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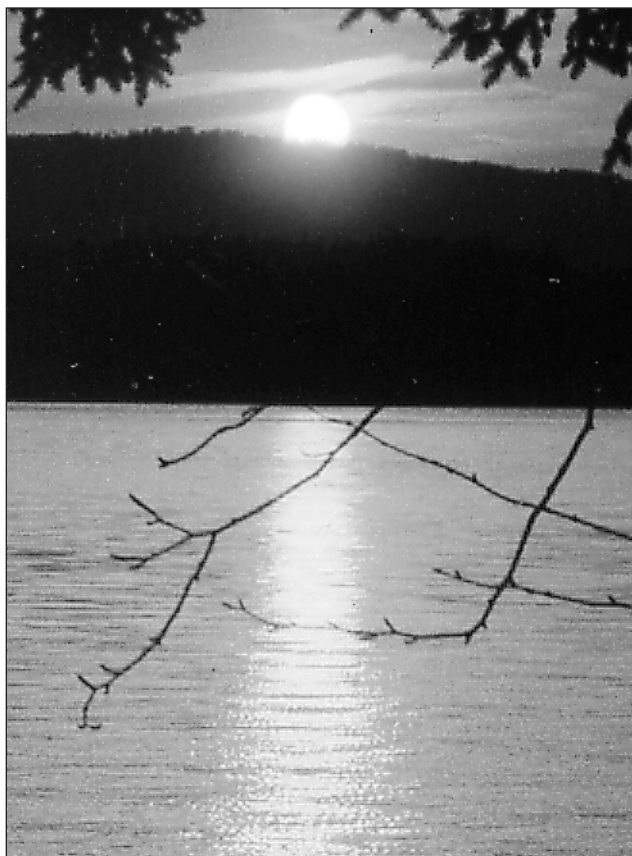
by Esther J. Perne



Pack a picnic, bring a book, collect the children and give yourself a getaway – a getaway to one of those nearby lakes that shimmer and sparkle from just about every route and road in the area.

If you're visiting: discover! If you live nearby: explore! And, if you're already a lake resident: how about a look around. Got your map? There are many ways to go near the water in the Belgrades...and beyond.

Take a day for a drive! Driving around the Belgrades (construction work excepting) is a treat – a scenic feast of hills, fields, villages and waterways. With or without stops a drive through the region means memorable, savorful views. Some of the best waterview drives are: the Mount Vernon Road past Castle Island (Long Pond) to the Village of Mount Vernon; Route 41 north of Mount Vernon to Vienna and south of Mount Vernon to the Eagle Lake, Routes 8 and 137 to Smithfield (North Pond); Route 27 through



Belgrade Lakes (between Long Pond and the Great Pond Channel); Route 11 between Belgrade and Oakland (Lake Messalonskee), and the Watson Pond Road to Blueberry Hill.

The most popular drive in the area (or so it always looks) is through the village of Belgrade Lakes on Route 27. No need to mention going slowly; it happens anyway – a pace that allows for admiring the water that surrounds the community.

The drive through Castle Island (yes, you drive right through that landmark) offers unique views of both Lower and Upper Long Pond and of life in a genuine fishing camp. For the guests' sake and to fully enjoy looking up and down the lake, do observe the 15 mph speed limit.

Continuing on to Mount Vernon on Lake Minnehonk and driving north to Vienna or south to West Mount Vernon, the drive is truly lake-side/campside on some stretches.

Driving to and through Smithfield also pro-

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vides a unique close-up of cap life on the lakes, especially on the lengthy and usually delightfully breezy shoreline sections of Routes 137 and the North Pond Shore road.

Although most of the roads in the Belgrades provide ample lake scenes, the best drive-to view is Blueberry Hill, accessed from the Watson Pond Road off Route 27 in Rome. There's ample parking space to linger and look down on Long Pond, Great Pond, and that narrow strip of land in between, the Village of Belgrade Lakes.

A drive's ok, but it's also great to stop and play, so...

If you're wishing you were fishing! Wish no more. Shore fishing is possible from several sites in the Belgrade area – near Castle Island on Long

Pond, Peninsula Park at the dam in Belgrade Lakes, the Messalonskee Lake fish net near the Messalonskee dam, and on the Belgrade Stream from the Wing's Mills dam in Mount Vernon, the bridge over Route 135, and the bridge over Route 27 and, except where posted or traveled by dangerously fast traffic many of the other bridges in the area. For fishing further out, boat and canoe rentals (and a few fishing tips) are available at Great Pond Marina, Whisperwood Cottages on Salmon Lake, Castle Island Camps, Belgrade Canoe & Kayak and through other boat and lodging businesses.

Want to float your own boat? There are public

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boat landings on all the lakes: on East Pond off the East Pond Road near Route 137 (a shallow water launch!); on North Pond off the North Shore road near Route 137 going toward mercer; on McGrath Pond at the Pleasant Point Recreation Area on McGrath Pond Road near Route 137 (a carry-in canoe/kayak site); on Salmon Lake at Spaulding Point off Route 8; on lower Long Pond off the Mount Vernon Road; on Great Pond on Sahagian Road off Route 27; and on Lake Messalonskee near the Town Park in Oakland and off Route 23/Pond Road in Sidney.

Most landings will have a Courtesy Boat Inspector who checks all parts of the boat, trailer and motor searching for and removing any and all aquatic (and other) plants. If no one is on duty, please do your own inspection – to prevent the introduction of invasive aquatic plants into our lakes.

One bonus about the area’s public boat landings – they offer the opportunity for non-anglers to get a closer look at the lakes.

Plan a picnic! or more... Ah for a lazy lakeside lunch – bring your own, buy one to go, or supplement your picnic basket at one of the small town general stores. Picnics are possible where there’s a safe and not posted turnout, but why not just enjoy a nice table in a park, put there for guests like you? Hayden Park on Route 27 on the Belgrade Stream, Peninsula Park and the park in back of Day’s Store in Belgrade Lakes both on Long Pond, the town park on Belgrade Street on Lake Messalonskee in Oakland are just samples of places with picnic tables. Now about that “more”: many of the area’s restaurants and eateries are lakeside or riverside!!

Get in for a swim! There’s nothing like a cool dip on a hot day. Swimming, of course, takes place off many a bridge and inviting boat ramp, at public parks, and at the town beaches, but for the public at large Sunset Camps on North Pond in Smithfield has a beach open daily to the public, for a small fee.

Visit a village! You’ve driven through, and picnicked by, and lounged around, and fished from – now it’s time to stop and shop, browse, explore, and stroll in the area’s towns, villages, and cities (a great Maine misnomer) in the lakes regions or along the streams and rivers. Add your own ideas and outlets for how to spend the day. But do go near the water!

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Vienna Historical Society Mounts Exhibit on Working Women



Mount Vernon town clerk Mabel Smith works with a pair of young oxen, as she had done since childhood on the family farm.

The Vienna Historical Society has assembled an exhibit paying tribute to the working women of Vienna and Mount Vernon during

the first half of the last century. "We Did It! Working Women of Vienna and Mount Vernon 1900s to 1950s" pays tribute the many facets of

work. There is no charge and everyone is invited to see the plethora of work undertaken by our grandmothers, mothers, sisters and aunts

"women's work" in small town Maine.

Working women, an obviously redundant phrase, ran the gamut of types of work, and the historical society tries to cover that range of teachers, telephone operators, writers, dressmakers, clerks, innkeepers, musicians, and so much more. Recognizing that many women did not work full time jobs outside the home, but that they nevertheless supplemented the family income through other means, as well as contributed to the good of the community, we also include farm women in the display.

