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The Local Side of Worldwide: About John

by Esther J. Perne

When the famed and acclaimed of international films are celebrated in Waterville during the Maine International Film Festival, MIFF, each summer, a few gems of state and local subjects, significance and filmmaking are among them, accenting rich state lore such as coastal island life, a mountain town, lobstermen or the state's French heritage.

This year, one of those unique films is a tribute to exceptional native Mainer John Willey, poet, woodworker and boatbuilder documented by longtime summer resident, filmmaker Lauren Shaw.

Shaw has extensive credits and awards nationally and internationally for her filmmaking, but her connection to Maine and to the Maine International Film Festival centers on the documentary films "Maine Women: Living on the Land," which premiered at MIFF in 2005, and "A Drop in the Bucket," which premiered at MIFF in 2009. Her latest feature documentary, "Angkor's Children," has screened in 16 festivals around the world and at many prestigious venues.

A longtime neighbor of John, who has rowed around every cove and peninsula of Great Pond with him, Lauren states:

"I have known John Willey for the last twenty years or so. When my son was thirteen they built a wooden kayak together up the road at



Eli's Hill, where John used to live. Since that time, John has become part of our family life in Belgrade Lakes. We have spent many summers paddling together in silence across our beloved Great Pond until after a while, John would sing in his baritone voice "Amazing Grace." We have explored ancient rocks, petrified wood, and

loon harmonies. We have sat on our dock at sunset toasting the summer, friendships and life, always marveling at the sky."

Lauren describes, "John is an example of 'amazing grace.' He was born in Clinton, Maine, and schooled at Goodwill Hinckley

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where he has become the most devoted alumnus ever to graduate. His heart is filled with generosity, joy and love. He is one of the most well-read people I know and his curiosity continues to inspire me. His kindness is gentle and his laugh is unforgettable."

"How do you make a film about a man who does not think or speak in straight lines?" Lauren asks. "His storytelling is poetic, wandering and long. So when I set out to make a film about his life, his beloved wife Barbara warned me it would not go well."

Although Lauren has years of footage, which include interviews and sequences, she ultimately knew the only way to share John with an audience was through his poetry. *About John* is "a visual contemplation driven by the poetry of John Willey and the richness of his surrounding natural world."

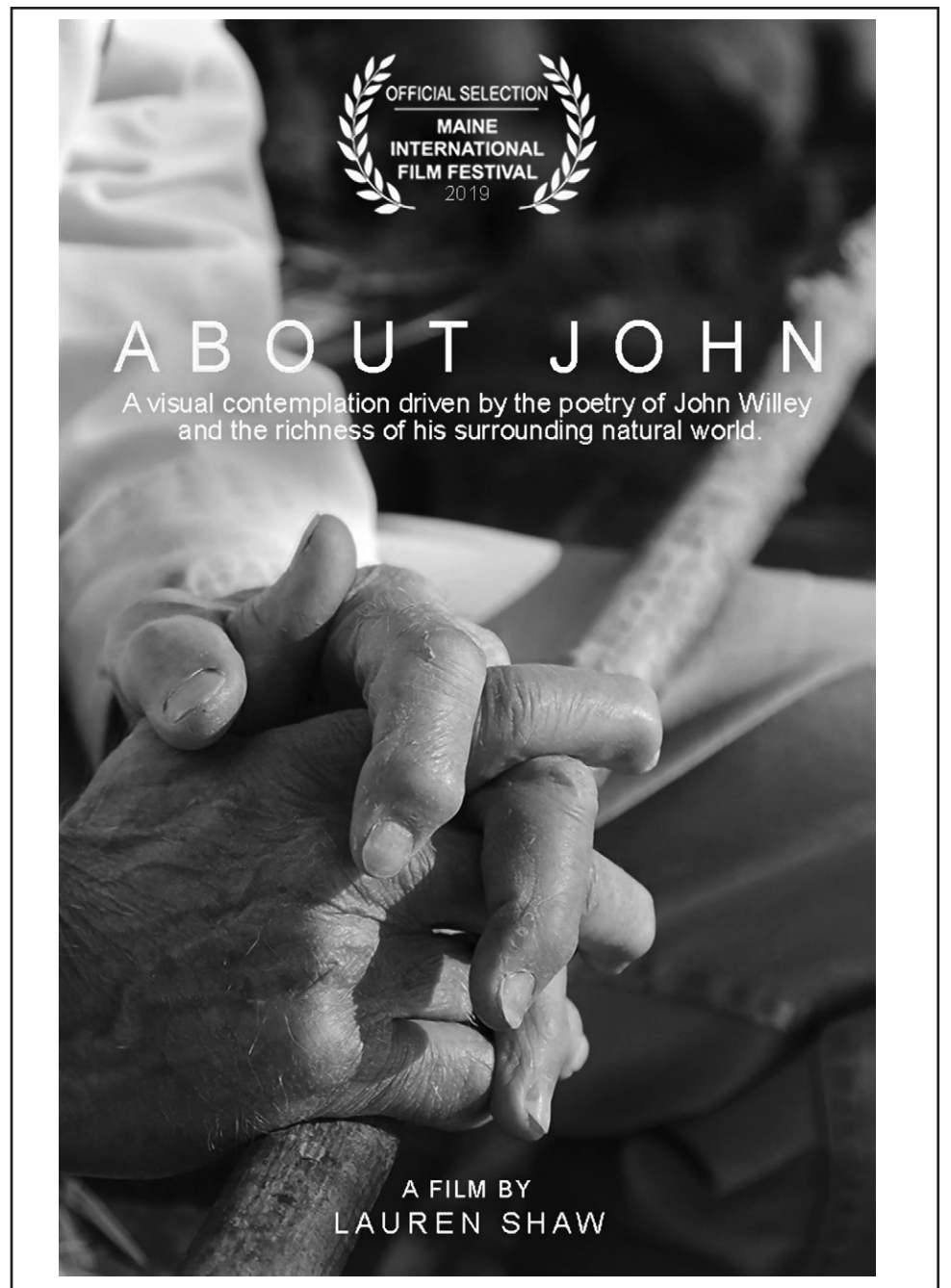
In summary, Lauren states, "I am honored to pay tribute to this remarkable man and thrilled to share this film at the Maine International Film Festival, which has been part of our lives for the last twenty-two years."

About John will premier at the Maine International Film Festival on the following dates:

- 7/15 Railroad Square Cinema 1: 6:30 pm
- 7/17 Railroad Square Cinema 1: 3:30 pm
- 7/20 Opera House, Waterville: 3:30 pm

John and Lauren will be at the July 15 and 17 showings and John will be at the Opera House on July 20.

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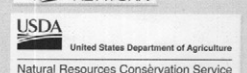




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—The Luckiest Boy—

GONE FISHIN' Part I

by Rod Johnson

It was 4 months after my 8th birthday in July of 1955. Lee asked me if I'd like to go out fishing the next day with he and Elmer. He said he'd been watching me catch perch in the stream as well as off the bridge and figured it was about time I moved up and learned how to troll out in the lake. In those days the lake was stocked yearly with trout and salmon and a good number of them had grown to several pounds. To this I replied "yes sir" and worked hard at not jumping up and down with joy and showing him how elated I really was. The idea of catching a big fish instead of my usual perch and sun fish sounded like the chance of a lifetime. However, even more exciting than that was the hope that the two old men would let me drive the outboard—but I didn't dare to ask him if that would happen.

