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Movies, Movies, Movies: MIFF Brings the World to Waterville!



n Friday, July 12, the twenty-second Maine International Film Festival begins its tenday run. With films spanning nine decades and six continents, there's something for nearly everyone, as long as one is not into car chases, explosions, or superheros. Rather, MIFF offers quieter fare, where substance trumps special effects. It is for the armchair explorer who wants to travel the world from the comfort of a padded, reclining seat in an air-conditioned movie theater.

With at least five dozen features and two dozen shorts, there's plenty to choose from. The highlights of this year's festival include three Maine-connected feature films, an award for a long-time festival supporter, a tribute to a different longtime supporter who recently died, a jazz film and concert, five current films from Argentina, and a selection of classic films from cinema's earlier decades. All festival screenings will take place at Railroad Square Cinema or the Waterville Opera House.

The festival opens at 6:30 Friday at the Waterville Opera House with *Blow the Man Down*. (In case you can't make it, there will be a repeat screening eight days later at the same time and place.) Shot in and around Harpswell in midcoastal Maine, *Blow the Man Down* "is not your ordinary everyday Made-in-Maine movie, if there is such a thing," according to the MIFF website, as it "was shot in late winter, not midsummer," and mostly under gray skies. The film offers an "amazing combination of dark humor, suspense, saltiness (in all the meanings of the word) and just plain originality."

We meet sisters Priscilla and Mary Beth Connolly after the death of their mother from a long illness. MIFF's online summary picks up the story: "They need a break ... but they won't get one. A dead body, three seriously busybody friends of their

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mom's (played by great actresses Annette O'Toole, June Squibb, and Marceline Hugot), and a friendly but inquisitive young local cop combine with towering local inn-keeper — okay, it's actually a brothel — Enid (the unforgettable Margo Martindale) to make the Connolly sisters' lives complicated."

Saturday at 12:30, Railroad Square will host the world première of this year's second Maine-related feature, an animated musical written and directed by Brian Zemrak of Winslow and produced by his California brother Derek. Suitable for all ages, *Bongee Bear and the Kingdom of Rhythm* is the only full-length animated movie in this year's festival. The MIFF broadsheet describes the film: "In a land known as The Kingdom of Rhythm, a young orphan bear, Bongee becomes the life-long friend of the young Princess Katrina and tries to protect her from the evil witch Bandrilla..., who casts a spell on

the people of the kingdom. Bongee sets out, with the aid of his wacky friend Myrin ... and the wise owl Mindy, to break the spell and return singing and dancing to the land." The film's vocal talent includes the inimitable Ruth Buzzi as Bandrilla, the late Dom DeLuise as Myrin, and nonagenarian June Lockhart as Mindy. The film will have a repeat screening on Sunday at 12:30 at the Opera House.

(The festival's third and final Maine feature, *In the Moon's Shadow*, will also have two screenings, but not until MIFF's second weekend. We'll have an extended article about the making of that film, which co-stars Belgrade actress Debra Lord Cooke and was partly shot in that town, in next week's issue.)

On Sunday evening, MIFF will present its Mid-Life Achievement Award to New York City screenwriter and director Hillary Brougher following a 6:30 screening of her newest film, *South Mountain*,



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South Mountain

at the Waterville Opera House. An associate professor at the Columbia University School of the Arts, she chairs its Film Division.

Each year, MIFF presents a Lifetime or Mid-Life Achievement Award — the designation depends on the age of the recipient — to an actor, director, screenwriter, or other professional filmmaker. Last year's honoree was French actress Dominique Sanda; previous winners include actors Lauren Hutton, Michael Murphy, Glenn Close, Keith Carradine, Malcolm McDowell, John Turturro, Ed Harris, Peter Fonda, and Sissy Spacek; directors Robert Benton and Jonathan Demme; and writer Terrence Malick.

Brougher first came to MIFF in its first year (1998) to introduce her first film, The Sticky Fingers of Time (1996). She returned with that sci-fi film noir about a time-jumping, 1950s pulp-fiction author for MIFF's twentieth anniversary in 2017. The film will be shown again on Monday at 3:30 at the Opera House.

South Mountain debuted at the South by Southwest Festival in Austin, TX in March. *Continued on page 12*

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Top the Day With a **Tasting at Tree Spirits**

n a tree-lined road in Oakland, up a short driveway, there is a small building - like many in Maine originally intended for other purposes (a junk shop; sailboat storage) - that invites those in search of adventure, hospitality and refreshment to taste some unique wines and spirits and discover how local entrepreneur, Bruce Olson - owner, brewer, bartender/host and raconteur, produces the best in locally-sourced and

locally-brewed products, provides a fascinating product narrative and wins international awards.

Specializing in wines and spirits made from local apples and pears (from The Apple Farm in Fairfield) and maple syrup (from the Bacon Farm in Sidney), Tree Spirits is unusual in being both a winery and a distillery. It also is unusual in being a distiller - the only one in New England - of absinthe, the Green Fairy that was outlawed for a century in Europe and the United States due to purported hallucinogenic properties. Using a multiingredient recipe from the 1800s (ask Bruce to tell the story), Tree the Spirits absinthe must be tested and approved by the federal Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau.



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The Luckiest Boy_

The fishing day came and the two men busied themselves loading the fish rods, bait pail, their own lunch boxes and so on into one of father Clifford's green Rangley rowboats that he normally rented to others. Lee always had use of them at will but had asked Dad if we could use the one with the newest 5 horsepower Johnson, as it would idle really well for trolling slowly. They had told me the day before to "put up a lunch "and more importantly, go fishing in Bill Pulsifer's boat house real early in the morning. They wanted me to bring along at least a half dozen small perch to use as bait after removing the skin and innards. More to come on that.

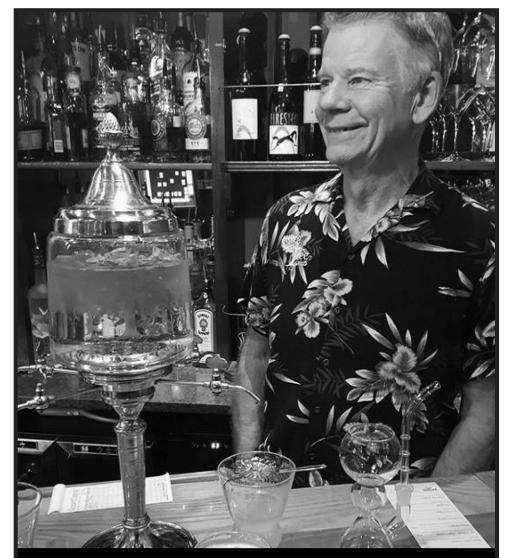
My secret wish came true when Lee and Elmer piled into the boat, settling in on the middle and bow seats. The operator's rear seat was left empty and I quickly gathered that they had no interest in driving and both just assumed I was going to. I had been running up and down the stream for a couple of years with those rental boats and they apparently had no qualms about my age or ability. After opening the gas tank to see that the old men had filled it, I pushed the primer a few times, set the speed lever on the start position and pulled on the starter cord. The well-tuned 5 Johnson fired right up. I spun the motor around and backed away from the old rickety dock. In those days the motors had no reverse gear and many brands would merely swivel around a 360 degree rotation. We got headed out the stream without incident. Before long the two men were digging around in their tackle boxes getting out various leaders and hooks. I noticed that Elmer started gutting and skinning the small white perch I had caught earlier in the boathouse. Once we cleared the mouth of the stream into Great Pond, Lee spoke above the motor noise and told me to head north. Fortunately, he pointed as well, as I really was not aware of compass directions at the age of 8. (who cared!) We slowly plowed up the shore toward Dry Point when Elmer, now puffing on a semi-crushed roll-your-

Gone Fishin' Part II

by Rod Johnson

own cigarette, pointed a subtle index finger telling me not to go inside the black and white flag just off Dry Point. In those days the lake was marked with flags on posts or anchor lines, not buoys. A black and white flag meant don't go between it and shore. Solid red designated a single rock, and all white in a group of two or more meant a shoal inside the flags. The Belgrade Lakes Association hired the local guides to mark the lake and had been doing so since the early part of the century. The State of Maine took over marking the lake some years later and adopted the statewide inland water marking system that we use today.

