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MIFF Brings the World To Waterville

by Gregor Smith

Cinephiles rejoice! Friday the 13th is your lucky day! That's when the fifteenth annual Maine International Film Festival begins.

Since 1998, the festival has been bringing films and filmmakers from around the world to Waterville for ten glorious days in July. Besides film screenings, MIFF typically includes Q&A sessions and receptions with the filmmakers, a concert or two, and other special events.

This year's MIFF features over 60 feature films and more than two dozen shorts. The feature films are a mixture of Hollywood classics and new films from Maine and the far reaches of the world, including eight world premieres. All screenings will take place at Railroad Square Cinema and the newly renovated and reopened, 810-seat Waterville Opera House.

One of the world premieres is the festival's opening film, *VacationLand*, which will be shown Friday, July 13, at 6:30 in the Opera House, with a repeat showing the next day at 3:30 at Railroad Square. As the film's title implies, it was made and is set in the Pine Tree State. MIFF's website describes the film thus: "Journeying to the mountains of western Maine for a high summer

reunion that no one seems to know about, several members — and one would-be member — of a scattered family find beauty, truth and a buried treasure of no particular worth . . ."

The film stars Karen Black, who will be a special

Supporting Actress for *Five Easy Pieces* (1970) and was nominated for the Golden Globe for Best Actress in a Drama for *The Day of the Locust* (1975). Both of these films will be shown at MIFF, along with her *Come Back to the Five and Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean* (1982) and *Maria My Love* (2011).

MIFF's second special guest will be film editor Thelma Schoonmaker, who is this year's Mid-Life Achievement Award winner. Each year, MIFF honors a veteran filmmaker. In choosing its honorees, MIFF considers not just those who appear in front of the camera, but also those who work behind the camera or off the set entirely. Past honorees include actors Malcolm McDowell (2011), John Turturro (2008), Ed Harris (2004), and Sissy Spacek (2001); directors Arthur Penn (2010), Jonathan Demme (2002), and Terrence Malick (2000); and screenwriter Jay Cocks (2010); but Schoonmaker is the first film editor to receive this award.

A film editor is a vital, but unheralded member of any filmmaking team. Wikipedia describes film editing as the "art, technique, and practice of assembling shots into a



The Oranges, a just-released "gentle satire and muted celebration of the American family" starring Catherine Keener, Oliver Platt, Allison Janney, Boyd Holbrook, Alia Shawkat and Adam Brody will be MIFF's Centerpiece Film. .

guest at this year's festival. Born in 1939, Black has appeared in more than 150 films in a career spanning more than a half century. She was nominated for an Oscar and won the Golden Globe for Best

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coherent whole . . . [but] the job of an editor isn't simply to mechanically put pieces of a film together, cut off film slates, or edit dialogue scenes. A film editor must creatively work with the layers of images, story, dialogue, music, pacing, as well as the actors' performances to effectively 're-imagine' and even rewrite the film to craft a cohesive whole."

For her efforts, Thelma Schoonmaker has been nominated for seven Oscars for film editing and has won thrice. All but one of her Oscar nominations were for films directed by Martin Scorsese; she has edited every Scorsese film since *Raging Bull* in 1980. She will receive the MIFF award on Tuesday, July 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the Opera House, after which Scorsese's gangster drama *Goodfellas* (1990) will be shown. On Wednesday, at 3:30, filmgoers will be able to see another Schoonmaker/Scorsese film, *Kundun*, a 1997 biographical epic on the Dalai Lama.

Besides the new films and those associated with its special guests, MIFF likes to include several overlooked classics in its lineup. Thanks to support from the Film Foundation, a nonprofit organization founded by Martin Scorsese to fund the restoration of old movies, this year's selection of "rediscoveries" will be better than ever. Offerings include *The Big Sky*, a 1952 Howard Hawks western; *The Chase*, a 1946 film noir based on a Cornell Woolrich pulp novel; *The Breaking Point*, a 1950 adaptation of Ernest Hemingway's *To Have and Have Not*; and *Punishment Park*, a 1971 documentary-style feature in which the federal government




Ivy Girdwood (left) and Karen Black star in *VacationLand*, the Maine-made film that opens this year's film festival.

can confine hippies, Vietnam War draft dodgers, and anyone else it deems "a risk to internal security" to a southwestern desert, where they are hunted down by soldiers and police as a training exercise. The Film Foundation supplied prints for all but the last of these films.

With so many movies packed into a mere ten days, it's probably not possible for even the most ardent cinephile to see them all, but anyone who wants to try can buy a nontransferable pass for \$200 that will admit him (or her) to all public festival events. If one has less time, money, or stamina, one can get a punchcard for \$85 that is good for ten

admissions, up to two per screening, to any festival event, including the Opening and Closing Ceremonies, the Centerpiece Gala, and Mid-Life Achievement Award Presentation. Most individual screenings cost \$9 per person; admission to the special events listed in the previous sentence costs \$3 more.

One can buy full and partial festival passes and individual tickets either online, at www.miff.org, or at the door. The website also includes dates, times, locations, and descriptions for all festival screenings. 

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Teen Choir to Sing at Old South Church

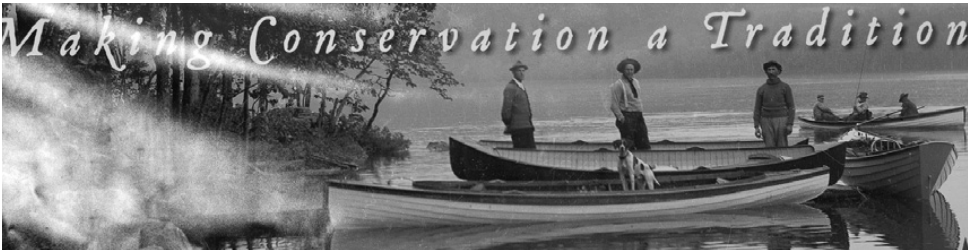


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An Olde Boat Float



Rare antique wooden boats will be the focus of the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance fundraiser on July 20, 6-9 pm, at the Village Inn in downtown Belgrade Lakes. The event will also feature a cocktail party with fantastic hors d'oeuvres, elegant desserts, a live band, an auction, and two guest speakers - authors Earl Smith and John Ford.

Smith, a retired Colby Dean, wrote "The Dam Committee," a humorous Maine murder mystery. Ford, a retired Maine Game Warden, wrote "Suddenly, The Cider Didn't Taste So Good, Adventures of a Game Warden in Maine."

Funds raised from the event will benefit milfoil control, the Belgrade Conservation Corps, and numerous watershed-wide programs to improve water quality.

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Milfoil Matters

What Options Do We Have To Control This Invasive Threat?

by Dr. Peter Kallin and Lynn Matson

Long before any milfoil mitigation work began in Great Pond this spring, the BLA Milfoil Task Force reviewed and studied the available control options for invasive aquatic plants.

MANUAL REMOVAL -- This as follows; was our first line of attack against the invasive milfoil in Great Meadow Stream and Great Pond. It involves waders and divers using their hands and hand tools to remove the entire milfoil plant including the roots. This is a very labor-intensive process but is the most selective and causes the least amount of damage to native plant communities. It is the most appropriate method for situations where sporadic clumps of invasive plants are intermingled with native plants, which is the case for most of the Great Meadow Stream and North Bay infestation.

DIVER ASSISTED SUCTION HARVESTER -- Commonly called DASH boats, this form of manual removal makes use of Venturi pumps and hoses to transport plants to the surface after divers manually remove them from the sediment. It can accelerate the manual removal process where the invasive milfoil is growing in dense clumps. New England Milfoil is using its DASH boat to great advantage in North Bay and Great Meadow Stream right now.

BENTHIC BARRIERS -- These are geotextile or heavy plastic sheets that are weighed down and placed on the bottom over clumps of the invasive milfoil to block sunlight and apply pressure to kill the plants. They are left in place for 6 to 8 weeks and then moved to allow the native plants to recolonize the area. Approximately 3,500 square feet of benthic barriers are in place in Great Meadow Stream and North Bay.

MECHANICAL HARVESTING -- This is a method used when a lake is lost to invasive plants. A milfoil harvester is an expensive specialized watercraft with underwater cutter bars that essentially mows paths through heavily infested areas to open lanes so boats can get out to deeper clear water. This is an option that hopefully will never be needed on our lakes.

HERBICIDES -- Everyone would like to find a magic bullet to solve the invasive milfoil threat. At first glance herbicides might seem to be the solution. Unfortunately it's not that easy. Every option has its pros and cons, including chemicals.

Herbicides can, in fact, be used under certain specific conditions in Maine. Their use is tightly controlled by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection.

The official DEP policy states, "DEP will use manual removal, bottom barriers, diver-operated suction and mechanical harvesting as the first options of choice. Aquatic herbicides will only be used for rapid response when none of the commonly accepted techniques will work, and when there is a strong likelihood that an infestation can be eradicated or controlled from spreading through its application."

