunday, July 11

- 11am-1pm Chicken Barbecue
- 12:15-1:00 Chantal & Marcel
- 1:15-2:00 Jose Vachon
- 2:15-3:00 Hert Leblanc
- 3:15-4:00 The Leblanc Family

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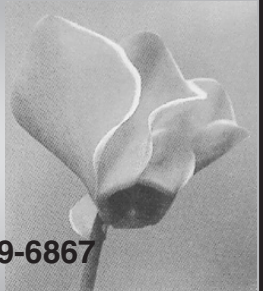
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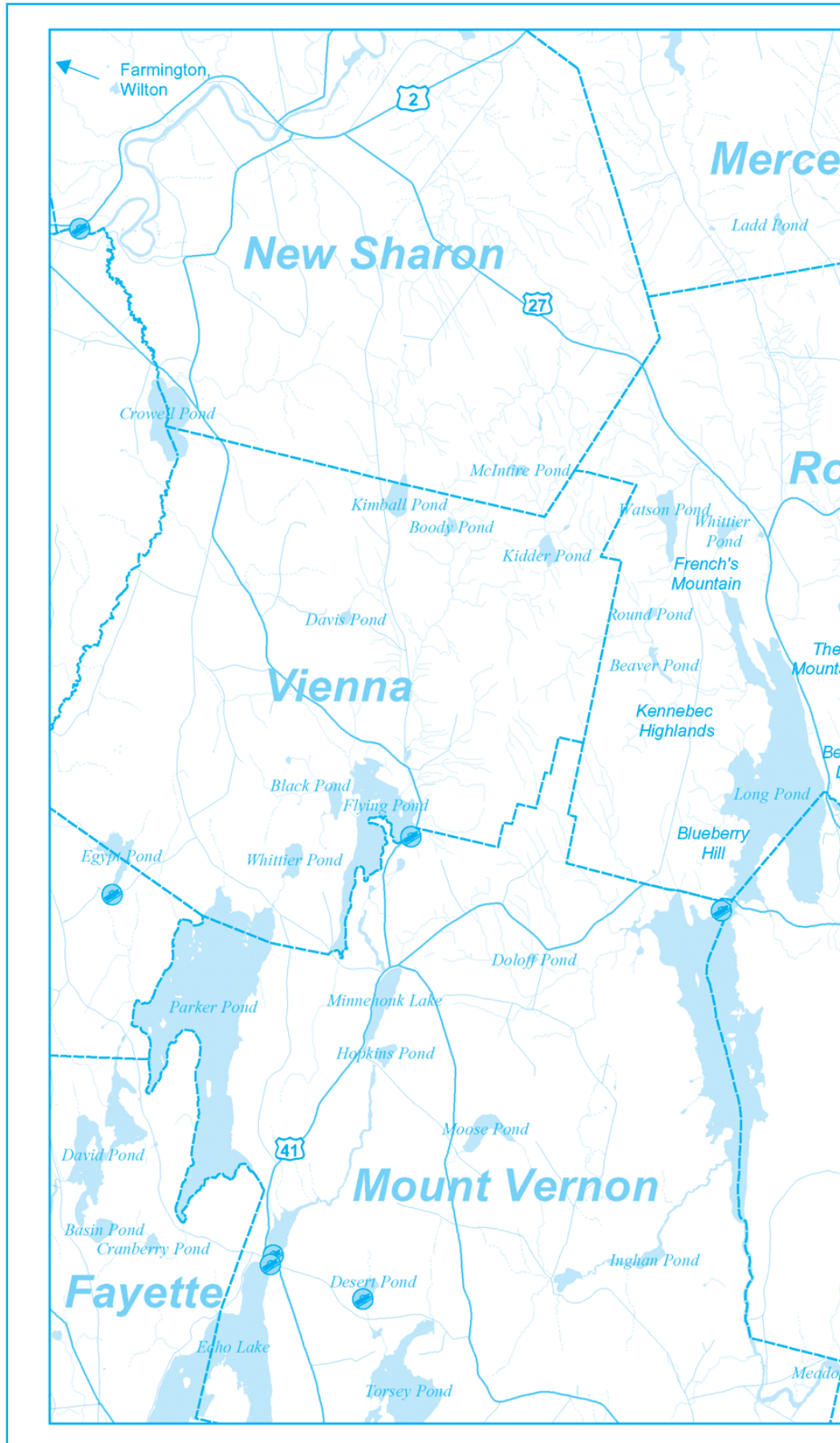
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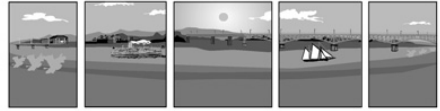
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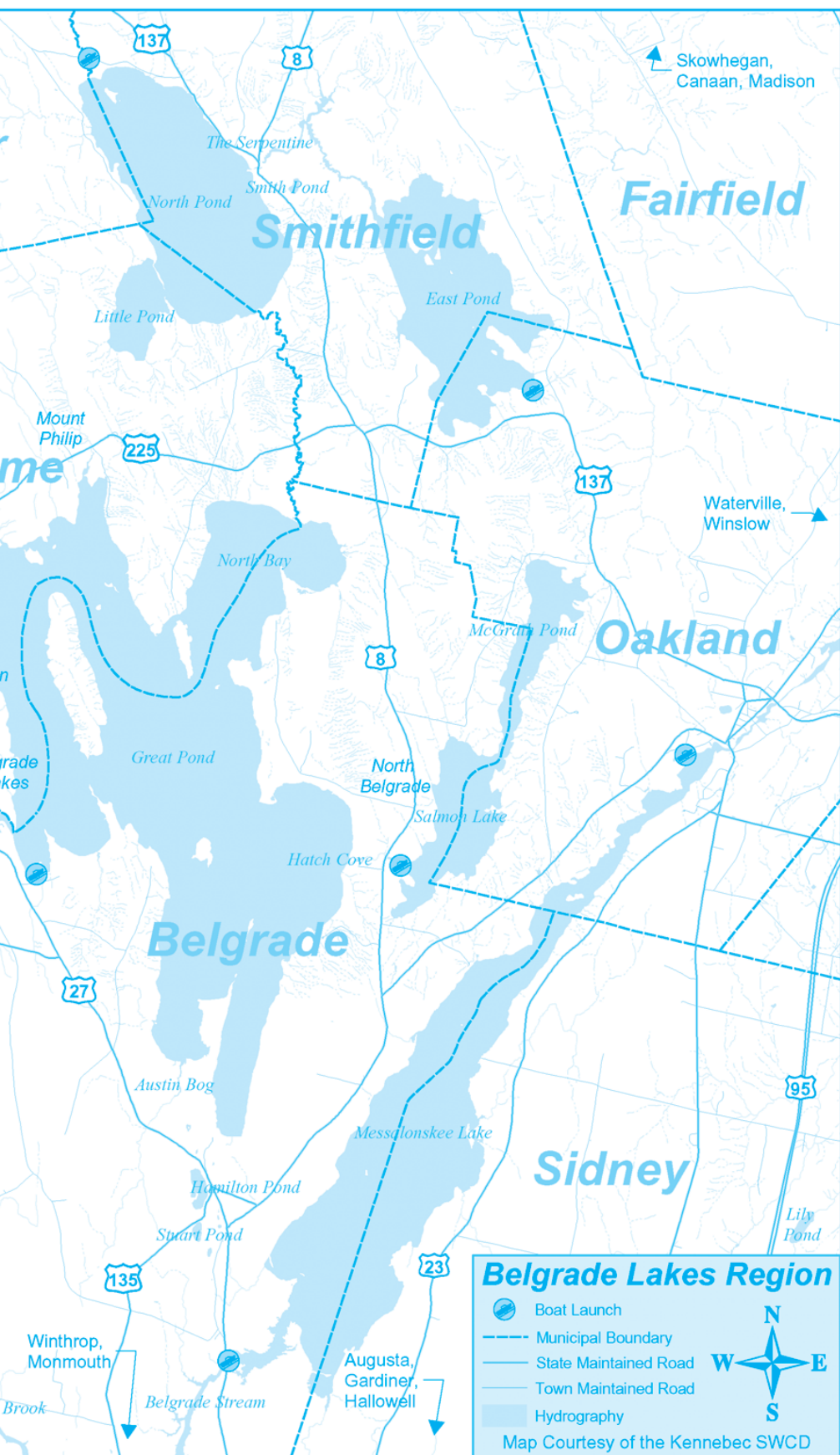


