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On Golden Pond Author Presents Water Quality Message

by Esther J. Perne

"I'm lucky. I have a voice, I have a pulpit," says Ernest Thompson, author of "On Golden Pond" and more than 50 other plays and movies.

It is Thompson's 61st consecutive summer on Great Pond and he is the guest speaker at a dinner for the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance to raise funds to improve water quality.

Water quality Thompson understands first hand. In recent summers he doesn't come here for very long, he says, but long enough to hear and see and read about how the lakes are changing, are challenged with



Arriving by boat at the new Docks to Doorways docks.

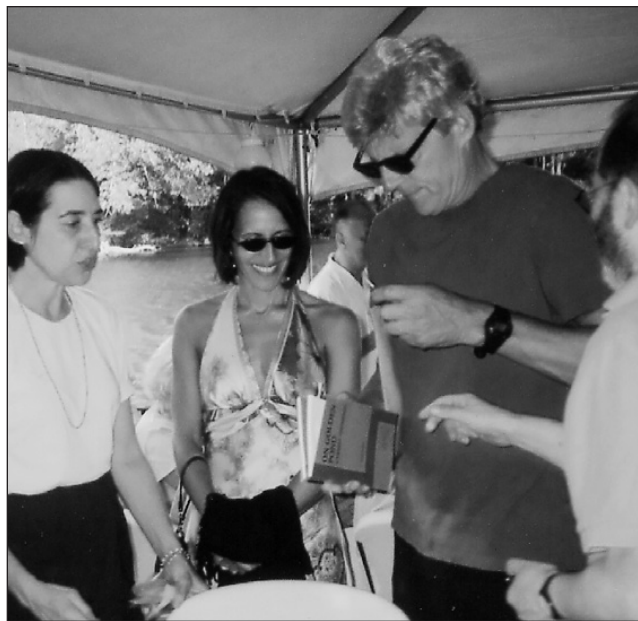
gloeotrichia, phosphorus pollution, development, invasive aquatic plants. He remembers differently.

"There was an innocence in our childhood," Thompson describes of life on Great Pond. "We were left to our own devices. My mother taught us to share her confidence in

the lake."

In 1978 Thompson wove that life on Great Pond, with all its innocence and love and confidence, into an endearing play, "On Golden Pond." It captured his - and everyone else's - love for a place they keep coming back to year after year, if only in their minds. The play has been translated into almost thirty languages, has been performed in over forty countries.

In 1980, "On Golden Pond" was made into a movie, which won three Academy Awards and has become an all-time favorite among



Signing autographs at the BRCA dinner.



Lakes visionaries: Ernest Thompson and Scott Finlay.

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viewers, a timeless classic, rich in sunsets, loons, mahogany speedboats, and concerns about nature.

In the original play, Thompson points out, the main character, Ethel Thayer, tells her childhood doll Elmer: "They say the lake is dying," - dying because of the development that has overcrowded the cove where she went to summer camp.

Twenty years later, "Another Summer," the musical version of "On Golden Pond" devotes several songs to this theme.

What is the message of "On Golden Pond?" Thompson asks. Love? Anger? Humor? "Personally, I think it's a little nature allegory," Thompson says.



Auction items showing a print of the three hats Henry Fonda wore in On Golden Pond.

Today, Ernest Thompson arrives in Belgrade Lakes by boat, docks at the new public "Docks to Doorways" docks where the future Conservation Resource Center will be located, walks to the Wooden Boat Showcase and BRCA dinner at The Village Inn, addresses an enthusiastic crowd of "On Golden Pond" and lake fans, and helps raise thousands of dollars for water quality.

His message? Golden Pond can return, human behavior can be re-programmed, the real problem is when we say "that's not our problem."

The audience is enthusiastic about him, totally understands his message. Is he preaching to the choir?

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Editorial

The Tales Walls Tell

There is an m.o. to exploring this region, a delightful and rewarding one, and it goes like this:

a. Secure table, seat, ticket, or reservation.

b. Browse the walls ...that's where the adventure begins.

Rare, almost unheard of, is the store, library, restaurant, boutique, camp, etc. that lacks historic articles, pictures, maps, or paintings, hanging, or tacked up, where the waiting visitor can read, review and admire

their existence. Sometimes, reading, admiring, discussing, is enough. Sometimes..

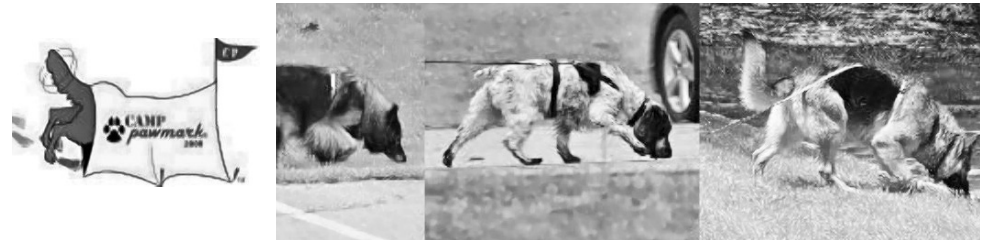
c. (Not required but definitely enhancing) Chat with proprietor, employee, other visitor, stranger about the picture, painting, memorabilia, etc. and let the information flow.

Let the imagination flow, too. The walls don't talk but they do have tales to tell.



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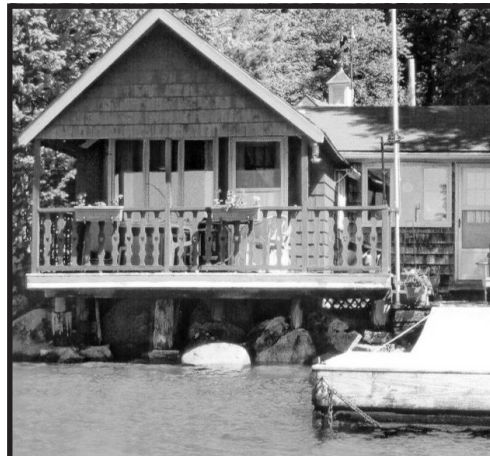
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Legacies

100 Years Is a Long Time



Belgrade's Old South Church Corporation Meeting is the Tuesday after the 4th of July, usually at 7:30 pm. This year it was at 3 pm for a very special reason: The Secretary of State, Matthew Dunlap, presented the Old South Church Corporation with a 100 Year Certificate.

"One hundred years is a long time," stated Dunlap, pointing out how things change so much in the course of a century...

One hundred years ago the Boy Scouts of America and the Campfire Girls were founded. One hundred years ago 4.3% of the population



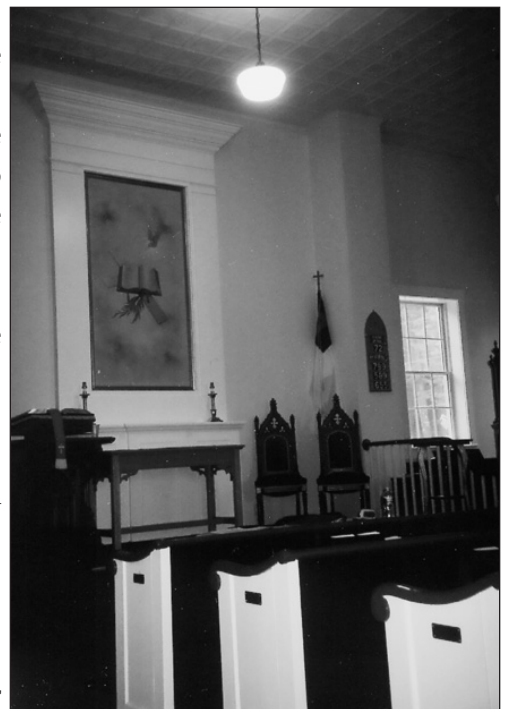
was over 65; the average age for men was 48.5 years, for women 51. The population was 92 million (it was 307 million in 2009). Divorce was 1 in 1,000. 72% of children attended school; 1/2 of them in a one-room school. The U.S. made half of all the manufactured products in the world.

