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Maine Farm Days: Here's To The Good Old-Fashioned Future

by Esther J. Perne



arms, farms and fewer farms – that's the trend in Maine (and a lot of other places) and that's a really good reason to visit Misty Meadows Farm in Clinton during the 2013 Maine Farm Days on Wednesday and Thursday, August 21 and 22 (the week before schools start).

Other reasons? The event is free, it's fun, it's family-friendly and it has favorite summer foods such as chicken barbecue and ice cream. Maine Farm Days represents some of the greatest heritage, traditions and lost talents of the state, challenging years to come? specifically - farming. The trade show/public education aspects of the event connect and correlate the food chain supply (milk does not come from the grocery store) and the hard workers who make it possible. But most importantly, Maine Farm Days underscores the reality that without farms, especially local farms, evolving, adapting, producing where will we and where will our children and grandchildren be in the

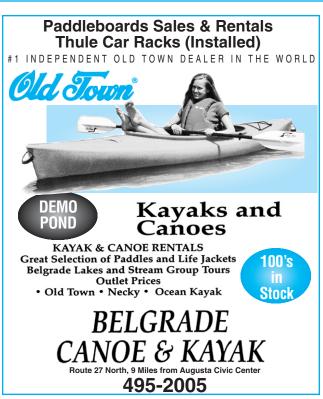
Misty Meadows, owned by the Stoughton family, has about 600 milking cows (you can view them in the barns) and ships about 40,000 pounds, over 4,000 gallons, of milk daily. Feed for the 600 is all grown on the farm (visit the fields on a guided wagon tour) and involves a lot of machinery (discover the latest and greatest farm equipment on display).

There will be tents at Maine Farm Days pro-

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viding information about agricultural products, supplies and services. One tent will be devoted to children's activities – including animals to pet. Another will be just for crafts.

So, head to the farm – Misty Meadows Farm - ask questions and learn more about "local agriculture" here in central Maine, watch demonstrations, eat good food, have fun, but don't get lost in the corn maze.

For more information, directions and a map visit www.MaineFarmDays.com or call the Kennebec Soil & Water Conservation District at 622-7847 ext. 3. Misty Meadows Farm is on Hill Road in Clinton, Maine.













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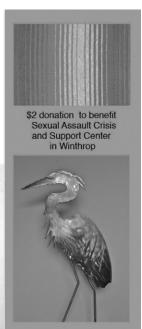
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Pet World

Sometimes at social gatherings I feel like a real downer. Conversation often comes around to a discussion of pets and someone says "We're thinking of getting a (fill in the breed) puppy!". And they look at me with expectation. Usually I just nod and smile. If they ask my opinion, however, I am likely to give it to them, and in that is a list of problems that are frequently encountered with that specific breed.

German Shepherd dog? Well, they are so wonderful! But there is the high incidence of painful hip and elbow problems often experienced at a young age that may require surgery. There are also recognized heritable eye problems, autoimmune issues and potential neurologic disease as they age. A Golden Retriever? Well, you will possibly be battling skin and ear problems, also possible orthopedic issues, and will likely have to deal with a hot spot at least once, if not every summer. Boxer puppies are so cute, and yet the breed is very prone to developing cancer at any early age. Bulldog puppies are really sweet, but the dog they grow into can have significant joint and skin problems, coupled with a tempermant that may not allow you to help them the way you may need to, such as daily cleaning of skin folds on the face and hind end. And so on.

But, I caution the people, don't let that discourage you, just think about these things before you make the commitment. Do your homework, learn about the breed, visit a breeder's kennel, meet some of the other dogs they have. The kennel does not have to be fancy or showy, just clean, with enough room, attention, fresh water and food for all the dogs. Ask to meet the parents of prospective puppies, ask for references (note: this rules out pet stores). Call the references. Listen to your gut when dealing with people. Check online sources to see if anyone has reported a bad experience. Don't be shy. So often an emotional

Good Breeding

impulse decision leads to 12 or more years of caretaking, expense and sometimes heartbreak.

The next question always gives me pause for thought, "Do you know any good breeders?". This is a loaded question that I hesitate to answer. I know many breeders, many who are very nice people with the best of intentions, and many of those produce fine puppies with minimal health issues. Some are well situated to provide excellent preventative care such as vaccines and parasite control, or to take care of their dogs if problems arise, and some are not. I might add that I have also come across some very unethical people, aka "breeders", whose motivations are driven largely by greed, self importance and/or ignorance. It is not always obvious who these people are, but sometimes it is.

Unfortunately, dogs rarely get to choose who they breed with or what happens to their offspring. While statistically many of the puppies sold from less than ideal situations are reasonably healthy and happy pets, the fate of others is not always good. I still cringe when someone says, "When I saw the horrible conditions they were living in, I just couldn't leave the puppy there. So I bought him". Sometimes your head and your heart need to step outside and have a serious talk.

Even those who breed simply because they love and want to improve their particular breed don't always get it right, but at least they are hopefully trying. We are dealing with biology, not mechanics. There are many issues to consider when you are looking at investing a lot of time and finances in a puppy or adult dog. And there are generally no guarantees. Few people seem to want to take back a sick puppy to a breeder for a "replacement" once they have become attached.

There are some very helpful resources available through breed clubs and the American Kennel Club. A

very useful and interesting resource is the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals website (offa.org). Many breeds are screened by the OFA to identify genetic problems prior to breeding individuals in order to reduce genetic problems in the gene pool. There is a wealth of information about breed concerns. If you are thinking of getting a particular breed, check out some of the problems there that they are usually screened for. You can even search their database to see if a particular dog has been screened.

For instance, you may be considering a Lab, a breed that is often afflicted by hip dysplasia. A breeder should have the parents checked before breeding and should be able to produce certification from OFA showing that they have had the hips of the parents graded. After the age of two, the OFA will review radiographs taken by a veterinarian and give that particular dog a grade of either excellent, good, or fair hips; or they will grade the hips as dysplastic (i.e. not good and likely to be painful). This problem is known to be strongly heritable. Breeders should not be breeding dysplastic dogs. This type of grading also applies to a number of other issues such as heritable elbow problems, thyroid disease, eye problems, and heart defects.

Buyer beware. If a breeder claims that the hips of the mother and father are "fine", ask to see the OFA certification papers (another grading system for hips is called Penn Hip, which is also acceptable). They should be able to produce them and the information should correlate with the names, ages and colors of the dogs that have been bred. If a Lab or German Shepherd breeder has "never heard of OFA", or refus-

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Conservation-

Thether you have made a day trip from "away" to the Belgrade Watershed or your family has enjoyed generations of summers on the lake, you "get it." I know this because not only are you are reading Summertime in the Belgrades right now but mostly because being on a lake is just plain special. With help from area lake associations, the lakes in the Belgrades will continue to be special for years to come.

