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## McGrath Pond/Salmon Lake: The Annual Meeting Comes To Order

by Esther J. Perne

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MPSLA 2019 Newsletter.

Summer of 2019: It's time for the five lake associations in the Belgrades to hold their annual meetings and the first to assemble is the McGrath Pond/Salmon Lake Association. Small, dynamic, forward-looking, the MPSLA is celebrating its 30th anniversary - celebrating a lot of good things this year and celebrating three decades of a steady track record working to improve water quality.

Lake associations are formed for many reasons. On McGrath/Salmon, it all began with one resident who noticed the lake was turning murky green, who traced it to the sources, a town gravel pit leaking into the lake and some illegal foresting. Other property owners became involved. Working with the town, they got it to put a siltation pond at the bottom of the gravel pit. The foresting was halted. The desire of residents to prevent further deterioration of the lakes wasn't. Conversations led to meetings, led to forming an association.

Lenny Reich, that first concerned resident, who was MPSLA President from 1989-1993 and is currently Vice President and editor of the Association's impressive newsletter, wrote the following:

In April 1989 the Association paid its state fees and officially became a nonprofit corporation. The first annual meeting took place that summer at Camp Tracy. Throughout the 1990s, our Association worked to improve water quality in our lakes and to build community among the folks who loved them.

Under Lenny's auspices, the MPSLA was instrumental in forming the Belgrade Regional



Aerial view of Salmon Lake through the narrows into McGrath Pond. East Pond in the background.

Conservation Alliance (currently the 7 Lakes Alliance), was involved in the initial meetings of representatives of all the Belgrade chain of lakes - a group called the Lake Associations of the Belgrades, LABs, and starting the Belgrade Lakes Conservation Corps (today's Youth Conservation Corps).

In 1998, Lenny recounts, MPSLA embarked on its first comprehensive watershed survey to get a handle on where nutrient-rich runoff was entering the lakes. As a result the Association remediated runoff problems on more than 100 shoreline prop-

erties over a five-year period, saving something like 14 tons of nutrient-rich sediments from ever reaching the lakes to turn them green.

Two decades later, MPSLA has just finished its second watershed survey. If anything, Lenny points out, this one is more thorough than the first: With the recent survey as a guide, we have developed a Watershed-Based Protection Plan to guide us through the process of once again remediating over 100 sites. From experience, we know that there are tons of sediment to keep out of the lakes so that our children and grandchildren can enjoy McGrath Pond and Salmon Lake as much as we have. It's a job that's never really done, and it's good to know that MPSLA will always be here to work with those who love them to keep McGrath and Salmon as clean and as beautiful as they can be.

The 2019 annual meeting accentuated that quality of always being there for the job that's never really done.

President Jenny Allen welcomed the gathering with a brief overview of committees and activities designed to better protect the lakes: The LakeSmart program, Courtesy Boat Inspections, water and sediment sampling, cleanups the second Sunday of each month, and keeping uptodate on projects on the other Belgrade lakes, the watershed and the larger lakes community.

Representing the larger lakes community were guest speakers from the 7 Lakes Alliance: CEO Laura Rose Day who described the operations and resources of the organization; Amy Eskins who con-

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Deborah Massey and Robyn Deveney on invasive plant patrol at the outlet of Cold Stream in Salmon Lake



This winter, 7 Lakes Alliance staff, with help from Kim and Dave Hallee and Robyn Deveney, did water and sediment sampling through the ice on both McGrath and Salmon.

ducts the Plant Paddle programs; and Dr. Danielle Wain who provided a water quality update.

Water quality along with water levels and the fisheries occupied the question and answer session that followed - topics close to home and near to a property owner's daily use of the lake and good reasons to get LakeSmart.

A presentation on LakeSmart strategies and activities by Kim and Dave Hallee, (former president of MPSLA), provided a positive final note to an important meeting - the 30th anniversary of an association that has worked for three decades to preserve the lakes and increase the value of property



## Watershed-Based Protection Plan

As a result of our big Watershed Survey in the fall of 2017, MPSLA put together a Watershed-Based Protection Plan (WBPP) that set out a multi-year work schedule for protecting the lakes' water quality. Each of the property owners with runoff that affected lakes water quality received a letter of notification along with a guide to available resources. The WBPP is available for viewing and downloading on the MPSLA web site as a link on the Watershed Survey page. [www.mcgrathpond-salmonlake.org](http://www.mcgrathpond-salmonlake.org)

Implementation of the WBPP is underway in several areas. For the summer of 2019, this includes:

- Planning and initiating Pleasant Point Park shoreline remediation with Oakland Town officials, 7 Lakes Alliance staff, and RSU18 science students.
- Supporting and promoting 7 Lakes Alliance's Camp Road Workshops, inviting MSPLA members and encouraging those identified in the Watershed Survey with road or driveway issues to attend.
- Initiating Best Management Practice workshops for lakes protection in high-density camp/residential areas such as Tilton Point Trail, Tranquility Trail, Spaulding Point, Pinewoods Trail, and Kelleher Trail.
- Conducting LakeSmart evaluations on low-impact sites identified by the Watershed Survey.



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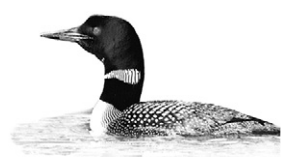


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10th and Last  
Belgrade Library 5K



The Friends of the Belgrade Public Library will host their 10th annual Friends of the Belgrade Public Library 5K Road Race on Saturday, July 20 at 8:00 a.m. This is one of several events sponsored by ‘The Friends’ to raise funds to support and maintain the operation of The Belgrade Public Library. The race will start and finish at the Belgrade Public Library, and entrants can choose to walk, run, or jog the course.

This will be the 7th year featuring The Summer Camp Challenge. Last year we had camp participants from Camp Caribou, Camp Matoaka, and Camp Runoia. And Camp Vega. A special ‘Camp Award’ will go to the winning camp of the Summer Camp Challenge. This year we are extending an invitation to all of our area law enforcement agencies to participate in the 5K road race. As a way to show our support, we are waiving the registration fee for all off-duty police officers.

Race day registration takes place at Belgrade Public Library beginning at 7:00 a.m. with the race starting at 8:00 a.m. Race day registration fee is \$20.00. Pre-race registration fee is \$15.00 and is available at RunReg.com, www.belgrade.lib.me.us or www.friendsofbelgradepubliclibrary.com . Awards will be presented to the overall male and female winners and to the top two finishers in each age category.

For further information please contact John House, race director, at 465-3524.

See you on race day!

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## —The Luckiest Boy—

## The Guide Ghosts of Great Pond

by Rod Johnson

As many of you may recall, for each of the last five summers strange happenings have occurred on Great Pond. Several “near sightings” and “close run-ins” with ghostly beings lead us to believe that the Guide Ghosts of Great Pond may in fact have an annual outing—on the very pond where they guided fishermen a century ago. Foggy nights seem to be their favorite weather, assumably to minimize the risk of being spotted. First, in 2014, it was a tourist scared out of her wits when she and her boyfriend “bumped into” a drifting old guideboat when canoeing at dusk around Abena Point. The next year, three young teenage girls heard fiddle music and voices on Otter Island when they swam out from Pine Beach. After that in 2016, the Rome police records note that a hysterical call came in from a man who had been side-swiped by a long white boat while he was waiting out a thunderstorm on Whale Rock. His frantic report described the driver of the long boat as a ghostly looking soul with wispy white hair. In 2017 Phil Cobb investigated fiddle music on Oak Island and found the still-hot remnants of a bonfire. Lastly in 2018, Rod and Doris Johnson’s inboard suffered an engine failure at night while returning from a visit with Steve and Edie Dubord on Gleason’s Shore. A fog had settled in quickly as they drifted onto the White Ledges and the Lyman went aground. Simultaneously they became entangled in a long anchor rode strung out from the bow of a very nice antique guideboat about 20 feet long. They took note that the old Gray Marine engine was still warm and a pail of recently caught white perch was evident. Doris recalls smelling a rather pungent odor wafting from the craft—which she described as a mix of kerosene, fish and wool, all with a strong tinge of home brew. Given the evidence, who could doubt the existence of The Guide Ghosts of Great Pond. This leads me to report on some very recent shenanigans that were reported to the Maine Warden Service just last week.

