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The Best Week of the Year

by Esther J. Perne

Sitting in a tree house, sleeping near the lake, fishing, boating, making friends (sometimes first best friends ever) and making memories that last for a lifetime. There are no better reasons for a celebration, a reunion, a reminiscing, and a look ahead.

Pine Tree Camp in Rome, on North Pond, is 65 years old this season, it is full swing into a major capital campaign that will replace an outdated (1950s) dining hall and three camper cabins this fall, and it is pulling together a history of staff and campers many of whose lives have changed course forever because of Pine Tree Camp.



A pick-up game of baseball at the waterfront-1945



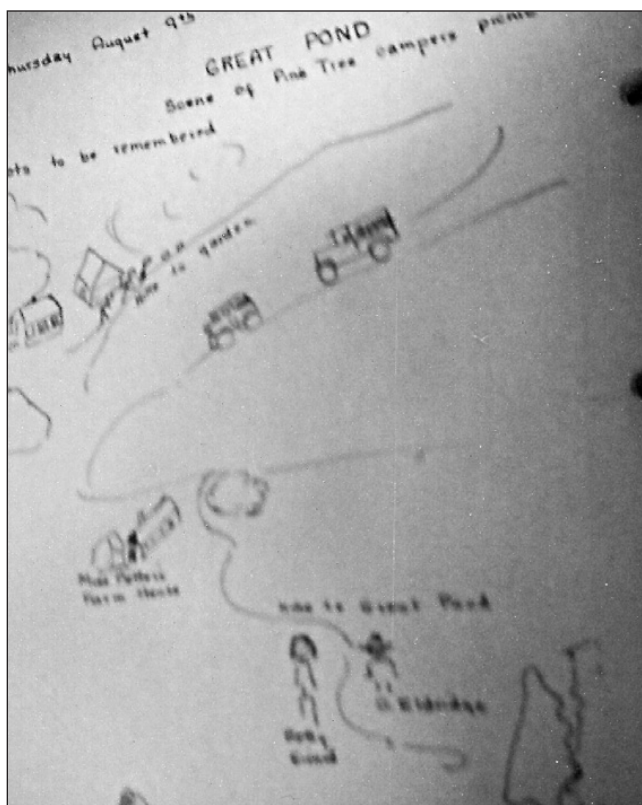
Campers at the waterfront-2010



Campers at the waterfront-1945



Drop off day July 1945



A day from the historic 1945 scrapbook.

Pine Tree Camp opened its doors at the 100-acre, non-accessible former North Pond Club on July 2, 1945. Seventy-five Maine children with physical disabilities attended Pine Tree Camp that first summer. They stayed for eight weeks, participating in traditional camp activities while receiving intense therapy. Tuition was \$600.

Throughout the eight weeks someone wonderful carefully and artistically chronicled the entire experience in a scrapbook of daily activities, photographs, quotes, names, events, and drawings of stick figures who walked and talked and left a trail of memories every day of the way. Aside from annual group pictures and collages collected over the years that now hang in the new Welcome

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Center at Pine Tree Camp, this one scrapbook is the only comprehensive historical document in the camp's possession....so far.

Today the 285-acre barrier-free facility welcomes 650 children and adults throughout the summer. Campers come for six full days of activities including swimming, fishing, kayaking, hiking, adaptive tennis, drama, arts and crafts and spending time in Maine's only accessible treehouse. A full medical staff is on-site and available 24/7 to ensure that campers, many of whom are medically fragile, are well-cared-for and safe. Traditional summer activities are adapted to meet the needs of each individual camper, many of whom return year after year. Tuition is \$1600 per week, and no one has ever been refused for



Craft area inside the treehouse.

inability to pay.

Five years ago Pine Tree Camp started keeping detailed camper records. Four years ago it founded Camp Pine Cone, a day camp for kids

5-12. Two years ago it replaced a rustic arts and crafts building with a state-of-the art infirmary and Welcome Center. This year it is embarking on \$8 million in capital improvements.

This year, too, Pine Tree Camp is reaching out to reconnect with its thousands of former staff and campers and Pine Tree Society, the parent organization, has created an on-line form in which camp alumni can input information to be added to a directory.

Significantly, the 65th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, August 8, 11 am-3 pm will provide a great beginning in historical reconstruction as all attendees - some of whom date to the 1950s - will be interviewed on camcorder, capturing and preserving history for a very special place. For more information call 443-3341.



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Mercer Old Home Days August 7-8

From activities for children to a yard sale, Mercer Old Home Days is a lot of celebration for a tiny town. Hosted by the Mercer Old Home Days Association to benefit the Mercer Meeting House, circa 1800, the weekend schedule runs on Saturday from 10 am to 11 pm and on Sunday from 11 am until the talent program is over. Saturday's schedule includes:



10am-3 pm - Craft Sale, Yard Sale, Kids Activities/Puppet Show, Vendors and Food
 11am-1 pm Lobster Bake
 1 pm "Lil' Miss Mercer Pageant," to register email merceroldhome-days@hotmail.com
 2 pm - "Box Water Carry" ATV Obstacle course (registered vehicles only)

6 pm - Wife Carry Contest
 6:30 pm - Hay & Skillet Toss
 8-11 pm - Street Dance featuring DJ Jon James
 Sunday features a Turkey Pie Dinner from 11 am-12:30 pm. A program featuring many local talents begins at 1 pm at the Mercer Meeting House. For the full schedule visit www.mohd.shutterfly.com.

Docks to Doorways Needs Your Help

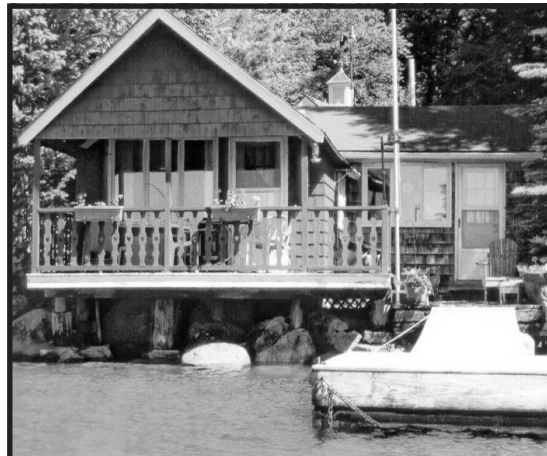


Our goal is to open the Mill Stream public docks, build a new 3,500 square foot conservation resource center and convert the Village post office lot into a community park by the summer of 2011. Of the \$2.5 million that is required, we have raised more than \$1.6 million. In addition we have a \$450,000 challenge grant from the Harold Alfond® Foundation, which will match your contribution dollar for dollar. Your tax deductible gift will help ensure the preservation of our lakes and our way of life.



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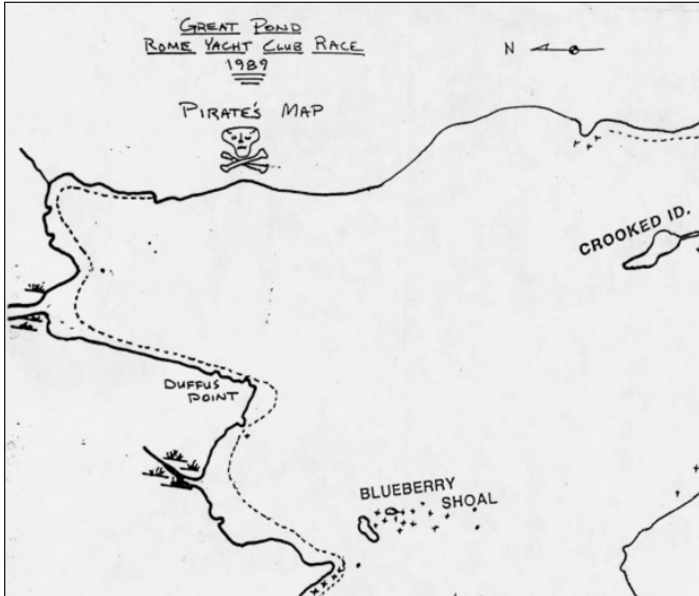
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35th Annual Rome Yacht Club Treasure Hunt



Heading toward the Crooked Island finish line.



Robbins Stream circa 1900



North Great Pond from Mount Phillip, early 1900s.



Studying the clues.

Wind, water, waves and clues - that's part of the formula for the enduring success of the Rome Yacht Club Treasure Hunt on Great Pond. Another part is fellowship, friendship and fun. Winning? Well, that's ok, but second-best to the good-natured traditions of the 35-year-old event that will take place on Saturday, August 7, 2010.

