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Summer of 2013: It's Good To Be In Maine

by Esther J. Perne



BIG bubbles on the dock at Castle Island Camps!!!

It's good to be in Maine, good to feel the summer unfolding, to watch the patchwork greening of the countryside and bluing of the lakes, to enjoy the homecoming qualities of this unique season and to look forward to the sameness and the saneness of local summertime traditions.

Summer among the lakes and along the waterways, within the communities and throughout the byways is a promise – a promise of familiar sights and sounds, of familiar people and places and of renewed opportunities to take part in old and familiar activities and events. It also, so far, is a promise that, in spite of growth and change and the creep of construction outward from Maine's towns and cities, the quality of getaway, of peacefulness,

of sanctuary among the lakes, fields and woodlands remains.

A Maine summer, an inland lakes summer, a Belgrades or everywhere-in-the-region summer still means that yes, it is possible to go back – back to a place and back to a time where small rewards abound and quality of location is measured in uncomplicated distractions: a V of geese flying north, the call of the loon, warm sunshine flickering through scented pines, the lapping of waves against shore or dock, warm conversations at local gathering places and the community of spectatorship at ball games, parades, concerts, art shows, lawn sales, cookouts, playgrounds and all the many activities and outlets of the area.

In so many ways summer is a return to child-

hood, to past memories of bare feet and tousled hair when paddles and fish poles were the key to endless adventures; to present echoes of happy childish voices rippling out from discoveries and activities that are fun, safe, secure; and to future visions that the succeeding generations will learn the lore and love the lure of the lakes and of all the natural beauty and attractions of Maine.

Just as summer in this region provides a renewed appreciation of nature, bursting forth in countryside or town, it provides a renewed appreciation of community and of human migration and perseverance.

It's good to see the year-round folk emerging

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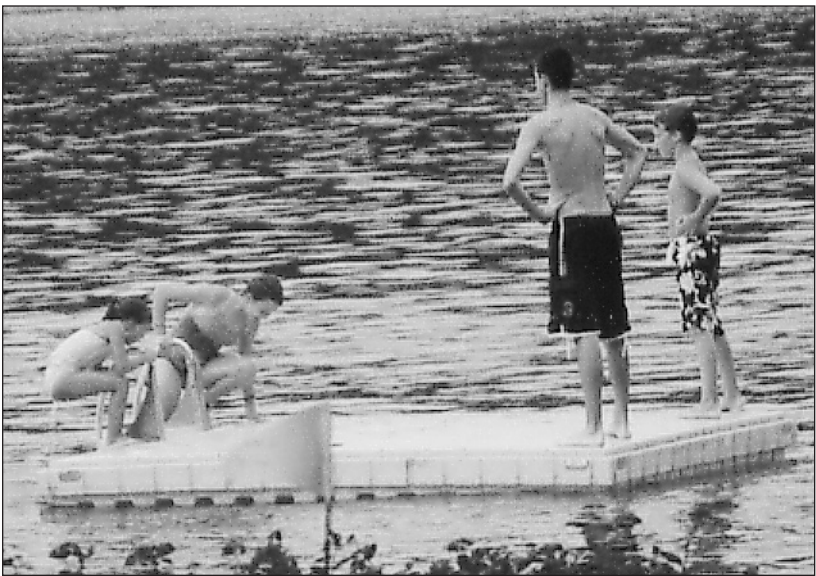
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from their winter lives, raking, planting, strolling along sidewalks and roadsides. It's good to have the summer folk return home to where for so many their hearts and loyalties lie. And it's good to see the tourists arrive with their dream-come-true appreciation of the region.

It's even good to see the development, the change, the new buildings and intersections and traffic lights which signal more jobs, better health care, more opportunities for economic growth and more really good reasons to ramp up the care of the lakes, the preservation of undeveloped lands and the support of the small business owners in local communities.

Best of all, a Maine summer, a lakes summer, a Belgrades summer doesn't end. Many are the times a special warm summertime memory will surface comfortingly when one is far away in location or life. Many, too, are the memories that prompt those who have passed briefly through this area to return to visit, vacation, invest.

Ah summer! It's good to return to the traditions, to go back to the familiar hopes and haunts, good to relive the memories and make new ones...

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Welcome Letter



Welcome to the summer of 2013, to the woods and waterways of the Belgrades and central Maine, to the gentle days and star-filled nights, to the nesting birds and the call of the loon, to the historic downtowns, the crowded celebrations and the quiet countryside.

Even as the world around us is changing in ways large and small – in weather and economics, in construction and electronics, in turbulence and tempo, there is still in this region a quality of tranquility and changelessness to be discovered and enjoyed.

“Summertime in the Belgrades” is part of that changelessness. Of course, “Summertime” is filled with observations and suggestions about what is new and different and bigger and better, but the paper also presents the good old-fashioned basics of the season, where events endure and thrive for decades, where businesses are run by third and fourth generations, and where patrons return to the welcome familiar year after year.

Even before summer is launched there is a feeling of respite (ok, relief) from winter and of promise to the new summer season. It’s that promise that Summertime delivers, the promise of exciting parades and celebrations, of quiet family times and reflection, of too many activities and enrichment programs to possibly attend and the promise that when readers turn the pages of “Summertime in the Belgrades” they will become part of the traditions and values unique to this area.

“Summertime’s” coverage again this season will include a range of timely events, history, the arts, the concerns and the accomplishments of the region, and it will include “Summertime’s” popular columns: Guide Mike Guarino’s fishing secrets, Dr. Eleanor Sabeau’s pet care advice, the Kennebec County Soil & Water District’s articles on conservation, the Friends of Cobbossee Watershed’s updates and reports, and the overview of projects sponsored by the Belgrade Lakes Association and the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance. Most importantly, news and views will be shared by author Katy Perry who at age 93 represents the “new” older population - vital and ambitious and very independent.

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Here’s to 2013. May this be a banner summer!

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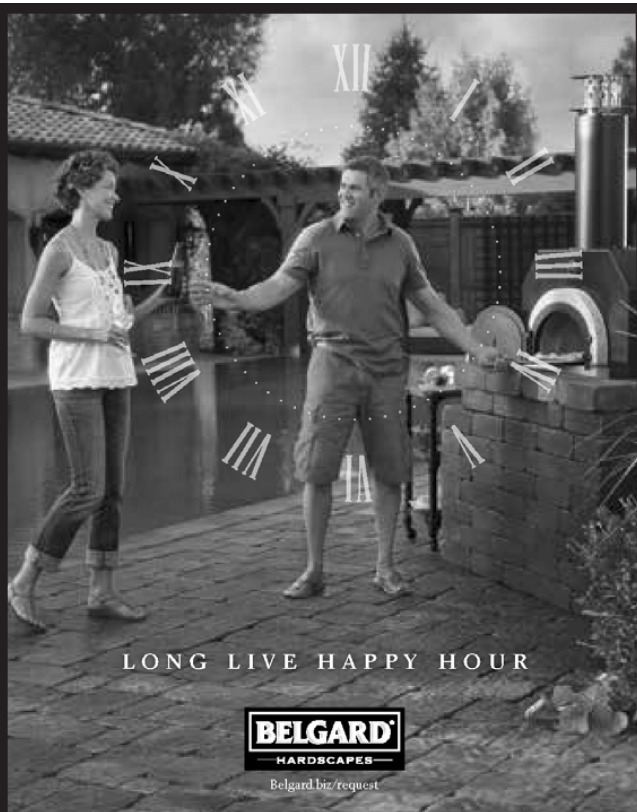
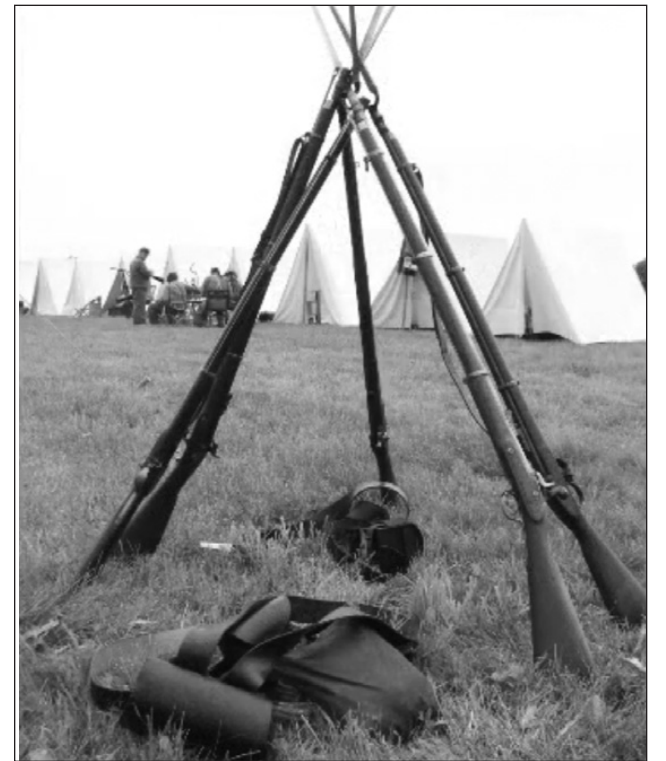
The fourth "Rally for Norlands," remembering the activities of the Civil War in the Spring of 1863, will take place at the Washburn-Norlands Living History Center, Maine's oldest living history farm and museum, in Livermore on June 8 and 9. Organized by the 3rd Maine Company A and 15th Alabama Company G, the reenactment weekend will include living history exhibits and demonstrations, wagon rides, a Victorian fashion show, an organ concert and sermon in the 1828 Meeting House, a scavenger hunt, campfire cooking, musket firing, a pig roast and bean supper and a gala contra dance featuring The Racket Factory

Close to 200 living historians will be encamped on the grounds for the weekend, interpreting Confederate and Union Infantry,

scrimmaging with replica weaponry, and staging a battle each day in the fields of the Norlands, where 445 acres surround the historic Washburn mansion, gothic library, meeting house, cape house, sap-house, and one-room schoolhouse.

