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Local and Legendary

by Esther J. Perne

For low-key, high-fun traditional summer outings, the first weekend in August offers all the right elements – great weather possibilities for deck, dock and park lounging mixed in with unique, local events or, if the weather doesn't cooperate, great possibilities for museum, library and shop visiting mixed in with unique, local events.

Topping the list of unique, local events are the Belgrade Lakes back-to-back Bean Hole Bean Supper put on by the Belgrade Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department and the Loon Calling Contest sponsored by Castle Island Camps.

Bean Hole Beans statewide date back to days of log driving while in Belgrade the culinary custom of the annual public bean hole bean supper dates to the 1960s.

In the cold, wet world of logging, baked beans heavy with molasses, brown sugar or maple syrup and salt pork were a rich staple of the camp diet, made possible because the cooking crews traveled down river a day ahead of the drivers, uncovered holes that had been dug over the years, banked them with red hot coals, and buried the beans overnight in cast iron pots to bake for the next 24 hours.

A similar ritual takes place in Belgrade Lakes, only it's once a year, there is no traveling by the cooks - the fire pits remain in the



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same location and there are almost two dozen cast iron pots. The supper guests of nearly 500 are not lumberjacks but they do eat heartily the three types of "secret recipe" beans, hot dogs, cole slaw, breads, beverages and homemade pie



Spectators line the Belgrade Lakes/Rome bridge



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from a seemingly unending choice that stretches across several 8-foot tables. And all that from 5-7 pm.

Following the supper, Belgrade's very popular Loon Calling Contest, sponsored by Castle Island Camps, will take place at The Landing on the Rome side of the Belgrade Stream. There, callers can sign up starting at 6:30 pm for the three categories of competitors: adult, children under age ten, and ages 10-15. At 7 pm the contest begins. In each age category first, second and third place prizes will be awarded, as well as ribbons for all who enter.

Everyone is welcome to enter the Loon Calling Contest, or to watch and applaud this unique 30-years-old tradition.

Beans, loons – that's not all. Check the Calendar of Events for the wealth of activities surrounding the first weekend in August. 



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Youth Sailing in Belgrade



At the Belgrade Community Center for all Seasons, the Belgrade Lakes Youth Sailing program kicked off its first sailing class July 21st and will hold two classes per day, Monday through Friday, for four weeks. The kids are getting certified instruction by SailMaine's Sarah Wineberg, an enthusiastic accomplished sailor who has been on sailboats since 6 weeks old. Her main goals for the kids are to gain sailing knowledge, be safe and have fun.

The girls and boys will become self-sufficient in knot tying, rigging Optimist sailboats and sailing them out of the center's cove into open waters as well as around race courses. What a fabulous way for young children to gain self-confidence and a skill that will last them a life time, not to mention the appreciation for the history and grace of this environmentally friendly sport.

Being in touch with nature, understanding the mechanics of sailing and harnessing the wind to go wherever you want, in an intuitive way, is a blessing in today's digital world. Sailing on the waters of Maine is truly living life and there are few activities and certainly no apps to replicate its positive effects on a person.

The Great Pond Yacht Club, the driving force behind this program, would like to thank the town of Belgrade and Valencia Schubert, Recreation Director of, for their enthusiastic support and to SailMaine for their expertise and undying dedication to the art and sport of sailing.

For Belgrade Lakes Youth Sailing class information go to: www.sailmaine.org, click on Programs, click on Youth Summer Programs and click on BELGRADE LAKES.

To join the fun at GPYC with four sailing regattas per summer go to: greatpondyachtclub.com

Sail on and keep our waters clean and beautiful.



by John Gibbs



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Smithfield Village, a Hopping Summer Spot

By Jodie Mosher-Towle

This summer make your way to Smithfield Village, not only because it is bordered by two beautiful lakes, East Pond and North Pond, but because there is much to see and do.

The Smithfield Historical Society's mission is to preserve the history of Smithfield. Go to their wonderful, photo filled Facebook page to see Smithfield back in the day. The Groves' House is where SHS is located. It's just past the corner of Routes 8 and 137 on Route 137, next to the Smithfield Baptist Church. This summer they are hosting a Cottage Appreciation Event and ask everyone living in Smithfield on East Pond and North Pond to submit any information and photos of summer homes built prior to the 1970s. Send photos, information or ask a question of Mel Croft at mcroftnlw@yahoo.com. SHS is open and welcomes visitors every Saturday from 11am 1pm and throughout August.

Smithfield Baptist Church is also hosting Church Suppers on the following Saturdays: August 9, August 30 and September 6 all begin promptly at 5:30pm. There is also a Raffle Fundraiser to raise funds for new and improved front steps. Items to be raffled can be seen during Church Suppers and that is also when tickets can be purchased. Sunday, August 17th The Hyssongs musical group will play and Smithfield Baptist Church services with Rev. Bert Brewster are

from 10-11am.

Stop and see Best Management Practices (BMPs) on the shore behind The Fairview Grange #342 before you drive through the village. The North Pond Association (NPA) and Duratherm Window Corporation are working collaboratively to help Grange #342 grow. The NPA and Youth



Conservation Corps have invested time and energy into what will eventually boast a park like setting for people to stop and sit a spell on the water. You can see a rain garden, buffer plants and erosion control mulch and learn their purpose which is to eliminate harmful phosphorous run off. DWC has invested in electrical updates and other building improvements with more to come. Fairview Grange members host Public Suppers on

Wednesdays. For just \$8/adult and \$4/10 & under, your family can get their fill. Final dinner of the summer is a Ham Dinner on August 6th. Be sure to LIKE Fairview Grange #342 on Facebook!

The North Pond Association is actively pursuing its mission to educate and promote stewardship efforts to benefit the natural environment of North Pond. Meetings are held intermittently throughout the summer at the Fairview Grange. Pick up a free copy of North Pond News at Maine Lakes Resource Center or a country store to see what we are up to. Please get your Old Town Loon 111 Kayak Raffle tickets from any director! Don't forget the NPA Annual Meeting is fast approaching on August 9th starting at 4pm with heavy apps and social hour at Fairview Grange. New members are always welcome.

Next door to the grange hall is Maine's oldest and probably only, wooden floor, open air roller rink. Sunbeam Roller Rink has been a mainstay for generations in Smithfield and outlying towns. Children and adults alike enjoy the fast paced fun! Rollerskates and Rollerblades are available to rent. The rink is open Wednesdays and Fridays from 7-10pm through the end of August! Derek and Jessica Downing manage the rink and it is available for birthday parties and other events. Call 399-0419 FMI and find them on Facebook!

A \$1000 grant was awarded to the town of

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STOP MILFOIL Progress Report

by Lynn Matson

While many of us are enjoying the late arriving summer, a dedicated STOP MILFOIL team is working hard to push back the infestation of invasive milfoil in the Great Meadow Stream and North Bay of Great Pond.

The good news is that they are making steady progress. The reality is that there is still a lot of work to do. Here's an update on the progress that's been made so far this year.

Milfoil Removal – As of July 18th a total of 5,800 gallons of invasive milfoil plants have been removed from Great Meadow Stream and North Bay. This compares to 14,655 gallons last year and 24,000 gallons in 2012, at this same point in the work season.

The lower numbers are not a result of less effort. The same number of hours has been spent pulling the plant all three years.

The reduction in the milfoil gallons means that as a result of the aggressive action taken in 2012 and 2013, the milfoil infestation is much smaller. There are simply many fewer plants to be removed.

Shrinking the milfoil infestation is the key to controlling it and stopping it from spreading in the future. But the battle is not over. We have to keep at it every year or all the headway that's been made will be quickly lost.

DASH Boat – This year the STOP MILFOIL team purchased and equipped it's own Diver Assisted Suction Harvester (DASH) boat. This specialized piece of equipment will greatly improve their productivity removing the milfoil plants. It will help reduce the amount of time and cost needed to control the milfoil in the future.

Lakes Survey -- A STOP MILFOIL team is survey-



Members of the STOP MILFOIL team are using their new Diver Assisted Suction Harvester (DASH) boat to remove invasive milfoil plants from North Bay in Great Pond.

ing both Great Pond and Long Pond again this summer for new outbreaks of invasive milfoil. The good news is that so far no new outbreaks have been found.

Adopt-A-Shoreline – Several training sessions are scheduled for Adopt-A-Shoreline participants. If you are interested in learning how to identify invasive milfoil and patrolling your shoreline for new outbreaks, please contact Toni Pied, Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance Milfoil Director, at 207 215-2685 to sign up. Your help is greatly appreciated and could make a big difference in our fight to control this threat to our lakes and community.

Fund Raising -- The STOP MILFOIL Capital Campaign was awarded a \$100,000 matching grant in 2014. That means we must raise \$100,000 in donations in order to earn the full \$100,000 matching grant.

As of July 18th, the campaign has received a total

of \$68,780 in donations, including \$20,000 from the town of Belgrade and \$10,000 from the town of Rome. We have \$31,220 to go to receive the full matching grant. You can help.

If you would like to support this important work, please send a contribution to: BLA – STOP MILFOIL, PO Box 551, Belgrade Lakes, Maine, 04918. All contributions from past donors will be matched 1 to 1 and all donations from first time donor will be matched 2 to 1. Thanks for your support!

Public Meeting: There will be a STOP MILFOIL public meeting on Wednesday, July 30th, 7:00 pm at the Maine Lakes Resource Center in Belgrade Lakes Village. Admission is free and everyone is welcome. Further update information will be provided, the new DASH boat will be at the docks and your questions will be answered.