It seems that very recently on June 22nd Mr. Paul Thompson, a seasonal res-



Suspected culprit Charles Grant in guide boat caper-note name on boat bow

ident with a cottage in Sahagian Cove, Great Pond, town of Belgrade awoke early at approximately 4:45 a.m. While moving about his cottage in the new light of day he noticed a strange craft was tied to his dock. The sight of the long narrow double ended craft instantly stirred concern, curiosity and a quick stab of nostalgia. Paul realized quickly that he had not seen a boat of that type since he was a very young boy. He recalled traveling with his siblings and mother Esther when she often paddled her canoe to the village for supplies. In the

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Hard to believe this is already the 7th column of the summer. I couldn't believe it when my morning paper had a "Back to School" flyer in it already! I don't think the kids are reading the paper, though. They are too busy having fun in and around the water and hiking the nearby trails. As the air has warmed to the high eighties and the water into the upper 70's, more and more people are swimming, sailing, and tubing. The trout fishing is slowing down but the bass and pike are continuing to feed on schools of alewives. The bass are also hitting big Hex mayflies that are hatching in the evening and early morning on several of our lakes, including Great Pond, Long Pond, and Messalonskee. I have had good luck with spotting feeding fish on the surface early in the morning and casting big flies or poppers to them. A three-pound smallie on a 6-wt flyrod is a lot of fun. The early morning is also a great time to watch the new loon chicks learning to feed themselves.

Last week I talked a bit about the summer camps in the area and this week I met a lot of campers on the trails, including a group of excited Camp Runoia "First Years" getting ready to hike "The Mountain" on their second day of camp. Also at The Mountain, I helped fellow 7-Lakes Alliance Board Member, Mel Croft, lead a geology hike to help people learn how plate tectonics and the glaciers formed the landscape and then lichens, mosses, and salmon transformed the bare rocks into a complex, forested community. We had 25 eager hikers that



Camp Runoia "First Years" on their second day of camp.

climbed up to the Long Pond overlook and ate lunch while Mel talked about 200 million years of geological history and glaciers. The hike was followed by a short field trip to a sand pit near the Belgrade Town Office that used to be a marine delta and a visit to the Foster Point Road Esker. I think everyone learned something and had a great time.

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/>).

There will be many other interesting events through the summer, including the official opening of the Fogg Island Trail on July 20th and a special presentation by the Maine State Museum at 7 PM on August 8th entitled "Maine in 112 Objects." And don't forget the annual Beanhole Supper and Loon Calling Contest on August 3th. Check the web site 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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The house sits on a well-screened, 0.63-acre lot whose back lawn slopes very gently to the water's edge. There's a big dock, and a substantial float that can accommodate furniture for relaxed entertaining.

Finely finished throughout, the interior features an open-concept main level with exposed beams, lovely paneling, and a wood-burning river-stone fireplace that soars two stories, and



combined with the adjacent kitchen provides a wonderful "heart" of the home. Surfaces are nicely tiled, with a gas cooktop on the long, two-level island. A versatile office/study makes single-level living, or guest accommodation, an option.

It's a house with "extras": a hot tub and a wood stove in the finished, walkout, primarily daylight lower level, which has extensive family room/exercise space; a two-person sauna; a two-car garage (unusual, with lakeside properties) that has walkup storage above; and a pretty, two-level wood shed. (It's been said that you can judge a home by how well and neatly the wood is stored. This is true.)

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- **Farmers' Market at the Arboretum**, indoors, Friday 1-5 pm
- **Art in the Capitol**, Maine Arts Commission monthly self-guided exhibits in State House hallways (Mon-Fri 8 am-5 pm), Blaine House (call for times), and Maine Arts Commission Office (8:30am-4:30 pm), 287-6746, [mainearts.maine.gov](http://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](http://www.childrensdiscoverymuseum.org), 171 Capitol Street
- **Danforth Gallery**, Jewett Hall, art exhibits, UMA-1234, [www.uma.edu](http://www.uma.edu)
- **Governor's Mansion**, 1830 Blaine House, Tuesday-Thursday 2-4 pm, 287-2121, [www.blainehouse.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.kennebechistorical.org), 107 Winthrop Street
- **Maine State Museum**, Tuesday-Friday 9 am-5 pm, Saturday 10 am-4 pm, \$2 adults, \$1 ages 6-18, 287-2301, [www.maine.statemuseum.org](http://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](http://www.maine.gov), State Street
- **Maine State Library**, Monday-Saturday opens 9 am, 287-5600, [www.maine.gov/msl/](http://www.maine.gov/msl/), State Street
- **Museum in the Streets**, walking/history tour, [www.augusta-maine.gov](http://www.augusta-maine.gov), Water Street/downtown.
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- **Kennebec River Rail Trailhead**, Maine State Housing Authority parking lot, 623-8162, [www.krrt.org](http://www.krrt.org), Water Street
- **University of Maine at Augusta Fitness Trail**, 2 miles of wooded trails, near Civic Center, Route 27
- **Farmers' Market at Mill Park**, Tuesday 2-6 pm, 626-2305, [www.farmersmarketmillpark.org/](http://www.farmersmarketmillpark.org/), North Water Street
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- **Union Church Coffee House**, check for schedule, 7:30 pm, \$5, 495-3599, [www.unionchurchmaine.org](http://www.unionchurchmaine.org), Main Street
- **Belgrade Historical Society**, 495-2973, [belgradehistoricalsociety.org](http://belgradehistoricalsociety.org)
- **Belgrade Public Library**, 124 Depot St. Open M/W 2-6, T/Th 10-7, Sa 10-2. Weekly story hour and Minecraft, monthly book group. 207-495-3508., <http://belgrade.lib.me.us/>
- **Belgrade Lakes Market**, Sun 8 am-1 pm, Main Street
- **Peninsula Park on Long Pond**, picnic tables, Main Street
- **7 Lakes Alliance's MLRC**, 207-495-6039, [info@7lakesalliance.org](mailto:info@7lakesalliance.org), 137 Main Street

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

#### FARMINGTON

- **Farmington Historical Society, Titcomb House Museum**, 778-4275, Wednesday and Saturday, 11 am-2 pm, July-August, [www.farmingtonhistory.org](http://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](http://www.lilliannordica.com), 116 Nordica Lane, Holley Road
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- **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

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- **Artdogs and Circling the Square Fine Art Press**, Friday 1-5 pm, Saturday 10 am-4 pm, 582-6600, [www.theartdogs.com](http://www.theartdogs.com), 275-277 Water Street
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- **SpinOff Studio**, 588-7297, [spinoffstudio.org](http://spinoffstudio.org), Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm, 405 Water Street
- **Farmers' Market**, 512-8022, [www.gardinerfarmersmarket.org](http://www.gardinerfarmersmarket.org), Wednesday 2-6 pm, rain or shine, The Common
- **Kennebec River Rail Trail**, 623-8162, [www.krrt.org](http://www.krrt.org), access near Gardiner/Randolph Bridge, 6.5 miles to Augusta

- **Waterfront Park**, picnicking, events throughout summer, Kennebec River

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#### HALLOWELL

- **Harlow Gallery**, Kennebec Valley Art Association, 622-3813, [www.harlowgallery.org](http://www.harlowgallery.org) Wed- Sat, 12-6 pm, 160 Water Street
- **Gaslight Theater**, 626-3698, [www.gaslighttheater.org](http://www.gaslighttheater.org) City Hall, 1 Winthrop Street
- **Museum in the Streets**, history/walking tour, [www.historichallowell.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.skimusuemofmaine.org), 256 Main Street
- **Stanley Museum**, 265-2729, [www.stanleymuseum.org](http://www.stanleymuseum.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](http://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](http://www.lakewoodtheater.org), Route 201
- **Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture**, 474-9345, [www.skowheganart.org](http://www.skowheganart.org), summer evening artists lecture series, East Madison Road

#### MONMOUTH

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

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- **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](http://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 school-house, 685-4662, [www.readfieldhistorical.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.nemusiccamp.com), 8 Goldenrod Lane, Route 23
- **Sidney Historical Society**, 724-8032, [www.sidneyhistoricalociety.org](http://www.sidneyhistoricalociety.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](http://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](http://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](http://www.unitymaine.org), 42 Depot Street