The Belgrade Watershed boasts 5 lake associations: Belgrade Lakes Association, East Pond Association, Friends of Messalonskee Lake, McGrath Pond/Salmon Lake Association and North Pond Association. There is a dedicated group of volunteers who sit on the board of directors in each association. They, like you, have the desire to preserve and protect the lakes while educating as many as possible on issues concerning the lakes. Each association depends on volunteerism, membership dues and donations to reach their individual association goals and when more money is needed funds must be raised. It is important to remember that many have 501c3 status so any dues or donations paid to them are tax deductible.

Fundraising to meet the financial demands for a myriad of things including, courtesy boat inspections, educational materials, plant identification seminars, water quality equipment, dam funds, newsletters/postage, website costs and costs to attend conferences to keep current, is often necessary. In order to meet financial goals,

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ways to raise funds.

A few associations simply ask for additional funds when requesting yearly membership dues while others sell t-shirts, hats and mugs with their association logo proudly displayed. Some hold raffles for things like pontoon boats, kayaks, lobster and there are even lawn sales. One upcoming out of the box fundraiser is being hosted by the North Pond Association and the Mercer Old Home Days Committee Steve Wronker, Comedy Hypnotist, on Thursday, August 22 at 6 pm at the Mercer Community Center. Tickets are \$10 each and available at the Smithfield Town Office, Sweet Dreams Store and

directors must continually come up with unique by calling 362-6211. Profits will be split evenly while strengthening community relationships. Mercer is one of 3 towns bordering North Pond.

> Whether you choose to attend and support fundraisers, volunteer time, help out financially or both, keep in mind all of it positively effects everyone in the watershed. So, have fun fishing for "granddaddy" early in the morning with your children, cooling off with a swim, boating or getting up on skis for the first time, catching a glimpse of a loon chick through binoculars or simply marveling at the sunset view from your dock. Thank you for your part in making the lakes in the Belgrade Watershed special for years to come by supporting lake associations.

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- Farmers' Market at the Arboretum, indoors, Friday 1-5 pm

Capitol Complex, 230 State Street

- Maine State House, Hall of Flags, House and Senate Rooms, Klir Beck dioramas, Mon-Fri 8 am-5 pm, book tours at Maine State Museum, walk-ins welcome 9 am-1 pm, 287-5600, www.maine.gov
- Art in the Capitol, Maine Arts Commission monthly self-guided exhibits in State House hallways (Mon-Fri 8 am-5 pm), Blaine House (call for times), and Maine Arts Commission Office (8:30am-4:30 pm), 287-6746, mainearts.maine.gov
- Governor's Mansion, 1830 Blaine House, Tue-Thu 2-4 pm, 287-2121, www.blainehouse.org
- Maine State Museum, Tue-Fri 9 am-5 pm, Sat 10 am-4 pm, \$2 adults, \$1 ages 6-18, 287-2301, www.mainestatemuseum.org
- Maine State Library, Mon-Sat opens 9 am, 287-5600, www.maine.gov/msl/

Riverfront/Downtown/Water Street

- Old Fort Western, 1754 fort, house, store, 1-4 pm daily, admission \$6, 4-14 years \$4, 626-2385, www.oldfortwestern.org Cony St.
- Riverfront Park, boat launch, Greenway Trail, playground, eastside Kennebec River
- Kennebec River Rail Trailhead, Maine State Housing Authority parking lot, 623-8162, www.krrt.org, Water St.
- Museum in the Streets, walking/history tour, www.augustamaine.gov, downtown.
- Farmers' Market at Mill Park, Tues 2-6 pm, 626-2305, www.farmersmarketmillpark.org/, North Water St.
- Farmers' Market at Turnpike Mall, 549-5112, Wed and Sat 10 am-1 pm, Western Ave.

University of Maine at Augusta, University Drive

- Danforth Gallery, Jewett Hall, art exhibits, UMA-1234, www.uma.edu
- Holocaust and Human Rights Center of Maine, Michael Klahr Center, Mon-Fri 8 am-4 pm, 621-3530, www.hhrc.uma.edu
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- The Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons, swimming, gym, playground, picnic area, rec programs, library, 495-3481, www.belgrademaine.com 1 Center Dr.
- The Belgrade Public Library, books, movies, computers, WiFi, 495-3508, www.belgrade.lib.me.us, Tuesday 10-7, Wednesday 3-7, Thursday 10-7, Friday 10-1, 124 Depot Rd.
- Union Church Coffee House, check for schedule, 7:30 pm, \$5, 495-3599, www.unionchurchmaine.org, Main St.
- Belgrade Historical Society, monthly meetings, 465-7924
- Farmers' Market, Sun 8 am-1 pm, until Sept. 15, 465-7058, www.belgradelakesfarmersmarket.org, Main St.
- Peninsula Park on Long Pond, picnic tables, Main St.
- Maine Lakes Resource Center, 495-3617, www.mainelakesresourcecenter.org, 135 Main St.

FAIRFIELD

- Fairfield Historical Society, 1890 Cotton-Smith History House, Tue 9 am-12 noon, 1-4 pm, 453-2998, www.fairfieldmehistoricalsociety.net, 42 High St.
- Farmers' Market, 948-5724, Wed 2-6 pm, Sat 9:30 am-1:30 pm, Nazarene Church parking lot, 81 Main St.

FARMINGTON

- Farmington Historical Society, 778-2835, Wed and Sat, 11 am-2 pm, July-August, 118 Academy St.
- Nordica Homestead Museum, opera singer Lillian Nordica costumes, jewelry, mementos, 778-2042, Tue-Sat 10 am-12 n and 1-5 pm, Sun 1-5 pm, www.lilliannordica.com, 116 Nordica Lane, Holley Rd.
- Contra Dance, 491-9928, www.starleft.org 2nd Sat of the month, all welcome, 6:30-7:30 pm family dance, 8-11 pm regular dance, admission, Grange Hall, Bridge St, Rt 43, West Farmington
- University of Maine campus and Arboretum, four walking tours with informal guide pamphlet to campus trees, 581-1541, www.umaine.edu/arboretum/, downtown
- Farmers' Market, 778-6602, Fri 9 am-2 pm, Better Living Center parking lot, Front St; Saturday 8 am-12 noon, Main St.
- Meetinghouse Park and Gazebo, weekly concerts throughout summer, downtown
- Fairgrounds, events throughout summer, Franklin County Fair in Sept, High St.