At the end of 2009, the DEP authorized the use of the herbicide 2-4D in the outlet cove of Salmon Lake to control Eurasian milfoil. This decision was made after two years of hand pulling efforts with divers failed to halt the spread, the threat of infestation was deemed high and circumstances indicated a high probability of success. That chemical application appears to have worked. The outlet cove was surveyed in late June of this year and no milfoil was found.

Unfortunately the conditions in Great Meadow Stream are quite different than the Salmon Lake infestation. In Great Meadow

Stream we are faced with variable milfoil, not Eurasian, the stream flow is much greater and the milfoil is much more widely distributed. All these conditions make it less amenable to chemical treatment.

The Great Meadow Stream/North Bay infestation does not currently meet the conditions for herbicide treatment under the DEP policy. To date, DEP has not authorized the use of chemicals for treatment of variable milfoil. While the current mandate is to use other methods, herbicides could be considered by the DEP in the future if our present options fail to control the infestation.

BIOLOGICAL CONTROL -- Milfoil weevils keep native milfoils in check but don't have much of an appetite for the invasive species. Research is underway to train the weevils to add the invasive milfoils to their diet. While this work represents a promising avenue for potential long-term control, it is not considered a viable short-term option.

Our ultimate measure of success is preventing the infestation from spreading to other parts of Great and Long Pond. We are currently imple-

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Museum of Maine Heritage in Union, which was Thompson's home town. Books have been written about Moxie, characters have been created, and all types of souvenirs have been produced, but the basic drink remains the same. Highlights of the Moxie Festival will include the longest summertime parade in the state, a 3-day Native American Pow Wow, a 5K road race, live music, a recipe contest, food, crafts and much more. Two new events this year are the Saturday evening Moxie Concert and the Maine Car Show on Sunday.

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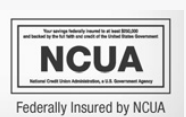


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Hospice Volunteers of Waterville Area

• The 11th Annual "Susan McConnell Memorial Swing for Hope and Hospice Golf Tournament" to benefit Hope's Place, a grieving children and teen program of Hospice Volunteers of Waterville Area, will be held Monday, August 6, at Natanis Golf Course in Vassalboro. Registration 8 am, team scramble/shotgun start 9 am, luncheon and awards 2:30 pm. Cost per player \$100, Natanis members \$60. Sponsorships are available to businesses and individuals at several levels. Memorial sponsorships available. 873-1493 or 873-3615

On Golden Pond

• Of interest to Great Ponders and everyone else who can relate to this classic story which features perhaps the last surviving lake mail route in the country is playwright Ernest Thompson's role as Charlie, the mailman, in the production (also directed by Thompson) currently on stage in Laconia, New Hampshire through August 12. For more information visit www.OnGoldenPond.org. 603 707-7806

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• Seasonal Residents Meeting. The Town is scheduling the annual Seasonal Residents Meeting for Wednesday, August 1, 6:30-8 pm. For new and returning seasonals, this is an opportunity

to meet with the Town Officials and department heads to provide input through suggestions or recommendations on any issues seasonal residents would like to discuss. 495-2258

• "Walk with Us" at the Belgrade Health Center. This new program called Walk Across America is connected to the Move More Project, a national exercise program. Anyone can participate. Walk by yourself or join the group that leaves the health center Monday and Wednesday at 8 am, Tuesday and Thursday at 5 pm. All the miles will be recorded toward the Belgrade to San Diego goal – 3,216 miles. 495-3323

Farmington

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Gardiner

• Johnson Hall Performing Arts Center is offering a new film camp to give teens (ages 13-18 or entering grades 7-12) hands-on experience using professional video cameras and producing their own short films. Depending on camp size, the whole camp will either work together on a single master project or in individual groups of four or five will make their own short film. Film camp will be directed by Paul Ezzy, an Augusta native. Camp dates are July 30-August 3, with a showing of the films on Saturday, August 4 at 6 pm. 582-7144

Hallowell

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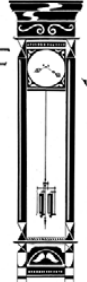
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- **Governor's Mansion**, 1830 Blaine House, Tue-Thu 2-4 pm, 287-2121, www.blainehouse.org
- **Maine State Museum**, Tue-Fri 9 am-5 pm, Sat 10 am-4 pm, \$2 adults, \$1 ages 6-18, 287-2301, www.maine.state.museum.org
- **Maine State Library**, Mon-Sat opens 9 am, 287-5600, www.maine.gov/msl/

Other Museums

- **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, 171 Capitol St.
- **Kennebec Historical Society**, Wed-Fri 10 am-2 pm, 622-7718, www.kennebechistorical.org, 107 Winthrop St.

University of Maine at Augusta, University Drive

- **Danforth Gallery**, Jewett Hall, art exhibits, UMA-1234, www.uma.edu
- **Holocaust and Human Rights Center of Maine**, Michael Klahr Center, Mon-Fri 8 am-4 pm, 621-3530, 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 Cony St.
- **Riverfront Park**, boat launch, Greenway Trail, playground, eastside Kennebec River
- **Kennebec River Rail Trailhead**, Maine State Housing Authority parking lot, 623-8162, www.krrt.org, Water St.
- **Museum in the Streets**, walking/history tour, www.augustamaine.gov, downtown.
- **Farmers' Market at Mill Park**, Tues 2-6 pm, 626-2305, 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, 81 Main St.
- **The Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons**, swimming, gym, playground, picnic area, rec programs, library, 495-3481, www.belgrademaine.com 1 Center Dr.
- **Union Church Coffee House**, check for schedule, 7:00 pm, \$5, 495-3599, www.unionchurchmaine.org, 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, Main St.
- **Peninsula Park on Long Pond**, picnic tables, Main St.
- **Maine Lakes Resource Center**, 512-5150, www.dockstodorways.com, 171 Main St.

FAIRFIELD

- **Fairfield Historical Society**, 1890 Cotton-Smith House, Tue 9 am-12 noon, 1-4 pm, 453-2998, 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 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/, 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, 275-277, Water St.
- **Johnson Hall Performing Arts Center**, 582-7144, www.johnsonhall.org 280 Water St.
- **Farmers' Market**, 582-3100, 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 o Waterfront Park, picnicking, events throughout summer, Kennebec River

- **The Center for Maine Craft**, 9 am-6 pm daily, 588-0021, www.mainecrafts.org, West Gardiner Service Plaza, Route 126 off Routes 95 and 295

GREENE

- **Araxine Wilkins Sawyer Memorial**, free monthly entertainment programs, 946-5311, www.sawyer-foundation.com, 371 Sawyer Rd, off Rt 202

HALLOWELL

- **Harlow Gallery, Kennebec Valley Art Association**, 622-3813, www.harlowgallery.org Wed, Thu, Sat, 12-6 pm, 160 Water St.
- **Gaslight Theater**, 626-3698, www.gaslighttheater.org City Hall, 1 Winthrop St.
- **Museum in the Streets**, history / walking tour, 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 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.ianreinholdt.com/gallery.html
- **Ski Museum of Maine**, by appointment, 265-2023, 256 Main St, www.skimuseumofmaine.org
- **Stadler Gallery**, 265-5025, 12-4 pm daily or by appointment. 225 Main St, www.stadlergallery.com
- **Stanley Museum**, 265-2729, 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, 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, Rt 201
- **Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture**, 474-9345, 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, 751 Main St.
- **The Theater At Monmouth**, The Shakespeare Theater of Maine, Cumston Hall, 933-9999, www.theateratmonmouth.org, Main St.

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- **D.E.W Animal Kingdom**, Zoo, 293-2837, 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/
- **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, Mercer Rd, Rt 2
- **Oosoola Park**, picnic area, great playground, boat launch, on Kennebec River, Rt 8

OAKLAND

- **Farmers' Market**, Fri 2-6 pm, 465-3094, Pine Acres Parking Lot, 895 Kennedy Memorial Drive.
- **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 school-house, 685-4662, www.readfieldhistorical.org, 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, 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, Rt 23
- **Sidney Historical Society**, 547-3142, <http://www.rootsweb>
- **Silver Spur Riding Club**, horse shows, www.silverspur-maine.com/, River Rd/Rt 104

SKOWHEGAN

- **Margaret Chase Smith Library**, residence, home, museum exhibits, 474-7133, 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, 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, SSomerset Gristmill parking lot, downtown

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.sunsetcamps.com, Village Rd, Rt 8

UNITY

- **Unity College Centre for the Performing Arts**, folk genre music, 568-3147, www.unitymaine.org, 42 Depot St.