A homecoming of sorts, the Treasure Hunt brings back several generations to North Cove, the Commodore's Ball, and the Club headquarters - which is a battered leather suitcase containing the Commodore's uniform - all must fit into the one size, the bugle, and the official charter.

This year's race will commence at 10 am at the

sound of the bugle. A victory cookout and official ceremonies will be held on Crooked Island at or around 12 noon, depending on the wind and depending more on how clever those Cluemasters have been. All sailors are welcome, even those from other shores.



Notebook

Community Grants Available

Inland Hospital in Waterville is now accepting applications for mini-grants/sponsorships through its Community Benefits Program. The program was created to support community projects and organizations that help strengthen the Greater Waterville area and improve the overall health of local residents. Inland seeks proposals that support documented community needs and strategies that align with its principles and areas of interest, which include: improving access to primary care, and promotion of health education and disease prevention - especially for specific chronic

conditions, such as diabetes and heart disease. Inland is also interested in collaborating with and supporting organizations that pursue community building and quality of life efforts, which may be health, economic, educational, or cultural in nature. Applications are due by August 31 and can be completed online at www.inlandhospital.org - About Us and Community Benefit. 861-3392.

Senior College Fall Curriculum

The Senior College at the University of Maine at Augusta will soon be mailing its Fall Curriculum. Past courses have included Health Care Issues, Seeing Maine, Geology, Philosophy/Religion, Literature, Art, Spanish, Poetry, Writing, Music, Films, and many more. Membership also includes eligibility for other activities: the winter Brown Bag

Series, Book Clubs, interesting committees, and other special events, and the opportunity to meet and socialize with classmates. No prerequisites or grades are required, except that students must be 50 years old or more and that spouses or partners are also welcome. To get on the mailing list email UMASC@maine.edu or call 621-3551.

Front Runner for Sale

The Franklin County Soil and Water Conservation District has decided to sell its Front Runner and all the extra items related to it, including: a coupler for 1/2 ton truck \$300 never used, one coupler used a few times \$225; extensions \$275; tines \$22 each if picked up - 19 or 20 new tines available; and The Front Runner with the accessories in the box \$2,500. Contact info@franklinswcd.org or 778-4279.



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Watershed Wisdom

Large Woody Debris

We have been talking lately about the benefits of vegetated buffers and some of the rules and regulations designed to protect the integrity of shoreland habitat. Recently, the EPA published the National Lakes Assessment (<http://www.epa.gov/lakessurvey/>). For this assessment, scientists did extensive sampling and assessment in 1000 of the nations nearly 50,000 lakes over 10 acres (about 3000 of which are in Maine). Overall Maine lakes scored very highly in this national assessment. One of the study objectives was to determine indicators that could be used to predict water quality and biological condition of the lakes. The study concluded that the greatest predictor of poor lake biology was poor lakeshore habitat including shoreline and nearshore vegetation, especially trees. This week, we will discuss some of the reasons for this and additional benefits provided by Mother Nature's Transpiring, Recyclable, Energy Efficient Stormwater System, or TREES for short. I got the original idea for this column from a phone call to my office from a woman who reported that a tree had fallen into the water along the edge of her property and was "creating a nuisance." She wanted to know what government agency she should call to have them come remove the tree

I told her that unless the tree was a safety hazard or a hazard to navigation, e.g., blocking a channel or access to her dock, the official recommendation from the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and Division of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (IFW) was to simply leave the tree in place to provide habitat for turtles, fish, and other aquatic organisms (see, e.g., <http://www.maine.gov/dep/blwq/docstream/team/riparian.htm>). She told me that was the problem- there were so many turtles and fish around the tree that nuisance fishermen were now spending too much time fishing in "her" part of the lake. I explained that under Maine State law governing

surface waters of great ponds (> 10 acres), the lakes belong to everyone and fishermen had every right to fish there although they should certainly display common courtesy and not intrude on anything on the shoreline.

Fisheries biologists and watershed managers refer to trees and large branches that fall into streams, rivers, and lakes as "large woody debris," or LWD for short. In small headwaters streams, this LWD provides important nutrients and habitat for aquatic insects that form the basis for the food chain in the stream. It also provides shelter for fish and helps form channels and pools that slow erosion and trap sediments, while helping to create turbulence that oxygenates the water. Many studies have directly correlated the amount of LWD with the number of fish in the stream. The more LWD, the more fish.

Along lakeshores, these downed trees act as critter magnets. Terrestrial insects such as ants and beetles will crawl out, often falling into the water and becoming fish food. Turtles will climb out of the lake and bask in the sun on the exposed branches. Fish such as bass and black crappie will take shelter in the shady structure provided by the submerged part of the tree and feast on the small minnows, crayfish, and other aquatic invertebrates that are attracted to the LWD. As the woman who called

me noted, LWD also attracts fishermen who understand the habitat value provided by this structure.

Less appreciated is the role that the downed trees play in protecting the shoreline by helping to dissipate wave (and even ice) action, just as a jetty helps protect the shore at the beach. Incoming waves will break over the tree and hit the shore with a lot less energy than along the unprotected shore. This is one reason you never see the BRCA youth Conservation Corps out rip-rapping natural shorelines.

Mother Nature considers LWD such an important component of her watershed design that she has a special corps of Busy, Eager, and Very Energetic Recyclers, or BEAVERS for short, who make it their life work to increase the amount of LWD in Maine streams, rivers, and lakes. Sometimes their actions are not fully appreciated, such as when they dam up culverts under roads or cut down trees you planted in the buffer in front of your camp, but they are very good at what they do. They create a lot of great fish habitat and create more wetlands every year than all the engineers and wetland scientists in the country combined. The bottom line? If a tree falls in the lake, unless it is a hazard, just leave it where it is and all the creatures in the lake will be much happier and the biological quality of the lake will be better in the long run.



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

Attention Contractors! Excavation contractors working in the shoreline zone after January 1, 2013 must have someone on-site who is DEP certified to supervise the work. Only about 740 individuals in the state are currently certified and there are about 900 construction companies. Maine DEP is coordinating another year of Erosion Control training for local contractors and

2013 Deadline for Contractor DEP Certification

would like to work with municipalities or Soil and Water Conservation Districts to do such training. DEP needs a minimum of 15 participants and a meeting room to hold a program. There is no charge except for the \$20 per person materials fee to be paid by registrants. 622-7847 ext. 3.



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- **Kennebec Historical Society**, 622-7718, www.kennebechistorical.org, W-F 10-2, 107 Winthrop Street.
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- **The Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons**, 495-3481, www.belgrademaine.com 1 Center Drive, off Route 27.
- **Union Church Coffee House**, 495-3599, last Saturday of month, 7:30 pm, \$5 donation, Main Street/Route 27.
- **Farmers' Market**, 465-7058, Sundays 8 am-1 pm, Thursdays 2-6 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.
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- **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.
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- **Oosoola Park**, picnic area, playground, boat launch, on Kennebec Rivers, Route 8.

OAKLAND

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

READFIELD

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

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- **Margaret Chase Smith Library**, residence and exhibits, 474-7133, www.mcslibrary.org, free, Monday-Friday 10 am-4 pm. 54 Norridgewock Avenue.
- **History House Museum**, 474-6632, www.skowhegan.com/historyhouse, Tuesday-Friday 1-5 pm,

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

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- **Aqua City Actor's Theatre (ACAT)**, 873-7000, www.acattheatre.org. Waterville Opera House Studio Theater, Main Street.
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- **Thomas College Art Gallery**, 180 West River Road.
- **Waterville Historical Society Redington Museum**, 872-9439, www.redingtonmuseum.org. Tuesday-Saturday; tours at 10, 11, 1 and 2, 62 Silver Street.
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- **Farmers' Market**, Thursday 2-6 pm, 680-2055, www.watervillefarmersmarket.org, The Concourse parking lot.

WAYNE

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

WILTON

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

WINTHROP

- **Norcross Park**, playground, picnic site, boat launch on Maranacook Lake, downtown.
- **Farmers' Market**, 215-7183, Tuesday and Saturday 9 am-1 pm, parking lot, downtown.

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- **Maine Congress of Lake Associations (COLA)**, P.O. Box 426, Belgrade, ME 04917. 1-877-254-2511, www.mainecola.org
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- **Androscoggin Lake Improvement Corporation**, P.O. Box 307, Wayne, ME 04284. www.androscogginlake.org
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Wednesday 8/4 through Saturday 8/7 – "Gypsy," musical, 474-7176, Lakewood Theater, Rt 201, Madison.

Thursday 8/5 - BUG ZOO! experience amazing live bugs and learn about insect families from nature educator Tony Sohns, sponsored by Friends of Hubbard Free Library, refreshments, 6:30 pm, Hubbard Free Library, 115 Second Street, Hallowell.