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- **Farmers' Market at the Arboretum**, indoors, Friday 1-5 pm
- **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
- **Children's Discovery Museum**, CDM, hands-on displays, activities, Tuesday-Thursday 10 am-4 pm, Friday-Saturday 10 am-5 pm, Sunday 11 am-4 pm, admission, 622-2209, www.childrensdiscoverymuseum.org, 171 Capitol Street
- **Danforth Gallery**, Jewett Hall, art exhibits, UMA-1234, www.uma.edu
- **Governor's Mansion**, 1830 Blaine House, Tuesday-Thursday 2-4 pm, 287-2121, www.blainehouse.org, State Street
- **Holocaust and Human Rights Center of Maine**, Michael Klahr Center, Monday-Friday 8 am-4 pm, 621-3530, www.hhrc.uma.edu, University of Maine at Augusta, off Route 27
- **Kennebec Historical Society**, Wednesday-Friday 10 am-2 pm, 622-7718, www.kennebechistorical.org, 107 Winthrop Street
- **Maine State Museum**, Tuesday-Friday 9 am-5 pm, Saturday 10 am-4 pm, \$2 adults, \$1 ages 6-18, 287-2301, www.maine-state-museum.org
- **Maine State House**, Hall of Flags, House and Senate Rooms, Klir Beck dioramas, Monday-Friday 8 am-5 pm, book tours at Maine State Museum, walk-ins welcome 9 am-1 pm, 287-5600, www.maine.gov, State Street
- **Maine State Library**, Monday-Saturday opens 9 am, 287-5600, www.maine.gov/msl/, State Street
- **Museum in the Streets**, walking/history tour, www.augustamaine.gov, Water Street/downtown
- **Old Fort Western**, 1754 fort, house, store, 1-4 pm daily, admission \$6, 4-14 years \$4, 626-2385, www.oldfortwestern.org, Cony Street
- **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 Street
- **UMA Fitness Trail**, 2 miles of wooded trails, near Civic Center, Route 27
- **Farmers' Market at Mill Park**, Tuesday 2-6 pm, 626-2305, www.farmersmarketmillpark.org/, North Water Street
- **Farmers' Market at Turnpike Mall**, 549-5112, Wednesday and Saturday 10 am-1 pm, Western Avenue

BELGRADE LAKES

- **Great Pond Mailboat Service**, 592-1537, Monday-Saturday 9:30 am departure, call for reservation, calm days are best, Post Office, Main St.
- **Spring Gallery**, cast bronze display at Maine Lakes Resource

- Council, 495-3113, www.springgallerymaine.com, 137 Main Street
- **The Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons**, pool and lakefront, gym, playground, picnic area, rec programs, 495-3481, www.belgrademaine.com, 1 Center Drive
- **Union Church Coffee House**, check for schedule, 7:30 pm, \$5, 495-3599, www.unionchurchmaine.org, Main Street
- **Belgrade Historical Society**, monthly meetings, 465-7924
- **Farmers' Market**, Sun 8 am-1 pm, 465-7058, www.belgradelakesfarmersmarket.org, Main Street
- **Peninsula Park on Long Pond**, picnic tables, Main Street
- **Maine Lakes Resource Center**, 512-5150, www.maine-lakes-resource-center.org, 137 Main Street

FAIRFIELD

- **Fairfield Historical Society**, 1890 Cotton-Smith History House, every Tuesday 9 am-12 noon and 1-4 pm and second Saturday of month, 453-2998, www.fairfieldmehistoricalociety.net, 42 High Street
- **Farmers' Market**, 948-5724, Wednesday 2-6 pm, Saturday 9:30 am-1:30 pm, Nazarene Church parking lot, 81 Main Street

FARMINGTON

- **Farmington Historical Society**, Titcomb House Museum, 778-4275, Wednesday and Saturday, 11 am-2 pm, July-August, 118 Academy Street
- **Nordica Homestead Museum**, opera singer Lillian Nordica costumes, jewelry, mementos, 778-2042, Tuesday-Saturday 10 am-12 noon and 1-5 pm, Sunday 1-5 pm, www.lillianordica.com, 116 Nordica Lane, Holley Road
- **Contra Dance**, 491-9928, www.starleft.org 2nd Saturday of the month, all welcome, 6:30-7:30 pm family dance, 8-11 pm regular dance, admission, Grange Hall, Bridge Street, Route 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, Friday 9 am-2 pm, Better Living Center parking lot, Front Street; Saturday 8 am-12 noon, Main Street
- **Meetinghouse Park and Gazebo**, weekly concerts throughout summer, downtown
- **Fairgrounds**, events throughout summer, Franklin County Fair in September, High Street

GARDINER

- **Artdogs and Circling the Square Fine Art Press**, Friday 1-5 pm, Saturday 10 am-4 pm, 582-6600, www.theartdogs.com, 275-277 Water Street
- **Johnson Hall Performing Arts Center**, 582-7144, www.johnsonhall.org 280 Water Street
- **Monkitree**, art exhibits, 512-4679, www.monkitree.com, Tuesday-Friday 10 am-6 pm, Saturday 12-6 pm, 263 Water Street
- **SpinOff Studio**, 588-7297, spinoffstudio.org, Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm, 405 Water Street
- **Farmers' Market**, 512-8022, www.gardinerfarmersmarket.org, Wednesday and Saturday 3-6 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-8 pm daily, 588-0021, www.maine-crafts.org, West Gardiner Service Plaza, Route 126 off Routes 95 and 295

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HALLOWELL

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

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 Wednesday-Saturday 10 am-4:30 pm, Sunday 1-4:30 pm, Route 201

KINGFIELD

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

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- **Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture**, 474-9345, www.skowheganart.org, summer evening artists lecture series, East Madison Road

MONMOUTH

- **Monmouth Museum**, local and regional Maine history, Wednesday-Sunday 1-4 pm, 933-2287, www.monmouthmuseum-inc.org, 751 Main Street
- **The Theater At Monmouth**, The Shakespeare Theater of Maine, Cumston Hall, 933-9999, www.theateratmonmouth.org, Main Street

MOUNT VERNON

- **D.E.W Animal Kingdom**, Zoo, 293-2837, www.dewanimalkingdom.com, Tuesday-Sunday 10 am-5 pm, \$10, 918 Pond Rd, Route 41
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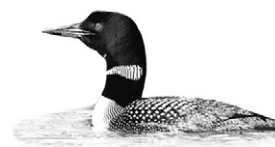
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NEW SHARON

- **Farmers' Market**, Saturday 9 am-1 pm, Douin's Market, 491-9025, 150 Mercer Road, Routes 2/27
- **New Sharon Historical Society**, Saturday 1-3, Routes 2/27

NORRIDGEWOCK

- **Norridgewock Historical Society Museum**, 1838 building, Saturday 10 am-3 pm, 634-5032, www.norridgewock.com, Mercer Road, Route 2
- **Osoola Park**, picnic area, great playground, boat launch, on Kennebec River, Route 8

OAKLAND

- **Macartney House Museum**, Oakland Area Historical Society, 465-7549, Wednesday 1:30-4:30 pm, 1815 home with antique furnishings and Oakland artifacts, 25 Main Street
- **Park**, playground, picnic tables, swimming area, boat launch area, Belgrade Road
- **Farmer's Market**, Friday 2-6 pm, 465-3094, Pine Acres Parking Lot, 895 Kennedy Memorial Drive

READFIELD

- **Readfield Historical Society and Museum** in 1853 school-house, 685-4662, www.readfieldhistorical.org, Thursday and Saturday 10 am-2 pm or by appointment, Route 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, Routes 135/225
- **Trails: Mount Philip** on Route 225; **The Mountain** on Route 27; **French's Mountain** and **21** on Watson Pond Road; for information call 495-6039 or visit www.belgradelakes.org; maps available at BRCA, 137 Main Street, Belgrade Lakes

SIDNEY

- **New England Music Camp**, concerts free and open to the public, Bowl-in-the-Pines on Lake Messalonskee, 465-3025, www.nemusiccamp.com, Route 23
- **Sidney Historical Society**, 547-3142, <http://www.rootsweb>
- **Silver Spur Riding Club**, horse shows, www.silverspurmaine.com/, River Road, Route 104

SKOWHEGAN

- **Margaret Chase Smith Library**, residence, home, museum exhibits, 474-7133, www.mcslibrary.org, free, Monday-Friday, 10 am-4 pm, 54 Norridgewock Ave.
- **History House Museum**, 1800s local history and culture, heirloom gardens, free, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 am-4 pm, 474-6632, www.skowheganhistoryhouse.org, 66 Elm Street
- **Fairgrounds**, weekly horse shows/competitions, free public events, covered arena, Skowhegan State Fair in August,

474-3621, Madison Avenue, Route 201

- **Farmers' Market**, Wednesday 3-6 pm, Saturday 9 am-1 pm, weekly entertainment, 938-3906, Somerset Gristmill parking lot, downtown

SMITHFIELD

- **Fairview Grange**, 362-2791, Route 8
- **Smithfield History Society** "The Groves House," 634-4392, 21 Lakeview Drive
- **Sunbeam Roller Rink**, 362-4951, 830 Village Rd, Route 8
- **Sunset Camps**, public beach, 362-2611, www.sunsetcamps.com, 834 Village Road, Route 8

UNITY

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

WATERVILLE

- **Aqua City Actor's Theatre (ACAT)**, 873-7000, www.acattheatre.org. Waterville Opera House Studio Theater, Main Street
- **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 connecting Waterville and Winslow, Head of Falls park/events area, Front Street
- **Common Street Arts**, 872-2787, www.commonstreetarts.org, Wednesday-Saturday 12-6 pm, 16 Common Street
- **Colby College Museum of Art**, 859-5600, www.colby.edu/museum/ Tuesday-Saturday 10 am-4:30 pm, Sunday 12-4:30 pm, free admission, Colby College Campus, Mayflower Hill
- **Colby College Special Collections**, Miller Library, Monday-Friday 10 am-12 noon and 1-4 pm, free admission
- **Thomas College Art Gallery**, 180 West River Road
- **Waterville Historical Society Redington Museum**, 1814 home, pharmacy, 872-9439, www.redingtonmuseum.org. Tuesday-Saturday tours at 10 and 11 am, 1 and 2 pm, 62 Silver Street
- **Waterville Opera House**, 873-7000, www.operahouse.com, 93 Main Street
- **Farmers' Market**, Thursday 2-6 pm, 680-2055, www.watervillefarmersmarket.org, The Concourse parking lot

WAYNE

- **Farmers' Market**, 685-4657, <http://waynefarmersmarket.weebly.com>, Saturday 9 am-noon, Town Green, at the Mill Pond, Main Street

WILTON

- **Wilton Farm & Home Museum**, 645-2091, 645-4578, www.wiltonmaine.org, Saturday 1-4 pm or by appointment, 10 Canal Street

WINSLOW

- **Fort Halifax on the Kennebec**, historic fort tower, park, Route 201

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- **Norcross Park**, playground, picnic site, boat launch on Maranacook Lake
- **Farmers' Market**, 446-2899, www.camarkets.com, Tuesday and Saturday 9 am-1 pm, town office parking lot, 17 Highland Avenue

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- **East Pond Association**, Smithfield/Oakland, www.eastpond.org
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- **McGrath Pond/Salmon Lake Association (MP/SL)**, Belgrade/Oakland, RR 2, Box 2800, Belgrade, 04917, 465-3983,
- **Great/Long Ponds: Belgrade Lakes Association (BLA)**, Belgrade/Rome/Mount Vernon, PO Box 551, 137 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, 137 Main Street, Belgrade Lakes, 04918, 495-6039, www.belgradelakes.org
- **Belgrade Lakes Region Business Group (BLRBG)**, PO Box 518, Belgrade, 04917, 465-4915, www.belgradelakesmaine.com
- **Maine Lakes Resource Center/Docks to Doorways**, PO Box 431, 137 Main Street, Belgrade Lakes, 04918, 495-3617, 620-6029, www.mainelakesresourcecenter.org

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- **Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed**, PO Box 5003, Augusta, 04332-5003, 621-4100, www.watershedfriends.com
- **Franklin County Soil & Water Conservation District**, 107 Park Street, Farmington 04938, 778-4279, www.franklincswcd.org
- **Kennebec County Soil & Water Conservation District**, 21 Enterprise Drive, Augusta 04330, 622-7847, ext. 3, www.kcswcd.org
- **Somerset County Soil & Water Conservation District**, 12 High Street, Skowhegan 04976, 474-8324, www.somersetswcd.org
- **Kennebec Land Trust (KLT)**, PO Box 261, 331 Main Street, Winthrop, 04364, 377-2848, www.klt.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, 685-4956, www.30mileriver.org
- **Maine Lakes Society**, formerly Congress of Lake Associations, PO Box 447, 137 Main Street, Belgrade Lakes, 04918, 1-855-463-2652
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— Calendar —

Through Sunday 8/3 – Monmouth Fair, small family agricultural fair with midway, animal exhibits, crafts and animal pull events, www.monmouthgrows.com/monmouthfair, off Route 202, Monmouth.