Gardiner

- Artdogs and Circling the Square Fine Art Press, 1-5 pm Fri, 10 am-4 pm Sat, 582-2108, www.theartdogs.com, 275-277, Water St.
- Johnson Hall Performing Arts Center, 582-7144, www.johnsonhall.org 280 Water St.
- Monkitree, art exhibits, Tues-Fri 10 am-6 pm, Sat 12-6 pm, 512-4679, 263 Water St.
- Farmers' Market, 582-3100, www.gardinerfarmersmarket.org, Wed 2-6 pm, rain or shine, The Common
- Kennebec River Rail Trail, 623-8162, www.krrt.org, access near Gardiner/Randolph Bridge, 6.5 miles to Augusta

- Waterfront Park, picnicking, events throughout summer, Kennebec River
- The Center for Maine Craft, 9 am-6 pm daily, 588-0021, www.mainecrafts.org, West Gardiner Service Plaza, Route 126 off Routes 95 and 295

GREENE

• Araxine Wilkins Sawyer Memorial, free entertainment programs, monthly - Fri 2 and 7 pm, 946-5311, www.sawyer-foundation.com, 371 Sawyer Rd, off Rt 202

HALLOWELL

- Harlow Gallery, Kennebec Valley Art Association, 622-3813, www.harlowgallery.org Wed-Sat, open 12 pm, 160 Water St.
- Gaslight Theater, 626-3698, www.gaslighttheater.org City Hall, 1 Winthrop St.
- Museum in the Streets, history/walking tour, www.historichallowell.org, downtown
- Farmers' Market, 622-1350, Sun 3-6 pm, Water St.
- Vaughn Woods, 166 acre park/trails, Middle St.
- Kennebec River Rail Trail, www.krrt.org, to Augusta, Farmingdale/Gardiner, Water St.
- Waterfront Park, weekly summer concerts, Tues 7 pm, North Water St.

HINCKLEY

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

KINGFIELD

- Reinhart Gallery Art Center, 266-8458, 245 Main St, www.ianreinholt.com/gallery.html
- Ski Museum of Maine, by appointment, 265-2023, 256 Main St, www.skimuseumofmaine.org
- Stadler Gallery, 265-5025, 12-4 pm daily or by appointment. 225 Main St, www.stadlergallery.com
- Stanley Museum, 265-2729, www.stanleymuseum.org, memorabilia/displays on photographs, violins and Stanley Steamers, Tue-Sun 1-4 pm, 40 School St.

LIVERMORE

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

MADISON

- Lakewood Theater, Maine's Summer Theater, Young Performers Camp, 474-7176, www.lakewoodtheater.org, Rt 201
- Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, 474-9345, www.skowheganart.org, summer evening artists lecture series,

Monmouth

- Monmouth Museum, local and regional Maine history, Wed-Sun 1-4 pm, 933-2287, www.monmouthmuseuminc.org, 751 Main St.
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- Villages Market, farmers/crafters, Sat 10 am-2 pm (start 6/29), next to Flying Pond Store, sharihamilton@gmail.com, Rt 41

NEW PORTLAND

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

New Sharon

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

Norridgewock

- Norridgewock Historical Society Museum, 1838 building, Sat 10 am-3 pm, 634-5032, www.norridgewock.com, Mercer Rd, Rt 2
- Oosoola Park, picnic area, great playground, boat launch, on Kennebec River, Rt 8

OAKLAND

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

READFIELD

• Readfield Historical Society and Museum in 1823 schoolhouse, 685-4662, www.readfieldhistorical.org, Thu and Sat 10 am-2 pm or by appointment, Rt 17, Readfield Depot

ROME

- Mt. Philip Grange, suppers 3rd Sat of month, 4:30-6 pm, all you can eat beans, cornbread, rolls, chop suey, pies, Rts 135/225
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SIDNEY

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- 474-6632, www.skowhegan.com/historyhouse, Tue-Fri 1-5 pm,
- 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

SMITHFIELD

- Sunbeam Roller Rink, Wed, Fri, Sat 7-10 pm, 362-4951, 830 Village Rd, Rt 8
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- 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 amnoon, 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.

WINTHROP

- Norcross Park, playground, picnic site, boat launch on Maranacook Lake, downtown.
- Farmers' Market, 395-4244, www.camarkets.com, Tue and Sat 9 am-1 pm, parking lot, downtown,

ASSOCIATIONS/GROUPS

THE BELGRADES...

- East Pond Association, Smithfield/Oakland, www.eastpond.org
- North Pond Association, Smithfield/Rome/Mercer, www.northpond.net
- McGrath Pond/Salmon Lake Association (MP/SL), Belgrade/Oakland, RR 2, Box 2800, Belgrade, 04917, 465-3983, www.salmonlake.org
- Great/Long Ponds: Belgrade Lakes Association (BLA), Belgrade/Rome/Mount Vernon, PO Box 551, 171 Main Street, Belgrade Lakes, 04918, 512-5150, www.belgradelakesassociation.com
- Friends of Messalonskee Lake Watershed, Oakland/Belgrade/Sidney, PO Box 532, Oakland, 04963, 660-5069; www.friendsofmessalonskee.com
- Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance and BRCA Conservation Corps, PO Box 250, 171 Main Street, Belgrade Lakes, 04918, 495-6039, www.belgradelakes.org
- Belgrade Lakes Region Business Group (BLRBG), PO Box 518, Belgrade, 04917, 495-3700, www.belgradelakesmaine.com
- Maine Lakes Resource Center/Docks to Doorways, PO Box 431, 171 Main Street, Belgrade Lakes, 04918, 495-3617, 620-6029, www.mainelakesresourcecenter.org

BEYOND...

- 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.franklincswcd.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.tklt.org
- Kennebec Messalonskee Trails, PO Box 2388, Waterville, 04903, 873-6443, www.KMTrails.org
- Kennebec River Rail Trail, PO Box 2195, Augusta, 04338, 623-8162, www.krrt.org
- 30 Mile River Watershed Association (30 MRWA), Kimball Pond in Vienna to the Androscoggin River, PO Box 132, Mt Vernon, 04352, 670-7298, www.30mileriver.org
- Parker Pond Association, Mount Vernon/Vienna. www.parkerpond.org
- Central Maine chapter of the New England Mountain Bike Association (CeMeNEMBA), 441-6227,

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...Through Sunday 8/18 - Annual Tent Sale, New Balance Factory Store, 474-6231, 12 Walnut Street, Skowhegan.

...Thursday 8/16 through Sunday 8/18 – "Mama Won't Fly," family-friendly comedy, 474-7176, Lakewood Theater, Route 201, Madison.

...Friday 8/16 - "Our Town," by Thornton Wilder, 1 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater At Monmouth.

...Friday 8/16 - 5th Annual Big Band Bash, Maine's own Al Corey Orchestra, rain date Saturday August 17, free for all, 5:30-8:30 pm, 626-7786, Granite Hill Estates, 60 Balsam Drive, Hallowell.

...Friday 8/16 – "The Knight of the Burning Pestle," 7:30 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater At Monmouth.

...Saturday 8/17 – A Walk Along Historic Elm Street, guided walking tours of historic Skowhegan, 9 am, 474-6632, Skowhegan History House, Skowhegan.

...Saturday 8/17 – Fayette Historical Society community yard sale, 9 am-1 pm, 685-3655, Starling Hall, Main Street, Route 17, Fayette.

...Saturday 8/17 - Winthrop Sidewalk Art Festival, artists, food, sales, concert, a farmers' market, BBQ, rain or shine, 10 am-4 pm, 458-4112, downtown Winthrop.

...Saturday 8/17 - Smithfield Historical Society Open House, 11 am-1 pm, 362-5340, Groves House, 21 Lakeview Drive, Smithfield.