## WATERVILLE

- **Aqua City Actor's Theatre (ACAT)**, 873-7000, [www.acattheatre.org](http://www.acattheatre.org). Waterville Opera House Studio Theater, Main Street
- **Museum in the Streets**, downtown history / walking tour, [www.themuseuminthestreets.com/waterville.htm](http://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](http://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/](http://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](http://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](http://www.operahouse.com), 93 Main Street
- **Farmers' Market**, Thursday 2-6 pm, 680-2055, [www.watervillefarmersmarket.org](http://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

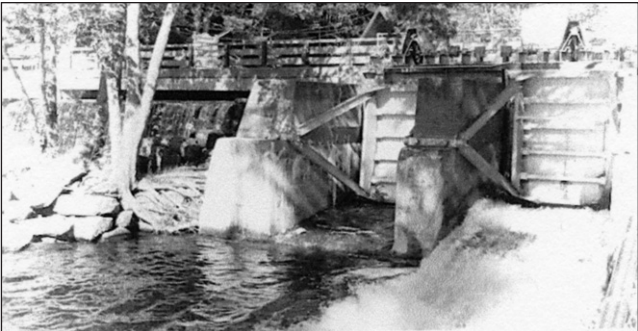
- **Wilton Farm & Home Museum**, 645-2091, 645-4578, [www.thewiltonfarmandhomemuseum.org](http://www.thewiltonfarmandhomemuseum.org), Saturday 1-4 pm or by appointment, 10 Canal Street

## 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

Well, we are enjoying some beautiful weather aren't we?! The way life ought to be! If you don't believe it, just think back seven months and all of that white stuff on the ground!

As of this writing, we have 1.65" of rain forecasted for the next 10 days which, if it occurs while we're all catching some shut-eye, will be welcomed.

Great Pond is essentially right at full pond or to be exact, 0.6" above full pond with gate 1 opened just 3" for the fisherman. In other words, Great Pond is just barely breaking over the spillway at the Village dam or right at full pond. Long Pond is 3.36" above full pond with both gates still completely closed. Salmon/McGrath remains at 1/10" below full with its one gate still opened the mandated 1 turn or 1cfs. All of our ponds are doing great.

Your eleven dedicated and volunteer representatives on the Inter-local Belgrade Area Dams Committee continue to vigilantly monitor and adjust all of our water levels with daily reports and monthly meetings to ensure these optimum water levels. And we are still doing our rain dances – which incidentally, isn't pretty but apparently effective! We cannot afford another summer of low water levels like last summer.



For those of you that have been wondering what the Salmon Lake single gate dam looks like, here it is! It might not be the Hoover Dam, but it works for us.

Enjoy the family, your vacation and this beautiful weather!

*Dick Greenan*

*Secretary, Belgrade Lakes Watershed Dams Committee*





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## — Calendar —

**...Through Friday, 7/26** - Book and Bake Sale, fresh, home-baked goods, clean used books for adults and children, puzzles, tapes, breads, pies, cookies and more, buy raffle tickets for a beautiful quilt, Tues 10 am-7 pm, Wed, Thurs, Fri 10 am-5 pm, 465-7633, Oakland Public Library, 18 Church Street, Oakland.

**...Thursday 7/18 and Friday 7/19** – “Hamlet,” by William Shakespeare, preview – Thursday, opening – Friday, 7:30 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater at Monmouth.

**...Through Sunday 7/21** – “Godspell,” 474-7176, Lakewood Theater, Route 201, Madison.

**...Friday 7/19 through Sunday 7/21** - 4-H Eastern States Tryouts, horse show, free and open to the public, covered arena, 353-5550, Fairgrounds, Madison Avenue, Skowhegan.

**...Friday 7/19** - The Lorraine Ouellette Trio, free admission, 2 and 7 pm, 946-5311, The Araxine Wilkins Sawyer Memorial, 371 Sawyer Road, Greene.

**...Friday 7/19** – Cassatt String Quartet, open to all ages, families encouraged, 859-5600, 11 am, Museum of Art, Colby College, Mayflower Hill, Waterville.

**...Friday 7/19** - Outside Looking In: An afternoon of acoustic music, blind songwriter, singer, harmonica player and poet, Mike Rogers, presents scenes and characters in his life of seventy-five years, 1:30-3 pm, free of charge, Public Library, Winslow.

**...Friday 7/19** – Juke Joint Devils, sponsored by Johnson Hall, free, 6 pm, 582-7144, Waterfront Park, Gardiner.

**...Friday 7/19** - Student Concert, Maine Jazz Camp, 6:30 pm, Roberts Learning Center, University of Maine, Farmington.

**...Friday 7/19** – Chamber Music Concert, Atlantic Music Festival, free admission, 7 pm, 888-704-1311, Lorimer Chapel, Colby College, Waterville.

**...Friday 7/19** - Jonathan Edwards, 7 pm, \$25, 293-2674, Vienna Union Hall, off Route 41, Vienna.

**...Friday 7/19** – New England Music Camp Honor Camper Recital, 7:30 pm, 844-476-6976, Alumni Hall, 8 Goldenrod Lane, Route 23, Sidney.

**...Saturday 7/20** – 36th Annual Loon Count, annual census of adults and chicks to monitor health of loon population, 7 am, to volunteer contact Maine Audubon Society, [conserve@maineaudubon.org](mailto:conserve@maineaudubon.org)

**...Saturday 7/20** - Teen Challenge Maine, Chain Breaker 5K, breaking the chains of addiction, registration 7 am, race starts 9 am, walk starts 9:30 am, pre-registration \$25 adults, \$20 students, \$15 children 10 and under, add \$5 day of race, 377-2801, University of Maine, Augusta.

**...Saturday 7/20** - 10th Annual Friends of the Belgrade Public Library 5K Road Race and 7th year featuring The Summer Camp Challenge, registration 7 am, race 8 am, \$20 day of race, \$15 pre-race, 465-3524, Belgrade Public Library, Depot Street, Belgrade.

**...Saturday 7/20** - 41st Annual Founder's Day and Classic Car Exhibit, historic setting, 9 am-5 pm, Paris Hill Road, Paris Hill.

**...Saturday 7/20** - Official opening of the Fogg Island Trail, Long Pond, 10:45 am, 495-6039, sponsored by 7 Lakes Alliance/MLRC, Spring Hill Road,

Mount Vernon.

**...Saturday 7/20** – East Pond Association Annual Meeting, 10 am, program will include an update on the alum treatment and LakeSmart activity, a presentation by Laura Rose Day, Executive Director 7 Lakes Alliance and recognition of Camp Manitou, Alden Camps and Sadulsky Camps for their efforts to control runoff into the lake, 362-5340, Birchcrest, Brickett Point, off East Pond Road, Oakland.

**...Saturday 7/20** - Student Concert, Maine Jazz Camp, 10 am, Roberts Learning Center, University of Maine, Farmington.

**...Saturday 7/20** - Intro to Drawing, entry level taught in a relaxed environment, led by local artist Kay Morris, bring a 6B or 9B pencil and kneadable eraser, all other materials provided, \$30 for members, \$35 for non-members, 622-3813, The Harlow, 100 Water Street, Hallowell.

**...Saturday 7/20** - Teen, Tech & Tour: “Emma. A Pop Musical,” 10 am, 474-7176, Lakewood Young Performers Camp, Lakewood Theater, Route 201, Madison.

**...Saturday 7/20** - A Trip to the Moon: 50th Anniversary of the Apollo 11 Landing, family program, fun moon-themed games and activities, learn what causes an eclipse, see how craters are formed and more, 10-11:30 am, adults \$3, under 18 \$1, 238-4250, L.C. Bates Museum, Route 201, Hinckley.

**...Saturday 7/20** – Nature Program, family-oriented, 11 am-2 pm, 657-4977, Maine Wildlife Park, Route 26, Gray.

**...Saturday 7/20** – “The Jungle Book,” family show, 1 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater at Monmouth.

**...Saturday 7/20** – Mt. Philip Grange monthly Bean Supper, all you can eat,

adults \$7, under 5 free, family of 4 or more \$20, 4:30-6 pm, Route 27, Rome.

**...Saturday 7/20** – 40th Annual New England Music Camp POPS Concert at “Bowl in the Pines,” ticketed event, 6 pm, 844-476-6976, Route 23, Sidney.

**...Saturday 7/20** - Atlantic Music Festival, Chamber Music, 7 pm, free admission, public welcome, 859-4353, Lorimer Chapel, Colby College, Waterville.

**...Saturday 7/20** – “Baskerville: A Sherlocke Holmes Mystery,” 7:30 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater at Monmouth.