Gates open at 9 am daily. Admission is \$9 per adult, \$6 for children under age 12. A discounted weekend pass is \$16 for adults, \$10 for children under age 12. Tickets for the pig roast are \$13, \$7 for children under age 6. For advance admission or supper tickets call 897-4366. Admission to the contra dance is free.

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Safe and effective car restraints are now available for animals that can protect them in case of an accident. It's also safer to have your pets restrained instead of allowing them to jump all over the driver or move beneath her feet while she is driving. Seatbelts that fit like a harness, secured beds that have a tether and crates that can be secured are all good options.

Some of the restraints, such as a seatbelt harness, are also handy when walking or taking your pet outside the car so they do not get scared and run away, resulting in loss of or injury to your friend. Many pets are carefully identified by tags on their collar and/or by a microchip under their skin which can be scanned by shelters all over North America to help find owners when a pet is lost. Check with your vet about having your pet microchipped if you're traveling any distance. It may save his or her life. If your

pet has a microchip already, make sure the information (such as your cell phone number) on record with the provider is up to date.

It's really important to keep your pet restrained at all times when in strange places. Even though your dog or cat may be well behaved and responsive at home, different environments may lead to bolting or unexpected behavior. If your pet is on a leash or in a crate, you will have control. If he is off leash, there is no way to prevent him from running away or approaching other animals who may not be so friendly or trustworthy. This includes places like the groomers and the vets, too. Not all animals are as friendly as your own and appearances can be deceiving.

It's important to stock up on any medications your pet may be taking before leaving. Also pack some basic first aid supplies for your pet in case of a sting or an injury. At the least, your kit should include bandaging material such as Vet wrap, clean towels, a blanket, safety scissors (for trimming hair), tweezers, nail clippers, paper towels, hydrogen peroxide, saline eye flush, triple antibiotic ointment, cortisone cream, zip lock baggies (for ice) and possibly an antihistamine like Benadryl, which may be recommended by your vet or an emergency vet after a phone call.

With the help of the Internet, it's easy to find

the location and the hours of local veterinarians in the towns where you will be traveling to. Emergency clinics that are open 24/7 are also available in many places. It's a good idea to check out the location of the ones in the area that you will be visiting or passing through. If your pet has a chronic condition, you may even want to check with one of the local vets before leaving to check whether they might see a visiting or summer client.

Some pets are seasoned travelers and are happy to curl up in the backseat for the entire trip. Others find the moving car a little more stressful. There are pet medications and products that can make the trip more enjoyable for your pet (and you) if your pet is one who normally does not travel well and ends up being anxious or nauseous. If your pet gets carsick, food should be given after you arrive, not before you leave. Pheromone products, such as Adaptil for dogs or Feliway for cats, come in a spray, towelet or collars which can ease the stress of the trip for your friends. It may be worth trying some of these products in a shorter "test" trip before heading out for real.

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

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- **Farmers' Market**, 622-1350, Sun 3-6 pm, Water St.
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- **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>
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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, Somerset Gristmill parking lot, downtown

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- **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.
- **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
- **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.watervillefarmersmarket.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

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- **Maine Congress of Lake Associations (COLA)**, PO Box 426, 171 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**, 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.tkltr.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, PO Box 132, Mt Vernon, 04352, 670-7298, www.30mileriver.org
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— Calendar —

Wednesday 5/29 through Saturday 6/1 – “Bingo: The Winning Musical,” comedy, 474-7176, Lakewood Theater, Route 201, Madison.

Friday 5/31 – Chaos to Quiet: Deconstructing Complexity, an exhibition featuring the landscape art of John Carnes, May 31-June 27, Opening reception 6/14, 5-9 pm, 512-4679, Monkietree, 263 Water Street, Gardiner.

Friday 5/31 through Sunday 6/2 - “Blithe Spirit,” by Noel Coward, performed by ACAT, Aqua City Actor's Theater, Studio Theater, 873-7000, Waterville Opera House, 93 Main Street, downtown Waterville.

Friday 5/31 – 2013 - Relay For Life of Franklin County, an overnight event that joins communities in the fight against cancer; friends, families, schools, businesses and organizations walk around the track, camp, enjoy entertainment, activities and a Luminaria ceremony while raising money for the American Cancer Society, 6 pm-8 am, 1-800-ACS-2345, www.relayforlife.org, Franklin County Fairgrounds, Farmington.

Saturday 6/1 and Sunday 6/2 – Free Family Fishing Days; any person (except those whose license has been suspended or revoked) may fish without a license, all other laws and regulations apply, 287-8000, mefishwildlife.com, Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Saturday 6/1 and Sunday 6/2 – Spring Classic Horse Show, free and open to the public, concessions available, covered arena, 474-2947, Fairgrounds, Route 201 north, Skowhegan.

Saturday 6/1– Plant Sale, 9 am-2 pm, Old South First Congregational Church, Main Street, Farmington.

Saturday 6/1 – Yard Sale to benefit the Summer Camp program at the Maine Children's Home for Little Wanderers, 9 am-2 pm, Silver Street, Waterville.

Saturday 6/1 – 17th Annual Paddle for Pine Tree Camp in Rome, Paddle with a Purpose, raise pledges to benefit campers with disabilities, 7-mile, two-hour paddle on the Kennebec River, Solon to North Anson, family-oriented, appropriate for all ages, skill levels and abilities, followed by a celebratory barbecue and free time, \$100 minimum pledge, www.pine-treesociety.org, 443-3341 ext. 5914, start at Evergreen Campground, Solon.

Saturday 6/1 and Sunday 6/2 – 2013 Maine Fiber Frolic, great family outing, sheep, llamas, alpacas, goats, rabbits, fleece/fiber products, sheep and alpaca shearing, shows, drills, demonstrations, parade, children's area, Dan Grady's “Marvelous Marionette Medley” (Saturday 10 am, 12 and 2 pm), educational presentations and much more (new! doll-making workshop), food concessions available, picnic tables, most exhibits under cover, 9 am-4 pm, adults \$5, seniors \$2, children under 12 free, www.fiberfrolic.com, Windsor Fairgrounds, Route 32, Windsor.

Saturday 6/1 – Morning Bird Walk to celebrate National Trails Day, 8-9:30 am, on the beautiful trails on the Good Will-Hinckley campus with a museum expert; Bug Walk at 1 pm for families and children, all events free and open to the public 238-4250, L.C. Bates Museum, Route 201, Hinckley.

Saturday 6/1 – Winslow land acquisition site viewing and public input of East Kennebec Trail possibilities to celebrate National Trails Day, 9:30 am-12 pm, sponsored by Kennebec Messalonskee Trails, 592-0004, gather at Winslow Elementary School, Benton Avenue, Winslow.

Saturday 6/1 – National Trails Day celebration, games, hike, mountain bikes available, scavenger hunt, refreshments, Rivers Edge Bike Park and River Walk Trail, 10 am-12 pm, sponsored by Skowhegan Parks and Recreation Department, www.skowhegan.org, 474-6901, Joyce Street, Skowhegan.

Monday 6/3 – Golf Classic, Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce, 11 am shotgun start, 873-3315, Waterville Country Club, Country Club Drive, Oakland.

873-3315, Waterville Country Club, Country Club Drive, Oakland.

Wednesday 6/5 – Mid-Maine Global Forum guest speaker U.S. Ambassador to Vietnam, Raymond F. Burghardt, 11:45 am, www.mid-maingroupforum.wordpress.com, The Center, Water St, Waterville.

Thursday 6/6 through Sunday 6/9 – “Self-Help,” comedy, 474-7176, Lakewood Theater, Route 201, Madison.

Thursday 6/6 – Learn about bats field trip: how they fit into the ecology of Maine's forest, where they go in winter, how they navigate in the dark, with Aaron Svedlow and Trevor Peterson, sponsored by Kennebec Land Trust, 6:30-8 pm, 377-2848, Hutchinson Pond Conservation Area, Manchester.