Friday 8/6 through Sunday 8/8 – Maine Fiber Arts Tour Weekend, over 50 fiber art studios and farms statewide will open their doors and offer special demonstrations, farm tours, hands-on workshops, children's crafts, and farm visits, displays of antique spinning wheels, handspun yarns, art quilts, collectible crafts, and freshly-shorn fleeces, part of the ongoing Maine Fiberarts Tour Map listing 134 sites to visit all year long, 10 am-5 pm, www.maineiberarts.org, 721-0678, tour sites statewide, headquarters 13 Main Street, Topsham.

Friday 8/6 through Sunday 8/8 - Historic Quilting Bee and Exhibit of Antique quilts, welcome to an historic quilting bee, tour of the Washburn Mansion and of antique quilts from the 19th century collection, help/observe hand piecing or stitching with the treadle machine, coaching and supplies will be provided, donations of cotton or wool fabrics gratefully accepted, bring a picnic lunch, \$5 benefits programs for Maine schoolchildren, 11 am-4 pm, stop in anytime, 897-4366, Washburn-Norlands Living History Center, 290 Norlands Road, Livermore.

Friday 8/6 and Saturday 8/7 - 28th Annual Wilton Blueberry Festival, sales, food, crafts, book sale, free giveaways, children's games and activities, expo, and much more, downtown Wilton.

Friday 8/6 - 26th Annual Lobster Bake, Skowhegan Rotary Club, single lobster, double lobster, hamburger or hot dog, tickets available from any Rotarian or at Skowhegan Area Chamber of Commerce or at event, 11 am-8

pm, located under the Tent behind the C of C office, downtown Skowhegan.

Friday 8/6 - 8th Annual Harvest Days Golf Tournament 2010, sponsored by Skowhegan Area Chamber of Commerce, men's, women's or mixed 18-hole scramble, many side games and prizes, players of all skills welcome, 12-12:45 pm registration, 1 pm shotgun start, 474-3621, Lakewood Golf Course, Madison.

Friday 8/6 - Evergreen Band, 2 pm and 7 pm, 946-5311, Araxine Wilkins Sawyer Memorial, 371 Sawyer Road, Greene.

Friday 8/6 – Commodore's Ball, Rome Yacht Club, 4-6 pm, Rome.

Friday 8/6 - Opening Reception for "Architect as Artist/ Artist as Architect," an exhibition featuring the work of those who practice both disciplines, free and open to the public, exhibit to run August 6-29, reception 5-8 pm, 622-3813, The Harlow Gallery, 160 Water Street, Hallowell.

Friday 8/6 - Farewell Concert, Atlantic Music Festival 2010, resident conductor David Rahbee, 7 pm, Lorimer Chapel, Colby College, Waterville.

Friday 8/6 - New England Music Camp Student Honor Recital, open to the public, free, everyone welcome, 7:30 pm, 465-3025, Alumni Hall, Rt 23, Sidney.

Friday 8/6 – "Comedy of Errors," William Shakespeare, 7:30 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater At Monmouth.

Saturday 8/7 and Sunday 8/8 - Mercer Old Home Days, kids' activities, vendors, crafters, yummy eats, "Lil' Miss Mercer Pageant," yard sale, lobster bake, street dance, and much more, 10 am-11 pm Saturday, 11 am 'til close Sunday, proceeds to benefit the Mercer Meeting House c. 1800, most events at the Mercer Community Center, 1015 Beech Hill Road, Mercer.

Saturday 8/7 - 2nd Annual 30 Mile River Paddle Trek, 12-mile portion from Minnehonk Lake in Mount Vernon, ending in Wayne, across from Tubby's, return shuttles provided,

rain date Saturday, 8/14, 7 am start, 897-1112, Minnehonk Beach, Route 41, Mount Vernon.

Saturday 8/7 - Norridgewock Family Fun-Fest and Fly-In, aviation events, family fun events, business expo, pancake breakfast (7 am Saturday and Sunday), spaghetti supper, admission and parking free, refreshments available, 8 am-7 pm, rain date Sunday, 8/8, Central Maine Regional Airport, Norridgewock.

Saturday 8/7 - Antique Car and Tractor Show, to benefit the Sidney Historical Society, lunch available, 8 am-2 pm, 557-2733, Silver Spur Riding Club, 3130 West River Road, Sidney.

Saturday 8/7 – Public Breakfast, pancakes, fresh fruit, cereal, baked goods, juice, coffee, tea, 8-9:30 am, \$7.00 adults, \$3.00 children under 10, Union Church, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes.

Saturday 8/7 - Wayne Farmers' Market, children's day with activities, spinning wool, more, 8:30-11 am, the Green next to the Post Office, Main Street, Wayne

Saturday 8/7 - Application Deadline for the "Make A Movie Weekend" on August 20-22, all that's needed is a videocamera, a computer, and ambition, teams of one to four will make a four to six minute video, kickoff event August 20, wrap August 22, awards August 28, application form available on www.northwayneschoolhouse.blogspot.com, 462-0613, Schoolhouse, North Wayne.

Saturday 8/7 – Rome Yacht Club Race, 10 am, victory cookout 12 noon, North Bay, Great Pond, Rome.

Saturday 8/7 - "Old Time Toys," Children's Workshop, 10 am, \$1, 238-4250, L.C. Bates Museum, Rt 201, Hinckley.

Saturday 8/7 - Explore Swan Island, 10 am-12 noon, \$8, 737-2239, Friends of Merrymeeting Bay, Bowdoinham.

Saturday 8/7 – "Night at the Wax Museum," Lakewood Theater Young Performers Camp production, performed by ages 10 and up, 10

am and 1 pm, 474-7176, Lakewood Theater, Route 201, Madison.

Saturday 8/7 - Public Chicken Barbecue, homemade potato salad, rolls, dessert bars, drink, sponsored by Star in the West Lodge 85 & Josiah H. Drummond Chapter OES 91, 11:30 am until gone, \$8 per person, 948-2455, Unity Masonic Hall, Bangor Road, Unity.

Saturday 8/7 - Mile of Art, sponsored by the University of Maine at Augusta and Community Members, exhibitors and performing artists on UMA's Nature and Fitness Path, 12-5 pm, 685-9331, south of Augusta Civic Center, off Route 27, Augusta.

Saturday 8/7 – "Comedy of Errors," by William Shakespeare, 2 pm, call for details 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater At Monmouth.

Saturday 8/7 - "The Jungle Book," production by local youth who attended Missoula Theater Camp, 3 pm, \$7 adults, \$5 youth and seniors, 873-7000, Waterville Opera House, 93 Main Street, Waterville.

Saturday 8/7 - Go Go Gardiner Car Show, all classic and speciality cars welcome, People's Choice will be held during the show, registration starts at 4:30 pm at Johnson Hall Mini Park, show 5:30-8 pm, no fee, donations will be accepted for the Gardiner Main Street Program, Sock Hop to be led by R&B Dance Studio, rain date Sunday 8/8, 582-3100, Water Street, Gardiner.

Saturday 8/7 - Bean Hole Bean Supper, to benefit Belgrade Fire and Rescue, 5 pm, Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes.

Saturday 8/7 - Loon Calling Contest, all ages welcome, registration 6:45 pm, contest 7 pm, Rome side of Belgrade Lakes bridge, downtown Belgrade Lakes.

Saturday 8/7 – New England Music Camp's Annual Pops concert, featuring Symphony Orchestra, Chorale, and Symphonic Band, rain or shine, social time 7-7:30 pm, preferred seating \$20 per person, Tickets at NEMC 465-3025,

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Saturday 8/7 – "Is He Dead," by Mark Twain, 7:30 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater At Monmouth.

Saturday 8/7 - Fireworks on Great Pond, dusk, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes.

Sunday 8/8 through Saturday 8/14 - Topsham Fair, agricultural exhibits, animal pull events, 4-H, crafts, midway, harness racing, www.topshamfair.net, Topsham.

Sunday 8/8 - Pine Tree Camp Reunion: Celebrating 65 Years, for former campers and staff, 11 am-3 pm, 443-3341, Pine Tree Camp, North Pond Road, Rome.

Sunday 8/8 - "The Canterville Ghost," children's play (for adults, too), 2 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater At Monmouth.

Sunday 8/8 - New England Music Camp Student Concert, "Bowl in the Pines," featuring Symphony Orchestra, Symphonic Band, Chorale, rain or shine, free, everyone welcome, 3 pm, 465-3025, Rt 23, Sidney.

Sunday 8/8 – Bob Lovelace, guitar soloist specializing in soft easy-listening music, 5 pm, donations accepted toward The Main Street

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Sunday 8/8 – "Is He Dead?" by Mark Twain, 7:30 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater At Monmouth.