**...Sunday 7/21** – “Murder For Two,” 1 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater at Monmouth.

**...Sunday 7/21** - New England Music Camp Student Concert at “Bowl in the Pines,” rain or shine, free to the public, everyone welcome, 3 pm, 844-476-6976, Route 23, Sidney.

**...Sunday 7/21** – “Barbie Demo Sing-A-Long,” Coburn Park Concert, 5-6:15 pm, free, 474-0527, Philbrick Gazebo, Coburn Park, Water Street, Route 2, Skowhegan.

**...Sunday 7/21** – “The Merry Wives of Windsor,” by William Shakespeare, 7 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater at Monmouth.

**...Monday 7/22** – East Pond Plant Paddle, 2-3 hours of fun, free and educational paddling to look for invasive plants, all ages welcome, kayak, canoe or snorkel, bring personal floatation device, water, sunscreen, rain date 7/24, 8:30 am, register at 495-6039, East Pond boat launch, East Pond Road, Oakland.

**...Monday 7/22** - A Night of Musical Theater, the rich heritage of American

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and British musical theater, Atlantic Music Festival, 5 pm, Strider Theater, Colby College, Waterville.

...**Monday 7/22** – Piano Recital, Atlantic Music Festival, a solo performance by the winner of the AMF 2019 Piano Competition, 7 pm, 859-4353, Lorimer Chapel, Colby College, Mayflower Hill, Waterville.

...**Tuesday 7/23** – Free outdoor family movie, rain or shine, 6:30 pm, free dinner for youth 18 and under 5:45-6:15, 474-3621, Margaret Chase Smith School, Skowhegan.

...**Tuesday 7/23** – Boneheads, Rock-on-the-River Concert, 7-8:30 pm, Riverfront, Water Street North, Hallowell.

...**Tuesday 7/23** – Atlantic Music Festival, Piano Concert, featuring students from the AMF Piano Institute, 888 704-1311, 7 pm, Lorimer Chapel, Colby College, Mayflower Hill, Waterville.

...**Wednesday 7/24** - An Author Talk with Sarah Perry "After the Eclipse," this year's ReadMe nonfiction book chosen by Maine author Tess Gerritson, 1:30-2:30 pm, 872-1978, Winslow Public Library, 136 Halifax Street, Winslow.

...**Wednesday 7/24** – Public supper, entrée, beverage, homemade dessert, \$9 adults, \$5 under 10, 5 pm, Fairview Grange, Route 8, Smithfield.

...**Wednesday 7/24** – Rob Burnell Trio, Waterfront Concert Series, 6 pm to sunset, 626-2352, Waterfront Park, Augusta.

...**Wednesday 7/24** - Summer Reflections on Recent Supreme Court Decisions with Joe Reisert, Belgrade resident and associate professor of government at Colby College, 6 pm, 495-3508, Belgrade Public Library, Depot Road, Belgrade.

...**Wednesday 7/24 through Saturday 7/27** – "Godspell," 474-7176, Lakewood Theatre, Route 201, Madison.

...**Wednesday 7/24** - New England Music Camp Faculty Artist Recital, open to the public, free of charge, everyone welcome, 7:30 pm, 844-476-6976, Alumni Hall, Route 23, Sidney.

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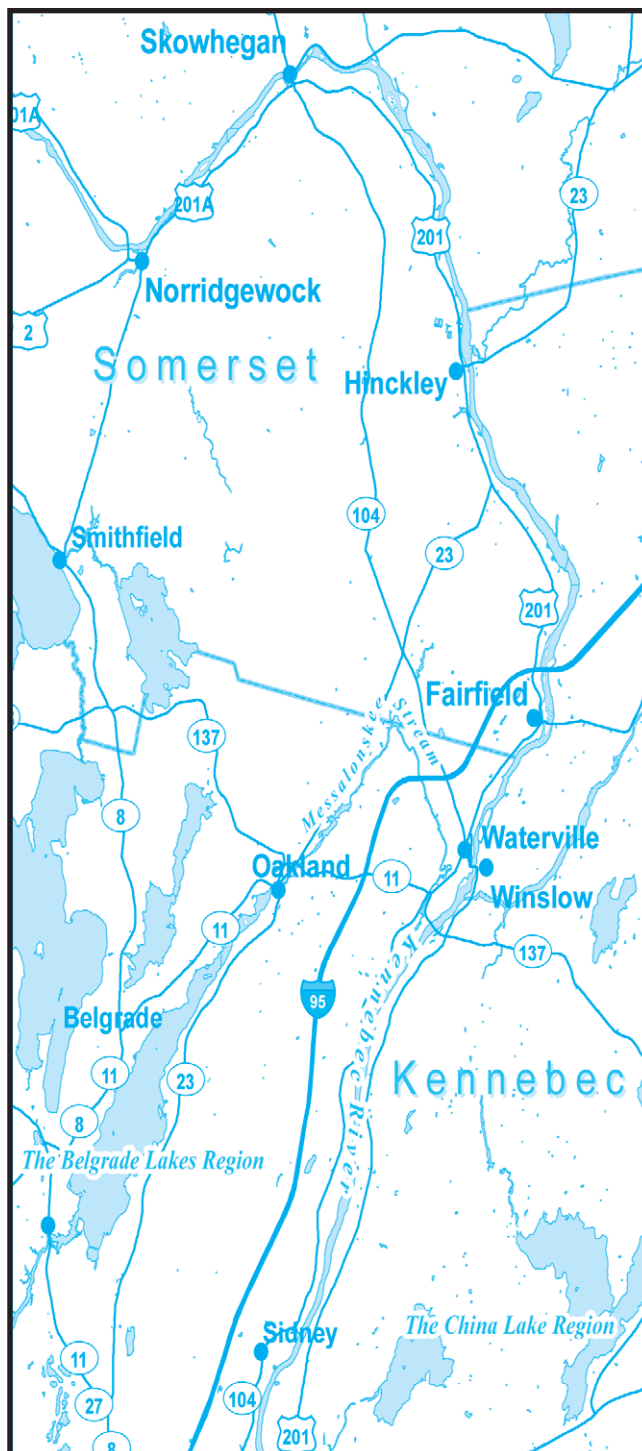
...**Thursday 7/25** - Paper Page Pets, free family-friendly Crafts at Art in the Park, a program of Common Street Arts, 4-6 pm, RiverWalk at Head of Falls, downtown Waterville.

...**Thursday 7/25** - Classic Car Cruise In, 3-7 pm, Waterfront Park, Gardiner.

...**Thursday 7/25** – Free Waterfront Concert, 6-9 pm, in the gazebo, Waterfront Park, Belgrade Road, Oakland.

**Thursday 7/26** – Reading and discussion by Cheryl Grant Gillespie, 1970 graduate of Winslow High School, from "Compassionate Journey: Honoring Our Mothers' Stories," a collection of 5 essays by Maine women writ-

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ers about mother/daughter relationships, 6-7:30 pm, 872-1978, Winslow Public Library, 136 Halifax Street, Winslow.

...**Thursday 7/25** – Atlantic Music Festival, opera arias and choruses, 7 pm, 888 704-1311, Strider Theater, Runnals Building, Colby College, Mayflower Hill, Waterville.

...**Thursday 7/25** - Fish Tales, The History of the L.C. Bates Blue Marlin caught by Ernest Hemingway, illustrated talk by Hemingway scholar Susan Beegel, including story of Maine taxidermist Fred C.N. Park of Bangor who mounted it, 7 pm, 238-4250, L.C. Bates Museum, Route 201, Hinckley.

...**Thursday 7/25 and Friday 7/26** – "Intimate Apparel," preview Thursday, opens Friday, 7:30 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater at Monmouth.