In regard to his office, Dunlap described that the Secretary of State is a constitutional office founded in 1820. As the keeper of the records, the Secretary is charged with an eclectic series of duties, including auto registration. Maine is in the "iron triangle" along with Michigan and Illinois, of states whose Secretaries have this responsibility.

Since 1870 the Secretary of State has also kept the corporate records. There are currently 79,000 corporate entities in Maine, and Dunlap awards 100 Year

Certificates 3 or 4 times a month.

The Old South Church, which dates to 1828, was duly incorporated for 100 years on May 27, 2010. The Secretary of State presented the framed certificate to the church's oldest member, Bob Martin, at the 2010 annual Corporation Meeting. 100 years is a long time!



Notebook

Free Water Test

The Maine Geological Survey is offering free water quality tests to homeowners with private wells in Belgrade, Monmouth, Mount Vernon, Waterville and West Gardiner during the 2010 summer as part of the MGS's ambient ground water quality program. The tests will examine the presence of natural chemical components in the water. This project is being done in collaboration with Columbia University and the U.S. Geological Survey and is part of a broader effort to understand the connection between geology and water quality, particularly in reference to naturally occurring arsenic in the

water. Not all applicants will be selected. If interested complete the online form at <http://www.maine.gov/doc/nrimc/mgs/water-form.htm> or call 287-7177.

Hospice Golf Tournament

Hospice Volunteers of Waterville Area (HVWA) will host the 9th annual "Susan McConnell Memorial Swing for Hope and Hospice Golf Tournament" on Monday, August 2 at Natanis Golf Course in Vassalboro. Proceeds will benefit Hope's Place, HVWA's program for grieving children and teens. The format will be team scramble with shotgun start at 9 am. There will be numerous prizes, a luncheon and enjoyable tournament activities. Cost per player \$80; many types of sponsorships available, call 873-1493. Register at www.hvwa.org/special-events.

Hospice Volunteers of Waterville Area provides free end-of-life and grief support services to residents of 27 communities in central Maine. 873-3615.

Androscoggin Riverlands State Park

The first major state park developed in more than 25 years will be in the Lewiston-Auburn area. The Androscoggin Riverlands State Park comprises 2,588 acres of state-owned land along the Androscoggin River, including 2,258 acres along the west shore in Turner, and 330 acres along the east shore in Leeds. About 15 miles of multi-use trails and 8 miles of hiking trails already exist. Numerous public meetings have been held concerning the project in the past year; implementation is expected to begin in 2010. To receive ongoing information contact the Bureau of Parks and Lands at BPL@maine.gov or 287-4963.

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Watershed Wisdom

Living Lightly on the Lake

by Peter Kallin

Last week we described how Mother Nature protects water quality with forests and vegetated riparian (along the shore) buffers. This week we will talk about a few things that watershed residents can do to protect water quality while they are living near the lakes. The first is a program called LakeSmart, sponsored by Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Most of the lake associations in our watershed are participating in this program, which recognizes property owners who adopt lake-friendly practices on their properties. This program mimics Mother Nature's methods and focuses on stabilizing eroding areas, reducing the use of chemicals, diverting rainwater into vegetated areas, and minimizing lawns and other impervious areas. Properties are evaluated in four areas: driveways and parking areas; structures and septic systems; lawns, recreation areas and footpaths; and shorefront and beach areas. If the property passes in all four areas, the property is certified "LakeSmart" and the owner receives a "LakeSmart Award-Living Lightly on the Land for the Sake of Our Lake" sign to be displayed. Hopefully you have noticed some of these signs and now you understand the importance. If you would like to participate, please call our office at 495-6039 and we will put you in touch with the appropriate lake association screener to start the process. Landscaping and managing your property in an environmentally friendly manner through LakeSmart is one way to do your part in protecting your lake's water quality and have a low maintenance, great looking property. The program is not meant to be judgmental but rather is aimed at making incremental improvements and inspiring others. Even if you are not yet fully "LakeSmart," we can help you get there with advice, or perhaps a BRCA Youth Conservation Corps assist.

A couple of weeks ago, I attended the annual Maine Congress of Lake Associations (Maine COLA) annual conference at Colby College entitled

"A Delicate Balance." The conference focused on ways to make our water quality sustainable and how to convert the knowledge gained by scientists studying the lakes into action to preserve and protect them. A key place where that will happen will be at the new Maine Lakes Resource Center being built in Belgrade Lakes (See "Docks to Doorways" lead article in this paper two weeks ago). In the meantime COLA has developed a list of things everyone can do to help the lakes. "The Lakers Dozen," is reproduced here with their permission. They have a lot of good information and links at their web site: (www.mainecola.org). Hopefully my columns so far have given you a good understanding of why all these recommendations are important.

A LAKER'S DOZEN

1. **Always check your boat, trailer and equipment for plant fragments before you launch and after take-out to avoid spreading invasive plants from lake to lake.**
2. **Respect the Shoreland Zone Regulations.** Before making any change on your property, check with your town office or Code Enforcement Officer to see what's permitted and what's not permitted in the shoreland zone - the area within 250 feet of lakes and 75 feet of streams.
3. **Control storm water run-off from buildings, paths, driveways and road.** Check your property on a rainy day and fix run-off sites by planting vegetation or constructing swales to direct water flow away from the lake.

4. **Cultivate a wooded buffer beside the lake.** Trees, shrubs, and grasses protect water quality by slowing rainwater and filtering out soil and pollutants before they end up in the lake.
5. **Limit lawn size,** mow less often and don't rake duff within 75 feet of shore.
6. **Limit fertilizer, herbicide and pesticide use.** Long lasting residues in these products turn lakes green and harm aquatic life.
7. **Don't stress your septic system.** Inspect the system yearly and pump the tank every 2-5 years. Systems 20 years of age and older should be inspected by a specialist. Use phosphorus-free cleaners and detergents. Stagger laundry loads. Minimize water use. Don't put toxics or grease down the drain.
8. **Construct docks with lake-friendly materials.** Choose cedar, cypress, plastic, or aluminum instead of wood which has been pressure-treated with arsenic.
9. **Dogs, humans and boats should never be washed in the lake!**
10. **Observe headway speed within 200 feet of shore.** Fast boating in shallow water disturbs fish habitat, stirs up sediment, and can erode the shoreline.
11. **When it's time to replace a boat motor, choose a clean-burning 4-stroke engine.**
12. **Preserve wildlife habitat on land and underwater.** Lake shallows and shorelands are home to many native species and serve as nurseries for their young.
13. **Support your local lake association and Maine COLA.**

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

Pilot Program To Extend Growing Season

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will be accepting fiscal year 2011 high tunnel establishment applications through September 1, 2010, and all interested producers are encouraged to apply. A seasonal high tunnel is a greenhouse-like structure, at least six feet high, which modifies the climate inside to create more favorable growing conditions for vegetable and other specialty crops grown in the natural soil. Made of ribbed metal pipe, covered with a layer of plastic sheeting,

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

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- **Macartney House Museum, Oakland Area Historical Society**, 465-7549, Wednesday 1:30-4:30 pm. 1815 home with antique furnishings and Oakland artifacts, Main Street.
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- **Farmers' Market**, Thursday 2-6 pm, 680-2055, www.watervillefarmersmarket.org, The Concourse parking lot.

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- **Farmers' Market**, 873-7000, <http://waynefarmersmarket.weekly.com>. Saturdays 8:30-11 am, Town Green, next to the Post Office, Main Street.

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— Calendar —

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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.