We skirted the point with ease then the two men nodded to each other and told me to stop. I slid the throttle back to the stop detent and the 5 Johnson ceased running. The quiet actually was welcomed and our focus then seemed to be getting hooks baited and in the water. This was one of the parts of the day that I knew I was going to be given a big secret. Lee had in his hand a wire leader with 2 hooks coming out of it about 3 inches apart. Elmer handed him a neatly skun white perch and Lee placed the hooked leader into the length of the little fish and then began to sew the belly closed with a tiny braided copper wire. Once completed he put a small curvature into the bait fish and attached the leader's eyelet to his lead core line. We were going to be fishing just off the bottom of the lake, probably 4 or 5 colors down. Lee plopped the bait and a few feet of line overboard and told me to start the motor and proceed very slowly forward. After doing so, Lee watched the bait as it wobbled nicely a foot or so under water before letting out more line. He seemed pleased with the action of the baitfish and slowly fed the line overboard. Eventually Lee said he thought the bait had hit bottom and reeled in one color. This time of year the salmon tended to hang in the deeper and cooler water. Elmer was nearly ready to get our second rig overboard and eventually we got 3 lines out. The deal was, if some-Continued on page 12...

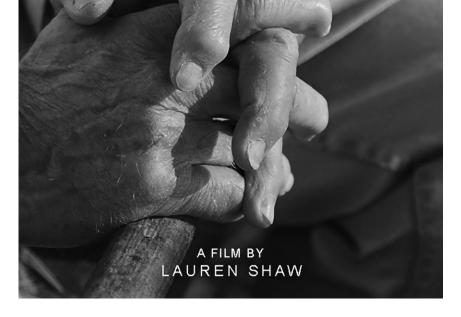






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Take It Outside -

Cuddenly summer is in full swing and the Oconstruction in the village is paused for a while. The new parking places are being tested and people are adjusting to walking on brick sidewalks and visiting the new Village Green. Exciting stuff.

Every year I am struck by how many of our visitors are here because of the youth camps that bring in not only the kids but also their parents. Some of these camps have been on our lakes for more than a century (e.g. Pine Island Camp, and Camp Runoia) and many of their alumni have retired here. Other camps include Pine Tree Camp on North Pond, Camps Matoaka and Manitou on East Pond, Camps Tracy and Modin on McGrath Pond-Salmon Lake, New England Music Camp on Messalonskee, and the Boy Scouts' Camp Bombazeen on Great Pond. Even camps that don't exist anymore such as the former tennis camp on Taconnet Island and former Camp Kennebec on Salmon Lake have sizeable populations of alumni that have settled permanently in our community with friends they have known for decades. Good water quality is important to all these groups and they are all strong supporters of the local lake associations, and other conservation organizations such as the 7-LA (former BRCA and MLRC). Each of these groups brings a different wrinkle to our unique community and a slightly different sense of place but all help make our community a special place. I meet many hikers on local trails who first hiked here as campers many years ago.

I managed to get out hiking a bit on some of

Fishing, Hiking, and Kids Camps



Three generations of the Peaslee Family from Augusta at French Mountain.

the 7-Lakes Alliance (former BRCA) trails and met three generations of the Peaslee Family from Augusta hiking at French Mountain. Uncle Aaron works at Good Will Hinckley School and has led hikes by groups of their students on several 7-LA trails. On a day off last week, he took his mom, sister and assorted nieces and nephews hiking on French Mountain to introduce the kids to hiking. My friend, Dick Greenan, had his son, Jason, daughter-inlaw, Devon, and a couple of grandkids visiting for the week. The kids are enjoying a busy week of hiking, water skiing, sailing, kayaking and fishing. Eight-year old Sean

ice cream, and smiles.

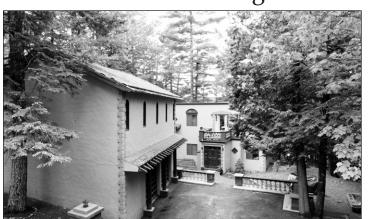
proved you don't need teeth to catch a fish off Grandpa's dock or to eat ice cream at Lakeside Scoops. The fishing continues to be excellent, especially for bass, pike, and rainbow trout. I caught and released several fat rainbows early one morning. Check out the interesting shadows from the net.

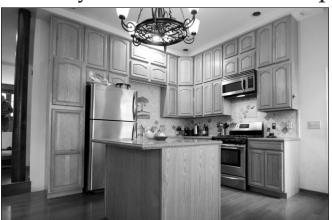
This area offers some great outdoor recreation, whether you like to hike, bike, birdwatch, fish, sail, or paddle a canoe or kayak. Pick up a map of

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A Stunning Home With Many Possibilities on Sheepscot Pond





nitely more durable.

"Built" implies a finished product, but the home was being improved last week. Upstairs, a balcony/porch facing the water has been enclosed and is being transformed into an office. This new room opens off the present office, a large multipurpose room which in turn accesses the "secret" master suite – it's behind a revolving-bookcase door.

The outdoor kitchen, with gas range and firepit, is almost complete, and represents the heart of a lovely, terraced, lakeside entertaining-and-relaxing area overlooking the property's 113 feet of frontage with dock. Here, western exposure brings gorgeous sunsets. Truly a must-see, one-of-a-kind proper-

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Farmers' Market at the Arboretum, indoors, Friday 1-5 pm
Art in the Capitol, Maine Arts Commission monthly selfguided 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.mainestatemuseum.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.

• Old Fort Western, 1754 fort, house, store, 1-4 pm daily, admission \$6, 4-14 years \$4, 626-2385, *www.oldfortwestern.org*, Cony Street

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Kennebec River Rail Trailhead, Maine State Housing Authority parking lot, 623-8162, www.krrt.org, Water Street
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www.farmersmarketmillpark.org/, North Water StreetFarmers' Market at Turnpike Mall, 549-5112, Wednesday

• Great Pond Mailboat, 592-1537, Monday-Saturday 9:15 am, Post Office, Main St.