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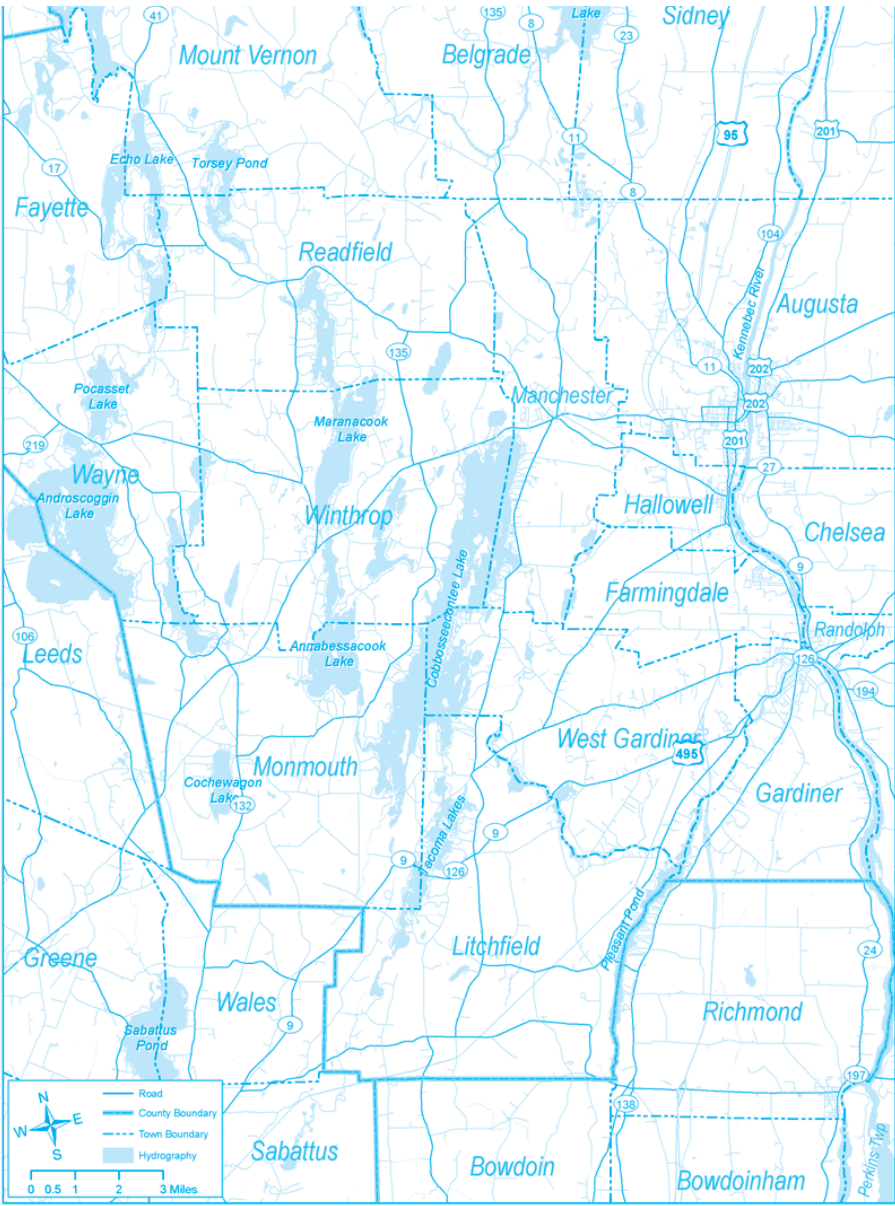


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The Annual Book Sale to benefit the Dr. Shaw Memorial Library will be held in the Mount Vernon Community Center on Saturday, July 17, 9 am-3 pm. Sale items will include hardcover books, paperbacks, children's books, books on tape, movies, and various gift and second hand items. For more information call 293-2565.