Friday 7/16 – "Southern Rail," a traditional Bluegrass band featuring performances of high-energy exuberant fun, with riveting harmonies, irreverent humor and sparkling banjo and mandolin solos, free admission, air-conditioned, 2 and 7 pm, 946-5311, Araxine Wilkins Sawyer Memorial, Sawyer Road, Greene.

Friday 7/16 through Sunday 7/18 – New England Paint Club Horse Show, free, open to public, great family outing, visit barns, covered arena, concessions, 474-2947, Fairgrounds, Route 201, Skowhegan.

Friday 7/16 – New England Music Camp Student Honor Recital, open to the public, free of charge, everyone welcome, 7:30 pm, 465-3025, Route 23, Sidney.

Saturday 7/17 - Admission free to all state parks and historic to Mainers with Maine Loon Conservation license plates, maine.gov, Augusta.

Saturday 7/17 – Old Hallowell Day, 5K Road Race, sidewalk sales, arts and

crafts, food, parade, music, www.hallowell.org, Water Street, downtown Hallowell.

Saturday 7/17 – 27th annual Maine Audubon Society Loon Count, 7-7:30 am, to volunteer call a local lake association or 781-6180, sgallo@maineaudubon.org, statewide Maine.

Saturday 7/17 - Maine Audubon Annual Loon Count and Littoral Walk, conducted by Clyde Walton and Ruth Grauert, 7 am Loon Count, 4 pm Littoral Walk, phone 293-2280 to register for both activities, both events at Bearnstow, Mount Vernon.

Saturday 7/17 – Waterville Intown Arts Fest, over 100 artists, wide variety of art, street performers, live music, more, rain date Sunday, July 18, 680-2055, Main Street, downtown Waterville.

Saturday 7/17 – Dr. Shaw Memorial Library annual book sale, fiction, non-fiction, hard cover, paperback, children's books, books on tape, movies, gift items, 9 am-2 pm, 293-2565, Community Center, downtown Mount Vernon.

Saturday 7/17 - "Bird Nests," Children's Program, \$1, 10 am, 238-4250, L.C. Bates Museum, Route 201, Hinckley.

Saturday 7/17 - Hike French Mountain with John Schooly, learn how to "Leave No Trace," 10:30 am, 495-6039, Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance, Belgrade Lakes.

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

Saturday 7/17 - Pownalborough Courthouse Tour, Friends of Merrymeeting Bay, 3-5 pm, pre-register with Jay Robbins 737-2239, Courthouse,

Pownalborough.

Saturday 7/17 - New England Music Camp Student Concert, featuring Symphony Orchestra, Chorale and Symphonic Band, rain or shine, open to the public, free of charge, everyone welcome, 3 pm, 465-3025, Bowl in the Pines, Route 23, Sidney.

Saturday 7/17 – Monthly Bean Supper, 3 kinds of beans, 2 types of American Chop Suey, hot dogs, coleslaw, rolls, pie, 4:30-6 pm, Mt. Philip Grange, Routes 27 and 225, Rome.

Saturday 7/17 – Atlantic Music Festival Opening Concert, orchestra with Benjamin Shwartz, conductor, 7 pm, free, reservations encouraged at www.atlanticmusicfestival.org, 859-4353, Strider Theater, Colby College, Waterville.

Sunday 7/18 - Greater Minnehonk Lake Association annual meeting, 10 am, Mount Vernon Community Center, downtown Mount Vernon.

Sunday 7/18 - New England Music Camp Concert, featuring Symphony Orchestra, Symphonic Band, Chorale, rain or shine, free to the public, everyone welcome, 3 pm, 465-3025, Bowl in the Pines, Route 23, Sidney.

Sunday 7/18 through Saturday 7/31 - 10 on the Water, Visual Arts Along the Kennebec, Artery Exhibit, 582-2108, Circling the Square Fine Art Press, 275 Water Street, Gardiner.

Sunday 7/18 – Borderline Express, Summer Concert Series, 5 pm, 474-6894, Philbrick Gazebo, Coburn Park, Water Street, Skowhegan.

Sunday 7/18 - Gawler Concert, lively folk and fiddle tunes by John, Ellen and Elsie Gawler, 7 pm, 685-3612, Ladd

Center, Wayne.

Monday 7/19 - Old Crow Band, 7 pm, Meetinghouse Square, Main Street, Farmington.

Tuesday 7/20 - Arizona Rose & The Rich Ric Band, free concert, 11:30 am-1 pm, Bandstand, Meetinghouse Square, Main Street, downtown Farmington.

Tuesday 7/20 - Ice Cream Social, sponsored by the Oakland Area Historical Society, 6 pm, parking lot in front of the museum, Oakland.

Tuesday 7/20 – Rock on the River, 7-8:30 pm, boardwalk on the Kennebec, north end Water Street, Hallowell.

Wednesday 7/21 – Learning About the Past Through Play old time tools and chores of children living in rural Maine farm communities or at Good Will Home in the early 1900s, 1 pm, \$2 per participant including materials, 238-4250, L.C. Bates Museum, Route 201, Hinckley.

Wednesday 7/21 - Public supper, 5 pm til gone, Fairview Grange, Smithfield.

Wednesday 7/21 - Grandfamilies Group Meeting, for relatives stepping in to raise the children, on-site childcare available - call 591-6278 to reserve, 6 pm, The Children's Center, 1 Alden Avenue, Augusta.

Wednesday 7/21 - Common Loons of Great Pond and Long Pond: Lee Attix, of the Bio Diversity Research Institute, has been casually monitoring loon activity on Great and Long Ponds for over a decade; learn what he knows, and how volunteers can help, sponsored by the Belgrade Lakes Association, 512-5150, www.blmaine.com, free and open to all, 7-9 pm, Union Church, Main Street, Belgrade Lakes.

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Wednesday 7/21 - "Is He Dead?" Mark Twain comedy, 7:30 pm, 933-9999, The Theater At Monmouth.

Wednesday 7/21 through Saturday 7/24 – "Shakespeare in Hollywood," comedy, 474-7176, Lakewood Theater, Route 201, Madison.

Thursday 7/22 – Summer Art Program for Children, explore the summer art

exhibit and then make paintings or drawings of an animal or bird in the museum, 1 pm, \$2 per participant, 238-4250, L.C. Bates Museum, Route 201, Hinckley.

Thursday 7/22 – Evening Story Time, 6 pm, 495-3508, Belgrade Public Library, The Center for All Seasons, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes.

Thursday 7/22 – William Shakespeare's "Comedy of Errors, 7:30 pm, 933-9999, The Theater At Monmouth.

Thursday 7/22 - BUA, traditional Irish music quintet, \$10, 7:30 pm, 946-SHOW, Unity Centre For the Performing Arts, 42 Depot Street, Unity.



Summer Poetry Series

Wayne's Cary memorial Library's Sumer Poetry Series will begin on Friday, July 16, 7:30 pm when Maine poets Steve Luttrell and Ted Bookey will present readings. Steve Luttrell is the poet laureate of Portland, Maine and the founding editor of the internationally respected journal Cafe Review. He has written ten books of poetry, including the most recent "Home Movies." Ted Bookey is a native of New York City who has lived with his wife Ruth in Readfield since 1981. He has published and performed poetry extensively throughout his life. This year Moon Pie Press released his book "With a W/Hole in One, Collected Poems 1970-2010." He teaches at the Senior College at the University of Maine at Augusta.

The Poetry Series will continue on Friday, July 30, featuring Gary Lawless and Karin Spitfire performing as the Sardine Poets, promoting environmental and economic justice while having a lot of fun. The concluding evening will be Friday, August 13, when Pearl Sawyer and Elizabeth Garber will present readings. The Poetry Evenings are free and the public is invited. Cary Memorial Library is at 17 Old Winthrop Road, just off Route 133. There is extra parking across the street at the Wayne Community Church. 685-3612.