• 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, 495-2973,
- belgradehistoricalsociety.org
- Belgrade Lakes Market, Sun 8 am-1 pm, Main Street
- Peninsula Park on Long Pond, picnic tables, Main Street
- Maine Lakes Resource Center, 512-5150,

www.mainelakesresourcecenter.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.fairfieldmehistoricalsociety.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, *www.farmingtonhistory.org*, 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.lilliannordica.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,

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• Araxine Wilkins Sawyer Memorial, free entertainment programs, monthly - Friday 2 and 7 pm, 946-5311, *www.sawyerfoundation.com*, 371 Sawyer Road, off Route 202

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, Sat 9-1 pm, Steven's Commons on Winthrop St.
- Vaughn Woods and Homestead, 166 acre park/trails/homestead, Middle Street
- Kennebec River Rail Trail, *www.krrt.org*, to Augusta, Farmingdale/Gardiner, Water Street
- Waterfront Park, deck/walkway on Kennebec River, 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

•**Ski Museum of Maine**, 265-2023, *www.skimusuemofmaine.org*, 256 Main Street

• Stanley Museum, 265-2729, *wwwstanleymuseum.org*, memorabilia/displays on photographs, violins and Stanley Steamers, Tuesday-Sunday 1-4 pm, 40 School Street

LIVERMORE

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

MADISON

Lakewood Theater, Maine's Summer Theater, Young Performers Camp, 474-7176, www.lakewoodtheater.org, Route 201
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.monmouthmuseuminc.org*, 751 Main Street

• The Theater At Monmouth, The Shakespeare Theater of Maine, Cumston Hall, 933-9999, *www.theateratmonmouth.org*, Main Street

MOUNT VERNON

and Saturday 10 am-1 pm, Western Avenue

BELGRADE LAKES

• Belgrade Lakes Market, 320-8303, *careybor@yahoo.com*, Sunday 8 am-1 pm, Main Street

Wednesday 2-6 pm, rain or shine, The Common

- Kennebec River Rail Trail, 623-8162, *www.krrt.org*, access near Gardiner/Randolph Bridge, 6.5 miles to Augusta
- Waterfront Park, picnicking, events throughout summer, Kennebec River

• D.E.W Animal Kingdom, Zoo, 293-2837, 918 Pond Rd, Route

NEW PORTLAND

• Nowetah's American Indian Museum and Craft Shop,

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www.nowetahs.webs.com/, daily 10 am-5 pm, free,
628-4981, 2 Colegrove Road, Route 27
Wire Bridge, 1864, probably only wire suspension bridge in U.S., off Route 27

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, 778-4167, Routes 2/27

Norridgewock

• Norridgewock Historical Society Museum, 1838 building, Saturday 10 am-1 pm, 634-5032,

www.norridgewockmuseum.com, Mercer Road, Route 2

• **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 schoolhouse, 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, Route 225; The Mountain, Route 27; French's Mountain and Kennebec Highlands, 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*, 8 Goldenrod Lane, Route 23

• Sidney Historical Society, 724-8032, *www.sidneyhistoricalso-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



The Dams Keeper Report

▲ **7**ell it looks like summer is finally here – along with the heat and humidity! I don't remember ever asking for the latter. With this heat, both Great and Long Ponds are losing about 3/10" per day in evaporation, which in doing some research are actually normal evaporation rates. An interesting article by C.E. Grunsky entitled "Evaporation from lakes and reservoirs" going back to September 1931 suggests that the evaporation rate with an ambient outside temperature of 85F is approximately 3/10" per day. Add that to our camps still using lake water in addition to the slight seepage from our dams and we're now seeing our lake levels going down for the first time this summer. Two days ago, the level at the Wings Mill Dam was 3.84" above full, today as I write this column we're down to just 1.56" above so you can see the direction in which we're headed. The good news is that we have been able to start the summer with higher water levels due to the June rains.

Weather Underground is forecasting just .93" for the next 10 days so it looks like the heat and humidity are going to be around for a while. Scattered showers are always preferred over the gulley washers but we'll take just about anything at this point.

Great Pond is currently 2.04" above full pond with one gate opened just 6". Long Pond is right at 1.56" above full with both gates now completely closed. Salmon/McGrath is currently holding its own at 1/10" below full with its one gate opened the mandated 1 turn or 1cfs. Now if you are vacationing on upper Long Pond, 9 miles from its Wings Mill Dam and are looking at your favorite rock for a hint of water levels, you will find that you are actually 4.75" above full pond due to the lake being essentially tilted with the recent rain and the choke points at Castle Island and the Belgrade Stream keeping upper Long Pond even higher.

Up at Bear Spring Camps on Great Pond's North Bay you will be experiencing the same phenomena with higher water levels than what they have in the Village.

Enjoy this beautiful summer, weather and your

Maranacook Lake

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

vacation! And don't forget to stay hydrated!

Dick Greenan



Secretary, Belgrade Lakes Watershed Dams Committee



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Calendar —

...Friday 7/12 through Sunday 7/21 - Maine International Film Festival (MIFF), 22nd Annual, 10 days, 100 films, 50 filmmakers, full daily schedules, miff.org, Waterville.

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

...Through Saturday 7/13 - "Over the River and Through the Woods," 474-7176, Lakewood Theater, Route 201, Madison.

...Thursday 7/11 - Sun Prints, family-friendly crafts at Art in the Park, 4-6 pm, Head of Falls, Castonguay Square, downtown Waterville.

...Thursday 7/11 - Climate Resilience Talk, learn about the earth's climate and how it has changed/adapted over time, guest speaker Sean Birkel, a Maine State Climatologist, 6:30-8 pm, Maine Lakes Resource Center, Main Street, Belgrade Lakes.

...Thursday 7/11 - New Music Concert, Atlantic Music Festival, 7 pm, Lorimer Chapel, Colby College, Waterville.

...Friday 7/12 - Mad Science, children's program, 10:30 am, 465-7533, Oakland Public Library, 18 Church Street, Oakland.

...Friday 7/12 - Maine Jazz Camp Student Concert, 6:30 pm, Roberts Learning Center, University of Maine, Farmington.

...Friday 7/12 - Borderland Express, 7:30 pm, Free Summer Waterfront Concert Series, sponsored by Johnson Hall, 582-7144, Waterfront Park, Gardiner.

...Friday 7/12 - Atlantic Music Festival, opera arias and choruses, free, open to the public, 7

pm, 888-704-1311, Strider Theater, Runnals Building, Colby College, Waterville.

...Friday 7/12 - New England Music Camp Student Honor Recital, open to the public and free of charge, everyone welcome, 7:30 pm, 465-3025, Alumni Hall, NEMC, Route 23, Sidney.

...Saturday 7/13 - Smithfield Maine Historical Society Pancake Breakfast/Food Sale at the Baptist Church, 7-9:30 am; Yard Sale at the Grove's History House, 8 am-1 pm, 362-5340, Lakeview Drive, Smithfield.

...Saturday 7/13 - Annual Lawn Sale, Zone 4 perennials, clothes, tools, music, movies, furniture and more, 8:30 am-noon, rain or shine, Universalist Unitarian Church, point of Elm and Silver Streets, Waterville.

...Saturday 7/13 - Kayaking 101, all ages, all equipment provided, Maine Guide instructor provided, sponsored by 30 Mile River Watershed Association, 10 am-12 pm, free, Wayne Mill Pond/Pocasset Lake, Wayne.

...Saturday 7/13 - Teen, Tech & Tour: Emma, A Pop Muical, Young Performer's Camp, 10 am, 474-7176, Lakewood Theater, Route 201, Madison.

...Saturday 7/13 - Maine Jazz Camp Student Concert, 10:30 am, Roberts Learning Center, University of Maine, Farmington.

...Saturday 7/13 – Maine Nature Artists, join several real artists as they demonstrate their nature-based art using unique materials and various mediums to capture the beauty of wildlife and nature; a variety of items available for purchase, 11 am, 657-4977, Maine Wildlife Park, Gray.