Monday 8/9 - "Old Crow Band," 7 pm, bandstand, Meetinghouse Square, Main Street, Farmington.

Tuesday 8/10 - "The Canterville Ghost," children's play, 2 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater At Monmouth.

Tuesday 8/10 – **Rock On The River, 7-8:30 pm**, Boardwalk on the Kennebec River, north end, Water St, Hallowell.

Tuesday 8/10 - "The Comedy of Errors," by William Shakespeare, pre or post performance discussion, call for details, 7:30, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater At Monmouth.

Wednesday 8/11 – Lisa Redfern, Lively Lunches at Johnson Hall Mini-Park, singer/songwriter from Maine/California, great vocals, noon-1 pm, free, bring lunch from a local restaurant, snacks and drinks for sale at event, rain place inside Johnson Hall, 582-7144, Johnson Hall, Water Street, Gardiner.

Wednesday 8/11 – "Comedy of Errors," by

William Shakespeare, 2 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater At Monmouth.

Wednesday 8/11 – Turkey Supper, with all the fixings and homemade pies, 5:30-7 pm, adults \$8, children under 12 \$3, Oakland-Sidney United Methodist Church, School Street, Oakland.

Wednesday 8/11 – Wednesday Night at the Museum - Family Program, "Bats and other Evening Critters," 6:30 pm, 238-4250, L.C. Bates Museum, Route 201, Hinckley.

Wednesday 8/11 – "Pericles, Prince of Tyre," by William Shakespeare, 7:30 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater At Monmouth.

Thursday 8/12 through Saturday 8/21 - Skowhegan State Fair, large agricultural fair, huge midway, ten days of competitions, food, flower show, harness racing, exhibits, demonstrations, livestock shows, nightly entertainment, and much more, www.skowheganstatefair.com, Fairgrounds, Rt 201, Skowhegan.

Thursday 8/12 - The Magic of Conjuring Carol, free and open to the public, celebrates summer reading success, bring a lunch and picnic lake-side after the magic show, 10:30 am, 495-3508, Belgrade Public Library, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes.

Thursday 8/12 - Family Program - Be a Printer: Set Type and Print, 1 pm, 238-4250, L.C. Bates Museum, Route 201, Hinckley.

Thursday 8/12 – Annual Children's Day Program, puppeteer program, 2 pm, free, all children should be accompanied by an adult, 946-5311, Araxine Wilkins Sawyer Memorial,

371 Sawyer Road, Greene.

Thursday 8/12 - "The Canterville Ghost," children's play, 2 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater At Monmouth.

Thursday 8/12 - Puppet Show, sponsored by the Friends of Hubbard Free Library, Pat Stockford and her family-oriented puppet show offer smiles and life lessons to an audience of all ages, her stories teach compassion, respect, and acceptance of multi-cultural differences, show starts right after Children's Story Time at 2:30 pm, refreshments will follow the program, 622-6582, Hubbard Free Library, 115 Second Street, Hallowell.

Thursday 8/12 - "The Lakes of Maine, and Their Place in the Geological History of North America," by Robert Thorson, sponsored by the Vaughn Homestead Foundation and The Kennebec Land Trust, 7-8:30 pm, 933-2220, The Ladd Center, Gott Road, Wayne.

Thursday 8/12 - Gallery Talk, "Architect as Artist/Artist as Architect," open to the public, \$3 donation optional, 7-8:30 pm, 622-3813, The Harlow Gallery, 160 Water Street, Hallowell.

Thursday 8/12 – "Misalliance," by George Bernard Shaw, 7:30 pm, pre or post performance discussion, call for details, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater At Monmouth.

Thursday 8/12 through Sunday 8/15 – "Looking," (for love), 474-7176, Lakewood Theater, Route 201, Madison.

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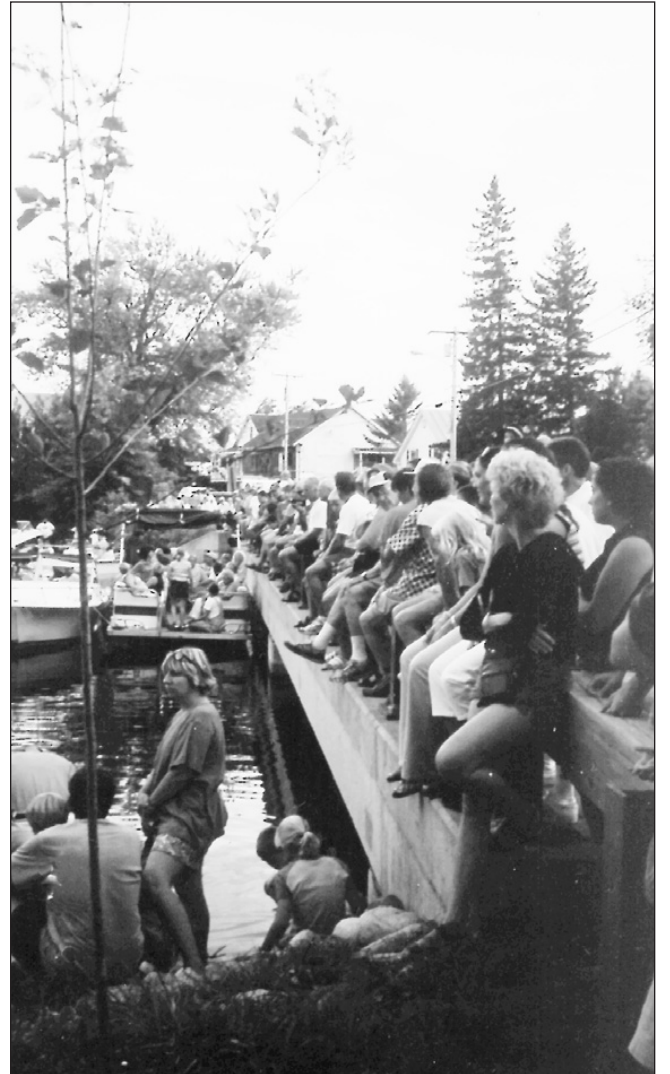
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and salute the August days of summer.

The outing offers a great opportunity to stroll the Belgrade Lakes sidewalks, visit the shops, and view the plans for the new Lakes Resource Center soon to be constructed in the Village. Come early and enjoy the lake views surrounding the downtown area, bring children - there's room to romp at the Center, and don't be deterred if it rains - the loons aren't. For questions about the Loon Calling Contest call 495-3312.



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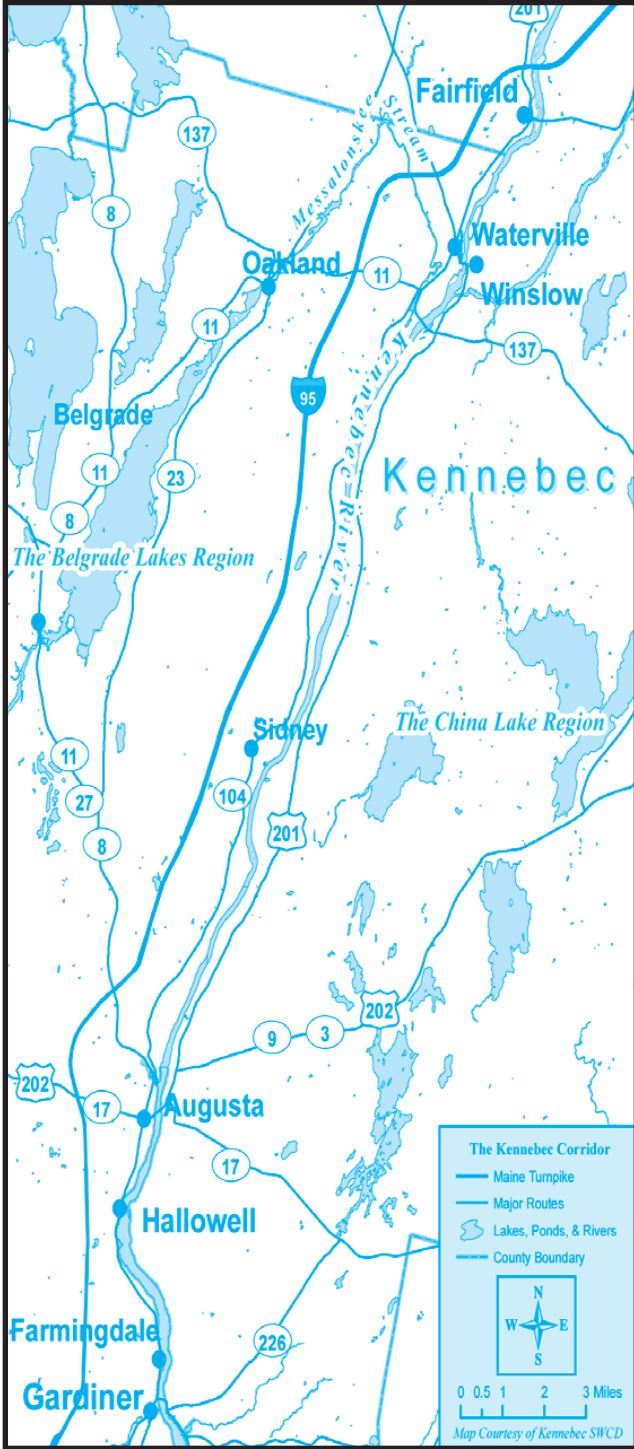
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Family Fun Events include a climbing wall, face painting, and mini golf - all free, antique cars and tractors, airplane rides, a candy drop, music, and a Masonic Child ID program.