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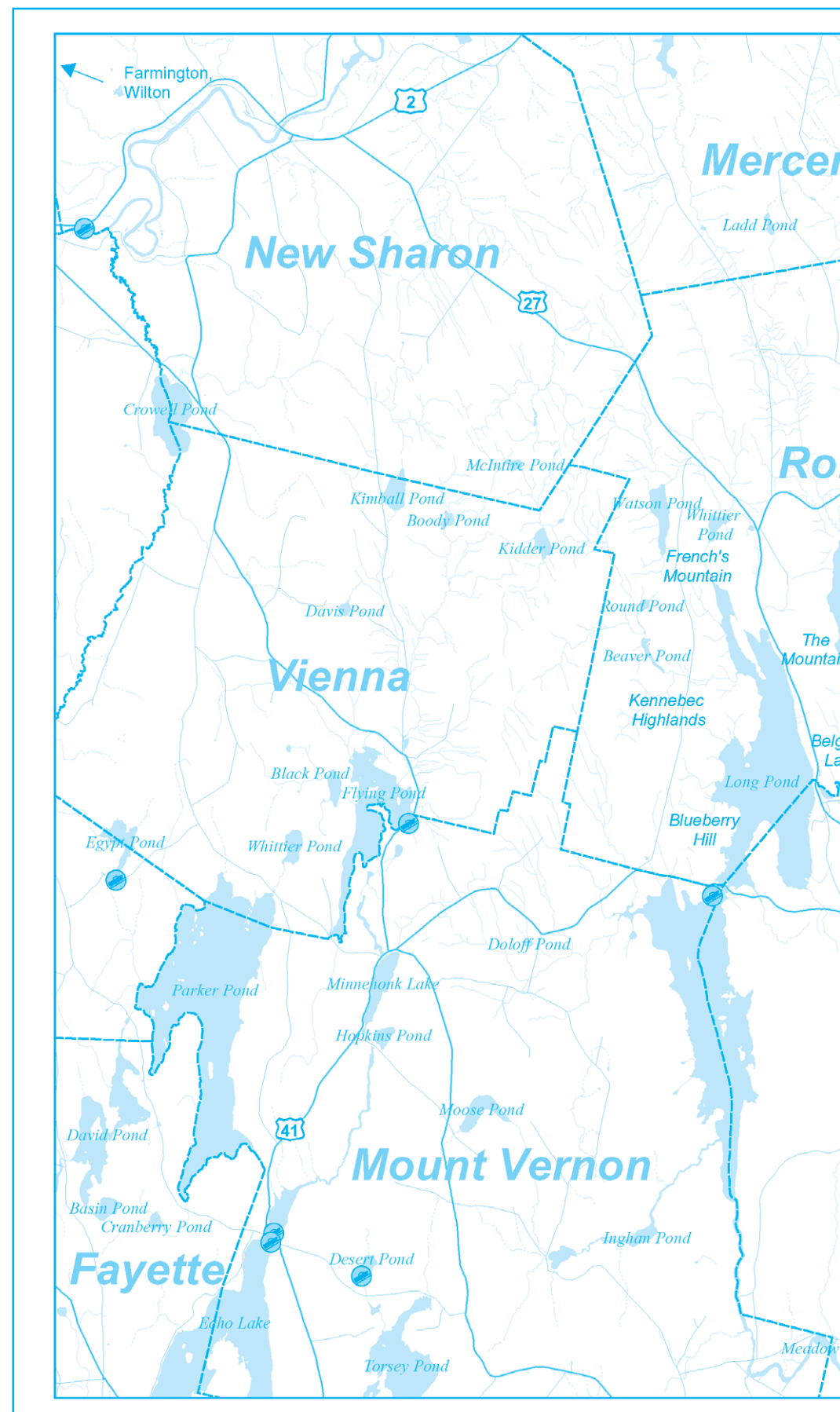
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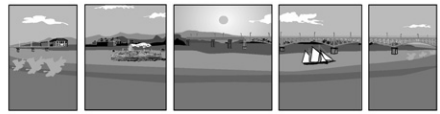
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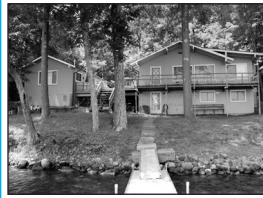
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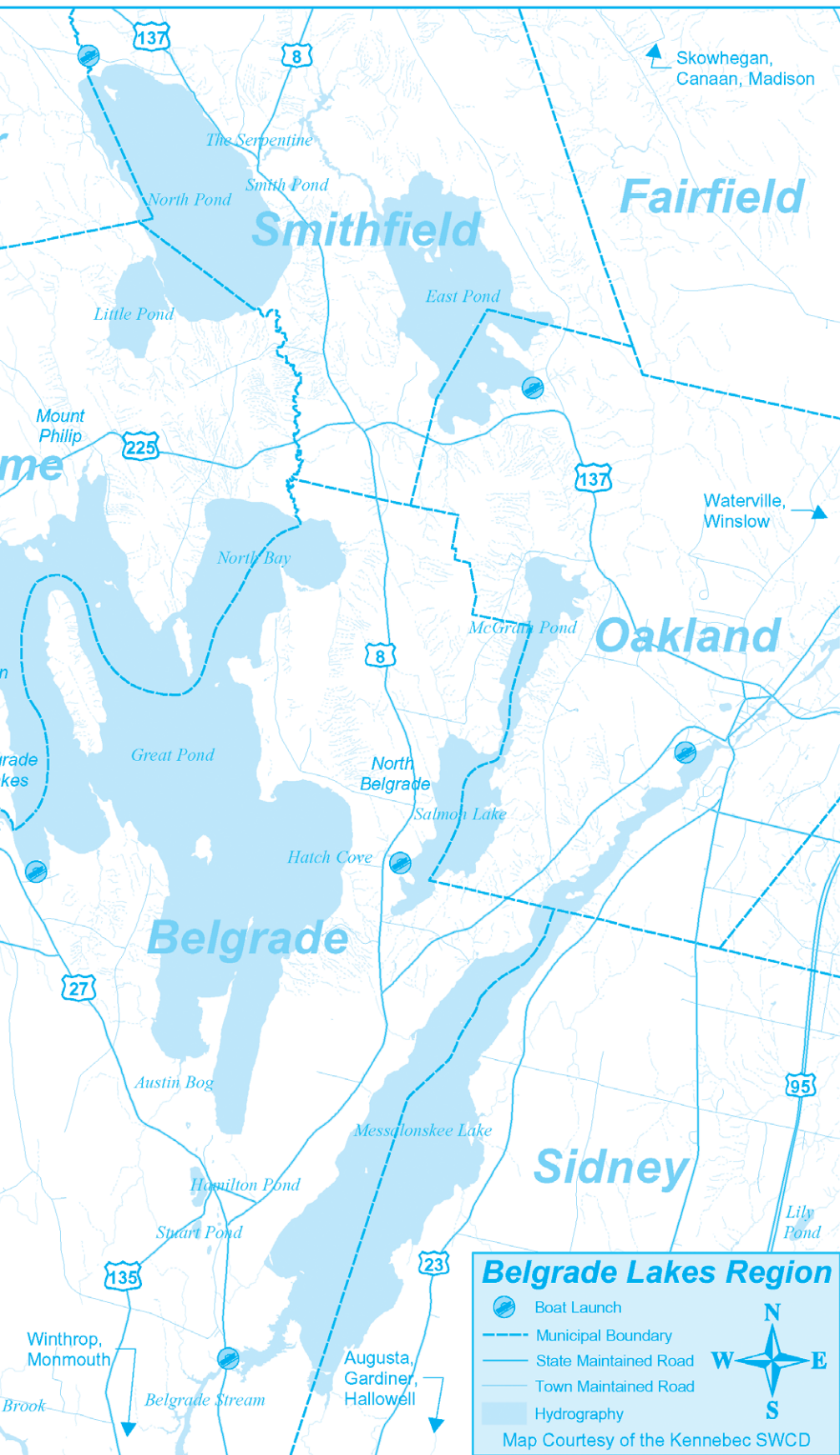
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- Summer Fest 2018 – Old Tyme Fun – will be held on Friday and Saturday, July 26 and 27 in Farmington; live entertainment, Great Float Race, Bed Race, food court. 491-5533
- The Lake Stewards of Maine will hold their Annual Lake Monitoring Conference on Saturday, July 27, at the The Great Outdoors in Turner starting at 8 am. 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 will be held on Saturday, July 27, at 6 pm on Long Pond to benefit the Belgrade/Rome Special Needs Food Pantry. 495-2202
- A Summer Smorgasbord will be held on Saturday, July 27, 5-6 pm at the First Congregational Church, 7 Eustis Parkway, Waterville. Adults \$9, children 5-12 \$4. 873-7410
- The annual meeting of the North Pond Association will be Saturday, July 27 at the Fairview Grange #342 in