...Saturday 8/17 - "The Year of Magical Thinking," by Joan Didion, 1 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater At Monmouth.

...Saturday 8/17 – "The Princess and the Pea," Missoula Children's Theatre, performed by young people entering grades 1-8, performance at 3 pm, 873-7000, Waterville Opera House, Main Street, Waterville.

...Saturday 8/17 – An Evening of Elvis, 50s sock hop, music and dancing, prize for best 50s outfit, special guest Elvis Entertainer "EP Rock," to support the Patrick Dempsey Center for Cancer Hope & Healing in Lewiston, admission \$10, everyone please bring a non-perishable item for the Belgrade/Rome Food Pantry, a Team Hallowell event, fun starts at 4 pm, 242-2749, Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes.

...Saturday 8/17 – Outdoor Concert, featuring Stan & Dan & Julie from the Maranacook String Band and the Rogers Brothers on fiddle and cello, 4-8 pm, 397-2241, 779-0544, Mosher's Meats & Seafoods, Route 2, Farmington.

...Saturday 8/17 - Monthly Bean supper, 3 kind of beans, 2 types American Chop Suey, hot dogs, coleslaw, bread, homemade pies, all you can eat, \$7, under 5 free, proceeds used to donate school supplies to Messalonskee Middle School & Messalonskee High School, 4:30-6 pm, Mt. Philip Grange, Routes 225 and 27, Rome.

...Saturday 8/17 - Annual Turkey Dinner and all the fixings, cole slaw, corn on the cob, potato salad, rolls, desserts, cold

drinks, tea and coffee, 5-7 pm, Union Church, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes.

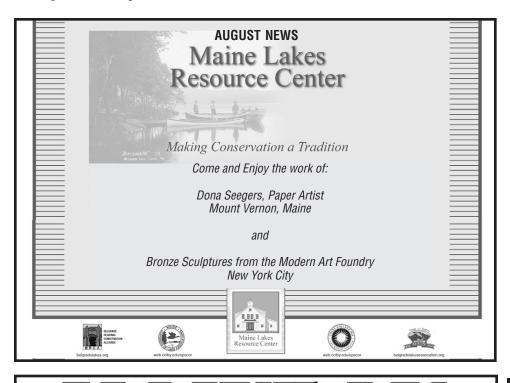
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...Sunday 8/18 – 100th Anniversary of St. Helena's Church, 10 am Mass followed by a potluck picnic lunch and activities, all are invited, St. Helena's Church, Main Street, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes.

...Sunday 8/18 – Spotter's Sprint Canoe & Kayak Paddle, sponsored by the Friends of Cobbossee Watershed, lunch cookout to follow for \$6 per person, pre-registration for race, which includes lunch, is \$20, kayak raffle drawing after the race, 10:30 am, 621-4100, YMCA Camp of Maine, Cobbossee Lake, Route 135, Winthrop.

...Sunday 8/18 - Riverside Farm 4th Annual Gypsy Jazz Festival, down by the river, live bands include Mes Amis, Ameranouche, John Jorgenson Quintet, Hot Club du Monde, Beer Garden, food concessions, no dogs, bring your own chair, \$35 in advance, \$40 at gate, 465-4439, 291 Fairfield Street, Oakland.

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- ...Sunday 8/18 Kennebec Land Trust Annual Meeting and Potluck BBQ, field trips for all ages 2-4 pm, potluck and brief meeting 4-6 pm, bring kayak, canoe, bathing suit, and a dish to share, 377-2848, Wayne Yacht Club, Wayne.
- ...Sunday 8/18 Skowhegan Community Band, 5-6:15 pm, bring lawn chairs and blankets, 474-0527, Philbrick Gazebo, Coburn Park, Water Street, Skowhegan.
- ...Monday 8/19 Washburn-Norlands Annual Meeting, featuring an illustrated presentation by Don Perkins, author of "The Barns of Maine: Our History, Our Stories," public welcome, \$5 donation, meeting at 6 pm, presentation 7 pm, 897-4366, Norlands, 290 Norlands Road, Livermore.
- ...Monday 8/19 The Old Crow Band, 7-9:30 pm, Gazebo, Meetinghouse Square, Route 27, downtown Farmington.
- ...Tuesday 8/20 Gambol Creek, Outdoor Concert, free, 11:30 am-1 pm, Meetinghouse Park Gazebo, downtown Farmington.

- ...Tuesday 8/20 All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner, \$6, 5-6:30 pm, 873-4335, Waterville Elks Club #905, 76 Industrial Street, Waterville.
- ...Tuesday 8/20 "Hands-on" workshop by author Sandra Fish on her book-making process, copies of her book Peace by Piece, will be on sale, profits will benefit library, 6-7 pm, 582-3312, Gardiner Public Library, 152 Water Street, Gardiner.
- ...Tuesday 8/20 "Ticks and Lyme Disease," lecture by medical director for Maine Lyme, Dr. Beatrice M. Szantyr, 7 pm, 495-3617, Maine Lakes Resource Center, Main Street, Belgrade Lakes.
- ...Tuesday 8/20 Movie Night, free outdoor movie behind Day's Store on Long Pond, weather permitting, family rated, for title and time call 495-2205, Day's Store, Main Street, Belgrade Lakes.
- ...Wednesday 8/21 and Thursday 8/22 -Maine Farm Days, wagon tours, children's activities, display booths, farm equipment displays, demos, milking, barn visits, food booths, and much more, free and open to the public, www.mainefarmdays.com, Misty Meadows Farm, 308 Hill Road, exit 138 off I-95, Clinton.
- ...Wednesday 8/21 Art Program, water-

- color workshop with Nancy Glassman, 1 pm, \$1 children, \$3 adults, 238-4250, L.C. Bates Museum, Route 201, Hinckley.
- ...Wednesday 8/21 "August Gale" author presentation and book-signing by Barbara Walsh, free and open to the public, light refreshments will be served, 6:30 pm, 495-3508, Belgrade Public Library, Depot Road, Belgrade.
- ...Wednesday 8/21 through Saturday 8/24 - "Mama Won't Fly," family-friendly comedy, 474-7176, Lakewood Theater, Route 201, Madison.
- ...Thursday 8/22 through Sunday 8/25 Blistered Fingers Family Bluegrass

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- ...Thursday 8/22 through Sunday 8/25 Madison/Anson Days, Chili Cook-Off, 5K Road Race, Bike Race, Sidewalk Crafter's Show, Outdoor Concert, Parade, Carnival, Car Show, Fishing Derby, most events Main Street, Madison.
- ...Thursday 8/22 Billy Libby & Friends, outdoor Summer Concert Series, 6:30 pm, 626-2415, Lithgow Library, 45 Winthrop Street, Augusta.





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The emcee will be Evan Carl. There will be a Blistered Fingers Kids Academy for ages 6-18. Open Stage Saturday afternoon for Acoustic Bluegrass Bands will guarantee a 2013 booking for some lucky band. Early bird camping starts Monday, August 19 at 8 am.