Thursday, 6/6 - Hallowell residents Bob McIntire and Gail Wippelhauser visited the Galapagos Islands for a 16-day excursion earlier this year. They will share slides and stories of their experiences on this once-in-a-lifetime adventure. Don't miss it! Refreshments will follow this free presentation. Hubbard Free Library, 115 Second Street, Hallowell, 622-6582. Sponsored by the Friends of Hubbard Free Library.

Friday 6/7 – Winthrop PTA 5K run/walk, prizes for age group winners, 6 pm, pre-register for \$17 at www.active.com, \$25 on race day, Winthrop Grade School, Highland Avenue, Winthrop.

Friday 6/7 and Saturday 6/8 – Exhibition Opening for artist Dan DesRaspe, 4-7 pm Friday, 11 am-3 pm Saturday, 778-9105, Sugarwood Gallery, 248 Broadway, Farmington.

Friday 6/7 – Exhibition of collage and book arts, Opening 5-8 pm, exhibition runs through June 29, 622-3813, Harlow Gallery, Kennebec Valley Art Association, 160 Water Street, Hallowell.

Friday 6/7 through Sunday 6/9 – “Blithe Spirit,” by Noel Coward, performed by ACAT,

Aqua City Actor's Theater, Studio Theater, 873-7000, Waterville Opera House, 93 Main Street, downtown Waterville.

Saturday 6/8 and Sunday 6/9 – Found Object Construction workshop with Michael Burbank, review assemblage art history and learn techniques, 10 am-1 pm, \$70 members or \$80 non – required in advance, sign up at kvaa@harlow-gallery.org or 622-3813, Vaughan Homestead, Middle Street, Hallowell.

Saturday 6/8 – Trip to Alna and Wiscasset, includes train ride, visit to two historic New England houses and lunch, Kennebec Historical Society, 622-7718, 107 Winthrop Street, Augusta.

Saturday 6/8 – Insects Explored, discover the lives of butterflies, grasshoppers, lady bugs, and spittle bugs, rain or shine event, 1 pm, 238-4250, L.C. Bates Museum, Route 201, Hinckley.

Saturday 6/8 – Union Coffee House presents Simons & Goodwin, exciting folk duo, delightful harmonies, guitar accompaniment, 7 pm, contribution – includes great refreshments, 7 pm, Union Church, 67 Main Street, Belgrade Lakes.

Saturday 6/8 – Contra Dance, all welcome; 6:30-7:30 pm family dance with sit-in band; 8-10:30 pm regular dance with band and caller, 491-9928, Farmington Grange, Bridge Street, Route 43, West Farmington.

Wednesday 6/12 – ANC Trek and Wildflower Identification with Tracy Weber of Kennebec Land Trust, free, 622-2419, 623-1805, 9:30 am meet at VO-TEC greenhouse, Augusta Nature Education Center, Augusta.

Wednesday 6/12 through Saturday 6/15 – “Self-Help,” comedy, 474-7176, Lakewood Theatre, Route 201, Madison.

Friday 6/14 through Sunday 6/16 – Maine Horse Association 34th Annual Downeast Horse, open to the public, covered arena, free admission, 474-2947, starts Friday 6 pm, Skowhegan Fairgrounds, Madison Ave, Skowhegan.



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The 2013 Maine Fiber Frolic at the Windsor Fairgrounds on Saturday and Sunday, June 1 and 2, 9 am-4 pm, is a celebration of fiber, fiber animals and fiber arts and it includes many animal barns, a barn full of fleeces for sale, demo areas and many handcraft exhibits.

For the children Dan Grady will present his “Marvelous Marionette Medley” on Saturday at 10 am, 12 noon and 2 pm. And there will be food concessions all day.

Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for seniors, children under 12 free. Windsor Fairgrounds offers plenty of parking, plenty of buildings to get out of the rain (the event is rain or shine) and, if there is rain, plenty of puddles for children to jump through. For more information visit www.fiberfrolic.com

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In the Waterville/Winslow area, Kennebec Messalonskee Trails, plans to open the recently acquired 45-acre land donation (from Madison Paper Company) and access donation (from Hydro Kennebec) along the Kennebec River in Winslow to the public for viewing and visioning. The plan for the new land is to build 8 miles of paved trails making a continuous path from the Rotary Centennial Trail in Benton south to Winslow. From Winslow the trails will go over the Two Cent Bridge, through Waterville and to the Quarry Road Recreation Area. Take part in the new trail plans on June 1, 9:30 am-12 noon. Gather at the Winslow Elementary School on Benton Avenue where the group will walk down the Scale House Road to the trail area. For more information visit www.kmtrails.org or call 592-0004.

In Skowhegan, the Skowhegan Parks & Recreation Department is sponsoring a National Trails Day Celebration at the Rivers Edge Bike Park and the River Walk Trail from 10 am-12 noon. Activities will include hiking, using the outdoor physical fitness equipment, mountain biking (bikes will be available),

a scavenger hunt and refreshments. Meet at the bike park on Joyce Street. For more information visit www.skowhegan.org; RSVP at skowrecl@skowhegan.org or call 474-6901.

In Hinckley, the L.C. Bates Museum is holding three themed nature walks to celebrate National Trails Day: a Bird Walk at 8 am, a Trails of Good Will-Hinckley at 10 am and a family and children's Insect Walk at 1 pm. All events are free and open to the public and will be accompanied by a museum guide. Dress for the outdoors; bring binoculars. For the Bird Walk, beginners and advanced birders are welcome; in the event of rain, the Bird Walk will be held inside in the Audubon Gallery. The museum will be open from 10 am to 4:30 pm. For more information visit www.gwh.org/lcbates; RSVP at lcbates@gwh.org or 238-4250.

In Augusta, the Children's Discovery Museum is sponsoring a Run to Play 5K on the Kennebec River Rail Trail. This event is a fund-raiser for the museum but it ties in with trail awareness. The race starts at the YMCA field in Augusta, continues down the Kennebec River Rail Trail and ends back at the YMCA. Run, jog or walk; all ages are welcome. Registration time is 8-8:45 am; Kids Fun Run starts at 8:30 am, 5K start time is 9 am. Registration is \$25 for the 5K; \$5 for the Kids Run. To register visit www.childrensdiscovery-museum.org or call 622-2209.

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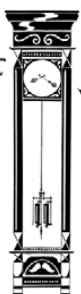


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— Activities & Outings —

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Since 1945, the camp has welcomed all who could benefit from its programming and no one has been turned away. Proceeds from the paddle event will help ensure that this Open Door Policy continues.

On June 1, Paddlers will enjoy a 2-hour paddle on the Kennebec from the Evergreen Campground in Solon to Anson and a celebratory barbecue. The event is family-oriented, and appropriate for ages, skill levels and abilities. For more information visit www.pinetreesociety.org or call 443-3341.



— Upcoming —

JUNE

- The first Mt. Philip Grange monthly bean supper of the season will be on Saturday, June 15, 4:30-6 pm. Tickets are \$7 all you can eat, under 5 free, family of 4 or more \$20. Routes 27/225, Rome. (Go early and enjoy a short hike on French's Mountain or a longer one on Mt. Philip.)
- The 15th Annual Garden Party sponsored by the Hospice Volunteers Waterville Area will be held on Saturday, June 15 at Fieldstone Gardens in Vassalboro, 10 am-3 pm. Party includes workshops, music, local artisans, garden tours, children's activities, and lunches. Preregister at www.hvwa.org/events-calendar or 873-3615
- "The Changing Nature of the Maine Woods" by visiting author, Drew Barton, sponsored by the Belgrade Region Conservation Alliance, will be held at 7 pm on Tuesday, June 18 at the Maine Lakes Resource Center in Belgrade Lakes.
- Maine's side paddle steam boats will be presented by George Barrett, sponsored by the Kennebec Historical Society at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, June 19 at Christ Church, Gardiner. 622-7718
- The 40th Blistered Fingers Family Bluegrass Music Festival is scheduled for June 20-23 at the Litchfield Fairgrounds. Festivities include a dozen great bands, a giant tent, room for children to romp, food, friendliness, camping areas. www.blisteredfingers.com, 873-6539
- The 17th annual festival of the Maine Antique Tractor Club will take place at the Farmington Fairgrounds on June 22-24. Activities include a tractor pull, parade, crafters, demos, large display of antique tractors. 778-4215
- The 5th Annual Rail Trail Half Marathon, Half Marathon Relay and 5K are scheduled for Sunday, June 23. Starting at the Old Fort Western parking lot

starting 7:30 am. For registration and rates call 622-9009

- Friends of the Maine State Museum Golf Tournament to benefit the Maine State Museum will be held on Thursday, June 27 at Natanis Golf Course in Vassalboro. \$100 per golfer includes cart and greens fees, lunch and hors d'oeuvres. Register at 10 am, scramble format. Reception only \$20. To register call 287-2304.
- Kingfield POPS 2013, the 11th Anniversary outdoor performance of the Bangor Symphony Orchestra, is scheduled for Saturday, June 29 at the Kennedy Farm in Kingfield. www.kingfield-pops.com, 265-7677
- The Opening of the exhibit The Civil War in Maine at the Maine State Museum and free admission day on Saturday, June 29.