Through Sunday 8/3 – Skowhegan River Fest 2014, celebrating recreation and life on the Kennebec River, highlights include Moonlight Madness 7/31, Rotary Lobster Bake 8/1, Craft Fair 8/2, 5K 8/3, 474-3621, the Kennebec River and downtown Skowhegan.

Thursday 7/31 through Saturday 8/2 – “What the Butler Saw,” preview Thursday, opening Friday, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, Theater At Monmouth.

Thursday 7/31 through Sunday 8/3 – “Big: The Musical,” 474-7176, Lakewood Theater, Route 201, Madison.

Friday 8/1 and Saturday 8/2 – Annual Wilton Blueberry Festival, sales, food, crafts, book sale, free giveaways, children's games and activities, expo, parade and much more, 778-4726, www.wiltonbbf.com, downtown Wilton.

Friday 8/1 through Sunday 8/3 – “Venus in Fur,” by David Ives, performed by Gaslight Theater, mysterious, funny, erotic, the August 1 performance will be ASL sign interpreted, \$12 adults, \$10 seniors, 7:30 pm, matinee Sunday 2 pm, 626-3698, City Hall, Winthrop Street, Hallowell.

Friday 8/1 and Saturday 8/2 – Screening of four classic Stephen King films in vibrant 35 mm, fundraiser to save the drive-in, The Skowhegan Drive-in, Route 201, Skowhegan.

Friday 8/1 – Rotary Lobster Bake, single or double lobster, hamburger or hot dog, tickets available from any Rotarian or at Skowhegan Area Chamber of Commerce or at event, 11 am-8 pm, 474-3621, located under the Tent behind the Chamber of Commerce office, downtown Skowhegan.

Friday 8/1 – Drivers and Duffers Golf Classic, sponsored by Skowhegan Area Chamber of Commerce, 12 pm registration, 1 pm tee-off, 474-3621, Lakewood Golf Course, Madison.

Friday 8/1 – Artwalk Gardiner, open studios, painting, ceramics, sculpture, jewelry, photographs and more, refreshments, 5:30-

8:30 pm, 582-6600, downtown Gardiner.

Friday 8/1 – Acadia Wind Ensemble, band of music educators from all across Maine, guest conductor Anthony Maiello, free of charge, 7 pm, 465-9135, Messalonskee Performing Arts Center, Oakland.

Friday 8/1 – New England Music Camp Honor Student Recital, open to the public, free, everyone welcome, 7:30 pm, 465-3025, Alumni Hall, Route 23, Sidney.

Friday 8/1 – 2013 Barbara Lee Artist Lecture Series, Roni Horn, 8:30 pm, free and open to the public, 474-9345, Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture Campus, Fresco Barn, Madison.

Saturday 8/2 – RiverFest Saturday, crafts day, kids activities, Farmers' Market, trips, live music and entertainment under the tent, fireworks, 9 am-10 pm, 474-3621, downtown Skowhegan.

Saturday 8/2 – Wayne Library Festival & Lobster Roll Lunch, 5K Run/Walk and Kid's Scramble – registration 8:15 am, Run at 9 am, Kid's Scramble 9:45 am, Cary Library's Silent Auction open 9 am-3 pm, 685-3612, 48 Wayne Elementary School, 48 Pond Road, Wayne.

Saturday 8/2 – AugustaFest, live bands all afternoon: 2 pm Samantha Lynn, 3:30 pm Ed DesJardin, 5:30 pm Magic Bus, 7:30 pm Pat Pepin Project, food, many vendors, family activities, craft vendors, demonstrations, characters, Classic Car Show 2-4 pm, beer garden at 4 pm, fireworks at 9 pm, rain or shine, 2-9 pm, downtown Augusta.

Saturday 8/2 – Aquafest Family Festival, learn about the lakes and have fun, meet representatives of the lake associations of the Belgrade Lakes Watershed, paint t-shirts, see lake critters, play musical milfoil, see how a watershed works, sponsored by the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance, 10 am-2 pm, 495-6039, Maine Lakes Resource Center, Main Street, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes.

Saturday 8/2 – Rome Yacht Club annual race, convene in front of the Vines Camp on Great Pond and await instructions from the Clue Master, victory cookout and official ceremonies on Crooked Island around noon, Commodore's Ball Friday, August 1 at 6 pm,

Saturday 8/2 – “Romeo and Juliet,” by William Shakespeare, 1 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater At Monmouth.

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Saturday 8/2 – Children’s Heritage Fair, circa 18002, 1-3 pm, 474-6632, Skowhegan History House, 66 Elm Street, Skowhegan.

Saturday 8/2 - "Robin Hood," production by local youth, Missoula Theater Camp, 3 pm, 873-7000, The Waterville Opera House, Main Street, Waterville.

Saturday 8/2 – New England Music Camp Concert, free and open to the public, 3 pm, 465-3025, Bowl in the Pines, Route 23, Sidney.

Saturday 8/2 – Dinner on the Farm, picnic style, live music, \$20 per person, \$37 couple, \$55 family of 4, 5 pm, 649-3331, Winterberry Farm, Route 27, Belgrade.

Saturday 8/2 - Bean Hole Bean Supper, to benefit Belgrade Fire and Rescue, 5-7 pm, music by the Gawler family, Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes.

Saturday 8/2 - Loon Calling Contest, all ages welcome, registration 6:45 pm, contest 7 pm, 495-3312, Rome side of Belgrade Lakes bridge, downtown Belgrade Lakes.

Saturday 8/2 – Portland Symphony Orchestra, free performance, all seating is general, 7 pm, 465-9135, Messalonskee Performing Arts Center, Oakland

Sunday 8/3 – Ron Paquette RiverFest 5K, registration starts 7:30 am, race at 9 am, 356-7082, Farmers’ Market site, corner of Court and High Streets, Skowhegan.

Sunday 8/3 – Lakeside Artisan Show, pottery, fiber, collectibles, jewelry, wood working, handcrafted items, artisans from around the state, inside and outside, 9 am-4 pm, 495-3481, Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes.

Sunday 8/3 - "A Woman of No Importance," by Oscar Wilde, 1 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater At Monmouth.

Sunday 8/3 – The Tom Porter Band, free and open to the public, 2-4 pm, Summer Concerts at Norcross Point, Lake Maranacook, Winthrop.

Sunday 8/3 - New England Music Camp Student Concert, "Bowl in the Pines," rain or shine, free, everyone welcome, 3 pm, 465-3025, Route 23, Sidney.

Sunday 8/3 – Friends of Messalonskee Annual Meeting and "social on the green," presentation/discussion of lake updates and issues, 3:30-5:30 pm, 465-8333, Waterville Country Club, off Kennedy

Memorial Drive, Oakland.

Sunday 8/3 – Celtic Music Orchestra, Coburn Park Concerts, bring lawn chairs and blankets, 5-6:15 pm, Philbrick Gazebo, Route 2, Skowhegan.

Sunday 8/3 – "As You Like It" by William Shakespeare, 7 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater At Monmouth.

Monday 8/4 through Friday 8/8 – Naturalist and Young Conservator Camp, explore and investigate the natural world, special guest artists and scientists, 9 am-noon, \$65, 238-4250, L.C. Bates Museum, Route 201, Hinckley.

Tuesday 8/5 - "Tales from the Blue Fairy Book, 1 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater At Monmouth.

Tuesday 8/5 – Mammals of Maine, natural history program by Chewonki, sponsored by the Belgrade Lakes Association, 2 pm, 495-6039, Maine Lakes Resource Center, Main Street, Belgrade Lakes.

Tuesday 8/6 - "As You Like It," by William Shakespeare, 7:30 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater At Monmouth.

Tuesday 8/5 – A course on Astronomy, offered by RSU 38 Maranacook Adult Education, rain date Wednesday, August 6, 7:30-9:30 pm, \$10, 685-4923 x1065, Maranacook Community High School, Readfield.

Wednesday 8/6 – Taste of Greater Waterville, a 22-year-old tradition celebrating Waterville’s heritage with family, food and fun, and music and other entertainment, children’s activities and fun foods, sit-down dining hosted by local restaurants, and beer garden, 9 am-11 pm, 873-3315, Chamber of Commerce, downtown Waterville.

Wednesday 8/6 - Art Afternoon, Drawing from Collections, create art with all mediums, be inspired by the collections, guided by staff members, 1 pm, 238-4250, L.C. Bates Museum, Route 201, Hinckley.

Wednesday 8/6 – "A Woman of No Importance," 1 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater At Monmouth.

Wednesday 8/6 – Public Supper, final of the season, entrée, potato, vegetable, bread, beverage, dessert, 5 pm, Fairview Grange, Main Street, Route 8, Smithfield.

Wednesday 8/6 – Seasonal Residents Meeting, taxpayers but not voters, meet with representatives of local government to discuss concerns or issues, 6:30-8 pm, 495-2258, The Belgrade Community

Center for All Seasons, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes.

Wednesday 8/6 – New England Music Camp Honor Student Recital, 7:30 pm, 465-3025, Route 23, Sidney.

Wednesday 8/ through Saturday 8/9 - "Big: The Musical," 474-7176, Lakewood Theater, Route 201, Madison.

