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## The Mystique of the Kennebec The Magic of Whatever

by Esther J. Perne



The water flows, the tide turns, the rhythm of the Kennebec River is the background to whatever diverse outlets, interests, employments the region pursues. It also is the background to Whatever Family Festival that begins June 15

and flows forward through an amazing array of events to July 4.

Now in its 34th year the Whatever Family Festival has expanded from a celebration of the clean-up of the Kennebec River to many celebra-

tions not just of the river but of art, health, history, and especially children. It has expanded from one week to two, from one primary event to dozens, from one town to four... and now those towns are

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expanding their Whatever schedules.

Whereas the major Whatever celebration was initially on the river itself with a unique flotilla of anything that would float attracting dozens of participants and hundreds of spectators, now the celebrations are on land, in the towns and parks and riverfront picnic areas.

The major celebration days in 2011 are: the Greater Gardiner River Festival, June 18; Kids Day in Capitol Park in Augusta, June 25; Hallowell Riverfront Celebration, June 26, and the 4th of July Capital City Riverfront Fourth in Augusta, as well as the 9th Annual Friends on the 4th 5K in Winthrop.

The back-up activities throughout the rest of the Whatever weeks are numerous and varied, including music, art, seaplane rides, an Intertribal Pow Wow, fireworks, a carnival in Gardiner for four days, guided tours of the Arboretum, daily demonstrations at Old Fort Western, a Trail-O-Thon, bake sales, yard sales, library events, and the Black Fly Follies at the Theater At Monmouth. Complete and detailed schedules have been distributed to many local businesses and gathering locations and are available on the Internet at [www.AugustaMaine.com](http://www.AugustaMaine.com).

One of the most important functions of the Whatever Family Festival is that it makes participants aware of the return options in the greater Augusta area, such as the Capitol Complex with its historic State House and Governor's Mansion, the Blaine House, which are both open to visitors, the Maine State Museum, the Kennebec River Rail Trail



- a scenic six and a half miles from Augusta to Gardiner, the beautiful parks in all three towns, the weekly waterfront concerts in Hallowell and Augusta, and the historic downtowns where shops and boutiques, restaurants and picnic areas, museum in the street signs and architectural sites await.

But back to Whatever! Kids Day in Capitol Park, 11 am-3 pm on Saturday, June 25 is Whatever's sig-

nature day with more than 80 free events and activities, a large variety of mascots and character figures, three stages with nonstop entertainment which include the Capital Stage, a Dance Stage and a Kids Stage and a major Touch A Truck display.

The Hallowell Riverfront Celebration on Sunday, June 26 features an Outdoor Art Fair, 11 am-4 pm and "Hallowellness," a Celebration of Body, Mind & Spirit Health, 11 am-4 pm.

Details about the Greater Gardiner River Festival on Saturday, June 18 are on pages 13-14 of this issue of Summertime.

For a complete Whatever Family Festival 2010 schedule visit [www.augustamaine.com](http://www.augustamaine.com) or call 623-4559.



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No Child Left Inside

Give your kids the world this summer! The L.C. Bates Museum in Hinckley is scheduling hands-on, interactive programs each weekday, Monday June 20 through Wednesday June 29 from 9 am-noon. Each program has a special theme and may include outside activities like walking along the wooded trails, exploring the fields, or dipping a net in a lily pad-filled wetland. Programs are appropriate for all ages and are scheduled as follows:

- Monday June 20th and June 27th: Exploring Birds of Prey. This program explores birds of all types but focuses on the amazing birds of prey. Children will go on a bird walk, dissect an owl pellet, explore the collections, and make bird art to bring home.
- Tuesday June 21st and June 28th: Buggin' Out! Celebrate the diverse and truly incredible world of the insect on a museum insect tour, a walk along the trails and a fun bug craft. Children will look through insect glasses, walk like a bug, and examine species under a magnifying glass.
- Wednesday June 22nd and June 29th: Reptiles Rule! Although Maine only has about 9 species of snakes compared to Florida's 57 different types, we will delve into Maine reptiles to discover the fun of our scaly friends. Children will discover types of reptiles from Maine and beyond by listening to crocodile sounds, touching snake skin, and looking at lizards from warmer climes
- Thursday June 23rd: We Love



Rocks. Rocks and minerals are many a young person's passion for good reason! Easy to collect, and often remarkably beautiful, rocks offer the opportunity for us to crack open geodes, move compass needles, draw on paper, and look under a black light at their incredible glow. Children will enjoy a fun exploration of bedrock, different types of soil, and making their own mini rock collection.

- Friday June 24: The Amazing Life at the Pond! The incredible lives of wetland animals will be explored with nets, buckets and magnifying glasses. Each child will create a small nature journal of the animals discovered in the pond from insects to crustaceans to amphibians. Please wear boots or footwear that can get wet.

Pre registration is required. The price is \$7 per participant each day or \$30 for each week. Visit [www.gwh.org](http://www.gwh.org) or call 238-4250.

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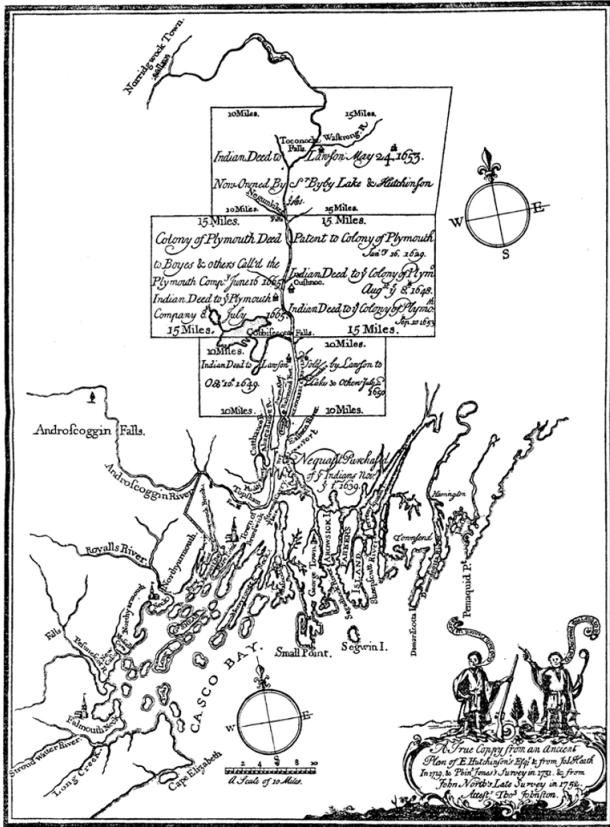
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## Legacies

## The Sharing of Sidney's History



The Pilgrim Land Grant to the Kennebec

Founded in September 2008, the Sidney Historical Society has come a long way in a very short time. Following its mission of preserving and sharing the history of Sidney, the Sidney Historical Society can count among its accomplishments the following:

- Monthly meetings/programs - free and open to the public. Examples of programs include Benedict Arnold's March, the Appalachian Trail, reminiscences by members, making May baskets, dating and documenting homesteads, and a pot luck super annual meeting.

- Membership/dues structure, for example, an Individual is \$10 per year, a Senior is \$8.

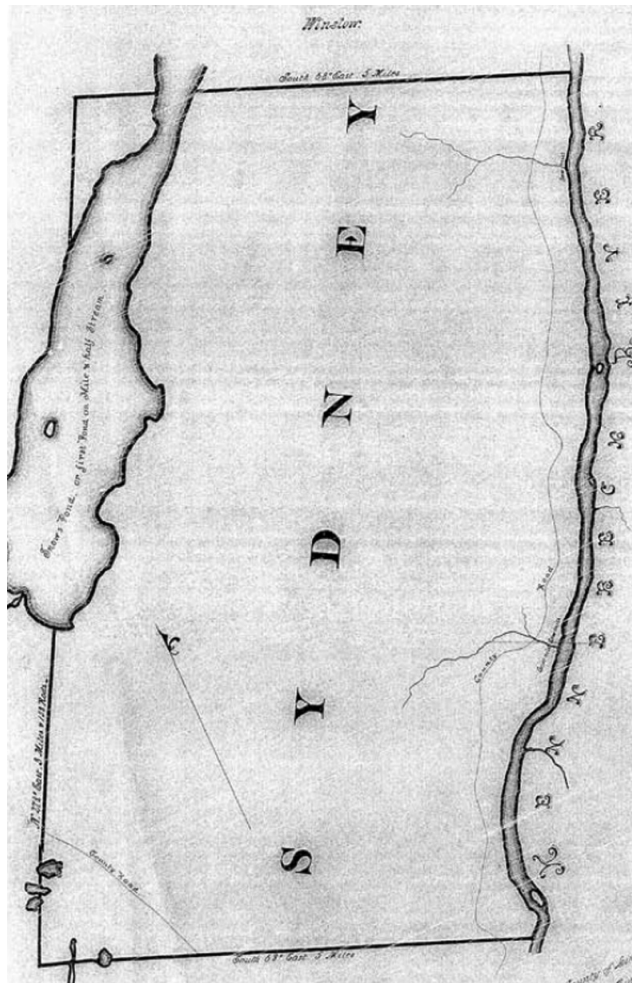
- Space - the basement of the Sidney Grange Hall has been renovated, thanks to the very hard efforts of volunteer workers and is available for meetings, displays and storage of memorabilia. In March 2011 the society held its first Open House with displays that included a cider press, a corn-shelling machine, a candy scale, a yarn winder, old china and glassware, a handmade tablecloth, household furniture and utensils, a braided rug and farming implements.

A long-term goal of the Sidney Historical Society

is to offer a research facility where Sidney residents and others can learn about their own families, as well as about the rich history of the town and its residents.

- Fundraisers, including a beautiful handmade quilt raffle and a SHS Calendar. 2011 and a limited number of 2010 calendars are still available for \$10. (\$12 is mailed).

- Hosting special events. In August 2010 the Sidney Historical Society held its first Antique Car



Note: The text at the bottom of the map reads as follows: This is an accurate Plan of the Town of Sidney in the County of Lincoln on which is delineated or described & here inserted or specified every Article Matter & Thing agreeable to a Resolve of the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts passed June 18th 1794. The reputed Distance of the Centre of said Town from Pownalborough is 39 Miles. from Hallowell 9 Miles & from Boston 203 Miles. Taken on an actual Survey made in the month of March 1795 & delineated by a scale of 200 rods to an Inch. By Ephm Ballard. Silvester G. Moore. Surveyors. N.B. No House of public worship in said Town. There is about 2200 Acres of the Pond within the Limits of the Town.

## ADVERTISEMENT.

THE Proprietors of the Kennebec Purchase from the late Colony of New-Plumouth, hereby inform the Publick, That besides the twelve Townships mention'd in their Advertisement of the 16th of February last, they have agreed to appropriate a Tract of Land on each side of Kennebec River for the Accommodation of such Families as may be inclined to settle there. The Land refer'd to, is situated a little above Cobbiscontee River, where the Navigation of Kennebec River is good for Vessels of 100 Tons Burthen, and continues to several Miles higher as far as Fort-Western.

THEY propose to grant to each settling Family 250 Acres, viz. 100 Acres front upon Kennebec River, 50 Rods, and run one Mile back; and 150 Acres at two Miles from said River: On Condition that each Family build an House not less than eighteen Feet square, and seven Feet stud; clear and make fit for Tillage five Acres within three Years; and dwell upon the Premises personally, or by their Substitutes for the Term of seven Years more. As this Land is exceeding good, and is attended with many natural Advantages, the Families that apply for Settlements there must be well recommended for their Sobriety, Honesty and Industry; and such of that Character, who apply first, will have the first Choice of the Lots to be granted.

For further Particulars enquire of James Bowdoin, James Pitts, Silvester Gardiner and Benjamin Hallowell, Esqrs of Boston, and Mr. William Bowdoin at Needham, Committee to the Kennebec Proprietors.

PERSONS at the Eastward inclining to settle on the Lands aforesaid, may apply to Major Samuel Goodwin at Pownalborough, and James Howard, Esq; at Fort-Western, who will communicate their Minds to the Committee aforesaid.

David Jeffries, Proprietor's Clerk.

Boston, 20th February 1761.

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and Tractor Show at the Silver Spur Riding Club on the River Road.

- A newsletter, published monthly and filled with news, notes, genealogy information, a lot of historical coverage of the town and the extended region, excerpts and copies from early town and county documents and plans (maps), and research advice on subjects such as finding family roots and how to do deed research on your home, lists of websites of interest, and information on how to join the Sidney Historical Society.

- Networking - visiting/listening/listening to the developments and doings of other area historical societies, especially in regard to organization and acquisitions.

- a resource for the community - sociable meeting and gatherings, a collection that is accessible to all.

For more information write to membership chairperson Sylvia Lyon, 85 Ferry Rd., Sidney, ME 04330.