WATERVILLE

- **Aqua City Actor's Theatre (ACAT)**, 873-7000, www.acattheatre.org. Waterville Opera House Studio Theater, Main St.
- **Common Street Arts**, Wed-Sat 12-6 pm, 16 Common St.
- **Museum in the Streets**, downtown history/walking tour, 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/ Tues-Sat 10 am-4:30 pm, Sun 12-4:30 pm, free, Colby College Campus, Mayflower Hill
- **Colby College Special Collections**, Miller Library, Mon-Fri 10 am-12 noon and 1-4 pm, free, current exhibit "The Power of Myth and Legend: The Irish Literary Revival," 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. Tue-Sat tours at 10 and 11 am, 1 and 2 pm, 62 Silver St.
- **Waterville Opera House**, 873-7000, www.operahouse.com, 93 Main St.
- **Farmers' Market**, Thu 2-6 pm, 680-2055, 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, 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, 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
- **North Pond Association**, Smithfield/Rome, 152 Madison Avenue, Skowhegan, ME 04976, 474-8988, www.northpond.net
- **McGrath Pond/Salmon Lake Association (MP/SL)**, Belgrade/Oakland, RR 2, Box 2800, Belgrade, 04917, 465-3983, www.salmonlake.org
- **Great/Long Ponds: Belgrade Lakes Association (BLA)**, Belgrade/Rome/Mount Vernon, PO Box 551, 137 Main Street, Belgrade Lakes, 04918, 512-5150, www.belgradelake-sassociation.com
- **Friends of Messalonskee Lake Watershed**, Oakland/Belgrade/Sidney, PO Box 532, Oakland, 04963, 465-2888, www.snowpond.org
- **Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance and BRCA Conservation Corps**, PO Box 250, 137 Main Street, Belgrade Lakes, 04918, 495-6039, www.belgradelakes.org
- **Belgrade Lakes Region Business Group (BLRBG)**, PO Box 596, Belgrade Lakes, 04918, 495-3700, www.belgrade-lakesmaine.com
- **Maine Lakes Resource Center/Docks to Doorways**, PO Box 431, 137 Main Street, Belgrade Lakes, 04918, 495-3617, 620-6029, www.mainelakesresourcecenter.org.

BEYOND...

- **Maine Congress of Lake Associations (COLA)**, PO Box 426, 137 Main Street, Belgrade, 04917, 1-855-463-2652, www.mainecola.org
- **Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed**, PO Box 5003, Augusta, 04332-5003, 621-4100, www.watershedfriends.com
- **Franklin County Soil & Water Conservation District**, 107 Park St, Farmington, 04938, 778-4279, www.franklin-cswcd.org
- **Kennebec County Soil & Water Conservation District**, Central Maine Commerce Center, 21 Enterprise Dr, Augusta, 04330, 622-7847, ext. 3, www.kcswcd.org
- **Kennebec Land Trust (KLT)**, PO Box 261, 134 Main St, Winthrop, 04364, 377-2848, www.tklt.org
- **Kennebec Messalonskee Trails**, PO Box 2388, Waterville, 04903, 873-6443, www.KMTrails.org
- **Kennebec River Rail Trail**, PO Box 2195, Augusta, 04338, 623-8162, www.krrt.org
- **30 Mile River Watershed Association (30 MRWA)**, Kimball Pond in Vienna to the Androscoggin River, 293-2181, www.30mileriver.org
- **Parker Pond Association**, Mount Vernon/Vienna. www.parkerpond.org
- **Central Maine chapter of the New England Mountain Bike Association (CeMeNEMBA)**, 1154 West Rd, Belgrade 04917, 441-6227, www.cemenemba.org

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— Calendar —

Friday 7/13 - Sunday 7/22 – MIFF, the Maine International Film Festival, independent and international films, many guest filmmakers present, special events, excitement downtown, 861-8138, www.Miff.org, Railroad Square Cinema and the Waterville Opera House, Waterville.

Wednesday 7/11 through Saturday 7/14 – "And The Winner Is," comedy, contains adult language, 474-7176, Lakewood Theater, Route 201, Madison.

Thursday 7/12 through Sunday 7/15 – "Two Gentlemen of Verona," by William Shakespeare, Preview on Thursday, Opening Night on Friday, 933-9999, The Theater at Monmouth.

Friday 7/13 through Sunday 7/15 – New England Paint Club Horse Show, free, open to public, great family outing, visit barns, covered arena, concessions, 474-2947, Fairgrounds, Route 201, Skowhegan.

Friday 7/13 through Sunday 7/15 – "We're in Moxieland," 30th Anniversary Moxie Festival, features the longest summertime parade in the state, a three-day Native American Pow Wow, a family-style canoe race along the Androscoggin, a 5K road race, fireworks, live music, kids games and more.

Friday 7/13 through Sunday 7/15 – Festival de la Bastille, food, music, children's activities, talent show, fireworks, festivities, \$5 per day admission, 622-6211 or 592, 5001, Pete Gagne Field, Old Belgrade Road, Augusta.

Friday 7/13 – Opening reception for "Collaborative Connections," eighteen artists from Circling the Square Fine Art Press and One of a Kind Printers, the show's collaborative aspect reflects how each artist made a print, exchanged it with a partner and then made a response, show runs through August 4, public reception 5-7 pm, Circling the Square, Water Street, Gardiner.

Friday 7/13 – Maine Jazz Camp, Student Concert, 6:30 pm, free, 778-7758, University of Maine, Farmington.

Friday 7/13 – Book reading and signing, "When We Were The Kennedys," a memoir from Mexico, Maine by Monica Wood, 7 pm 778-3454, DDG Booksellers, 193 Broadway, Farmington.

Friday 7/13 – New England Music Camp Student Recital, open to the public, free of charge, everyone welcome, 7:30 pm, 465-3025, Route 23, Sidney.

Friday 7/13 – "Woody's A' Hundred! – The Life and Music of Woody Guthrie" on his 100th Birthday, by Maine troubadours Bob Webb and Dave Peloquin, 7:30 pm, \$16 per ticket, \$13 for members, \$6 students, 582-7144, Johnson Hall Performing Arts Center, 280 Water Street, Gardiner.

Friday 7/13 – Louise Fishman, lecturer, Barbara Lee Artist Lecture Series, 8:30 pm, Campus Fresco Barn, Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, White School House Road, Madison.

Saturday 7/14 – Stewardship Trail Work Day, join Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance members and others to take care of the trails, 8 am, call for meeting place 495-6039, BRCA, Main Street, Belgrade Lakes Village.

Saturday 7/14 – Annual Lawn Sale, used items, toys, tools, clothes, crafts and more, Maine-grown Zone 4 perennials, hot dog stand, rain or shine, 8:30 am-1:30 pm, 441-2048, Universalist Unitarian Church, corner of Silver and Elm Streets, Waterville.

Saturday 7/14 – Hike Tumbledown Mountain in Weld, 9:45 am, 778-7495, Fitness & Recreation Center, University of Maine, Farmington.

Saturday 7/14 – "Living in a Seashell," Children's Program, \$1, 10 am, 238-4250, L.C. Bates Museum, Route 201, Hinckley.

Saturday 7/14 – "Wagon Wheels West,"

musical spoof of the old west, by Teens, Tech and Tour Young Performers Camp, 10 am, 474-7176, Lakewood Theater, Route 201, Madison.

Saturday 7/14 – Maine Jazz Camp, Student Concert, 10:30 am, free, 778-7758, University of Maine, Farmington.

Saturday 7/14 – Bat House Building, \$5 fee per house, space limited, pre-registration required, 1-3 pm, 495-6039, Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance, 137 Main Street, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes Village.

Saturday 7/14 – "The Little Prince," by Antoine de Saint-Exupery, 1 pm, Children's Show, adults \$12, child \$9, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater at Monmouth.

Saturday 7/14 – Free Weekend Concert, New England Music Camp, historic Bowl in the Pines, Messalonskee Lake, 3 pm, 465-3025, Route 23, Sidney.

Saturday 7/14 – Atlantic Music Festival Concert, 3 pm Composer Concert 1; 7 pm Orchestra, free, open to public, reservations encouraged, www.atlanticmusicfestival.com, 859-4353, Colby College, Waterville.

Saturday 7/14 – Contradance, new: Grange Supper 5-7 pm; Family Dance with sit-in band 6:30-7:30 pm, \$2 adult/\$1 child; pot luck snacks 7:30-8 pm; regular Contra with Cynthia Phinney calling and the "Camp'r" band, Chris Cushman and Pam Green, 8-10:30 pm \$6 adults/\$5 students or \$15 family; all dances taught, beginners welcome, no partner necessary, 491-9928, Farmington Grange, Bridge Street, West Farmington.

Saturday 7/14 – Simons & Goodwin, 7 pm, donation \$5, Union Coffeehouse, Main Street, Belgrade Lakes.

Sunday 7/15 – Eyes On The Water, learn to identify milfoil, protect your shore, 8-11 am, limited to 15 boats, 215-2685, Bear Spring Camps, off Route 225, Rome.