Before we go any further, let me introduce you to Lee and Elmer whom I describe as old men. I now realize that neither of them had reached much more than 60 years, give or take a few. Lee was a soft spoken man of slight stature, perhaps five foot four inches with no extra fat on him and bright white hair. He lived alone on Main Street in Belgrade Lakes in a rented apartment attached to the rear of the house now owned by Carl Cook. The so-called apartment was actually a rustically remodeled barn/shed and was torn down about 25 years ago. Lee worked for my father Clifford during the summers tending our boat rental business down by the dam. He was also a neighbor and friend of my folks as we lived in the house next door. Lee would, on occasion, come over for a supper if my mother walked over a little ahead of time and invited him. He was always good natured, had a sense of humor and was apt to spew out a joke now and then that bordered on raunchy. He was careful to only tell the socially acceptable ones while at dinner at our house, knowing that mother might not ask him over again if he wasn't careful. I knew from hearing occasional swear words down at the boat shop, when the men would all roar with laughter,

that he was more than capable of saying words that mother wouldn't like. The boat rental shop was equipped with everything necessary to do carpentry and light mechanical work and it also always had a bottle of whiskey under the bench. Lee was not above partaking in a "small snifter" upon occasion as the day wore on, claiming that his arthritis was acting up. Often others would stop by and join him, one being my second elder fishing partner Elmer Green. Many of the old men in town stopped by just to pass time and shoot the bull.

Elmer and his wife Elsie had a home on Skunk Alley (Hulin Road), and their property somehow bordered our house on Main street. Once again, it is a little village so we were all quite close neighbors. Elmer and Elsie lived in their house during the spring, fall and winter. During the summer they operated and lived at what is now known as Village Camps, just north of the dam on Long Pond. It was then known as Gillman Camps. Elmer gave me my first paying job at the age of 8 years. He had a great amount of grass to mow each week, both at the camps and his home. One day, out of the clear blue sky, he appeared in our back yard when I was out in my tree cabin and wanted to know if I'd like to mow grass. I said "sure, I'll do it" and never discussed pay. He then knocked on our back porch screen door and mother appeared. He cleared it with her and I followed him down across the lawn and was introduced to a wobbly wheeled old mower with a Briggs and Stratton motor on it. He showed me how to start it and told me to make a few passes and not to miss any spots—as Elsie liked it to look really good. Elmer wore the old man T-shirts with shoulder straps and as I went on my very first pass he sat down in the lawn chair, got out a can of Prince Albert pipe tobacco and rolled a cigarette. After that we were weekly mowing buddies and it took us both most of one day (with rest stops) to mow both areas. During the stops, Elmer would smoke and perhaps drink

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— Take It Outside —

Fishing and Hiking

by Pete Kallin

Last week included the 49th annual meeting of the Maine Lakes Society, on whose board I served from 2008-2019. We held our meeting at UM Farmington and had some excellent presentations focused on new technologies for monitoring Maine's lakes and ways lake associations can better motivate their members, legislators, and local communities to protect these valuable public resources. It is a great organization that works tirelessly to protect and preserve the values and benefits of Maine's lakes, ponds, and watersheds for future generations – through science-based action, education and advocacy. We are always looking for new members and volunteers. Check out: <https://mainelakessociety.org/> or call Executive Director, Susan Gallo, at 495-2301 to become involved.

As the schools have finished up, more young people are turning up on the lakes and trails. I recently hiked Mount Phillip and met Ben Collins and his half-sister, Emily Caron, beginning their hike. Ben and his brother, Matt, both worked for the BRCA (now 7-Lakes Alliance) while I was the Executive Director a few years ago. They were both Courtesy Boat Inspectors (CBIs) and Matt also worked with the Conservation Corps for a while. Their sister, Emily, is a current CBI with 7-Lakes Alliance. Ben is getting ready to begin hiking



Ben Collins and Emily Caron on Mount Phillip.

the Appalachian Trail and was doing a training hike. I hiked with them to the top, where Emily sat on Jack's Rock to "Chill for a while," while Ben completed three loops of the trail, planning to rejoin him on the way down on the final leg. It is always good to see local youth out on the trails and helping to protect the lakes.

For over ten years, the East Pond Association and 7-



Mel Croft and Jasper with nice chain pickerel.

Lakes Alliance have been implementing a Watershed Management Plan for East Pond that culminated in a major in-lake remediation project last fall. Since the alum treatment, the lake has been clearer than it has been for many years. I hadn't been on the lake since the treatment so my fellow 7-LA board member, Mel Croft, invited me over to do a little fishing with him and Jasper,

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In truth, even if there were scores of houses listed, this property would stand out.

The setting is beautifully private: 1.68 acres, well-screened, with a generous 200 feet of water frontage near the southern tip of the pond, whose maximum depth is 76 feet. A dock could easily be added; but there are already an association boat launch, and an association beach, close by.

Swimming, fishing (Parker is known for its salmon and bass,) kayaking and boating – the very best of the Maine outdoors – are all here. And the Kennebec Land Trust's Parker



Pond Headland Preserve is just down the road.

The well-maintained home will allow a new owner time to enjoy these amenities. Built in 2004, it's a spacious (2,464 square feet) contemporary ranch of open-concept design, and offers single-level living as an option. Flooring is new throughout, and a heat pump enhances efficiency.

Three bedrooms, and 2.5 bathrooms, show that the home is well-suited to a family. Two sunrooms – one off the master bedroom, one off the dining room – represent a special feature.

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- **Maine State Museum**, Tuesday-Friday 9 am-5 pm, Saturday 10 am-4 pm, \$2 adults, \$1 ages 6-18, 287-2301, www.maine-statemuseum.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.augusta-maine.gov, Water Street/downtown.
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- **Farmers' Market at Mill Park**, Tuesday 2-6 pm, 626-2305, www.farmersmarketmillpark.org/, North Water Street
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- **Kennebec River Rail Trail**, 623-8162, www.krrt.org, access near Gardiner/Randolph Bridge, 6.5 miles to Augusta
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- **Oosoola 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

- **Town Parks**, playground, picnic tables, swimming area, boat launch area, Belgrade Road on Lake Messalonskee and McGrath Pond Road on McGrath Lake

- **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

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SIDNEY

- **New England Music Camp**, concerts free and open to the public, Bowl-in-the-Pines on Lake Messalonskee, 465-3025, www.nemusiccamp.com, 8 Goldenrod Lane, Route 23

- **Sidney Historical Society**, 724-8032, www.sidneyhistoricalalso-ciety.org, 2986 Middle Road

- **Silver Spur Riding Club**, horse shows, 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

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.themuseuminthestreets.com/waterville.htm

- **Head of Falls Park/Two Cent Bridge**, historic foot bridge over Kennebec River connecting Waterville and Winslow, Front Street

- **Common Street Arts**, 872-2787, www.commonstreetarts.org, Wednesday through Saturday noon to 5 pm, Thursday until 6 pm, 93 Main Street

- **Colby College Museum of Art**, 859-5600, www.colby.edu/museum/ Tuesday-Saturday 10 am-5 pm, Sunday 12-5 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 and Redington Museum**, 1814 home and 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,

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.thewiltonfarmandhomemuseum.org, Saturday 1-4 pm or by appointment, 10 Canal Street

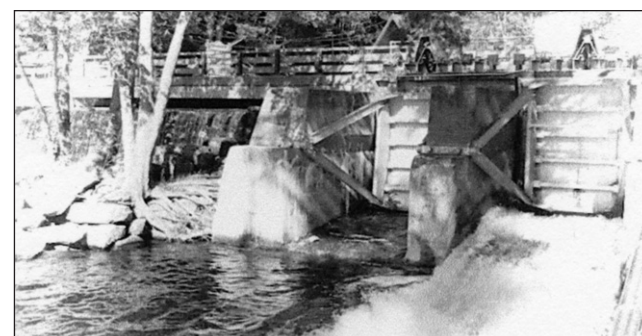
WINSLOW

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

WINTHROP

- **Norcross Park**, playground, picnic site, boat launch on Maranacook Lake

- **Farmers' Market**, 446-2899, Tuesday and Saturday 9 am-1 pm, town office parking lot, 17 Highland Avenue



The Dams Keeper Report

As I am writing this week's report we just received another .86" of rain here in the Belgrades. June was forecasted to be 23% less precipitation than normal, not more. July's forecast is now down from 26% to 16% less precipitation. August is still forecasted at 26% less precip than normal so we'll see!