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## Watershed Wisdom

In the roughly 20,000 years since the last ice age, the lakes of Mother Nature's watersheds in Maine have evolved from crystal clear melted ice water totally devoid of life to carefully balanced watershed ecosystems that support a diverse spectrum of native aquatic plants, plankton, insects, fish and other animals. The natural aging process of lakes is called "eutrophication." After forming a crystal clear, sterile lake by melting a giant mass of ice, Mother Nature begins to fill it back in through erosion of the surrounding land by precipitation. This erosion transports sediment and chunks of plant material with attached nutrients into the water. This allows first bacteria, then algae, then plants to begin growing in the lake, followed by zooplankton and insects to eat the plants, and eventually fish to eat the insects and zooplankton. If the fish begin to get overpopulated, ospreys, eagles, and bigger fish will move in to eat the smaller fish. Mother Nature is very good at keeping her systems balanced and aging slowly through the process of natural selection. She keeps the surrounding watershed vegetated so that erosion is gentle and at a very controlled rate and adds plants and animals slowly over geologic time so growth doesn't get out of control, always ensuring there are checks and balances in terms of predators and prey, with survival of the fittest.

Sometimes Man short circuits the natural systems. Overdevelopment of shoreland areas increases nutrient loading and can trigger algae blooms that prematurely age the lakes. We will talk about that in more detail in future columns. Another way the natural systems are disrupted is through the introduction of an "alien invader," either plant or animal, from a totally different ecosystem. Sometimes this is intentional such as purposefully introducing a fish that is not native to local waters. If done carefully by trained biologists after long study, this can create a new sport fishery in an area. More often than not, new fish introduction is done by "bait bucket biologists" who don't really understand that by introducing a new top predator such as the northern pike, they could be decimating an existing native trout or salmon fishery that is more appropriate for the existing ecosystem. This is currently happening in the Belgrade Lakes Watershed.

## Combating Alien Invaders

by Peter Kallin

Alien species can be introduced unintentionally by people discarding unwanted aquatic pets or plants from their aquariums into the nearest waterbody. Eurasian milfoil was most likely introduced into this country in the 1940's when someone dumped an aquarium into the Potomac River near Washington DC. It quickly became established and then spread by clinging to boats and trailers as boaters moved between watersheds. It is now present in every state except Hawaii and North Dakota. The invasive plants tend to outcompete the native plants because the natural predators that control the plants in their native waters are not present. These plants then grow rapidly to the surface and form a dense mat that shades the bottom, further disrupting the growth of the native plants. This changes the mix of aquatic organisms that live in the lake and causes ripple effects through the entire ecosystem altering populations of fish etc. Additionally, it completely changes the character of the water and the type of recreation that is possible. It is virtually impossible to swim or water ski through a dense mat of milfoil. Last summer, a woman in Idaho drowned when her kayak

capsized in a dense mat of milfoil and she became entangled and couldn't get to the surface.

There are eleven species of plants that have been declared as "most unwanted" by the Maine DEP. One of these, variable leaf milfoil, is present in Messalonskee Lake and the Belgrade Stream in our watershed and last summer was discovered in the Meadow Stream between North Pond and Great Pond. Another, Eurasian water milfoil (EWM), was discovered three years ago in Salmon Lake. The BRCA, in partnership with Maine DEP and the local lake associations has been working hard to control, and hopefully, eradicate this menace to our lakes. An herbicide treatment was done two years ago and initial indications are that it was very effective. We found no signs of EWM in Salmon Lake last year. Beginning this week the DEP divers will be back, surveying the infested cove to look for signs of regrowth. We are keeping our fingers

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Peter Kallin, Executive Director of the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance (BRCA), can be contacted at 495-6039 or [brca@ghi.net](mailto:brca@ghi.net), or visited at the BRCA Office, The Boathouse, Belgrade Lakes.

If you are interested in helping with the plant patrol on your lake, please call 495-6039 to register and get more information. Dates are listed below with rain dates in parenthesis.

- § Thursday, June 16th - North Pond boat ramp (RD June 23rd)
- § Tuesday, June 21st- East Pond boat ramp (RD June 27th)
- § Thursday, June 23rd – Salmon Lake boat ramp (RD June 27th)
- § Tuesday, June 28th – Messalonskee (Oakland) boat ramp (RD June 30th)
- § Tuesday, July 12th - Great Pond boat ramp (RD July 15th)
- § Thursday, July 14th – Long Pond boat ramp (RD July 18th)

Manual Removal, Barrier placement and DASH Boat days are yet to be announced. Please sign up to volunteer and you will be notified of dates once surveying is complete on Messalonskee, Salmon Lake and in Great Meadow Stream (Great Pond).

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Garden workshops, tours, plant specials, local artisans, children's activities, and a buffet gourmet luncheon are included on the schedule.

Admission fee is \$5 for all ages and includes all gardening workshops, children's activities and a buffet fairy feast for the children. The luncheon for adults is \$10.

Sponsored by Hospice Volunteers of the Waterville Area, the event benefits programs such as volunteer training, bereavement services, Hope's Place and Camp Ray of Hope. Hospice Volunteers of the Waterville Area provides end-of-life care and grief support to residents in 27 communities in Kennebec, Waldo, Penobscot and Somerset Counties.

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### Maine Fiberarts

• On Saturday, June 25, Maine Fiberarts presents a benefit lecture and slideshow given by nationally recognized sculptural knitter and author, Katharine Cobey from 2-4 pm at the Frontier Cafe & Cinema located in the Fort Andross Building, 14 Maine Street, Brunswick. Tickets are \$10 in advance; \$12 at the door. The talk will be preceded with a nine-minute film made from old footage discovered in the Worumbo Mill in Lisbon Falls, which portrays the process from woolen fleece to finished suit, taken in the 1950s by a contestant for the TV series "Truth or Consequences." 725-5222, 721-0678

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Build A Boat Camp with the Compass Project is returning July 18-22. Over the course of a week a group of 10 students (entering grades 6-9) will work together to build a Peace Canoe and a set of paddles. The boat building process is an opportunity to explore themes of youth leadership, respect, dealing with frustration, and understanding the concept of teamwork. The cost of the camp is \$150; campers should bring their own lunch, snacks and drinks. The

Compass Project will provide all materials, supplies and instruction. The completed boat will be auctioned off at the 5th Annual Summer Lobster Bake, August 2011, to raise money for the Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons to help pay for future programs. 495-3481

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• Topo maps: frame your terrain or town, use for wrapping paper, or get to know where you hike, bike, and enjoy views. The Franklin County Soil and Water Conservation District has a limited number of topo maps without the bottom legend on them for reduced rates and over 350 complete maps in stock for the regular price of \$8.40. Other 7.5" maps are on sale for \$5.25. 778-4279

### Gardiner

• \$2,500 Cash Lottery to benefit Johnson Hall. Only 200 tickets will be sold; each ticket costs \$50 and may be purchased jointly by up to 5 people. Proceeds from the lottery are pledged to Johnson Hall Performing Arts Center for the benefit of its programs and service to the community. The drawing will be held Thursday, June 30 at 1 pm; ticket holders need not be present to win. Entry forms must be received or postmarked by Friday, June 24 at 3:30 pm. For more information or a registration form stop by the office at 280 Water Street, 9 am-6 pm. 582-7144

"Variations IV," a unique art exhibition highlighting seven artists, seven objects and multiple perspectives will be presented by Artdogs studios June 26-July 23. The opening reception is Sunday, June 26, 4-6 pm at Circling the Square Fine Art Press Gallery space located at 274 Water Street. Gallery hours are Fridays 2-6 pm and Saturdays 10 am-4 pm. 582-2108

### Monmouth

• The first summer performance at The Theater At Monmouth will be The Compleat Wrks of William Shakespeare, abridged on Saturday, June 25th at 7:30 pm. This fast-paced rollercoaster of a show with three actors runs through all of the Bard's works with plenty of improvisation and audience participation. [www.theateratmonmouth.org](http://www.theateratmonmouth.org), 933-9999

### Mount Vernon

• The Town of Mount Vernon will be offering summer swimming lessons for children ages four and older. Lessons will run each weekday morning for six weeks, beginning Tuesday, July 5th at the Mount Vernon town beach on Minnehonk Lake, across from the fire station. Waterfront director will be Matthew Larou. Fees are \$40 per child for Mount Vernon residents, and \$45 for non-residents. Levels will range from 1 – for children not yet swimming to 6 & 7 – perfection of all strokes, jumps, dives, basic rescue skills and endurance. 293-2959, 293-4448

### Oakland

• Summer Camp Book Sale at the Oakland Public Library, 18 Church Street! Stock up on books for the beach or rainy days. Book sale runs from June 14 through July 29. Hours: Tuesday 10 am- 7 pm, Wednesday-Friday 10 am-6 pm, prices for adult and young adult books: hardbound \$1.00, paperback

3/\$1. Children's hardbound: 2/\$1; paperback and board books: 4/\$1. 465-7533

The PFBF CPAs 2nd annual Marathon, 5K Run-or-Walk will be held on Sunday, July 10 at 8 am starting and ending at 46 FirstPark Drive. Proceeds will benefit the Make-A-Wish Maine Chapter. All money raised in Maine stays in Maine. Race info and registration forms are available at [www.pfbf.com](http://www.pfbf.com) The fee is \$35. Registration is also available July 9, 4-6 pm and on race day at 7 am. 873-1603

### Rome

• This year marks the 35th year for the Rome Yacht Club. The Annual Regatta and Treasure Hunt will be held on Saturday, August 6, at 10 am. Two classes of boats are allowed to participate: one sail for the small class and two or more sails for the large class. Only wind and paddle energy are allowed. A victory cook-out and official ceremonies will follow on Crooked Island. The Commodore's Ball will take place on Friday, August 5. [mbarnesphd@earthlink.net](mailto:mbarnesphd@earthlink.net)

### Smithfield

• Saturday suppers will be held at the Smithfield Baptist Church on June 25, July 9 and 23, August 13 and September 3, at 5:30 pm. Adults are \$6, under 12 \$3. Donations to support the local missions are greatly appreciated. On July 16 there will be a Loon Call 5K starting at 8 am; registration at 7:30 pm.

### Unity

• The Unity Centre For the Performing Arts offers a summer music schedule of folk, traditional Celtic, Irish, Maritime, and more, with weekly presentations including: June 16 – Girsas, June 23 – Lennie Gallant, and June 30 – The Outside Track. For a complete lineup visit [www.unitime.org/theater](http://www.unitime.org/theater). 948-7469

### Waterville

• Waterville Opera House and Missoula Children's Theatre present three exciting weeks of Summer Theater Camp: "The Secret Garden," July 25-30, "King Arthur's Quest," August 1-6, and "Alice in Wonderland," August 8-13. Open to children grades 1-8 in the fall, the camps cost \$200 per session or \$500 for all three sessions. Sibling discounts are available. Camps run Monday-Friday 9:30 am-4 pm; Saturday performances are at 3 pm. Performances this year will be held at Strider Theater on the Colby College campus. 873-7000

Skowhegan Savings is offering a presentation on advanced social media marketing as part of its ongoing Build a Better Business workshop series on June 16, 2011, 7:30-9 am at the Fireside Inn/Governor's Ballroom. The workshop will provide business leaders with information to enhance their existing social media strategy by learning about new methods for tracking all social media, plus tactics for successful advertising using Facebook and other social media websites. Registration fees are \$10 per person, with all proceeds being donated to the Jobs for Maine's Graduates program. A continental breakfast will be served. R.S.V.P. to 858-2586. For additional details visit [www.skowsavings.com/business](http://www.skowsavings.com/business)



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#### AUGUSTA

• Arboretum, 6 miles of year round walking trails open dawn to dusk, Visitor Center open Mon-Fri 9pm-4pm, Viles Arboretum, 626-7989, [www.vilesarboretum.org](http://www.vilesarboretum.org), 153 Hospital Street.

#### Capitol Complex, State Street

• Maine State House, Hall of Flags, House and Senate Rooms, Klir Beck dioramas, Mon-Fri 8 am-5 pm, book tours at Maine State Museum, walk-ins welcome 9 am-1 pm, [www.maine.gov](http://www.maine.gov)

• Art in the Capitol, Maine Arts Commission monthly self-guided exhibits in State House hallways (Mon-Fri 8 am-5 pm), Blaine House (call for times), and Maine Arts Commission Office (8:30am-4:30 pm), 287-6746, [mainearts.maine.gov](http://mainearts.maine.gov)

• Governor's Mansion, 1830 Blaine House, Tue-Thu 2-4 pm, 287-2121, [www.blainehouse.org](http://www.blainehouse.org)

• Maine State Museum, Tue-Fri 9 am-5 pm, Sat 10 am-4 pm, \$2 adults, \$1 ages 6-18, 287-2301, [www.maine.state.museum.org](http://www.maine.state.museum.org)

• Maine State Library, 287-5600, Mon-Sat opens 9 am.