Oakland Ice Cream Social July 20



A awesome evening - ice cream, old-fashioned band, historic home, downtown Oakland. It's time for an Ice Cream Social and the first one of the season will be held on Tuesday, July 20 at 6 pm at the Oakland Area Historical Society's Macartney House Museum. The event will take place in the parking lot, bring chairs and children, spend the evening, discover the museum.



Gawler Family to Perform Folk Concert in Wayne

Popular local musicians John, Ellen and Elsie Gawler will perform their lively folk and fiddle tunes at Wayne's Ladd Center on Sunday, July 18 at 7 pm. The Gawlers will play an eclectic assortment of old and new sounds drawing on many folk traditions from rural America, the Canadian Maritimes and the world beyond.

Ellen Gawler is a celebrated fiddler who has played with Childsplay, the Ladies of the Lake, and the Pineland Fiddlers. John is known for his fun-loving renditions of traditional music, and has played all over the world, as well as in the Old Grey Goose International, Project Troubadour and many other ensembles. Daughter Elsie, brought up on fiddling, now incorporates the cello into jigs, reels and waltzes. A variety of instruments and joyful vocal harmonies are all part of the Gawler presentation. Their CDs will be available for purchase.

The concert will be a fundraiser for the Cary Memorial Library, with all proceeds benefiting operating expenses. Tickets are available at Wayne's Cary Memorial Library, 17 Old Winthrop Road during their regular hours: Monday 9 am-1pm; Tuesday 5-8 pm; Wednesday 1-8 pm; Thursday 5-8 pm; and Saturday 9 am-3 pm. Ticket prices are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door; \$5 child, or \$30 family of four or more. The Ladd Center is located in the village of Wayne just off Old Winthrop Road on the Gott Road. Doors will open at 6:15 pm. Desserts will be sold. For more information call 685-3612.



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— Activities & Outings —

A taste of the world, a touch of Maine, a sidewalk art show, a student film festival, and a closing night celebration. These are the highlights of the final weekend of the Maine International Film Festival in Waterville, which will finish its ten-day agenda this weekend.

A taste of the world: Russia, Britain, India, France, Quebec, Cuba, Serbia, Spain, the United States - films from these countries, and more, are on the schedule for July 16, 17 and 18. The last three days of MIFF are packed with interesting, provocative and personable views of the world - emotional and situational - far beyond the surroundings of Central Maine.

A touch of Maine: Look for and look at "Finding Belgrade," starring Belgrade; "The Freebie," starring Maine native Katie Aselton; "The Eventful Life of Al Hawkes," starring the musician, record producer and Bluegrass Pioneer; "A Road Not Taken," starring environmentally-concerned Unity College in central Maine; and "Welcome to My World," starring the Maine coast.



"The Eventful Life of Al Hawkes"

A sidewalk art show: On Saturday, July 17, 9 am-4 pm, the 41st Annual Waterville Intown Arts Fest will be held along Main Street. The street will be closed to traffic and open to musicians and street performers, pedestrians and sidewalk sales. Over 100 exhibitors will offer a full range of artwork - and prices suited to every purse.

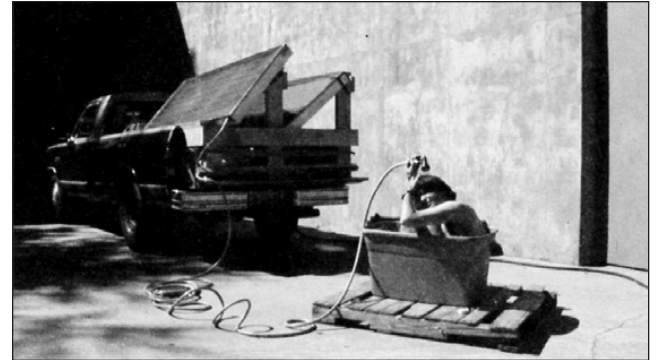
A student film festival: The Maine Student film & Video Festival will take place Saturday, July 17, 12:30 pm at the Waterville Opera House. Featuring work from K-12 students from across the state. Free admission.

A closing night celebration: On Sunday, July 18 at 7 pm, the advance screening of "Voices

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Unbound: The Story of the Freedom Writers" will be held at the Opera House, followed by a Closing Night Party at Mainely Brews Restaurant & Brewhouse at 9 pm.

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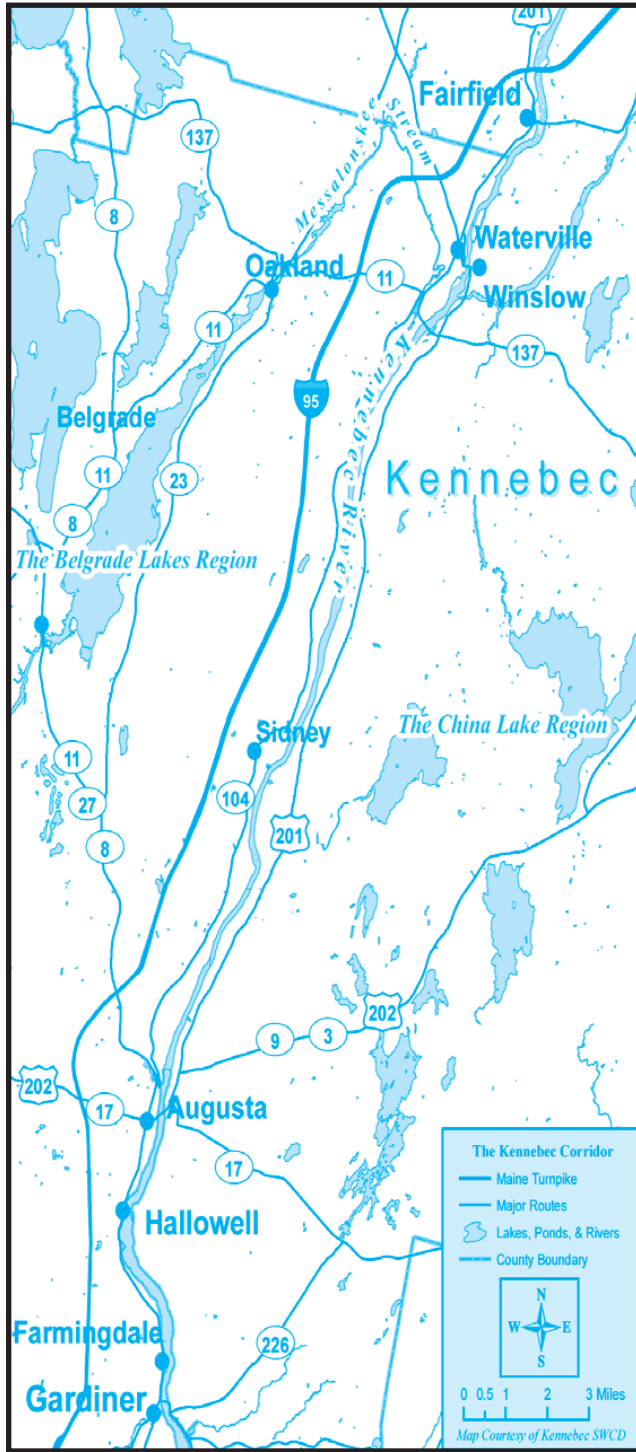
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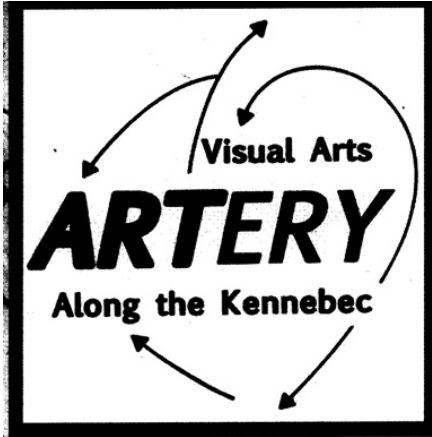
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An Artist Reception will be held Sunday, July 25, 3-5 pm.