All of our ponds are still nicely above full pond. Great Pond is 4.2" above full, Long Pond is 1.92" above and Salmon is about 1/2" above full pond. For a trip down memory lane, last year at this time Great Pond was 5.76" BELOW full with both gates completely closed. Long Pond was 3.36" BELOW full as well with both gates also completely closed so you can easily see the difference a little rain can make. You will see that all of our gates are still somewhat open to augment the existing flow over the spillways. If not, we would be flooding out our feathered friends as well as most folk's docks. It's always a delicate balance but your volunteer Dams Committee has proven up to the task.

This is the week that you will want to keep an eye out for baby loons as it is this time of year – again! We have lost a couple of loon nests already this season due to predation but we are hopeful that our loon population will continue their resiliency but we are no longer taking anything for granted.

The forecast for the next 10 days is 'just' .86" of precip so we are starting to normalize a bit which is great for our visitors, residents, gardens, farms and our ponds.

You can also see in the photo below the potential effect of uncontrolled high water as well as the reason for a 200 ft. State No-Wake Zone! There are numerous reasons for this 200 ft no wake zone.

Enjoy your Summertime in the Belgrades!

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— Calendar —

...Through Sunday 7/7 – "Ghost of a Chance," 474-7176, Lakewood Theater, Route 201, Madison.

...Thursday 7/5 and Friday 7/6 – "The Merry Wives of Windsor," by William Shakespeare, 933-9999, The Theater at Monmouth.

...Friday 7/5 - Waterville Rocks!, featuring Kat Wright; Katie Matzell, free, family friendly, 5:30-8:30 pm, Castonguay Square, downtown Waterville.

...Friday 7/5 – "Calypso Soldiers," Summer Waterfront Concert, free, food to purchase, children's activities, 7:30 pm, 582-7144, Waterfront Park, Gardiner.

...Friday 7/5 – New England Music Camp Counselor Recital, 7:30 pm, 844-476-6976, ext. 1, Alumni Hall, 8 Goldenrod Lane, Sidney.

...Saturday 7/6 - Are You Buff Enough? How to Become LakeSmart-er Workshop 2019, sponsored by the North Pond Association, 362-1009, 9-11 am, Fairview Grange #342, Main Street, Smithfield.

...Saturday 7/6 - Intro to Woodblock Printmaking, taught by Jaime Wing, two-part crash-course in traditional relief printing (also 7/13), adults ages 18 and up, tuition \$85 members, \$95 non-members, 622-3813, The Harlow, 100 Water Street, Hallowell.

...Saturday 7/6 – New England Mineral Association, learn about minerals and gemstones found in different localities in Maine, Summer Wildlife Days, 11 am, 657-4977, Maine Wildlife Park, Gray.

...Saturday 7/6 – "The Jungle Book," family show, 1 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater at Monmouth.

...Saturday 7/6 – Old Time Toys, take a trip through history and explore some of the popular games kids played a hundred years ago, 1-2 pm, \$3 adults, \$1 under 18, 238-4250, L.C. Bates Museum, Route 201, Hinckley.

...Saturday 7/6 - Concert, New England Music Camp, historic Bowl in the Pines, Messalonskee Lake, 3 pm, no admission, 465-3025, Pond Road, Route 23, Sidney.

...Saturday 7/6 – Public Supper, potluck, 5:30 pm, Smithfield Baptist Church, Route 137, Smithfield.

...Saturday 7/6 – "Murder for Two," 7:30 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater at Monmouth.

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

...Sunday 7/7 - Kennebec Performing Arts Company, free concert, 5-6:15 pm, Coburn Park, Water Street, Skowhegan.

...Monday 7/8 - Kennebec Leadership Institute Golf Tournament, to provide scholarships to the Institute, \$130 per golfer, registration 9 am, shotgun start 10 am, www.Kennebecvalleychamber.com, Augusta Country Club, Route 202, Manchester.

...Tuesday 7/9 - Chewonki Predators & Owls, learn how to recognize different animals and how they use their abilities to survive, live animals will be present, 2-4 pm, Maine Lakes Resource Center, Main Street, Belgrade Lakes.

...Tuesday 7/19 – "Mary Poppins," free family movie, 6:30 pm, rain or shine, free dinner 5:45-6:15 pm for youth 18 and under, 474-3621, Margaret Chase Smith School, Skowhegan.

...Tuesday 7/9 - Boogie Mob, Rock on the River concert, free, Hallowell Bandstand, Granite City Park, 94 Water Street, Hallowell.

...Wednesday 7/10 - "Women Caring for the Land," free women landowners meeting to discuss soil health and conservation planning, any female landowner welcome, free lunch and field tour included, 8:30 am-3 pm, 480-4287, Viles Arboretum, Augusta.

...Wednesday 7/10 - Grange Supper, entree, beverage, dessert, 5 pm, Fairview Grange, Main Street/Route 11, Smithfield.

...Wednesday 7/10 - Kayaking 101, sponsored by 30 Mile River Watershed Association, 6-8 pm, register at www.30mileriver.org, Lake Minnehonk, Mount Vernon.

...Wednesday 7/10 through Saturday 7/13 – "Ghost of a Chance," 474-7176, Lakewood Theater, Route 201, Madison.

...Wednesday 7/10 – New England Music Camp Faculty Artist Recital, 7:30 pm, 844-476-6976, ext. 1, Alumni Hall, 8 Goldenrod Lane, Sidney.

...Wednesday 7/10 – "Nikki Hunt Band," Waterfront Wednesday Concert Series, wonderful family event, free for the public, 6 pm, Waterfront Park, Augusta.

...Wednesday 7/10 - July Book Discussion, "Paris Was the Place," by Susan Conley, adult summer reading, a statewide summer reading program with a Maine twist, 6:30 pm, 626-2415, Lithgow Public Library, 45 Winthrop Street, Augusta.

...Wednesday 7/10 - "Murder for Two," 7:30 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater At Monmouth.

...Thursday 7/11 – Friends and Neighbors Lunch, all welcome, 11:30 am-1 pm, 495-3599, Union Church, Main Street, Belgrade

Lakes.

...Thursday 7/11 - Sun Prints, free family-friendly Art in the Park, 4-6 pm, alongside the Downtown Farmers' Market at RiverWalk, Head of Falls, Waterville.

...Thursday 7/11 – Renovators, free concert, Oakland Waterfront Park, 6-8 pm at the gazebo, boat landing, Messalonskee Lake, Oakland.

...Thursday 7/11 - McGrath Pond/Salmon Lake Association annual meeting, 6-8 pm, mpssassociation@gmail.com, North Belgrade Community Center, Route 8, North Belgrade.

...Thursday 7/11 - PechaKucha Night Waterville Volume 32, incredible stories from community members, 6:20 pm reception, 7:20 pm presentations, Castonguay Square, downtown Waterville.

...Thursday 7/11 - Climate Resilience Talk, with guest speaker Sean Birkel, a Maine State Climatologist, 6:30-8 pm, Maine Lakes Resource Center, Main Street, Belgrade Lakes.

...Thursday 7/11 and Friday 7/12 – "Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery," Thursday preview show, Friday opening, 7:30 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater at Monmouth.



See page 19 for information on the 2019 Atlantic Music Festival.