Sunday 7/15 – "How to Make French Crepes," by Ken Hahn, 10 am-12 noon, free,

Belgrade Lakes Farmers' Market, Main Street, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes.

Sunday 7/15 – Cruise on Great Pond on the Melinda Ann, fun and educational, learn about measuring water clarity, collecting samples from the lake bottom, use of cameras, and more, free, 10 am-noon, for reservations call Capt. Phil Mulville, lake educator, at 508-971-2496.

Sunday 7/15 – "Tartuffe," by Moliere, 1 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater at Monmouth.

Sunday 7/15 – Simons and Goodwin, folk mix of covers and originals, 2-4 pm, free, 620-6231, Norcross Point, Maranacook Lake, Winthrop.

Sunday 7/15 – New England Music Camp Concert, rain or shine, free to the public, everyone welcome, 3 pm, 465-3025, Bowl in the Pines, Route 23, Sidney.

Sunday 7/15 – Kennebec Valley Jazz Band, Summer Concert Series, 5 pm, 474-6894, Philbrick Gazebo, Coburn Park, Water Street, Skowhegan.

Sunday 7/15 – Showing of "Finding Belgrade," movie about the Belgrades in the United States filmed by a crew from Belgrade, Serbia, 6:30 pm, Maine Lakes Resource Center, Main Street, Belgrade Lakes.

Monday 7/16 – Old Crow Band, 7-9:30 pm, Meetinghouse Square, Main Street, Farmington.

Tuesday 7/17 – The Crosbys, Music on Main, free concert, 11:30 am-1 pm, Bandstand, Meetinghouse Square, Main Street, downtown Farmington.

Tuesday 7/17 – Intro to canoeing, canoes, paddles and PFDs provided, space limited to 12, \$5 non-members, 5:15 pm, 778-7495, Fitness & Recreation Center, University of Maine, Farmington.

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Tuesday 7/17 – Milfoil Public Meeting, 6 pm, 512-5150, Maine Lakes Resource Center, Main Street, Belgrade Lakes Village.

Tuesday 7/17 – “The Funk Punks,” Rock on the River Concert Series, free, 7-8:30 pm, boardwalk on the Kennebec, north end Water Street, Hallowell.

Wednesday 7/18 – Art program for children, capture animals with pen and paper and many other mediums, 1 pm, 238-4250, L.C. Bates Museum, Route 201, Hinckley.

Wednesday 7/18 – Make dreamcatchers with Gene Roy, 2 pm, 465-7533, Oakland Public Library, 18 Church Street, Oakland.

Wednesday 7/18 - Public supper, baked ham, 5 pm til gone, \$8 per person, \$4 under 10, Fairview Grange, Smithfield.

Wednesday 7/18 – Learn about Peregrine Falcons with Master Falconer, Larry Barnes, 5:30 pm, \$8, 666-3372, Friends of Merrymeeting Bay, Swan Island, Richmond.

Wednesday 7/18 – “Twice Shy,” Waterfront Wednesday Concert Series, wonderful family event, free for the public, 6 pm, Waterfront Park, Augusta.

Wednesday 7/18 - Grandfamilies Group Meeting, support group for relatives stepping in to raise the children, on-site childcare

available - call 591-6278 to reserve, 6 pm, The Children's Center, 1 Alden Avenue, Augusta.

Wednesday 7/18 – Atlantic Music Festival, “The Trout,” the first chamber music concert of the season, free, reservations encouraged at www.atlanticmusicfestival.org, 7 pm, Lorimer Chapel, Colby College, Waterville.

Wednesday 7/20 - New England Music Camp Student Recital, open to the public, free of charge, everyone welcome, 7:30 pm, 465-3025, Alumni Hall, NEMC, Route 23, Sidney.

Thursday 7/19 – Summer History Program, discover the early 1900s in Maine through clothing, tools, toys, school objects and printing, 1 pm, 238-4250, L.C. Bates Museum, Route 201, Hinckley.

Thursday 7/19 – French’s Mountain Hike with Brian Alexander, sponsored by the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance, 5:30 pm, 495-6039, Meet at the Trailhead, Watson Pond Road, Rome.

Thursday 7/19 – “The Pete Kilpatrick Band,” 6:30 pm, 626-2415, on the Library Lawn, Lithgow Public Library, 45 Winthrop Street, Augusta.

Thursday 7/19 through Sunday 7/22 – “The Fox on the Fairway,” comedy, 474-7176, Lakewood Theater, Route 201, Madison.

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Thursday 7/19 – Reading and book signing, “Life Everlasting, The Animal Way of Death,” by internationally acclaimed biologist and nature writer Bernd Heinrich, 7 pm, 778-3454, DDG Booksellers, Farmington.

Thursday 7/19 – Western Maine Storytelling Guild, join the group as a storyteller or listener, all types of stories welcome, 7-8:30 pm, 778-

4662, Education Center, Room 113, University of Maine, Farmington.

Thursday 7/19 – “The Glass Menagerie,” by Tennessee Williams, portrays the Wingfield family’s struggle to maintain the precarious balance between a difficult past and an uncertain future, preview show, 7:30 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater at Monmouth.

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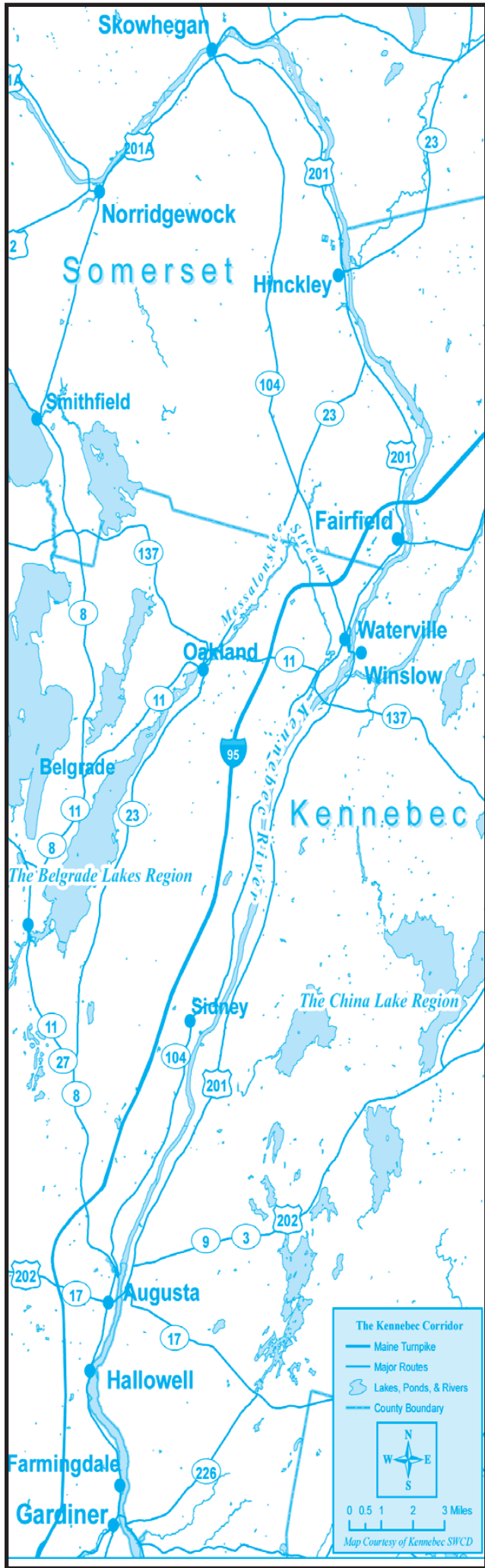
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—Katy's Column— Vaughan Field - A Treasure

No matter where you live - in the city, town or small village - you often see a vacant building. Perhaps the family left the home, a business has left town or the place has been vacant for years. In time a new family moves in or perhaps the building is demolished. Whatever takes place - the result impacts differently on each of us.

Such it was when the elementary school on Middle Street in Hallowell was relocated to the top of Winthrop Hill and the former school was demolished.

Questions arose - what was going to happen to the land that had been given to the City for a school many years ago by the Vaughan family? A new condo? playground? "big box?" Such considerations were rampant - but the folks whose homes border the land had more influence than most imagined.

It didn't take City counselor, Steve Vellani, and his neighbors long to step in and take care of the issue. The land was to remain open - a place for kids to play, residents to walk and animals to have access to uninhabited land - and what a wonderful place that location has become.

It's Hallowell Park! Living on the street that leads to the Park, I am thrilled to see the many people who make health-related junkets there. Children in carriages give mothers - and fathers - needed exercise. Dog owners bring their tethered "pets" for a walk where they can meet some of their fellow beings and enjoy barking and yapping. Older kids race ahead of their parents to get to the swings and slides before the others and even the elderly love a walk to the park with coffee cup in hand to sit in the small covered alcove and watch the goings-on and view the nearby woods and the sky above.