Smithfield; 4-5pm social hour, 5-6 pm meeting and eating. 362-1009

- The 30th Annual Open Farm Day, Sunday, July 28, is an annual family adventure that offers the opportunity to experience farms throughout the state. [getrealmaine](http://getrealmaine.com)
- On Tuesday, July 30, a Camp Road Maintenance Workshop will be held at the Maine Lakes Resource Center, Main Street, Belgrades Lakes, 9 am-3 pm. 495-6039

### AUGUST

- The 2018 Rome Yacht Club Regatta will be held on Saturday, August 3 at 10 am in the northern most cove of Great Pond. 283-3642
- Moonlight Madness will be held on Thursday, August 1 starting at 5:30 pm in Downtown Skowhegan, featuring live music, vendors, great food, bed races and more. 474-3621
- Celebrate in Belgrade Lakes with the dedication of the Village Green Park, the annual Bean Hole Bean Supper put on by Belgrade Fire/Rescue and the Loon Calling Contest on Saturday, August 4. Events start at 3 pm. 495-3312
- Mercer Old Home Days 2019 celebrations are scheduled on Sunday, August 4 at the Mercer Community Center. [www.mercerme.us](http://www.mercerme.us)

- The Taste of Greater Waterville presented by the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce will be Wednesday, August 7 in downtown Waterville. 873-3315
- The Capital Y Tri, a sprint triathlon for ages 13 and older, will be held on Saturday, August 10, 8 am, at the Kennebec Valley YMCA, Union Street, Augusta. 622-9622
- The Gaslight Theater in collaboration with the Augusta Downtown Alliance will present a weekend of Shakespeare in the Park with "A Midsummer Night's Dream," August 15, 16 and 17. 626-3698



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into almost every home in the USA. Edward Bok's Pulitzer was written later, *The Americanization of Edward Bok*, a great biographical read about a Dutch boy who became a prosperous American. He also knew how to write!

I found these wonderful Bok books at the Waterville Library, such a beauty of an old building restored and also a prize winning public library. Just across the street from the laundromat.

\*Augusta finally became fire control central pretty much after the citizens of Maine brought it under control that horrid week. Out-of-state equipment and help from everywhere starting pouring in, so our capital city coordinated all the generosity of Americans everywhere.



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1950's and early 1960's, a post-heyday era of the fishing guides and boats, many of these long narrow boats could be seen up on blocks or hanging from chain falls in boathouses lining the stream. Most would never run again.

Paul cautiously opened the creaky screen door, then left the camp to slowly approach the dock and craft. He had no idea what to expect and was somewhat overwhelmed with emotion. After a good perusal of the long double ender it was clear that the driver had vanished, but he noted that the boat had been tied and fendered properly as a boatman would do. He also noted several items in the boat such as antique bamboo fly rods, a frog box, ring anchor with hemp rope, and several empty Kruger Ale bottles. Also, a plug of Day's Work chewing tobacco lay on the motor box. There was no hint of any identification on the craft such as a registration or hull number, only the name IDA on the lap strake hull. He then conferred with wife Maria who had joined him at the dock and agreed they should call the Maine Warden Service. The plot thickened when the couple noticed that Esther's old aluminum canoe was gone from its usual spot under the big pine. A young Warden was dispatched to the camp by mid-morning and took a full report of both the missing canoe

and abandoned guide boat. After three days passed the warden returned with a chagrined look on his face, saying that he could find no clues about either the stolen canoe or abandoned guide boat. By then, word had spread all over town that a mysterious antique guideboat was tethered to the Thompson dock. Boat after boat came idling by to get a glimpse of the old craft. Many folks were taking pictures, some even had the gaul to yell ashore, "Is It For Sale?" By the fourth day the Thompsons realized they needed to have the boat removed to regain their privacy and planned to do so the next morning. At midnight however, all hell broke loose when a strange weather phenomenon overtook Central Maine, shrouding Great Pond in a thick fog. Following the fog came imbedded lightning and north winds up to near hurricane force. The storm slowly petered out and by daybreak it was over. The lake took on the look of a polished mirror and as if by premonition, the Thompson's peeked out of the upstairs window only to see that the guide boat was GONE—and Esther's old Grumman canoe was back in its resting place under the pine.

Once again, our only conclusion is that The Guide Ghosts of Great Pond work in strange ways—and that we can expect their shenanigans to continue.



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clear, and shoot additional scenes in Belgrade.

Indeed, "[t]he first third of the film is set in Belgrade," Cooke explained, in the first of a series of emails. It was shot at Cooke's family's camp on Great Pond, on a camp road through a field, and at Castle Island Camps. The film's ending also takes place on the shore of Great Pond.

In the film, Cooke plays hard-charging, workaholic, fifty-something Lisa, who comes to the Belgrade home of her younger, more laid back, but recently widowed sister, Karen, played by Elissa Piszal. The two sisters have long been estranged, but they take a road trip to Nebraska to view the eclipse and try to work out their differences.

To date, three, post-MIFF screenings have been scheduled. The film will be included in "MIFF in the Mountains," in which eight of the best films from this year's MIFF will be shown during a mini-festival in Rangeley, August 2-5. The film will also be shown in New York City on August 22, and at the Prairie Lights Film Festival in Grand Island, Nebraska in mid-October. A longer version of this article is available at [www.sumbelnews.com](http://www.sumbelnews.com)



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- Conservation Too -

The Issue of Forest Pests i.e. “Forest Bugs”

By Dale Finseth

Hopefully we can help people at the park or in their back yards identify some invasive forest pests. Maine’s Soil & Water Conservation Districts have a project with the Maine Forest Service to help people identify invasive forest pests i.e. bugs that could do serious damage to our woodlands or in some cases cause you illness. While some of them have not yet appeared in Maine, many have. We need to be vigilant and identify them should they appear.

The Browntail Moth is already here and seems to be getting the most press coverage right now. Some areas of the State are affected more than others. Many people are experiencing the rash on their skin and other problems. Kennebec County and the midcoast areas seem much more heavily infested. Efforts to, not only identify its spread, but manage and minimize damage are in process. This moths’ caterpillar has two distinct red/orange dots on its back. Its “tents” are also distinctive. They appear at the end of branches rather than closer to the trunk in crotches of the branches. Oak trees and fruit trees seem the more likely targets.

The Browntail Moth caterpillar has tiny (0.15 mm) poisonous hairs (setae) that cause dermatitis (skin rash) similar to poison ivy on sensitive individuals.

Direct contact with the caterpillar or indirect contact with airborne hairs may cause the reaction. Most people affected by the hairs develop a localized rash lasting a few hours or several days but on some individuals the rash can be severe and last for weeks. We have begun to hear much more of this problem. It is also possible for respiratory problems to develop which require a physician visit and possible treatment. This year there is some benefit to the wet weather with the collapse of browntail moth due to the fungus entomophaga aulicae and possibly other pathogens. It is unclear how much that may help now or in the future. But it seems to be shrinking the caterpillar population this year.

Another forest pest already here is Hemlock Woolly Adelgid. It is not that uncommon. We have been working to identify its location, possible spread and efforts to control damage. Evidence of its existence are “woolly” collections on the underside of hemlock branches along the stems where the needles occur. It only occurs on hemlock trees.

Up until two years ago we had not officially seen the Emerald Ash Borer. Well it is now officially identified in Maine, particularly at our SW border with New Hampshire and also in Northern Maine. The point now is to identify it early and try and limit its spread. The Emerald

Ash Borer can devastate woodlots of Ash trees. Once fully established, destroying the wood is often the best option. There are areas in Michigan and New York that have needed to remove all their Ash trees. The small shiny green insects bore into the Ash trees and destroy the tree from the inside. Sick Ash trees should become suspect. The insects are tiny [see photo of examples placed on a penny] and the actual holes in the tree’s bark are also very small. The damage to the Ash tree is the best way to begin identification.

What can a person do? Try and learn how to identify some of these nasty Forest Pests. The Maine Forest Service of the Maine Dept. of Ag, Conservation and Forestry has an excellent website for all invasives including these Forest Pests. [www.informe.org/portal/about\\_me/invasives.html](http://www.informe.org/portal/about_me/invasives.html) If you think you have identified one of these critters, do not be afraid to call the Maine Forest Service. 207-287-3891. They would rather help you learn it is NOT an invasive than have you fail to report the real deal. Take a picture or collect the bug in a bag or bottle and keep it in the freezer. Help out in this effort to protect Maine from these invasives.