Area businesses will have a Business Expo at the event, there will be a raffle for 50 lb. of lobster, The Maine Blood Center will be available for donations, and there will be a spaghetti supper on Saturday from 5-7 pm, rain or shine, and a pancake breakfast both Saturday and Sunday 7-10:30 am. The rain date for the Fun-Fest and Fly-In will be Sunday, August 8.

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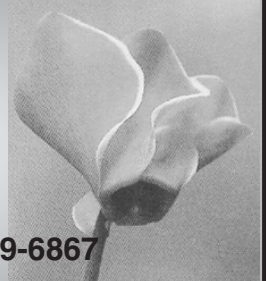
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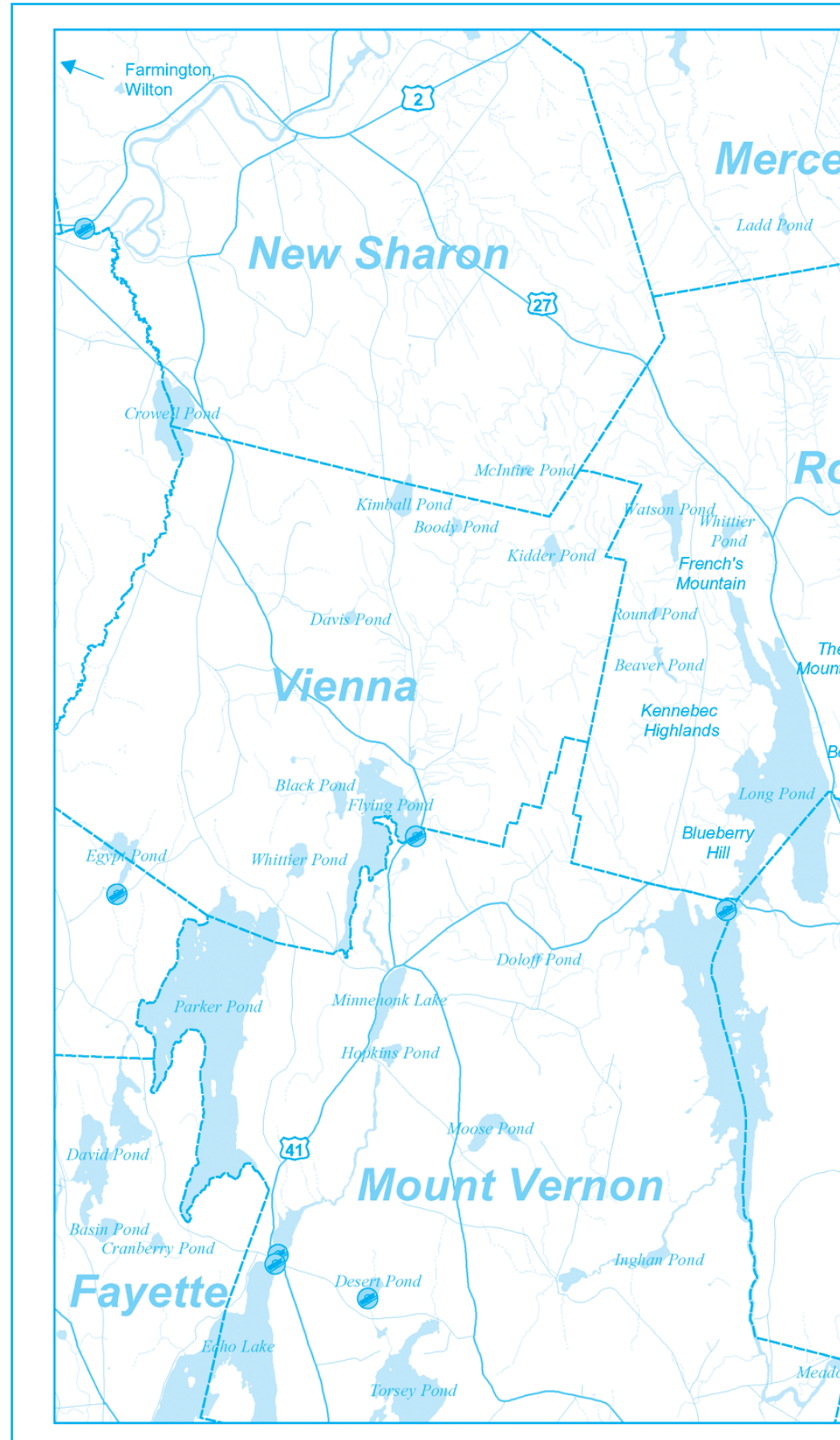
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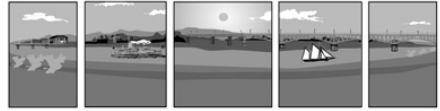
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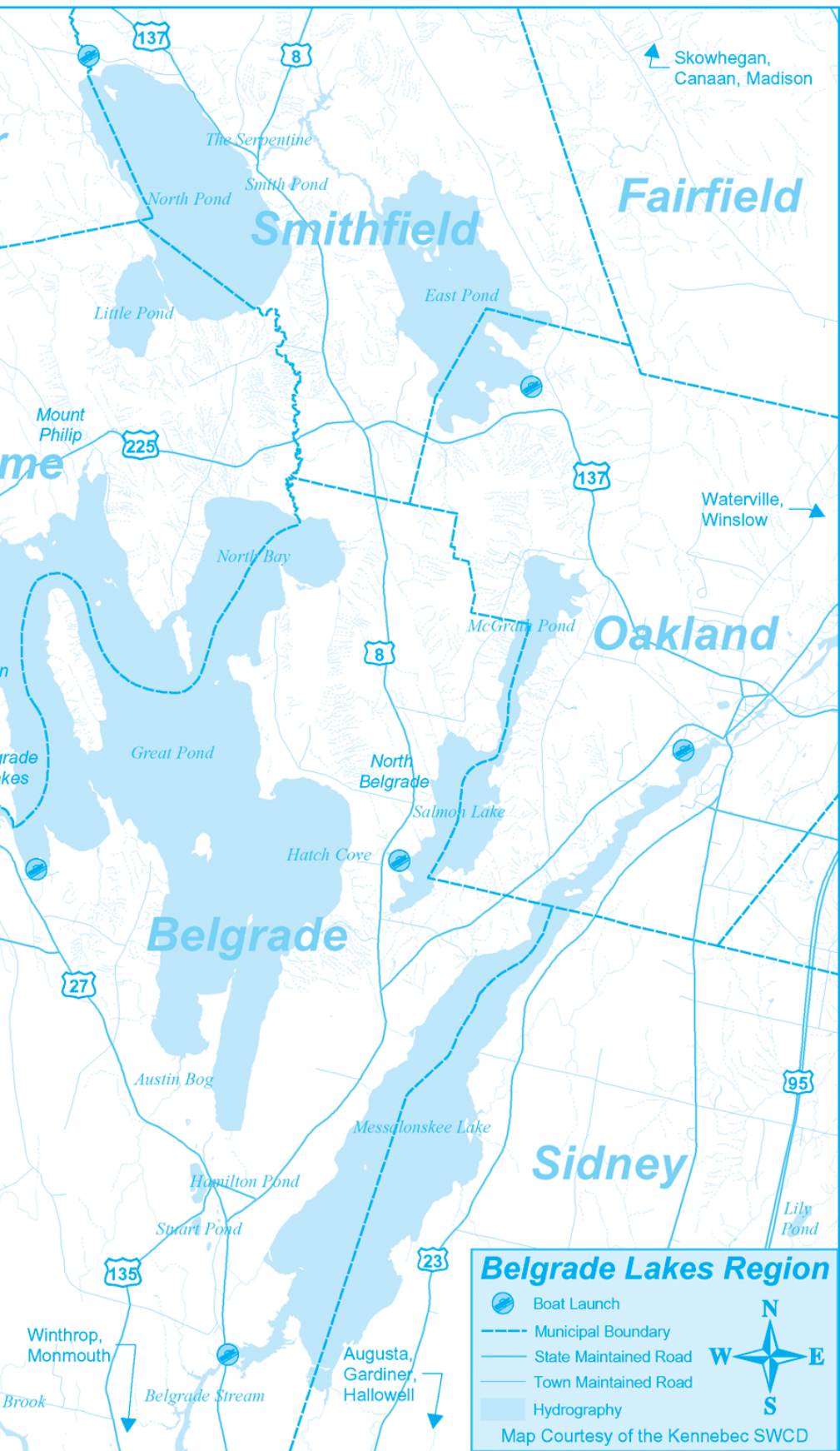
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Robert Thorson, a professor of geology at the University of Connecticut and an environmental columnist for the "Hartford Courant," is the author of "Beyond Walden: The Hidden History of America's Kettle Lakes and Ponds," "Stone by Stone," and "Exploring Stone Walls."