Wednesday 8/6 – "What the Butler Saw," 7:30 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater At Monmouth.

Thursday 8/7 through Saturday 8/16 - Skowhegan State Fair, large agricultural fair, huge midway, ten days of competitions, food, flower show, harness racing, exhibits, demonstrations, livestock shows, nightly entertainment, and much more, www.skowheganstatefair.com, 474-2947, Fairgrounds, Route 201, Skowhegan.

Thursday 8/7 - "Tales from the Blue Fairy Book," family show, 1 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater At Monmouth.

Reading Program presentation, music, dancing, treats to eat, 2 pm, 465-7533, Oakland Public Library, Church Street, Oakland.

Thursday 8/7 – Cobbossee Corridor Public Discussion, clean-up and re-use of sites, business, housing and open space, 6-8 pm, Johnson Hall, 280 Water Street, Gardiner.

Thursday 8/7 – KGFREEZE, Outdoor Summer Concert, blues music, 6:30 pm, on the lawn, 626-2415, Lithgow Public Library, Winthrop Street, Augusta.

Thursday 8/7 – "More Dam Trouble," lecture with author Earl Smith, sponsored by the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance, 6:30-8 pm, 495-6039, Maine Lakes Resource Center, Route 27, Main Street, Belgrade Lakes.

Thursday 8/7 – "The Making of a Hard Day’s Night," with Mark S. Cartier, 7:30 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, Theater At Monmouth.

"Gee’s Bend Quilts and Quilters in Maine" is an exhibition of large, colorful, free style quilts created by the women of Gee’s Bend, Alabama. Quilts are on view at Maine Fiberarts, 13 Main Street, Topsham now through August 30 and the gallery is open Tuesday-Friday, 10-4, Saturdays, 11-2. For more information, 207-721-0678, www.maineiberarts.org A second exhibition, workshops and a dinner and forum to meet four of the quilters takes place through September 8. Check the websites of Maine Fiberarts, Penobscot Marine Museum, and Fiber College for more information.

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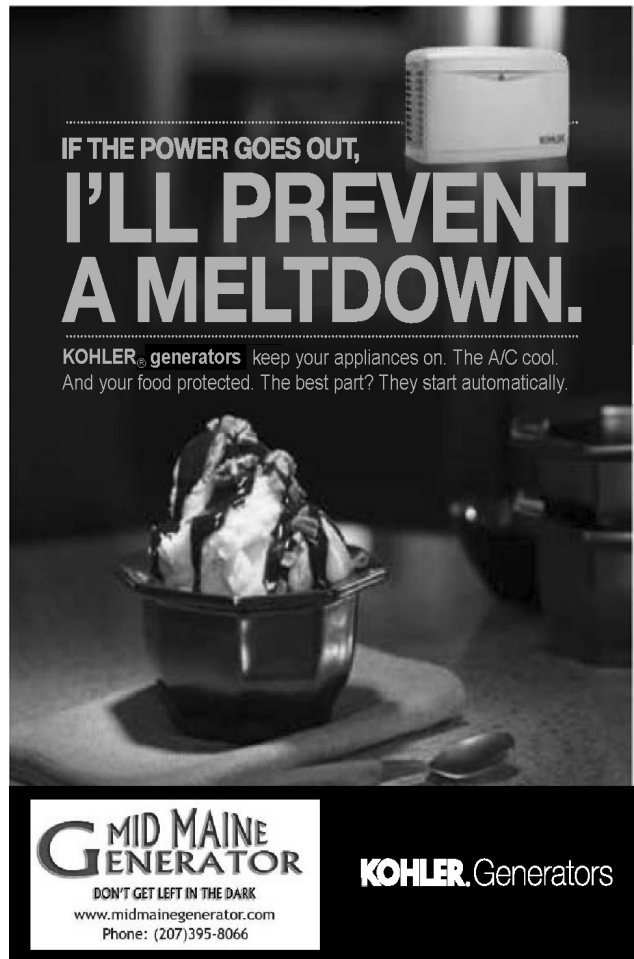
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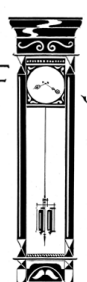
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River Fest features all-day free raft rides in the Kennebec River Gorge, a canoe and kayak race, and a beautiful glow stick river run held at dusk where participants illuminate themselves and their watercraft for a visually striking river experience.

There will plenty of activities off the water as well, including old favorites like the Lions Club's Chicken Barbecue, the Rotary Club's Lobster Bake, and the road-closing-traffic-stopping Moonlight Madness where teams of 5 race beds on wheels along Water Street, vendors line the downtown offering fried Oreos, live music, rock climbing, and making a comeback this year, the dunk tank.

"We've put together an all-star cast of volunteers to dunk," tells Main Street Skowhegan's Dugan Murphy. Community leaders Reverend Mark Tanner of the Federated Church, Pastor Rick Dorian of Centenary United Methodist Church, Skowhegan Town Manager Christine Almand, Deputy Police Chief Don Bolduc, Main Street Skowhegan Executive Director Dugan Murphy, Skowhegan Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Cory King, and Skowhegan Selectman Don Skillings will be sitting in the dunk tank taunting their audience to throw harder and aim higher.

New this year is an antiquity appraisal show

— Upcoming —

AUGUST

- The Rocky Horror Show LIVE to benefit the restoration of the Colonial Theater in Augusta will be performed on Friday and Saturday, August 8 and 9 and August 15 and 16 at the Calumet Club in Augusta.
- On Saturday, August 9 at 7pm the Union Coffeehouse in Belgrade Lakes will provide two hours of singing entertainment. Bill Berlinghoff will be the featured performer; open mic will follow. Donation \$5 at the door includes refreshments.
- The Oakland-Sidney United Methodist Church

Skowhegan Celebrates 8th Annual River Fest



hosted by the GFWC Women's Clubs where you can listen to Victoria Hatch's The Sunday Project play jazz while you get your antique appraised. Proceeds will benefit Senior Spectrums Meals on Wheels.

Saturday, August 2 is River Fest's family fun day featuring free raft rides with Moxie Outdoor Adventures, the rock climbing wall, and Main Street Skowhegan's annual craft fair. "We're excited to say we have over 20 crafters and growing," said volunteer organizer Darcy Spooner of Country Crow Primitives. Folk art, soaps, candles, jewelry, baskets, fiber arts, and leather goods are just some of the many hand-crafted items that crafters will have to offer.

Headlining the Bloomfield's Tavern beer garden and live music tent Saturday evening is 2014 Blues Music Award nominee, Dave Keller. Touted as one of the finest soul and blues men of his generation, Keller has recorded and co-written with legendary guitarist Ronnie Earl, tours regularly with Mississippi blues master Johnny Rawls, and has spent years as the protégé of soul/blues singer Mighty Sam McClain.

Saturday evening concludes with fireworks at dusk over the Great Eddy on the Kennebec River.

For a full schedule of events go to www.SkowheganRiverFest.com or the Skowhegan River Fest Facebook page.

on West School Street in Oakland will hold its annual August Turkey Supper on Wednesday, August 13, from 5-7 pm. Roast turkey with all the trimmings and homemade pies are on the menu. Adults \$8; children 6-12 \$4.

- Britannica Acoustic Duo will perform at the Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons to benefit the Belgrade Public Library on Friday, August 15 at 7 pm. 495-3111
- On Thursday and Friday, August 21 and 22 the annual Maine Farm Days will be held at Misty Meadows Farm in Clinton, a large dairy farm (over 800 cows) that grows hundreds of acres of crops. There will be a kid's tent, equipment displays, a wagon tour, many exhibits and concessions - all free

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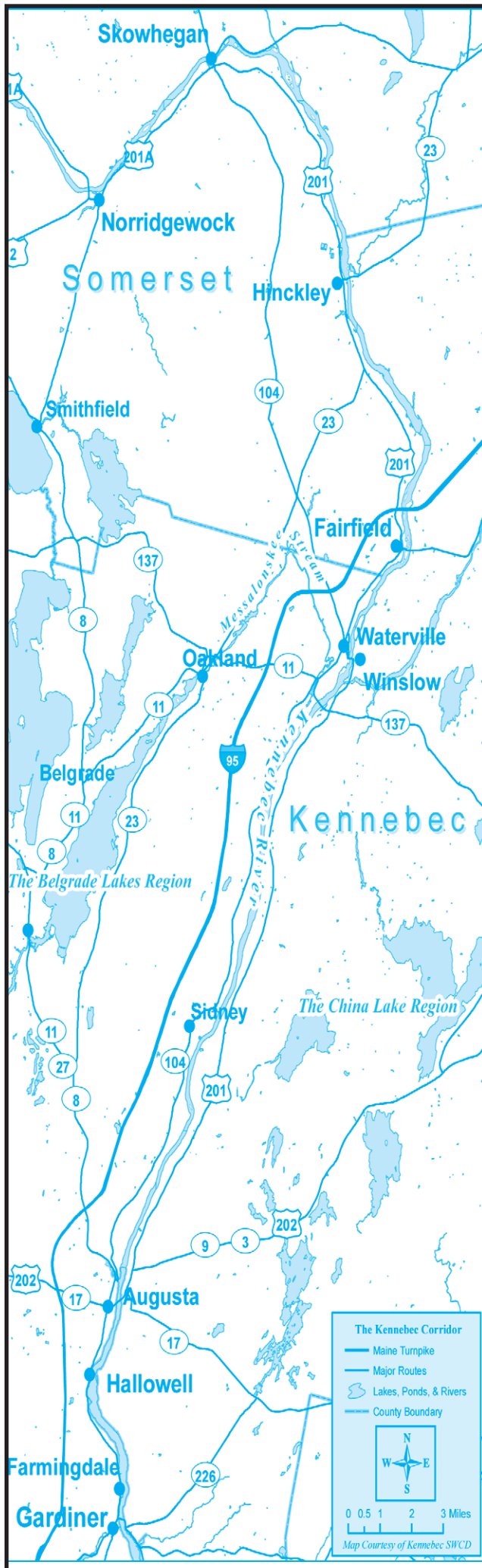
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— Katy's Column —

Meetings Along The Way

If you read my thoughts from time to time, you must be aware that the most rewarding part of my life is meeting new people. That was the case one summer afternoon five years ago. Nothing special, you know, just a person who, from time to time I would meet again and who enriched my life.

No need to mention names because I am certainly not intending to suggest this person is any different from hundreds I've encountered along life's path. What has been most interesting to me is that in our brief but animated chats it has been very evident we shared a great many likes and interests in the world around us.