Remember, protecting the woods is one way to protect water quality. Do your part!

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](http://www.kcswcd.org)



LakeSmart Tip: Cover Soil and Save the Lake!

by Sabine Fontaine



Pathway stabilized by ECM, courtesy of Maine Lakes Society LakeSmart

If you look around your yard, your lakefront, your pathways, what do you see? Are there any well-loved areas looking bare? So bare you can see the soil? Here’s your tip to preserve property value, protect

You can get ECM from many local landscaping companies to use on your pathways. On flat areas less prone to runoff, a regular undyed mulch or crushed stone would also cover soil to save the lake

water quality, and save the lake: cover that soil up!

Why? Stormwater carries soil with its pollutants like phosphorus into the lake where it feeds algae blooms. These blooms look ugly, decrease property value, and disrupt the lake’s ecosystem. The loons we thrill to see and hear need clear water to find their food. Fish, frogs, osprey and eagles depend on a healthy lake as well

It’s easy to fix those bare spots. Covering soil with mulch keeps pollution from being washed into the lake by stormwater. There are many mulches, but one of the best is Erosion Control Mulch (ECM). It contains large woody pieces and small stones that lock together, so it doesn’t wash away in rainstorms.





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### Augusta

• Upcoming summer seminars at the Michael Klahr Center of the Holocaust and Human Rights Center at the University of Maine Augusta include: Yearning to Breathe Free: The Immigrant Experience in Maine" on July 18 and 19; Teaching Tolerance: Social Justice 101 on July 30, 31 and August 1 and Slavery in Maine on August 7 and 8. Workshops are designed for middle and high school teachers of history, literature and the humanities. Programs are held at the Michael Klahr Center, University of Maine at Augusta. Register at [hhrcmaine.org/2018-summer-seminar](http://hhrcmaine.org/2018-summer-seminar) or 621-3532

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• The Belgrade Lakes Market is celebrating 15 years this summer with an awesome selection of home-grown, homemade and home-baked goods every Sunday, 8 am to 1 pm at 137 Main Street, Belgrade Lakes, beside the Maine Lakes Resource Center building on the Belgrade Stream. The Belgrade Lakes Market has over twenty members whose booths offer a range of local foods, flowers and crafts - and news and information - rain or shine. Brochures listing participants are available in local businesses. [www.belgradelakesmarket.com](http://www.belgradelakesmarket.com)

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## Out of the Moon's Shadow and Into the Limelight

By Gregor Smith



Since the dawn of civilization, the moon has inspired authors, artists, and composers. Now, fifty years to the day after Neil Armstrong made his "one small step" onto the lunar surface, a new film, inspired by a total solar eclipse, in which the moon completely blocks the sun's light for a few minutes, will have its world premiere at the 22nd annual Maine International Film Festival.

Co-starring Belgrade actress Debra Lord ("Dee") Cooke and partly shot in that town, *In the Moon's Shadow* will debut at 12:30 on Saturday, July 20, in Railroad Square Cinema's 150-seat Cinema 1. The film will be shown again the next day at 3:30 in the same room. Co-stars Dee Cooke and Elissa Pizel and director Alvin Case will attend both screenings and will take questions from the audience.

The film had its genesis in August 2016, when Cooke and Case were sitting on her dock on Great Pond in Belgrade brainstorming storylines. They had worked together before, when Case cast Cooke as the lead in his 2015 sci-fi film *Analogue*.

Case then talked to his brother Edward, a nuclear physicist by day and screenwriter by night.

The two brothers hatched the idea of writing a story centered around the solar eclipse that would occur on August 21, 2017. The plan was to shoot for several days around the eclipse in Nebraska, where the eclipse would be total and the skies would likely be

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### BOAT SALES AND SERVICES

**Mid-Maine Marine and RV**, 885 Kennedy Memorial Drive, Oakland, 465-2146, [www.midmainemarine.com](http://www.midmainemarine.com)

### BOAT STORAGE

**Belgrade Boat Storage**, 31 Pinkham's Cove Road, Belgrade, 495-3421, 314-3287, [www.belgradeboatstorage.com](http://www.belgradeboatstorage.com)

**Belgrade Lakes Marine and Storage, Inc**, 366 Augusta Road, Belgrade, 495-2378, [www.belgradelakesmarine.com](http://www.belgradelakesmarine.com)

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**Mid-Maine Marine**, 885 Kennedy Memorial Drive, Oakland, 465-2146, [www.midmainemarine.com](http://www.midmainemarine.com)

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**Children's Book Cellar**, 52 Main Street, Waterville, 872-4543, [childrensbookcellar.com](http://childrensbookcellar.com)

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**Craig's Carpentry/North Bay Estates**, Route 8, North Belgrade, Craig Alexander, 649-3749

**G&L Contracting**, 116 Lakeshore Drive, Belgrade Lakes, 215-7951, 495-2325, 233-7408, [gandlcontractingmaine.com](http://gandlcontractingmaine.com)

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### CAMP JACKING AND LEVELING

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### COMPUTER CONSULTANTS

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### CONSTRUCTION

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**Assistance Plus**, 1-800-0070, ext. 408, [www.assistanceplus.com](http://www.assistanceplus.com)

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### ENGINEERING

**Thayer Engineering**, septic design, storm water mitigation, permitting, 17 Hasson Street, Farmingdale, 582-7762, [www.thayereng.com](http://www.thayereng.com)

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**Eye Care of Maine**, 325 E. Kennedy Memorial Drive, Waterville, 873-2731, 1-800-660-3403, [www.Maine2020.com](http://www.Maine2020.com)

### FARMSTANDS

**Winterberry Farm**, 538 Augusta Road, Route 27, Belgrade, 495-2593, 649-3331, [www.winterberryfarmstand.com](http://www.winterberryfarmstand.com)

### FINANCIAL PLANNING

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**Generators of Maine**, 262 Augusta Road, Belgrade, 495-2285, [www.generatorsofmaine.com](http://www.generatorsofmaine.com)

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**Belgrade Regional Health Center**, 4 Clement Way, Belgrade Lakes, 495-3323, [belgradechc.org](http://belgradechc.org)

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## MOVIE THEATERS

**Railroad Square Cinema**, call for titles and times, 17 Railroad Square, Waterville, 873-6526,  
[www.railroadsquarecinema.com](http://www.railroadsquarecinema.com)

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**Colby College Museum of Art**, 5600 Mayflower Hill, Waterville, 859-5600, [www.colby.edu/museum/](http://www.colby.edu/museum/)

## PAINTING

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## PHYSICAL THERAPY

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## PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

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[crgsnbe@yahoo.com](mailto:crgsnbe@yahoo.com)

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[abernatchez@cbplourde.com](mailto:abernatchez@cbplourde.com)  
**Day's Real Estate**, 262 Augusta Road, Route 27,

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Lea and Jose Ramirez and others learning about the rocks they are sitting on.

Belgrade Lakes, 495-3111, [www.daysrealestate.com](http://www.daysrealestate.com)

**Hoang Realty**, 31 Western Ave., Augusta, 623-0623, [www.hoangrealty.com](http://www.hoangrealty.com)

**Lakepoint Real Estate**, 221 Main Street, Belgrade Lakes, 495-3700, [www.belgradelakepoint.com](http://www.belgradelakepoint.com)

**Sprague & Curtis Real Estate**, 75 Western Avenue, Augusta, 623-1123,  
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## RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES

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## SCHOOLS

**St. Michael School**, grades pre-K 3-year-old through 8th, 56 Sewell Street, Augusta, 623-3491,  
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## SECURITY SYSTEMS

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## STORAGE

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## WINE AND SPIRITS

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# Fire Novel and History Book about The Week Maine Burned in Oct. 1947

*by Martha F. Barkley*

Everyone around the globe was updated and informed about the famous Bar Harbor fire, but few heard the rest of the story: towns in southern Maine completely devoured by fast flames like the recent Paradise, CA disaster and southern coastal resorts destroyed so very dreadfully fast that people fled for their lives to the freezing ocean and wet sands on the beaches.

What a story, but who remembers that extra wet spring like what we just had in 2019, followed by draught conditions in August-October? *Wildfire Loose*, non fiction by Joyce Butler was published thirty years after the disaster in intricate detail. Facts like the lady who was baking blueberry muffins when she smelled smoke and heard "the freight train sound" of the descending firestorm through the tops of trees.