...Saturday 7/13 - Mr. Harley and the Strollers, famiy music event, all ages, 11 am, 495-3508, Belgrade Public Library, Depot Street, Belgrade.

...Saturday 7/13 - Teddy Bear Tea, bring your

own favorite stuffed animal, enjoy a cold drink, share the origin story of the teddy bear and chat about Maine's real bears, adults \$3, under 18 \$1, 1-2 pm, 238-4250, L.C. Bates Museum, Route 201, Hinckley.

...Saturday 7/13 - "The Jungle Book," family show, 1 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, Main Street, The Theater At Monmouth.

...Saturday 7/13 – Atlantic Music Festival, Piano Institute recital, 3 pm, free and open to the public, Lorimer Chapel, Colby College, Waterville.

...Saturday 7/13 - New England Music Camp Concert, 3 pm, 844-476-6976, Bowl in the Pines, Route 23, Sidney.

...Saturday 7/13 - Homemade Desserts, auction to benefit Neighbors Driving Neighbors, a non-profit volunteer organization that provides rides in Belgrade, Rome, Mount Vernon, Vienna and Fayette, viewing of desserts will proceed auction, auctioneer former State Senator Tom Saviello, 5-7 pm, Community Center, Mount Vernon.

...Saturday 7/14 - AMF Orchestra, Atlantic Music Festival, 7 pm, open to the public free, 888-704-1311, Strider Theater, Colby College, Waterville.

...Saturday 7/13 - Union Coffeehouse presents Simons & Goodwin, folk singers, refreshments available, \$5 donation, 7 pm, Union Church, Main Street, Belgrade Lakes.

...Saturday 7/13 - "The Merry Wives of Windsor," by William Shakespeare, 7:30 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, Theater at Monmouth.

...Sunday 7/14 - Free Concert, 2-4 pm, Norcross Park, Lake Maranacook, Winthrop.

...Sunday 7/14 - New England Music Camp Student Concert at Bowl in the Pines, 3 pm, free to the public, everyone welcome, rain or shine, 465-3025, Route 23, Sidney.

...Sunday 7/14 - "Wayne, Maine: The Postcard View; Selections from the Eastern Illustrating & Publishing Company," slide show and talk by Kevin Johnson, photo archivist for the Penobscot Marine Museum in Searsport, 3 pm, 685-3612, Cary Memorial Library, Route 133, Wayne.

...Sunday 7/14 – Misty River Band, Coburn Park Concert Series, 5-6:15 pm, 474-0527, Philbrick Gazebo, Coburn Park, Water Street, Skowhegan.

...Sunday 7/14 - Dinner on the Farm, delicious family-friendly meal, live music, contra dance, children's activities, tours, products for sale, 5 pm, for tickets call 649-3331, Winterberry Farm, Route 27, Belgrade.

...Monday 7/15 - Maine Crime Writers Build A Mystery, a panel of 3 Maine mystery writers - Maureen Milliken, Kate Flora and Sandra Neilly - will construct a mystery with input from the audience, free and open to the public, 6 pm, 495-3508, Belgrade Public Library, Depot Street, Belgrade.

...Monday 7/15 - "A Night Full of Songs," Atlantic Music Festival, 7 pm, 888-704-1311, Lorimer Chapel, Colby College, Waterville.

...Tuesday 7/16 through Friday 7/26 - Book and Bake Sale, fresh, home baked goods, clean used books for adults and children, buy raffle tickets for a beautiful quilt, 465-7533, Oakland Public Library, 18 Church Street, Oakland.

...Tuesday 7/16 - "3-2-1 Blast Off" by Mad Science of Maine, grades K-6, 10 am, 495-3508, The Center for all Seasons, Route 27, Begrade Lakes.

...Tuesday 7/16 - Free family movie, "A Dog's Way Home," 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 7/16 -Spare Parts, Rock on the



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River free concert, 7 pm, Hallowell Bandstand, Granite Cituy Park, 94 Water Street, Hallowell.

...Wednesday 7/17 - Seniors "Silver" Paddle, sponsored by 30 Mile River Watershed Association, all equipment provided, Maine Guide instructing, 9-11 am, www.30mileriver.org, Tilton Pond.

...Wednesday 7/17 - Classic Car Cruise In, 3-7 pm, Waterfront Park, Gardiner.

...Wednesday 7/17- Public supper, entrée, beverage, homemade dessert, \$9 per person, 5 pm, Fairview Grange, Route 8, Smithfield.

...Wednesday 7/17 - Waterfront Wednesday Concert, "Nikki Hunt Band," 6 pm-sunset, Waterfront Park, Water Street, Augusta.

...Wednesday 7/17 - Chamber Music, Atlantic Music Festival, free and open to the public, 7 pm, 859-4353, Lorimer Chapel, Colby College, Waterville.

...Wednesday 7/17 - New England Music Camp Honor Camper Recital, open to the public, free of charge, everyone welcome, 7:30 pm, 465-3025, Alumni Hall, NEMC, Pond Road, Route 23, Sidney.

...Wednesday 7/17 - "The Merry Wives of Windsor," by William Shakespeare, 7:30 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, Main Street, The Theater At Monmouth.

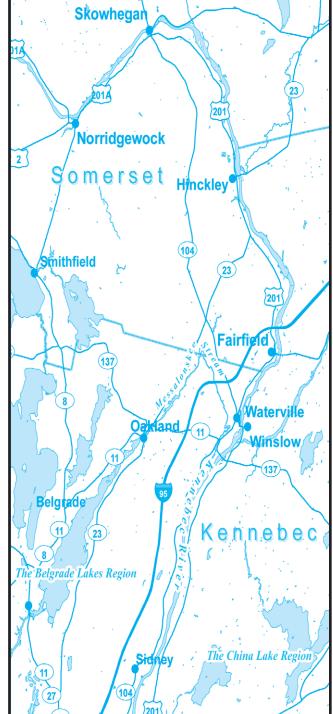
...Thursday 7/18 and Friday 7/19 - "Hamlet," by William Shakespeare, Thursday preview, Friday opens, 7:30 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater at Monmouth.

...Thursday 7/19 - Musical Theater Showcases, New England Music Camp, 465-2035, Route 23, Sidney.

...Thursday 7/18 through Sunday 7/21 - "Godspell," 474-7176, Lakewood Theater, Route 201, Madison.

...Thursday 7/18 - Borderline Express, Music on Lake Messalonskee, at the gazebo, 6-9 pm, free, boat landing, Oakland Waterfront Park, Belgrade Road, Oakland.

Kennebec Corridor



... Thursday 7/18 - "Recovering the Recent Past," a presentation sponsored by the Belgrade Historical Society about letters written by Messalonskee High School students during the 1990s, presented by former Messalonskee High School teacher David Leigh, 7 pm, Maine Lakes Resource Center, Main Street, Belgrade Lakes.