Some days I join the gatherings and note the many others having a refreshing outing, even if people have to bring their own seats. I hope there will be summer, outdoor concerts in the properly named "Vaughan Field." Whether or not such an event takes place, I feel free to suggest that if you enjoy a level walking site (four laps around the field, I am told, measures a mile) or want your grandchildren to join you for a scenic stroll, come to Vaughan Field and savor the beauty and easy walk the place offers.

That's what the place is for - fun, fresh air, a "breather." Join Mother Nature in an ideal location and be glad the open space nearby is there for your pleasure whenever you wish.

Katy Perry is an author, and news commentator who knows, loves, and respects Maine.

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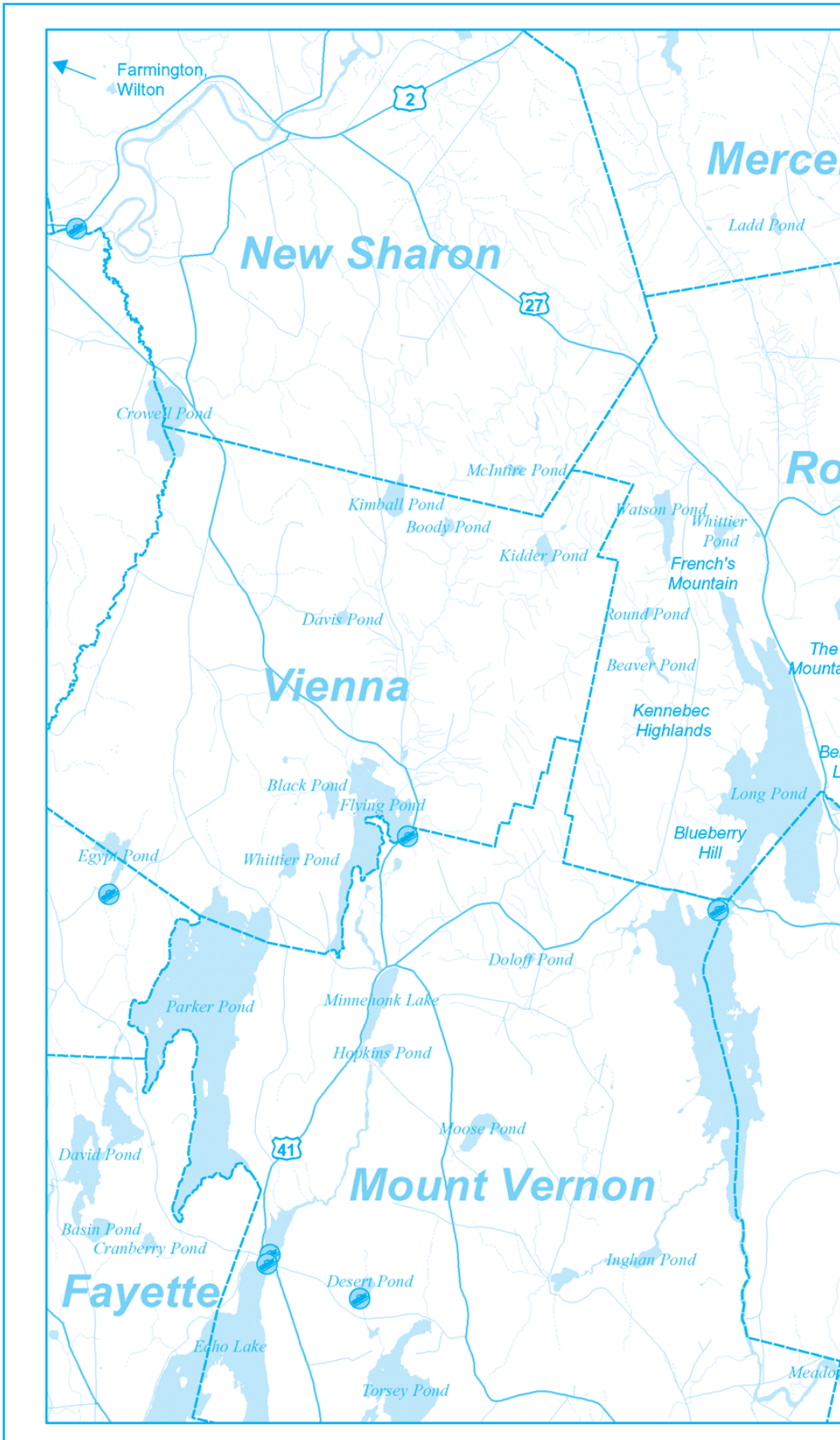
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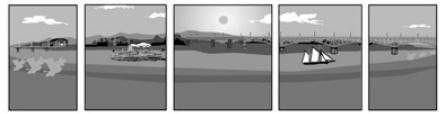
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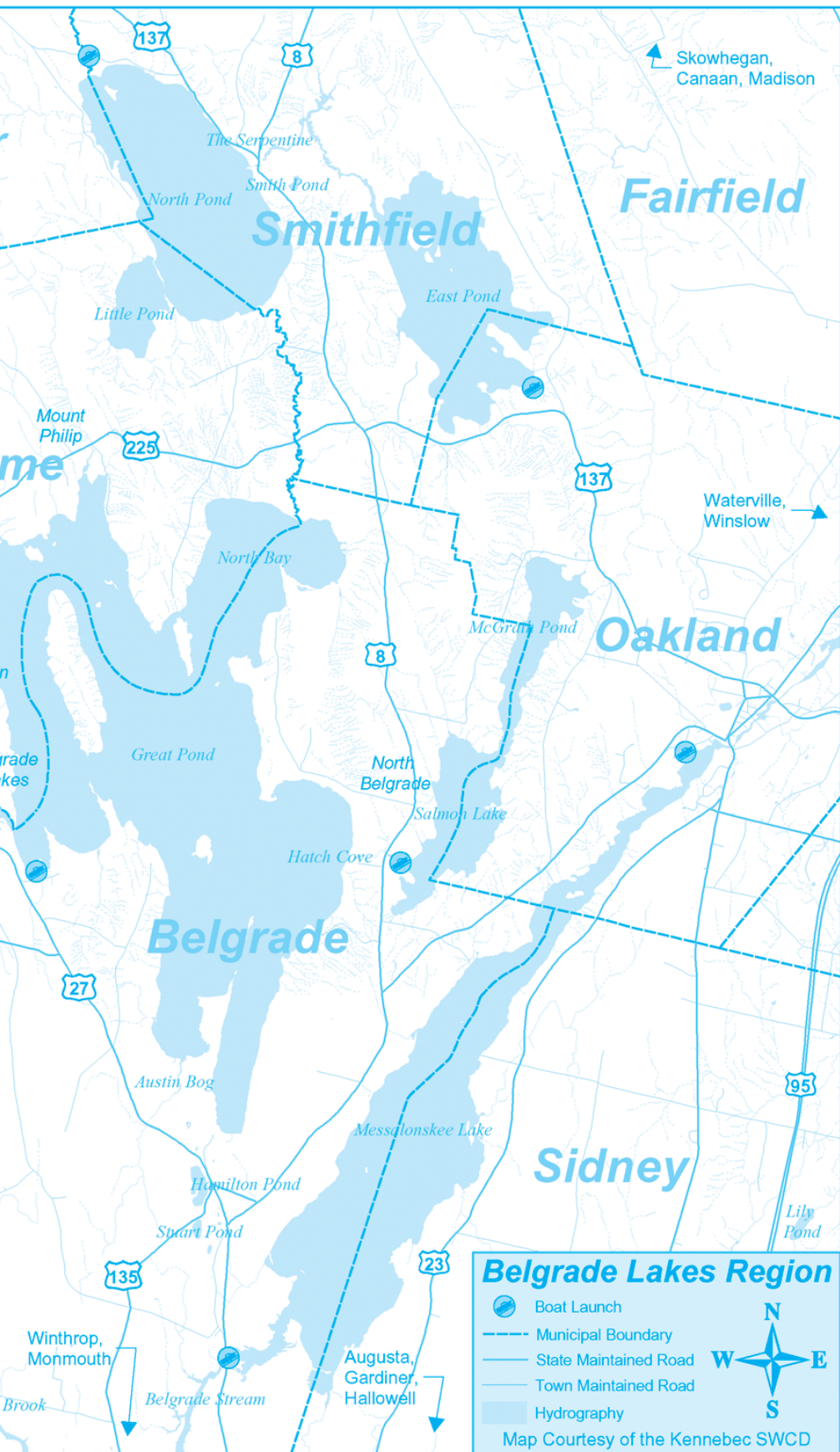