For more information about the Artery, visit www.arteryvisualartsalongthekennebec.blogspot.com. Artery's mission is to raise the visibility of its local galleries and artists and to encourage visitors to explore arts enterprises throughout historic towns and villages along the beautiful Kennebec River.

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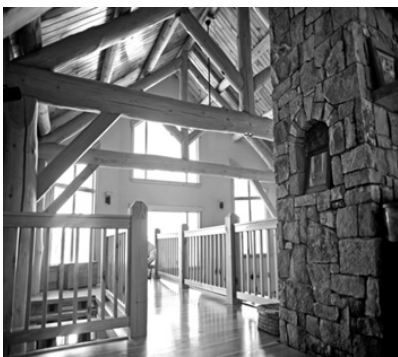
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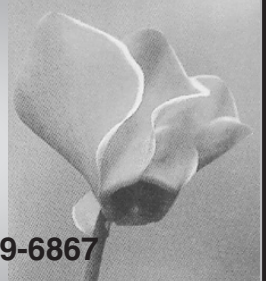
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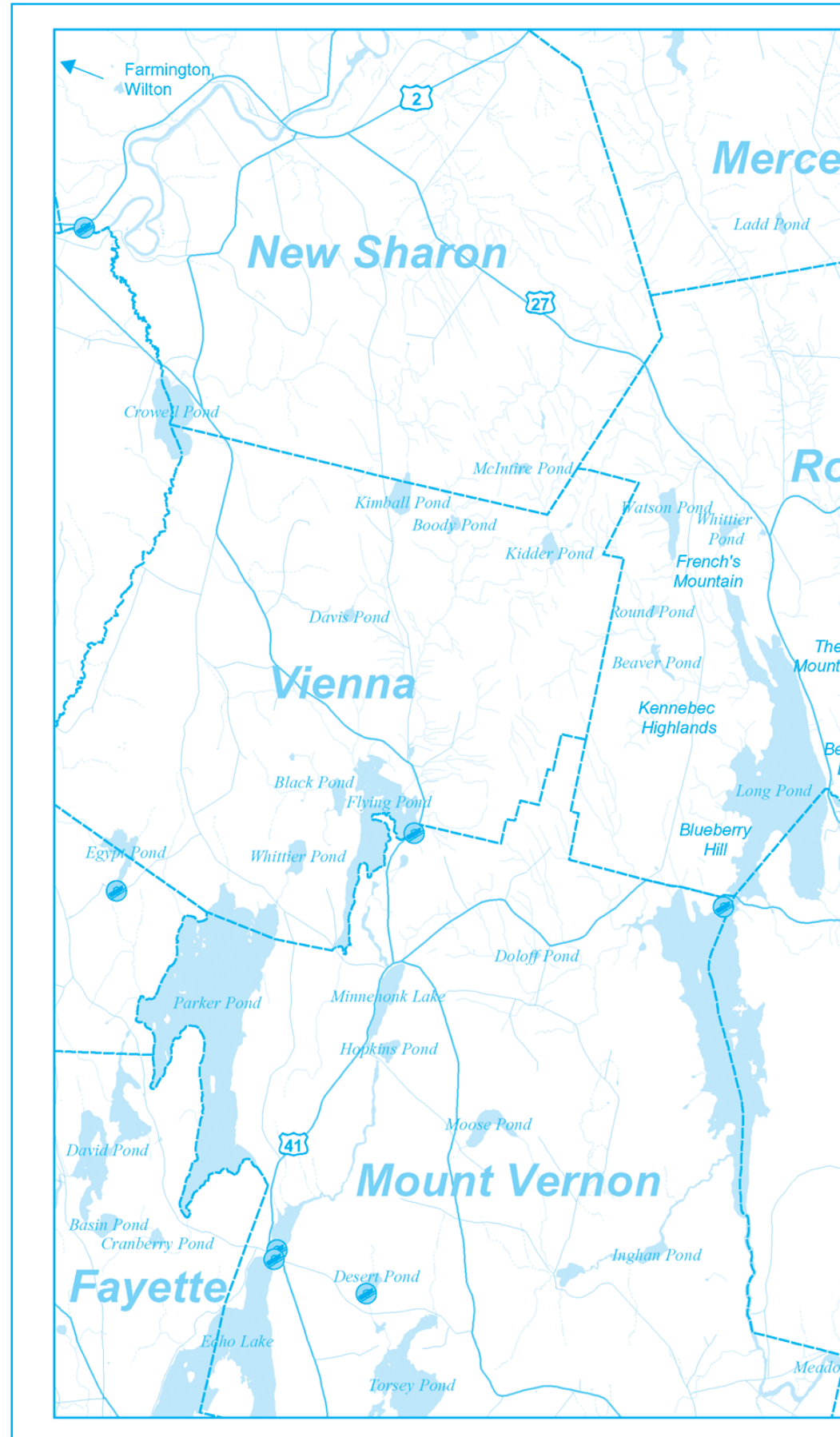


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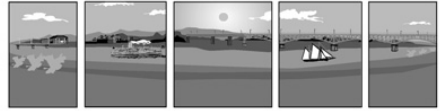
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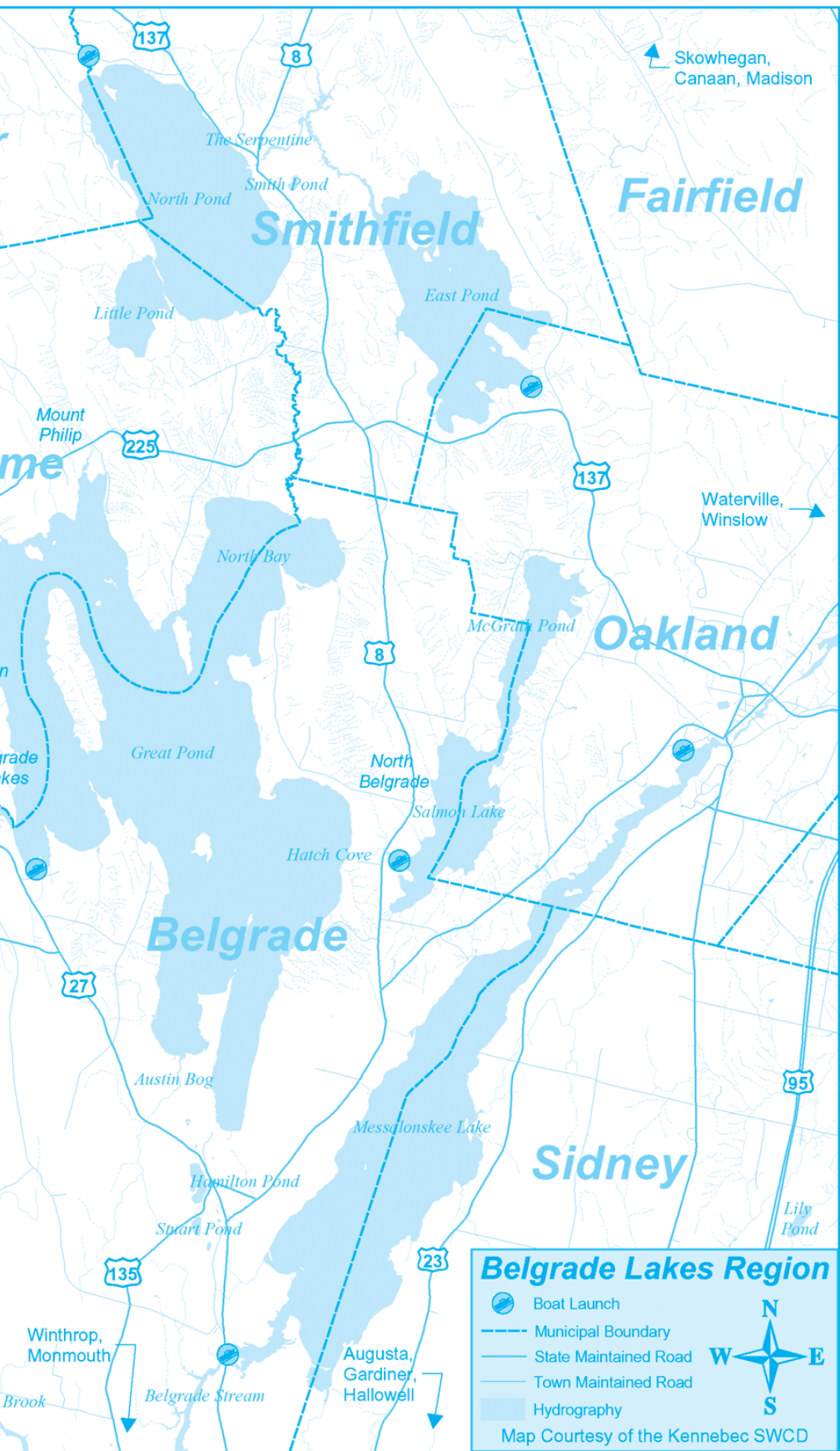