Day prices per person payable at the gate only camping rates which include indoor bathroom are: Thursday \$15, 5-9:30 pm; Friday 12-10 pm and Saturday 10 am-10 pm, \$25; after 5 pm Friday and Saturday, \$20; Sunday \$10, 10 am-1:30 pm.

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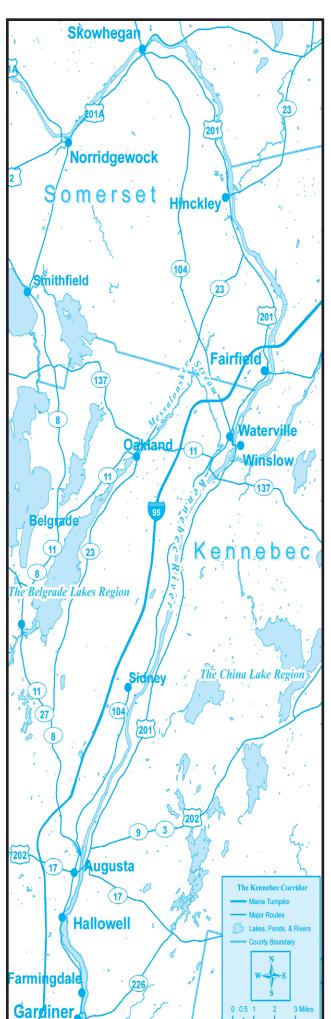


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Katy's Column –

A Message From The Past

Tt is not often that you find a letter in your files **⊥**that was penned more than 75 years ago. It is a letter that carries such a vibrant comment that you immediately sit down, read and re-read the sage advice it offers. Let me share what I read in the lengthy message from Ethelyn Burleigh Stubbs.

Mrs. Stubbs, whose husband was an Augusta physician, hired my mother to work in their home while I was a freshman at Cony High School. Because Mom could not find a place she could afford to house me, the kind lady told her: "Bessie, your daughter can live in your room with you without any cost to you." Thus I was greatly educated (without even knowing it), enjoyed afternoon lunches and movies and car rides throughout this part of Maine and met many remarkable people. Once Mother and I returned to Millinocket I kept in contact with the amazing lady through the U.S. mail, and my education continued.

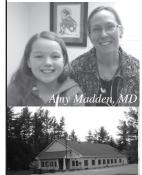
In response to a comment I wrote at the close of the school year in 1935, she picked up on it: So you do not like letter writing! Alas, there are many like you, but let me tell you a little secret about letter writing that may put it in a different light for you. As a wise person once said, we can have nothing without paying for it and the least payment we make is for those things money can buy. The heaviest purchases are for those we barter: our peace of mind, self-respect, a friendship or the goodwill of our fellowmen.

Abraham Lincoln told us "the meaning of life is to be kind." Everyone wants friends and they are said to be priceless, but they are NOT - they will see us as friends if we are kind and caring about them and what they do. You see Friendship consists mostly of understanding and accepting each other. That is why a letter now and then may go a long way in assuring the tie between two people solidifies and is maintained. Being apart lets us forget – letters keep the connection. No need to concern ourselves about spelling, punctuation or random thoughts – you wrote a letter. That alone identifies you still remember and think of each other. *Any friendship is worth the effort!*

I do not recall my thoughts at that time Continued on page 15......

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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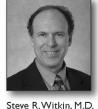
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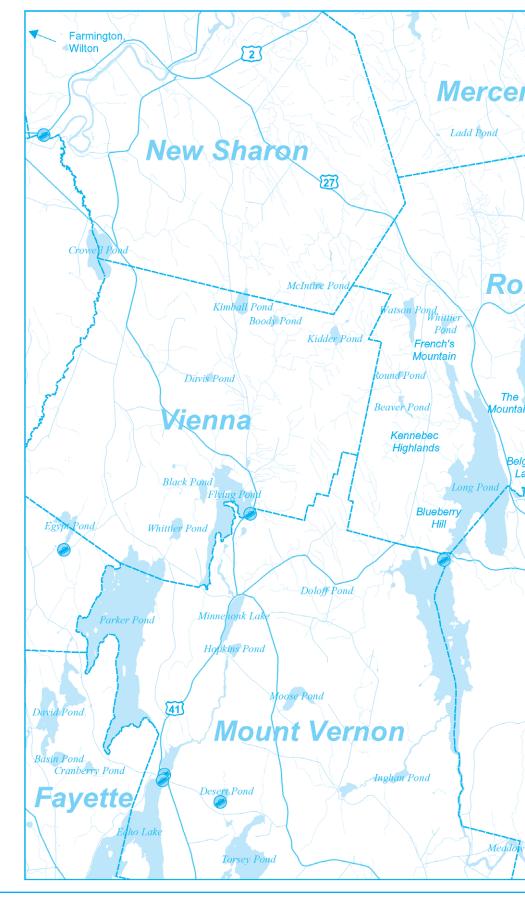


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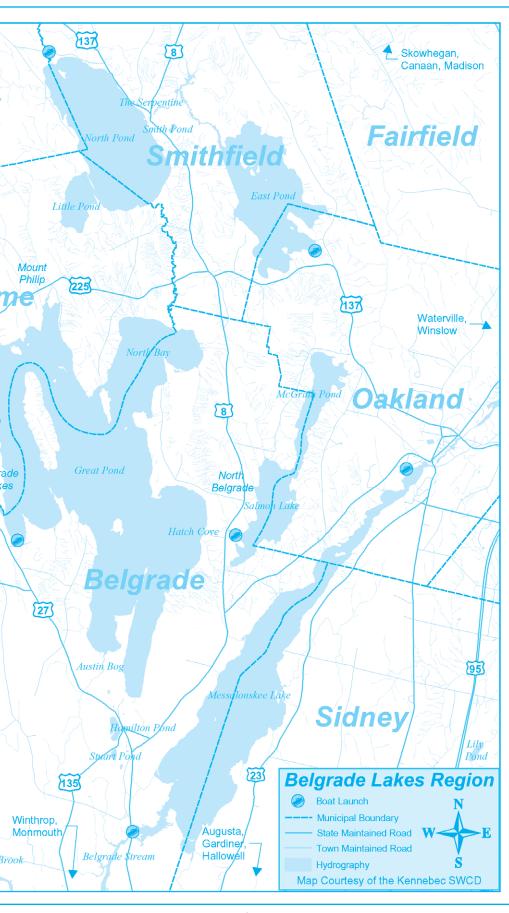
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Hinckley

• A Watercolor Workshop – "Different Strokes" by Nancy Glassman will be held at the L.C. Bates Museum at 1 pm on Wednesday, August 21. Learn from Nancy many ways to paint with watercolor: The amount of water that is in your brush, or on the paper, or in the air makes all the difference. Who you are makes a difference, too. Learn to choose the colors and brush strokes that will help celebrate the Nature of you and the world. Cost is \$1 for children and \$3 for adults. Nancy Glassman's watercolor painting "When Turkeys Roost" is on exhibit as part of the summer art exhibition, Gift of the Glacier: The Maine Landscape. 238-4250