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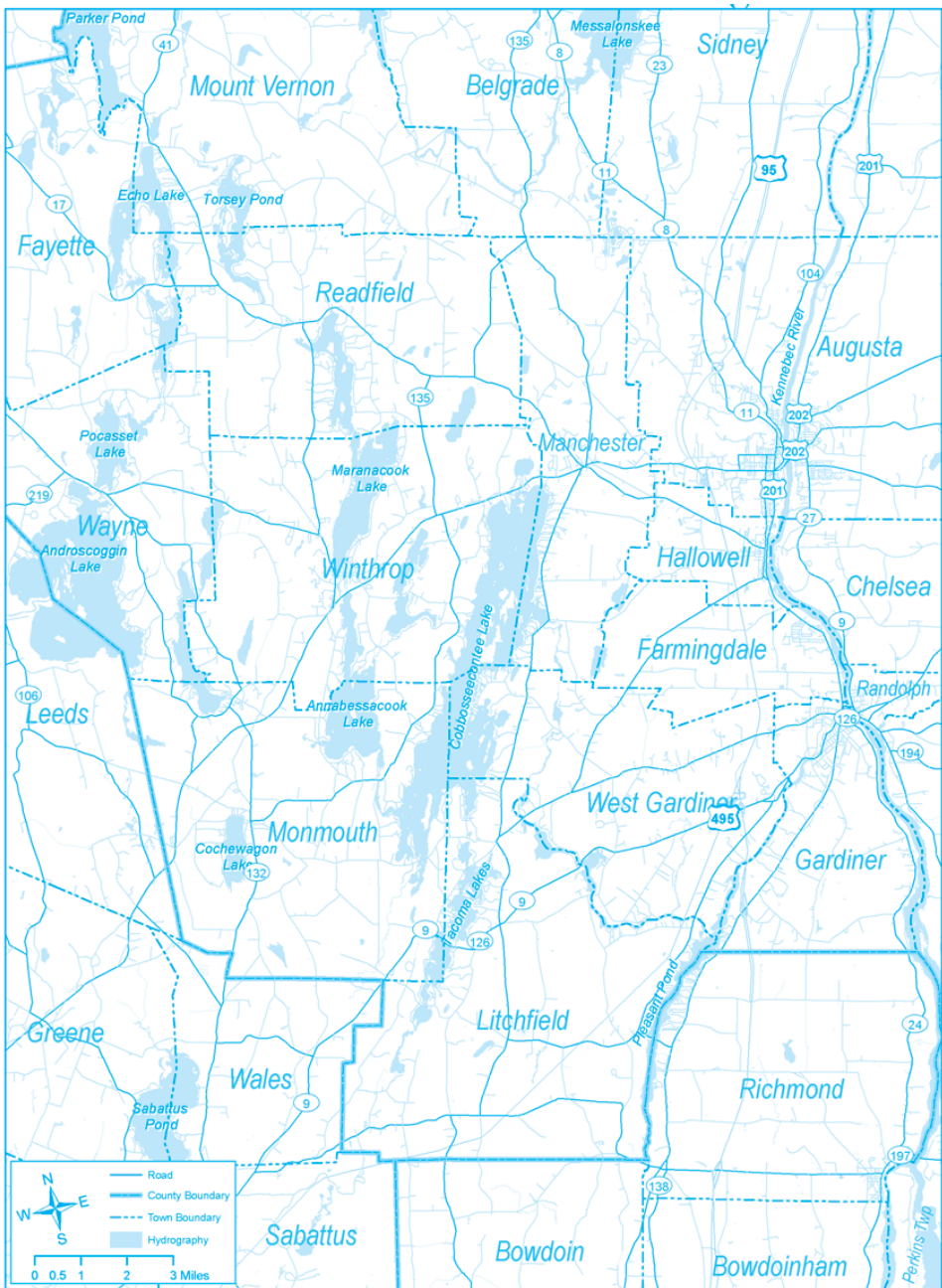
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- Village Harmony, a teen choir, will perform at Old South Church on Route 135 in Belgrade on Tuesday July 24 at 7 pm.
- Lunch with an Artist, Wednesday, July 25, noon-1 pm, bring your own lunch and meet two artists from Philadelphia, Jacque Liu and Sarah Burgess, free and open to the public, SpinOff Studios, 184 Water Street, Hallowell. 629-9020
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- On Saturday, July 28, 10 am-3 pm, an Aquafest Family Festival with many children's activities,

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- Belgrade Fire and Rescue will hold its 5th Annual Auto Show on Sunday, July 29 next to Belgrade Central School; gates open at 8 am, awards at 2 pm; \$5 for car and driver, \$3 for spectators, under 6 free, rain or shine. 215-6142
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AUGUST

- The Taste of Greater Waterville, sponsored by the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce, will be held on Wednesday, August 1, 11 am-11 pm. 660-4939
- Country Fest Maine with special guest Denny Breau will be held August 3-5 at the Litchfield Fairgrounds. 409-1321
- The Monmouth Fair will be held August 1-4. This is a small family agricultural fair with midway, animal exhibits, crafts and animal pull events. www.monmouthgrows.com/monmouthfair
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- The Annual Loon Calling Contest in Belgrade Lakes will be on Saturday, August 4; sign up at 6:30 pm. 495-3312.
- National Night Out, a unique drug/crime prevention event, will be held Tuesday, August 7, 5-8:30 pm in the South End of Waterville at Green Street Park. 465-6200
- The August ArtTalk at the Harlow Gallery in Hallowell will feature Amy Stacey Curtis, award winning artist, who will speak about her long-term solo-biennial exhibits in empty mill spaces, 7-8:30 pm, Thursday, August 9. 622-3813
- The 30 Mile Watershed Annual Paddle Trek will be on Saturday, August 11, 7 am-3 pm, Mount Vernon to Wayne, or portions of waterway. Pre-registration required. www.30mileriver.org, 293-2181
- The Sue Gawler Flower Show is Sunday, August 12 at the Maine Lakes Resource Center.
- On Saturday, August 18, The Pam Baker Blues Band will perform at Concerts in Norcross Park in Winthrop from 1-3 pm, to coincide with the Winthrop Art Walk. 620-6231



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Each group is a bit different from each other but all of them can and do provide labor to get projects done. The Belgrade area YCC is affiliated with the BRCA and boasts two crews led by Field Supervisor, Clark Freeman who is leading the corps for the second straight year. The Belgrade YCC is very busy and already has a nearly full schedule for this summer. However, if you think you might have a project, it is well worth it to call Clark and schedule a site visit. Each group keeps an ongoing site list of potential projects and prioritizes work from these lists. Even if a site doesn't end up warranting YCC work, a site visit can provide

information and ideas about how to address your concern.

The Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed has fielded YCC crews since 2003 beginning with AmeriCorps volunteers and now has a crew comprised entirely of students from local schools. Jay Lindsey, a teacher and coach at Winthrop High School, leads the group and makes site visits to line up projects. Another Friends program is the Lake-Smart Start! program. Jay will visit your lakefront property to evaluate the flow of water moving across the land and assess impacts this might be having on the lake water quality. A

summary of issues and suggested solutions are given to the property owner post-evaluation, along with resources and information on how to protect your lake or pond from polluted stormwater runoff.

The China Region Lakes Alliance (CRLA) YCC groups have been working in the greater China Lake watershed (Webber, Three Mile, China, Three Cornered) for many years. This year, a small group is available to complete projects and provide assistance to landowners.

Each of the lakes the YCC groups work on has benefitted greatly from this effort. As our water quality continues to

improve, a lot of credit should be given to the current crews and all of the YCC alumni who have committed their summers to this important effort.

Contact information for Central Maine YCC Supervisors:

BRCA – Clark Freeman – 207- 495-6039

Friends – Jay Lindsey – 207-621-4100

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menting a very aggressive plan to remove as many plants as possible from Great Meadow Stream and North Bay in Great Pond. This action will greatly reduce the probability of spreading the infestation. When this work is completed we will then be able to refocus our efforts on intensive surveys and removal of any plants that regrow.

GREAT POND MILFOIL ACTION PLAN UPDATE

Using their DASH boat, New England Milfoil removed 2,370 gallons of milfoil this week. The BRCA milfoil crew hand pulled 430 gallons. So far this summer, approximately 10,518 gallons of milfoil have been removed from Great Meadow Stream and North Bay. That compares to a total of 3,200 gallons that was removed in 2010 and 2011 combined.

The STOP MILFOIL Capital Campaign has received \$152,710 from 192 individual donors. More is need to complete our work. Please contribute.

A milfoil public meeting is planned for Tuesday, July 17th, 6:00 PM at the Maine Lakes Resource Center in Belgrade Lakes Village. For more information call 512-5554 or visit www.belgradelakesassociation.org.



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Mayflower Hill Is Alive With the Sound of Music!

By Gregor Smith

For four melodious weeks in July and early August, the halls of Colby College will echo with the sounds of pianos and violins, woodwinds and brass, sopranos and baritones as the Atlantic Music Festival returns to Mayflower Hill in Waterville. Running from July 9 to August 5, this fourth annual festival will offer area music lovers to nearly thirty free concerts and presentations.