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- July 9 - 10 Tacoma Lakes
- July 10 Tacoma Lakes Improvement Society Annual Meeting
- July 10 Torsey Pond Association Annual Meeting
- July 10 Maranacook Lake Association Annual Meeting
- July 10 Four Towns Watershed Association Annual Meeting
- July 11 Cobbosseecontee Yacht Club Annual Meeting
- July 12 - 16 Friend's "Summer" Nature Day Camp
- July 16 - 17 Cobbossee Lake
- July 17 Old Hallowell Days Parade
- July 23 - 24 Cobbossee Lake
- July 24 Concert on the Lake - Cobbossee
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"Spotter the Otter" and friends at this year's Family Day in Capitol Park"



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The bones art exhibition is designed to enhance the interpretation of the museum's ongoing natural history collections of bones or reproductions of animal bones and skulls.

The L.C. Bates Museum on Route 201 is open Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am-4:30 pm and Sunday from 1-4:30 pm, and other times by appointment. The exhibit *Bones: A Magnetic Reaction* will be shown until October 15, 2010. For more information call 238-4250. 

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Performances of "The Comedy of Errors" will take place on July 9-11, 14, 22 and 28 and August 6, 7, 10, 11, 13, 15 and 21. Tickets are \$26 on opening night; all other performances are \$24 for adults, \$22 for seniors and matinees, \$20 for students. For reservations visit www.theateratmonmouth.org or call 933-9999. 



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– Conservation Too –

Part 2 of the 'Buffer Story'

by Dale Finseth

A few weeks ago we discussed how landowners may use buffers to control runoff into waterways and filter that water to remove sediment and chemicals. One of the issues that came to light is the fact that different people have different definitions or standards for the term "buffer".

Water runoff can cause severe erosion and carry some pretty unhealthy "stuff" into our waterways. A buffer's job, as the name implies is to come between that water runoff and the waterbody we wish to protect. The term for such a buffer when located near the water's edge is a riparian buffer. It is located in the riparian zone. For most of us landowners, that means some sort of buffer planting between our buildings, driveways, patios or lawns and the waterway into which the water runs.

If you talk to a forester or a farmer with large fields they may refer to buffers more than 100 feet wide used to treat large volumes of water runoff from bare soil areas -- Conditions that might occur right after a wood harvest or plowing a field. Someone with commercial property may be required to create a buffer to collect and treat stormwater runoff coming from buildings and parking areas on their property. State or local regulations may apply to their definition of a buffer.

The average homeowner or camp owner has a different set of criteria. While they may be required to design and build a specific buffer because of State or local permits, most simply want to decrease the impact of their land use on the lake or stream's water quality. Bravo to those folks' motivation! Most will focus on a riparian buffer since it will be located fairly close to the water's edge.

The better buffer is one that is designed and constructed to replicate the natural buffer that may still exist near your property. A Natural Buffer demands the least maintenance and can be very effective. Depending upon how you use your own property, a Natural Buffer may have some limitations. Ideally a riparian buffer is made up of five tiers: the canopy, shrub, under-story, ground cover and, last but not least, the duff.

*Canopy – The larger trees that break up the impact of wind and rain. These are long lived trees which will shade your yard for decades. If you don't already have them, they take years to grow.

*Shrubs – These are taller plants or 'short trees'. They also break up wind and rain and can add color and privacy to an area. Their mid-level root zone helps stabilize the soil and soak up runoff.

*Under-Story – These are shorter plants helping to

thicken the vegetative cover over the soil. It might include colorful short shrubs adding interest that will grow in the shade of the canopy.

*Ground Cover – These are low growing plants and vines that help slow down water flow and can add color and surface roots to help limit erosion.

*Duff – The 'duff layer' is the accumulation of leaves, needles and other plant matter on the forest floor. It absorbs water, traps sediment and prevents erosion. It's micro-organisms break down plant material and recycle nutrients.

Now that you know more about the 'duff' our next article will begin to talk about how to create buffers on your property. Start thinking about your site: Is it steep or flat? What are the soil conditions? How much sun is available? Just as important: "How do you use the property?" Is your footprint pretty light on the land or do you regularly host large groups? Do you use the water's edge heavily for boating or swimming? You need to answer these questions to best design an effective buffer. Remember... the objective is to use the buffer to minimize your impact on water quality.