It happens this new friend was a man. For some reason, early on in our encounters he announced that he was far more comfortable talking with women than men and, surprisingly, I find it easier to communicate with the opposite gender! That in itself might suggest something that you should immediately erase from your suspicions! Friends—remember.

Art, as I will call him, was dedicated to recycling. I suspect nothing, nothing in his household was trashed. Rather, whenever possible it was worked into a new appliance or gadget that can be useful on a daily basis. A walk through his property would truly qualify this statement.

Although he was in his early 80s I have no idea what his life work was, although he did tell me the war years saw him in Europe with the army. Sitting on a park bench one sunny day he told me of his ability to refresh old or damaged artwork, create art of his own, frame and display work for other people and help in any way to enhance the work. He preferred classical or jazz music to today's popular selections and kept his radio tuned to WABK, the Rockland station that offers classical music on a daily basis. My head nodded as he told me this. I completely agree with his musical choice. With what I have noted about Art you might suspect he had a happy, well-founded childhood. Not the case.

For many years Art was a foster child in several central Maine homes. He speaks fondly about many of the people who cared for him because his mother was not able to maintain a suitable life for seven children with no income. The situation in that family was not unusual during the Depression days of the 1930s and even when I met him, many years after his mother had passed, he greatly admired and fully appreciated how much he learned from her even though their relationship was limited. I am certain the other children completely agreed.

Times have changed and today, more often than not, women can find help in such a situation. Much good has come about since those meager days. This segment of Art's life is another similarity to mine. My dear mother was left with only two kids, but I know and share these same feelings for my Dear Mom that he did for his.

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ests in life is usually enough to invite a second visit – so that's what it's all about. It would, indeed, be a poor choice to bypass a relationship that might be mutually pleasant. I know about what I am speaking.

It would be easy to tell you about at least a half dozen more people I have met along life's way many years ago that are each still considered a 'best' friend. With each friend – new or old – our life is richer. For no reason at all I just wanted to share that invaluable thought with you.

Katy Perry is an author, news commentator, Peace Corps Volunteer (at age 65), all around interesting lady, enthusiast about most things Maine and a very vibrant nonagenarian who resides at Granite Hill Estates in Hallowell and contributes a weekly column for Summertime in the Belgrades.



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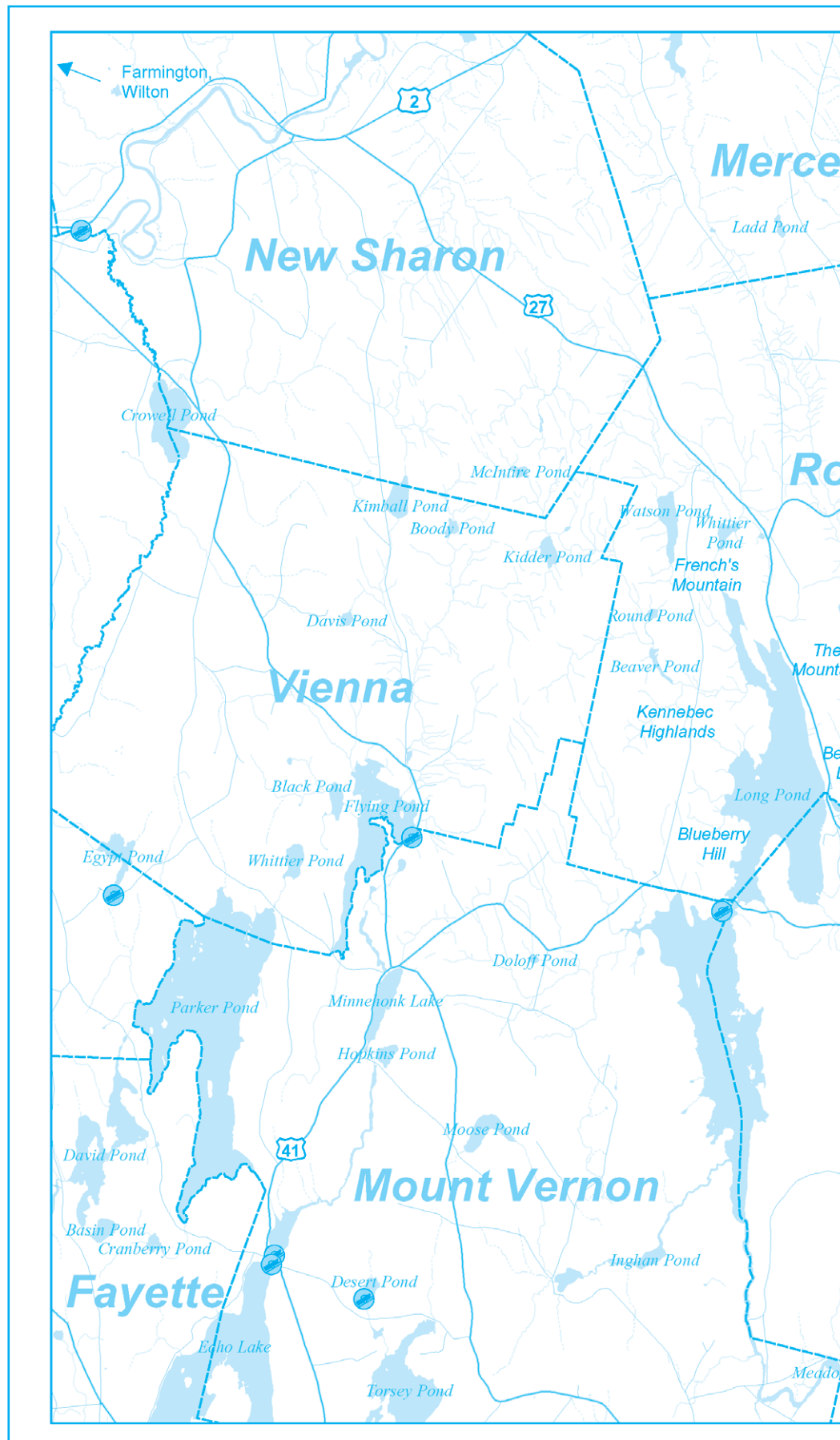
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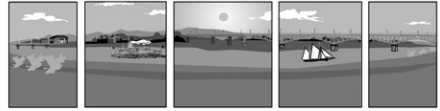
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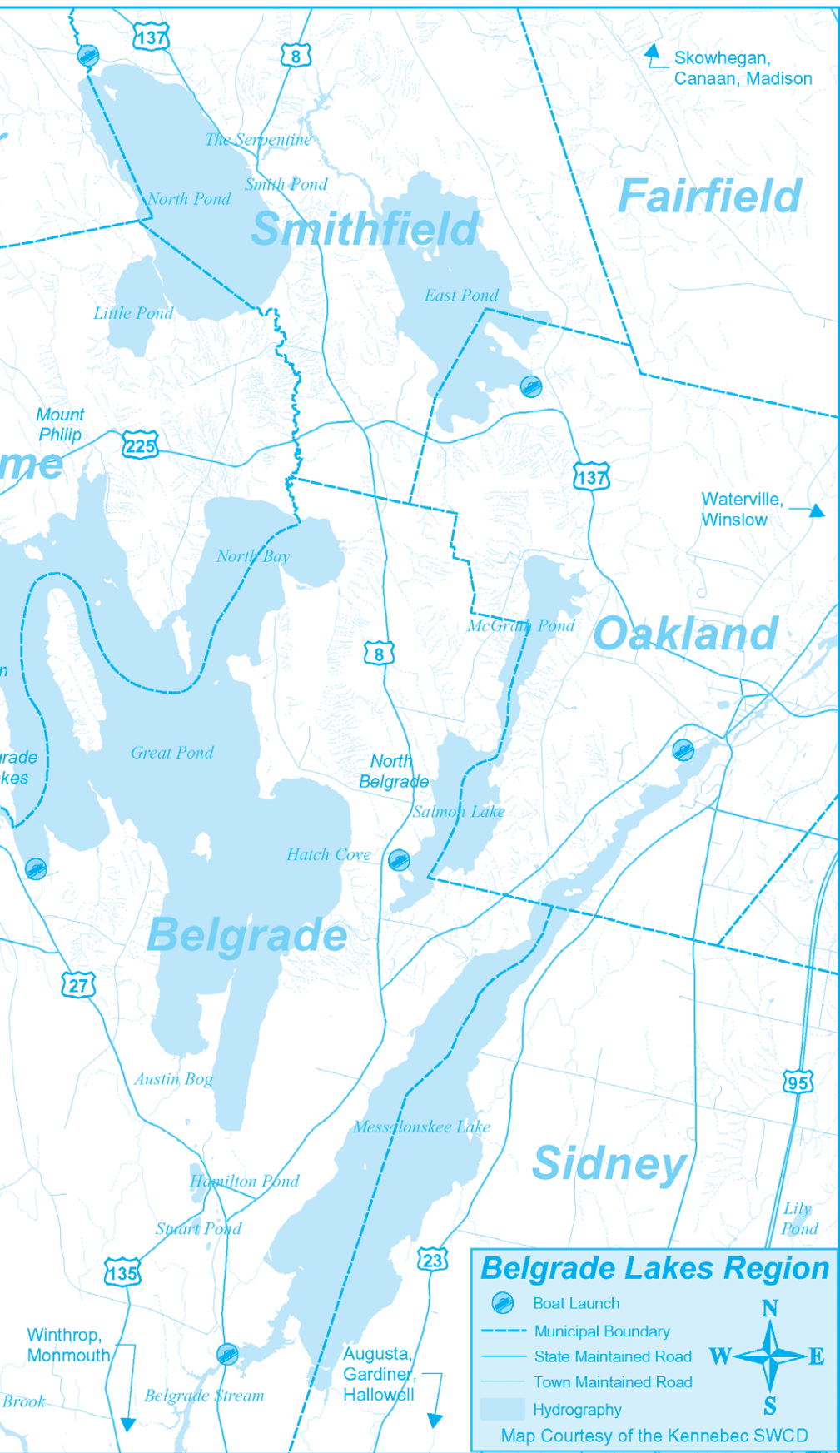