*The Stars are Fire* is a novel by Anita Shreve that shares the family turmoil on the southern coast of Maine during the draught and tragic losses of homes right beside the ocean. I am particularly pleased that this lesser known part of Maine history is explored in this novel rather than the very well known Bar Harbor loss.

Our Belgrade Library book discussion went on and on from 11 am to 1 pm about these two books on the same subject: the week that Maine burned. We had so many revelations in the novel as well as the documentary type history.

Only 15 people lost their lives throughout this horror was quickly pointed out by Claudia. What a miracle, but, of course, many many injuries, undocumented. The novel dealt with fire injury. A thought to be dead or missing husband returned home months after a long coma released him from his misery with scarred face and crippling conditions.

Cece commented on the world renowned lab in Bar Harbor. Who knew of this gem of science for cancer research and the mice lost for further experimentation? Science labs around the globe had shared with Bar Harbor, so the basic research was not lost, thank goodness. Clean up by shoveling mice remains out the broken windows made the volume of loss even more concrete and real in its terrible vastness.

Happy endings for novels was pitched by Martha (another one, not me) who teaches college age students. The novel has a twist at the end that I just found troubling, but maybe you, dear reader, prefer happy endings. Music is such an important part of this story and I simply was enraptured by the writing of novelist Anita Shreve about expressive piano playing and also buying a record player for the family to enjoy music in their home. Sounds like our home, full of music.

The very amazing facts of so many volunteers around Maine that you saw very few real fire fighters in their protective garb. Self reliance of every community and all the college and university age students who were right out there to help. Kay commented on the Bowdoin students who fought the fire so very long on one side of Rt. 1, that they were found the next morning, exhausted and sleeping on the other side of the road where they had BUILT fires to keep warm!

Barbara and others helped select these two books for us this summer and Loyce brought her huge book of Maine maps to help locate the communities and ponds in the history. The China fire was the closest to Belgrade, maybe even one of the notorious "set fires." My first edition of *Wildfire Loose* had a terrific map in the front of the southern fires and up the coast to Kennebunk and the back flap of my library book had the Bar Harbor fire locations.

It was clear to me by these two maps that Bar Harbor lost a third of the historic resort to this calamity while the more complete devastation was in the south with over seven towns completely destroyed. Everything gone, from farmhouses and barns and animals to main street Victorian homes and businesses. One town destroyed bragged later that they only stopped mail delivery for one day! How did these resilient people do it?

As Joyce Butler so carefully documents, everyone pitched in, everyone. While the men all went to volunteer as firefighters, the women were busily making sandwich after sandwich after bowl of stew or chowder for the exhausted men. Some women even delivered coffee and food to firefighters trapped inside of dangerous smoke filled, windy areas. The wind played such a role in the fire's movements and the dryness of ground level "slash" created a torrential wind from within the devouring flames.

I found the definition of slash in the helpful vocabulary list at the end of the history. With high winds from a storm not too long before 1947, the woods were full of fallen branches and trees. Draught brought all this slash to dangerous, known levels. New Hampshire closed its woods to hunters before Maine did, and some fires still occurred in NH. Poverty Pond, now on the map as Silver Pond, experienced complete fire damage in Maine not far from the NH border...three of us at book group hunted for this one on the map!

Our next book for August is *The Library Book*, another fire story about the LA public library burning. Come join our discussion. We would love to hear your opinions.

I also recommend *The Man from Maine* by Edward Bok who tells very descriptively about Cyrus Curtis as a young lad experiencing the Portland fire of 1866. Curtis later developed *The Ladies Home Journal* which found its way

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**AUGUSTA**-Fabulous home in North Augusta, just 5 minutes from I-95 and Maine General Hospital. Wonderful open kitchen/DR w/propane fireplace, dream kitchen w/6 burner stove, double ovens, stainless steel appliances and granite counters. Spacious LR w/hardwood floors opens to a side deck/porch. Two BRs and BA up w/whirlpool tub. Lower level office/FR w/woodstove and third BR. Lower level opens to a wonderful fun area w/enclosed seating, bar area, built in grill, counter area and firepit spot. Inground pool for summer fun! Oversized heated garage. MLS #1424399 \$275,000

**FARMINGDALE**-Immaculate 3BR, 2BA Farmhouse w/lovely attached 2BR, 1BA in-law apartment. Beautiful custom kitchen open to a large dining area. 1st floor full BA w/laundry area, Den and LR w/hardwood floors. Upstairs has 3BR, full BA and a sewing room. Walk-in MBR closet. In-law apartment w/laundry room, newer kitchen, BR. The property sits on a large 5.68 acre lot. Paved driveway and 2 car garage w/3rd door for your small sports car, tractor, snowmobile or boat.

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**HALLOWELL**-Lovely split entry style home in popular Hollowell. Large corner lot w/wample room for a garden. Upper level features eat in kitchen, spacious LR, larger master BR/bath (at one time this was a 3 BR but then remodeled to the current BR/bathroom suite). Lower level with BR, BA and office. Backyard deck leads to the oversized one car garage. Shed included. MLS #1423255 \$179,900

**AUGUSTA**-Charming home with much to be desired. 4 BR in total w/1 full & 2 half BA. A spacious master BR w/a 1/2 BA on the main floor. Mudroom upon entry. Fully appliances kitchen. A shed for storage. All on a lovely, manageable 0.15 level lot in a neighborhood close to it all including shopping, the interstate, and much more! MLS #1424296 \$149,900

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## Golden Pond Wealth Management Gifts \$25,000 to Waterville's Paul J. Schupf Art Center

**W**aterville Creates!, a non-profit supporting and promoting high-quality, accessible arts and cultural programs and institutions in Waterville, Maine, announces a gift in the amount of \$25,000 from Golden Pond Wealth Management in support of the community capital campaign for the Paul J. Schupf Art Center.

Designed to bring together under one roof some of Waterville's most beloved arts institutions, including the Maine Film Center, Common Street Arts, and a new gallery of the Colby Museum of Art, the Paul J. Schupf Art Center will be



constructed on the current site of The Center building at 93 Main Street, directly adjacent to the Waterville Opera House and City Hall building and downtown's central green space, Castonguay Square. Waterville Creates! and Colby College are partnering on this transformative project, which will create a distinctive hub for visual arts, performing arts, arts education, and film for children and adults. In addition to enhancing Waterville's reputation as a destination for arts and culture, this new facility will add vitality to downtown Waterville during both the daytime and evening hours and serve as an economic driver for the region.

"Giving back to our community is one of our core values at Golden Pond Wealth Management, and we are particularly compelled to work with organizations that advance our collective cultural well-being," says Brian Bernatchez, managing director of Golden Pond Wealth Management. "We are a major season sponsor of the Waterville Opera House because of its tremendous impact on our community, both culturally and economically, and we see the Paul J. Schupf Art Center as an incredible opportunity to further advance the arts in Waterville." Golden Pond Wealth Management's gift was pledged in support of the \$2 million community capital campaign led by Waterville Creates! as part of the overall fundraising goal of \$18 million for the project.

"Golden Pond Wealth Management has consistently been a strong supporter of the arts in our community, and we are thrilled by their generous support of this project," says Shannon Haines, president and CEO of Waterville Creates! "The recent momentum that has been building for our community capital campaign has been due in large part to a business community that values and invests in the arts not only for the cultural enrichment they provide but for their power to drive a robust local economy."

According to the Arts & Economic Prosperity 5 study published by Americans for the Arts in 2017, Waterville's nonprofit arts and cultural organizations and their audiences generate over \$6 million in direct economic activity per year. Business Contributions to the Arts: 2018 Edition, a study by The Conference Board in conjunction with Americans for the Arts, revealed that 63% of companies believe the arts contribute to the economy of the community and 79% of companies believe arts help to improve quality of life in the community.

Waterville Creates! connects artists, cultural organizations, and the public with arts and cultural events and programs happening in our community. We firmly believe that art and culture have the power to enrich lives, strengthen community bonds, and serve as an economic engine. We pro-

mote and support arts education, exhibitions, theatre, film, music, and dance that is accessible to all residents and visitors. By helping to build a creative economy, Waterville Creates! is leading the effort to make Waterville an exciting cultural destination and a thriving, vibrant community. Learn more at <http://www.watervillecreates.org>. For more information about the ongoing community capital campaign for the Paul J. Schupf Art Center visit <http://www.downtownartscenter.org>.



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