Articles contributed by the Kennebec County Soil & Water Conservation District in Augusta who can be contacted at the District office on Green Street at 207-622-7847 x 3 or check our website at www.kcsacd.org

— Upcoming —

• "Southern Rail," a Bluegrass band, featuring banjo and mandolin solos, and traditional harmonies will perform on Friday, July 16, at the Arazine Wilkins Sawyer Foundation in Greene at 7 pm. The concert is free. 946-5311.

• The 31st Old Hallowell Day celebration is scheduled for Saturday, July 17, starting with a 5K Road Race at 7:30 am. Events all day: sales, art, food, music, big parade, much more.

• Waterville's 41st Annual Intown Arts Fest will be Saturday, July 17. Over 100 artists will set up along Main Street, all price ranges, and mediums; sales and specials in stores and restaurants in Waterville.

• An evening Ice Cream social will be held Tuesday,

July 20 at the Oakland Area Historical Society McCartney House Museum. 465-7549.

• 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.

• Taste of Greater Waterville, dinner and entertainment under the stars, will be Wednesday, August 4. Downtown Waterville Sidewalk Sales are August 5-7. 873-3315.

• The 2010 Wilton Blueberry Festival will be held Friday and Saturday, August 6 and 7 in downtown Wilton and at the Nichols Expo Center. The schedule includes many crafters and sales, food – especially blueberry goodies, children's activities, bingo, live entertainment and much more.

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• Learning About the Past through Play! The L.C. Bates Museum will be hosting a series of workshops in which children will discover the history of Maine through hands-on experiences with toys, clothes, tools, and old fashioned school objects. Programs will be at 1 pm on Wednesdays from July 7 through 28. Each program will be different: July 7 - school in the early 1900s; July 14 - old time toys; July 21 - old time tools and chores; July 28 - setting type on a printing and letter press. The program cost is included in the \$1 museum admission for children. 238-4250

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• Beautiful rural setting, historic buildings - mansion, schoolhouse, library, chapel! The Washburn-Norlands Living History complex is prepared to host any number of special events, including festivals, conferences, business functions, weddings, and more. To schedule a conference, workshop, or social function call 897-4366.

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Manchester

• The members of the Manchester Historical Society are hard at work compiling historic information about the town. They have a list of all houses with building dates from 1750 to 1918 and a GIS mapping of sites of historical interest. The goal is to promote and encourage greater awareness of Manchester's heritage, to collect and preserve artifacts, and to find a permanent facility. Any person interested in Manchester's history is invited to attend meetings on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm. Membership is \$25. 623-4893, 622-2872, 623-3408

Waterville

• The Waterville Area Boys & Girls Club at the Alford Youth Center and the Boys & Girls Club of Belgrade have been selected to participate in the Major League Baseball "Wanna Play?" program to improve the overall fitness of youth ages 6 to 13. The program is part of the Alford Youth Center's summer Enrichment Program in Waterville and Camp Golden Pond at the Belgrade Community Center For All Seasons in Belgrade. Limited space is still available at both the Waterville and Belgrade programs. 873-0684

Wayne

• The town of Wayne Farmers' Market is held every Saturday, 8:30-11 am on the Town Green next to the Post Office on Main Street. Eleven vendors are selling vegetables, baked goods, milk, cheese, yogurt, meat, wool, goats' milk soap, eggs, herbs, perennials, and flowers. On Saturday, July 10, there will be music during the market by Stan Davis of Wayne. For activity times and updates visit <http://waynefarmersmarket.weebly.com>

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

Oakland

- **Alden Camps**, Lunch or dinner by reservations, Sat. - Wed., space permitting. 3 Alden Camps Cove, Oakland. 465-7703. www.aldencamps.com

- **Pete's Pig Southern Barbecue**, Catering for corporate outings, golf tournaments, special events, 54 Main Street, Oakland. 1-877-860-1503

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

Waterville

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

Winslow

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

Winthrop

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Tickets are on sale prior to the tour at Longfellow's in Manchester, The Calico Patch in Farmington and the Mount Vernon Country Store in Mount Vernon. The morning of the tour, tickets will be on sale from 9 am to 12 pm at the Mount Vernon Community Center and The North Vienna United Methodist Church on Tower Road, Vienna. Tour tickets are \$12 each.