The Bookey Readings at the Harlow

The Harlow presents poets Elizabeth Potter and and has been leading creative writing workshops Judith Robbins on Friday, July 19 at 7pm as part for all for the past eighteen years. of their ongoing poetry series, The Bookey Judith Robbins has worked as a waitress, journal-Readings at The Harlow. Come and experience an ist, legal proofreader, grant manager and assistant evening of excellent spoken word in an art gallery chaplain at Bates College, and as minister at setting. During the reading visitors can also view Sheepscott Community Church before her retirethe Harlow's current exhibitions: Striped, The ment. Her earliest call, however, was to poetry, Summer Members' Show on view downstairs and which has been an unbroken thread through her life. Tom Ferrero: The Places in Between on view Her first poem was published when she was seven, upstairs. The Harlow is located at 100 Water Street and her first collection of poems, The North End, in Hallowell. was published by North Country Press when she Elizabeth Potter is a teacher and poet residing in was 70. North Country also published her second mid-coast Maine. She is also the Coordinator of the collection, The Bookbinder's Wife, and a third, as yet Maine College Transitions Program of Lincoln untitled, will be published this summer. County. Her new collection of poetry T'ai Chi of All are welcome. Refreshments are served, and a Leaves was released by Moon Pie press in \$3 donation to benefit The Harlow is appreciated at September of 2016. Her poems have also been the door. For more information about this event, widely published in literary journals both locally contact Claire Hersom at mamabelle@gwi.net. The and nationally, most recently in On the Issues Bookey Readings at The Harlow is a monthly poetry Magazine and the online edition of Yankee series running from April through November and Magazine. Elizabeth is a certified Amherst Writers has been running for over 25 years. and Artists workshop leader (amherstwriters.com)





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— Upcoming -

JULY

• The Lorraine Ouellette Trio will be performing at the Sawyer Memorial in Greene on Friday, July 19 at 2 and 7 pm. Free admission. 946-5311

• Jonathan Edwards will be performing at the Vienna Union Hall on Friday, July 19 at 7 pm. Tickets are \$25. 293-2674

• The 41st Annual Founder's Day and Classic Car Exhibit will be held on Saturday, July 20, 9 am-5 pm at Paris Hill.

• The 10th Annual 5K Road Race to benefit the Belgrade Public Library will be held on Saturday, July 20 at the library. Registration begins at 7:15 am, race at 8 am. 465-3524

• On Saturday, July 20, Teen Challenge Maine, Chain Breaker 5K, breaking the chains of addiction will be held at the University of Maine at Augusta. Registration 7 am, race starts 9 am, walk starts 9:30 am. Pre-registration is \$25 adults, \$20 students, \$15 ages 10 and under; add \$5 day of race. 377-2801

• Mt. Philip Grange #545 will hold its month bean supper on Saturday, July 20. Adults \$7, under 5 free.

• Loon Call 5K Road Race in Smithfield along scenic

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one got a fish on, the others would reel in quickly to try and avoid a tangle underwater. After we'd settled in and were proceeding towards "under the mountain", I noticed that Elmer and Lee were passing a bottle of something back and forth a bit. I thought little of it as I knew about the whiskey back at the shop. As long as I could drive the boat I didn't care what they did.

It wasn't long before Elmer gave a mighty yank on his rod. He said loudly, "reel 'um in, I got a good one on." Lee and I reeled in, no small job with 4 colors of lead core out and a bait fish on it too. Elmer worked his rod slowly keeping tension, but letting the fish run if it overcame to reel's drag setting. Lee picked up the big net and readied himself should Elmer get the fish close to the side of the boat. Before long, a silver flash only a few feet down made our excitement peak and Elmer talked to the fish saying all kinds of good things and a few not so good. The fish had tired itself and it wasn't long before Elmer reeled it in along side. Lee cautiously slipped the net under the fish and slowly lifted the net partially out of the water. What appeared flopping in the net was definitely the biggest fish I had seen in my few years. Lee announced it was a salmon of around 6 pounds or bet-

North Pond will be on Saturday, July 27 at the Smithfield Baptist Church. Registration begins 7:15 am; race start 8 am. \$5. Fun Run immediately after.

Summertime in the Belgrades

• Oakland's Oakfest will be July 26 through 28 with great food, a Street Dance, crafts, an eduction tent, a triathlon and other events for all ages. www.oakfestmaine.com

• Open Farm Day with farms statewide open and free to the public will be held on Sunday, July 28. Activities include tours, demonstrations, children's activities, sales of farm products. For open farms, times and directions contact getrealmaine.com

AUGUST

• Enter the Haggis, a Toronto-based Indie Celtic Folk Rock Band and Tricky Britches, a country, contra-dance, bluegrass, rock string-band will perform at Waterville Rocks! on Friday, August 2, 5:30-8:30 pm at Castonguay Square, downtown Waterville.

• The Vienna Woods Players presents The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940 by John Bishop and directed by Cheryl Herr-Rains on Friday, August 2 at 7 pm and Saturday, August 3, 2 and 7 pm, Vienna Union Hall, 5 Mountain Road. \$10 at door only, 12 and under \$5.

• The new park in Belgrade Lakes will be dedicated on Saturday, August 3 at 3 pm. Come join the formal opening.

• The Annual Belgrade Lakes Loon Calling contest and

the Belgrade Fire Department Bean Hole Bean Supper will be on Saturday, August 3 in Belgrade Lakes. Supper is 5-7 pm at the Center for All Seasons; Loon Calling sign-up is 6:30 pm, the contest at 7 pm at the bridge in Belgrade Lakes. 495-3312

• The 25th Taste of Waterville is Wednesday, August 7, 11 am-11 pm, with children's activities, sales, music, food from local restaurants. 873-3315

• The Capital Y Tri, a Sprint Triathlon for ages 13 and older will be held on Saturday, August 10, starting at 8 am at the Kenebec Valley YMCA in Augusta622-9622

• Winthrop's Annual Sidewalk Art Festival is scheduled for Saturday, August 17, 10 am-3 pm. 377-8020

• August 22 through 26 the 53rd Blistered Fingers Family Bluegrass Music Festival featuring 10 bands, camping, spectator tent, food, fun, field pickin' will be presented at Litchfield Fairgrounds. 873-6539

• Man in Black, A Tribute to Johnny Cash, will be presented on Sunday, August 25 at 4 pm at Bowl in the Pines, Snow Pond Center for the Arts, Sidney. For tickets call 844-476-6976

• An array of Maine craft brewers, local food vendors, farm-to-table fare, live music and more is scheduled in Skowhegan on Saturday, August 31 at the Skowhegan Craft Brew Fest. 474-362

ter, and later the scales showed it to be a "touch" under 7 pounds. The elation ran high but soon it was back to business with fresh bait and hooks in the water. We were nearing the Lambert's boathouse and it was near time to have a sandwich. We did so as we made a big wide u-turn towards Hoyt's Island with lines still in the water then headed back towards the village. Before we ended the fishing day, we had 3 nice salmon on board and also released several smallies. I now knew the big secret of how to troll with lead core line and sewed-on bait. After reeling in for the last time, Elmer announced that the sun was over the yardarm. He took a serious haul out the nearly drained whiskey bottle and passed the last of it to Lee. After draining the Old Mr. Boston, Lee slurring said "take us home." I followed orders and put the little 5 horsepower on "wide open" and we passed Dry Point for the second time that day. We were nearing the mouth of the stream with a south wind on our nose and the two old men had settled quietly against their chair backs with grins on their faces. I remember most the smell that wafted back to me. I now know it as a mix of cigarette smoke, whiskey and old mens' sweat. I also now know that I took them fishing as much as they took me.