"Women at Work in Vienna and Mount Vernon 1900s to 1950s" will run every Saturday from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, July 13 through the end of October at the historical society building on Highway 41 in Vienna Village. Over a hundred women are represented in this presentation with a photo and description of their



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LakeSmart and Lawns

Families have loved the Belgrade Lakes and returned for generations. One octogenarian proudly speaks of first coming to Great Pond as a 3-month old baby. Sons and daughters, grandkids, and now great grandkids follow year after year making memories in cottages on the waterfront, in boats in the lakes, and on trails in the woods and mountains.

A strong sense of place sparks memories of loons, hemlocks, roast duckling at the Village Inn, Day's store...and lots of other favorite places. Children recall games of croquet on the great lawns, badminton nets spread across the grass, and a game of Frisbee at dusk on sod-covered recreation areas at the camps.

Recent science now tells us, however, that with increased development on our shorefronts, grass is no longer an asset or the status symbol it once was beginning in the 1920's and the era of The Great Gatsby. In fact, grass has been shown to be unfriendly to lake water quality and habitat.

Lawns act as waterproof mats that speed phosphorus and nitrogen in the run-off from rain and the torrential, climate-changing storms we now experience. Pesticides and herbicides that are used to rid lawns of those pesky dandelions, clover, and crabgrass find their way into the air, soil, and water.

A carbon footprint is left by the impervious lawn and the garden equipment that emits toxic exhaust and greenhouse gases. The lawnmower, the leaf blower and the electric hedge clippers drown out the loon calls and chirpings of the birds. Author and environmental activist, Michael Pollan, notes, "We have begun to recognize that we are poisoning



ourselves with our lawns."

LakeSmart screenings have raised awareness of the unfriendliness of lawns on our lakes. The program does not advocate getting rid of lawns entirely. It does, however, promote the idea of limiting lawn areas for recreation, grilling, and other sunny enjoyment activities. Lawns stay greener by raising the level of the mower blade and by leaving the clippings to fertilize the soil. A deep buffer of 5-levels of vegetation at the shorefront (canopy trees, small trees, shrubs, groundcover, and duff) has shown to prevent unwanted nutrients from entering the lakes.

A strategically-placed rain garden, a clump of blueberry bushes, or other native shrubs, and a natural meandering walkway used to break up the lawn can filter out poisons from run-off. Natural landscaping has been shown to enhance a proper-

ty's real estate value and contribute to cleaner lake water.

Our love affair with lawns is out of fashion now. The hours we spent as kids in suburbia mowing grass for our dads and digging dandelions for our moms is no longer as important as it once was. A second look is being taken at the 40 billion-dollar-a-year lawn care industry by folks who care about the environment (see article "Blades of Glory" online in: theweek.com).

What better place than on our lakeshores to encourage and promote the pristine, natural forests down to the water with a small space to relax and play on a patch of grass. Want to know more? Contact: Dave Gay, LakeSmart Coordinator, at 293-2340 or davegay41@gmail.com for an evaluation of your property.



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- **Maine Lakes Resource Center**, 512-5150, www.mainelakesresourcecenter.org, 171 Main St.

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- **Sunset Camps**, public beach, 362-2611, www.sunsetcamps.com, Village Rd, Rt 8

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- **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
- **Colby College Special Collections Library**, "Men Who Served: Colby in the Civil War." 859-5150, Mon-Fri 10 am-noon, and 1-4 pm, free, Colby College, Mayflower Hill, Waterville.
- **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.

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- **Norcross Park**, playground, picnic site, boat launch on Maranacook Lake, downtown.
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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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...Thursday 7/25 through Sunday 7/28 – Pittston Fair, pulling events, Strawberry Museum, Historical Museum, exhibits, pig scramble, midway, fireworks, bicycle giveaway, fry pan toss, whoopee pie contest, 582-8861, www.pittstonfair.com, Pittston.

...Thursday 7/25 through Saturday 7/27 – Vienna Historical Society Plays, 31st consecutive year, "Emma's Ad" by Beverly Wight Smith and "Loving-Minister-Argues-Boundaries" by Cheryl Herr-Rains, 7 pm each evening, 2 pm Saturday matinee, \$6 adults, Vienna Union Hall, off Route 41, Vienna.

...Wednesday 7/24 through Saturday 7/27 – "In-Laws, Outlaws and Other People," 474-7176, Lakewood Theater, Route 201, Madison.

...Friday 7/26 through Sunday 7/28 – Maine Quilts, 36th Annual Show, hundreds of quilts, demonstrations, workshops, 9 am-5 pm Friday and Saturday, 10 am-4 pm Sunday, www.mainequilts.org, 425-4417, Civic Center, Augusta.

...Friday 7/26 through Sunday 7/28 – Eastern Maine Agility Dog Show, free, open to public, covered arena, concessions, 474-2947, Skowhegan Fairgrounds, Route 201, Madison Avenue, Skowhegan.

...Friday 7/26 – Historic Skowhegan Falls/Island, Guided Walking Tour, 10 am, 474-6632, Skowhegan History House, Elm Street, Skowhegan.

...Friday 7/26 – Sturtevant Farm Family fun Summer Celebration Hike and Picnic, sponsored by the Kennebec Land Trust, 377-2848, everyone welcome to hike the Meadowbrook Farm Trail, visit the animals and enjoy a picnic, meet at trail head 5 pm, Fayette.

...Friday 7/26 – "Wall-E", rated G, "Can Film Festival" film presented by the Winthrop Center Friends and St. Andrew's Episcopal Church to benefit the Winthrop Area Food Bands, admission canned or boxed goods, 6:30 pm, 623-9798, Friend's

Meeting House, 219 Winthrop Center Road, Route 135, Winthrop.

...Friday 7/26 and Saturday 7/27 – Giselle, Bossov Ballet Theatre, 7 pm, 873-7000, Waterville Opera House, Main Street, Waterville.

...Friday 7/26 and Saturday 7/27 – "The Year of Magical Thinking," by Joan Didion, Opening Friday, 7:30 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater At Monmouth.

...Friday 7/26 – New England Music Camp Faculty Recital, 8 pm, 465-3025, Alumni Hall, NEMC, Route 23, Sidney.

...Friday 7/26 – Atlantic Music Festival, Chamber Music Series IV, free admission, 7 pm, www.atlanticmusicfestival.org, Lorimer Chapel, Colby College, Waterville.

...Friday 7/26 – 2013 Barbara Lee Artist Lecture Series, Trevor Paglen, 8:30 pm, free and open to the public, 474-9345, 529-0505, Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture Campus, Fresco Barn, Madison.

...Saturday 7/27 – Annual Paddle Trek, 30 Mile Watershed Association, Mt. Vernon to

Wayne, rain date July 28, pre-registration required, donations encouraged, shuttle service back available from 3 locations, 7 am, www.30mileriver.org, 293-2181, Lake Minnehonk, Mount Vernon.

...Saturday 7/27 – Pancake Breakfast, sponsored by Smithfield Maine Historical Society, pancakes, sausage, beans, juice and coffee \$7, 7:30-10 am, 362-5340, Baptist Church; Yard/Bake Sale at Historical House, 8 am-1 pm; house open to visitors 11 am-1 pm, Lakeview Drive, Smithfield.

...Saturday 7/27 – 4th Annual 5K Road Race, walk/run/jog, 8 am, 465-3524, Belgrade Central School, Belgrade Depot.

...Saturday 7/27 – 4th Annual Sidney Historical Society Antique Car and Tractor Show, 8 am-3 pm, rain or shine, admission \$3 per person, children are free, all proceeds to benefit the Sidney Historical Society, 547-3342, Silver Spur Riding Club, 3130 West River Road, Sidney.

...Saturday 7/27 – "The Rockin' Tale of Snow White," comic adaptation, by Lakewood Theater Young Performers Camp, 10 am and 12:30 pm, Lakewood Theater, Route 201, Madison.

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...**Saturday 7/27** – “Our Town,” by Thornton Wilder, 1 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater at Monmouth.