• Children's Discovery Museum, CDM, hands-on displays, actives, Tue-Thu 10 am-4 pm, Fri-Sat 10 am-5 pm, Sun 11 am-4 pm, admission, 622-2209, [www.childrensdiscoverymuseum.org](http://www.childrensdiscoverymuseum.org), 171 Capitol St,

• Kennebec Historical Society, Wed-Fri 10 am-2 pm, 622-7718, [www.kennebechistorical.org](http://www.kennebechistorical.org), 107 Winthrop St.

#### University of Maine at Augusta, University Drive

• Danforth Gallery, Jewett Hall, art exhibits, UMA-1234, [www.uma.edu/DanforthGallery](http://www.uma.edu/DanforthGallery)

• Holocaust and Human Rights Center of Maine, Michael Klahr Center, 621-3530, [www.hhrc.uma.edu](http://www.hhrc.uma.edu)

• UMA Fitness Trail, 2 miles of wooded trails, near Civic Center

#### Riverfront/Downtown

• Old Fort Western, 1754 fort, house, store, 1-4 pm daily, admission \$6, 4-14 years \$4, 626-2385, [www.oldfortwestern.org](http://www.oldfortwestern.org) Cony St.

• Riverfront Park, boat launch, Greenway Trail, playground, eastside Kennebec River

• Kennebec River Rail Trailhead, Maine State Housing Authority parking lot, [www.krrt.org](http://www.krrt.org), Water St.

• Museum in the Streets, walking/history tour, [www.augustamaine.gov](http://www.augustamaine.gov), downtown.

• Farmers' Market at Mill Park, Sun 2-6 pm, 626-2305, [www.farmersmarketmillpark.org/](http://www.farmersmarketmillpark.org/), North Water St.

• Farmers' Market at Turnpike Mall, 549-5112, Wed and Sat 10 am-1 pm, Western Ave.

#### BELGRADE LAKES

• Great Pond Mailboat, 215-7520, Mon-Sat, 10 am, Post Office, Main St.

• Spring Gallery & Sculpture Garden, Modern Art Foundry, Thu-Sun 11 am-5 pm and by appointment, 495-3113, [www.springgallerymaine.com](http://www.springgallerymaine.com), 81 Main St.

• The Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons, swimming, gym, playground, picnic area, rec programs, library, 495-3481, [www.belgrademaine.com](http://www.belgrademaine.com) 1 Center Dr.

• Union Church Coffee House, second Sat of month, 7:30 pm, \$5, 495-3599, Main St.

• Belgrade Historical Society, monthly meetings, 465-7924

• Farmers' Market, Sun 8 am-1 pm, Thu 2-6 pm, 465-7058, [www.belgradelakesfarmersmarket.org](http://www.belgradelakesfarmersmarket.org), Main St.

• Peninsula Park on Long Pond, picnic tables, Main St.

#### FAIRFIELD

• Fairfield Historical Society, 1890 Cotton-Smith House, Tue 9 am-12 noon, 1-4 pm, 453-2998, [www.fairfieldmehistoricalociety.net](http://www.fairfieldmehistoricalociety.net), 42 High St.

• Farmers' Market, 948-5724, Wed 2-6 pm, Sat 9:30 am-1:30 pm, Nazarene Church parking lot, 81 Main St.

#### FARMINGTON

• Farmington Historical Society, 778-2835, Wed and Sat, 11 am-2 pm, July-August, 118 Academy St.

• Nordica Homestead Museum, opera singer Lillian Nordica costumes, jewelry, mementos, 778-2042, Tue-Sat 10 am-12 n and 1-5 pm, Sun 1-5 pm, 116 Nordica Lane, Holley Rd.

• Contra Dance, 491-9928, [www.starleft.org](http://www.starleft.org) 2nd Sat of the month, all welcome, 6:30-7:30 pm family dance, 8-11 pm regular dance, admission, Grange Hall, Bridge St, Rt 43, West Farmington

• University of Maine campus and Arboretum, four walking tours with informal guide pamphlet to campus trees, 581-1541, [www.umaine.edu/arboretum/](http://www.umaine.edu/arboretum/), downtown

• Farmers' Market, 778-6602, Fri 9 am-2 pm, Better Living Center parking lot, Front St; Saturday 8 am-12 noon, Main St.

• Meetinghouse Park and Gazebo, weekly concerts throughout summer, downtown

• Fairgrounds, events throughout summer, Franklin County Fair in Sept, High St.

#### GARDINER

• Artdogs and Circling the Square Fine Art Press, 1-5 pm Fri, 10 am-4 pm Sat, 582-2108, [www.theartdogs.com](http://www.theartdogs.com), 275-277, Water St.

• Johnson Hall Performing Arts Center, 582-7144, [www.johnsonhall.org](http://www.johnsonhall.org) 280 Water St.

• Farmers' Market, 582-3100, [www.gardinerfarmersmarket.org](http://www.gardinerfarmersmarket.org), Wed 2-6 pm, rain or shine, The Common

• Kennebec River Rail Trail, terminus near Gardiner/Randolph Bridge, 6.5 miles to Augusta

• Waterfront Park, picnicking, events throughout summer, Kennebec River

#### GREENE

• Araxine Wilkins Sawyer Memorial, free monthly entertainment programs, 946-5311, [www.sawyer-foundation.com](http://www.sawyer-foundation.com), 371 Sawyer Rd, off Rt 202

#### HALLOWELL

• Harlow Gallery, Kennebec Valley Art Association, 622-3813, [www.harlowgallery.org](http://www.harlowgallery.org) Wed, Thu, Sat, 12-6 pm, 160 Water St.

• Gaslight Theater, 626-3698, [www.gaslighttheater.org](http://www.gaslighttheater.org) City Hall, 1 Winthrop St.

• Museum in the Streets, history/walking tour, [www.historichallowell.org](http://www.historichallowell.org), downtown

• Farmers' Market, 622-1350, Sun 11 am-3 pm, north end of Water St.

• Vaughn Woods, 166 acre park/trails, Middle St.

• Kennebec River Rail Trail, to Augusta, Farmingdale/Gardiner, downtown

• Waterfront Park, weekly summer concerts, North Water St.

#### HINCKLEY

• L.C. Bates Museum at Good Will-Hinckley School, early 20th century natural history and cultural exhibits, nature trails, adults \$3, up to 17 years \$1, 238-4250, [www.gwh.org](http://www.gwh.org) Wed-Sat 10 am-4:30 pm, Sun 1-4:30 pm, Rt 201

#### KINGFIELD

• Reinhart Gallery Art Center, 266-4656, 245 Main St, [www.ianreinhold.com/gallery.html](http://www.ianreinhold.com/gallery.html)

• Ski Museum of Maine, by appointment, 265-2023, 256 Main St, [www.skimuseumofmaine.org](http://www.skimuseumofmaine.org)

• Stadler Gallery, 265-5025, 12-4 pm daily or by appointment. 225 Main St, [www.stadlergallery.com](http://www.stadlergallery.com)

• Stanley Museum, 265-2729, [www.stanleymuseum.org](http://www.stanleymuseum.org), memorabilia/displays on Stanley Steamers, Tue-Sun 1-4 pm, 40 School St.

#### LIVERMORE

• Washburn-Norlands Living History Center, 18th-19th century mansion/farmstead/schoolhouse, library, chapel, 897-4366, [www.norlands.org](http://www.norlands.org), admission, living history tours Tue and Thu 1-4 pm, 290 Norlands Rd.

#### MADISON

• Lakewood Theater, Maine's Summer Theater, Young Performers Camp, 474-7176, [www.lakewoodtheater.org](http://www.lakewoodtheater.org), Rt 201

• Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, 474-9345, [www.skowheganart.org](http://www.skowheganart.org), summer evening artists lecture series, East Madison Rd.

#### MONMOUTH

• Monmouth Museum, local and regional Maine history, Wed-Sun 1-4 pm, 933-2287, [www.monmouthmuseuminc.org](http://www.monmouthmuseuminc.org), 751 Main St.

• The Theater At Monmouth, The Shakespeare Theater of Maine, Cumston Hall, 933-9999, [www.theateratmonmouth.org](http://www.theateratmonmouth.org), Main St.

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- **D.E.W Animal Kingdom**, Zoo, 293-2837, [www.dewanimalkingdom.com](http://www.dewanimalkingdom.com), Tue-Sun 10 am-5 pm, \$10, 918 Pond Rd, Rt 41

NEW PORTLAND

- **Nowetah's American Indian Museum and Craft Shop**, 628-4981, daily 10 am-5 pm, free, 628-4981, 2 Colegrove Rd, Rt 27, [www.nowetahs.webs.com/](http://www.nowetahs.webs.com/)
- **Wire Bridge**, 1864, probably only wire suspension bridge in U.S., off Rt 27

NEW SHARON

- **Farmers' Market**, Sat 9 am-1 pm, Douin's Market, 491-9025, 150 Mercer Rd, Rt 2

NORRIDGEWOCK

- **Norridgewock Historical Society Museum**, 1838 building, Sat 10 am-3 pm, 634-5032, [www.norridgewock.com](http://www.norridgewock.com), Mercer Rd, Rt 2
- **Osooola Park**, picnic area, great playground, boat launch, on Kennebec River, Rt 8

OAKLAND

- **Macartney House Museum**, Oakland Area Historical Society, 465-7549, Wed 1:30-4:30 pm, 1815 home with antique furnishings and Oakland artifacts, 25 Main St.

READFIELD

- **Readfield Historical Society and Museum** in 1823 schoolhouse, 685-4662, [www.readfieldhistorical.com/](http://www.readfieldhistorical.com/), Thu and Sat 10 am-2 pm or by appointment, Rt 17, Readfield Depot

ROME

- **Mt. Philip Grange**, suppers 3rd Sat of month, 4:30-6 pm, all you can eat beans, cornbread, rolls, chop suey, pies, Rts 135/225
- **Trails: Mount Philip** on Rt 225; The Mountain on Rt 27; French's Mountain and Kennebec Highlands, Watson Pond Rd; 495-6039, [www.belgradelakes.org](http://www.belgradelakes.org), maps available at BRCA, Belgrade Lakes

SIDNEY

- **New England Music Camp**, concerts free and open to the public, famous Bowl-in-the-Pines on Lake Messalonskee, 465-3025, [www.nemusiccamp.com](http://www.nemusiccamp.com), Rt 23
- **Sidney Historical Society**, 547-3142, <http://www.rootsweb>
- **Silver Spur Riding Club**, horse shows, [www.silverspur-maine.com/](http://www.silverspur-maine.com/), River Rd/Rt 104

SKOWHEGAN

- **Margaret Chase Smith Library**, residence, home, museum exhibits, 474-7133, [www.mcslibrary.org](http://www.mcslibrary.org), free, Mon-Fri 10 am-4 pm. 54 Norridgewock Ave.
- **History House Museum**, 1800s local history and culture, 474-6632, [www.skowhegan.com/historyhouse](http://www.skowhegan.com/historyhouse), Tue-

Fri 1-5 pm, Elm St.

- **Fairgrounds**, weekly horse shows/competitions at covered arena, Skowhegan State Fair in Aug, 474-3621, Madison Ave.
- **Farmers' Market**, Wed 3-6 pm, Sat 9 am-1 pm, weekly entertainment, 938-3906, Skowhegan Savings Parking Lot, Old Grange Hall, Madison Ave.

SMITHFIELD

- **Fairview Grange** suppers, 362-2791, every Wed in summer, 5 pm, Village Rd, Rt 8
- **Sunbeam Roller Rink**, Wed, Fri, Sat 7-10 pm, 362-4951, 830 Village Rd, Rt 8
- **Sunset Camps**, public beach, 362-2611, [www.sunset-camps.com](http://www.sunset-camps.com), Village Rd, Rt 8

UNITY

- **Unity College Centre for the Performing Arts**, folk genre music, 568-3147, [www.unitymaine.org](http://www.unitymaine.org), 42 Depot St.

WATERVILLE

- **Aqua City Actor's Theatre (ACAT)**, 873-7000, [www.acattheatre.org](http://www.acattheatre.org). Waterville Opera House Studio Theater, Main St.
- **Museum in the Streets**, downtown history / walking tour, [www.the museum in the streets.com/waterville.htm](http://www.the museum in the streets.com/waterville.htm)
- **Two Cent Bridge**, historic foot bridge over Kennebec River, Head of Falls park/events area, Front St.
- **Colby College Museum of Art**, 859-5600, [www.colby.edu/museum/](http://www.colby.edu/museum/) Tues-Sat 10 am-4:30 pm, Sun 12-4:30 pm, free, Colby College Campus, Mayflower Hill
- Thomas College Art Gallery, 180 West River Rd.
- **Waterville Historical Society Redington Museum**, 1814 home, pharmacy, 872-9439, [www.redingtonmuseum.org](http://www.redingtonmuseum.org). Tue-Sat tours at 10 and 11 am, 1 and 2 pm, 62 Silver St.
- **Waterville Opera House**, 873-7000, [www.operahouse.com](http://www.operahouse.com), 93 Main St.
- **Farmers' Market**, Thu 2-6 pm, 680-2055, [www.waterville-farmersmarket.org](http://www.waterville-farmersmarket.org), The Concourse parking lot.