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Highlights of Old Halloween Day



A 5K Race in the morning, fireworks at night, a big parade in the middle of the day. Old Halloween Day 2010 will be held on Saturday, July 17 with sales, art, music, food, and fellowship along historic Water Street and along the beautiful Kennebec River.

The Road Race, which starts at 7:30 am is sponsored by the Kennebec Land Trust and is open to everyone. The five-kilometer course begins near the Kennebec River boat landing on Water Street and weaves through historic Halloween. Online registration of \$15 is available at www.tkl.org or on the day of the race from 6-7 am.

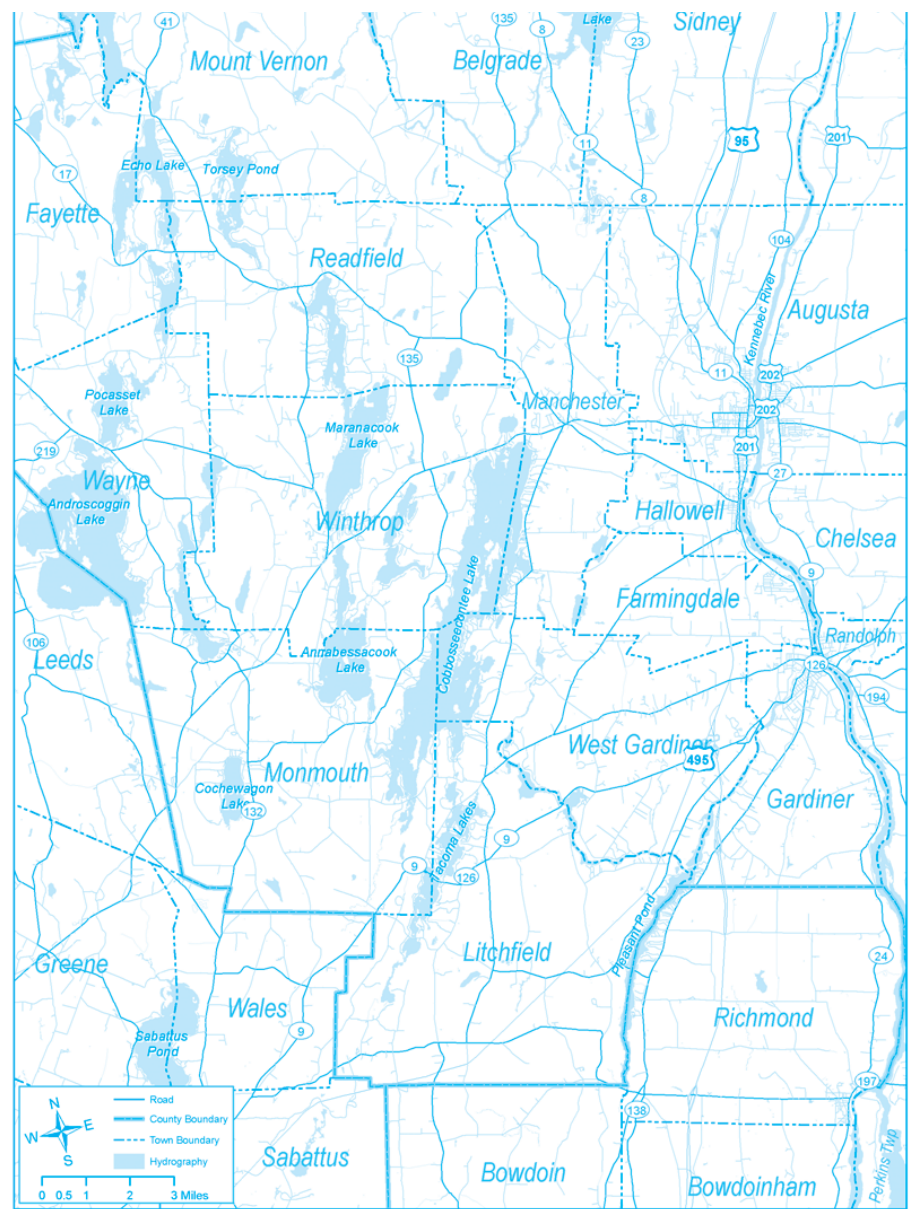
Race photos will be available at martythorntonphotos.com. \$1 from the cost of each photo will be donated to the Kennebec Land Trust. For more information, contact the Old Halloween Day Race Committee at ohd5k2010@yahoo.com or Marty Thomas at 512-2587.

The parade begins promptly at 10 am, with floats, music, displays by civic groups, and town dignitaries in the line-up. New this year, children who have won a picture contest about what they like best about living in Halloween will ride in the parade in a Halloween Fire Truck (age 5-7) or a Halloween Police Car (age 8-10). Winners will be drawn; all entries will be displayed in J. Fitzgerald, 151 Water Street.

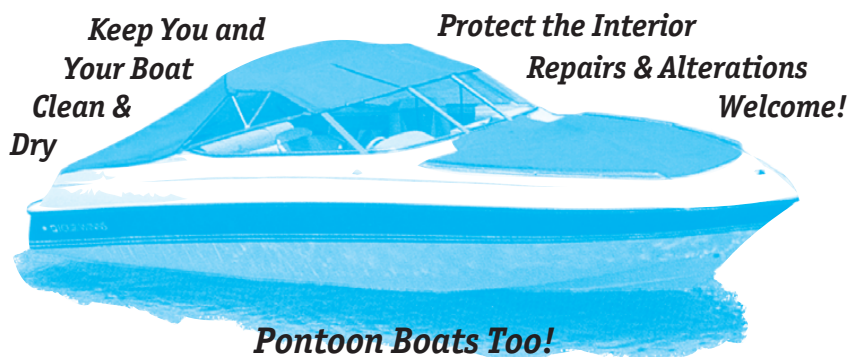
Also new this year Fireworks Donations are being solicited in exchange for "send a message!" Love messages, memorials, pointed but polite messages about an offensive situation... Donations will be accepted at Boynton's Market and City Hall.

For more information about Old Halloween Day programs will be available at local businesses.

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The 8th Annual "Friends on the 4th" 5K Run/Jog/Walk road race attracted a record field of 562 participants, continuing its trend of increasing the field every year since 97 entries toed the line in 2003, the inaugural year of the race. Held on the 4th of July in Winthrop, ME, the overall winner for this year's race was Robert Gomez of Westbrook, ME with a time 15:07.89, barely missing the record of 15:07:65 set by Gabe Rivard in 2007. Rosalea Kimball of Winthrop, ME, took home her second women's title with a time of 18:53.80, besting her 2004 winning time of 19:55.