...**Saturday 7/27** – New England Music Camp concert at “Bowl in the Pines,” open to the public, free of charge, 3 pm, 465-3025, Route 23, Sidney.

...**Saturday 7/27** - Atlantic Music Festival Composer Concert III, 1 pm; Orchestra, 7 pm, free admission, public welcome, www.atlanticmusicfestival.org, 859-4353, Colby College, Waterville.

...**Saturday 7/27** – Concert – Fiddler Frank Ferrel and the Sandy River Ramblers to benefit the Farmington Emblem Club, \$10 adults, \$5 students, 10 and under free, 7 pm, 397-2241, Nordica Auditorium, University of Maine, Farmington.

...**Saturday 7/27** – Contra Dance, live music with Twisted Strings, calling by Kim Roberts, 7:30 pm beginner lessons, 8 pm dance –no partners necessary, all dances taught, \$7 admission, \$20 family max, 399-8454, Canaan Farmers Hall, Maine Street, Route 2, Canaan Village.

...**Sunday 7/28** - Belgrade Fire/Rescue 7th Annual Auto Show, rain or shine, two dozen classes, special awards, great food, music, gates open 8 am, awards 2 pm, \$5 for car and driver, \$3 for spectators, under 6 free, 458-1837, Depot Road, next to Belgrade Central School, off Route 27, Belgrade.

...**Sunday 7/28** – Friends of Messalonskee Annual Social and Meeting, guitarist, refreshments, cash bar, 2 pm, www.friendsofmessalonskee.com, 660-5069, Waterville Country Club, Oakland.

...**Sunday 7/28** - New England Music Camp Student Concert at “Bowl in the Pines,” rain or shine, free to the public, everyone welcome, 3 pm, 465-3025, Rt 23, Sidney.

...**Sunday 7/28** – North Pond Association Annual Dinner and Meeting, 4-5 pm Social Hour sample delicious complimentary appetizers made by the directors, 5-6 pm Dinner, hot dogs etc for \$10, 6 pm Meeting, meal not necessary to attend meeting, pre-register for dinner deadline 7/25 – Louise Proulx, 5 Gilbert St, Waterville, ME 04901, event at Pine Tree Camp, North Pond, Rome.

...**Sunday 7/28** – “Old Liberty String Band,” Coburn Park Concert 2012, 5-6:15 pm, free, 474-0527, Philbrick Gazebo, Coburn Park, Water Street, Route 2, Skowhegan.

...**Sunday 7/28** – “The Taming of the Shrew,” by William Shakespeare, 1 pm, “The Knight of the Burning Pestle,” 7 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater at Monmouth.

...**Sunday 7/28** – Atlantic Music Festival, Salon @ The Bar, admission free, 7 pm, www.atlanticmusicfestival.org, 859-4353, Lorimer Chapel, Colby College, Waterville.

...**Monday 7/29** – Adopt-A-Shoreline Workshop, 9-10 am, sponsored by the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance, 495-6039, Maine Lakes Resource Center, Main Street, Belgrade Lakes.

...**Monday 7/29** – Luis Tiant, Mike Torrez and 11 other Major League Baseball Alumni will host an opening day clinic for the New England Baseball Camp-Junior Baseball Academy on McGrath Pond in Oakland; at 1 pm they will participate in a Golf Invitational to benefit the Boys & Girls Clubs and YMCA of Greater Waterville and the baseball academy, 873-0684, Golf Course, Belgrade Lakes.

...**Monday 7/29** - Old Crow Band, 7-9:30 pm, Gazebo, Meetinghouse Square, Main Street/Route 27, Farmington.

...**Tuesday 7/30 through Sunday 8/4** – Skowhegan River Fest 2013, a multi-day event that celebrates recreation and life on the Kennebec River, 474-3621, Skowhegan Area Chamber of Commerce, the Kennebec River and downtown Skowhegan.

...**Tuesday 7/30** – Outdoor music concert, band to be announced, weather permitting, 11:30 am-1:30 pm, 778-3424, Meetinghouse Park gazebo, downtown Farmington.

...**Tuesday 7/30** - “The Velveteen Rabbit,” 1 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater At Monmouth.

...**Tuesday 7/30** – Atlantic Music Festival, Piano Institute Concert II, 7 pm, free admission, www.atlanticmusicfestival.org, 859-4353, Lorimer Chapel, Colby College, Waterville.

...**Tuesday 7/30** – “Beatles: The Studio Years 1967-70” 7:30 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater At Monmouth.

...**Wednesday 7/31 through Saturday 8/3** - Monmouth Fair, small family agricultural

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fair with midway, animal exhibits, crafts, and animal pull events, www.getrealmaine.com, www.monmouthgrows.com/monmouthfair, off Route 202, Monmouth.

...**Wednesday 7/31** - Summer Art Program, 1 pm, 238-4250, L.C. Bates Museum, Route 201, Hinckley.

...**Wednesday 7/31** – “Our Town,” 1 pm, “The Year of Magical Thinking,” 7:30 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater at Monmouth.

...**Wednesday 7/31** – “Twice Shy,” Waterfront Concert Series, 6 pm, 626-2352, Waterfront Park, Augusta.

...**Wednesday 7/31** - Atlantic Music Festival, Chamber Music Series V, free admission, www.atlanticmusicfestival.org, 859-4353, Lorimer Chapel, Colby College, Waterville.

...**Wednesday 7/31** - New England Music Camp Faculty Recital, open to the public, free of charge, everyone welcome, 8 pm, 465-3025, Alumni Hall, Route 23, Sidney.

...**Thursday 8/1 through Sunday 8/4** – “Footloose,” musical, 474-7176, Lakewood Theater, Route 201, Madison.

...**Thursday 8/1** – Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program Plant ID Workshop, 10 am-4 pm, pre-registration required at www.mainevlmp.org, sponsored by the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance, 495-6039, Maine Lakes Resource Center, Main Street, Belgrade Lakes.

...**Thursday 8/1** – Children’s 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 8/1** - “The Velveteen Rabbit,” summer children's show, 1 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater At Monmouth.

Thursday 8/2 - “Jacob Augustine,” Lithgow Public Library summer concert series, 6:30 pm, on the library lawn, free and open to the public, 45 Winthrop Street, Augusta.

...**Thursday 8/1** – Atlantic Music Festival, Opera Scenes, 7 pm, free admission, public welcome, www.atlanticmusicfestival.org, 859-4353, Lorimer Chapel, Colby College, Waterville.

...**Thursday 8/1** – “The Knight of the Burning Pestle,” 7:30 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater at Monmouth.





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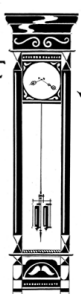


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— Activities & Outings —

Skowhegan River Fest 2013 Celebrates the Kennebec

Skowhegan River Fest 2013, scheduled for July 30 through August 4, celebrates recreation and life on the Kennebec River with a range of events for the whole family. Sponsored by Skowhegan Savings, the highlights of the River Fest include:

Tuesday, July 30

- Blueberry Book and Bake Sale, Skowhegan Free Public Library, 10 am-4 pm
- Chicken BBQ, 11:30 am and 5:00 pm, at the tent behind the Chamber of Commerce
- Classic Car Cruise, 5 pm

Wednesday, July 31

- Farmers' Market, 3-6 pm
- Beano under the tent
- Pub Crawl

Thursday, August 1

- Moonlight Madness, 6-9 pm, traditional street party
- Bed Races, 7 pm
- Sundowner Canoe Race, 6 pm

Friday, August 2

- Lobster Bake, 11 am-8 pm under the tent
- Drivers and Duffers Golf Classic at Lakewood Golf Course in Madison, 1 pm
- Glow Stick River Run, 8:30 pm

Saturday, August 4

- 5K, 8 am
- Farmers' Market, 9am-1 pm
- Rafting, 9 am
- Move More Kids, 9 am-12 noon
- Kids' Activities
- SunRun 3-on-3 Basketball, 1 pm
- Live Music and Beer Garden 12-8 pm
- Fireworks, 8:45 pm

Sunday, August 4

- Ron Paquette 5K, 9 am
- Jazz Brunch, 10 am-12 noon
- Coburn Park Craft Fair and Lunch, 11 am-3 pm
- Coburn Concert in the Park, 5-6:15 pm

For more information contact the Skowhegan Area Chamber of Commerce at 474-3621.