JULY

- The 10th Annual "Friends on the 4th" 5K, sponsored by the Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed will take place in Winthrop along Lake Maranacook on Thursday, July 4. 621-4100, www.watershed-friends.com
- The 18th Annual Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament to benefit the Kennebec Leadership Institute will be held on Monday, July 8 at the Augusta Country Club. 623-4559
- The Maine International Film Festival, featuring 50 filmmakers and over 100 films, will be held on July 12-21 in Waterville. Miff.org
- The Colby College Museum of Art in Waterville will celebrate its reopening and inaugurate the Alford-Lunder Family Pavilion on Saturday, July 13 with seven exhibits, food, music, free guided tours. 859-5600
- Farmington will be the site of the Western Maine Storytelling Festival, July 19-21, wmsfestival.org for ticket prices.



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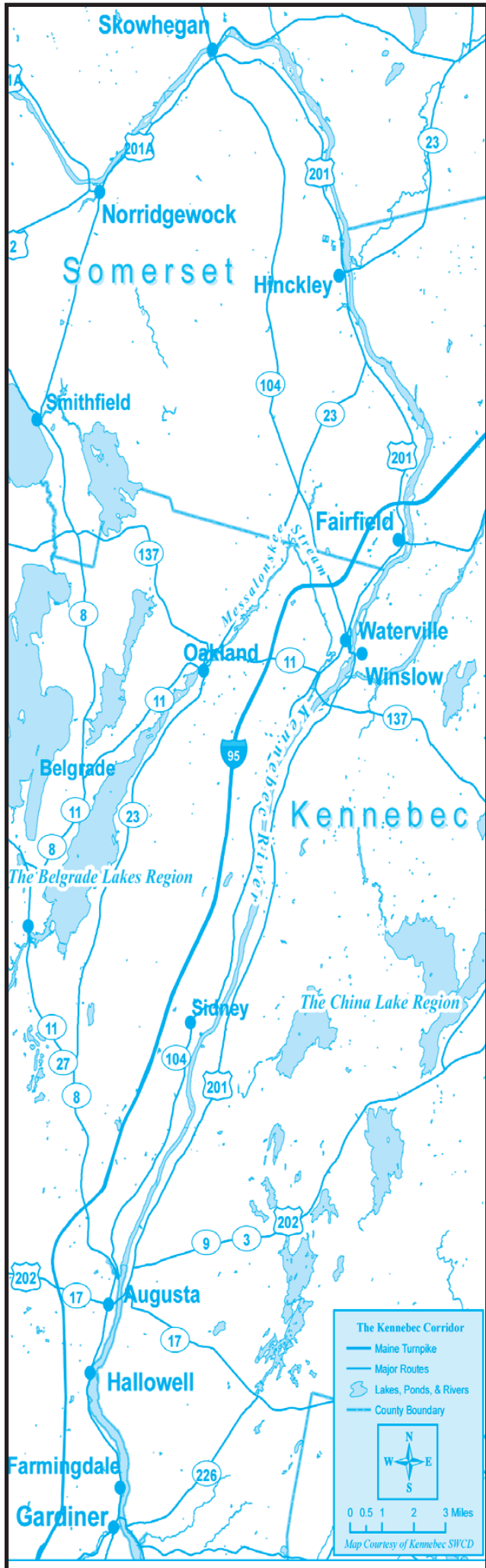
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You can check the local news on paper, radio and TV but it is far easier, seems to me, to pick up the free, weekly pages during the summer that give you and family a quick glance at positive bits of “info,” time and dates of local fun events and a bit of summer sunshine as you decide to stay put this year and enjoy the beauty of the amazing state of Maine.

For visitors to the State summer news media are especially helpful. Guests in our state, some of whom recognize the variety of beautiful areas here far more than natives, will savor the items this publication provides.

Fortunate am I to be asked to offer a weekly column for you. This gives me an exciting opportunity not only to capture your attention to READ but to ask a special favor. You may live near by or far away but I dare say each of you have an idea, an item or some thought that you sense is worth telling. It may be Grandma’s 100th birthday, a re-visit by the family who alerted you to the fire spurting from your chimney – and saved your home – or a wisp of town history... or whatever. If such is the case I would enjoy a telephone call (626-3242) from you and see if, together, we can arrange a “telling” of the event.

Believe me, this is not meant to enhance my efforts to write a story but simply to capture a memory that today may not be so unusual but 50 years from now could startle the reader. History is made daily and put on paper – a simple way to maintain it! So, get with the summer sunshine, find a local spot that offers the paper and keep up with the local doings! I’ll welcome your call.

Katy Perry is an author, news commentator, all around interesting lady, enthusiast about most things Maine and a very vibrant nonagenarian who writes a weekly column for Summertime in the Belgrades and who makes the weekly rounds delivering Summertime in her hometown Hallowell. And she welcomes your call about story ideas!

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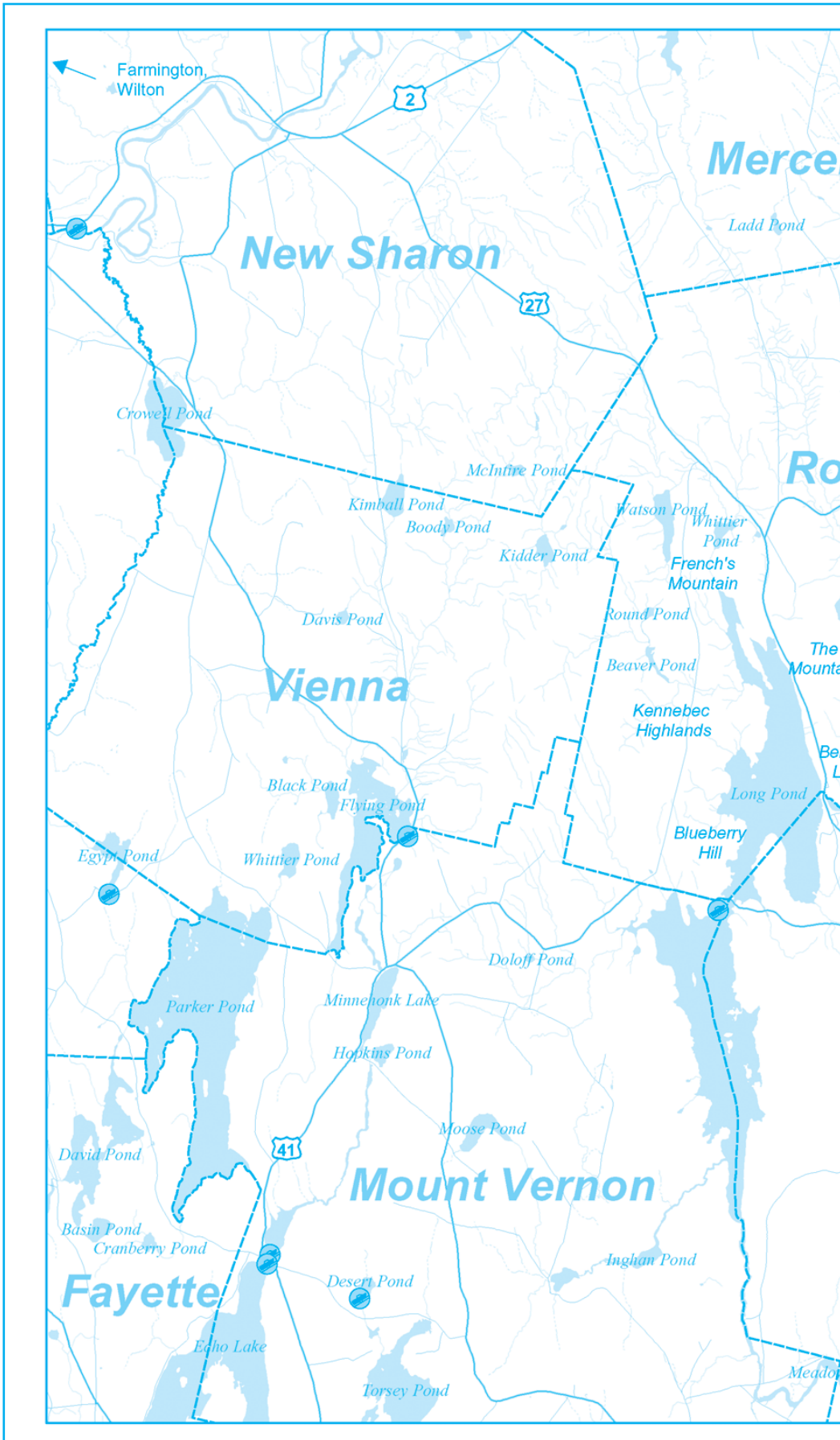