WAYNE

- **Farmers' Market**, 873-7000, <http://waynefarmersmarket.weekly.com>, Sat 9 am-noon, Town Green, next to Post Office, Main St.

WILTON

- **Wilton Farm & Home Museum**, 645-2091, 645-4578, [www.wiltonmaine.org](http://www.wiltonmaine.org), Sat 1-4 pm or by appointment, Canal St.

WINTHROP

- **Norcross Park**, playground, picnic site, boat launch on Maranacook Lake, downtown.
- **Farmers' Market**, 395-4244, [www.camarkets.com](http://www.camarkets.com), Tue and Sat 9 am-1 pm, parking lot, downtown,

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ASSOCIATIONS/GROUPS

THE BELGRADES...

- **East Pond Association**, Smithfield/Oakland, [www.eastpond.org](http://www.eastpond.org)
- **North Pond Association**, 152 Madison Avenue, Skowhegan, ME 04976, 474-8988, [www.northpond.net](http://www.northpond.net)
- **McGrath Pond/Salmon Lake Association (MP/SL)**, RR 2 Box 2800, Belgrade, 04917. 465-3983, [www.salmonlake.org](http://www.salmonlake.org)
- **Great/Long Ponds: Belgrade Lakes Association (BLA)**, PO Box 551, Belgrade Lakes, 04918, 512-5150, [www.belgradelakesassociation.com](http://www.belgradelakesassociation.com)
- **Friends of Messalonskee Lake Watershed**, PO Box 532, Oakland, 04963, [www.snowpond.org](http://www.snowpond.org)
- **Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance (BRCA) and BRCA Conservation Corps**, PO Box 250, Belgrade Lakes, 04918, 495-6039, [www.belgradelakes.org](http://www.belgradelakes.org)
- **Belgrade Lakes Region Business Group (BLBG)**, PO Box 596, Belgrade Lakes, ME 04918. 495-3700, [www.belgradelakesmaine.com](http://www.belgradelakesmaine.com)

BEYOND...

- **Maine Congress of Lake Associations (COLA)**, PO Box 426, Belgrade, 04917. 1-877-254-2511, [www.mainecola.org](http://www.mainecola.org)
- **Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed**, PO Box 5003, Augusta, 04332-5003, 621-4100, [www.watershedfriends.com](http://www.watershedfriends.com)
- **Franklin County Soil & Water Conservation District**, 107 Park Street, Farmington, 04938, 778-4279, [www.franklineswcd.org](http://www.franklineswcd.org)
- **Kennebec County Soil & Water Conservation District**, Central Maine Commerce Center, 21 Enterprise Drive, Augusta, 04330, 622-7847, ext. 3, [www.kcswwcd.org](http://www.kcswwcd.org)
- **Kennebec Land Trust (KLT)**, PO Box 261, 134 Main St., Winthrop, ME 04364, 377-2848, [www.tkl.org](http://www.tkl.org)
- **Kennebec Messalonskee Trails**, PO Box 2388, Waterville, 873-6443, [www.KMTrails.org](http://www.KMTrails.org)
- **Kennebec River Rail Trail**, PO Box 2195, Augusta, 623-8162, [www.krrt.org](http://www.krrt.org)
- **30 Mile River Watershed Association (30 MRWA)**, Kimball Pond in Vienna to the Androscoggin River, 293-2181, [www.30mileriver.org](http://www.30mileriver.org)
- **Parker Pond Association**, Mount Vernon/Vienna. [www.parkerpond.org](http://www.parkerpond.org)
- Central Maine chapter of the **New England Mountain Bike Association (CeMeNEMBA)**, 1154 West Road, Belgrade, ME 04917. 441-6227, [www.cemenemba.org](http://www.cemenemba.org)



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## — Calendar —

...Through Saturday 6/18 - "Up the Down Staircase," 474-7176, Lakewood Theater, Route 201, Madison.

...Thursday 6/16 through Sunday 6/19 – Blistered Fingers Family Bluegrass Music Festival, great line-up of bands, good family entertainment, camping available, [www.blisteredfingers.com](http://www.blisteredfingers.com), 873-6539, Litchfield Fairgrounds, Litchfield.

...Thursday 6/16 through Sunday 6/19 - Maine Horse Association 32nd Annual Downeast Horse Congress Show, Class AA double judged show, pleasure classes Thursday-Saturday, hunter classes and dressage competition Sunday, covered arena, free admission, Skowhegan Fairgrounds, Madison Avenue, Skowhegan.

...Through Monday 7/4 – Whatever 2011 Family Festival, activities and events for all ages, 623-4559, [www.augustamaine.com](http://www.augustamaine.com), greater Augusta area.

...Friday 6/17 through Sunday 6/19 – Trek Across Maine, 3 days, 180 miles, to benefit the American Lung Association, all ages and experience levels welcome, [lungme.org](http://lungme.org), 1-888-241-6566, Bethel to Belfast.

...Friday 6/17 – "Being Rapanui": Easter Island, film featuring the people of Easter Island today and showing the dramatic huge basalt stone statues and other views of unique landscape, 2 and 7 pm, free admission, 946-5311, [www.sawyer-foundation.com](http://www.sawyer-foundation.com), Araxine Wilkins Sawyer Foundation, 371 Sawyer Road, Greene.

...Friday 6/17 and Saturday 6/18 – Relay For Life for Greater Augusta, 6 pm-10 am, 1-800-ACS-1245, [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org), Hall-Dale High School, 97 Maple Street, Farmingdale.

...Friday 6/17 - Beasts and Books, animal stories told in the museum, with a craft to make and take, appropriate for ages 3 to 6, with a parent, 10-11 am, 238-4250, L.C. Bates Museum, Route 201, Hinckley.

...Saturday 6/18 and Sunday 6/19 – American Relay for Life, to benefit cancer programs, 1-800-ACS-2345, Fairgrounds, Route 201, Skowhegan.

...Saturday 6/18 – Greater Gardiner River Festival, all-day schedule includes children's activities, refreshments, music, trolley rides, a talent show, and fireworks, 582-3312, downtown and waterfront Gardiner.

...Saturday 6/18 – Annual Book and Plant Sale, 9 am-2 pm, rain or shine, wide selection of plants, books by the truck load, refreshments sold, Cathy Hebert from Sunset Greenhouse will answer gardening questions. 873-2430, Humane Society Waterville Area, 100 Webb Road, Waterville.

...Saturday 6/18 – 14th Annual Garden Party, to benefit Hospice Volunteers of Waterville Area, 9 am, includes workshops and tours, children's activities, live music, \$10 gourmet buffet, rain date 6/20, \$5 admission for all ages, reservations recommended 873-3615, Fieldstone Gardens, Vassalboro.

...Saturday 6/18 - Flower presses, Children's Program, 10 am, \$1, 238-4250, L.C. Bates Museum, Route 201, Hinckley.

...Saturday 6/18 - Golf Tournament to benefit Pine Tree Hospice and Hospice volunteers of Somerset County, shotgun start, 10 am, \$70 per golfer includes greens fees, cart rental, prizes, gifts, lunch, 368-4698, 564-4440, 474-7775, Palmyra Golf Course, Palmyra.

...Saturday 6/18 - Seaplane Rides, fee charged, 10 am-3 pm, 859-0109, Waterfront Park, Augusta.

...Saturday 6/18 - Predators: The Balance of Nature, free slide show, activities and discussion by the Chewonki Foundation, sponsored by The Friends of Hubbard Free Library, all ages welcome, live and mounted predators on display, refreshments will follow presentation, 2 pm, 622-6582, Hubbard Free Library, Second Street, Hallowell.

...Saturday 6/18 - Public baked bean supper, all you can eat, 4:30-6:30 pm, tickets \$7, under 5 free, family of 4 or more \$20, Mt. Philip Grange, Routes 225 and 27, Rome.

...Saturday 6/18 - Lively swing dance party, led by instructor Jessica Earnest and members of the cast from The Theater At Monmouth's upcoming production of "Much Ado About Nothing," tickets \$5 per person, 7:30 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater At Monmouth.

...Sunday 6/19 - Father's Day!!!

...Sunday 6/19 - Gems of the Kennebec, art of and from the river, photography by Bill Haley, art by Michelle M. Curlett, 2-5 pm, Joyce's Restaurant, Water Street, Hallowell.

...Monday 6/20 through Friday 6/24 - "No Child Left Inside" special weekday program for children of all ages, different topic each day, \$7 per day, 9 am-12 noon, 238-4250, L.C. Bates Museum, Route 201, Hinckley.

...Monday 6/20 - The Little Black Dress Revue, proceeds to benefit Lake George Regional Park, tickets \$30, 6-7 pm Conversation, 7-8 pm Fashion Show, 8 pm Auction, 858-6404, 474-9456, Lakewood Theater, Route 201, Madison.

...Monday 6/20 – Old Crow Band, 7-9 pm, Meetinghouse Square, downtown Farmington.

...Tuesday 6/21 – Arizona Rose & the Rich Ric Band, Outdoor Concert, free, 11:30 am-1 pm, Meetinghouse Park Gazebo, downtown Farmington.

...Tuesday 6/21 – Rock on the River, 7-8:30 pm, 620-7477, Riverfront Boardwalk, Hallowell.

...Wednesday 6/22 – Waterfront Wednesday concert, "Twice Shy," children's activities, food, door prizes, vendors, free admission, 6 pm, Waterfront Park, Water Street, downtown Augusta.

...Wednesday 6/22 – Belgrade Historical Society Annual Meeting, guest speaker on Kennebec Highlands Heritage Project local historical research, 6 pm, reservations 465-7924, Center for All Seasons, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes.

...Thursday 6/23 through Sunday 6/26 – "Heaven Help Me," 474-7176, Lakewood Theater, Route 201, Madison.

...Thursday 6/23 - Simons and Goodwin, kickoff of the Summer Concert Series, on the front lawn, bring a chair or blanket, 6:30 pm, 626-2415, Lithgow Public Library, 45 Winthrop Street, Augusta.

...Thursday 6/23 through Sunday 6/26 – 5th Annual Skowhegan River Fest and Upper Kennebec Valley Outdoor Expo, free raft trips, kids' bike giveaway, food, music, 5K, and more, concerts by Emerald Sky, Pat Colwell and the Soul Sensations, Rob Burnell and Ranura, 474-6901, [www.skowsavings.com/riverfest](http://www.skowsavings.com/riverfest), downtown and on the Kennebec, Skowhegan. groups, camping available, 873-6539, <http://www.blisteredfingers.com>, Litchfield Fairgrounds, Litchfield.



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Tickets to enter the swing dance party are just \$5 per person and can be purchased by phone: 207-933-9999; online: [www.theateratmonmouth.org](http://www.theateratmonmouth.org) or at the event itself.

TAM's first of two Shakespeare offerings this summer is *Much Ado About Nothing*, the timeless comedy that introduced two of the Bard's most enjoyable and stubborn lovers, Beatrice and Benedict. Directed by Jeri Pitcher, this production will have a post WWII setting featuring a great jazz soundtrack and a swinging good time for the whole family.

The first summer performance at The Theater At Monmouth will be *The Compleat Wrks of William Shakespeare, abridged* on Saturday, June 25th at 7:30pm. A fast paced rollercoaster of a show, three actors run through all of the Bard's works with plenty of improv and audience participation. A guaranteed hoot!

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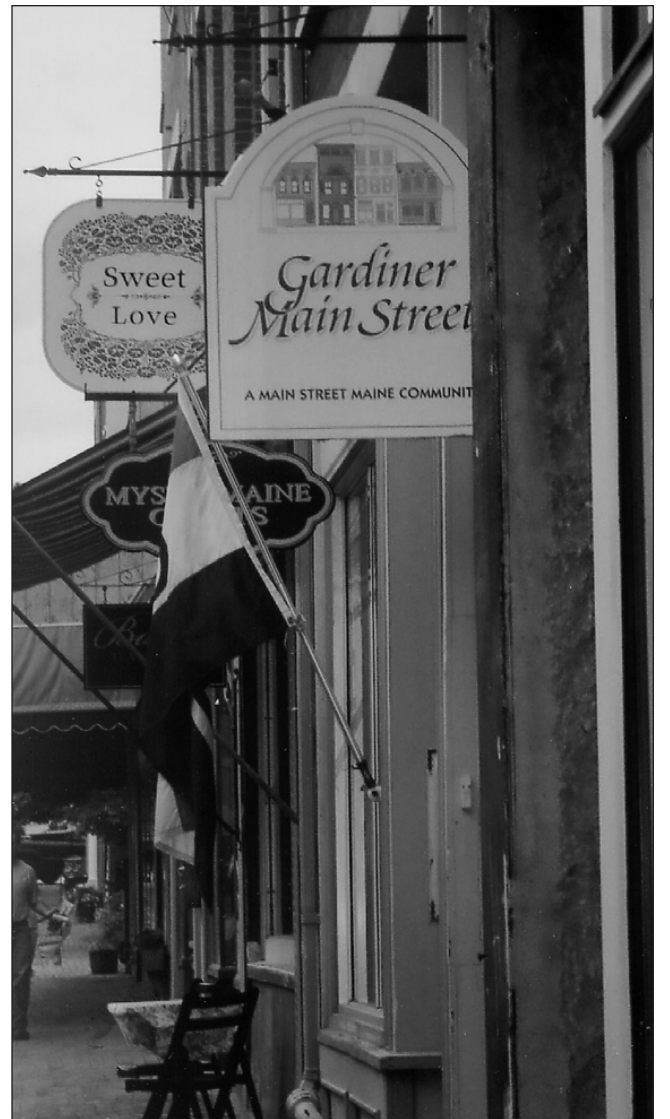
## 2011 Greater Gardiner River Festival Bigger, Better, Longer

The Greater Gardiner River Festival has expanded: on Wednesday, June 15th it will begin with a bang when fireworks are set off at the newly expanded Gardiner Waterfront park.