A Symphony for One Voice in TAM's Year of Magical Thinking

Rounding out Theater at Monmouth's 2013 summer fare is Joan Didion's *The Year of Magical Thinking*, opening Friday, July 26 at 7:30 p.m. In this adaptation of her best-selling memoir of the same name, Didion presents a life-affirming approach to the grief experienced after the death of a loved one. Told with eloquent language, humor, and the searing candor Didion is known for, this one-woman tour de force paints an insightful portrait of a lifetime of love and a moment of loss.

"I was at the table making a salad," Didion recalled. "John was talking about either World War I or the Scotch he was drinking when he suddenly slumped over." She thought he was making a joke about being dead-tired after their difficult day, but he was having a fatal heart attack. Didion's script is poetic in its bluntness, its seeming detachment, and its unavoidable truth as she reflects on the year following the deaths of her husband, writer John Gregory Dunne, and their daughter, Quintana Dunne Michael. Filled with often surprising insights and sharp, often self-deprecating, humor, it is the story of Didion's search for clues, for relief, and above all for the chance to accept the changing flow of life.

"In the wrong hands this play could easily slip into a TV news program—that of watching an eyewitness report of a terrible accident," says Dawn

McAndrews, TAM's producing artistic director and director on *Magical*. "Didion's words, in the capable hands of Janis Stevens, become not a simple accounting but a symphony, a communion of actor and audience sharing an unimaginable revelation."

Having performed the role to rave reviews at Montpelier's Lost Nation Theater and Sacramento's California Stage, TAM favorite Janis Stevens returns for her twelfth season to portray Joan Didion in this emotional journey to acceptance. Previous TAM roles include Amanda in *The Glass Menagerie*, Paulina in *The Winter's Tale*, Merteuil in *Les Liaisons Dangereuses*, and Amanda in *Private Lives*. An acclaimed actor on both the east and west coast, Stevens received an Elly Award for Best Dramatic Actress as the title character in California Stage's *Becoming Julia Morgan*, and a 2006 Drama Desk nomination for Outstanding Solo Performance in an Off-off Broadway production of *Vivien*.

Performance Calendar: PREVIEW 7/25 at 7:30 p.m.; OPENING 7/26 at 7:30 p.m.; additional performance dates 7/26, 7/27, and 7/31 at 7:30 p.m.; 8/4 and 8/17 at 1:00 p.m.; 8/11 at 7:00 p.m. with a post-show talkback. Tickets are \$30 on Opening Nights, \$28 for Regular Tickets, \$25 for Seniors, and \$20 for students. For calendar, reservations, and rush ticket availability, please contact the TAM Box Office at 207.933.9999 or visit www.theateratmonmouth.org.

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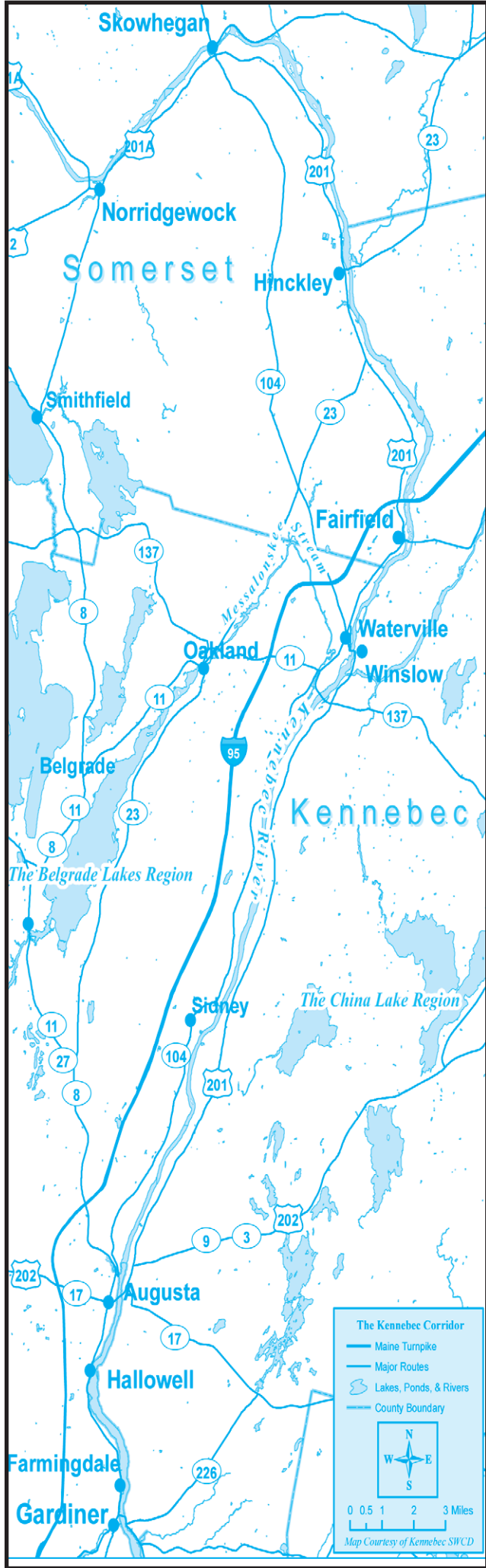
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Katy's Column

Light From An Old Farm House



As often happens, younger family members fall heir to the task of sorting through the accumulation of several generations living in the family home.

This is how I happened to be on hand when a close friend assumed responsibility for the furnishings of an old house in Pittston, Maine. The year was 1949.

A long, pine pew – perhaps from the local meetinghouse – had been gathering dust for who knows how many years. My friend felt it could be a usable seat if it was cleaned and the broken leg repaired. She knew my husband had a real ability working with wood, so she asked him to drive over to the old house. She felt comfortable in asking him and knew he would give her honest advice.

Never one to stand aside when there were old furnishings about I went along with them, invited or not!

Once the reason for the journey was completed, and, yes, my husband did a stunning repair job,