With much of the course following the beautiful eastern shore of Maranacook Lake, the race continues to grow each year and is now the largest race of its kind in central Maine.



The "Friends on the 4th" 5k attracts family members of all ages

Participants for this year's race came from across New England and 25 other states, Canada, and Europe. Major sponsor for the 7th straight year was Vallee Real Estate; Gold level sponsors were Kennebec Savings Bank, the China Dine-ah, G&E Roofing, On Target Utility Services and Charlie's Family of Dealerships; and Bronze level sponsors Lipman, Katz & McKee, The Copy Center and American Awards. Additional support for this year's event included Pine State Trading Company, PFG-NorthCenter, Tim Horton's, Poland Springs, College Carry Out, Bagel Mainea, Road ID, Coca-Cola, and the Winthrop American Legion Post 40.

Complete results along with a photo gallery for this year's race can be found on the Friends website at www.watershedfriends.com.



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According to its website, “[t]he Atlantic Music Festival simultaneously strives to be one of the leading music programs and the most inspiring summer music festival in the world. Every year, the AMF Institute committee seeks students and young artists who hold extraordinary talent and commitment to music.”

The festival’s founder and artistic director is Solbong Kim. A young composer of Korean ancestry, Kim had a vision: he wanted to provide a special opportunity for young classical musicians to make music with each other, for them to study with older and highly revered musicians, and for all the musicians, young and old, well established and just starting out, to play together in free public concerts. He imagined that the festival would create a close-knit and supportive community comprising the musicians themselves and the local residents who come to hear them perform.

To Kim, Colby College seemed the ideal site for the festival, with its idyllic and quiet campus, its proximity to cultural hubs, and Maine’s perfect summer weather. In Waterville, Kim hoped to find — and did — a wonderfully kind and supportive public who would attend the festival’s concerts and



whose enthusiasm would motivate and inspire the young artists.

The tuition-paying students at the festival are the best and brightest students from major conservatories. These young singers, instrumentalists, and composers come for two or four weeks of private lessons, coaching sessions, master classes, and performances. The heart of the festival, however, is its fellowship program. The fellows, the majority of whom are pursuing doctoral degrees, study and perform at the festival, while mentoring their younger colleagues. Unlike the students, fellows receive free tuition and housing.

Fellows are heard in festival performances as soloists, chamber musicians, and as members of the festival orchestra. The fellowship program is open to orchestral instrumentalists, guitarists, pianists, opera singers, one composer, one conductor, and one recording engineer, all between the ages of 18 and 34.

The festival draws participants from around the world. While two thirds of the students and fellows are from the United States, some come from as far away as Great Britain, Australia, France, Austria, China and Korea. The admissions process is very competitive. A mere 10% of those who applied this year were accepted.

All together, students, fellows, and faculty number around 60. The faculty comprises over twenty internationally acclaimed composers, performers, and teachers, including Grammy-nominated cellist Sharon Robinson and violinist Jaime Laredo, who will be featured as soloists at the festival’s centerpiece concert on July 31.

The first performance will be held on Saturday, July 17, at 7:00 p.m. Although admission is free, festival organizers encourage concert-goers to reserve tickets on the festival’s website.

The venues and times of performances are subject to change without notice, and additional performances may be scheduled. For the most up-to-date information, visit www.atlanticmusicfestival.org



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— Conservation Too —

It is time for me to offer up the 2010 article on composting. For some folks, the summer and fall is the time when they either do their composting or think about doing their composting. If you are still just thinking about it... IT IS TIME TO START! It is estimated that composting your household waste can cut your annual waste by nearly 80%.

To begin with the basics of composting - it is a mixture of nitrogen, carbon, oxygen and moisture. With the proper mix of these elements little critters will begin to digest all the material, generate heat while they are at it, and end up creating a marvelous material which gardeners refer to as "black gold". This compost is not only a precious soil amendment for gardeners and landscapers but it has been created by recycling materials that otherwise would have been in the waste stream. For technical guidance on making compost, and of the process itself and help with designs for a home made compost bin or compost pile we recommend checking the Maine cooperative extension service. <http://www.umext.maine.edu/onlinepubs/htmlpubs/1143.htm>

So you may ask, "Where do I get nitrogen and carbon? Most of us can figure out how to get the oxygen and the moisture. An easy way to think of the nitrogen and carbon is to use a simple color code. Most

green stuff has nitrogen and most brown stuff has carbon. Nitrogen comes from lawn clippings and food scraps. For your brown stuff focus on dry leaves, dead grass, stale bread products, paper napkins and the like. Avoid meat and oils. Depending on the type of compost system used; mix the nitrogen and carbon materials. Use more of the carbon material by volume. Keep the mixture stirred up so it has plenty of oxygen and keep it about as moist as a wrung out sponge. The compost mixture needs to be of sufficient size to begin its work. A good sized pile in a shady area will work. Many people use a compost bin or other container to keep the mixture together.

Sounds simple doesn't it? If you haven't done it before however, it takes some time to learn the method. Talk to a neighbor who composts. Don't over think it? Don't be in a hurry? People may try to sell you something that will "make compost in a few weeks". They may have been trying to sell you a guaranteed investment last year. It is best to use the entire season to make the compost. I suggest getting a compost thermometer in order to keep track of how hot the compost is getting. It should be above 95-100° in order to be working. It can get much hotter. Turn the mixture weekly.

Let me explain my system. I have a large compost bin that holds more than a cubic yard. I use lawn clip-

pings and food scraps for my nitrogen. I use junk mail and a pile of last fall's leaves for my carbon. For the past month my pile has been at 125-145°. Most household compost will not work that well but my pile is large enough to work very well. I've been making compost for years.

For those who do not want to build their own composter you can purchase free-standing composters. The 'Earth Machine' composter is a model that the Kennebec District sells. It helps promote composting as a good practice for soil and water conservation and protection.

The Kennebec 2010 edition of the Kennebec County Ag Map is now hot off the press. Look for a copy to find local farm stands and Farmers' Markets and start eating food that was grown locally. Do your part to support local food production and all of its benefits.

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- "All seasonal, nonresident taxpayers are invited to join an informational exchange at the Center for All Seasons with officials from Belgrade on Wednesday, August 4 at 6:30-8 pm. 495-3481.
- The Monmouth Fair will be held August 4-7. This is a small family agricultural fair with midway, animal exhibits, crafts and animal pull events. www.monmouthgrows.com/monmouthfair
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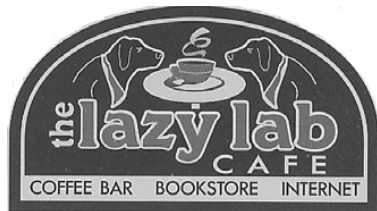
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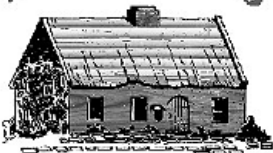
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Castle Island Camps, American Plan, Castle Island Road, Belgrade Lakes. 495-3312. www.castleislandcamps.com

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

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

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

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

RESERVATIONS SERVICES

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

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

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Belgrade

• The Belgrade Fire Department will hold its 4th Annual Auto Show on Sunday, July 25, next to the Belgrade Central School. There will be great food, great prizes, and great music, free national Street Rod Association vehicle inspection and awards in 22 classes as well as Best in Show and Outstanding Detail. Gates open at 8 am for show cars, judging begins at 10 am. Admission is \$5 for car and driver, \$3 for spectators, 5 years and under are free. Show will be rain or shine. No smoking, pets or alcohol allowed on school grounds. 215-6142.

Gardiner

• Lively Lunches at Johnson Hal Mini-Park will be offered on Wednesdays at noon as follows: August 4 - Jim Gallant, acoustic guitar, vocals, folk, classical, traditional songs and some surprises; August 11 - Lisa Redfern, singer/songwriter; August 18 - Brent McCoy, world-class comedy, circus and physical theater. No charge for admission; in case of rain performances will be inside Johnson Hall. 582-7144.