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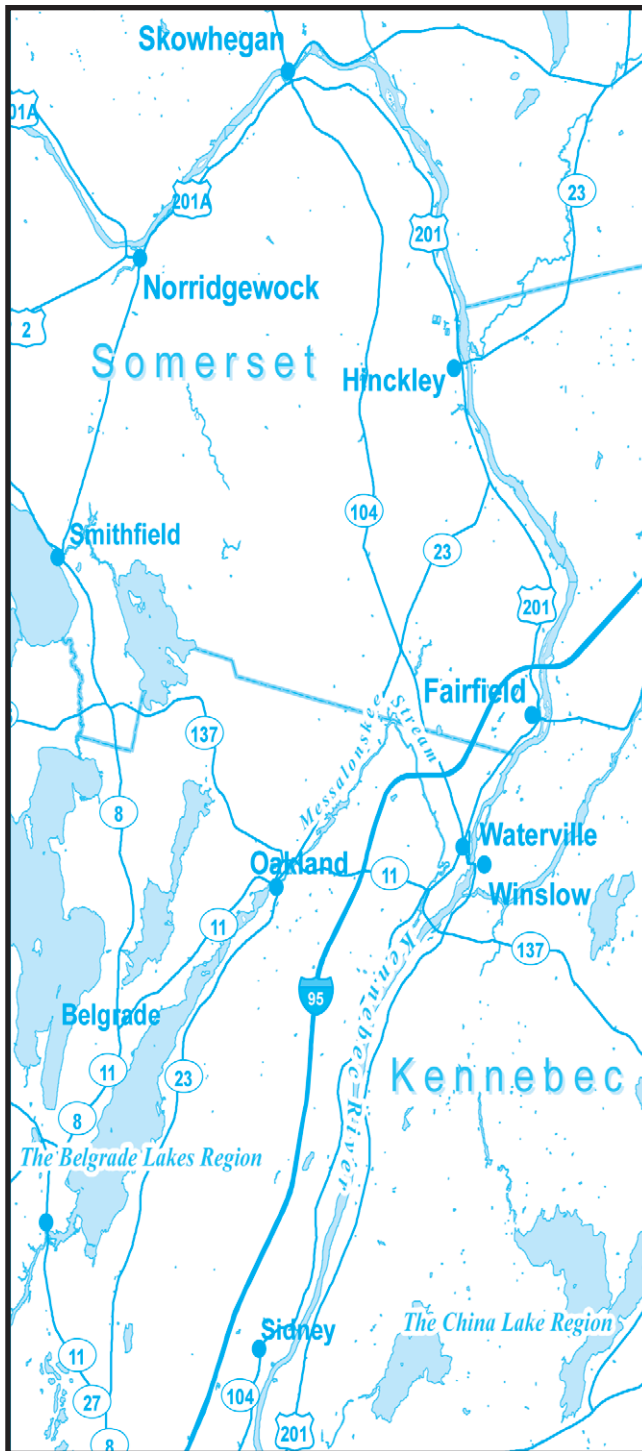
PechaKucha Night Waterville (PK WTVL) Volume 32 will take place in Castonguay Square on Thursday, July 11th- the eve of the 22nd annual Maine International Film Festival (MIFF). The exciting evening will begin with a reception at 6:20pm, where there will be delicious complimentary refreshments, and presentations following promptly at 7:20pm. The effervescent emcee for this occasion will be Tamsen Brooke Warner, Executive Director of the Waterville Opera House.

Volume 32 will share incredible stories from community members that will expand your mind and interests! From film to community, PK WTVL V.32 will have it all. The passionate presenters and their topics are:

- Samantha Burdick – Lessons from Tanzania
- Mary Dunn – Using Art for Action
- Emily Fournier – Putting Community in Community Theater
- Michael Gorman – Harpooning Addiction
- Séan Alonzo Harris – I Am Not a Stranger
- Michael Maher – Emotions in Sports
- Lindsay Wyatt – The Story of a Squash
- Brian Zemrak – The Making of Bongee Bear and the Kingdom of Rhythm

PK WTVL is Waterville's connection to a global storytelling network of creative people sharing their creative muse in 20x20 (20 images showing for 20 seconds each). Over the years, PK WTVL has brought thousands of area residents together in celebration of passions, stories, and creativity. All are invited to this free event! About PechaKucha Night Waterville PK WTVL is presented by a volunteer Team PK, Waterville Creates!, and the Waterville Public Library. The Colby Center for the Arts and Humanities is the PK WTVL 2018-2019 season sponsor. PechaKucha Night was created in 2003 by Klein Dytham Architecture in Tokyo and has become

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an international phenomenon with events happening in more than 900 cities around the world. The 20x20 format makes presentations concise, keeps the evening moving at a rapid pace, and allows for plenty of discussion among participants and attendees. Links to more information on PechaKucha Night Waterville: www.facebook.com/PKNWaterville (Official Facebook Page).

Summer Events and Exhibits at Central Maine Museums will Focus on Women in our Communities

The Central Kennebec Heritage Consul of Museums will offer engaging summer programs, exhibits and activities focused on women of the past in our local communities including Suffragettes. Visit the museum exhibits or programs to learn the interesting stories of women who played important roles in our central Maine Towns and Communities. The following is a list of some events at Central Maine museums.

To commemorate the centennial of women's suffrage, the Margaret Chase Smith Library has organized a new exhibit for 2019, "Women Must Take Full Responsibility for Their Citizenship:" Margaret and the 19th Amendment. The display highlights Smith's involvement in women's groups and how she became the beneficiary of

women gaining the right to vote in 1920 by going on to serve in Congress from 1940 to 1973 and run for the Republican presidential nomination in 1964. The Margaret Chase Smith Library is located at 56 Norridgewock Avenue in Skowhegan and is open Monday through Friday from 10 AM to 4 PM. Phone 474-7133 for more details.

The Taconett Falls Genealogical Library will provide information about families place in the Suffrage movement. Women's Suffrage was a "family affair". Men supported—and often outdid—their wives in the suffrage movement. Taconett Falls looks at several central Maine families, focusing on the Connors of Augusta and Fairfield. Taconett: on-going exhibit (July-Aug)