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According to the MIFF site, the film is "a meditation on a particular sort of love that grows in the wreckage of broken things. Lila (Talia Balsam) is an artist and teacher who has built a modest rural paradise in New York's Catskill Mountains in New York's Catskill Mountains with her writer/husband, Edgar (Scott Cohen). The two have been married for two decades. But then Edgar unexpectedly announces the birth of a child with another woman, and Lila tests her bonds to her best friend Gigi and begins a friendship with a younger man. All is changing, or so it seems." *South Mountain* will have a repeat screening on Friday, July 19 at 3:15 at Railroad Square Cinema. The festival will also show Brougher's second film, Stephanie Daley (2006), which stars Amber Tamblyn as a teen charged with murder after the death of her infant and Tilda Swinton as a pregnant psychologist who is tasked with discovering the truth. Those screenings will be held on Saturday, July 13 at 6:30 at Railroad Square and on Thursday, July 18, at 3:30 at the Opera House.



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Later on Sunday, MIFF will present the first film in a two-film tribute to the *Continued on page 15...*

- Conservation Too -

his is a follow-up article on Invasive Plants. As I referenced a couple weeks ago... An invasive plant is defined as a plant that 1] is not native to a particular ecosystem/area, 2] causes economic or environmental harm or may cause harm to human health and 3] which can establish and spread in natural areas.

They are called "invasive" for a reason. While only a small fraction of our "non native" plants are considered "invasive" once you can recognize a few of them,"invasives" seem to be everywhere. This week I'll discuss a few of those that seem more prevalent. Those we readily identify are Japanese Knotweed [some people refer to it as remove them you can help to limit their spread. bamboo]; Multiflora Rose [those large clumps of white flowers often seen in abandoned fields. See photo.]; Honeysuckle [often taking over at the woods edge]; Autumn Olive [a very fragrant shrub often found along roads edges]. These are a group of "invasives" frequently identified here in the Kennebec County area. Add these to the long list of others like Japanese Barberry with its wicked thorns and Asiatic Bittersweet vine with its tree choking habit and you begin to get the nvasive_plants/invsheets.htm There is also a picture. Most of these I've mentioned are already established in parts of Kennebec County. Management can best be done by knowing what they look like and limiting their spread. That is an ongoing effort since we are unlikely to completely eradicate them.

However, there are other "invasives" that we spread. The Tree of Heaven, Giant Hogweed [also Swallowwort vine are examples of these. These plants are not widely established in this part of the State. If you identify them and carefully maine.nap@maine.gov with questions.



Multiflora Rose in full bloom.

The goal for these is total eradication from the site. Check the Maine Natural Areas Program list of fact sheets to determine if a particular species is considered invasive in Maine and which may be an 'early detection' variety. The Maine Natural Area Program is the 'go to' State agency in Maine for answering questions and getting information about invasive plants. http://www.maine.gov/dacf/mnap/features/i generic State website for all types of invasives i.e. animals, forest pests, aquatic plants, and terrestrial plants http://www.maine.gov/portal/about_me/invasives.html These websites have 'gallery views' available which provide good photos to use in identification.

There is also a new, publication, the Maine still have a chance to control and limit their Invasive Plant Field Guide. It is a handy 3.75 x 8" field guide mounted on rings so that it is easy a dangerous health hazard] and the Pale to flip through. To order one with credit card (Master Card or Visa), please phone 207-287-2801. Or call 207-287-8044 or email

By Dale Finseth

More on INVASIVES

Here in the local area we need to come to grips with the invasive plants that are damaging our natural areas, habitat and native plants. These invasive plants can become established by our own actions by planting them by mistake i.e. Burning Bush and Autumn Olive were often planted by homeowners. Or we could mistakenly allow an "invasive" to become established in our back yard. Check the edge of the woods on your property and along the woods' edge. That is often the area where the invasive plants can become established.

Check the Maine Lakes Center or Cooperative Extension, or our office and pick up some of the handouts.

Our natural landscape is part of what Maine is all about. Maine just won't be Maine if the plants dominating our landscape are all from away.

• When buying plants for your yard. Select native plants.

 Replace invasive plants in your garden with non-invasive alternatives.

 DO NOT attack the problem with indiscriminant herbicide use. They may have a place in your management plan but they are NOT a magic bullet. Be careful with their use.

• Check out the Maine Natural Areas IMapInvasive program and become a citizen scientist.

Managing invasive plants in the landscape is part of our effort to protect our Maine landscape.

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

Belgrade Regional Health Center Welcomes Josephine Poulin, FNP

Delgrade Regional Health Center will be wel-Dcoming a new provider to the medical team this summer. Josephine Poulin is a family nurse practitioner who obtained a Master of Science in Nursing at Purdue Global in February 2019. She brings 16 years of nursing experience, including clinical nurse management and emergency nursing in outpatient and hospital settings.

Josie recently shared, "I am pleased to join the



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staff at Belgrade Regional Health Center and HealthReach as a primary care provider. As a family nurse practitioner, I look forward to providing comprehensive, continuous healthcare to all members of the family throughout the course of their lives. It is important that patients have access to care and receive support to ensure services are made available. The dedication, compassion and quality of care that HealthReach/Belgrade provides to their patients is exactly what I envision primary care to be. I am eager to begin building meaningful relationships and rapport with patients and their families."

Josie will be joining physicians Amy Madden and Michael Landrum, as well as nurse practitioner Jennifer Caudell, who provide medical

Josephine Poulin

care to patients of all ages. In addition, Kimberly Patnode and Laurie Rodrigues, clinical social workers, assist patients with behavioral health needs, and Dianne Raymond, PhD, PMHNP offers adult psychiatric medication management. The health center offers primary care to over 2,000 people from the Belgrade Lakes Region and beyond.

Care Program is available to uninsured and underinsured residents as well as assistance with applications for programs that help with the cost of healthcare and medications, including the Health Insurance Marketplace.

A private, non-profit with a 44-year history, HealthReach is funded by patient fees, grants and by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as part of an award totaling \$4,053,390 with 82.5 percent financed with non-governmental sources. The contents are those of the author and do not necessarily represent the official views of, nor are an endorsement by, the HRSA, HHS or the U.S.

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East Pond Annual Meeting

• The East Pond Association Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, July 20 at 10 am at Birchcrest, off East Pond Road. The program will include an update on the alum treatment and LakeSmart activity, a presentation about the 7 Lakes Alliance and a recognition of Camp Manitou, Alden Camps and Sadulsky Camps for their efforts to control runoff into the lake.

30 Mile River Kayak Adventures Program

• 30 Mile River Watershed Association, which extends from Kimball Pond in Vienna through Androscoggin Lake in Wayne, is offering "Kayaking Adventures" for all levels and all ages. All equipment is provided. A Maine Guide will explain useful tips and tricks and will guide a kayak adventure. Space is limited and pre-registration required. www.30mileriver.org, 685-4956

Augusta

• Friends of the Lithgow Library Book Sale are welcoming donations of newer, gently-used books, DVDs and blu-ray, audio books and music CDs until August 15. No books will be accepted that have mold, stains or mildew, loose pages or split bindings, that are antique or older books, textbooks, condensed editions, encyclopedias or magazines. The sale will be August 22-24. Book bags and mugs will be on sale, too. 626-2415

Augusta/Hallowell/Gardiner

Hallowell

• Celebrity Chef Challenge! On Monday, August 12, chefs will battle to win tastebuds and votes at the 7th Annual Celebrity Chef Challenge, Cohen Community Center, Town Farm Road. Festivities begin at 5 pm. \$75 per person. To purchase tickets, become a sponsor or donate an auction item call Sarah Brown at 620-1677

Readfield

• Television audience needed for live taping of musical program! 250 people are needed for a live audience for a musical live taping at the Readfield Union Meeting House on Sunday, July 14, 1:45 pm, featuring Stan Davis guitar and voice; Christopher Lansly flute; Julie Davenport voice; Tom Giordano guitar and voice and Evelyn Dearborn keyboard. Tickets are free. For information call Flo Drake at 685-4662.