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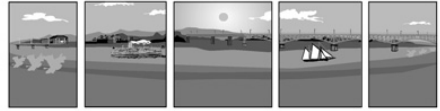
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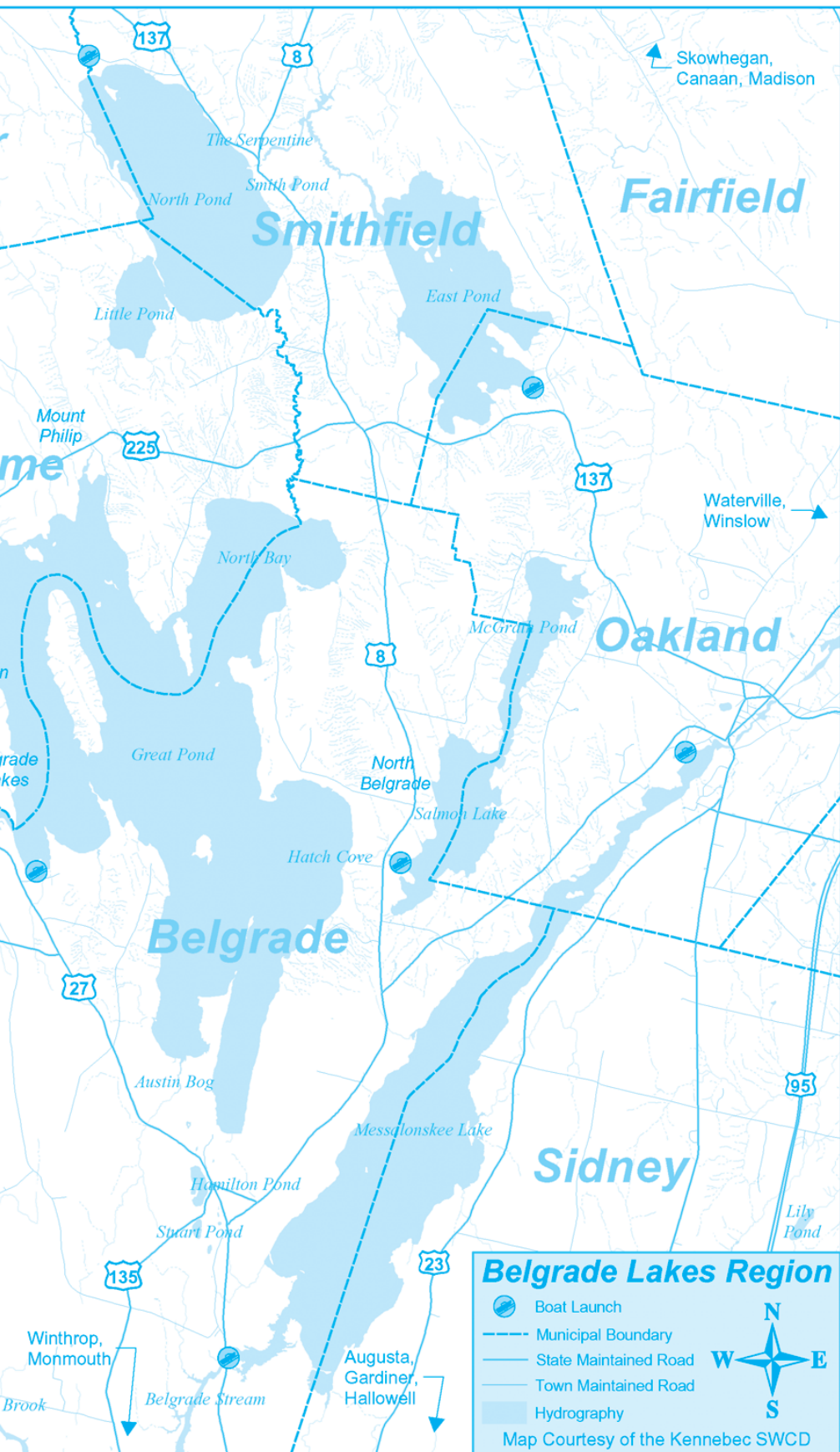
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Augusta

• Get ready for Whatever! The Whatever Family Festival and Day in Capitol Park, sponsored by the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce, June 19-July 4, 2013 will have more than 85 entertainment and sports offerings, most of them free. There are still opportunities for sponsors and chamber members to volunteer. The Free Family Fun day, June 29, needs about 100 extra people to help decorating, traffic detail, bounce assistance and character help, parking, safety and relief. 623-4559

Gardiner

• Free electronic waste collection event! The Gardiner and Hallowell Rotary Clubs are sponsoring a collection on Saturday, June 8, from 9 am to 2 pm, at the Ice Vault, 203 Whitten Road. 458-2906, 588-8108

Hallowell

• Watercolor classes! Kay Morris, a local watercolor painter, will be conducting a four-session watercolor class at the Harlow Gallery on Monday and Tuesday, June 17 and 18 and June 24 and 25 from 2-4 pm. Emphasis will be on painting the three elements of still life – glass, shiny metal and cloth. Sessions will include monochromatic watercolor and full palette watercolor. This is not an advanced class, but some experience helpful. Cost of \$80 for members, \$95 for non, must be paid in full before the first session. Among Morris' many awards, her watercolors have

been selected three times for the Old Hallowell poster. 622-3813

Monmouth

• A Season For Lovers! The Theater at Monmouth 2013 will showcase plays of love and marriage and all the ups and downs that love entails. The season opens on Saturday evening, June 22 with the children's show "The Velveteen Rabbit," the heart-warming story of a toy rabbit who yearns for the day a young boy will choose him so that he can become real. The show is scheduled through August 15. Other 2013 plays include "The Knight of the Burning Pestle," "The Taming of the Shrew," "Our Town" and "The Year of Magical Thinking." For times, prices and special events, call 933-9999

Mount Vernon

• New market! The Villages Market for Mount Vernon and Vienna will be held every Saturday, 10 am-2 pm, in the field next to Flying Pond Store, Route 41, starting June 29 for 11 weeks. Initially over 10 vendors will offer a range of vegetables, meats, baked goods, preserves, crafts, pottery and more. There will be a drop-off for sellers with small quantities of produce. Additional vendors may join – email sharihamilton@gmail.com

Skowhegan

• Swim! Bike! Run! The Lake George/Somerset Sports & Fitness Sprint Triathlon, with a 1-mile swim, 15-mile bike ride and 3.5-mile out and back run, will be held September 15. Sign up before July 1 for \$5 for sin-

gle/\$80 for 2-person or 3-person team; before August 1 \$60/\$100; before September 1 \$70/\$120; before September 15 \$80/\$140. The race begins at Lake George Regional Park on the Skowhegan/Canaan line. For registration information email kcoughlin@rfgh.net or call 474-2224.

Waterville

• A monthly grief support group for persons experiencing the loss of a friend, loved one, or other significant loss, will be held at Hospice Volunteers of Waterville, 304 Main Street on the second Monday evening of each month, 6-7:30 pm, starting June 10. A power point presentation on grief and loss will be shown, and there will be a time for sharing. There is no charge to attend. HVWA is community-funded and funded through proceeds from the sale of used furniture, household goods and items donated to the on-site resale shop. Grief workshops can also be scheduled for workplaces and in communities. For more information or to enroll in the grief support group or support groups for parents, widows/widowers, children, or survivors of suicide call 873-3615.

• A premier movie event! On Thursday, May 30 at 7 pm the Waterville Public Library will host a premier of a series of films by students at the Mid-Maine Technical Center. The films will highlight just how much of a true asset the newly renovated library is to the community. Some of the films will also focus on the library's unique architecture as well as its history. This one of a kind event is free and open to the public. Delicious refreshments will be served. There will also be library tours. 872-5433.



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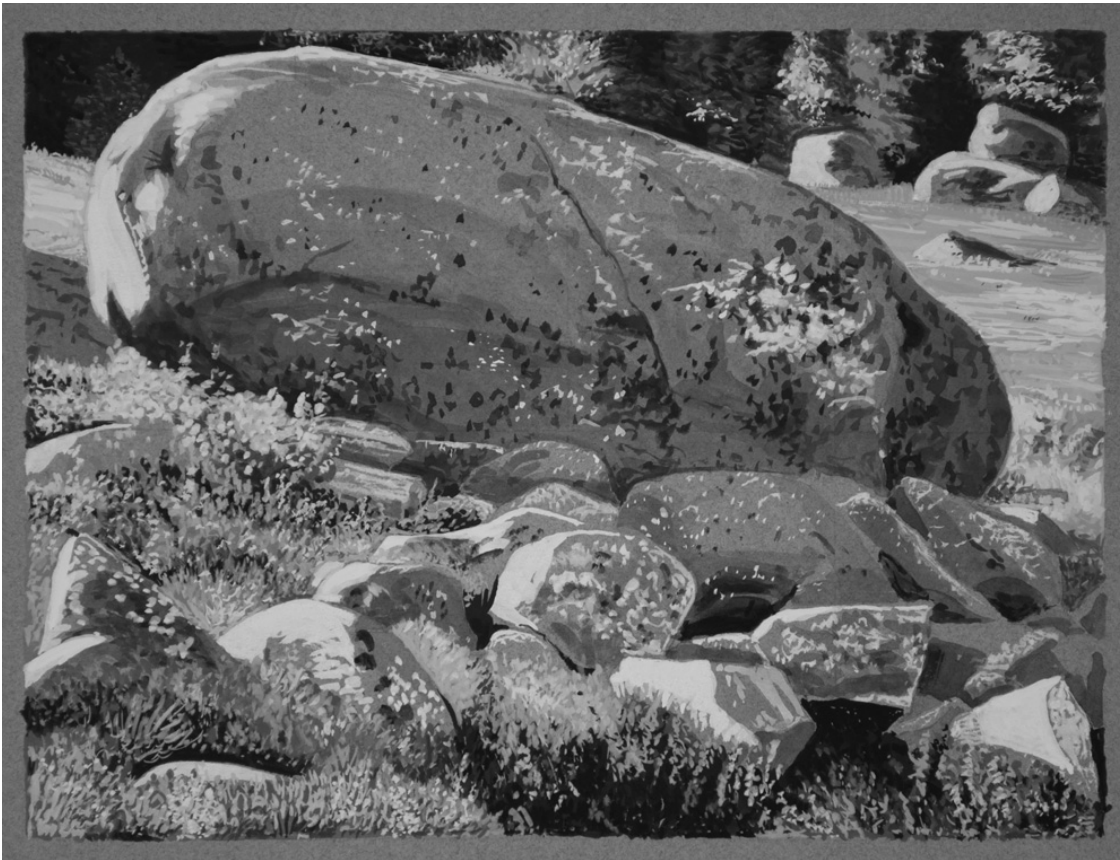