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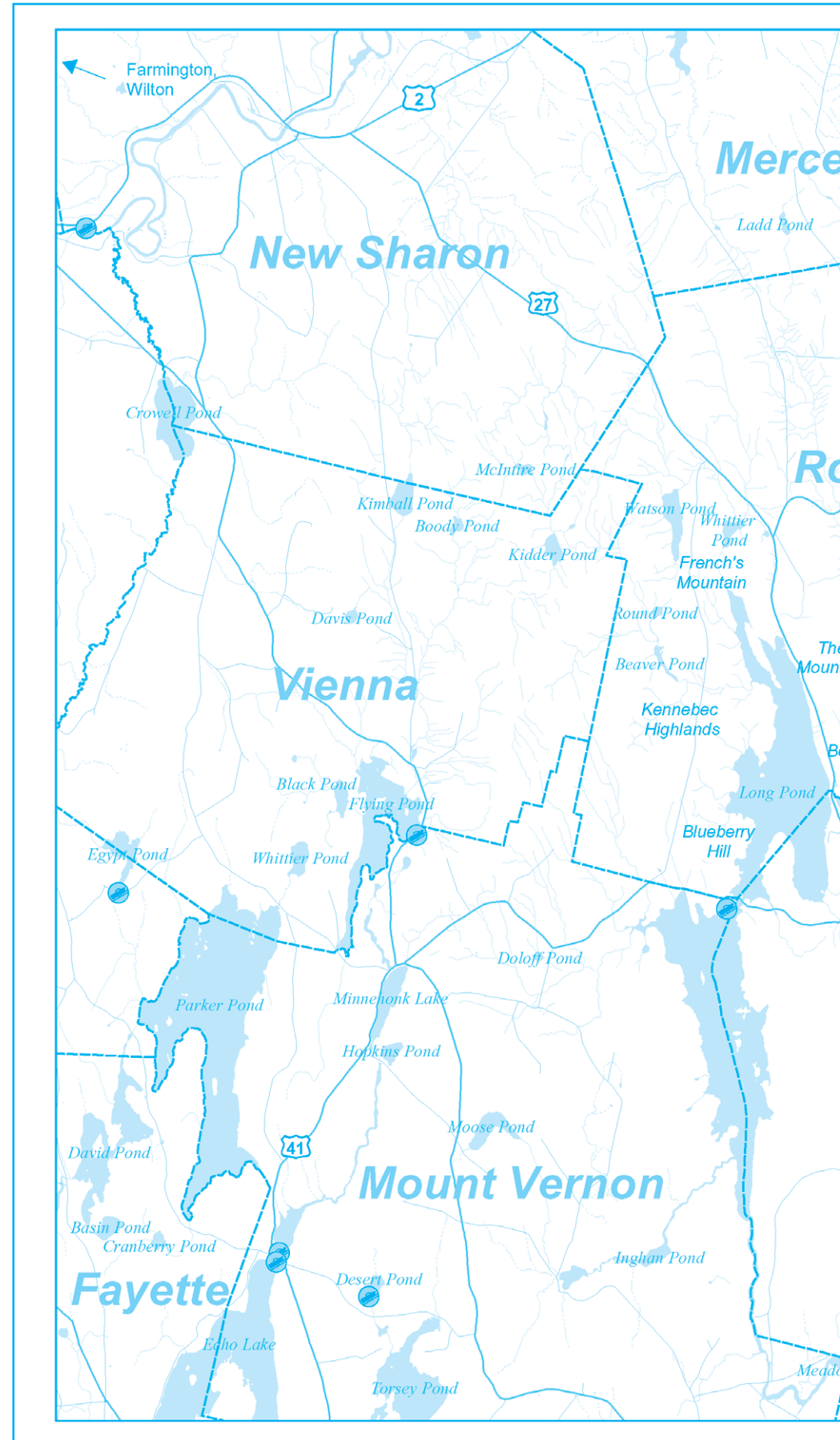
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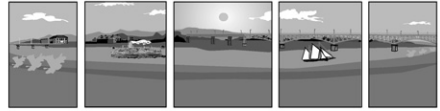
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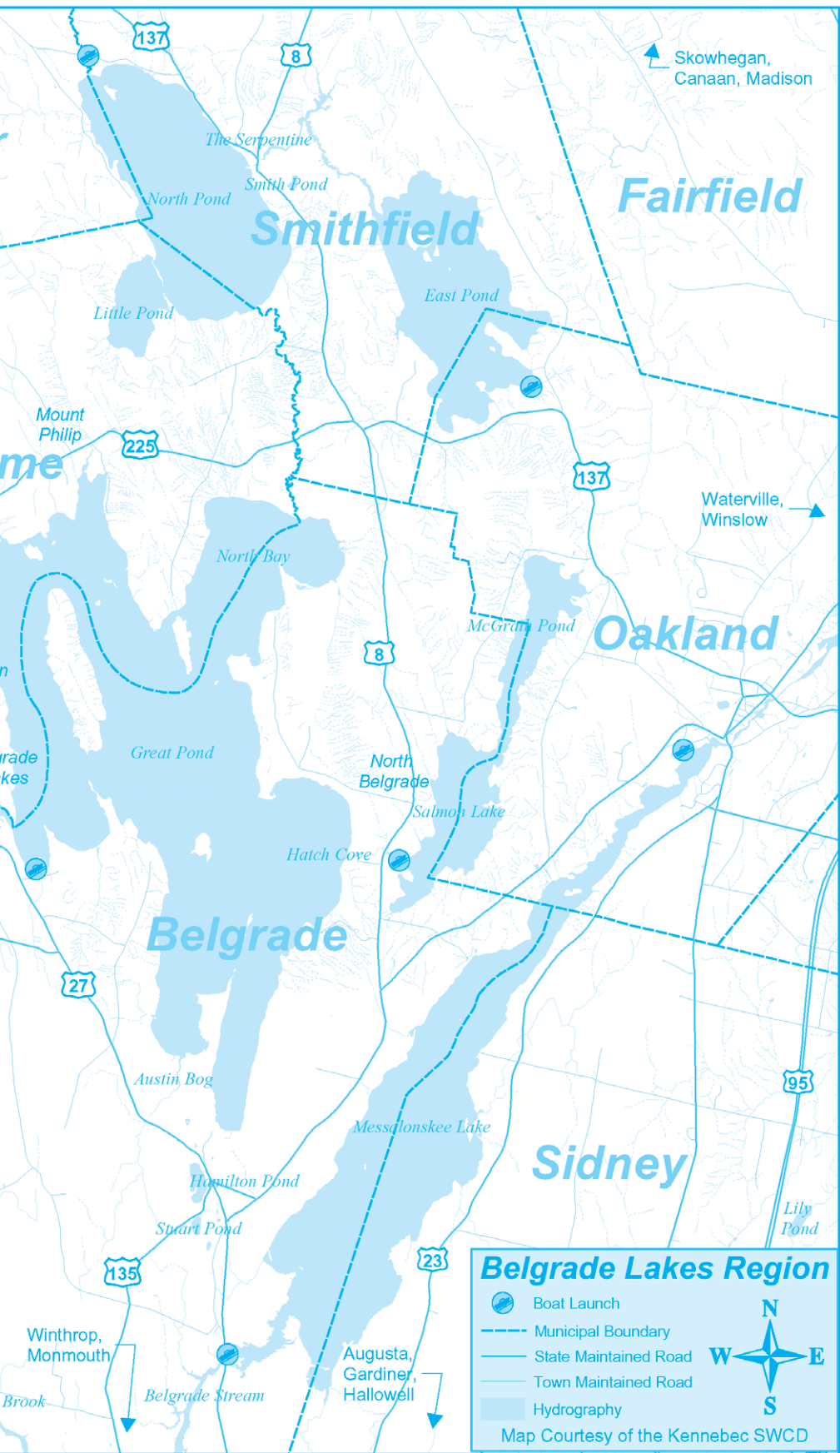
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— Upcoming —

JULY

- Mad Science is coming to Oakland Public Library on Friday, July 12, 10:30 am, 18 Church Street. 465-7533
- The Annual Lawn Sale with Zone 4 Perennials plus tools, clothes, electronics, books, furnishings and much more will be included at the Universalist Unitarian Church sale, 8:30 am-noon, rain or shine, Saturday, July 13, on the point of Elm and Silver Streets, Waterville.
- Smithfield Maine Historical Society is holding a Pancake Breakfast/Food Sale at Smithfield Baptist Church on Lake View Drive, 7-9:30 am and a Yard Sale at the Grove's History House, 8 am-1 pm, Saturday, July 13. 362-5340
- Neighbors Driving Neighbors is sponsoring an auction of homemade desserts, 5-7 pm, Saturday, July 13, at the Community Center in Mount Vernon. A viewing of desserts will proceed the auction. 293-2704
- Maine Crime Writers Build a Mystery, a panel of 3 Maine mystery writers - Belgrade resident Maureen Milliken along with Kate Flora and Sandra Neilly - will construct a mystery with input from the audience on Monday, July 15, 6 pm at the Belgrade Public Library, Depot Road. 495-3508
- The Annual 5K Road Race to benefit the Belgrade Public Library will be held on Saturday, July 20, at 7:30 am at the Belgrade Central School. 495-3508

- On Saturday, July 27 the Lake Stewards of Maine (formerly Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program) will hold its Annual Lake Monitoring Conference at The Great Outdoors in Turner. This year's theme is The Influences of Climate Change on Lakes: What's Coming and What's Already Happening. 783-7733

- Dinner by the Lake 2019 to benefit the Belgrade/Rome Special Needs Food Pantry will be held Saturday, July 27, 6 pm on Long Pond. \$50 per person donation. Reservations required: 495-2022