A reservation only luncheon will be served at the North Vienna United Methodist Church from 11 am to 1 pm, featuring musical entertainment by John Pino and Dale Perkins. The luncheon tickets are \$8 for a choice of chicken salad or vegetable quiche with salad, drink and dessert; please contact Charlene at 293-3150 for reservations.

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

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

AIRPLANE RIDES

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

ANTIQUES

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

AUCTIONS

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

BANKING

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

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

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

BEVERAGES

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

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

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

BOAT LIFTS

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

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

BOAT MOORINGS

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

BOAT RENTALS

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

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

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

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

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

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

Belgrade Boat Shop, 936 Augusta Road, Belgrade 04917 (cell) 485-6953

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BOOKS

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

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

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

BUILDERS

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Craig's Carpentry/North Bay Estates, North Belgrade. Craig Alexander, 649-3749

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

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

Home Modification Specialists of Maine, a Division of Care & Comfort, 180 Main Street, Suite 4, Waterville.

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

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

BUILDING MATERIALS

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

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

www.hammondlumber.com **BUS SERVICE**

Concord Coach Lines, 9 Industrial Drive, Augusta.

1-800-639-3317, concordcoachlines.com

CANOES AND KAYAKS

Belgrade Canoe & Kayak, Route 27, Belgrade. 495-2005.

www.kayakandcanoe.com

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

CHAINSAWS

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

CLASSES

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

CLOTHING

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

COMPUTER CONSULTANTS

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DINING

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DOCKS

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

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

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

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Maine-ly Elder Care, 28 Center Street, Oakland. 465-3249.

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FARMSTAND

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

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

FINANCIAL PLANNING

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

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

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FLOWERS AND PLANTS

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

FURNITURE

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

GALLERIES

Artisan’s Barn, 163 North Rd., Readfield. 685-9787, www.theartisansbarn.com
Spring Gallery & Sculpture Garden, bronze castings, 81 Main Street, Belgrade Lakes. 495-3113, www.modernartfoundry.com

GIFTS

365 Days of Christmas. Route 27, (between Belgrade Canoe & Kayak and Town Office), Belgrade. 495-6090, 877-365-XMAS www.365daysofchristmas.com
The Brass Knocker Gift Shop. Route 27, Main St., Belgrade Lakes. 495-3345.
Day’s General Store. Route 27, Belgrade Lakes. 495-2205. www.go2days.com
Kozy Cottage. 13 Church St., Oakland. 465-0959 www.kozy-covecottages.com
The Village Peddler Gift Shop. Lake Shore Drive, Belgrade Lakes. 495-7707.

GOLF

Lakewood Golf Course. 803 Lakewood Road, Madison. 474-5955, www.lakewoodgolfmaine.com
Natanis Golf Course. 735 Webber Pond Road, Vassalboro. 622-3561. www.natanisgc.com

GROCERIES

Day’s General Store. Route 27, Belgrade Lakes. 495-2205. www.go2days.com
Flying Pond Variety. 165 Pond Rd., Mt. Vernon. 293-2916

HEALTH CENTER

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

ICE CREAM

365 Days of Christmas, Route 27, (between Belgrade Canoe & Kayak and Town Office), Belgrade. 495-6090, www.365daysofchristmas.com
Belgrade Lakes Seafood and Dairy Bar, Rte. 27, Belgrade Lakes. 495-0926
Dairy Queen, 13 KMD Plaza, Waterville, 872-2220; and 161 College Avenue, Waterville. 873-1677. www.dairyqueen.com
Day’s General Store, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes. 495-2205. www.go2days.com

INSURANCE

John M. Fortier, State Farm Insurance, 16 Silver St., Waterville. 873-1101, john@johnfortier.com
Higgins & Bolduc Agency, 56 Main Street, Oakland. 465-2531, www.higginsandbolduc.com

JEWELRY

Larsen’s Jewelers. 57 Main Street, Waterville. 872-6301, 800-697-1874, www.larsensjewelers.com
L. Tardif Jeweler. 62 Main St., Waterville, 800-834-3638 or 872-7542.