Monmouth

• "Patience" by Gilbert & Sullivan, directed by Bill Van Horn, will be performed by the Theater At Monmouth September 11-29. The story: All the society ladies in the village are in love with two aesthetic poets – but the poets are in love with Patience the village milkmaid. Performances are 7:30 pm nightly with 1 pm matinees on Saturdays. 933-9999

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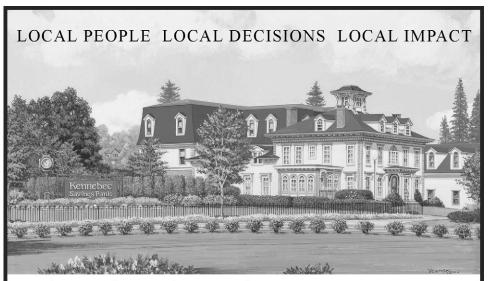
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es to produce papers, this should be a red flag, no matter how adorable the puppies are. Well bred dogs often come with a higher price, due to the extra work and expense. However, not every expensive dog is guaranteed to be well bred!

Another very important consideration when choosing a breed is the typical temperament of that breed. For instance, people who work all day and live in an apartment probably should not consider a Siberian Husky or Border Collie. Some breeds realistically need hours of exercise every day to be happy and healthy, emotionally and physically. Some breeds are notoriously not good with kids. Of course there are always exceptions to the rule in every breed, but again I encourage people to make an informed decision.

Given that most people become attached to a dog in about two hours, it is undeniably better to do the research prior to bringing that puppy home. We have managed to produce such a wide variety of breeds in the dog world there is an endless choice of animals to choose from. Unfortunately our hearts override our heads at times. Looking at how full the shelters and rescue organizations are across North America, it is evident that many people don't make the right choice. The dog doesn't get to choose, people do.

Of course when people talk to me about chosing a new member for their fur family, I always think of my friend's bumper sticker, which reads "Rescued... My breed of choice" and of course this should always be an option. Once the research and education are done, at the end of the day, our hearts need to be involved too.



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whole family to join in the fun and Spotter's Amphibious Adventures, which takes kids ages 8 and up to an island to explore riparian habitats and learn the basic principles of the "Leave No Trace" method of enjoying nature!

There are still open spots for all the summer programs on Lakes Annabessacook and Cobbossee.

Check the below dates to see what works for you! **Tadpole Patrol Level 1:** children entering grades

- Friday August 16, Lake Annabessacook
- Thursday August 22, Lake Cobbossee
- Friday August 23, Lake Cobbossee

2-3-4

TP II- Lake Science Investigators: children entering grades 4-5-6

- Thursday August 22, Lake Cobbossee

TP 3- Jr. Lake Monitors: youth entering grades 6



and up

- Friday August 23, Lake Cobbossee Family Tadpole Patrol: open to all ages
- Saturday August 17, Lake Annabessacook

Spotter's Amphibious Adventures: children ages 8 and up

- Friday August 16, Lake Annabessacook

For more information on program details, times, and openings, please call Kelsey at the Friends office 621-4100, email kelsey@watershedfriends.com, or visit the website www.watershedfriends.com.

Our Tadpole Patrol educational programs would not be possible without the great support from our sponsors: Kennebec Savings Bank, Clark Marine, Augusta Fuel Company, and Modern Woodmen of America. 621-4100

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because, as she always did, she changed to subjects of current events: what was happening in the recent eclipse in the sky, naming a bird I had described, getting me aware of how we counted each past and present century, as well as what new events were taking place in Augusta.

Let me assure you that letter and each Christmas letter to both Mom and me are carefully preserved in my rather 'iffy' files but, hopeful-

ly, grandchildren will read the sage advice this lady offered so many years ago.

From that day to this, I recognize how important a special letter to a friend - or even sometimes a foe – could be. If you're not a letter writer, think about it. Today more than ever our communications via E-mail may too swiftly be shredded and disappear from the human eye. To be special a letter should be personally written and, equally

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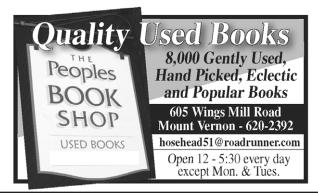


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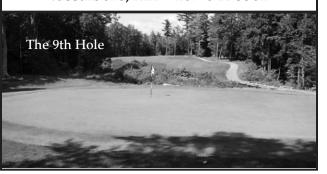
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Let's go back to about 1960 and see what it was like in this small town with three villages and many rural houses. As is true now, each village had a firehouse or garage of some caliber, and each had a truck with a small amount of equipment. At that time the Depot sported a 1952 Chevy pumper, North Belgrade had a 1946 Dodge and the Lakes had a 1939 Dodge open cab. The volunteer departments were loosely formed by whoever showed up. To my knowledge there was not so much as a written list naming anyone in particular as a member, people just came if they could or felt like it. This soon changed and by the mid to latter 1960s, names were taken down at the station after the fire and memberships developed.

During the same late 60s period, Bill Pulsifer (Chief at Large and overall spokesman), was making an annual pilgrimage to the March town meetings. He always spoke well and presented the need for updated equipment and the funds to finance it. Often there were a few mumblings amongst some of the elders that thought we were just fine with what we had, but when Town Moderator Clyde Bickford dropped the gavel and asked for a show of hands, Bill's requests for decent-sized chunks of money were almost always granted. Reserve funds were built and the first brand new fire truck in many years was spec'd out and ordered. In 1963, several of the local boys (namely Bill Pulsifer, his father Bill, Calvin Hanson, Dick Johnson and Clayton Grant) went to Massachusetts to the Farrar factory and drove the 1963 GMC pumper to its new home in Belgrade Lakes. Upon hitting the Belgrade town line down below the Depot, they blew the siren all the way to the Lakes and had a large following of cars and trucks when they arrived home. Some people were a little peeved at the false alarm, but soon got over it after seeing the truck. Around 1970, North Belgrade got a big GMC 750 gpm (gallons per minute) pump truck. Belgrade Depot's '52 was retired some years later, having been replaced by another new 1000 gpm General Motors truck.

As you can imagine, with little organization or training and very poor communications, more often than not follies happened. At that time, the fire alert was a siren usually mounted on the fire-

Chapter XI – The Belgrade Cellar Savers

by Rod Johnson



house roof, with an on off switch inside the building. A call to report a fire and ask for help came into public places like the general store or saw mill or post offices. For a decade or so, a red phone system (actually colored red—you know, like the president has) was installed in the aforementioned places. Whoever took the call would yell to whoever was free to go the station and turn on the siren, then return to work. All well and good, men would be seen running to get to the fire truck, pickups slewing into the firehouse driveways. Rivalries as to who got there first did exist, although they were not talked about much. At night, partially dressed men would jump into the truck and take off. Turn out gear was minimal and optional, though someone might throw on a raincoat or boots if it was cold outside. The largest folly was that often no one who had reached the firehouse knew where the fire was and the truck couldn't take off until someone showed up that knew. Duh! After that a chalkboard was put up for the turn-on-person to jot down the location. More than once, the truck battery was dead or near to it, so it was pushed, towed or jumped to get it going. Sometimes we just followed the "glow in the sky" to get to the fire.