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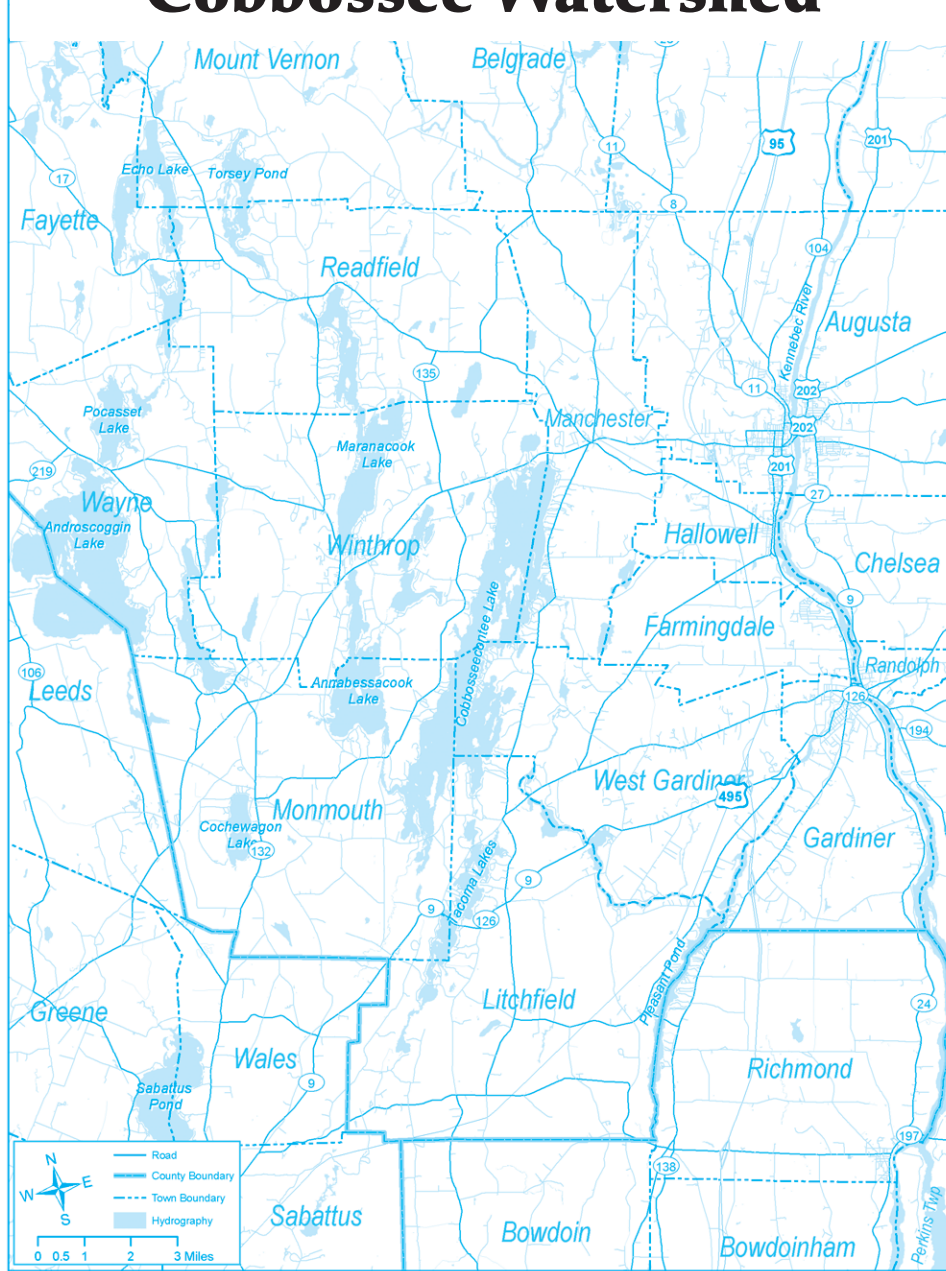


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According to director Brian P. Allen, *What the Butler Saw* requires a great connection between its actors. "Trust and familiarity among the cast are necessary in order to make the split-second timing of the show work," says Allen. "The six actors need to breathe as one, and... TAM's resident company atmosphere generates the environment required to pull off such a delirious farce."

When hedonistic psychiatrist Dr. Prentice attempts to interview secretarial applicant Geraldine from an under-dressed and horizontal position, things don't go according to plan. From this position, the farce is unleashed with continuous shifts into sexual and psychological exploitation, gender confusion, lost and mistaken identities, nymphomania, blackmail, and

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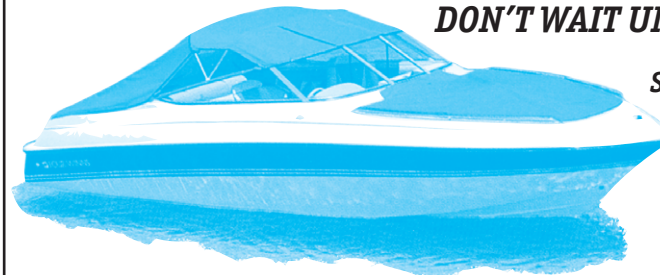
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Cobbossee Corner

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Toward this end, the VLMP has been working this summer in close partnership with Annabessacook Lake Improvement Committee, Friends of Cobbossee Watershed, Cobbossee Watershed District and the Maine Department of Environmental Protection to inform, engage, train, and activate a local team of trained Invasive Plant Patrollers. We have had an excellent response from the surrounding community, with many concerned local citizens answering the call, and attending meetings and workshops.

Nonetheless, the fact remains that conducting a Level-3 survey on a lake that is nearly 1500 acres

in size is a somewhat daunting task for novice patrollers. We are also dealing with potential time constraints: by mid-August any decrease in the visibility of the lake due to the growth of planktonic algae could make a thorough screening of the lake impossible.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are seeking the participation of trained and experienced IPPs to assist with this critically important survey, and also to serve as mentors to the novice patrollers that comprise Maine's newest IPP team.

On Thursday, July 31 at 9AM, at a location in Winthrop to be announced soon, we will be meeting to coordinate operations, assemble into 4-6 person survey units (each led by a mentor or two), receive our respective access points and survey sectors, and to officially kick off the survey with 2-4 hours on the lake. Subsequent survey dates and times will be up to the individual survey units to decide.

Please let us know ASAP if you are interested in participating in this worthy endeavor, and how many days you think you might be able to commit.

Thank you for your consideration of this somewhat last minute call to action. We appreciate all that you do for Maine lakes!

Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons Looks Forward to First Artisan Show.

August 3rd, 2014, the Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons will welcome artisans from around the state for their first Belgrade's Lakeside Artisan Show. The show will include a unique selection of pottery, fiber, collectibles, jewelry, wood working, and many other handcrafted items created by local artisans in every price range. Artisans will be located inside and outside of the Center; with access by boat on Great Pond as well as ample off street parking

People in the Belgrade Region will have the opportunity to partake in two outstanding events at the Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons off Route 27 that weekend; the Belgrade

Fire and Rescue's Annual Bean Hole Dinner on August 2nd from 5-7 and the Artisan Show the following day from 9-4. Both of these are a great reason to plan a weekend in Belgrade.

"This is the Belgrade Recreation Department's first summer show and we are very excited to provide an opportunity for people to see the wide variety of talented artisans and craftspeople Maine has to offer", commented Recreation Director Valencia Schubert. "We look forward to making this an annual event."

If you have any questions or would like more information please contact the Belgrade Community Center at 207-495-3481.

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bribery. When government agent Dr. Rance arrives to inspect the clinic, chaos ensues and outrageous diagnoses and revelations (perfect for Rance's new book) come to light.

What the Butler Saw features James Noel Hoban as Dr. Prentice; Anna Doyle as Geraldine; Denise Cormier as Mrs. Prentice; Graham Emmons as Nicholas Beckett; Mark S. Cartier as Dr. Rance; and Max Waszak as Sergeant Match. Set design by Dan Bilodeau, costumes by

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Performance Calendar: PREVIEW 7/31 at 7:30 p.m.; OPENING 8/1 at 7:30 p.m.; additional performance dates 8/2, 8/6, 8/15, 8/19 at 7:30 p.m.; 8/9, 8/10, 8/22 at 1:00 p.m.; 8/17 at 7:00 p.m. with post-show talk-back. Ticket prices range from \$10-\$30. Discounts available for groups of 10 or more. For calendar and reservations, please contact the TAM Box Office at 207.933.9999 or visit www.theateratmonmouth.org

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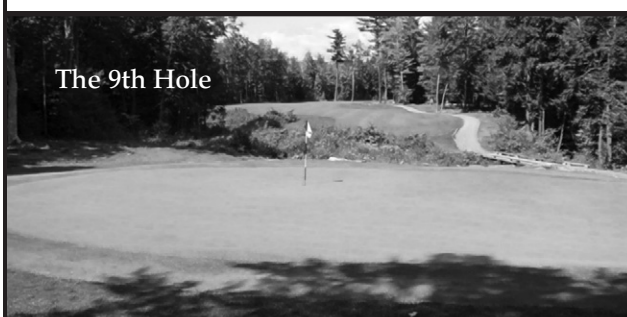
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—The Luckiest Boy—

My friends and I were just nine years old in 1956 when The Belgrade burned. It was an incredible inferno that took the old hotel, situated on a knoll up behind the Sunset Grill, right where The Village Peddler gift shop and home of proprietor Mary Ann Gee is now.

Before it was over, everyone in Belgrade Lakes and many who came from surrounding towns stood speechless as the behemoth landmark was gobbled up by fire and reduced to rubble. Fire trucks and volunteers came from miles away and the Waterville Sentinel reporter claimed that 21 trucks in total had arrived, though many were too late to put out any hose. Fire was not an uncommon fate for the old wooden giants that once dotted the landscape of the USA. Precious few have escaped the errant cigar spark or the knob and tube wiring short circuit, notwithstanding possible arson in some cases.

The Belgrade Hotel opened for business in 1900, originally built as a fishing camp by Waterville native Charles Hill. The original building was quickly expanded and by 1908 a scenic nine hole golf course had been added. Brochures claimed 75 rooms capable of handling up to 200 people, and additional cottages on the 250 acre property for large families or honeymooners. Several of the cottages are still in existence and are used as homes or camps today. A large and luxurious dining area was touted on the east end of the building where the turret can be seen in photos, with panoramic views of Long Pond and the hills beyond.

In addition to the hotel and cottages, a large annex was available for overflow, which sat where George Hoy lives now, pretty much across from the Union church. Other buildings included boys' and girls' dorms to house the large number of seasonal employees needed to operate the hotel. Another service building on the West Road was nicknamed "the chain gang shop" where all the mowers and other golf course maintenance equipment was kept. The grounds crew met there each morning and were given their marching orders by Judge Pray, head honcho of all grounds and flower gardens. Judge ran a tight ship with his mostly teenage crew and often "sentenced" them to extra weed-pulling stints in the gardens as punishment for goofing off. My brother was one of the grounds keepers and I would hear stories about who had weed duty from time to time. A cut-down 1937 Ford named BLACKHAWK was used to pull the

Memories Of The Belgrade Hotel

by Rod Johnson



Infamous fire photo donated to Belgrade Historical society by Linda Mcloon

fairway gang mowers and was always driven by Frank DiPetro, Larry's father. All trimming was done by hand with scythes and sickles, and the greens were done with special reel mowers. The available seasonal jobs required to staff the hotel with all its ancillary needs was considerable, and many if not most of the people in the area had jobs related to the hotel. My father told of driving Model T Ford trucks to the Belgrade train depot and hauling hotel guests' steamer trunks back to the hotel during the 1930s. Many people came and stayed for the whole summer season, especially during the early part of the century.