- The North Pond Invasive Plant Patrol (aka Plant Paddle) will be Tuesday, July 30, 8:30 am, North Pond Public Boat Launch, North Shore Drive, Smithfield; all volunteers welcome, no experience necessary; bring canoe or kayak if you have one. Rain date 7/31. 313-2494

AUGUST

- Moonlight Madness in downtown Skowhegan is scheduled for Thursday, August 1. Events include kids' activities, live music, numerous vendors and the famous bed races. 474-3621

- The Belgrade Fire and Rescue Bean Hole Bean supper at the Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons, 5-7 pm, followed by the Annual Loon Calling Contest in Belgrade Lakes will be on Saturday, August 3; sign up for the Loon Calling outside Lakepoint Real Estate at 6:30 pm. 495-3312

- The Taste of Waterville, sponsored by the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce, will be held on Wednesday, August 7, 11 am-11 pm. 873-3315

- The Gaslight Theater (Hallowell) in collaboration with the Augusta Downtown Alliance will present a weekend of Shakespeare in the Park with "A Midsummer Night's Dream," August 15-17. 626-3698

- The monthly bean supper sponsored by the Mt. Philip Grange in Rome will be held on Saturday, August 17 to benefit a donation of school supplies to Messalonskee Middle School students. All you can eat; adults \$7, under 5 free.

- On August 22-25, the 53rd Blistered Fingers Family Bluegrass Music Festival with 10 major bands, an extra large tent area for spectators, a Kids Academy, concessions, camping and more is scheduled at the Litchfield Fairgrounds. Children 16 and under free with adult. 873-6539

- On Thursday, August 22 at 7 pm the Belgrade Historical Society will host "Inventing Vacationland, How Maine became a number one Tourist Destination, presented by Scott Andrews of the University of Southern Maine Senior College at the Maine Lakes Resource Center in Belgrade Lakes. 548-3569

- The Maine Outdoor Film Festival will be in Belgrade on Friday, August 23, 8 pm at the Center for All Seasons. \$5.

- On Sunday, August 25, the Kennebec Land Trust's popular Tri-Sports Challenge will take place at Camp Androscoggin on Androscoggin Lake in Wayne, when individuals and teams will swim, paddle and run, and enjoy a potluck lunch followed by KLT's Annual Meeting. 377-2848


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a Narragansett, Elsie would bring me lemonade. At the end of the day, Elmer sat down again and handed me six dollars. I was sure that I was rich.

This completes Part I. We hope that you will come back next week and join us as we get out on the water.



Blow the Man Down will open the 2019 MIFF. For more see page 14.



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Aug-29	Suzie and the Smelts
Sep-5	Rain Date



The Weekend begins on Thursday night - 1/2



- Conservation Too -

Are you Beginning to Think About Work on Your Camp Road?

By Dale Finseth

It isn't too late for you to plan work on your gravel road. As part of our focus on Nonpoint Source or NPS pollution, gravel roads are this week's topic.

In rural Maine we often need to travel on a gravel road. Around our camp we, or our road association, may be responsible for the gravel access road. Those road surfaces frequently collect and direct runoff into our lakes, ponds, streams and wetlands. Unlike public roadways, you or your road association are responsible for their impact on water quality.

Much of our conservation work and the work of various Road Associations and watershed groups focuses on gravel road work. Gravel road erosion is a major source of sediment into our lakes and that sediment carries phosphorus in addition to other toxins like road salt, oil and the like. Gravel roads and their associated ditches can also serve to concentrate the stormwater runoff from adjacent properties. Improving the way those gravel roads function is an excellent way to help protect water quality. Given all the use those roads get during the summer, an improved road both costs less money over time and makes for a less destructive "mud season". Given the long and relatively wet spring, those problems may seem more severe. Potholes have appeared, ruts have developed in the tire lanes, ditches may NOT be directing runoff into



Don't let your road start looking like this.

vegetated areas or sediment pools. Instead, the roadway, culverts, and ditches can act like a funnel to concentrate the road runoff.

The Kennebec SWCD focuses on Gravel Road Management Plans to provide landowners a better understanding of how their road impacts water quality and how to manage its maintenance and improvements to minimize that impact. A good Road Management Plan provides the landowners with information to better budget their resources devoted to their roadway. Those resources include the dues paid by landowners and the volunteer or contractor work to maintain it. A better maintained road can save a property from damage caused by stormwater leaving the roadway and damaging adjacent property. It is important for people to better understand how the road "works".

The feedback is good from people about Road Plans. People prefer having a long-range plan to protect the investment already made in their roadway. It allows them to make plans for the future. The Road Management Plan is usually for the "shared" road i.e. the responsibility of all the property owners. But, many of the recommendations and Best Management Practices can be modified to help the individual camp owners better manage their own driveway. We do NOT want to see these gravel roads simply become a means to transfer silt and phosphorus to our waterways. Intercepting that stormwater is an excellent way to help protect water quality.

We are beginning to recommend a late fall road maintenance plan to help protect water quality over the winter. The stormwater runoff happens even if you are not at camp! So late season road maintenance can pay dividends by helping to avoid some of the spring damage. ...And with the improved attention to long-term maintenance people can expect better long-term water quality. Definitely a "win, win" situation.

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

For information about any of our conservation projects please contact Dale Finseth at 622-7847, x 3 or check our website at www.kcswcd.org



Kennebec Land Trust Launches Ambitious Campaign to Conserve Surry Hill in Fayette

The Kennebec Land Trust is excited to announce our newest project—purchasing and permanently conserving 330 acres in Fayette, including the top of 600-foot Surry Hill. This extensive property features over 250 acres of forestland, streams flowing into our local lakes and ponds, valuable wetlands, and phenomenal scenic views. This new community conservation property will provide many recreational opportunities, including hiking, snowmobiling, hunting, mountain biking, and nature observation.

This ambitious effort is also an inspiring and hopeful example of how land trusts and other conservation owners are making a big difference in the world. Undeveloped land sequesters carbon - a natural climate solution.

KLT plans to maintain approximately fifteen acres as open fields to preserve scenic views of the White Mountains and nearby hills, lakes, and woodlands. The Surry Hill fields also offer tasty blueberries for hikers and habitat for pollinators, ground-nesting birds, and resident and migratory raptors.

Join KLT this summer to walk the land and take in the views. Several events



View of Mount Washington from Surry Hill in Fayette. Jane Davis

are planned to welcome the public to the property. Walks are planned for Thursday, July 11 at 9:30 AM and Thursday, September 26 at 5:30 PM. On Tuesday, August 6, at 5:30 PM we will host a Photography Walk on Surry Hill. KLT staff and local photographer, Phil Downes, will lead a hike for photography enthusiasts to capture the natural beauty of the land.

Meet at the bus turnaround at the south end of the Tom Surry Road in Fayette. Free and open to the public. Please call KLT, 207-377-2848, for more information or for directions. Or visit our website, www.tkl.org. Note: At this time, there is no formal trail system.

Generous members and supporters, including one anonymous large donor and Camps Winnebago, Laurel, and Vega, have already pledged or donated \$188,680 (as of June 12, 2019). In order to complete this conservation project by the end of October, KLT needs to raise an additional \$102,000 through private donations and grants.