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Gift of the Glacier: The Maine Landscape



The L.C. Bates Museum's summer art exhibition, "Gift of the Glacier: The Maine Landscape," is a celebration of Maine's great beauty by depicting the state's landscape and geology that document the work of the glaciers. The rounded hilltops, rocky slopes and glacial lakes of Maine not only provide a beautiful place to live, but lend themselves to compelling works of art.

Featuring the works of 23 artists, the "Gift of the Glacier" presents museum visitors with a unique look at how artists interpret a striking landscape created in the Ice Age by a vast slow-moving glacier.

The artists' works include observations of the landscape that illustrate signs of glacial movement and remains, such as eskers, rounded hills, rocky slopes, erratics and glacial scratch marks and portray varied landscapes from blueberry barrens to stonewalled fields to mountains to glacial lakes and ponds.

The show is the result of a collaborative effort between the L.C. Bates Museum staff and two Colby College students, Kayla Lewkowicz '14 and Veronica L. Vesnaver '15, who helped curate the exhibition under the supervision of Professor Veronique Plesch. The exhibition was made possible by grant support from the Maine Community Foundation Expansion Arts Fund.

The L.C. Bates Museum, which offers children's and family art workshops on Wednesday afternoons at 1



pm from June 26 to August 21, will integrate the "Gift of the Glacier" exhibit with these programs by scheduling sessions to be presented by artists in the exhibition. The museum will also present related programming, including talks and exhibition tours. On Sunday, June 30 from 2-4 pm there will be a free public reception for the artists that will include a talk by one of the participating artists, John Woolsey.

The "Gift of the Glacier: The Maine Landscape" will be open for viewing Wednesday through Saturday, 10 am-4:30 pm and Sunday from 1-4:30 pm until October 15, 2013. For more information about the L.C. Bates Museum's summer exhibition and programming, contact lcbates@gwh.org or 238-4250.

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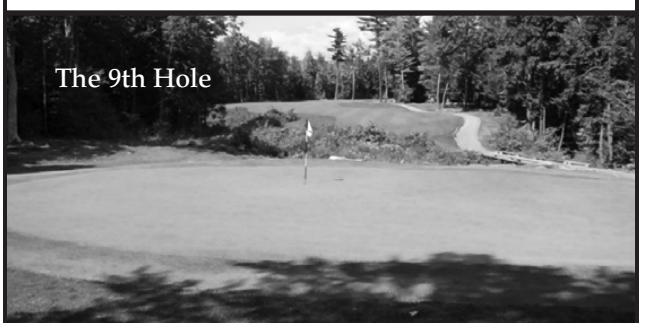
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—The Luckiest Boy—

It was a fairly normal day, I suppose, probably June something in about 1953. I was fiddling along the shoreline of the stream behind my parent's house and behind other owners as well. Main Street in the Lakes was kind of all one then; no one paid much attention to property lines, unless a feud got started over something like a tree or a water line. It was expected or maybe condoned that little kids of 5 years more or less could and would wander about fishing along the shoreline and exploring everything along the way. They all knew whose kid I was and kept half an eye open in the event my youth got me into trouble. The old saying it takes a village to raise a child was true then and should be now as far as I'm concerned. That day I had meandered farther than any previous outing and new adventures opened up with every few steps.

The boathouse I was approaching looked like an old grey mountain. The new June grass was knee high and showing a lightly used path coming down from the house to the opening in the back of the boathouse. It seemed odd, and scary; there was no door, just a black opening. I stood there with fish rod in hand (a stick with string and a rusty small hook) that old man Lee Law had given me earlier in the summer. Lee worked for my Dad tending the boat rentals down by the dam; he always helped all us kids out with learning how to fish and what to use for bait and tactics.

Little by little curiosity was winning over fear and I drew closer to the dark hole, hoping the old man that lived in the house wouldn't see me. I knew he lived there, as I had seen him from a distance mowing the lawn part way down to the boathouse, including the path. He always wore "old man" t-shirts, the kind with straps only on the shoulders. I had also seen him sit in the old lawn chair in the backyard, smoking a cigarette like my Dad did, and drinking something the men call Narry Gansett or sometimes they said Nasty Gansett, and laughed. He sweat like crazy when he mowed and I was a little scared of him.

He didn't seem to be around when I stole a couple of secret looks over my shoulder, however. I tumbled over a large metal chunky thing with big pulleys and went down into the high grass face first and hard. After reconnoitering, the black hole remained the target and I crept on. Oh, I later learned the metal chunky thing was a make and brake engine, called a "one lunger" that powered things like sawmills and boat lifts. The big pulley drove a flat belt. I can tell you now that much or

Born and Raised in Belgrade Lakes in the 1950s and 60s

by Rod Johnson



Chapter I: The Boathouse

most of the boards that built the older homes on main street were sawn with a big rotary blade turned by a one lunger.

My first steps over the threshold into the dark interior of the boathouse made my toes curl. So much to see, fear, like and question. Had it not been for the fact that I was looking out through two huge openings into the stream, I probably would have turned and high tailed it for home. The two boat stalls were empty and as my eyes adjusted to the lack of direct sunlight, everything seemed at least okay, if not friendly.

The fear had subsided if not evaporated and without conscious thought the fish line went in the water, dried on worm and all, testing to see if any redfins were there. They were a type of perch that we kids called a cross between white and yellow perch. They tasted the same as either and in later years we never bothered to differentiate, just cooked them up with the others. In those days sun fish or sunnies were ever present, ready to steal bait. They were considered not good to eat; we treated them like pests and tossed them back in the pond. I think old man Lee Law had told us they were not worth bothering with.

It wasn't long before I noticed a small corner closet of sorts with a jammed open door. A metal object that I already knew was an outboard motor was leaning precariously against the interior wall. The redfish got off easy after that as fishing took a hind row seat and I was led to the closet, gawking

at the motor, with dreams and excitement about its use and potential dancing in my head.

Whether 30 seconds or 5 minutes passed, I do not know, but out of the blue came a raspy, heavy voice that said: "WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN HERE, SON?" My worst fears nearly cauterized me in place. I slowly looked up to see the old man with the white strap t-shirt just inside the doorway. I must have stuttered a little but I heard myself meekly saying, "I'm fishing,"

What he then said shocked me beyond words, "DO YOU LIKE THAT OUTBOARD MOTOR?"

I said, "Yes sir" and he said simply "If you can get it running it's yours to use." With that he turned and walked out the door hole and headed back up to the house.

As I stood there happily stunned, he turned back to me and yelled something like: "You'd better head home; your Mom is looking all over town for you."

After that Old Bill Pulsifer was my newest friend. Sometime during the next decade, the men in town tore that boathouse down, along with many others. The pilings, or cribs as we call them, are still visible just under water on the South side of the new MLRC docks. Young Bill Pulsifer lives there today with his wife Marie. He's about the age his Dad was when he essentially gave me that motor, and he's just as nice a man.

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Fishing

Bass and Birds

by Mike Guarino



Jack McCarthy from Boston with a nice Long Pond smallmouth caught on May 18.



Darrell Pardy with his first of two spring turkeys taken on May 13, 2013.

Welcome back to another fun filled year of playing in the Belgrade Lakes Region. As I sit here typing away, my mind is full of daydreams and wonders what adventures are in store this summer. I wonder what giant fish will be caught this year and by whom. It's always hard to predict but brown trout is definitely a species that will produce a few monsters this summer, and of course there will be lots of giant pike caught too. I wonder if the state record pike will be caught this year. It's certainly possible someone will catch one bigger than the current 31.2 pound record. That record has stood since 1998. Rumor has it that the black crappie record was broken this past winter on one of the Belgrade Lakes. That's not surprising because crappie numbers are exploding along with white and yellow perch. The ice fishing for white perch this winter was the best we've ever experienced, so get the chowder pots ready because the perch fishing is going to be awesome this spring.