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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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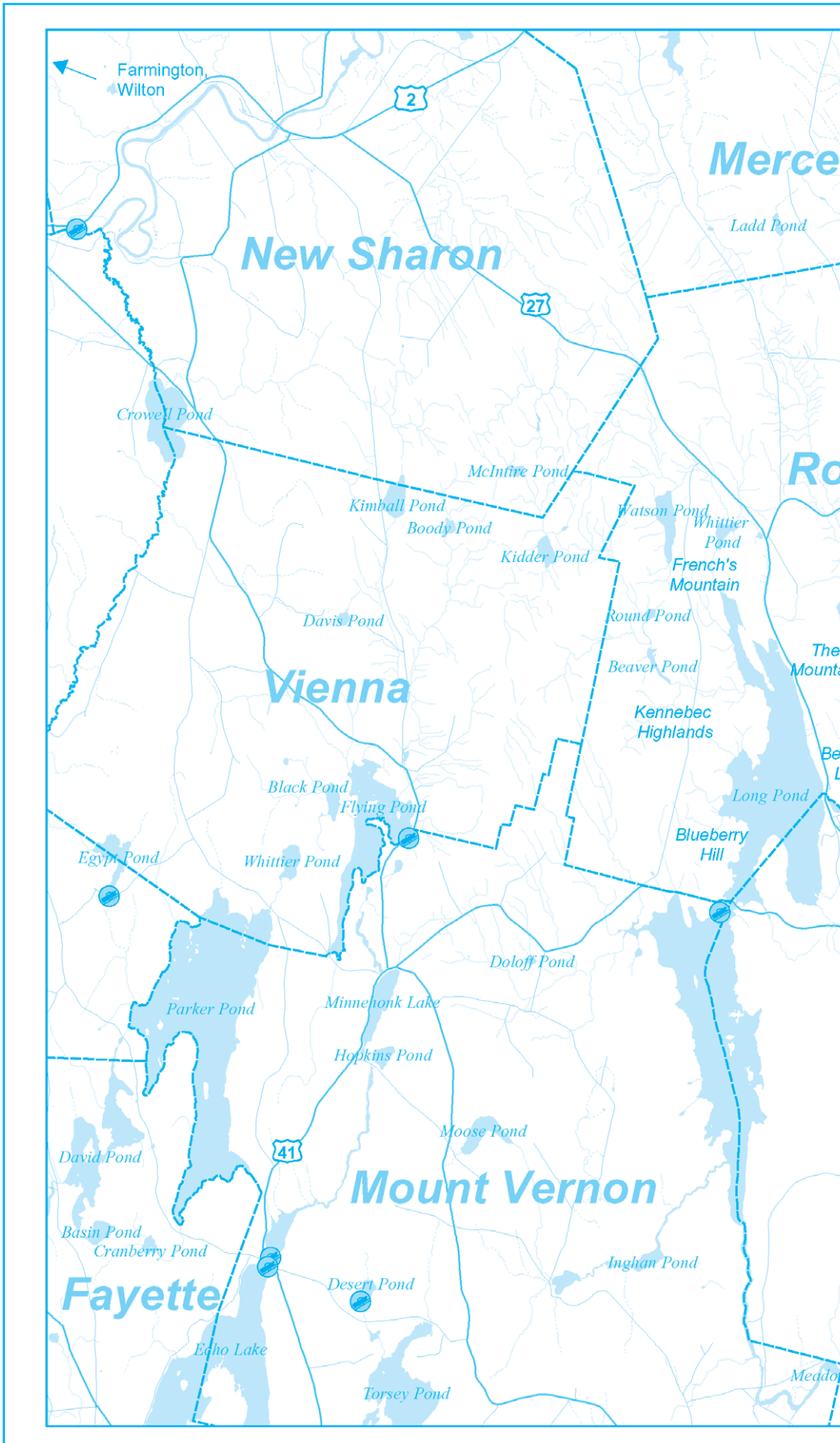
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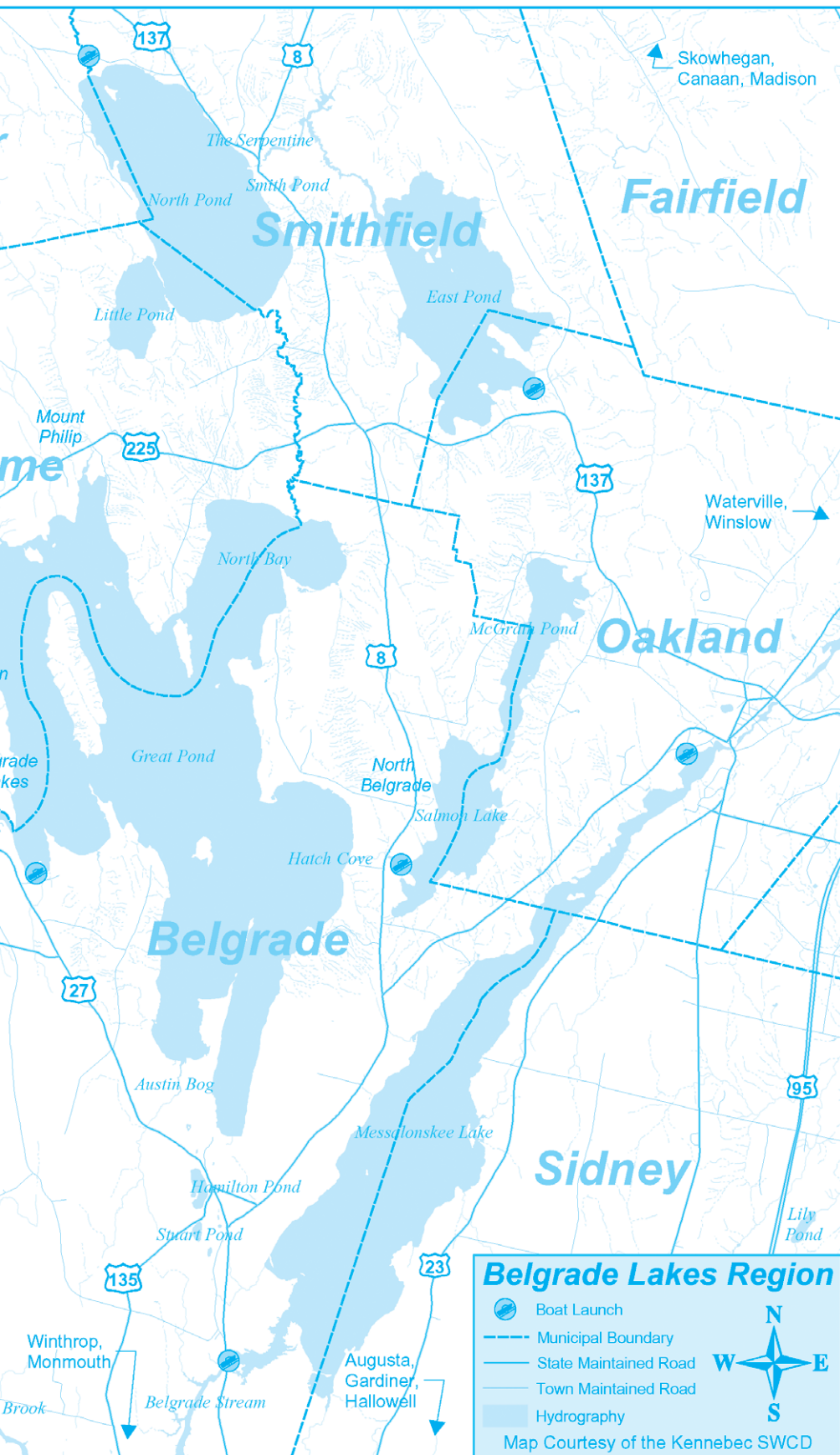


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Notebook

North Pond Association

• Learn what the North Pond Association Directors are working on to protect, preserve and educate all things lake at the Annual Meeting and dinner on Sunday, July 28, 4-7 pm at the Pine Tree Camp Dining Hall in Rome. Come armed with questions, concerns and suggestions for discussion! You don't need to have dinner to attend the meeting which starts at 6 pm. Communities of Smithfield, Mercer and Rome (all in the same watershed) are encouraged to attend; it's not necessary to be a member. www.NorthPond.net

Belgrade

• Britannica, an exceptional vocal acoustic duo, will perform on Saturday, August 10 at the Belgrade Community Center For All Seasons in Belgrade Lakes. The Britannica Acoustic Duo consists of guitarists Ted Solovicos and Peter Tentindo presenting the rock sounds of the 80s. Sponsored by the Friends of the Belgrade Public Library, the event will begin at 7 pm. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for children 6-16, children 5 and under are free. 495-2286

Farmington

• A Book Reading & Signing with Jennifer Wixson and Paul Frederic will be held on Thursday, August 1 at 7 pm at the Farmington Public Library. Wixson will be reading from her latest novel in the Sovereign Series, "Peas, Beans & Corn," published in June 2013. Frederic, author of "Canning Gold: Northern New England's Sweet Corn Industry," will join Wixson to talk about Maine's historic sweet corn canning industry. The Sovereign Series is four novels set in the

mythical small, rural town of Sovereign, Maine. All events at the library are free and open to the public. 778-4312

Hallowell

• Gaslight Theater will be holding Auditions for "Promises, Promises" (based in New York City in the 1960s), by Neil Simon, on August 11 at 2 pm and August 14 at 7 pm at the theater, City Hall, Winthrop Street. Auditions will consist of cold readings and will include singing a song from the show. The age range is 20 to 60 for the over 2 dozen characters in the show. Production dates are November 12-16 and 21-23 at 7:30 pm and November 17 at 2 pm. 626-3698

Hinckley

• Explore and have fun using natural materials to create art. Come to the L.C. Bates Museum on Wednesday, July 31, 2013, 1-3 pm for visiting artist Daphne Cummings' workshop, "Live Drawings." Using natural materials found on the grounds of the museum to weave into a chicken wire frame, create a linear drawing of flower blooms, stems, branches, pods, and ferns. Experience how to transform organic material into a piece of art. Open to all ages and families; look forward to an afternoon of creative fun! 238-4250.