The formation of kettle ponds dates to 15,000 years ago when the Laurentide ice sheet began receding, leaving a string of "kettle" lakes and ponds from Cape Cod to the High Plains. Unlike the Great Lakes, classic kettles have no inlet or outlet but are natural wells fed by groundwater filtered by silica-rich, grit-free sand. Thousands of them dot the landscape, representing valuable ecological and spiritual oases, each unique in their own way.

Walden Pond, that icon of transcendentalism and environmentalism, was one such pond. Fictitious Lake Wobegon was another, exemplifying the mythic lake culture created by kettles in the last century.

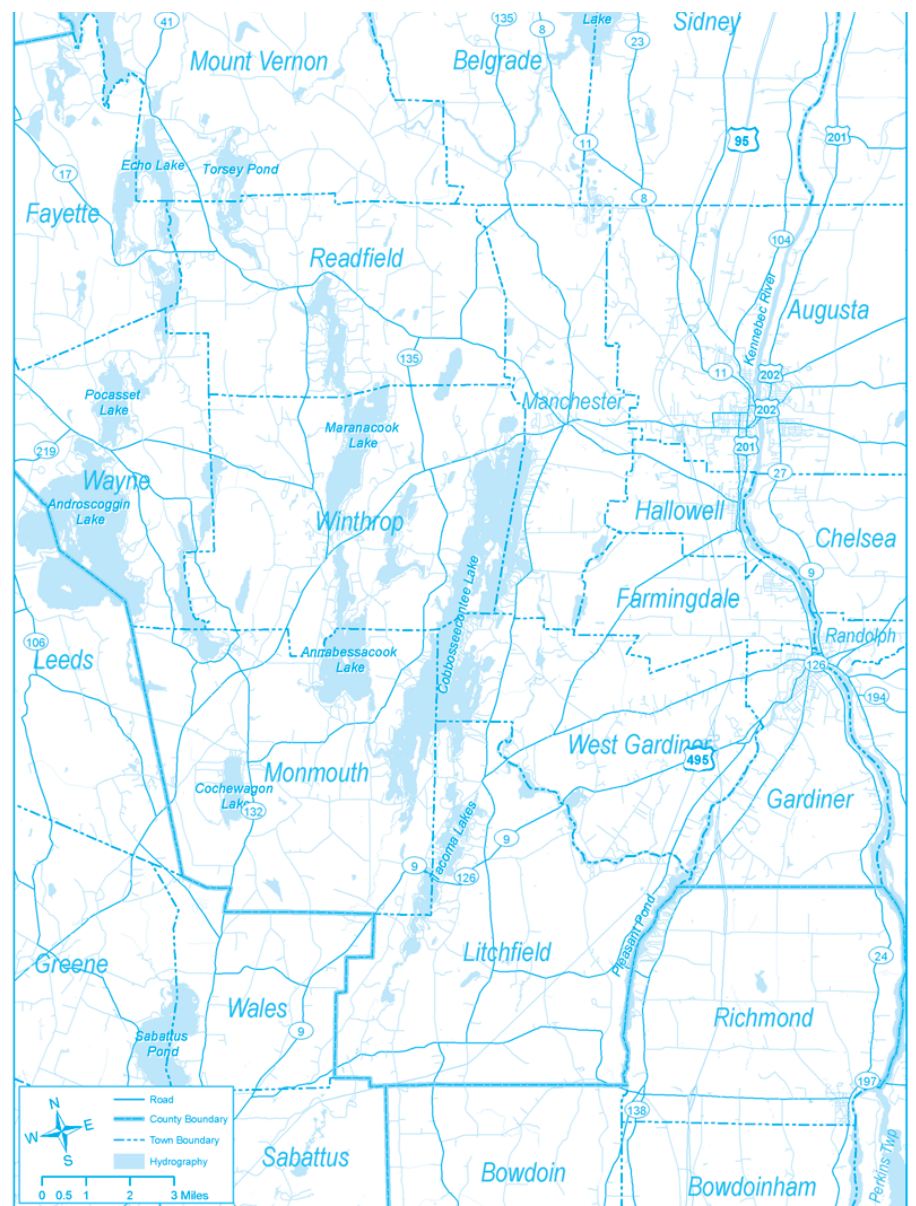
Professor Thorson visits many such spots to explain how we cannot take them for granted. They are fragile ecosystems that are in constant tension with human overdevelopment. In essence "fossil icebergs" (the melted remnants of ice blocks), they are also repositories of ancient flora and fauna beneath the surface.

Kettles reveal an enormous amount about who we are and where we came from. Preserving them has never been more important.

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VM infestation near dam, above water view.



VM infestation near dam, looking into water.

Earlier this summer, Ryan Burton of the Cobbossee Watershed District discovered a suspicious plant sample around a dam (Dam 2) on Purgatory Stream in Litchfield, just below the Woodbury Pond dam (Dam 1), which is the main outlet for the Tacoma Lakes chain. On June 23, Karen Hahnel of the Maine DEP confirmed the worst fears – the plant sample was indeed non-native variable milfoil (VM).

On July 12, Ryan, Karen and Bob Moore of the Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed began surveying from the Dam 2 area and continued upstream (towards Dam 1) until they could proceed no further due to the narrowing/depth of the stream. Though the physical characteristics of the stream made it unlikely that a fragment had come from further upstream, the close proximity to both Woodbury Pond and Cobbossee Lake made it particularly concerning and a full survey of the stream and the area around the Woodbury Dam (which adjoins a public boat launch) was scheduled.

On July 21, Tacoma Lakes Improvement Society (TLIS) members Diane Clay, Susie Wilding-Hartford and Sadie Hartford surveyed Woodbury

Pond between Dam 1 and the public boat launch and discovered no VM present. The area has been surveyed annually for several years by a combination of the TLIS and the Friends Youth Plant Patrol (YPP).

That same day, Friends AmeriCorps intern Whitney Grass and staff member Cameron Dufour surveyed the entire stream area from Dam 1 to the area where the infestation was discovered. After 2+ hours navigating the “stream” – ranging from a trickle in places to depths of 15’ – no additional VM was found. Said Whitney, “Due to the terrain, this area probably hasn’t seen a human being in decades, which also makes it highly unlikely that the infestation near Dam 2 resulted from a fragment coming from further upstream.”

The cause? The infested area is not subject to boat traffic – could it be waterfowl, animal or an angler? Without knowing for sure, this discovery is another grim reminder as to how vulnerable our waters are. Signage has been placed at the site and a control plan is being discussed. Purgatory Stream flows in Cobbossee Stream, which does have a VM infestation.



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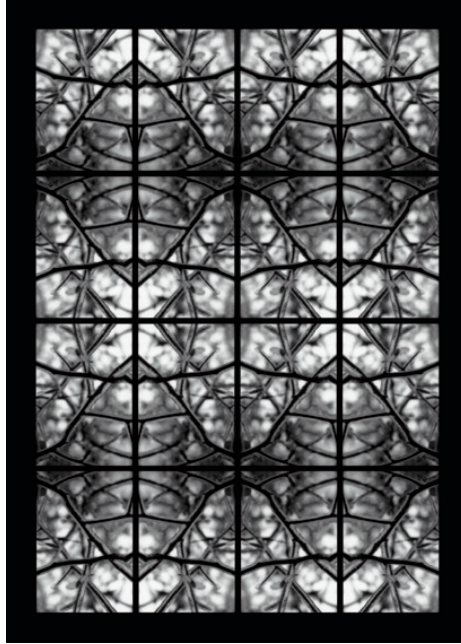
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On Wednesday, August 11 singer/songwriter Lisa Redfern will be the featured entertainer at Gardiner's "Great Entertainment in the Great Outdoors" - Lively Lunches at Johnson Hall Mini-Park. Lisa grew up in Maine in a musical family, lived in California since 1996, and is recently back in Maine. She will perform from 12-1 pm. Bring a lunch and enjoy. In case of rain the concert will be inside Johnson Hall. 582-7144.