Each year, the festival brings the best young musicians from the United States and beyond to study, practice, and perform. This year's festival will have around 40 faculty, 50-60 fellows, and about 120 tuition-paying students. The majority of the students and fellows are in their mid-20's and most are still pursuing undergraduate or doctoral degrees in music. About 65% will come from the United States; the rest from over 20 other lands, with Asian countries being well represented.

The students polish their technique through master classes, private lessons, and public performances. The festival offers programs in composition, conducting, opera, piano, and strings, as well as a catchall program for brass, woodwinds, percussion, and harp. This year, the composition program will be particularly strong, as it will have 60 participants, up from 20 in previous years.

Starting with an opera concert on Thursday, July 12, there will be performances almost every night during the festival up until the final orchestral concert on Saturday, August 4. In addition, there will be some weekend afternoon performances, including composers' concerts on Saturdays at 3:00, where listeners will get to hear new works by students and faculty in AMF's composition program.

On three Saturday evenings, the AMF orchestra will perform. Last year's conductor, Jonathan Schiffman, will return for the opening concert on July 14. This performance will feature cellist Jonah Kim in Shostakovich's Cello Concerto No. 1 and Brahms's Serenade No. 1. The other two AMF Orchestra Concerts, on July 28 and August 4, will be conducted by Benjamin Scharwitz and Kenneth Kiesler, respectively, and will also feature special soloists.

During the week, there will be chamber music concerts on Wednesdays and Fridays and opera concerts on Thursdays. In the latter performances, which will take place in Strider Theater, members of the AMF Opera Workshop will present art songs, opera scenes and arias, and other vocal selections.

On the last three Thursdays of the festival, night owls can enjoy "salon" concerts after the operatic offerings. With concerts starting at 9:00 p.m., this intimate performances are inspired by the parlor gatherings of the social and intellectual elite in centuries past. The AMF website describes these concerts as "a veritable grab bag of musical surprises from a variety of chamber and solo favorites, provoking a meaningful exchange: of ideas and emotions; from artist to artist, as well as from artist to audience."

Finally, festival organizers are pleased to present two performance mini-series. The first series has three presentations early in the festival's second week by three young composers — Mari Kimura, Bruce Brubaker, and Peter Gregson — who are pushing the boundaries of classical music. The second series comprises four piano concerts by piano teachers from leading conservatories, including Jerome Lowenthal of the Juilliard School and Gabriel Chodos of the New England Conservatory, as well as by AMF pianists. These concerts will be held Saturday – Tuesday, July 21 – 24, with the Sunday concert at 3:00 and the others at 7:00.

Admission to all AMF events is free, but donations are strongly encouraged. This year, all donations received at concerts will go to UNICEF's Achieving Zero Campaign, which strives to reduce childhood deaths from disease, malnutrition, war, and other preventable causes in over 150 countries.

Except for the opera concerts, all performances will take place in Lorimer Chapel, and, except where otherwise noted, will begin at 7:00 p.m. Concert times, venues, and programs may change, however, and additional performances may be added. For the latest information, one should check the AMF website, www.atlanticmusicfestival.org, or call the festival office at 888-704-1311

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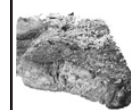
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Recipe of the Week from Sue Gawler's Collection

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1 pound baby new potatoes, halved or quartered
 1 pound green beans (or green and yellow), trimmed
 1/2 lb. mixed salad greens
 1/3 cup fresh basil leaves
 1 pt. cherry tomatoes
 1/2 cup black olives (such as Nicoise)
 6 oz plain or herb goat cheese, or any cheese you like

Vinaigrette

2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
 1 shallot or garlic clove, minced
 1 teaspoon chopped fresh thyme
 1/4 tsp salt
 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
 5 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
 S&P

Steam potatoes until just tender, about 10 minutes. Transfer to plate; cool.
 Steam green beans until crisp-tender, about 5 minutes. Rinse under cold water; drain. Pat dry.
 Mix the first 5 vinaigrette ingredients and then whisk the olive oil in slowly.
 Taste, add S&P as needed.

Combine greens and basil in large bowl. Add enough vinaigrette to coat lightly; toss. Arrange on large platter. Add potatoes and green beans to same large bowl; add remaining dressing and toss. Arrange potatoes and beans alongside greens. Plop a generous spoonful of goat cheese on top, or if you're using a semi-soft cheese, put wedges alongside greens, or if a hard cheese, shave some on top. Scatter tomatoes and olives over.

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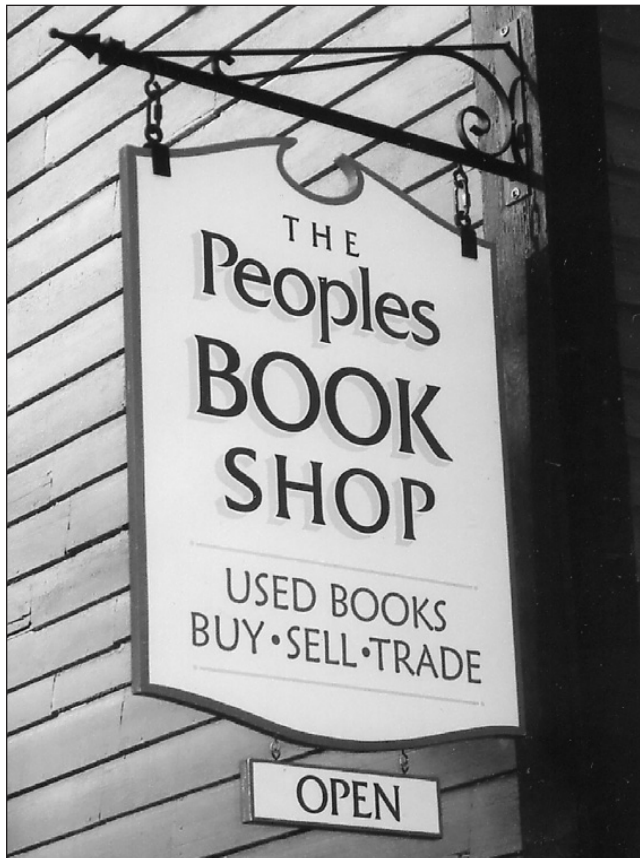
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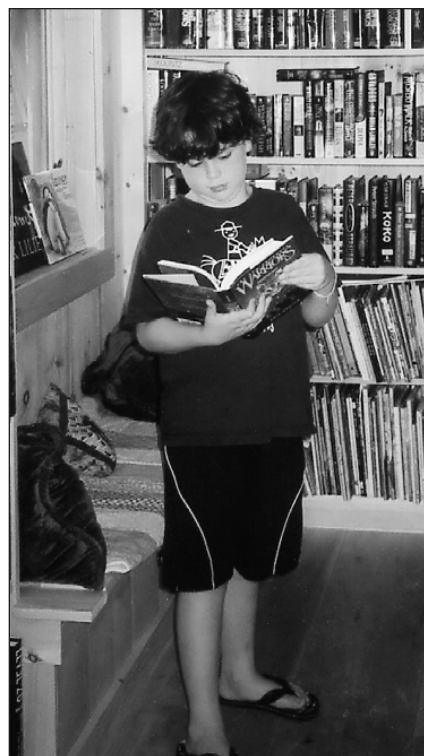


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Fishing

Long Pond Brown Trout are Biting!

by Mike Guarino



Nathan Kallin, 7 years old caught this 20 inch brown trout on Long Pond.

The highlight of this week's article has to be the picture of Nathan Kallin holding a beautiful brown trout caught in Long Pond on June 21st with his Grandpa Pete as his guide. Now that Pete has retired from our beloved Belgrade Region Conservation Alliance, I have a feeling he's going to be involved in a lot of fish stories for many, many years to come! Pete explained that because of the high water levels the dam in the Village has been running wide open for a few weeks and some of the browns from Great Pond have been washed down into Long. Pete has caught a few nice trout recently but Nathan's fish is simply awesome! Every season a few lucky anglers catch some beautiful browns in the spillway and out in the lake. Imagine if DIF&W actually stocked brown trout in Long Pond. I think it would be an amazing brown trout fishery because they certainly seem to do quite well in there. Pete also told me that the salmon fishing has been pretty good too and while he was trolling for salmon he hooked into some pretty good smallmouth. The bass are certainly moving into deeper water now, so trolling, drop shooting or jigging is the best way to catch them.