Hallowell

• The Harlow Gallery will have an Antique and Vintage Art and Appraisal Sale on Saturday and Sunday, July 24 and 25, 11 am to 3 pm. David Keef and Johanna Moore of ARTIFACTS in Farmingdale will offer verbal appraisals for a fee of \$10 per piece of artwork. Formal written appraisals will be \$100 per work of art. Appraised art can then be offered for sale on July 30-August 1 at a special three-day Antique & Vintage Art Exhibition. Proceeds benefit programming at the Harlow Gallery. 622-3813.

Hinckley

• A Highway Yard Sale to benefit Somerset/Upper Kennebec Counties Area Special Olympics will be held July 31-August 1, 9 am-6 pm at the Route 201 Truck Weigh Station (before SAPPI). Participants will be charged \$5 per table; to reserve space call 293-4577 anytime.

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Rangeley

• The Saddleback Bluegrass Festival will take place Friday, August 6 and Saturday, August 7. On Friday The Mueller Family and Erica Brown & The Bluegrass Connection will perform from 6-9 pm in the Base Lodge. No ticket is required. On Saturday the regular Festival will start at 11 am and continue through 7:30 pm with seven major bands. Festival activities will include beer gardens and Saddleback Country Style Barbecue. Gates open at 9 am. VIP seating tickets are \$65; all others \$35, children 12 and under free. www.saddlebackmaine.com, 864-5671.

Skowhegan

• TSkowhegan Savings has launched a new Financial Services program including stocks, bonds, mutual funds, advisory accounts and annuities. In addition, long term care, disability, and life insurance will be offered to protect families and personal assets. PrimeVest Financial Advisor, Norm Hart, will head up the team, with main offices located at 92 Main Street in Fairfield. The program will be available through all the branches. 1-800-891-4107.

Smithfield

• This summer flags are flying on the utility poles thanks to Fairview Grange members who bought 26 flags and donated them to the town of Smithfield as a community service project. The other 24 were donated by the Galen Cole Foundation of Bangor. A dedication was held at the grange on Armed Services Day in May.

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

Winslow

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

Winthrop

- **Peppers Garden & Grill**. 357A Main Street, Winthrop. 377-8877
- **Sully's Restaurant & Tavern**. 38 Main Street, Winthrop. 377-5663, 377-5808



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ACCOMMODATIONS

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Maine Excursions. Canoe & kayak trips, salt & fresh water fishing. Belgrade. 465-3520, www.maineexcursions.com

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

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

AIRPLANE RIDES

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

ANTIQUES

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

AUCTIONS

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

BANKING

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

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

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

BEVERAGES

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

BOATS

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

BOAT COVERS

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

BOAT LIFTS

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

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

BOAT MOORINGS

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

BOAT RENTALS

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

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

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

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

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

BOAT REPAIR

Mobile Marine, 897-1032 (home) or 897-8433 (cell)
Belgrade Boat Shop, 936 Augusta Road, Belgrade 04917 (cell) 485-6953

BOAT SALES AND SERVICES

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

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

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

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

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

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

BOAT STORAGE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BOOKS

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

BOTTLE AND CAN REDEMPTION

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

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

BUILDERS

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

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

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

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

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

BUILDING MATERIALS

(See also Flooring, Stonework and Windows.)

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

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

BUS SERVICE

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

CANOES AND KAYAKS

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

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

CHAINSAWS

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

CLASSES

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

CLOTHING

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

COMPUTER CONSULTANTS

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

DINING

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DOCKS

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

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

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

ELDER CARE

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

EXCAVATING

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

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

EYE CARE

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

FARMSTAND

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

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

FINANCIAL PLANNING

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

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

FLOORING

Hammond Lumber Company, Auburn, Bangor, Belgrade, Brunswick, Fairfield, Farmington, Greenville, Portland and



Skowhegan. 866-HAMMOND, www.hammondlumber.com

FLOWERS AND PLANTS

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

FURNITURE

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

GALLERIES

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

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

GIFTS

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

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

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

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

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

GOLF

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

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

GROCERIES

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

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

HEALTH CENTER

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

HOME FURNISHINGS

Blind Time, 621-9832

Floorz 2 Ceilingz, 171 Main Street, Belgrade Lakes

ICE CREAM

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

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

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

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

INSURANCE

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

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

JEWELRY

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

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

KITCHENS

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

LANDSCAPING

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

G&L Contracting, Belgrade. 215-7951, agardner81@yahoo.com
Lakeside Landscape, Belgrade. 831-7053, 632-1086, lakesidelandscape1@yahoo.com

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

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

LAKE ASSOCIATIONS

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

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

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Lakeside Landscape, Belgrade. 831-7053, 632-1086, lakeside-landscape1@yahoo.com

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

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

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

LAWN AND GARDEN EQUIPMENT

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

MEATS

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

MOVIE THEATERS

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

PHARMACY

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

PHYSICAL THERAPY

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

PICTURE FRAMING

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

PLUMBING

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

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

STONEMWORK

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

Sunburned Fishermen and Vanishing Hula Poppers

by Mike Guarino



Phil Goodwin from New Jersey caught this beautiful smallmouth bass on a baby zara spook last week. The heat kept some fish from biting, but not this one!

Heat waves are definitely not a fisherman's best friend, but they sure make for terrific 4th of July party weather! Central Mainers struggled through record breaking heat last week that created some difficult fishing conditions, but offered pleasure boaters, tubers and water skiers absolutely dreamy conditions. I heard that so many people ran air conditioners and fans in the Lewiston/Auburn area that the electrical substation blew up! Now that's HOT!

So, what does this heat wave do to our local fishing? Well, surface water temperatures certainly rose into the high 70's, but that's not extreme for this time of year and we've found some thermocline layers on Great Pond that were 26 feet down, which is also normal for this time of year. So all in all, I'd say this heat wave did nothing more than put some fishermen on ice for a few days and gave the fish a reprieve until the heat wave snaps.

It's true that bright & sunny days can put the fish down a bit. Add the high pressure system that settled over the Belgrade's and PRESTO – you have a lot of hot and sunburned fishermen

roaming around town with very few stories to tell. But anglers shouldn't become depressed. The fish are still in the lake and they have to feed at some point. Usually dusk is prime time during these conditions, especially if you are looking for largemouth bass because these fish will move into the shallows and search for food under the cover of darkness. The downside to this, of course, is everyone's nemesis, Mr. & Mrs. Mosquito. Twice during the last week we've been driven off the lake by skeeters, but not until we enjoyed some of the best fishing of the day! Seriously, is there anything more enjoyable than cruising a shoreline nice and quiet on a calm evening . . . casting your favorite top water lure over a weed bed. You can almost sense the strike is coming; although when it finally happens is still startles the stuffing out of me. Nowadays the market is flooded with top water lures. You can buy them in every shape and size and color imaginable and even some that are NOT imaginable. Here in the Belgrade's, if you ask any old timer or young gun, they'll tell you that you still can't beat a black jitterbug. I know what you are

thinking, "I have one of those somewhere" or "we use to fish those as kids". Well, they still work today and I still get a rush out of fishing one. The other day on Great Pond I was fishing with some friends staying at Bear Spring Camps and we decided to end the day going "Old School." Black Jitterbugs and Hula Poppers – seriously. Well, the hula lasted about 4 casts before being unceremoniously snatched by a pike. I didn't even know they'd hit those, although I should have known better. By the way, the largemouth out in North Bay were pretty cooperative at dusk!

If you read last week's article I talked about shad on the Kennebec River. Unfortunately due to the wicked heat and the holiday theatrics, I never made it out there. But I'll do my best to get there this week and offer up some intel for anyone interested in chasing these amazing fish. In the meantime, I wish everyone tight lines!

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