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Architect as Artist/ Artist as Architect, featuring the work of those who practice both disciplines, will be on view August 6-29 at The Harlow Gallery, 160 Water Street, Hallowell. The public is invited to meet the artist at the show's opening on Friday, August 6, 5-8 pm. The event is free and open to all; refreshments will be served. 622-3813.

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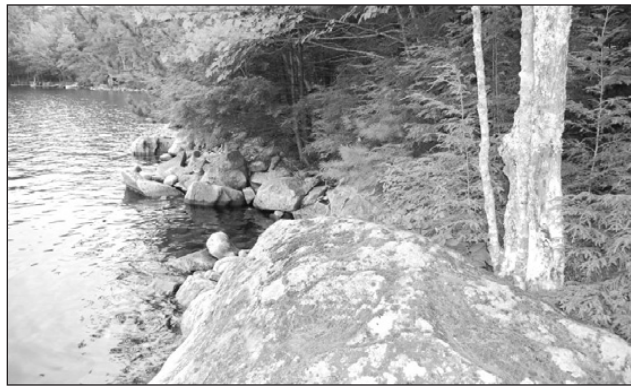
A few weeks back I told you a bit about the “LakeSmart” program. It is a voluntary program where shoreline landowners on some lakes have their property evaluated to review its impact on the lake water quality. The intent is to identify properties on the shorefront that exhibit “gold standard” practices to control erosion and phosphorus runoff. It is a demanding evaluation that sets a very high standard. Everyone who has a “LakeSmart” review, learns about what they can do to minimize their impact on their lake or pond. It’s all about cleaner more healthy water conditions.

Landowners who meet the “LakeSmart” standard receive a “LakeSmart Award” sign which they can place on their property. People cruising by in their boat can see which properties meet those standards. It is hoped that these examples will be copied by others around the shoreline with the goal of improving water quality.

So... last week I did a review on Long Pond. The property and the owners exhibited many of the standards used by “LakeSmart”. After spending some time with the couple and their grand daughters discussing how they used their property and had cared

LakeSide Story - A Buffer Drama

by Dale Finseth



for it over the years, I then spent time wandering around the property, clipboard in hand. I saw how those people’s philosophy of land use, played out on the property itself. This was a case where they lived very gently upon their property. Over four decades of ownership it was rare that any trees had been cut. They had come to the conclusion that there was no need for any lawn. The path to the water was merely a line through the leaves where the wild blueberries didn’t grow quite so thickly. The trees were thick enough that we had difficulty identifying a place to hang the “LakeSmart Award” sign so that it could be viewed from the water.

On the drive back to the office I realized that the most important reason why this property met the “LakeSmart” standards had very little to do with how they managed their duff layer or selectively pruned branches to maximize the thickness of the tree canopy. The reason this property exemplified the “LakeSmart” standard was because the couple believed they were simply visitors and observers on the natural landscape of Long Pond. My compliments to David and Ruth Harris and the fine example they set.

I should also note that their grand daughters seemed to be learning a similar perspective. Upon finding a slug outside in the damp moss, it was collected in a container for observation until being released later. For those brief moments held for observation it was named “Apricots”. Or at least I thought that was the name written on the outside of the container....

Remember... It’s all about protecting water quality.

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— Upcoming —

- The Robert Cray Band will perform their mix of rock, soul, blues, jazz, gospel at the Waterville Opera House on Sunday, August 15 at 8 pm. 873-7000.
- Lively Lunches at Johnson Hall Mini-Park on Wednesday, August 18 will present Brent McCoy, world-class theater performer and comedian. He has traveled all over the world performing comedy, circus and physical theater. 12 noon to 1 pm, Water Street, Hallowell. 582-7144.

- The 1st Annual Barrels Community Dinner by the River will be held on Friday, August 20, 5:30-8 pm at the Head of Falls, downtown Waterville. Elegant riverside dinner; tickets \$50 per person at Barrels and Waterville Main Street.
- The Winthrop Sidewalk Art Show will be held on Saturday, August 21, rain or shine, with artists, food, sales, a farmers’ market all in downtown Winthrop. 458-4112.
- The internationally acclaimed band, Po’Girl, will perform at the Androscoggin Yacht Club in Wayne on Saturday, August 21 at 8 pm to benefit the Cary Memorial Library. Tickets are \$12 at the Library, by email at lsidelinger@hotmail.com, or 685-3855.
- On Sunday, August 22 at 4 pm the well-known

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- The September Exhibit of the Kennebec Historical Society “Back to School” will open Wednesday, September 1 through Monday, November 1. KHS Headquarters is 107 Winthrop Street, Augusta. Call for hours 622-7718.
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Among the Lakes Bed & Breakfast, Route 8, North Belgrade, 465-4900. www.amongthelakes.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

RESERVATIONS SERVICES

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

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

— Town by Town —

Belgrade

- As a company-wide effort to fight hunger in Belgrade, the Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons is participating in the Pantry Project - an effort by United Way to collect food for distribution to area food pantries to help feed the hungry. 10% of people in Maine do not have enough food in their houses to create a meal. Please bring in canned or boxed food to the Pantry Project shelves in the main entrance to the Center. 495-3481.

Gardiner

- Enjoy art, refreshments, business open houses and historic downtown Gardiner on Friday, August 13, 5:30-8:30 pm during Artwalk Gardiner. Established to promote Kennebec Valley artists, the Artwalk is a collaboration among local merchants, Gardiner Main Street, and area artists and may include music and other live entertainment, wine tastings, and special sales. Maps of the Artwalk showing artist studio-sites and participating merchants in the roughly two-block area in the Historic District of downtown will be available in local shops about a week before. 582-6600.

Farmington

- A great gift for people who hike, fish, hunt, camp, or are hard to buy for...over 350 different topographical maps are in stock at the Franklin County Soil and Water Conservation Department. They are currently on sale for \$5 plus tax (regular price \$8). For a complete listing of maps, visit www.franklinswcd.org/index6.html or stop by the office at 107 Park Street for a list of maps on sale. 778-4279.

Greene

- Free entertainment in an historic hall - the Araxine Wilkins Sawyer Memorial program through the remainder of summer and into fall includes: August 6 -

Evergreen Band; August 12 - Children's Day puppeteer program; August 20 - Maine-ly Harmony, Ladies Barbershop Chorus; September 10 - Alaska travelogue presented by John Holod; September 24 - Denny Breau. All Friday programs are at 2 and 7 pm. Children's Day is Thursday at 2 pm only. 946-5311.

Livermore

- Experience life in the 1800s with a Living History Tour at the 445-acre Washburn-Norlands museum, Tuesdays and Thursdays through September 2, between 11 am and 4 pm. Visitors participate in historical activities with museum interpreters in the one-room schoolhouse, farm kitchen and the Washburn mansion. Activities include spinning wool, artifact game, or seasonal cooking and chores. Bring a picnic lunch. \$10 for adults, \$6 children under 12, \$25 for families. Proceeds benefit Norlands educational programs for Maine schoolchildren. 897-4366.

Rome

- The Mt. Philip Grange will hold its monthly bean supper on Saturday, August 14. This supper is one week earlier than the regular schedule and is on the 2nd Saturday, not the 3rd. Proceeds will be used to donate school supplies to Messalonskee Middle School and Messalonskee High School. Tickets are \$7, under 5 free, family of 4 or more \$20. All you can eat.

Waterville

- Colby College has announced an expansion of its Environmental Studies Program with new endowed funds for teaching sustainable energy and energy policy and marine conservation through gifts from two alumni. These endowments ensure that Colby's environmental studies program, which celebrates its 30th anniversary next year, will remain among the very best of its kind among all liberal arts colleges. Founded in 1813, Colby College is the 12th-oldest independent liberal arts college in the nation. www.colby.edu

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• **Riverfront Barbeque & Grille**, 300 Water St., Augusta. 622-8899, www.riverfrontbbq.com

Belgrade

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

Oakland

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

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

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

Waterville

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

Winslow

- **Courtney's Hotdogs**.
- **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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The Small Garden Guide

It's Time For Flower Bulbs

This is the time of year to order flower bulbs. The Kennebec/Somerset County Soil & Water Conservation District is selling fall bulbs which must be ordered by Thursday, August 26. Orders before August 13 are appreciated since they help toward the "bulk order" benefit. Pickup will be after October 13 in locations in Skowhegan and Augusta.