In 1941, the Hill family could no longer operate the hotel, and it was sold at auction to the Acheson Hotel Group for \$25,000. Acheson, owners of 3 other Maine hotels, continued operation for the next fifteen years until the fire occurred. The hotel's demise marked the end of an era, and most agree that the landscape had been changing since the end of WW II. The demand for big hotel living was waning and the desire to purchase shore land property and build individually owned cottages was here. As more camp roads were built to access shore land never before accessible by car, cottages began to pop up here and there. Over the next 50 years the greater Belgrade area became what it is today.

Several kids in town who were not generally in the summer work force in 1956, did have an opportunity to caddy just once the before the big fire. The

hotel was hosting some sort of well-attended golf tournament and the older boys were picked first to carry bags. We 9 year olds hung out under the pine trees playing mumblety peg until finally getting a signal from the golf pro. We had to walk with a tipped-up shoulder to keep from dragging the bags. There were no carts, either power or hand type.

While the era of the grand hotel is over, golf continues to be enjoyed on the relatively new Belgrade Lakes course. Who would have thought this little village would ever have a second chance at golf. Thank you Harold and Bibby Alford. The view to the northwest from the putting green atop the current day course on Smith Hill looks precisely over the area where the big hotel and surrounding course sat. How appropriate—and as the crow flies, not a mile between the new and the old. THE END (for now)

Author's note: For any folks who missed last year's 12 stories, we published a small book called *The Luckiest Boy* containing all 12, available at Day's Store.

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— Take It Outside —

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Loon Count

by Pete Kallin

The third Saturday in July was the annual loon count in Maine, coordinated by Maine Audubon. See: (<http://maineaudubon.org/wildlife-habitat/the-maine-loon-project/>). Every year over 1000 volunteers, of which I am one, attempt to count all the loons on a couple hundred Maine lakes at the same time. It's organized like a military operation and I am the coordinator for the dozen or so volunteers on Long Pond. Early in the morning all counters head for their assigned section of the lake to be in position to count all the adult loons and loon chicks in their area between 7:00 AM and 7:30 AM. I headed off to my assigned territory and got there about 20 minutes early. I just happened to have a fishing rod with me and to kill a little time before the official count began, I decided to troll my way into the cove. I let out enough line to get a trolling spoon down to a depth of about 25 feet and headed over a 28 ft shoal surrounded by about 45 ft of water. Within minutes the rod bent over and the drag started streaming out. Thinking I'd snagged the bottom I grabbed the rod and started backing down. I instantly realized that I had a big fish on. It took about 20 minutes to get the large northern pike alongside the boat. Once I saw the fish, I realized it was very lightly hooked in the lower lip which gave me very little leverage. In fact, when I got it alongside the boat, the hook actually pulled out. Before the tired fish realized it was actually free, I dropped the rod into the boat, reached over the gunwale with two hands, grabbed it under the gills, and hoisted it into the boat. That was 7:05 AM. I completed my loon count by 7:25 and then headed to Day's store to weigh the fish on their certified scale. The fish was 42 inches long and weighed just over 23 pounds. I hate to think how many loon chicks it may have consumed over the years.

Meanwhile, back on East Pond, Mel Croft was out fishing with his Labrador retriever, Jasper. Labs are highly prized as bird dogs and are often trained by duck hunters to retrieve downed ducks. Jasper is actually a fish hunting dog and

rides in the bow of Mel's boat and points the location of the fish so Mel knows where to cast. In fact, Jasper has actually trained Mel to retrieve the fish and bring it back to Jasper for a quick lick before releasing the fish.

I encourage everyone to get out on one of the nearby hiking trails or paddle one of our lakes. I

especially encourage you to get outside with your kids or grandkids. On Saturday August 2nd the BRCA will be hosting the annual Aquafest Family Festival. All five of the lake associations in the Belgrades will be participating and there will be lots of fun activities for the whole family.



Long Pond pike caught on the way to the annual loon count.



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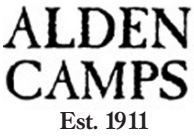
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Mid-Maine Global Forum

• "As China Goes, So Goes the Planet!" Noted China specialist and environmentalist Judith Shapiro will be the guest speaker at the annual dinner of the Mid-Maine Global Forum on Friday, August 8, 6:15 pm reception, 7 pm dinner, at Colby College in Waterville. Tickets \$30; reserve by Tuesday, August 5. 859-4730

Maine Fiberarts

• "Do It Your Way: Gee's Bend Quilts and Quilters in Maine" is an exhibition on view now through August 30 at Maine Fiberarts, 13 Main Street, Topsham. The exhibition includes twelve large quilts created by the quilters of Gee's Bend, Alabama - a group that has been quilting since the sixties and who became famous for their freeform and original style. The New York Times once hailed these quilts as "some of the most miraculous works of modern art America has produced." The exhibit is open Tuesday-Friday 10 am-4 pm and Saturday 11 am-2 pm. 721-0678

Belgrade

• Earle Shettleworth, Maine State Historian, will speak at the Maine Lakes Resource Center in Belgrade Lakes on Wednesday, August 20 at 7:30 pm. His program, "Tourism in the Belgrades," will use old photographs, post cards, and tourist brochures to trace how Victorian religious campgrounds paved the way for hotels, fishing camps, and boys and girls camps in the Belgrades. Sponsored by the Belgrade Historical Society, the program is free for members, \$5 for non-members. 797-3218

Farmington

• On Saturday, August 9, a Contradance will be held at the Farmington Grange, Bridge Street, West Farmington. The Regular Contra with The Rogers Brothers playing and Kim Roberts calling will be 8-10 pm. Adults \$6, students \$5, family \$15. All dances are taught; beginners are welcome; no partner necessary. Please note: there will be no Family Dance until September. 491-9928

Greene

• On Friday, August 8 at the Araxine Wilkins Sawyer Memorial, the Barbara London Trio will present a mixture of original compositions and jazz standards. Shows are at 2 and 7 pm. Free admission! Barbara London is a musician, artist, writer, and educator. Her long career in the arts has involved leading her own jazz groups, composing and producing 8 records for her Wild Aster label. Jim Lyden, bassist, has been performing for over 45 years in countless venues in Northern New England. Rick Kress is a drummer, composer and educator. 946-5311

Hallowell

• The Vaughan Homestead's 2014 "Garden Stage"

series of Picnic Concerts and Movies on the Lawn August and September schedule includes: Thursday, August 21 at 6 pm - Picnic Concert Ken Labrecque, \$10 pay online (<http://vaughanhomestead.org>); Saturday, August 23 at 7 pm - Movie on the Lawn, free; Thursday, September 25 at 6 pm - Picnic Concert Ed DesJardins, \$10 pay online; Saturday, September 27 at 4 pm - Children's Movie on the Lawn, free. 622-9831

Oakland

• The annual banquet of the Oakland Alumni will be held on Saturday, August 9, at the Waterville Elks Lodge located at 76 Industrial Street, Waterville. All past graduates of Oakland High School, Williams High School and Messalonskee High School are invited and all classes will be celebrated, including the Class of 1964 who have reached the milestone of 50 years! Tickets are \$18 per person and will need to be purchased in advance. To purchase tickets contact Dana Wrigley, 453 Fairfield Street, Oakland, Maine 04963. 465-2849

Rome

• The Rome Yacht Club race weekend is Friday and Saturday, August 1 and 2, starting with the Commodore's Ball on Friday at 6 pm at the Vines' camp. The race is Saturday at 10 am, followed by a victory cookout and official ceremonies on Crooked Island. Membership dues are due: \$6 per member over 21; \$18 per family with children under 21. BVines79@comcast.net

Waterville

• Hospice Volunteers of Waterville Area is holding a Waterville - Texas Hold'em Tournament on August 12 and 26 at T&B's Outback Tavern, 6 Jefferson Street. Doors open at 6:30 pm; limited to the first 100 people. Buy-in will be \$35 and \$5 high hand. Proceeds will benefit HVWA. www.hvwa.org

Wayne

• On Friday, August 8, at 7 pm, the Cary Memorial Library presents an evening of poetry featuring Gwen Heath and Claire Hersom. Heath is a poet and artist who lives in the Farmington area and is an advocate for people who live with mental illness. Clair Hersom lives in Winthrop and is the author of "Drowning: A Poetic Memoir." The reading is free and all listeners are welcome. 685-3612

Winthrop

• Summer Concerts at Norcross Point on Maranacook Lake will be offered weekly through August. All performances are on Sunday, 2-4 pm, except for Saturday, August 16, the day of the annual Art Show, when open mic with Stan Davis and Caleb Orion will be from 1-3 pm. The schedule, which is free and open to the public, includes: August 3 - The Tom Porter Band; August 10 - Simons and Goodwin; August 17 - Feather Lungs; August 24 - TBA



Dining

Augusta

• **Riverfront Barbeque & Grille and Gin Mill Lounge**, 300 Water St., Augusta. 622-8899, www.riverfrontbbq.com

Belgrade

- **Pete's Pig**, 81 Main Street, Belgrade Lakes Village, also offering a full range of catering, 495-4095, www.petespig.com
- **The Village Inn**, Main Street, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes Village, 495-3553, www.villageinnducks.com
- **Whisperwood**, Salmon Lake/McGrath Pond, 103 Taylor Woods Road, Belgrade, open to the public by reservation only, 465-3983, www.whisperwoodlodge.com

• **Wings Hill Inn and Restaurant**, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes Village, 495-2400 or 800-495-2400, www.wingshillinn.com

Oakland

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

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Gardiner Food Co-op & Café Announces Winners of Recipe Contest

On July 19th, the Gardiner Food Co-op & Café held a recipe contest at the Gardiner Farmers' Market. The smells of grilled cheese and hearty soups wafted from the Gardiner Common as more than 50 judges (from the general public) tasted the 10 competing recipes

The contest was held for the purpose of building the menu at the Gardiner Food Co-op & Cafe, set to open later this year.