Also on June 15 at the park, a carnival will open and run through Saturday, starting at 4 pm each day and closing late in the evening. This year live music will be offered Thursday and Friday at 7 pm until 10 pm on the waterfront with Kate Violette & the Accoutrements on Thursday and the School Street Band on Friday. Saturday, weather permitting, the famous Johnson Hall Waterfront Talent Show, hosted by comedian Gary Crocker, will begin at 6:30 pm.

Traditionally a kick-off for the Whatever Family Festival that celebrates with two weeks of activities and events in Augusta, Hallowell, Gardiner and Winthrop, the 2011 Gardiner River Festival will offer a full day Saturday of fun, food and festivities, including:

- Pancake Breakfast, 7-11 am, Christ Church
- Colossal Yard Sale, 8 am-3 pm, Christ Church
- Gigantic Lawn Sale, 8 am-3 pm, First Baptist Church
- Book Sale, 9 am to 4 pm, Gardiner Public Library



• 10th Annual Gardiner Arts & Crafts Festival featuring Maine artists and artisans, specialty food vendors, local restaurant specials, entertainment by Ampersand Academy of Dance & Performing Arts, Water Street, 10 am-4 pm

• Coast Guard Vessel Tours, at the waterfront, 10 am-5 pm

• Children's Art in the Mini-Park, create artwork to take home under the direction of artists from the Center for Maine Crafts, rain location inside Johnson Hall, 11 am-1 pm

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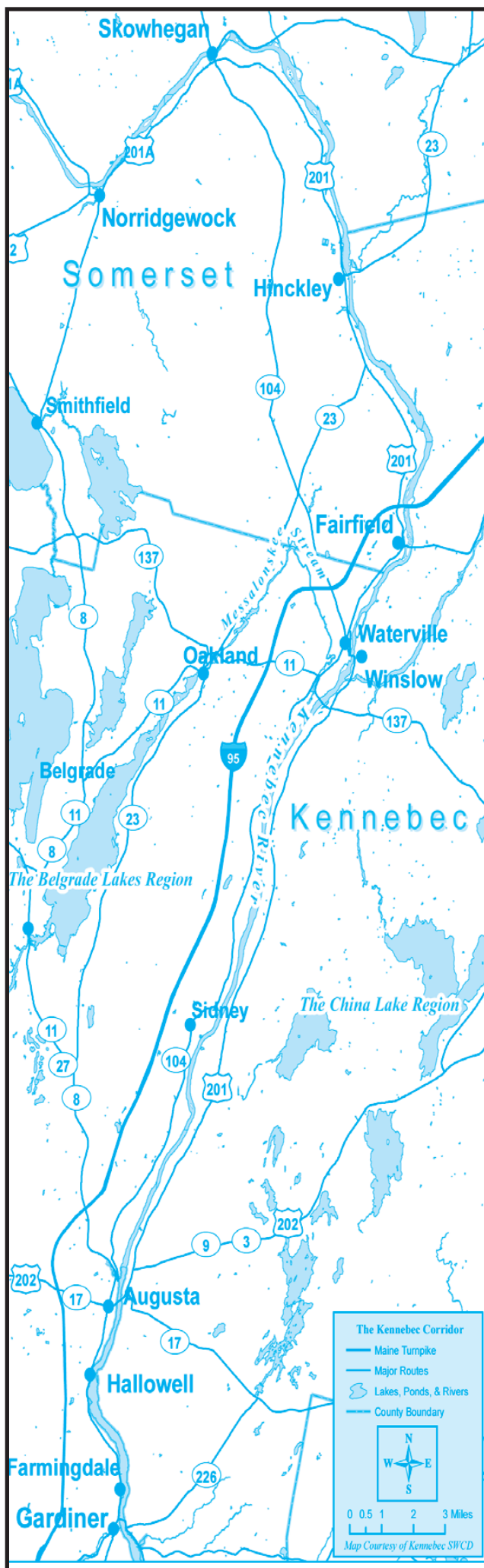
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- Gardiner's Farmers' Market set up along the river, noon-4 pm
- Casserole Supper, 5 pm, First Baptist Church
- Johnson Hall Waterfront Talent Show, shine only, 6:30 pm
- Gardiner Rotary Fireworks, Waterfront Park, after Talent Show, 9:30 pm

Shops and restaurants in town and food vendors at the waterfront will remain open all day. Visitors are invited to stroll around town and admire Gardiner's unique historic buildings along with the festivities during the day, and to bring lawn chairs or blankets to enjoy the evening activities along the Kennebec River.

For more information about activities, history, and unique sites in Gardiner, including the weekly Farmers' Market, visit [www.gardiner-mainst.org](http://www.gardiner-mainst.org) or call 582-3100. Detailed information about the Whatever 2011 Family Festival is available at [www.AugustaMaine.com](http://www.AugustaMaine.com) or call 623-4559.

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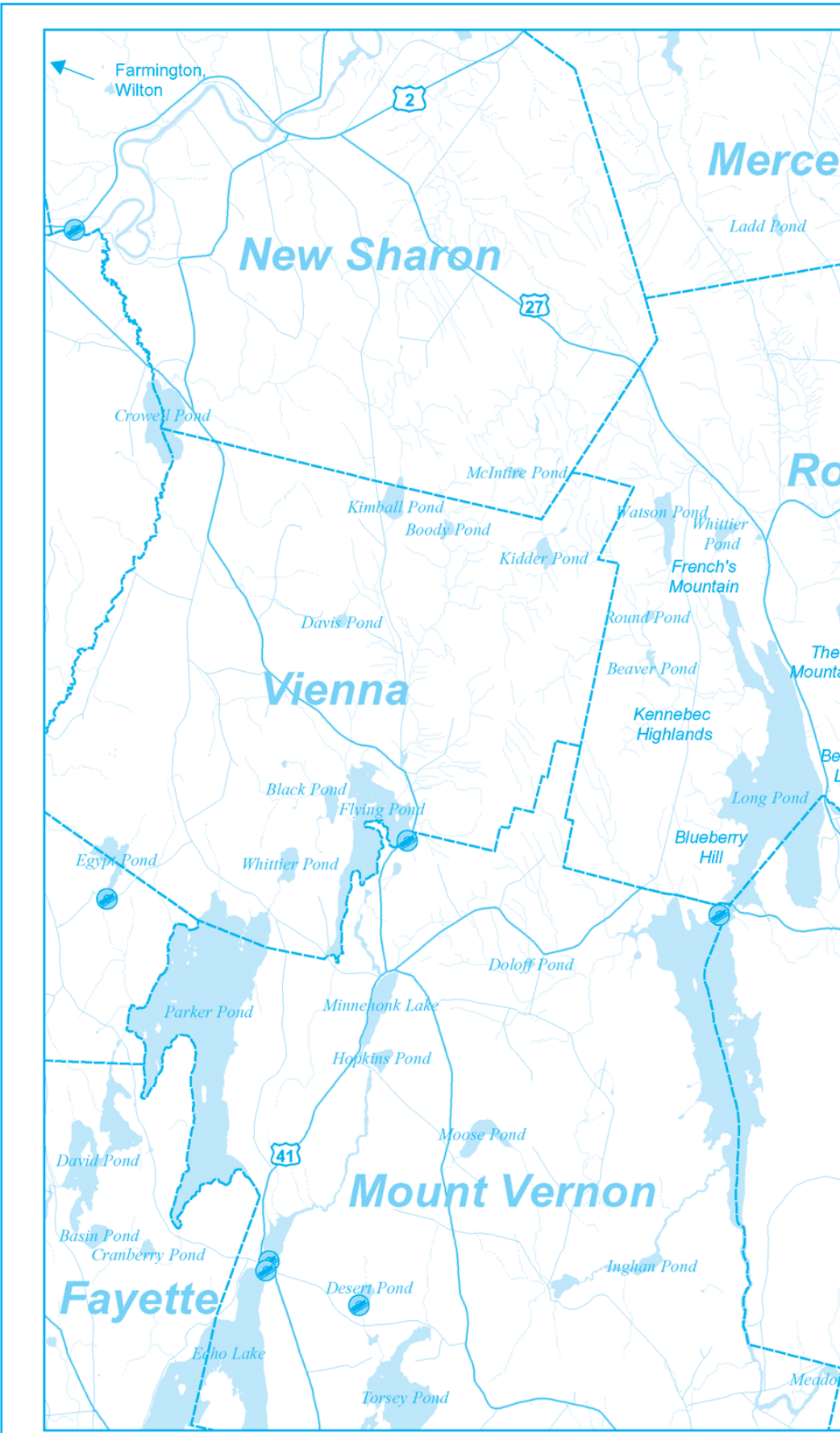
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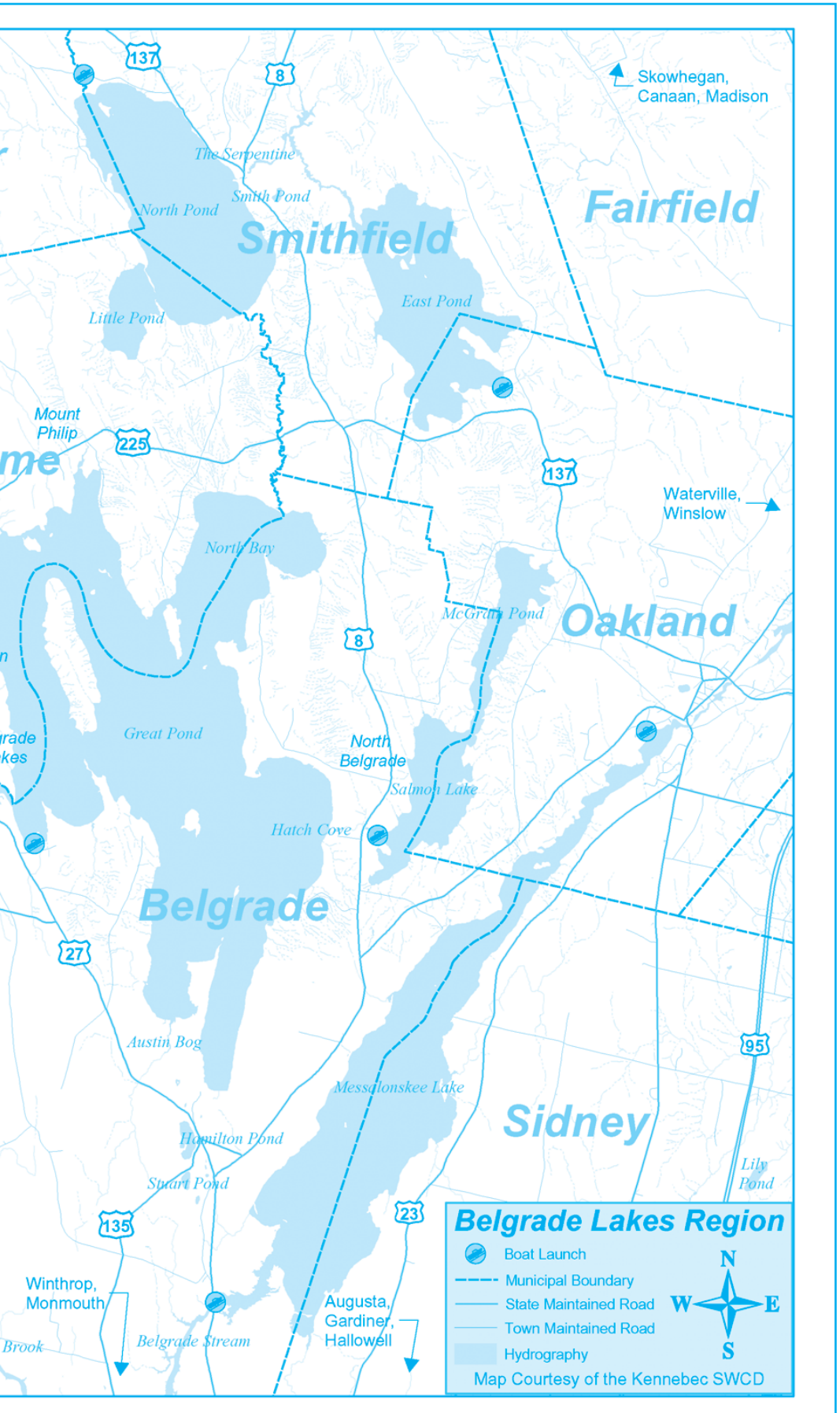
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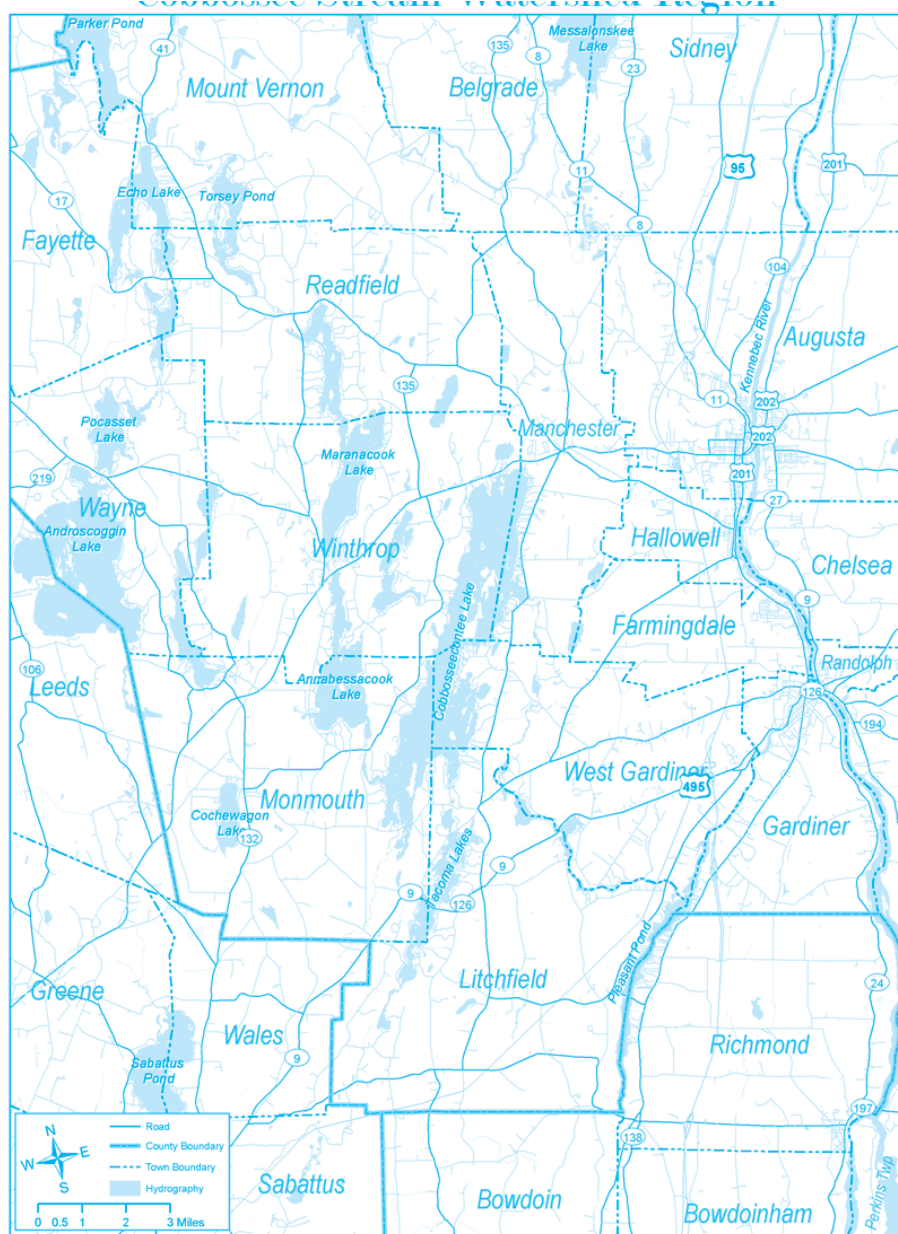