Seldom did we actually save a house, though not for lack of trying. THE BELGRADE CELLAR SAVERS became a whispered term in town, mostly in jest, but the record stood for itself. Oh yes, many large efforts were put forth and there were heroic acts. A few guys got hurt falling through roofs and ceilings. One of our few saves in that era was Don Clement's chicken house, the hero being the '39 Dodge that pumped water for hours from the dam, up over Wing's Hill lawn and behind Charlie

Randall's house—the 96 horsepower flat head six seized up just as the fire got under control. Steve Judkins replaced the engine with a 120 horsepower Desoto six.

At the same time that the pumpers were being replaced, more trucks called "tankers" were needed, as running out of water was the biggest problem. Knowing that the voters might object to more new trucks, country ingenuity came into play. Guys like Bill Pulsifer, Skip Hammond, The Tukey Brothers and Bud Knowles, then later Rick Damren, built tank trucks from older trucks acquired by donation or for little money. The first tank truck was built from an old stake body truck acquired from Dow Air Force Base through Civil Defense, then fitted with an oil tank mounted on the back. North Belgrade had a tanker sporting a fish tank with quite large holes in the top; water often spilled out whenever driver Kenny Tukey slammed on the brakes. Now into the 1970's, running out of water was nearly a thing of the past. Just as the pumpers would be about empty, Duane Farnham would come blaring in with the Depot's muffler-less International tank truck, or Kenny T. with the his fish tank truck. More homes and out buildings could now be saved. Dump tanks were soon set up at a fire for tankers to dump into. Mutual aid from adjoining towns became a reality and other factors like good communications to report fires, truck to truck talk, and more training for volunteers all played into the greatly improved BELGRADE FIRE DEPARTMENT. So hats off to firefighters old and new-and thanks to the guy who led the way, William P. Pulsifer, alias Willie P.P.

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Fishing -

Making Memories One Fish At A Time

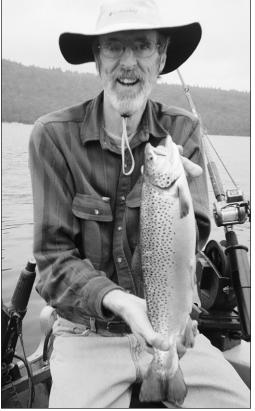
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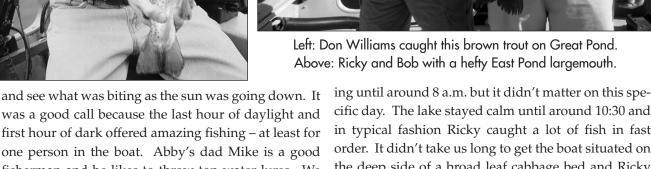


Abby shows off one of her many smallmouth bass during her night fishing trip.

y young friend Abby has turned out to be quite La fisherwoman and last week she took her dad out on a trip that he and I will never forget. My sides still hurt from laughing so hard. If you ever get a chance to take a kid fishing, jump at the opportunity! Sure, some kids get tired or bored or hungry after an hour or so, but some kids will fish all day long and then beg to stay a little longer. The latter is definitely the case with Abby.

After that massive heat spell we had, the fishing during the day became pretty difficult and the bite was off. So we had been fishing really early in the morning (starting in the dark if possible) and fishing until around 11 a.m. The fish were more active during that time of day. Well, 9-year-old girls don't like to get up at 4 a.m., but they LOVE to stay up late in the evening. So it was natural that we'd do a dusk trip





was a good call because the last hour of daylight and first hour of dark offered amazing fishing – at least for one person in the boat. Abby's dad Mike is a good fisherman and he likes to throw top-water lures. We had a perfect night for top-water and he was catching some nice smallmouth in relatively shallow water. These fish were certainly not in the shallows during the heat of the day, but they moved in as the sun was setting. Abby was catching her share, too, on a purple sparkle Senko rigged wacky style. Once the sun disappeared completely and darkness fell, I switched Abby to a black 5-inch Senko, and she started casting to the edge of a rock pile. That's when things got crazy. The kid caught 6 bass on 6 casts and had me and her father running around the boat taking pictures and netting fish. To see the smile on her face and listen to the sweet giggle she makes each time she sets the hook is priceless. I don't know if dad got to catch another fish that evening, but I don't think he cares either. Way to go Abby!

Speaking of top-water lures, we fished East Pond the other day with my friend Ricky Sagat and his dad Bob. They are from the San Diego area and come to the Belgrades to fish each year. Ricky is a magician with a Sammy or Zara Spook and always seems to catch the biggest fish on each trip (although Bob got on a roll with a lipless crankbait and caught a lot of good bass throughout the day). We couldn't start fish-



Left: Don Williams caught this brown trout on Great Pond. Above: Ricky and Bob with a hefty East Pond largemouth.

cific day. The lake stayed calm until around 10:30 and in typical fashion Ricky caught a lot of fish in fast order. It didn't take us long to get the boat situated on the deep side of a broad leaf cabbage bed and Ricky was calling largemouth up from 10 - 12 feet. The bass were crushing his top-water baits. That's about as fun a fishing day as an angler can ask for.

My buddy and local Guide Bill Laflamme (Action Seekers Guide Service) has been having good luck with brown trout on Great Pond and brookies on some of the ponds in the area. He took out Don Williams from Virginia and they caught the beautiful brown seen in the attached photo. Bill was using sewn bait on lead core line – he is the master of sewing shiners and smelts, and he always gets the bait to roll just right while trolling. He said most of the fish are hanging in between 25 – 32 feet of water, but don't tell anyone because that's a secret. Mooselook Wobblers and Silver Sutton spoons are also working well along with a dodger and fly combination. Grey Ghosts, Jerry's Smelt, and Mickey Fin tandem streams are good choices to run behind the dodger. Good luck

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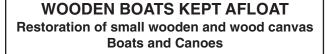
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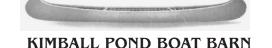
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- On Tuesday, August 27, 7 pm, "The Maine Warden Service" with visiting ME Warden, Col. Joel Wilkinson will be presented by The Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance at the Maine Lakes Resource Center, Main Street, Belgrade Lakes. 495-6039
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- The Thorndike Congregational Church will hold a Chicken Barbecue, including homemade potato salad, roll, dessert and drink, on Saturday, September 7 at 11:30 am. Also, a Yard Sale beginning at 9 am. 948-2455