Readfield

• A Maine Bluegrass Concert will benefit the Union Meeting House restoration efforts on Saturday, August 10 at 7 pm when the Sandy River Ramblers and the Maranacook String Band will showcase their repertoire, including original songs about Maine by performer/bandleader Stan Keach. The Maranacook String Band is a youthful group of singers/musicians

that started as a gifted and talented project at Maranacook Community School in 2010. Keach and virtuoso mandolinist Dan Simons play and sing in both bands. 441-9184

Waterville

• There are openings for Missoula Children's Theatre Summer Theater Camp at the Waterville Opera House: July 29-August 3 - "Rapunzel," August 5-10 - "Robinson Crusoe," August 12-17 - "The Princess and the Pea." Camp runs Monday through Friday, 9:30 am-4 pm and is for children entering grades 1 through 8 in the fall. Saturday performances are at 2 pm. 873-7000

Wayne

• The Second Annual 5K/id's Scramble will take place Saturday, August 3 starting at the Wayne Elementary School, 48 Pond Road at 9 am. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for 50 and under, 50 and over, male and female, and kids age 10 and under. Also scheduled on August 3 are the Cary Festival's Lobster Roll Lunch and Loon Calling Contest and the Library's Silent Auction. 685-3612

Winthrop

• "The Evolutionary Synthesis of Emerging Strategists," an art exhibition by four Maine artists will be held July 25-28 in the gallery space of Art:Works on Main. Artists include: Chum Cram and Adrienne Beacham of Augusta, Wenda Fisher of Appleton and Danielle DeWald Pease of Hampden. The opening reception is on July 27, 3-11 pm. The Flaky Tart Café is serving a special dinner menu on the night of the opening. Gallery hours are July 25 and 26, 11 am-7 pm, July 27, 11 am-11 pm, July 28, 12-3 pm. 944-5823



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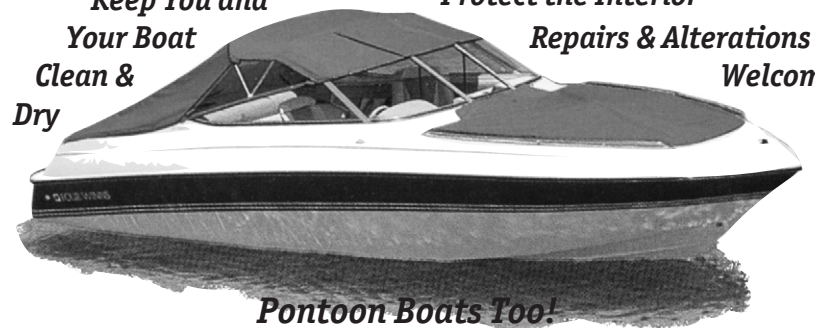
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Expressions

Vienna Historical Society Plays Set for July 25-27



Dolly Dillpickle (Eileen Lord) and her uncle, Deacon Dillpickle (Clyde Dyar), discuss the virtues of attending a missionary meeting vs. going to a sinful public dance.

Vienna Historical Society plays, they contain a love story and a run-in with people from away, as well as local gossip and disagreement. The writer/director is Cheryl Herr-Rains. The cast includes Don Petersen, Wendy Oakley, Quimby Robinson, Tom Ward, Pat Onion, Rocio Carey, Kathy Stern, Alice Olson, Tim Davis, and Chris Crocker. The cast is supported by Dodi Thompson as co-director, Muffy Floyd as script assistant, Judd Derbyshire as set builder, and Polly and Bear Blake as set painters.

The second play of the evening, "Emma's Ad," is set at a Vienna farmhouse in the early decades of the 1900s. It was written by Beverly Wight Smith, who plays the role of Emma, and it is directed by Carole O'Connell. The cast also includes, Steve Mallen, Carole O'Connell, Judy Dunn, Clyde Dyar, Kitty Gee, Pam Bean, Ashley Emery and Eileen Lord.

Emma, an unmarried woman, opines that she would like to have a horse to use around the farm, as she already owns a wagon, sleigh and pung. Her helpful neighbor suggests that she would probably have good luck if she placed an ad in the paper. While they are discussing this option, Emma's niece, Mary Ann, enters and hears only part of the conversation. Riotous mistakes and double entendres ensue as Mary Ann tells everyone that Emma is placing a personal ad for a man!

Admission is \$6 and refreshments will be provided by the Mill Stream Grange. Come early for good seats.



For the 31st consecutive year, the Vienna Historical Society will present humorous plays which vividly portray the foibles and eccentricities of small town life. The performances will take place in Vienna Union Hall at 7:00 pm on Thursday and Friday, July 25 and 26; and at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm on Saturday, July 27.

As in past years, years, the audience will be warmed up by the charming and delightful Brent Smith of Farmington leading everyone in old-time songs, and perhaps a dance or two.

"Loving—Minister—Argues—Boundaries" is a series of four short and slightly related plays about how each of us encounter new people, new generations, and new experiences. True to the tradition of

....Katy's continued from page 11

Louise gave me a tour of the old, pretty rundown Cape Cod style home.

I was amazed to see a pair of blue-based oil lamps in one bedroom and a single marble and brass-based one in another bedroom.

"What will you do with the lamps?" I asked.

"Heaven knows, Katy," was the response. "I must get back to D.C. next week - my leave is pretty well gone. Would you like the three of them?"

I'm not sure I properly thanked her for the offer, because you know I accepted it. In all honesty, I did

offer to buy the trio but she would have none of that.

In a week's time the Man of the House changed them from oil light to electric light. Finding the right shades was not as easy, but a crackerjack of a neighbor made shades for all three that suit them to a "t."

They have adorned my home for half a century and when I reach over in bed to shut off the one with the marble/brass base, I often think of the old bedroom it once graced. Often as not my friend's old family home and the long-ago adventure and oncoming sleep mingle together as happy as anything.



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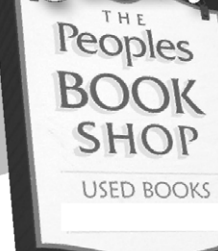
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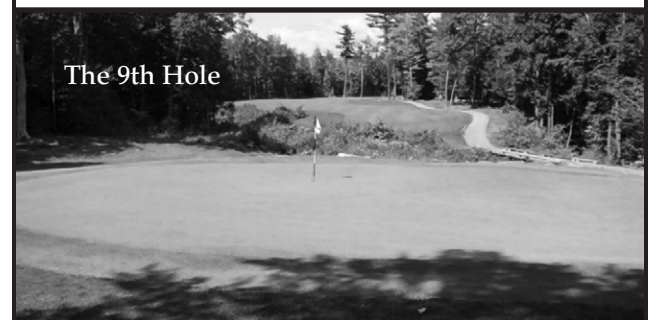
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Chapter VIII – Goin' Up To The Farm

by Rod Johnson

Most every Sunday we had to go up to the farm. My Mom's folks, Henry and Blanche Parlin, lived and farmed on Route 27. It was 8 miles north of the Lakes, just back from Route 2, where the turkey farm is now. Usually Dad couldn't go as he tended the boat rentals himself on Sundays. Old man Lee Law needed a day off to go fishing.