Rome

• The 44th Rome Yacht Club Regatta will be held on Saturday, August 3. The Commodore's Ball is Friday, August 2 at the camp of Commodore Mark Melvin. As is tradition, the ball is potluck; drinks will be provided thanks to recent success in collecting dues. The bugle will blow to begin the race promptly at 10 am on Saturday. There is no rain date. All boats competing should convene in line between the Vines' Peninsula and buoy #29. There are 2 classes of boats: 1 sail and 2 sail. The crew that reaches Crooked Island first, with all their clues, and at the discretion of the Regatta

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• The First Ever Intergenerational Day on the Kennebec River, Saturday, July 27, will be hosted by Augusta, Hallowell and Gardiner, Augusta Downtown Alliance, Hallowell Vision, Gardiner Main Street and AARP Maine. Meet at the Mill Park Pavilion in Augusta; bring your own canoe or kayak and equipment; lifejackets and some paddling experience required. Registration begins 10:30 am; paddling at High Tide - 11:24 am. The 2 paddle options are: 2 miles - Augusta to Hallowell and 6.5 miles Augusta to Gardiner. Shuttles will be available at both take-outs for participants return to their cars at Mill Park. This is a free event. To register call 1-877-926-8300. @gmail.com

Waterville

• The Alfond Youth & Community Center is providing Summer Meals in 3 locations: Alfond Youth Center, 126 North Street, Waterville, Mon-Fri breakfast 7:30-9 am, lunch 11:30 am-12:30 pm; North End Boys & Girls Club, 16 Hillside Avenue, Waterville, Mon-Sat lunch 12-2 pm, snack 2:05-4 pm; Camp Tracy, 302 McGrath Pond Road, Oakland, Mon-Fri lunch 12-1 pm, snack 2-3:30 pm. Meal Service meals will be provided on a first come, first serve basis, June 24-August 16 with no discrimination of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. www.ClubAYCC.org

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Augusta

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• Sadie's Boathouse Restaurant at Great Pond Marine, hearty contemporary American fare, 25 Marina Drive, Belgrade Lakes, 495-4045, 242-1273

 Spiro & Company, gourmet Greek food, Main Street, Belgrade Lakes Village, www.spiroandcompany.com, 441-2103

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• Winterberry Farm Café, homemade treats, pie, cookies, granola bars, grilled organic cheese sandwiches, veggies,

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late actress Verna Bloom. A frequent festival guest and part-year Maine resident, Bloom died in January in Bar Harbor at age 80. Her filmography includes such diverse roles as Marion Wormer in The Gathering: Roots and Branches of Los Angeles Jazz. John Landis's National Lampoon's Animal House (1978), Mary, Mother of Jesus in Martin Scorsese's The Last Temptation of Christ (1988), and Sarah Belding in Clint Eastwood's High Plains Drifter (1973).

On Sunday at 9:30 at Railroad Square, one can see Bloom in Medium Cool (1969). Shot in Chicago during the riotous 1968 Democratic Convention where police beat anti-war protesters, the film is a "hybrid of fiction and incendiary documentary." Bloom plays an an Appalachian woman who has an improbable romance with at television cameraman. The following day at 6:30 in the Opera House, Bloom will appear as June, "an unusual sculptress of unusual sculptures," in After Hours (1985). Both Lynch's Blue Velvet (1986) to the 1928 silent French showings will be introduced by Jay Cocks, MIFF's 2010 Mid-Life Achievement Award winner.

Waterville Opera House, MIFF will celebrate the his quintet, Les Sorciers Perdus ("The Lost

drinks, 538 Augusta Rd, (Route 27), Belgrade, 649-3331

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"underrecognized jazz genius Horace Tapscott and the African American community around Leimert Park in South Los Angeles to which he devoted his life." The festival will give the world première of

The film's director, Tom Paige, toiled on his "labor of love" for nearly fifteen years, starting with some 2005 concert footage of the group and adding "a wealth of priceless interviews and more recent live recordings." After the screening, three of the film's musicians — bandleader, composer, and woodwind player Jesse Sharps; pianist Bobby West; and cellist Pete Jacobson — will perform live on the Opera House stage.

As always, MIFF will reintroduce audiences to a select batch of classic films, some well known, some not. This year's eleven "rediscoveries," most of them in newly restored prints or digital versions, span five decades and four continents, from David drama, The Passion of Joan of Arc. The latter will have a new jazz score composed by trumpeter At its Centerpiece Gala on Tuesday at 6:30 at the Mark Tipton and performed live at the screening byContinued on page 19



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APPLE ORCHARDS The Apple Farm, 104 Back Road, Fairfield, 453-7656, www.applefarm.us

ART MUSEUM Colby College Museum of Art, 5600 Mayflower Hill, Waterville, 859-5600, www.colby.edu/museum/

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Railroad Square Cinema, call for titles and times, 17 Railroad Square, Waterville, 873-6526, *www.railroadsquarecinema.com*

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Ben Greenan on Long Pond with nice bass. Photo by Ben's grandfather, Dick.



Rainbow trout in the morning sun

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 a presentation on owls (July 9 at 1 PM) by Chewonki staff. On

Lakepoint Real Estate, 221 Main Street, Belgrade Lakes, 495-3700, *www.belgradelakepoint.com* Sprague & Curtis Real Estate, 75 Western Avenue, Augusta, 623-1123, *www.spragueandcurtis.com*

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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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Three Maine Poets, or Four!!!!

by Martha F. Barkley

II this is the forest primeval. The murmuring pines and the hemlocks..." from f L "Evangeline" by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow were words often repeated

by my mom as we walked the woods together. The long evergreen needles turned golden and crunched beneath our feet. We walked together in unison to the sound of this poetry. Try it by yourself or with a friend.

Portland has the museum childhood home of Longfellow in the center of town. Find his grand statue there as well, up the hill a block. Henry simply loved the walk from his home to Portland Head Light and back, quite the hike! I have not done that hike because of all the city traffic, but I have enjoyed seeing his home which was lived in by several more generations of Longfellows. Authentic original furnishings within.

We yearly spend a week on Little Lake Sebago and I discovered another poet's home in Raymond: Nathaniel Hawthorne vacationed there from Massachusetts in 1812 in his youth and commuted to Bowdoin College for those student years until 1825.

A lovely home remains in Raymond for museum visitors or strawberry festival lovers. He wrote poetically in his famed "The Scarlet Letter" that "We dream in our waking moments, and walk in our sleep". Maine fresh air, scented by pine, inspires writing that we can walk to in rhythm with the words, like poets ourselves.

A third Maine poet was discovered this summer when we went to the Belgrade Town Office to register our boats in May. A long line gave me time to chat and also skim Maine's History Magazine FREE Discover Western Maine. Did you see it this summer somewhere, too?