- Wednesday, September 11 is Bird Day at the L.C. Bates Museum, 10 am-3 pm, drawing and water-coloring, guided trail walk, taxidermy exhibit, tours and more. 238-4250
- The Friends of Wayne are hosting the Homes of Wayne Tour on Saturday, September 14, 10 am-4 pm, rain or shine, \$22 in advance, \$25 day of event. 685-3612
- Family Fun Day at Inland Hospital in Waterville will be on Saturday, September 14 at the Inland Woods trailhead behind the hospital, includes climbing wall, trail walks, music and dancing, geocaching, information to help local families make healthy choices. 861-3292
- The 10th Annual Thomas College Lunder Scholars Golf Invitational will be held at the Belgrade Lakes Golf Club on Friday, September 20. 859-1167
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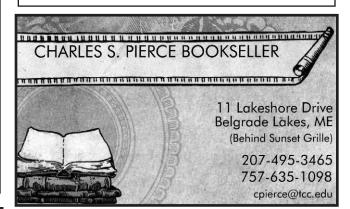


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Skowhegan Savings Bank, 450 Civic Center Drive, Route 27, Augusta, 1-800-303-9511, 623-2300, www.skowsavings.com

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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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BOAT MOORINGS

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

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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

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

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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

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

Hamlin's Marine, 290 West River Rd, Waterville, 872-5660, www.hamlinsmarine.com

Maple Leaf Self Storage, 688 Manchester Rd, Rt 135, Belgrade, 495-2191, 441-5529

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

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

BOOKS

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

Charles S. Pierce Bookseller, 11 Lakeshore Dr, Belgrade Lakes, 495-3465

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Augusta, 626-3039, 1-800-464-3039, www.all-season.com
Craig's Carpentry/North Bay Estates, Rt 8, North Belgrade,
Craig Alexander, 649-3749

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

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

Mainely Molding & Restoration, P.O.Box 6332 China Village, 634-2821, ejlancaster77@gmail.com

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Gagne and Son, 28 Old Rt 27, Belgrade, 495-3313, www.gagneandson.com

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DINING

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DOCKS

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

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GALLERIES

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

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CIFTS

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

The 1830 House on Long Pond, 134 Main St, Belgrade Lakes Village, 495-3277

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GOLF

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Belgrade Regional Health Center, 4 Clement Way, Belgrade Lakes, 495-3323, www.healthreachchc.org
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Larsen's Jewelers, 57 Main St, Waterville, 872-6301, 800-697-1874, www.larsensjewelers.com
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LANDSCAPING

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

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MEATS

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

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PHYSICAL THERAPY

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

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Day's Real Estate, 262 Augusta Rd, Rt 27, Belgrade Lakes, 495-3111, 1-888-495-3111, www.daysrealestate.com

Lakepoint Real Estate, 221 Main St, Belgrade Lakes, 495-3700, www.belgradelakepoint.com

Sprague & Curtis Real Estate, 75 Western Ave, Augusta, 623-1123, www.spragueandcurtis.com

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

SEAFOOD

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

SECURITY SYSTEMS

Cayer Security Services, Inc, 208 College Ave, Waterville, 453-9177, www.cayersecurity.com

SELF STORAGE

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

SHOES AND SNEAKERS

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Missing Chick! Plight of Our Loons on Great Pond, Belgrade Lakes

Text and all photos by Jane Knox



Residents, particularly on Great Pond, and Belgrade Lakes islanders have been saddened by the drastic decline of the loon population. Susan Gallo, director of the Maine Loon Project at Maine Audubon, noted that the number of chicks in Maine is fluctuating. For example, she notes, "In 2011, [the loon count for one area showed] there were 619 chicks, an all-time high in the 30-year history of the project. In 2012, however, there were only 178 chicks. 'This is a significant decrease – over 70 percent – and is cause for alarm." This year's count will be available only in the fall.

Perhaps we should ask who or what is to blame for the demise of this shy alluring bird? Can we right the situation? Sadly, I see, folks like me perhaps contributed to the problem with overpopulation, noise and the disturbance that comes with it. Some fifteen



years ago I began to summer here, moving from Brunswick. I purchased a rustic run-down cabin on a secluded quiet wooded lot on the then desolate back side (East) of Hoyt's island. Just down the cove was a family of these majestic beautiful birds, the lake's long-time feathered dwellers. They seemed to have come here every year for ages, calmly swimming past my lot or peaceful canoers with their chicks proudly in tow. Then upon the insistence of my husband, a city dweller, we went through the arduous task of having poles and electric power lines put in to insure al the comforts of home, everything changed! Within a few years all the lots beside us quickly sold with this new promise of more comfortable living on the grid. No quiet cove left for our beloved loon family. Did this happen all over the lake? So now at night when I fall asleep I am no longer lulled by the spell of the loons'

haunting and magical call.

With human residents come noise, the turbulence of large motorboats, jet and water skiers often totally unaware of the threat they pose to nature on this lake. Speed boaters do not heed the rule to stay far out from shore, so certainly it is not only my boat that bangs against the shore. What happens to the baby chicks without the strength to stay afloat for long in high waves; they cannot always climb aboard mother loon in time. State laws regulate the headway speed and the required distance from shore at which a watercraft may travel. But this all too often goes unheeded.

Of course, nature herself has added to these problems, in particular new storms this year with their especially high waters. Perhaps global warming promises still more heavy rains and wind to flood our

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coves. This year there seemed little hope for baby loons. Then, suddenly on July 4, a tiny chick appeared beside a lone couple on the lake near the Great Pond Marina. From shore we watched with horror as powerful large motorboats and yachts roared by in oblivion of what might be in the water. Yet miraculously our Independence Day baby made it. Debbie Gardner, Great Pond Marina, said: "I am glad you can account for the loon this week. I was very worried on the 4th when I saw it in our cove, as that is the most dangerous one on the lake on the 4th."

A week later, on a Thursday afternoon mother and our new loon chick still appeared intact on Great

Then a walloping thunderstorm came, it seems, from Farmington last week on Thursday night. The next day chick and mother seemed separated. Alone she furtively dives and looks for him. Perhaps I was





being cleverly tricked by the shallow diving of this gorgeous loon. It may well have been trying to divert my attention from the nearby mate. Was it sheltering the baby from my sight? Very intelligent loon, if so.

But alas, a long trip around the lake yesterday gave glimpse of the loon pair without their chick. Still yesterday they hovered near another cove that might mean one final hope another chick will be hatched and make it. Yet it is very late in the season for parents to teach a young one all it needs to know to survive and fly off in the fall, as nature photographer, Jane Naliboff of Chesterville, points out in the July 28 issue of The Daily Bulldog News (http://www.dailybulldog.com/db/features/western-maine-in-full-summer/.) According to the Gulf of Maine Research Institute, "Young loons are left by their parents at the end of summer to find their own way. The young birds will stay at the lake until it is almost time for the water to freeze. They then fly to the coast to spend the next three or four years."

Certainly we can't go backward, but we can all learn to give this beautiful symbol of life on our lakes,



and our state license plates, the calm respect and distance, this magnificent bird deserves and needs. Perhaps then it will not abandon us after all.

All's well that ends well. The marina chick was apparently hidden in its nursery area and is now back frolicking with its parents. The Loon Count is up: 44 adults and 9 chicks; but, the human overpopulation of the lakes remains the biggest future threat to their survival.





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