Mother drove the old Buick with me and at least one other kid. Being pulled out of the swimming hole or from catching red fins along the stream shore seemed like punishment. The farm was hot and smelly with flies buzzing around the animals. Our whining was replaced with mischievous thoughts when mother pulled the Buick up the long farm driveway and threw the dynaflo transmission up into park. That was the first car we had that wasn't stick shift.

Grampa usually appeared from the barn or woodshed, probably dreading our visit, knowing from past experience that we'd cause a ruckus. He knew that we liked to torment the animals and usually had cow flap (dung piles) fights. Other misdemeanors, like sliding down the manure pile, were commonplace. Grampa's one strict order was DO NOT go up in the haylofts - something about packing it down, heat, mildew, fire. The minute he left the barn to go visit Mom and Grammy in the kitchen, we'd head up to the loft to romp in the hay. Every now and then we'd hit a hard spot in the hay. Turns out they were Kruger Ale bottles. I later learned that Grammy was a teetotaler. Grampa winged his empties up into the loft so she wouldn't find them. We found his stash of full Krugers in the milk cooler behind the big silver cans.

It wasn't long before Gramps was back to check on us. We'd hear his footsteps as he came through the long woodshed between the house and barn. He'd wander and yell for us as we lay super still up in the loft. I'm sure we didn't fool him at all, but he'd give up and go back in. Then it was time to raid Gram's henhouse. The chickens would go spastic as we'd disturb



them and take the eggs, only to throw them at the cows, either in the field grazing or tied in their stalls.

After aggravating all the animals, it was time for chewing tobacco. Gramps had a stash of "Day's Work" on the windowsill in the grain room. It was small rectangular "plugs" about the size of a brownie, individually wrapped in paper. We'd bet on who could keep a mouthful in the longest. Inevitably, one kid would gag and we'd spit up all over the place. In later teenage years, an old-timer Carroll Gordon, alias Cabbage from New Sharon, told me that you had to be quite old to chew Day's Work. His words were: "I'm 66 and I'm not old enough yet." This from a man who chewed Red Top or Copenhagen snuff most waking hours. Cabbage was a relative of the Day family and worked at Day's Marina in the 60s. He was one of our folk heroes, right up there with Lee Law, Red Buzzell and others.

Some Sundays were special and we went up early to prepare and eat "dinnah." This meant

Gram sent Gramps out to cull out a chicken that she called by name, which no longer laid eggs enough to suit her. God forbid that he got the wrong one. We kids were sent to help (watch) as he killed the chicken and "dressed it out." It took place in the cow barn and was a gory detail. I think we kids learned right there that chickens didn't come from Shaw's Market without some previous preparation. When it was done we proudly followed Gramps back into the kitchen with carcass in hand, ready for the boiling pot that Gram and Mother had going. Of course, it was 95 degrees in the kitchen some days, as the big old Glenwood had to be fired up to cook the chicken. The farm had wood heat only, and minimum electricity. Water came by using the hand pump on the sideboard by the soapstone sink.

By late afternoon, mother had cleaned us up from the cow manure battles. She put old towels on the back seat of the old Buick and headed back to the lake! Yeah.

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Fishing

Trying to Beat the Heat

by Mike Guarino



This snapping turtle had to be the catch of the week. He was a biggie and wasn't too happy with me when I removed the hook from his mouth. I don't like it when they hiss and snap at me when my hands are that close to their mouths! But we got the hook out, and he's out there somewhere on North Pond cruisin' around.



Sisters Allie and Berry had a lot of fun catching these beautiful largemouth bass on East Pond.

As everyone in the Northeast has realized, it's been hot! Really, really hot! That's terrific for the jet skiers and swimmers and I'm sure the kids on summer vacation are lovin' it, but how does this affect the fishing? Water temperatures on the surface of our lakes here in Belgrade rose from 74° to 82° during the course of the week. But the fish are still there and persistent anglers are finding good catches despite the weather.

We spent most of the week chasing largemouth bass around the Belgrades. The week was extra special because I got to fish with a local legend. Dale Doucette has been guiding the Belgrade Lakes for about 100 years now and has a ton of knowledge. We've been friends for many years but seldom have a chance to fish together. I cherished this opportunity to learn from Dale, especially when it comes to live bait fishing (which is not my spe-

cialty). We fished a variety of lakes including Salmon, McGrath, East, North and Snow. Unfortunately we couldn't fish Long and Great Ponds on the last day due to severe thunderstorms. We even went out to China Lake and Lovejoy Pond on two different afternoons. The overall bite was much the same on all the lakes. We found bass early in the morning and again in the evenings but during the heat of the day it was very difficult fishing. That's to be expected I guess. It's really hard to complain about the heat though because we all know what looms around the corner - snow and lots of it. I was listening to my favorite sports radio show in the morning while pulling my boat over to Salmon Lake and the announcer on the show said something that will stick with me forever. He said, "at least you can't shovel humidity." that made me laugh and put everything into perspective.

The best overall bite this past week was on

live bait, specifically shiners. We fished jumbo shiners under a float between three and 5 feet down and targeted primarily broadleaf cabbage beds but also focused on rock piles and drop offs. It was surprising to find such big largemouth in shallow water during this heat wave. But they were there! The larger smallmouth bass were out in deeper water, but we really didn't target them very often. The guides and bait shop owners also have some crayfish traps out now and hopefully the bait shops will be selling crayfish soon. They are a dynamite bait this time of year when the smallmouth bass get deeper. The bass love them, and I'm looking forward to some great fishing in the next few weeks. Good luck!

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— Upcoming —

AUGUST

• Artwalk Gardiner will be held on Friday, August 2, 5:30-8 pm. Join the fun, visit the studios, enjoy viewing paintings, ceramics, sculpture, jewelry, photographs and more. 582-6600

• The Capital & Tri, an adult sprint and youth triathlon will be held on Saturday, August 3 at 7 am at the Kennebec Valley YMCA, Augusta. Registration deadline is July 26. 622-9622

• AugustaFest 2013 will be Saturday, August 3, rain or shine, 10 am-9 pm in downtown Augusta. Events include live music and entertainment, food, kids' activities, craft vendors, art exhibits, trolley rides, fishing tournament and more.

• The Rome Yacht Club will hold its 36th Annual RYC Regatta and Treasure Hunt on Saturday, August 10 at 10 am; the Commodore's Ball will be held on Friday, August 9 at 6 pm. 397-3247

• Celebrate in Belgrade Lakes with the annual Bean Hole Bean Supper put on by Belgrade Fire/Rescue and the Loon Calling Contest on Saturday, August 3. The supper starts at 5 pm.

• On Saturday, August 3, New England Music Camp's Annual Pops Concert will be held at the Messalonskee Performing Arts Center in Oakland at 7:30 pm., \$20 donation. 465-3025

• The 11th Taste of Greater Waterville presented by the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce will be Wednesday, August 7, 11 am-11 pm in downtown Waterville. 873-3315

• The Belgrade Public Library is hosting a special event to commemorate the Civil War on Wednesday, August 7 at 1 pm with a presentation by Elizabeth Leonard, Chair of Colby College History Department and author of "Lincoln's Forgotten Ally: Judge Advocate General Joseph Holt of Kentucky." 495-3508

• The 195th Skowhegan State Fair will take place August 8-17, large midway, nightly entertainment,

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• Bill Berlinghoff will be the featured performer followed by Open Mic Hour at the Union Coffeehouse in Belgrade Lakes on Saturday, August 10, 7pm.