Wild turkeys and smallmouth bass have been dominating the local outdoor scene during the last few weeks. Turkey hunters have reported seeing birds on a daily basis and the birds are decoying and coming to call with regularity. As the season winds down (the last day is June 1), hunters will see more bachelor groups of mature Toms together. The later part of the season can be difficult

because the birds are educated, but this is a great time of year to find the biggest Toms. On one of our successful hunts this spring, Darrell had four jakes come into our decoy spread. I was doing the calling and he was set up in a blind overlooking the back end of a field. I called the birds into the decoys, but Darrell couldn't shoot because the birds were so close together. They put on quite a show, gobbling like crazy and fighting with the decoy and each other. Finally they separated enough and one shot later it was time to fire up the grill. Darrell was fortunate this year because he got two birds on back to back trips. The State of Maine allows hunters to purchase a bonus turkey tag so you can take two male birds in the spring.

In addition to the sweet sound of gobbling birds and falling asleep to a chorus of singing peepers, there's one more sure sign of spring – bedded smallmouth bass! The smallies started making their nests about 3 weeks ago, which is a little bit earlier than usual. The water warmed up quickly because we had very little rain in late April and early May. It's so much fun watching the bass work their nests and protect them from predators like bluegills and crayfish. We've been catching quite a few female bass off the deeper sides of the beds and for the most part we try and leave the

bedded fish alone (although it's hard to pass up sight fishing for bedded smallies). One fun way to catch bedded fish is on a fly rod rigged with a small popper. Because this is visual fishing, it's great practice for a beginner and a fun way to shake off the winter rust for avid fly casters. During this time of year, it's vital that anglers diligently practice catch and release and put the bass back on their beds to protect the future of the fishery. This is a stressful time of year for the bass and they need us to be as gentle as possible. It's important that we try not to drop the fish on the deck of the boat and try to avoid "over-fighting" the fish. Have fun catching them, but try and get them back into the water in a timely manner so the fish doesn't get too stressed out.

As another season begins, don't forget to send in your photos and I'll try and get them in the paper. We all love seeing those big fish! I'm really hoping to find some time to perch fish this week. I have a craving for a fish fry! Tight lines.

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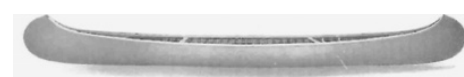


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Belgrade Cottages, 9 Bass Lane, Belgrade, 495-9217, www.belgradecottages.com

Belgrade Vacation Rentals, 81 Main St, Belgrade Lakes, 495-4011, www.belgradevacationrentals.com

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- It's All About Fun at the Children's Discovery Museum! 2013 Summer Camps will include 8 weeks of creativity and learning:
 - Building/Lego, ages 6-8, June 25-29
 - Explore the Ocean, ages 4-5, July 8-12
 - All About Dinosaurs, ages 6-8, July 15-19
 - Crazy Art, ages 4-5, July 22-26
 - Pirate, Ahoy Matey, ages 6-8, July 29-August 2
 - Music & Movement, ages 4-5, August 5-9
 - Science Discovery, ages 6-8, August 12-16
 - Princesses & Knights, ages 4-5, August 19-23
- All camps 9 am-noon; rates \$100 for members, \$115, for non-members. 622-2209

Belgrade

- Camp Golden Pond 2013, day camp for Kindergarten-Grade 6, 8-week session starts June 24-28 at Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons. Hours are 8 am-4 pm, before and after care available. Rates \$85 for residents; \$135 nonresidents; \$20 and \$30 per day drop-ins. Weekly special themes and a field trips.
- The pool is open to the public Thursdays for swim lessons. No pre-registration is necessary; fee \$5 per class. 495-3481

Farmington

- Sandy River Players Summer Youth Music Camp, "Seussical Jr." for ages 8-14 begins on June 24. Performances are July 12, 13 and 14. Cost is \$165. srp.summERMUSIC@gmail.com

Gardiner

- Summer Shenanigans, the Visual & Performing Arts Day Camp for kids going into grades K-9, at Johnson Hall Performing Arts Center will offer 4 sessions in June and July.
 - Session 1, June 24-28, grades K-1, 9 am-noon.
 - Session 2, July 8-12, grades 2-4, 9 am-4 pm
 - Session 3, July 15-19, grades 4-6, 9 am-4 pm
 - Session 4, July 22-26, grades 7-9, 9 am-4 pm
- Campers learn visual and performing arts, do activities at the library, waterfront and park, and present a show on Friday for parents and friends. Fee \$115 for Session 1, \$198 for Sessions 2, 3 and 4. 582-7144

Hinckley

- L.C. Bates Museum offers camps on the following dates:
 - Nature Camp #1, June 17-21, 9 am-noon
 - Nature Camp #2, June 24-28, 9 am-noon
 - Art Camp, June 24-28, 1-4 pm
 - History Camp, July 8-10, 9 am-noon
 - Touring Space Camp, July 29-August 2, 9 am-noon
 - Nature Camp #3, August 5-9, 9 am-noon
- Pre-registration required. Each week \$50, \$95 for both weeks. Ages 7-12, includes outside activities. Bring your own snacks. 238-4250

Madison/Lakewood

- Lakewood Theatre Camp 2013 (474-7176) offers 3 sessions:
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 - "The Rockin' Tale of Snow White," 7/15-19, 7/22-26; age 9 and up, performances 7/27, 10 am, 12:30 pm
 - "The Jungle Book," 7/29-8/2, 8/5-9, age 9 and up, performances 8/10, 10 am, 12:30 pm

Maranacook/ Readfield

- Maranacook Adult Education in Readfield (RSU 38) Summer 2013:
 - Maranacook Track Experiences, ages 6-15, June 17-August 10
 - Boys' Black Bear Basketball Camp, grades 4-8, June 17-20
 - Lady Black Bears Girls Basketball, grades 4-8, July 8-11
 - Gymnastics Girls & Boys, age 5 & up, July 22-26
 - Boys & Girls Soccer, Grades 4-8, August 5-8
 - Little Kickers Soccer, ages 5-8, August 12-15
 - Field Hockey Camp, to be announced
- For details or to register, visit <http://maranacook.maineadulted.org>, email adulted@maranacook.org or call 685-4923, x 1065.

Maranacook/ Readfield

- Waterville Opera House and Missola Children's Theatre Summer Theater Camp:
 - "Rapunzel," July 29-August 3
 - "Robinson Crusoe," August 5-10
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 • **Pete's Pig**, 81 Main St., Belgrade Lakes Village, 495-4095, www.petespig.com
 • **The Village Inn**, Rte. 27, Belgrade Lakes Village, 495-3553, www.villageinnnducks.com
 • **Whisperwood**, Salmon Lake/McGrath Pond, 103 Taylor Woods Rd, Belgrade, open to the public by reservation only, 465-3983, www.whisperwoodlodge.com
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• **Cacciatores**, 29 Main St, Fairfield, 872-9700, www.cacciatores.com

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

Winslow

• **Lobster Trap & Steakhouse**, 21 Bay St, Winslow. 872-0529. www.lobstertrap-seafood.com

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• **Peppers Garden & Grill**, 357A Main St, Winthrop. 377-8877

The Small Garden Guide

Soil Issues and Answers

Some questions: How to keep soils from eroding and becoming a water quality issue? How to provide needed nutrients? How to improve the soils?

Some answers:

- Have your soils tested. The University of Maine at Orono provides basic soil tests for \$15/soil sample. The results will provide an overview of what soil practices and soil amenities may be useful in gardening priorities.
- Do not plant invasive plants. Focus on native or "native friendly" plants. The Maine Extension Service has resources. Non-native plants frequently have different soils needs and may modify your current soil conditions to better match their "non-native" needs.
- Select plants that work together and improve the soils they are planted in. Some plants host bacteria on their roots that convert atmospheric nitrogen into plant available nitrogen. Some types actually use their roots to convert nitrogen in the air into a form that can be used by plants. This is one of the benefits of legumes – members of the pea family that are used in agriculture as a means to build soil health.
- Select plants that adapt to Maine conditions of shallow topsoil and



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layers of harder clay-like soils. Some legumes, like the red-bud, have root systems that deeply pierce the soil and generate pathways for soil critters and water to permeate to a lower depth and help keep other plants hydrated even in dry weather conditions.

- Work with Maine's weather and unique forces of nature (and short season) that require hardy plants that mature more quickly.
- For more suggestions contact The Maine Extension Service, University of Maine at Orono, Maine Soil Testing Service at 1-800-287-8957.