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Maine Preservation Honor Awards

• Know a preservation project or a statewide preservation leader that deserves to be celebrated? The annual Maine Preservation Honor Awards is seeking nominations. The Awards celebrate excellence in historic preservation leadership, rehabilitation and craft. Since 1998, Maine Preservation has recognized historic preservation successes across Maine and the people that make them happen. Submissions must be received by July 26. 847-3577

L.C. Bates Museum

• It's not too late to sign up for summer day camps at the L.C. Bates Museum in Hinckley! Maine Birds and Animals: 7/8 - 7/12; Camp Rock: 7/15 - 7/19; Astronomy Adventures: 7/22 - 7/26; Naturalist Camp: 7/29 - 8/2; Wetland & Forest Discovery: 8/5 - 8/9; and Junior Curators: 8/12-8/16. 238-4250

Maine State Library

• Upcoming classes in July on genealogy include DNA: I have my test results. Now What? Free classes open to the public will be held on July 9, July 16 and July 23 at 10 am in the Studio, Cultural Building, 230 State Street, Augusta. 287-5613

Hallowell

• Hallowell has a sculpture in residence and the public is invited to visit Stevens Commons every Saturday, 10 am-2 pm to watch local stone-carver Jon Doody create a sculpture out of Hallowell granite. Jon is an Augusta based sculptor who has been juried in as a professional member of the Maine Stoneworkers Guild, a group dedicated to supporting fellow artists by sharing skills and techniques and introducing the art of stone carving to the public. The Arts and Cultural Committee is working on further plans to bring artist and granite sculpture to Hallowell to celebrate the city's long history as a renowned center of the granite industry. hallowellarts@gmail.com

The 22nd Annual Maine International Film Festival (MIFF) Announces the 2019 MIFF Program

The Maine Film Center (MFC) announces the program schedule for the 22nd Annual Maine International Film Festival, held in Waterville, Maine July 12th through July 21st. MIFF continues to showcase the best of American independent and international cinema and will kick off Opening Night on Friday, July 12th at the Waterville Opera House with the New England Premiere of *Blow the Man Down*, a film shot in and around Harpswell, Maine. The screening will be followed by an opening night party under the stars in Castonguay Square featuring the music of Maine's beloved jam band, Muddy Ruckus. The excitement of Opening Night will continue throughout the ten-day festival, with the opening of *MIFFONEDGE*, MIFF's experiential and experimental art and film exhibition, and the honoring of director Hilary Brougher as the 22nd Annual MIFF Mid-Life Achievement Award honoree. For a list of the complete 2019 22nd Annual MIFF schedule, visit <http://www.MIFF.org/>.

The Opening Night Film, *Blow the Man Down*, is not your ordinary everyday Made-in-Maine movie! This amazing combination

of dark humor, suspense, saltiness (in all meanings of the word) and just plain originality is sure to delight Opening Night attendees. The film, shot in Harpswell, Cundy's Harbor, Bailey Island, Orr's Island and Phippsburg, welcomes the audience to Easter Cove, a salty fishing village on the far reaches of Maine's rocky coast. Grieving the loss of their mother and facing an uncertain future, Mary Beth and Priscilla Connolly cover up a gruesome run-in with a dangerous man. To conceal their crime, the sisters must go deeper into Easter Cove's underbelly and uncover the town matriarchs' darkest secrets. *Blow the Man Down* stars Morgan Saylor, Sophie Lowe, Margo Martindale, Will Brittain, Gayle Rankin, and Annette O'Toole, and is written and directed by Bridget Savage Cole and Danielle Krudy.

"With so many Maine films and filmmakers in the spotlight this year, it is important to us to celebrate Maine and its scenic and cultural beauty at MIFF, and we believe our

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centering on the genealogical connections of the Conner family of Augusta and the Women's Movement. The library is located at 10 Lithgow Street in Winslow and is open on Wednesday & Saturday afternoons (1:00 pm to 4:00 pm)

On a visit to the Norridgewock Historical Society you will learn about women who contributed to the town of Norridgewock

The Fairfield Historical Society Fairfield has selected 5 women of different areas of Fairfield who contributed to the town including, Florence Kreger, who was involved in Suffrage, and the first women in the Julia family.

Skowhegan History House will host a talk by Adam Fisher (of Maine State Archives): "Here's to Skowhegan's Trouble Makers" that explores a group of heroic Skowhegan women who struggled for women's legal right to vote in the 1920's. It will be held on July 16th, 7-9 for free, at the Margaret Chase Smith Library at 56 Norridgewock Road, Skowhegan

At the L.C.Bates Museum on Saturday, July 27

at 1 pm, enjoy Tea With Mattie Wadsworth. In costume as Maine entomologist Mattie Wadsworth, a lover of insects, Serena will tell us about Mattie and show us her early 1900s insect collection. Speaking as Mattie, she will tell us about the importance of her collection and what it was like to be a woman entomologist over 100 years ago. We will look at one very special butterfly in the collection. Mattie will serve tea and we will make an insect craft to take home.

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Opening Night Celebration will do just that," says Maine Film Center executive director, Mike Perreault. "It will be a great kickoff for the 22nd annual Maine International Film Festival, where we bring the world to Waterville over 10 days of showcasing the best new and classic films from around the globe."

Festival tickets and passes are now on sale on the MIFF website at <http://www.MIFF.org/>.

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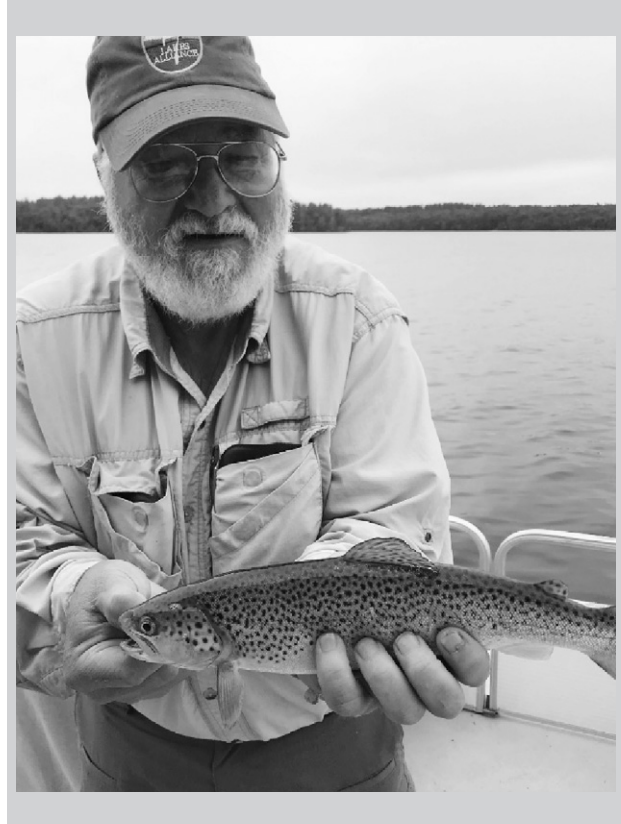
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Me with East Pond brown trout.

his fish-hunting dog. We fished for about 3 hours and caught more fish than we could count, including 8 different species (brown trout, chain pickerel, large- and smallmouth bass, white and yellow

perch, black crappie, red-breasted sunfish). Most people don't realize that Labrador retrievers were actually bred to help Labrador fishermen pull in their nets and retrieve any fish that escape. It's why a lab's favorite game is usually "tug-of-war" and they usually love to fish. Jasper epitomizes the breed.

This area offers some great outdoor recreation, whether you like to hike, bike, birdwatch, fish, sail, or paddle a canoe or kayak. Pick up a map of the local trails at Day's Store or from the 7 Lakes Alliance at the Maine Lakes Resource Center (MLRC). Also, please check the 7-LA FaceBook page for details on some interesting events scheduled this summer (<https://www.facebook.com/7lakesalliance/>). They will be hosting presentations on wildlife predators (July 3, 2 PM) and owls (July 9 at 1 PM) by Chewonki staff. On Thursday, July 11th, at 6:30 PM, State Climatologist Sean Birkel will be giving a talk on "Climate Resilience." There will be many other interesting events throughout the summer. Check the web site for more information and keep an eye on the sign out front. And make sure you take a kid along on your next outdoor adventure.