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

LANDSCAPING

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Lakeside Landscape, Belgrade. 831-7053, 632-1086, lakesidelandscape1@yahoo.com
Longfellow’s Greenhouses, 81 Puddledock Rd., Manchester. 622-5965, www.longfellowsgreenhouses.com
Native Notions, 213 West Rd., Belgrade. 495-6040 or 314-9538, nativenotions@hotmail.com

LAKE ASSOCIATIONS

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Longfellow’s Greenhouses, 81 Puddledock Rd., Manchester. 622-5965, www.longfellowsgreenhouses.com
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LAWN AND GARDEN EQUIPMENT

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

MEATS

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

MOVIE THEATERS

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

PHARMACY

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

PHYSICAL THERAPY

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

PICTURE FRAMING

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

PLUMBING

Paul Hanna's Plumbing, Belgrade Lakes. 495-3805
Houle's, 19 North Street, Waterville. 872-6762, www.houlesphac.com

POISON IVY CURE

Nature’s Poison Ivy Relief, Inc., 751-6978. www.naturespoisonivyrelief.com

REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENTS

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

REAL ESTATE

Coldwell Banker Thomas Agency, 75 Main St., Winthrop. 377-2121. www.coldwellbankerthomas.com
Cathleen Horner, Century 21 Surette Real Estate, 113 Silver Street, Waterville. 491-2846
Day’s Real Estate, 262 Augusta Road (Rte. 27), Belgrade Lakes, 495-3111, 888-495-3111. www.daysrealestate.com
Lakepoint Real Estate, 221 Main St., Belgrade Lakes, 495-3700, www.belgradelakepoint.com
North Bay Estates, Belgrade. 649-3749. crgsnbe@yahoo.com

RESERVATIONS

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RESTAURANTS

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RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES

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

SEAFOOD

Ballard Meats & Seafood, Myrtle Street, Manchester. 622-9764, 1-800-564-6328
Lobster Trap & Steakhouse, 25 Bay Street, Winslow. 872-0529, www.lobstertrap-seafood.com

SECURITY SYSTEMS

Cayer Security Services, Inc., 453-9177, www.cayersecurity.com

SELF STORAGE

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

SEPTIC SYSTEMS

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

SHOES AND SNEAKERS

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

STONework

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

THEATERS

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

TREE CARE

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

WINDOWS

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

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Fishing

Deep Water Fishing and Hungry Ducks

by Mike Guarino

Deep underwater structure is home to a variety of fish species.

One of the most alluring aspects to the Belgrade Lakes is the wide variety of fish that swim in our waters (some would argue that there's actually a few too many species swimming around here, but that's another topic for another day). With all the different fish calling Belgrade Lakes home, they obviously live in a wide variety of places or key on different structure at different times of year. However, during late June and early July, anglers can catch a great variety of fish on deep water humps and ledges. The obvious fish that angler's pursue this time of year is the smallmouth bass. But fishermen can catch everything from brown trout to white perch to crappie on the same structure. And of course anglers are often surprised to find the bigger northern pike on or around ledges during this time of year too. By using your sonar unit you can easily locate the humps that are holding fish and if you slowly drift or troll live bait over that structure you'd be amazed at what's living down there. One of the best tackle options for investigating sunken structure is a worm & spinner harness. I usually purchase mine from that little tackle company called Cabelas. They make a variety of worm harnesses in a number of colors and sizes. Personally, I prefer fluorescent orange or copper blades. Simply rig them on a 3-way swivel with enough weight to hold bottom and troll or drift until you find fish. On one of the ledges off the west side of Hoyts Island we caught white perch, smallmouth bass, a small brown trout and a



Big Joe from Philly with one of many good size smallies he caught last week in the Belgrades. Deep water smallmouth bass fishing is really hot right now.

northern pike all on the same structure during one drift! The fishing was really good that day though, and it was fun catching such a wide variety of fish in the same spot