The northern pike fishing continues to be pretty good for local anglers despite the warm water temperatures. The bigger pike prefer cooler water and can be really difficult to catch in the middle of the day because they move out into

deeper water and suspend. This is why people remark that pike lose their teeth in the summertime. Of course that's just folklore and not a fact, but it makes for a great excuse if you get skunked! Personally I have plenty of bite marks in my hands to prove the pike still have teeth in their mouth. So if you want to catch these toothy critters, your best bet is to start early in the morning or fish right at dusk. Some of the pike will slide back up on weedy flats to feed on shiners and perch etc. Last week I got to spend some time with Ed Ludwig who has a place over on Long Pond. We did some pike and bass fishing and during our trip he told me about a nice pike he caught on Long Pond while trolling a Jerry's Smelt streamer fly for salmon. Trolling is certainly a great option when you want to cover a lot of water to find suspended summer pike. While there is no doubt the pike eat salmon and trout, it seems from observation over the years that they feed primarily on bait fish and perch. Two seasons ago I was ice fishing with my friend Bill Swan who is also a Maine Master Guide and once lived here on Long Pond. We had a great day and managed to catch a pretty good sized pike on the

reef just north of Green Island. When I got that pike out of the hole and onto the ice, the fish barfed up a pile of small pin alewives. Bill and I processed that fish and had him for lunch and in the process we counted 78 alewives that were in his stomach and on the ice. It really is amazing when you think about the amount of forage in our lakes and how it sustains such a diverse fish population. But that fish proved to me that northern pike are gluttons and feed heavily on whatever baitfish are within striking range. It also proved that you don't have to use giant baits and lures to catch big pike. You simply have to use a lure that resembles whatever the pike are feeding on at the time. For example a traditional Rapala Countdown minnow has probably caught more pike that just about anything out there. It's a great lure because it sinks one foot per second after you cast it. So the angler can put that lure right in the strike zone and keep it there for a longer period of time. Nowadays they have so many different colors on the market, but I still rely on traditional black and silver and blue and silver but the "hot mustard" is slowly becoming my favorite color of them all.

A quick story: last week while guiding a group of fishermen in 90-degree heat, I decided to put on sun block. Usually I'll put the block on early in the morning or wait until we are all set and fishing because I don't want to get the scent on the fishing lures. Well, this time I forgot and put the block on while we were in the boat. The block made my hands wicked slippery and you can guess what happened next. My client caught a nice smallmouth bass and while I was taking the hook out, the bass slipped and the hook went right through my hand just above my thumb – in one side and out the other. It's the first time in all my years that I had to ask someone to rip a hook out of my hand. I don't think he was happy about it, but there was nothing we could do at that point. So I thank Tom Fallon for stepping up and using my pliers to remove that hook. It was sore for a couple of days but all's well that ends well! Be safe and good luck this week.

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Pet World

Summer is the best time for swimming in the lake. But dogs, like people, suffer from some water-induced summer maladies. The most common issues that we see with water-loving pooches are ear infections.

When we are sensitive to the mood and behavior of our four legged friends, it is often apparent when they are feeling pain. Once the cause of the pain has been identified and the risk of reducing it assessed, giving them relief is an important next step. For traumatic injuries, often relief is needed in varying degrees for a relatively short period of time. Chronic pain may require a longer term solution.

These ear infections are caused when water (any water, even clean water) enters the ear canal and stays there. Floppy-eared dogs are especially prone to ear infections because when their ears flop over their ear canals, a moist warm environment is produced. Next, yeast begins to grow in this environment. Once the yeast colonize the ear, making a distinct odor, and irritating the skin cells, bacteria move in and the ears become very painful. The bacteria and yeast create a disgusting, soupy

Ear Infections

mess and in just a couple of days ears can become horribly infected. Once this happens, your veterinarian will look at the bacteria and yeast under a slide to determine which antibiotic will work the best for your dog's infection and instruct you on how to clean the ears and medicate them properly.

The best way to keep your dog's ears healthy is to be proactive in preventing these infections. If your dog is going to be wet for any reason (bath, swimming, out in a hard rain), his ears should be cleaned as soon as possible. A specifically designed veterinary ear cleaner should be used. These cleaners are gentle on sensitive skin and contain drying agents so that no liquid is left behind in the ear. If your dog is prone to ear infections, his ears should be cleaned weekly in the summertime even if he isn't being adventurous, as routine maintenance.

Pet World, a bi-weekly column by Dr. Eleanor Sabeau, or Dr. Jennie Marvelle. They can be reached at Lakeside Veterinary Clinic lakevets@roadrunner.com or by phone at 465-7387

Business

Books and Bluegrass: The Peoples Book Shop to Host Grand Reopening on July 21

The Wings Mill Dam area, in Belgrade/Mt. Vernon, is a pretty quiet neighborhood. In the spring, folks – mostly kids – fish from the bridge, or the dam; later in the summer, swimmers and occasional canoeists will be seen. Other than that, it's mostly snapping turtles laying eggs on the sandy edges of Wings Mill Road or the Bartlett Road, and other wildlife, and

quiet neighbors, none crowding the others

Since November, 2010, hidden away on that very corner – the corner of Wings Mill Road and the Bartlett Road – the homiest, friendliest little book store in Belgrade/Mt. Vernon – (the only book store in Mt. Vernon, as far as we know) – waits patiently for customers and browsers. This is The Peoples Book Shop,

a modest little business run by Dan Hamilton, a retired Physician Assistant who worked two stints at the Belgrade Regional Health Center, and who also worked for years at Togus Veteran's Hospital.

The snapping turtles may be just a little disconcerted for a few hours on Saturday, July 21, when the The

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Peoples Book Shop host a Grand Reopening, with Bluegrass music, food, and more traffic than usual.

Being off the track, as it is, The Peoples Book Shop has not been as busy as it might be if it was in a more populated area, or was just on a busier thoroughfare. It is where it is because that's where Dan Hamilton and his wife Deb live; they've been there for almost 30 years, raised 3 daughters – Cassandra, Shannon, and Josie, all of whom attended Mt. Vernon Elementary and Maranacook Community School – and have been active members of the community.

Dan, having a long history of civic responsibility, have contributed books to the Migrant Work Group of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Augusta, and these were well appreciated by the laborers. They also helped distribute free books in the Augusta area as part of World Book Night, an ambitious campaign to give away a half million specially printed books across America. Volunteers personally give out the books to non-readers and light readers. Dan passed out thirty free copies of the Hunger Games, with the hope that the book would be read and passed on to other non-readers.

"At first, we built a room of [our] barn into a small bookstore. It was either that or take a lot of books to the dump," says Dan. "We called it "The Peoples Book Shop" because we wanted it to be an active part of the Mount Vernon community. We've been struggling to keep it going, advertising in the local community weekly papers, but we still didn't get very much business. Not enough people knew it was there."

Still optimistic, Hamilton recently added a second

room to the Book Shop – a comfy little room, well-lit by windows, with room to sit and read, or enjoy a cup of coffee. To celebrate the new reading room, the The People's Book Shop is hosting a Grand Reopening on Saturday, July 21.

People who come in the door comment on the smell of Maine pine, and also on the older books that line the walls of the new Reading Room; many people pick out a particular old book and say things like, "I remember this from when I was just a little girl!" The homeyness of the Reading Room is accented with freshly cut flowers and teak furniture.

"We have books hand picked from fairs and library sales all over New England. Our prices are very reasonable, and we're always willing to barter," says Dan. "We're hoping to have Reading Groups meet here, as well as story times for children, poetry readings, and other literary and educational programs. We've been actively seeking visual artists who specialize in miniatures, too, to hang on our walls."

The shop, which has about 5,000 titles, mostly in very good to excellent condition, covers many genres: Fiction and Non-fiction; History; Science and Technology; Horror; Science Fiction; Sociology; Native American; Spirituality; War; Women's; Weird and Unusual; Gardening; Food; Classics; Short Stories; Death and Dying; Music; Health and Mental Health; Biography; Art and Photography; Activism; Entertainment (TV and Film); Mysteries; Maine Information; Maine Fiction; GLBT; among others. There are a number of antique and rare books and large print books.

The Grand Reopening of The Peoples Book Shop,

scheduled for Saturday, July 21 -Noon to 5:30 PM – will present several celebratory features. The Maranacook String Band, a youthful Bluegrass band directed by Stan Keach of Rome, will sing and play from Noon to 1:00. The String Band, which started two years ago as a Gifted/Talented Music Project at Maranacook Community High School, has developed into a well-travelled professional band, with some highly prestigious Concert venues on its resume; these include The Kingfield POPS Festival; Slates Restaurant's Monday Night Concert Series; the Skye Theater (New England Celtic Arts); and many others. Their debut CD, Bear In The Barn (which has been offered for sale in The Peoples Book Shop) has garnered rave reviews, brisk sales, and extensive radio airplay.

Nationally recognized poet and publisher Gary Lawless will do a reading of his works at 1:30 to 2:00. Gary has published 16 poetry collections. His writing deals with environmental issues, social justice, and listening to the voices of the underprivileged and the overlooked. Gary has toured extensively in Europe and the Americas reading his poetry and leading workshops, and has lead writing classes for nontraditional groups, such as artists with disabilities, homeless populations, refugees, and American war veterans. Gary and his partner Beth Leonard own Gulf Of Maine Books in Brunswick, Maine.

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