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### Watershed Science Program 1000 student Milestone!



The Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed's school year education efforts, the Watershed Science Program, has hit a milestone for the first time in the organizations' 10 year history: serving over 1000 students during the 2010-2011 school year! Offered free of charge to schools located within, or enrolling students that live within, the Cobbossee Watershed, the Watershed Science Program brings hands on and multi-disciplinary lessons into the classroom. Topics covered include aquatic ecosystems, water resources, water quality, sources and effects of pollution and land use decisions.

Education Director, Tamara Whitmore believes that watersheds are the perfect real-world context for the skills that students are learning in school. "Literally all of our area children have had some sort of experience with our local lakes, ponds or streams, whether it is swimming with friends during the hot summer months, ice-fishing with family during the winter or just exploring the frog pond beyond their house. The goal of the Watershed Science Program is to help students connect their own experiences to current and future environmental dilemmas by using math, language arts and analytical skills to understand key ecological concepts, and create environmentally literate and engaged stewards of our natural resources in the future."

In 2004, the Friends Board of Directors identified the need to establish a year-round education presence as a critical component to the organization's effectiveness and sustainability in meeting its mission to "protect and improve the 28 lakes and streams of the Cobbossee Watershed". In 2005, the Friends were awarded a 5-year, \$150,000 grant from the Unity Foundation in Unity, ME to add a full-time Education Director on staff.

Since that point, the Friend's suite of educational programs has grown by leaps and bounds – in program offerings as well as numbers of participants. In addition to the Watershed Science Program, the Friends offer Outside After School, an opportunity for students to connect with the natural resources around their school yard; Nature Day Camps, offered during the winter, spring and summer school vacation periods; and now three levels of Tadpole Patrol, the Friends first and still highly popular educational program aboard their 22' pontoon boat, the OTTER II.

The Watershed Science Program is made possible through grants from private foundations, as well as area business sponsorships and donations from FOCW members and the general public. For more information regarding any of the Friends educational programs, please contact Education Director Tamara Whitmore, [tamara@watershedfriends.com](mailto:tamara@watershedfriends.com) or 621-4100, or visit [www.watershedfriends.com](http://www.watershedfriends.com)



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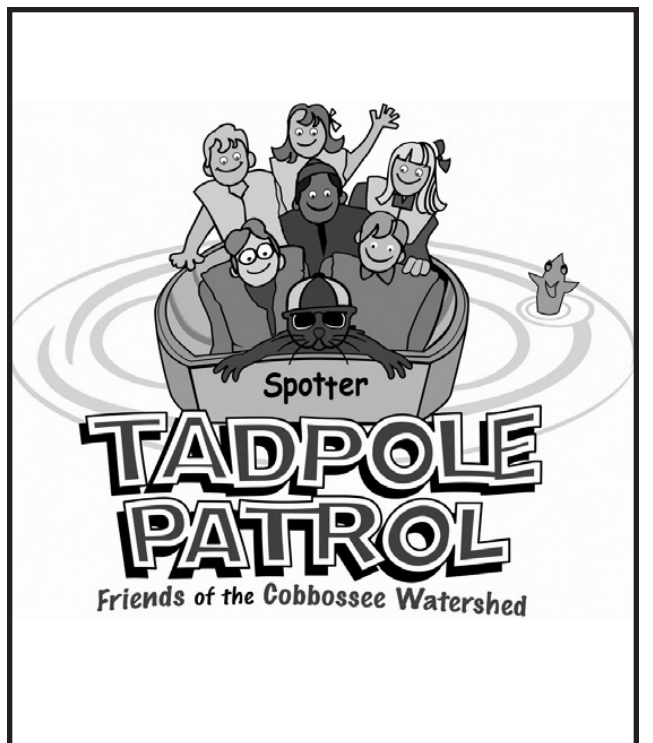


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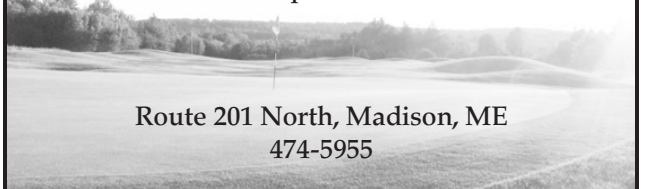
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## — Upcoming —

- On Friday, June 24, four Maine authors will be appearing at the Cary Memorial Library in Wayne to discussion the settings of their work. Free and open to the public, 4-6 pm. 377-4380
- The Smithfield Historical Society will be holding a garage and bake sale at 25 Lake View Drive on Saturday, June 25, 7 am-noon. Proceeds will help with needed repairs at the society's new home, The Groves House. 634-4392
- Also on Saturday, June 25, the Smithfield Fire & Rescue annual Chicken BBQ will be held at the fire station 11 am until gone. 362-3966
- Cafe Vienna, a one-act opera performed in English by PORTopera's Young Artists will be performed on Sunday, June 26 at 2 pm at Jewett Auditorium, University of Maine Augusta. 621-3551
- On Thursday, June 30 the Poetry and Music Series at the Lithgow Public Library in Augusta will feature Rocker Poet Dave Morrison and acoustic musicians Anna and Dave Patterson, at 6:30 pm. Free and open to the public. 626-2415
- The 9th Annual Friends on the 4th 5K Run, Jog & Walk, sponsored by Friends of the Cobbossee

Watershed starts at 8 am at Norcross Point in Winthrop. 621-4100

- On Friday, July 8, The Royal River Chorus will perform at the Araxine Wilkins Sawyer Foundation in Greene, free admission, 2 and 7 pm. 946-5311
- St. Mark's Episcopal Church at the corner of Eustis and North Streets in Waterville will hold a Summer Yard Sale, rain or shine, from 8 am-1 pm on Saturday, July 9. A CookOut lunch will be available. 465-4606
- Talisker, a Celtic Band, will be the featured entertainment at the July 9, at 7:30 pm, at the Union Coffeehouse in Belgrade Lakes. An Open Mic hour will follow. \$5 donation at the door.
- The 16th Annual Kennebec Valley Chamber of

Commerce Golf Tournament to benefit the Kennebec Leadership Institute will be held on Monday, July 11 at the Augusta Country Club with a noon shotgun start. 623-4559

- The Friends of the Belgrade Public Library 3rd Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Thursday, July 14 at the Belgrade Lakes Golf Course with a 1 pm tee off time using a scramble format - followed by a cocktail reception, awards ceremony, silent and live auctions. 495-2101
- The 14th Annual Maine International Film Festival is scheduled for July 15-24, featuring 10 days, 50 filmmakers, 100 films. 861-8138
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## Belgrade Conservation Alliance Sets Summer Schedule

A stewardship workday, a series of lectures, a 5K race, and a golf tournament are on the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance 2011 summer Education and Outreach event schedule which began in early June and will run through the Annual Meeting in September.

On Thursday, June 16, guest lecturer Susan Gallo, a wildlife biologist from the Maine Audubon Society will talk about Loons at 7 pm at the Union Church in Belgrade Lakes. Other lectures are scheduled on July 7 and 21 and August 4 and 18. All of them will be held at the Union Church at 7 pm. For topics and speakers call the BRCA office at 495-6039.

On Friday, July 22 at 9 am the BRCA will hold a workday to perform stewardship on the organization's trails and properties. The location is yet to be determined; please call in advance to sign up.

The leading event of the season is the Harold Alfond Memorial BRCA Pro Am Golf Tournament and reception fundraiser, to be held on Wednesday, August 10 starting at 11 am at the Belgrade Lakes Golf Club. The 2011 tournament will benefit the BRCA Lake Trust, which oversees the efforts of the Conservation Corps, the Milfoil Program, and the combined water quality efforts in the Belgrade Lakes Watershed. All reception proceeds will go for support of water quality improvement programs.

In September the BRCA will hold a Race for the Lakes 5K, September 3, at 8 am starting at Camp Runoia on Great Pond. The event proceeds will contribute to projects for protecting the Belgrade Lakes Watershed.

The 2011 season will end with the annual meeting and dinner at Alden Camps on East Pond in Oakland. The date is to be determined. For more information on all BRCA events, call 495-6039.



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## – Conservation Too –

## Tree Science Simplified

by Mark Burton Darlington, PhD.

I recently attended an excellent workshop series on trees, five meetings covering tree ecology, identification, planting, pruning, insect and disease problems, and woodlot management. It was put on by the Belgrade Tree Committee, in partnership with the Belgrade Lakes Regional Conservation Alliance, Kennebec County Soil and Water Conservation District, Kennebec Woodland Partnership, the Maine Forest Service and the Small Woodland Owners Association of Maine.