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Two Tents by Jim Haskell

by Martha F. Barkley

Another Maine author who kept me turning the pages! Yes, in only two days I read *Two Tents*, Jim's trail nickname. Read to find out how he earned this name as a section-hiker and not a thru-hiker on the great Appalachian Trail from Maine to Georgia. As a slow reader, I feel very accomplished in completing this Belgrade library book so quickly. Jim's completion of the trail was on 10-10-10, almost sounds like *Two Tents*, remove a 10.

As a boy, Jim climbed Mt. Katahdin twice with his dad. This started his hiking juices flowing. The Appalachian Trail northern end point made him curious about the entire trail south to a Georgia mountain as developed by two Mainers, of course. Mt. Washington was the original plan, but Katahdin won out in the final plan for up here.

To read Haskell's descriptions of different sections of the trail reminded me of Bill Bryson's ever popular *A Walk in the Woods*, made into a decent movie with a funny sidekick not too many years ago. I was gratified to read later that Bryson's sidekick lived a long life without alcohol.

As we journey through some of the author's short term hikes on the trail, we learn about the variety of through hikers vs weekend types who perhaps do not realize the hazards of the trail.

Jim turns out to have lived through some very life threatening days: one while hiking in Maine in May with snow up to their chins...his first wife hiked this one. He thanked her at the end of his book for planting the seed of completing the entire Appalachian Trail. Both are happily remarried and with children.

Another life threatening day was when he was alone. Most of his hiking days were alone and he explains this need beautifully. Time for reflection and observing nature. His second wife and their adopted son Jason spent many days on the trail with him as did some nieces and nephews. So he wasn't all alone all the time.

The AT turns out to be quite the place at each rest stop for making friends and sharing cooking, snacks, and warnings ahead on the trail. Sleeping was sound due to all the outdoor exercise and mountain air.

Since I love history, I found several chapters enlightening. *Feuding Founders* explains the differences between the two men from Maine who developed the trail over the years: MacKaye's original ideas vs Myron Avery's, who connected many of the already existing trails. It stunned me that Avery died so very young, being an outdoorsman and all.

Also, both Bryson and Haskell indicate that Maine is the most difficult part of the entire trail. The canoe passage required in Maine at the rushing Kennebec River made possible by Steve Longley's skill. He, like Avery, died much too young of heart failure, as well.

Saltville, VA has a great museum where Haskell discovers the Confederate history of that part of the trail and the Battle of Saltville. Whoever heard of that battle and massacre, even you Civil War buffs? The AT goes through so much history of our country: from Benedict Arnold's trek to Quebec to Antietam in Maryland to Gettysburg. We are proud Mainers when it comes to Chamberlain of Brunswick and his Maine troops at that Pennsylvania turning point of the Civil War. Both the Skyline Drive and the Blue Ridge Parkway were the original AT walking paths.

Jim's brother Bob provides a familiar family Foreword to this 21 years of completing the 2,179-mile AT. The fiftieth birthday for Jim was at Harpers Ferry, West Virginia where family gathered to celebrate his final steps on the completion of the entire trail. Photos show his triumphant accomplishment day and other scenes along this long journey.

From bears and lightning to hailstones in Virginia, Jim makes his short term hikes on the trail interesting to outdoor people and those who prefer indoors alike. The seven pages of charts at the end clearly show every step of the way from 1990-2010. Congratulations Jim on a great story about a

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Manchester-Stately colonial boasting 3-4 BR, 2.5 BA on 1.03 acres. Spacious eat-in kitchen w/granite counter tops, massive island, updated appliances. Formal DR, LR w/w wood burning fireplace, sitting room. Master BR w/private access to a newly added BA w/tile flooring, 2-3 other BR and another full BA all on the 2nd floor. Gorgeous hardwood flooring throughout. 1 car detached garage, above ground pool and deck. On demand generator, full walk-out basement. MLS #1420938 \$249,900

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wonderful accomplishment. Now, let's go take a hike!

Chelsea White, Carmel, Maine artist, painted the very beautiful scene on the cover which was a gift at the Harpers Ferry 50th birthday bash for her Uncle Jim when he finally completed his Appalachian Trail short-term hikes.

year off to hike the AT just wouldn't work. The dream was dying--until an encounter with a disenchanted thru-hiker inspired Jim to revise his dream. Don't thru-hike the AT in one year. Take your time. Section-hike it instead". That is what the author did! Amazing to find out about all the volunteers who clear the path yearly with chain saws and correcting wash-outs, etc. Sounds like our summer camp roads here in Maine.

"By his late twenties, Jim had nearly convinced himself that taking a

Classical Music Will Fill the Air at Colby This July

by Gregor Smith

In a few days, the Atlantic Music Festival will return for its eleventh summer of classical music on Colby College's sylvan campus. From July 15 to July 27, the festival's musicians will offer a concert nearly every evening and on two Saturday afternoons, too. All festival performances are free and open to the public. Except where otherwise noted below, concerts will be held in Lorimer Chapel and will begin at 7:00.

The festival will bring rising young musicians, many in their twenties, to Waterville for four weeks of private lessons, master classes, rehearsals, and performances. Overall, there will be around 140 students, who pay tuition and get weekly lessons, around 40 fellows, who receive scholarships but not lessons, and around 50 faculty. The students, fellows, and faculty come mainly from the United States, but also from other countries, most prominently China, Canada, South Korea, and Taiwan.

The internationally acclaimed Trio Fibonacci will present the festival's opening concert on Friday, July 5. This Canadian ensemble will perform two works for piano, violin, and cello by 19th-century Czech composers: the Piano Trio No. 4 in E minor ("Dumky") by Antonín Dvorák and the Piano Trio in

G minor by Bedrich Smetana.

Other highlights of the concert series, which will feature the festival's faculty, fellows, and students, include two evenings of opera arias and choruses in Strider Theater on Friday, July 12 and Thursday, July 25; two recitals by participants in festival's Piano Institute, on Saturday, July 13, 3:00 and Tuesday, July 23, 7:00, and a solo recital by the winner of the AMF's Piano Competition on July 22; and two concerts by the AMF Orchestra on Saturdays, July 14 & 27. That first orchestral concert will comprise Franz Schubert's Symphony No. 8, Frederick Delius's "Walk to the Paradise Garden," and Igor Stravinsky's *Firebird Suite*.

The core of the Atlantic Music Festival, however, is its New Music and Chamber Music concerts. This year, AMF will have seven soirées of chamber music, on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. (The dates are July 6, 10, 17, 19, 20, 24, & 26.) Each chamber music concert will have a different program of music by well established but not necessarily well known composers. These performances can range in length from one hour at the beginning of the festival to three hours during its final week.

Each New Music concert presents an array of

ensembles performing works recently composed by students and fellows in the AMF's Composition Program. Some of these works have never before been played in public, others just once or twice. According to AMF website, the festival presented over 400 world premieres during its first ten years and will present at least 50 more during this year's four New Music concerts. Those concerts will be held at 1:00 on Saturday, July 6 and at 7:00 on July 8, 11, & 16.

In addition to the performances described above are a few harder-to-classify, one-off presentations. These include "A Night Full Of Songs" on July 15, "Salon At The Bar" on July 21, and the "Future Music Lab Concert" on July 23. For times, locations, and other details on those concerts, as well as any other performances that may be added to the schedule later, visit www.atlanticmusicfestival.org or call the AMF office at 888-704-1311.

To reduce paper waste, AMF encourages concert goers to use their smartphones to view the program for each concert. (Please turn off the ringer and do not make or take calls during the performance!) For those who lack smartphones, a few paper copies of the program will be available at the door.

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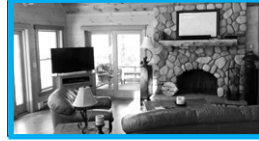


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