In addition to purchasing from the various vendors, Market goers enjoyed music by Ian Pillsbury and got to sample recipes that members of the community entered in the contest. "The Co-op is all about community ownership and involvement, and what better way to do that than through the food we will serve everyday! Having the café menu come directly from the community ensures us that they will love what we serve them." said Sarah Miller, member of the board.

On the menu: Mom's Soup (chunky vegetables), The Asian (chunky vegetables in a curry coconut milk, with ginger and lemon grass), Chicken Chili, Italian Wedding Soup, and Williamsburg Turkey Soup. For the specialty grilled cheeses we had an "Oven Roasted Tomato Grilled Cheese", "Pickled Summer Squash Grilled Cheese", "Me-so-cheesy: vegan Grilled Cheese", "the Gardener", and "The Gardiner AuJus".

Votes were tallied after the end of the farmers market. The race was very close for the soups and it was the Chicken Chili recipe (from Karen

Jacques) which took the lead by 4 votes. As for the grilled cheese recipe contest, the result took us all by surprise as the number one choice leading by 10 votes ended up being the only vegan (non-dairy) option on the menu. Me-so-cheesy (from Alex Rosenberg) is a cashew cheese and miso-pesto sandwich.

Since cooperation is the opposite of competition we are excited to announce that everyone is a winner! So, if you didn't get a chance to participate in the contest that took place this weekend at the farmers market, you will get to try all of these soups and specialty grilled cheese sandwiches on our menu later this year.

The Gardiner Food Co-op & Café will be located in downtown Gardiner and will offer local, wholesome, bulk and fairly-priced food. In addition to its grocery store, the Co-op will be a gathering place for events, workshops, live music and more. Everyone will be welcome to shop and gather at the storefront but those who choose to purchase a member-owner share will actually become part owner, have a voice in store policies, in how the business is run, and have a myriad of member-owner benefits.

"You know what they say: we are what we eat! So surely we can expect café eaters to be sharp and intriguing, just like the food on the Co-op's menu" says Véronique Vendette, chair of the Co-op board. We look forward to seeing you at the café later this year!



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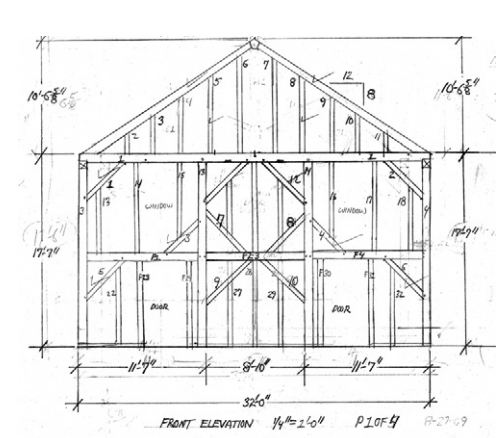
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414 Lakewood Rd, Madison, 474-2550, 474-8357

APPLIANCES

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

BANKING

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

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

BEVERAGES

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Lakes, 495-3680, 778-1706, www.brightsidewoodenboat.com

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Castle Island Camps, Castle Island Rd, Belgrade Lakes,
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Great Pond Marina, 25 Marina Dr, Rt 27, Belgrade Lakes,
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Whisperwood Cottages, 103 Taylor Woods Rd, Belgrade,
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Natanis Golf Course, 735 Webber Pond Rd, Vassalboro, 622-3561, www.natanisgc.com

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Smithfield from New England Grassroots Environment Fund to start the Smithfield Community Garden. The purpose of the garden is to supplement the town's food pantry offerings. It's housed at the Municipal Building. Volunteers, wrote the grant, built the 4 rugged raised beds and Lynch Landscaping donated the soil. Volunteers also water and weed the garden when needed. Kevin James, one of our resident artists has offered his sign painting expertise for the SCG sign that will eventually announce the garden as you drive into the parking lot. The wide variety of vegetables are thriving and the flowers add a beautiful touch of color.

Sunset Camps celebrates 100 years on North Pond with a FREE Birthday Celebration on Wednesday, August 13th. There will be 2 bands playing from 6-9pm, Between the Lines and Dime Store Heroes, with fireworks and cake served at 9pm. They have delicious and reasonably priced food, snacks and cold drinks available at the Snack Shack right there on the beach so when you visit you don't have to worry about packing a lunch basket! There is an arcade, a water trampoline and you can even rent a paddle boat or a fishing boat. There is also a spot to gas up your boat, just motor down the inlet and fill 'er up! A nominal fee of \$2 pays for parking and you may stay all day. Don't forget, they rent camps! You don't want to miss spectacular summer sunsets from this spot either...thus the name!

The Ice Cream Place on Route 8 in the Village

has many visitors, from East Ponders who lazily float their boats down the Serpentine and park at the dock provided by owners Jeff and Cindy Giroux, to those that come by the van full from Camp Matoaka, Camp Manitou and Pine Tree Camp. This hot spot is a social gathering place for people from all over central Maine for their fresh baked goods, creamy North Street Ice Cream, delectable menu items from specialty pizzas to one of the best lobster rolls around! If you ask permission you may also be able to put your kayak or canoe in at their dock and plan on an ice cream when you take it out!

Morrow's Garage and Knotty Pine Camps are located at the base of Bert's Hill, as you approach the village corner. Find all of your auto repair needs with Ray Morrow and his skilled mechanics. They have reasonable prices with a small town professional and friendly staff. Call for an appointment 362-4161. Knotty Pine Camps are right on the edge of the water. The Winegardner family has owned the camps to rent for decades. Email: knottypinecamps@tds.net for availability.

Smithfield Village boasts an active and committed group of fun-loving, hard working volunteers from Smithfield and "from away," who range from the 2-year-old planting seeds in the community garden to grange members in their 90s. They all help make Smithfield a great place to visit so whether you are passing through or making it your destination, be sure to stop by and say hello and say you read all about it in Summertime in the Belgrades!

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to the public. www.MaineFarmDays.com

- "Spotter's Sprint" Canoe & Kayak Paddle sponsored by the Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed will be held on Sunday, August 24 at 10:30 am at the YMCA Camp of Maine on Cobbossee Lake in East Winthrop. Open for both casual and competitive paddlers. A cookout will follow. 621-4100

The Annual 5K Race for the Lakes will be held on Saturday, August 30, 8 am, at Camp Runoia, Point Road, Belgrade. Pre-registration by 8/22, \$15; day of race \$20. 495-6039

SEPTEMBER

- The Autumnfest Horse Show will be September 6-7 at Skowhegan Fairgrounds. Free admission, covered arena, concessions, barns to visit. 676-8529

- The 2nd Annual Lake George-Somerset Sports & Fitness sprint Triathlon from Lake George Regional Park in Canaan to Somerset Sports & Fitness in Skowhegan is Sunday, September 14. 474-2224

- The Common Ground Country Fair, sponsored by the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association will be September 19-21 at the fairgrounds in Unity.

- The Monthly Bean Supper at the Mt Philip Grange in Rome will be on Saturday, September 21, 4:30-6 pm; tickets \$7, under 5 years free, family of 4 or more \$20.

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BELGRADE-YEAR ROUND WATERFRONT HOME— Beautiful Belgrade Long Pond. Westerly views, quiet cove setting. Open cathedral Kit/DR/LR w/stone frplce, lovely wood interior, 2 baths, finished lower level, fabulous 40' screened porch, 2 car grg, more. Excellent condition! **#MLS1115386**

AUGUSTA-LOG HOME—Private location-Fabulous log home on 4.5 acs w/ROW to 3 Corner Pond. Offering newly appl. kitchen, 3BR, 1.5BA, Lg LR w/cathedral ceilings. New slate flooring in the DR & kitchen, new metal roof, plus full bsmt, detach 1 car grg & Farmers Porch. A MUST SEE! **MLS#1135552 \$164,000**

MANCHESTER—Renovated 1807 Cape/Farmhouse on 7+acres w/ROW to Cobbossee Lake. Beautiful setting, lots of updates. 3BR, 2.5BA, man fireplaces, wood floors, enclosed front porch. Lots of charm. 20'x36' 2 story garage/barn w/ full 2nd floor. **MLS#1127623 \$299,900**

MONMOUTH-COBBOSSÉE WATERFRONT—Fabulous Cobbossee waterfront property- beautiful home AND cottage included! Immaculate condition, 3-4BR, 3BA, in-law apt, pretty kitchen w/DR, nice landscaping/yard, HUGE heated garage, cottage w/1BR, sandy beach, outdoor fireplace. MUCH MORE, MUST SEE! **MLS #1127463 \$459,900**



— Business —

Wooden Boat – Local Boat: EM & ME

Owned by Russ, Carol and Emily Sabia of Belmont, Massachusetts, this pretty little classic hails from the lower basin of Long Pond where the Sabias enjoy their summers. Carol Rosa Sabia grew up waterskiing on Long Pond and one might say that Em & Me's journey to the region originated from those fond memories. In fact, Em & Me's call name is a reference to Carol and daughter Emily. When the Sabias decided to purchase a ski boat, they readily agreed on the classic lines of an antique lapstrake. Russ found the Lyman in Rhode Island, where she was in salt water and owned by an elderly couple who could no longer keep up with her maintenance. The couple wanted her to go to someone who would appreciate a wooden boat and bring her back to her original allure. The Sabias could see her potential, and decided to bring her home to Long Pond.

Em & Me was built by Lyman Boat Works of Sandusky, Ohio, which manufactured wooden boats until the early 1970s. The company was founded by Bernard Lyman, who was a cabinet maker by trade and began building boats in Cleveland in the 1880s. Bernard's son, Bill Lyman, joined his father in the business in 1920 and is credited with Lyman Boat's increased popularity through the 1930s with their "Clinker Built" lapstrake hull construction. This method



EM & ME - 1960 17' Lyman

of construction utilizes a technique by which the strakes, or planks, are slightly overlapped and secured with both clinch nails and bronze screws. (Source: Lyman Boat Owners Association). This lapstrake design gives the hull increased flexibility and what many believe to be a superior ride.

Staying true to her previous owner's wishes, the Sabias have had Em & Me totally refastened with more than 1,100 silicon bronze screws. Nine of her frames were replaced with steam-bent white oak. She has received new varnish in Interlux Schooner Gold, her hull paint has been

redone with Interlux Brightside White, her bottom painted in Petite Copper Bronze including the final touch, a complimentary red waterline. The Sabias chose to power her with an Evinrude E-TEC 75 HP based on its modern performance, low emissions, and lighter weight compared to four-stroke options.

The Belgrade Lakes region is prolific with classic and distinctive boats that intrigue both local and visiting boat enthusiasts. A prime example is EM & ME.

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