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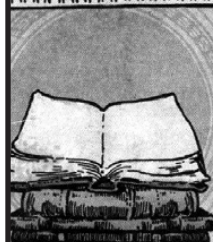
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Belgrade Cottages Guide Service, fishing, lake tours, canoe/kayak trips and rentals. 9 Bass Lane, Belgrade, 495-9217, 242-9958, 314-8469, www.belgradecottages.com

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APPLIANCES

Brown House Appliances, 71 Francis St, Waterville, 873-4777, www.brownhouseproperties.com

BANKING

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

Maine State Credit Union, 200 Capitol St, Augusta, 623-1851, www.maine.statecu.org

Skowhegan Savings Bank, 940 Augusta Rd, Belgrade, 1-800-303-9511, www.skowsavings.com

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Jokas’ Discount Beverage, 52 Front St, Waterville, 873-6228, www.jokas.net

Tree Spirits, 152 Fairfield St, Oakland, 861-2723, www.treespiritsofmaine.com

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Great Pond Marina, 25 Marina Dr, Rt 27, Belgrade Lakes, 495-2213, www.greatpondmarina.com

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

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

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

BOAT REPAIR

Belgrade Boat Shop, 769 Oakland Rd, Belgrade, 465-9720, 485-6953

Brightside Wooden Boat Services, 21 Hulin Rd, Belgrade Lakes, 495-3680, 778-1706, www.brightsidewoodenboat.com

BOAT SALES AND SERVICES

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

Clark Marine, 57 Puddledock Rd, Manchester, 622-7011, mail@clarkmarine.biz, funonthewaterstartshere.com

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

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

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

BOAT STORAGE

Belgrade Boat Storage, 41 Pinkham’s Cove Rd, Rt 27, Belgrade, 495-3421, 314-3287, www.belgradeboatstorage.com

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

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

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G&L Contracting, 116 Lakeshore Dr, Belgrade Lakes, 495-9009, info@gandlcontractingmaine.com, gandlcontractingmaine.com

LakeHouse Renovations, 242-3663, www.lakehousedesignbuild.com

Mainly Molding & Restoration, 449 Wilder Hill Rd, Norridgewock, 634-2821, www.mainlymolding.com

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

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465-4439, www.riversidefarmmarket.com
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www.theartisansbarn.com
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MLRC, Belgrade Lakes, 495-3113,
www.springgallerymaine.com

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495-2205, www.go2days.com
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www.belgradelakesassociation.com
Maine Lakes Resource Center, PO Box 431, 137 Main St,
Belgrade Lakes, 495-3617, 620-6029,
www.mainelakesresourcecenter.org

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Fieldstone Gardens, 55 Quaker Lane, Vassalboro, 877-3526,
www.fieldstonegardens.com
G&L Contracting, 116 Lakeshore Dr, Belgrade Lakes,
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Lakeside Landscape, 13 Station Rd, Belgrade, 465-3039,
831-7053, 632-1086, lakesidelandscape1@yahoo.com
Lynch Landscaping, Skowhegan, 474-2420,
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Native Notions, 213 West Rd, Belgrade, 495-6040, 314-9538,
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800 894-7979, www.rizzomattson.com
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623-1123, www.spragueandcurtis.com

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Granite Hill Estates, 60 Balsam Dr, Hallowell, 626-7786,
1-888-321-1119, www.granitehillestates.com

SCHOOLS
St. Michael School, grades pre-K through 8, 56 Sewell St,
Augusta, 623-3491, www.smsmaine.org

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-Conservation Too-

Let the Conservation Begin

And so we start the 2013 conservation season. Welcome to both new and past readers. The Kennebec District is primarily concerned with Non Point Source or NPS pollution throughout Kennebec County. Our column tends to focus on the measures we can take to protect one of the most important and, possibly one of the most valuable assets here in Maine, the water quality of our lakes, ponds and streams. How important are those assets to you?

Non-point source pollution means just what its name implies. It comes from many sources instead of a single spot. So... it's the rain and snow runoff from roofs, parking areas and roadways. It includes the runoff from your yard or a farmer's field. NPS at all of those sites add up and have a cumulative effect on our lakes.

This field season the Kennebec Soil & Water Conservation District will be starting a new 319 Non Point Source [NPS] Grant in the Togus Pond area. We will work with the Togus Pond Association and the City of Augusta. NPS 319's are funded by the Federal Environmental Protection Agency and the Maine State Dept. of Environmental Protection [DEP]. They usually last for two years. Another 319 has been funded in the Parker Pond watershed in western Kennebec County. We will be working on that one with the 30 Mile River Watershed



Road runoff. (BLA image)

Association. We will provide technical assistance to the China Regional Lakes Alliance [CRLA] and the Belgrade Regional Lakes Association [BRCA] and their local efforts helping landowners protect those watersheds and their water quality. Add to that our work with the new LakeSmart project being coordinated by the Maine COLA [Congress of Lake Associations] and we have a busy field season ahead.

Much like last year, much of our conservation work will focus on gravel road work. There is increased recognition that gravel road erosion is a major source of sediment into our lakes and that sediment carries phosphorus. Gravel roads and improving the way those gravel roads function is an excellent way to help protect water quality. Given all the use those roads get during the summer an improved road both costs less money over time and makes for a much better "mud sea-

son". We focus on gravel road maintenance plans as a means to provide landowners a better understanding of how their road impacts water quality and how to manage its maintenance to minimize that impact. A good Road Maintenance Plan also provides the landowners with information to better budget the resources they devote to their shared roadway. Those resources not only include the dues paid by landowners, but the volunteer work to maintain it. A better maintained road can also save an individual's specific property from damage caused by stormwater leaving the roadway and damaging the individual's property. It is important for people to better understand how the road "works". Given the Road Maintenance Plans written in the past few years feedback is good. People appreciate the advantage of having a long range plan to protect the investment they have already made in their gravel road access.

...And with the improved attention to long term maintenance they can expect better long term water quality. Definitely a "win, win" situation.

Remember, there is a lot to do in order to protect water quality.



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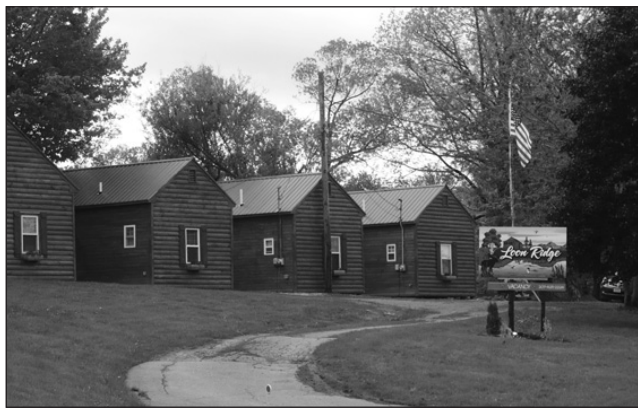


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Business

Loon Ridge: Rebuilding A Lodging Legacy



The new Loon Ridge cabins.....



...have replaced the old Hayden and Abenakis camp cabins

The changes going on at Belgrade’s historic overnight fishing camps on Route 27 near the bridge across Belgrade Stream have been attracting attention for over a year now as the compact cottages overlooking the water have been carefully rebuilt, the grounds cleared, landscaping added, and a new Loon Ridge sign put in place.

There also have been more and more vehicles, many belonging to out-of-state guests, parked beside “The Cottages Between Two Waters” (Messalonskee Lake and Belgrade Stream).

What’s inside these neat buildings with their new raised roofs, rustic brown siding, flowerboxes, touches of sporting décor, picnic tables and grills?

The answer is an amazing mix of nostalgia and modern amenities perfectly laid out for a restful vacation for couples, families, and yes, fishermen. Each cottage has a full kitchen area, a flat screen TV, a comfortable bathroom, an electric fireplace and one or two

bedrooms with queen size beds, and bunks or daybeds to accommodate the younger set. Each cottage also has large windows offering views of the Belgrade Stream, the docks, the swimming area and especially the loons, geese and other wildlife that frequent the surroundings.

In keeping with an historic past, each cottage is decorated to match its name. The Pinecone, The Angler, The Whitetail, The Moose, The Loon, The Mallard and The Bear are filled with antiques, old prints, sports equipment, decoys, tin ware, baskets, mounts and other memorabilia that match the theme.

The family responsible for the modernization and preservation behind Loon Ridge are Sherwood and Laurie Booker, Shannon, Lindsey and Chris, whose Brown House Properties rental business has been established in Waterville for three decades and whose Brown House Appliances in Waterville sells items that are gently used.

With seven cottages remodeled and three to go, plus


the main house and a building that used to be a diner, the Bookers are thoroughly immersed in their Loon Ridge project. They also love the property and stay there “every minute we can,” And, they love to piece together the history.

Formerly Abenakis All Season Camps, and before that Hayden’s Camps, this beautiful piece of property is believed to have once been a stage coach stop back in the early 1800s. Later it was a short walk from the train station. It’s also rumored that Ted Williams stayed at the camp sometime in the mid-1900s.

“So many people stop in or toot and say ‘Hey, nice job,’” says Laurie.

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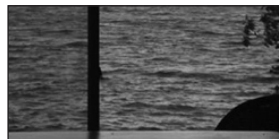
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