• The 43rd Annual Golf Scramble to benefit United Way of Kennebec Valley will be on Monday, August 12 at the Augusta Country Club. 626-3400

• The Maine Arts Commission invites central Maine artists to an informational workshop with three informational sessions on agency initiatives, grants and health care Wednesday, August 14, 11 am-1 pm at the Harlow Gallery in Hallowell. Free; space limited; register at 622-3813

• Spotter's Sprint, a Canoe & Kayak Paddle, will be held on Sunday, August 18 at the YMCA Camp on Lake Cobbossee in Winthrop. 621-4100

• Maine Farm Days, an Agricultural Trade Show held on a Working Farm will be at Misty Meadows Farm in Clinton August 22-23, 9 am-4 pm. Public is welcome, free admission. www.maine farmdays.com

• On Tuesday, August 27 at 7 pm "The Maine Warden Service" with visiting Maine Warden, Col. Joel Wilkinson will be held at the Maine Lakes Resource Center in Belgrade Lakes under the sponsorship of the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance. 495-6039

SEPTEMBER

• ...The Annual Meeting of the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance will be held on Tuesday, September 3 at 5:15 pm at Alden Camps in Oakland. Reservations required; limited seating. 495-6039

• The Lake George/Somerset Sports & Fitness Sprint Triathlon will be held on September 15; sign up before August 1 for \$60 single, \$100 for 2 or 3-person team rate. 474-2224

• The Common Ground Country Fair, a celebration of rural living with the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association will be September 20-22 in Unity. Gates open at 9 am. www.mofga.org

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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

Oakland

• **Alden Camps**, Lunch or dinner by reservations, Sat. - Wed., space permitting, 3 Alden Camps Cove, Oakland. 465-7703. www.aldencamps.com
 • **Riverside Farm Market & Cafe**, 291 Fairfield St, Oakland, 465-4439. www.riversidefarmmarket.com

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Monmouth Museum also offers in their gift shop very unique historic maps and publications of the area. There is a wide and diverse selection dealing with topics from sports to diaries and cemeteries. Also featured is the

Monmouth Farm Book vol. 1. All are available only thru the Museum gift store and will not be found in any retail stores.

The hours of the Monmouth Museum and gift shop are: Wed. ~ Sun. 1PM thru 4PM. Tours are \$5 per person and children (with adult) 12 yrs is \$1. Visitors should plan on spending at least an hour or longer and a tour guide will even custom the tour according to your individual interest. Monmouth Museum is unique in that there is no paid staff. It is maintained and operated by volunteers within the area who share a common passion of preserving the history of the area. All proceeds from the tours and gift shop and special events go directly into the operation of the Museum and its mission.

The season will conclude with AppleFest on September 28, 2013. This year is the 25th year of this very special celebration of the apple and its influence on the area that continues today. This event draws hundreds to the center of Monmouth each fall and is educational, fun and family friendly. It is not to be missed.



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Barbara’s Antique & Collectibles Group Shoppe, Rt 201, 414 Lakewood Rd, Madison, 474-2550, 474-8357

APPLIANCES

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

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

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

Skowhegan Savings Bank, 450 Civic Center Drive, Route 27, Augusta, 1-800-303-9511, 623-2300, www.skowsavings.com

BEVERAGES

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

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

BOAT RENTALS

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

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

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

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

Somerset Stone Center, canoe and kayak sales, 1078 Kennedy Memorial Drive, Oakland, 465-9800, www.somersetstonecenter.com

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

BOAT STORAGE

Belgrade Boat Storage, 46 Oakland Road, Belgrade, 495-3421, 314-3287, www.belgradeboatstorage.com

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

Clark Marine, 57 Puddledock Road, Manchester, 622-7011; and Rt 202, Monmouth, mail@clarkmarine.biz, funonthewater-startshere.com

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

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

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Somerset Stone Center, sales, 1078 Kennedy Memorial Drive, Oakland, 465-9800, www.somersetstonecenter.com

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DINING

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DOCKS

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

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Damon's Quick Stop, 670 Civic Center Dr., Augusta, 622-3334

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Inland Hospital, 200 Kennedy Memorial Dr., Waterville, 861-3000, 1-800-491-8600, www.inlandhospital.org

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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

LANDSCAPING

Fieldstone Gardens, 55 Quaker Lane, Vassalboro, 877-3526, www.fieldstonegardens.com

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

Lakeside Landscape, 13 Station Rd, Belgrade, 465-3039, 831-7053, 632-1086, lakesidelandscape1@yahoo.com

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

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

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RESERVATIONS

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RESTAURANTS

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RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES

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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Ballard Meats & Seafood, 55 Myrtle St, Manchester, 622-9764, 1-800-564-6328

Day's Store, 180 Main St, Rt 27, Belgrade Lakes, 495-2205, www.go2days.com

Lobster Trap & Steakhouse, 15 Bay St, Winslow, 872-0529, www.lobstertrap-seafood.com

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

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Somerset Stone Center, 1078 Kennedy Memorial Drive, Oakland, 465-9800, www.somersetstonecenter.com

STOVES

Somerset Stone Center, 1078 Kennedy Memorial Drive, Oakland, 465-9800, www.somersetstonecenter.com

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THEATER

The Theater at Monmouth, Cumston Hall, off Rt 135, Monmouth, 933-9999, www.theateratmonmouth.org

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—Conservation Too—

Over the past few years the Kennebec District has been involved with a number of groups as they work to identify and fix road crossing barriers. To be clear; I'm talking about water crossings at roadways which hamper, inhibit or actually block any wildlife from traveling upstream. Usually these barriers are culverts either too small or so steep that the water flow is prohibitively fast. The most obvious barriers are "hung culverts" or culverts whose elevated outlet is perched above the pool or stream into which it empties. Imagine yourself a fish or eel trying to move upstream to areas you need to reach. It isn't a good view! They look like barriers to me.

As of this year road crossings have been surveyed from the mouth of the Kennebec River all the way to Skowhegan in order to identify road crossings which should be improved for aquatic habitat. Most of the interest is for fish passage but there are many more critters using these water pathways. Most of the focus has been along the immediate Kennebec River. That means that some of the upstream areas of the China, Cobbossee and Belgrade watersheds have not been surveyed.

This year the Kennebec District is working with the CRLA [China Regional Lakes Alliance] to continue a simplified survey into the upper



reaches of the China, Webber, ThreeMile and ThreeCorner Pond watersheds. While this survey is not as intense as the other surveys, it will follow the criteria being used for these other stream crossing surveys.

So... what are we likely to find and how will the information be used? Sometimes the road crossing is a bridge. A bridge allows a more gradual water flow and the stream bed beneath the bridge is closer to a "natural" channel and stream bed. Usually we find a culvert. Frequently they are so small and/or steep that wildlife is unable to travel up them. Or they may be so damaged that most critters, and certainly fish, can't travel

Barriers

You Need to Know Where They are to Fix Them

through them. Or the classic - a culvert where the water runs out the lower end, drops a couple feet and scours out a large hole beneath the outlet. This is the classic "hung culvert". Many culverts also generate large amounts of erosion during spring runoff and heavy rain events. We will be able to prioritize which of these problem sites could improve water quality if they were fixed. It is expected that this information will help landowners, watershed organizations, and/or public works departments set priorities for how they spend their money and plan for their future road maintenance.

It's all about helping people make more informed decisions. We anticipate that the long range result is that barriers will be removed or minimized and the entire watershed will become more healthy. And a healthier watershed means healthier water quality.

Remember... the objective is improved water quality and native plants and animals can be a big part of that.



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