The sale includes daylilies, iris, peonies, garlic, crocus, hyacinth and a variety of mix packages. Storyland Garden, for example is 45 bulbs for \$23 and is a mix of crocus, narcissus and tulips with names like "Goldilocks," Mickey Mouse," and "Pinocchio." It's a great project for kids.

Children's Art Contest!



Another great project for kids is the "Gardens Grow Kids" Children's Art Contest presented by the Maine School Garden Network. This first-ever contest is for Maine youth entering

grades 4 to 6. The Network hopes to reach kids through school gardens, community gardens, summer camps, and other programs with youth gardening projects.

Ideas might include what is a favorite part of gardening, what has been learned through gardening, a favorite project or plant, and how has gardening helped the student to grow.

Submissions must be postmarked by Saturday, August 14. Send artwork to MSGN Art Contest, _ Kate Goldberg, Healthy Oxford Hills, 181 Main Street, Norway, ME 04268.



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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 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)

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

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

Custom Homecare, Belgrade. Tim Beckner, 465-7351

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@samariconsulting.com, www.samariconsulting.com

DINING

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DOCKS

G&L Contracting, Belgrade. 215-7951, agardner81@yahoo.com
Hammond Lumber Company, Auburn, Bangor, Belgrade,

Brunswick, Fairfield, Farmington, Greenville, Portland and Skowhegan. 866-HAMMOND. www.hammondlumber.com
Power Equipment Plus, 2309 Belgrade Road, Route 27, Sidney. 547-4114. pep@pivot.net

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

ELDER CARE

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

EXCAVATING

Belgrade Boat Rentals and Storage. Route 27, Belgrade. 495-3415. boatstorage@roadrunner.com
David Stevens. P.O. Box 146, Belgrade. 465-3815. cell 314-0314.

EYE CARE

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

FARMSTAND

Riverside Farm Market & Cafe, 291 Fairfield Street, Oakland. 465-4439, www.riversidefarmmarket.com
Winterberry Farm, Route 27, Belgrade. 495-2593, www.winterberryfarmstand.com

FINANCIAL PLANNING

Edward Jones, 54 Main Street, Oakland. 465-7179
Golden Pond Wealth Management, 129 Silver Street, Waterville. 873-2200, www.goldenpondwealth.com

FLOORING

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

FLOWERS AND PLANTS

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



FURNITURE

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

GALLERIES

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

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

GIFTS

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

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

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

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

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

GOLF

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

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

GRANITE

Have Granite Will Travel. 42 South Mitchell Rd, Troy. 948-5952, www.mainegraniteking.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

HAIR CARE

Hair Reflections, 849 Kennedy Memorial Drive, Oakland. 465-3323

HEALTH CENTER

Belgrade Regional Health Center, 4 Clements Way, Belgrade Lakes. 495-3323, www.healthreachhc.org/Belgrade/

HOME FURNISHINGS

Blind Time, 24 Meadow Hill Drive, Farmingdale. 621-9832 www.blindtimes.com

Floorz 2 Ceilingz, 171 Main Street, Belgrade Lakes, 314-0990, www.juliesrugs.com

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.belgradelakesassociation.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, lakesidelandscape1@yahoo.com

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

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

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

LAWN AND GARDEN EQUIPMENT

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

MEATS

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

MOVIE THEATERS

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

PHARMACY

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

Non-Lead Fishing Tournament

The Somerset BassMasters and the Somerset County Soil and Water Conservation District will be hosting the second annual Non-lead fishing tournament on the Kennebec River in Skowhegan on August 8. The SCSWCD will be holding a tackle exchange at the tournament, and all participants will have the opportunity to swap their old lead fishing tackle for a variety of non-lead alternatives made of tungsten, tin/bismuth, steel, biodegradable composites and more. Funding for the tackle exchange is provided through a Maine Outdoor Heritage fund grant.

Children are encouraged to enter the tournament in their own category to compete for prizes for the biggest fish. New this year, there will be a children's casting competition held mid-day where children 7 to 14 will have the opportunity to win a new rod and reel.

Registration time is 7 am; weigh in 4 pm; Kids Casting Competition 1-3:30 pm. For the kids prize category there is no entrance fee; the amateur entry fee is \$10 "one fish" prize; pro entry fee is \$110.00. For more information contact: sgt-trask@yahoo.com or 474-8324 x 102.



Dick and Jean Dempster are back in town for the summer and are enjoying blueberry pies and the farmers market, not to mention the fishing. Dick caught this smallmouth on his favorite wacky worm last week on Great Pond. Decent sized smallmouth are being caught throughout the Belgrades on jigs and Senkos.

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Summer Pike Trolling and Wacky Smallmouth Bass

by Mike Guarino



Bob Richter of Belgrade Four-Season Cottages caught this nice summer pike last week. Nice fish Bob!

How hard is it to catch a big northern pike during the heat of the summer? Ask some local pike fishermen and they'll just grunt and shrug, maybe even roll their eyes at you. These are the guys you want to follow around, because most of the time they know exactly how to do it! When you get an honest, eye to eye reply that sounds something like, "oh, you can't catch big pike in the summer" or "didn't you know their teeth fall out this time of year?" – those folks are the ones you want to steer clear of. You have to understand, catching big summer pike is tricky and takes a lot of time and patience, but the rewards are totally worth the effort. Take a look at the photo of Bob Richter, who owns Belgrade 4-Season Cottages on Great Pond. Bob probably doesn't even know I'm putting this picture in the paper (which makes this article sneaky, devious and a lot of fun to write!). Bob is a quiet, reserved man who works hard taking care of his cottages along with his wife Laura, who I'm sure you've met at some point around town. She's what you'd call gregarious, one of those extraverted people that leave you standing there smiling from ear to ear even if you don't know why. But Bob is a fisherman, and along with his son Bob Jr. can really put some summer fish in the boat. As a matter of fact, the younger Bob just completed his Maine Guide fishing test and

is now a Registered Maine Guide! Way to go Bobby – I'm sure you are going to carry on the storied tradition of Belgrade Lakes guides for many years to come!

So how are people like the Richter boys catching big pike this time of year. The answer is two-fold and quite simple: spend a lot of time on the water to learn the lake and troll the deep side of ledges and points. Northern Pike can show up anywhere, we all know that to be true. But the majority of big summer pike spend quality time hanging in deeper water ranging from 15 – 30 feet and the islands dotting Great Pond are a perfect place to find these big critters. Trolling from 2.2 – 3 m.p.h with stick baits like the Original Floating Rapala in copper/black or silver/black or the Max Rap in flake purple ghost or flake silver are great choices when targeting pike. Both of these baits run true at higher speeds and both come in pike sizes ranging from 4 - 7 inches long. Trolling these baits off downriggers or with lead core line will keep the baits in the strike zone for long periods of time. If you'd rather troll spoons, then my personal favorites are the Williams Lure Companies Warblers. These spoons are wicked and have been working really well this summer. Personally I like the half & half mirror and the electric blue. You need to run them with a ball bearing snap swivel though because they really flutter and roll up your line. If you desire to cast, fishing at low light conditions is desirable, especially at dusk. The bite just seems to be better late in the evening. Casting large Bomber or Smithwick lures near deep water reed beds is a good idea and if it's windy, don't forget to bring some 1 oz+ sized spinner baits and some big in-line spinners like the Mepps musky killer. Orange and Black has been a good color lately! Good luck.

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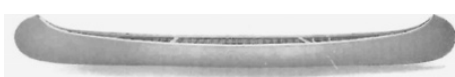


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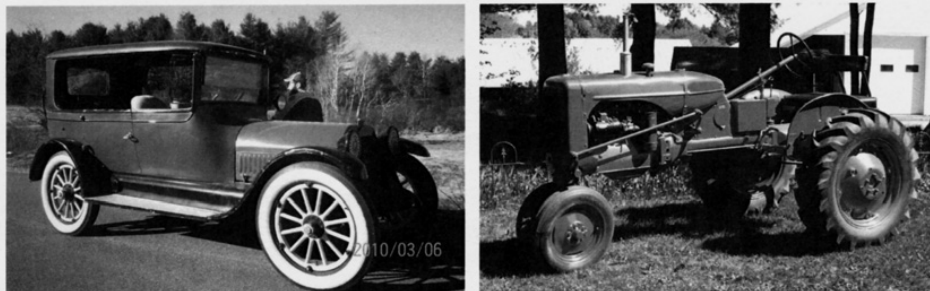
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