It was a winter “Wonder” series which started on March 21 while we were still slog-ging through snowy weather, but by the time it finished up on April 25th, spring was in the air. So while it certainly wasn’t “Summer in the Belgrades,” the weather was good enough that we were treated to a number of field trips, several just a step outside on the grounds of the Center for All Seasons and a morning spent visiting a local tree farm.

I enjoyed the enthusiastic, knowledgeable presentations and found the whole series to be very educational. My training in Biology has

been on fauna rather than flora, so I found it all to be very useful. The tree identification was an excellent refresher and stimulus to get out the ID book and really take a look, and so I’m now seeing more sugar maples and white pines and less and less “generic trees”. Tish Carr will be glad to know that her pruning tips have been put to good work around my yard already. I now know to start to cut outside the branch bark ridge and not cut too close so as to damage the branch bark collar, rather than just hacking off the branch right against the trunk. And when planting a tree, instead of always just picking a favorite species, I am now looking to see what kind of tree makes sense in that specific location. As a new woodlot owner I especially appreciated hearing the “Ten Biggest Mistakes Woodland Owners Make” by Tom Doak of SWOAM. It was exactly the information I needed to manage my woodlot, I can increase the health of the trees and wildlife and harvest some firewood, while decreasing my property taxes. I have walked my woods with Mort Moesswilde of the Maine Forest Service, visited my local tax assessor and am

considering getting in a licensed forester to draw up a plan and getting some acres included in the “Tree Growth” program. That would significantly reduce my property taxes now and also inheritance taxes later on. It was also very good to hear that Maine has a strong landowner protection law that protects me whether or not I grant permission to others to use my land. I don’t mind if local people hunt in my woodlot, but thought I was liable if someone hurt themselves in my woods. So that news has saved me some worry and the trouble and expense of posting the property.

However my favorite talk of all was by Charlene Donahue, the Maine Forest Service Entomologist. Yes, you guessed it, my biology training is in bugs. I always enjoy meeting someone who shares my fascination with insects, they really are remarkable little creatures!



Articles contributed by the Kennebec County Soil & Water Conservation District in Augusta who can be contacted at the District office on 21 Enterprise Street at 207-622-7847 x 3 or check our website at [www.kcswwcd.org](http://www.kcswwcd.org)

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crossed and hoping we “dodged a bullet.” We cannot afford to become complacent, however. During the three years we have been working on the EWM in Salmon Lake, our courtesy boat inspectors (CBIs) have removed EWM from boats entering Salmon Lake three times, preventing a potential reinfestation.

The BRCA and volunteers from all the local lake associations will be conducting visual surveys from small boats in all the Belgrade Lakes, especially in the vicinity of the boat ramps. Additionally, we will be working with the Friends of Messalonskee Lake to evaluate various options for pulling or harvesting the variable milfoil there. Come to “Milfoil Awareness Day” at the Oakland boat ramp on

Saturday, June 25th to learn more. We need volunteers for all these efforts. We would love to make you a trained plant patroller and have a plant identification training workshop scheduled for the afternoon of July 12th at the Mount Vernon Community Center on Minnehonk Lake and a field methods workshop on the morning of the 16th at Taylor Pond in Mount Vernon. If you want to attend one of these workshops, please contact the BRCA at 495-6039 and we will sign you up. Even if you think you are not ready to learn plant ID, we still need volunteers to act as safety observers for our divers and paddlers to paddle our trained observers around in canoes or tandem kayaks. If you are looking for a good excuse to dive, snorkel, or

paddle around a kayak or canoe on a beautiful day, have we got a deal for you! You will make new friends who care about the lakes. Our planned patrols are listed on page five, including a rain date. Call Corinne at BRCA for more information. In the future I will talk more about Maine’s milfoil law and the invasive plant prevention programs the BRCA administers in the Belgrades. In the mean time, please make sure you thoroughly inspect your boat and trailer every time it leaves or enters the water and remove all aquatic plant fragments. Don’t transport aquatic hitchhikers!



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kid, an old time Maine Guide told me to fish "bright when it's bright and dark when it's dark." I can still picture Gene telling me that and what worked 60 years ago still works today. What he meant was, on sunny days, fish silver, white, chartreuse, etc and on overcast and rainy days we should fish copper, gold, green or orange. Obviously, this is just a rule of thumb, but it's a rule I obey as often as possible.

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## Night at the Museum – Nocturnal Animals Program

On Wednesday, June 22 from 6:30-7:30 pm the L.C. Bates Night at the Museum Program will be Nocturnal Animals. The Nocturnal Animals Program will guide children and families as they explore the world of the nocturnal animals of Maine – hunting the animals in the museum and in the fields around the museum. Children will learn about and see animals that love the night including bats, owls, skunks, porcupines, moths, and fishers. The fascinating adaptation of being awake at night has some advantages. Come find out what secrets the night holds. 238-4250

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Held every Friday from 2-6 pm, the Viles Arboretum Farmers' Market offers easy access, ample parking, picnic tables, restrooms, and a variety of educational exhibits. The market already has over ten vendors, with more having indicated an interest.

Although the farmers' market is new to the Arboretum area, farming isn't.

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while the land west of Hospital Street housed the major farm buildings with the exception of a new piggery built on the east side following several years of a fatal swine virus outbreak. Hence the name for Piggery Road, near the north boundary of the Arboretum property.

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**Paradis Outfitters**, 3675 Middle Rd, Sidney, 547-GUNS, [www.paradisoutfitters.com](http://www.paradisoutfitters.com)

AIRPLANE RIDES

**AirLink, LLC**, float plane rides. 2 LaFleur Rd, Waterville, 859-0109 or 609-712-0866 (cell), [www.airlinkconnection.com](http://www.airlinkconnection.com)

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BANKING

**Kennebec Savings Bank**, 150 State St, Augusta, 622-5801, [www.kennebecsavings.com](http://www.kennebecsavings.com)  
**Maine State Credit Union**, 200 Capitol St, Augusta, 623-1851, [www.maine.statecu.org](http://www.maine.statecu.org)  
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**Jokas’ Discount Beverage**, 52 Front St, Waterville, 873-6228

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**Auclair Cycle & Ski**, 64 Bangor St, Augusta, 623-4351, [www.AuclairCycleSki.com](http://www.AuclairCycleSki.com)

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BOAT COVERS

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BOAT LIFTS

**Hammond Lumber Company**, Auburn, Bangor, Belgrade, Brunswick, Fairfield, Farmington, Greenville, Portland, Skowhegan, 866-HAMMOND, [www.hammondlumber.com](http://www.hammondlumber.com)  
**Power Equipment Plus**, 2309 Belgrade Rd, Rt 27, Sidney. 547-4114, [pep@pivot.net](mailto:pep@pivot.net)

BOAT MOORINGS

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**Belgrade Canoe & Kayak**, Rt 27, Belgrade, 495-2005, 242-6331, [www.kayakandcanoe.com](http://www.kayakandcanoe.com)  
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495-2213, [www.greatpondmarina.com](http://www.greatpondmarina.com)  
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**Belgrade Boat Storage**, 41 Pinkham’s Cove Rd, Rt 27, Belgrade, 495-3415, [boatstorage@roadrunner.net](mailto:boatstorage@roadrunner.net)  
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**Trailside Performance**, 797 Augusta Rd, Rt 201, Winslow, 873-2366, [www.trailsideperformance.com](http://www.trailsideperformance.com)

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**Belgrade Canoe & Kayak**, Route 27, Belgrade, 495-2005, 242-6331, [www.kayakandcanoe.com](http://www.kayakandcanoe.com)  
**Belgrade Lakes Four Season Cottages**, 9 Bass Lane, Belgrade, 495-9217, [www.belgradecottages.com](http://www.belgradecottages.com)

CHAINSAWS

**Power Equipment Plus**, 2309 Belgrade Rd, Rt 27, Sidney, 547-4114, [pep@pivot.net](mailto:pep@pivot.net)

CLOTHING

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

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DOCKS

**G&L Contracting**, Belgrade, 215-7951, [agardner81@yahoo.com](mailto:agardner81@yahoo.com)  
**Hammond Lumber Company**, Auburn, Bangor, Belgrade, Brunswick, Fairfield, Farmington, Greenville, Portland, Skowhegan, 866-HAMMOND, [www.hammondlumber.com](http://www.hammondlumber.com)  
**Power Equipment Plus**, 2309 Belgrade Rd, Rt 27, Sidney, 547-4114, [pep@pivot.net](mailto:pep@pivot.net)  
**Trailside Performance**, 797 Augusta Rd, Rt 201, Winslow, 873-2366, [www.trailsideperformance.com](http://www.trailsideperformance.com)

ELDER CARE

**Maine-ly Elder Care**, 28 Center St, Oakland, 465-3249, [www.maine-lyeldercare.com](http://www.maine-lyeldercare.com)

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**Belgrade Boat Storage**, 41 Pinkham’s Cove Rd, Belgrade, 495-3415, [boatstorage@roadrunner.com](mailto:boatstorage@roadrunner.com)  
**Bellavance Construction Company Inc**, 31 Hulin Rd, Belgrade Lakes, 495-2492  
**David Stevens**, P.O.Box 146, 103 Grandview Dr, Belgrade, 465-3815, cell 314-0314

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**Maine Eye Care Associates**, 325 E. Kennedy Memorial Dr, Waterville, 873-2731, [www.MaineEyeCare.com](http://www.MaineEyeCare.com)

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**Riverside Farm Market & Cafe**, 291 Fairfield St, Oakland, 465-4439, [www.riversidefarmmarket.com](http://www.riversidefarmmarket.com)  
**Winterberry Farm**, 538 Augusta Rd, Rt 27, Belgrade, 495-2593, [www.winterberryfarmstand.com](http://www.winterberryfarmstand.com)

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**Hammond Lumber Company**, Auburn, Bangor, Belgrade, Brunswick, Fairfield, Farmington, Greenville, Portland, Skowhegan, 866-HAMMOND, [www.hammondlumber.com](http://www.hammondlumber.com)

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**Longfellow’s Greenhouses**, 81 Puddledock Rd, Manchester, 622-5965, [www.longfellowsgreenhouses.com](http://www.longfellowsgreenhouses.com)

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**Spring Gallery & Sculpture Garden**, bronze castings, 81 Main St, Belgrade Lakes, 495-3113, [www.modernartfoundry.com](http://www.modernartfoundry.com)

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**Day’s General Store**, 180 Main St, Rt 27, Belgrade Lakes, 495-2205, [www.go2days.com](http://www.go2days.com)  
**Kozy Cottage**, 13 Church St, Oakland, 465-0959, [www.kozy-covecottages.com](http://www.kozy-covecottages.com)  
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**The Village Peddler Gift Shop**, Lake Shore Dr, Belgrade Lakes, 495-7707

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**Natanis Golf Course**. 735 Webber Pond Rd, Vassalboro, 622-3561, [www.natanisgc.com](http://www.natanisgc.com)

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**Day’s General Store**, 180 Main St, Rt 27, Belgrade Lakes, 495-2205, [www.go2days.com](http://www.go2days.com)

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**Hair Reflections**, 849 Kennedy Memorial Dr, Oakland, 465-7848

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**Belgrade Regional Health Center**, 4 Clement Way, Belgrade Lakes, 495-3323, [www.healthreachchc.org](http://www.healthreachchc.org)  
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**Dairy Queen**, 13 KMD Plaza, Waterville, 872-2220; and 161 College Avenue, Waterville, 873-1677. [www.dairyqueen.com](http://www.dairyqueen.com)  
**Day’s General Store**, 180 Main St, Rt 27, Belgrade Lakes, 495-2205, [www.go2days.com](http://www.go2days.com)

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**John M. Fortier, State Farm Insurance**, 16 Silver St, Waterville, 873-1101, [john@johnfortier.com](mailto:john@johnfortier.com)

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KITCHENS

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LAKE ASSOCIATIONS

**Belgrade Lakes Association (BLA)**, Long Pond and Great Pond, PO Box 551, Belgrade Lakes, 512-5150, [www.belgrade-lakesassociation.com](http://www.belgrade-lakesassociation.com)

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**Longfellow’s Greenhouses**, 81 Puddledock Rd., Manchester, 622-5965, [www.longfellowsgreenhouses.com](http://www.longfellowsgreenhouses.com)  
**Lynch Landscaping**, Skowhegan, 474-2420, [lynchlandscaping.com](http://lynchlandscaping.com)  
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MEATS

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MOVIE THEATERS

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PHARMACY

**Kennebec Pharmacy & Home Care**, 43 Leighton Rd, Augusta, 626-2726, [www.kpprx.com](http://www.kpprx.com)

PHYSICAL THERAPY

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

PIANO LESSONS

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**The Framemakers**, 46 Main St, Waterville, 872-8927, [www.theframemakers.com](http://www.theframemakers.com)

PLUMBING

**Paul Hanna's Plumbing**, Belgrade Lakes, 495-3805  
**Houle's Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning**, 19 North St, Waterville, 872-6762, [www.houlesphac.com](http://www.houlesphac.com)

REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENTS

**North Bay Estates**, Belgrade, 649-3749, [crgsnbe@yahoo.com](mailto:crgsnbe@yahoo.com)

REAL ESTATE

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**Lakepoint Real Estate**, 221 Main St, Belgrade Lakes, 495-3700, [www.belgradelakepoint.com](http://www.belgradelakepoint.com)  
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458-0874, [www.snowpondrealty.com](http://www.snowpondrealty.com)  
**Sprague & Curtis Real Estate**, 75 Western Ave, Augusta, [www.spragueandcurtis.com](http://www.spragueandcurtis.com), 623-1123

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**Granite Hill Estates**, 60 Balsam Dr, Hallowell, 626-7786, 1-888-321-1119, [www.granitehillestates.com](http://www.granitehillestates.com)

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SEAFOOD

**Ballard Meats & Seafood**, 55 Myrtle St, Manchester, 622-9764, 1-800-564-6328  
**Lobster Trap & Steakhouse**, 15 Bay St, Winslow, 872-0529, [www.lobstertrap-seafood.com](http://www.lobstertrap-seafood.com)

SECURITY SYSTEMS

**Cayer Security Services, Inc**, 208 College Ave, Waterville, 453-9177, [www.cayersecureity.com](http://www.cayersecureity.com)

SELF STORAGE

**Maple Leaf Self Storage**, 688 Manchester Rd., Rt 135, Belgrade, 495-2191

SEPTIC SYSTEMS

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**Stanley’s Septic Tank Service & Construction**, 187 Norridgewock Rd, Fairfield, 453-9819, 1-800-660-7826, [www.stanleysseptic.com](http://www.stanleysseptic.com)

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

STONEMARK

**Gagne and Son**, 28 Old Rt 27, Belgrade, 495-3313, 1-800-339-3313, [www.gagneandson.com](http://www.gagneandson.com)

THEATER

**The Theater at Monmouth**, Cumston Hall, off Rt 135, Monmouth, 933-9999, [www.theateratmonmouth.org](http://www.theateratmonmouth.org)

TREE CARE

**Foster Tree Care and Landscaping**, 3675 Middle Rd, Sidney, 547-4376

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**Lakeside Veterinary Clinic**, 88 Libby Hill Rd, Oakland, 465-7387, 465-8387

WINDOWS

**Hammond Lumber Company**. Auburn, Bangor, Belgrade, Brunswick, Fairfield, Farmington, Greenville, Portland and Skowhegan, 866-HAMMOND, [www.hammondlumber.com](http://www.hammondlumber.com)

WINDOW TREATMENTS

**Blind Time**, 24 Meadow Hill Dr, Farmingdale, 621-9832, [www.blindtime.com](http://www.blindtime.com)







## Expressions

## Gems of the Kennebec

One photographer, one artist, one day, one show... On Sunday, June 19, from 2-5 pm, "Gems of the Kennebec" - art of and from the river - will be on exhibit at Joyce's Restaurant, Water Street, Hallowell.

Combining the photography of Bill Haley and the artwork of Michell M. Curlett, the exhibit lives up to its name. Bill, a Maine native, actor, director, playwright, and producer, as well as a long-time photographer, lives in

extremely unique pictures.

Michelle, too, has a close relationship with the Kennebec. She has lived in the Augusta area for many years, seeing the transformation of the Kennebec River for the last few decades. The removal of the Edwards Dam not only opened the river to fish and wildlife but also released a treasure trove of broken muddled fragments of history, shattered pieces of former treasures and memories that had become

"Art 2007." Bill is a member of the Capital Area Camera Club and has won 1st place in Cities and Towns category in Maine.gov Fall Photo Contest 2008 and 2011, 1st place in St. Marks Photo Contest 2010, and People's Choice Award at Harlow Gallery, Hallowell, with the Capital Area Camera Club's 2008 Exhibition.

Together they present "Gems of the Kennebec" - art of and from the river.



Hallowell where his back deck overlooks the Kennebec and his subject matter literally flies by, blooms along the riverbanks, or materializes out of the many festivities that take place in this historic river town.

"I've been shooting photos for most of my adult life," says Bill. "It makes my heart beat faster every time I aim at a subject. It's amazing what the eye captures in the process of one day, or even one minute. It's even more amazing when what you capture with your eye ends up framed for folks to look at." Add Bill's enthusiasm to his capturing eye and the result is an array of photos that make everyday topics into

trash to their owner.

The river bottom at low tide is the source of her materials and the inspiration behind her work, which reflects the continuous changes she sees. The dynamic interplay of shifting light, the calls of the birds, the whoosh of air displaced by eagle's wings, the splash of jumping fish, the seasonal variations of smells, the colors, and the changing water levels are captured in her art.

Michelle is a former member of the Kennebec Valley Art Association and the winner of the People's Choice Award at their show



Kennebec River Poppies by Bill Haley.

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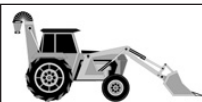
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## Fishing

## Symphony

by Mike Guarino



Matt Sullivan is pictured with his son Riley, Edward Hickey and a big old Great Pond northern pike caught Sunday evening June 5th.

As I sit out on the back deck listening to the world wake up, I'm enthralled by the sounds of nature. Belgrade woke up suddenly this morning, as if my teenager flipped the switch on her stereo, blasting a modern day tune filled with multiple beats that simply don't jive in my head, but somehow have a harmony to them. A symphony of sounds that really shouldn't go together but strangely make beautiful music. The dawn concert started with my favorite sound of the season, a tom turkey gobbling as he flew from his roost. He's about 500 yards away or so, making that guttural noise that causes my heart to pound every time I hear that sweet *gobble. . . .gobble. . . .gobble*. He's searching for his lady friends, wondering where they flew to and trying to keep them close at hand (or in this case wing). This is common spring behavior for a turkey and he will gobble to stir up his girlfriends or he will holler when he hears an owl or crow. Only this morning he's gobbling Belgrade style; he's gobbling each time the loon out front

wails. I've been turkey hunting most of my adult life and have a pretty good understanding of how the game is played, but in all the places I've hunted, never have I heard a turkey get so angry at a loon! So now the band consists of two of the larger birds found here in the area and they are really setting the tone for the morning concert. There are also a couple of crows cackling and a hummingbird is feeding only a few feet from me. Hummingbirds really are beautiful, so sleek and fine tuned with just a hint of red highlighted on his neck. Don't you wish you had a hummingbird's metabolism rate? Just for one day?

So now there are more bird noises than I can pinpoint and my little piece of heaven is really awake when I hear the motor of a fisherman trolling down the lake. Ahhh, now that's a sound I really like! I've got to finish typing and get my fanny in my boat soon too, but there's still coffee in my cup and one last sound that's worth waiting for. It puts a smile on my face every morning. Soon the porch door will open and my favorite

Belgrade dweller will emerge with "good morning daddy." That's the perfect lyric to end the morning's show!

Speaking of noises, loons have four basic calls that make up their vocal communication. This information came from the Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute.

- The **yodel** is a territorial call given by male loons. The call begins with three notes that rise slowly and are followed by several undulating phrases. It communicates to any loons in the area "I am a male loon, I'm on my territory, and I'm prepared to defend it."

- The **wail** resembles a wolf howl. Individual loons use this call to locate other loons. If you listen closely, you will hear a wailing loon saying, "where are you?" Indeed, that's what they are asking.

- The **tremolo** sounds like a quavering laugh. It is typically used when loons are disturbed. A variation of the tremolo is the **flight call**. It is usually given over lakes and is a loon's way of requesting clearance for landing. If a loon on the lake responds with a yodel, the one in the air usually flies on to the next lake.

- The **hoot** is a soft, one-note call loons use in close quarters to call to chicks, mates, or even other loons in a social flock. In social groups, the hoot can be thought of as the loon's way of saying "hi."

Now that the coffee is gone and I've received my good morning hug and kiss, it's time to go fishing! June is my favorite month to fish the local waters because there is so much variety available to anglers. Trout and salmon fishing shifts into high gear right now and some beautiful fish have been caught locally on Mooselook Wobblers and Sutton Spoons along with smelt imitating streamer flies like Jerry's Smelt & Gray Ghosts. Most of the trout are still relatively high in the water column, especially at dawn or dusk, so a couple of colors of lead core line on a fly rod should get you into fish. Mooselooks come in a wide variety of sizes and colors and are a staple in every trollers tackle box. Back when I was a

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## Pet World

### O My Itchy Dog!

If we spend enough time with our pets, eventually we all have that long night with an itchy dog or cat. Thump, thump, thump, scritch, scritch, scritch, lick, lick, lick - no one gets much sleep. You feel bad for your pet, you feel bad for your sleep-deprived self, and more often than not, there is a SMELL involved. For some pets this is a short episode that may last only a couple of days or weeks; for others, it's a way of life. For many dogs, summer is prime itchy time.

For every itchy (and smelly) dog or cat we see, we need to identify WHAT is making them itch. This usually involves a potpourie of bacteria, yeast, parasites, skin oils and other discharges. For the most part, getting these under control can be done with a combination of shampoos, topical treatments and, at times, antibiotics and other medications. The longer the problem has persisted however, the more issues become involved. For example, a dog with a simple superficial bacterial skin infection who stays in the water all day and chews all night, can often end up with a more dramatic skin infection known as a hot spot. There are only so many things that usually make the skin raw, itchy and nasty - when I examine an itchy pet, the WHAT is usually apparent.

The harder question to answer for many itchy dogs is WHY they ended up with the WHAT. Often the cause is clear. For example, fleas, insect bites, being wet too long, or a cut, bite or scratch might be the culprit. When the WHY is not as apparent, we need to "dig deeper" to identify the cause. What lies beneath can include allergies (including food allergies or allergies to almost anything in their world), hormonal imbalances, small parasites we cannot see (such as sarcoptic mange mites), and some uncommon issues that crop up only rarely (e.g. diseases of the immune system or certain types of skin cancer). Identifying and treating the WHY can often be

the frustrating part, for most of these reasons just don't go away on their own. Often we can make a pet happier for a while just by treating the WHAT he has, but if we don't address the WHY, he'll be back itching again.

There are some nasty infections that affect the skin on the entire body of a dog or cat, but some of the worst problems affect only certain parts. For instance, the ears are a common spot for itchy misery on an allergic dog, or a dog with mange. Left untreated over time, more and more organisms get involved in the misery which is a canine ear infection. Another serious and painful outcome from a lot of itching, digging and licking is a raw, open bleeding area on the skin known as the "hot spot". Quickly, a hot spot can spread like a wildfire across the skin, causing more extensive damage and pain. Both ear infections and hot spots need prompt attention. Of course, as we begin to treat the WHAT, we also must take into account the WHY the dog ended up with the hot spot, ear infection, assorted skin bumps or rash.

Fortunately, with prompt attention, the majority of itchy dogs and cats can be given relief quickly. For those whose WHY is more involved, more extensive diagnostic tests, labwork, regular follow ups, and longer term treatment may be necessary to get to the bottom of things. A lot of folks want a quick and lasting fix to the itch. In reality, treating itchy pets can be trying and require a lot of perseverance and patience. But take heart, there is usually a WHAT that can be treated to give them relief while we are getting to the bottom of the WHY they itch and scritch and lick.



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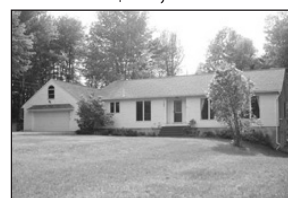
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### New Branding Mission For Messalonskee Lake Reaches Broader User Base

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On June 25, 10 am-3 pm, the Friends of Messalonskee will hold its second annual Milfoil Awareness Day to help everyone identify, understand and manage this menacing invasive water plant that grows quickly, can choke out other plants and interferes with recreational activities such as swimming and boating. It is often spread from lake to lake by boaters.

Milfoil Awareness Day is a kickoff to surveying the lake to identify milfoil hot spots as part of an ongoing milfoil management plan. Attendees will learn about the plant, take boat rides to see it and learn how they can help in the control efforts, which include State-approved methods such as Benthic barriers, which are underwater mats that block sunlight and kill milfoil, and the use of divers to manually rip the plant out or remove it with a suction-harvesting machine.

June 25 activities will also include a presentation of the program for youth, "Hooked on Fishing - Not on Drugs." An educational tool sponsored by the Department of inland Fisheries



and Wildlife, the program encourages good decision making and family togetherness as the ultimate goal, with teaching youth the art of fishing as a secondary success. The concept of Hooked on Fishing - Not on Drugs began in 1986 and has



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The June 25th programs will be at the Oakland Boat Landing on Old Belgrade Road. Information is available on the website at [www.snowpond.org](http://www.snowpond.org) and Facebook "Friends of Messalonskee Lake" or call 465-3799 or 660-5069. Watershed residents from the other Belgrade lakes are invited to attend.

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