Crazy Belgrade Ducks

We have a problem here in the Belgrades and it's starting to get serious. Some fishermen know what I'm talking about too. We have some crazy ducks around here and they are mooching all our food. It's unacceptable duck behavior! Last week we were fishing over on Great Pond and there are two mallards floating alongside one of the beautiful islands that dot the lake. So my friend Joe who resides in Philly decides to open his bag of chips that Candee at Whisperwood Lodge had packed for him. Well, as soon as he crinkled the bag, the ducks took off and started buzzing the boat – quacking at us the entire time. At one point I thought the female was going to land right in the boat, which is the last thing I need during a fishing trip. How am I supposed to fish with this crazy duck waddling around in my boat? So, I spook the duck back up in the air and she and her boyfriend land in the water and slide on in to harass Joe into parting with a good sized portion of his chips! Keep in mind that this is not the first time an obnoxious (albeit hungry) duck has pestered me this year. On Long Pond while trolling for salmon just after ice out, I had four ducks follow me all around the lake until I ran out of Cheese-It's. As soon as I tipped the box upside down to indicate it was empty, the little buggers picked up and flew away – like they knew the free lunch program was over. With that being said, I still enjoy feeding them whenever I have some bread or crackers around. It reminds me of my youth when we use to feed the ducks every day off our dock.

Shad are Swimming up the Kennebec

The shad bite is on! For many Mainers, the shad is an unknown fish, but for those in the know this species is an obsession! Shad offer everything an angler wants: easy access, a strong fish, and spectacular leaps. I'm hoping to find the time to get on the river in Waterville and catch a few this coming week. I'll write about how it goes in this column and on the facebook page. In the meantime, if you need additional information or have questions, you can contact Mike Holt at Fly Fishing Only in Fairfield (mainefly-fishing.com or 453-6242). Good luck

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Ducks Gone Wild – T.J. Pooler is surrounded by hungry ducks as he gets ready to go fishing. Ducks like these are harassing fun loving and innocent fishermen throughout the region!

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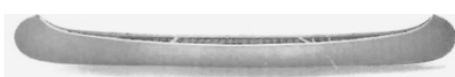
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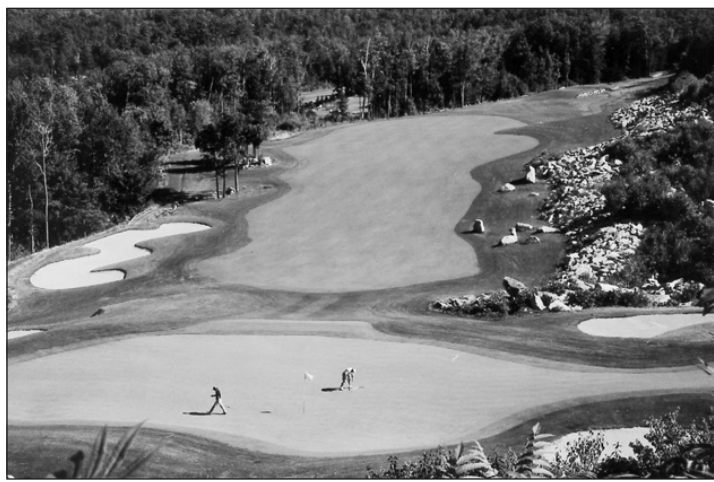
The 2nd Annual Golf Tournament to benefit the Belgrade Public Library will be held on Thursday, July 15 at the Belgrade Lakes Golf Course. Sponsored by the Friends of the Belgrade Public Library, the Tournament will have a 1 pm shotgun start with a scramble format and will be played by teams of four. Last year's tournament had 11 teams; the goal this year is to exceed that number. Teams and singles interested in signing up should call 495-2101.

A highlight of the Tournament will be the participation of PGA's Tom Alter who has had extensive experience in PGA Tour Productions as a producer, broadcasting department liaison, and head of the Champions Tour Tournament Business Affairs department. Based in Florida, Tom has spent summers in Maine all his life.

As part of the tournament there will also be a Putting Contest, prizes for the longest drive and closest to the pin, a car from Charlie's for a hole-in-one, and consolation prizes for into the water balls, lost balls and the last team in.

Following the tournament there will be a cocktail reception, free to players and \$25 for everyone else. Everyone is invited!

At the reception there will be both a silent auction and a live auction with auctioneer Larry Van Peursen. Among items to be auctioned are 3 different camp overnights, Red Sox tickets (to the loge box at 3rd base), float plane rides, a painting of Quincy market, dinner for 4 at The Village Inn, two reconditionings from Central Maine Motors, a baseball signed by Carlton Fisk, a canoe/fishing trip, four boxes of hand-tied flies,



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