"Livermore Falls' Louise Marie Bogan, Our nation's 4th post laureate" was the article that caught my eye. Yes, she was born in our famous Washburn family's hometown. Like so many of the five Washburn brothers who moved away and made history elsewhere, so too did poet Bogan. Portland and Boston became her places of nurturing and literary development. Boston Girls' Latin School revealed to her a liking of Christina Rossetti, a favorite poet of mine, as well.

Who has seen the wind? Neither you nor I,

But when the leaves are trembling, the wind is passing by.

Who has seen the wind? Neither I nor you, But when the trees bow down their heads, the wind is passing through.

Try saying that as you walk through the breezes of summer by yourself or with a friend.

Our Maine born poet laureate lived out her life in New York City after personal losses and traveling abroad and tragedy. Louise followed the well known Robert Penn Warren as our nation's poet laureate. Amazing to find more talent from little, rural Livermore Falls.

Jared, once again, borrowed for me through inter-library loan at Belgrade Library, a hand-stapled copy of "Body of This Death Poems" from the Maine State Library which houses all of Louise Bogan's works.

Her 1923 words were "Build there some thick chord of wonder;

Then, for every passions sake, Beat upon it till it break."

She died in 1970, not too long ago, in New York City, after a life of literary accomplishments.

How could I forget our neighbor in Gardiner, Edwin Arlington Robinson, winner of multiple Pulitzers? Robert Frost wrote that "[Robinson's] theme was unhappiness itself, but his skill was as happy as it was playful...His life was a revel in the felicities of language".

Thank goodness Laura Richards (from Merryweather Camp on Great Pond) helped Robinson through some rough patches and we have famous characters he created in "Richard Cory" et al, besides historic renditions of Lincoln and Rembrandt. I recommend the Penguin Selected Poems of "an unjustly neglected" Edwin Arlington Robinson.











dead-end street in Hallowell neighborhood. Many fine details incl a sunny Great Room w/transom windows & vaulted ceiling that flow to the fabulous cherry kitchengas fireplace, newer stainless appliances, island, convection oven, & pantry. Formal LR & DR. Separate now/master BR suite.2nd BR, full BA & office wingwmaster BH suite,2nd BH, tuil BA & office wicherry built-ins on 1st floor. Lover level wiwalk-out access, 3rd BR, FR & a utility/BA wishower & laundry. This 1960 home was totally remodeled & added on in 2000. Beautiful lie & wood flooring. Very private yet accessible to downtown Hallowell. #1423264 \$310,000



lar Hallowell. Large corner lot w/ample room for a garden if you like. Upper level features an eat in d kitchen, spacious LR and larger master BR and BA (at one time this was a 3 bedroom but then was remodeled to the current BR/bathroom suite). Lower level with BR, BA and office. Backyard deck leads to the oversized one car garage. Only a couple of minutes to the Kennebec Bail Trail. Kennebec River and restaurants and downtown Hallowell!! MLS #1423255 \$179,900



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Summertime in the Belgrades

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Wizards"). Tipton and his ensemble also performed new scores to silent classics at the last two MIFFs as well.

This year's other "rediscoveries" are *Chronicle of the Years of Fire* (1975, Algeria), *The Cranes Are Flying* (1958, Russia), *Detour* (1946, USA), *Enamorada* (1946, Mexico), *The Fate of Lee Khan* (1973, Taiwan/Hong Kong), *One More Spring* (1935, USA), *Sunny Side Up* (1929, USA), *Winchester* '73 (1950, USA), and *Wings of Desire* (1987, Germany/France). Check the MIFF website, *www.miff.org*, for screening times and locations.

This year's festival will also have five recent films from Argentina, all of which are directed by women or have strong female characters: *Cetáceos* ("Cetaceans"), in which a marriage comes apart as he travels on business while she remains behind in their new apartment; *Familia Submergida* ("A Family Submerged"), wherein a middle-aged wife and mother has to adjust to the death of her sister; *Los Miembros de la Familia* ("Members of the Family"), in which an adult brother and sister in a shabby seaside resort try to carry out their late mother's bizarre final request; and *La Omisión* ("The Omission"), wherein about a young woman from Buenos Ares searches for a job — and herself — in the country's rural south.

And let us not forget *La Flor* ("The Flower"), the 14-hour epic about four women who continually re-imagine themselves as scientists, pop singers, and international spies. The film will be shown in four parts, but the festival broadsheet promises that one does not need to see all four parts or see them in order to enjoy them.

Please note that most of the Argentine films will



Wings of Desire

be shown in Railroad Square's Cinema # 3, which, with only 50 seats, is the festival's smallest theater. (Go to *www.miff.org* for screening times.) Be sure to arrive early, lest the screening you want to see sells out!

Finally, MIFF will also present five collections of shorts. The short films can be either fiction or nonfiction, live action or animated. They range in length from a few minutes to half an hour, but the majority are between 10 and 20 minutes long. The two dozen shorts have been grouped thematically into four collections of five to eight films each: *It's Rough Out There, International Shorts, Uncommon Visions,* and *Maine Shorts.* This last collection includes "About John," the 13-minute documentary about Belgrade Lakes poet and woodworker John Willey that was described in last week's cover story.

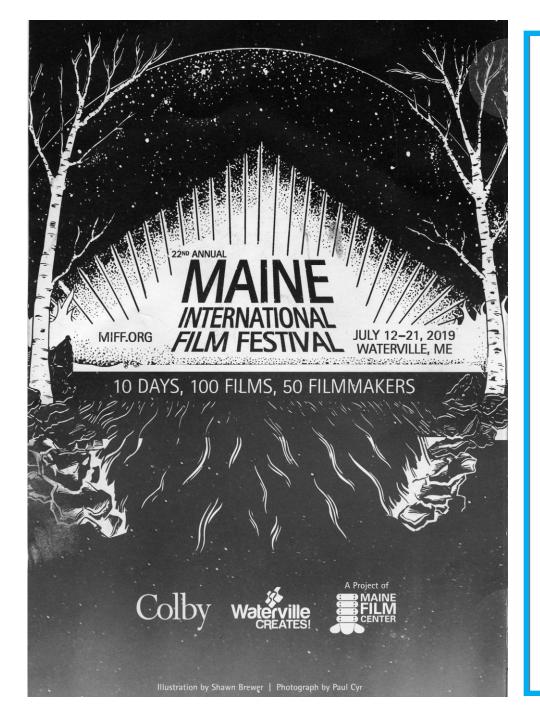
To get descriptions of the individual shorts and screening times and locations for the four shorts collections, please visit *www.miff.org*. To get descriptions and showtimes for the three dozen feature

Winchester '73

films NOT mentioned above, check the MIFF website or pick up a copy of its 17" x 32" broadsheet at Railroad Square or elsewhere around the area, including many of the places where you can find *Summertime in the Belgrades*.

Admission to most screenings costs \$10 per person; special events, e.g. the Opening Ceremony, the Mid-Life Achievement Award, the Centerpiece Gala, and *The Passion of Joan of Arc*, cost \$15. One can buy advance tickets on the MIFF website 24 hours a day or in person at Railroad Square Cinema, 2:00 - 7:00, Mon. - Fri., and 12:00 - 7:00, Sat. & Sun.

If you want to see a lot of movies, you can buy a Partial Pass, which is good for ten admissions (one or two people per screening), including the special events; or a Full Festival Pass, which will admit the buyer to as many public festival events as he or she wishes to attend. A Partial Pass costs \$95 and Full Pass, \$200 — prices that haven't changed since 2015!



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