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When Camps Contribute To Water Quality

by Esther J. Perne



At the East Pond Association meeting in Oakland this summer, three camps received distinguished LakeSmart awards, particularly for reducing runoff into the lake, and among them they represent the range of fishing, lodging and youth camps that have provided the rhythm of the Belgrades for well over a century.

The three camps: Alden Camps, Camp Manitou and Sadulsky's are part of East Pond's unique heritage. They also are part of a unique "clean water" future.

Alden Camps, founded in 1911, is a traditional fishing camp - one of four left in the Belgrade chain - with sleeping cabins near the lake and a central dining room with a meal plan. In a way fishing camps took over where the grand hotels on the lakes left off. They provided, and still do, the opportunity for families to vacation together while enjoying individual recreational pursuits.

In addition to Alden Camps LakeSmart award for work accomplished on their waterfront, Alden Camps also was cited for a cumulative 5-year contribution of nearly \$25,000 to East Pond's Courtesy Boat Inspector fund from guests responding to a line item on Alden Camps' billing form asking if they would like to donate.

Sadulsky's, founded in 1948, offers completely furnished housekeeping cottages on the lake where guests cook their own meals. Such camps became very popular with the advent of the family automobile and improved roads. Sadulsky's has received a LakeSmart Letter of Commendation for work accomplished in preventing runoff.

Camp Manitou, founded in 1947, is an overnight camp for boys

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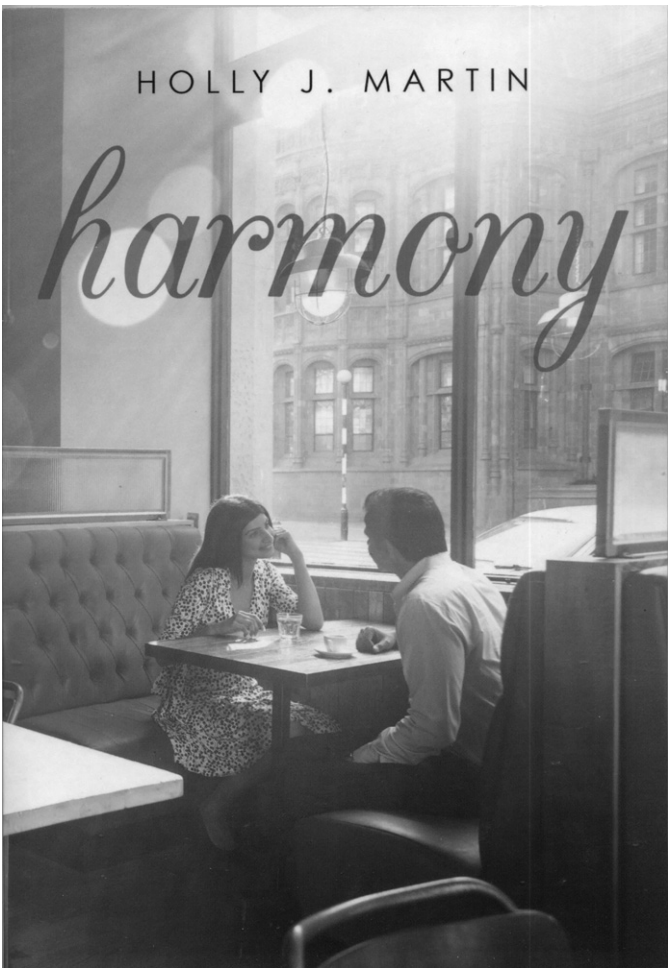
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When Holly J. Martin was growing up in Norridgewock, she spent hours reading at the Norridgewock Library. When she was a young mother she spent hours making up stories for her children. When she embarked on a long working career Holly spent years thinking about the books she would write...some-time. She had an ambitious plan for ten romance novels, following the separate lives of ten siblings from Maine.

Today, Holly is a published author of six books - five from

her long-planned Johnson Family series plus a new novella. She is still working full time but she is writing, too, and is now on the 6th book in her series.

"I try to write every day, at least one paragraph," says Holly, who started writing her books in 2015 and had the first one published in 2017. "I never want it to be a regret that I didn't do it," she states.

Although Holly had plotted out her books over the years and knows the whole story before she writes it, one circumstance that led her to finally put them on paper four years ago was her husband's involvement with refereeing evening basketball games - time that she spent writing.

It's a good arrangement, Holly describes, adding "My husband is one of my first proofreaders."

Like many Mainers, Holly has wonderful childhood settings to draw on and uses Maine people and places - with changed names - to create her characters and situations. Her favorite memory is camping all her growing up years with her Grandparents each summer on Moose Pond but that, she says, she is saving for a nonfiction book.

For fans of romance books and of authors who follow through on their dreams, Holly's novels may be purchased on Amazon or through Barnes and Noble. The titles in the Johnson Family series include: Princess, Harmony, Heaven, Sweet Love and the novella My Maine Man. Not related to the series is Divine Risk



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—The Luckiest Boy—

Some Things Do Not Change

by Rod Johnson

Over the last several years we've heard a lot of conversations and read many articles about change. People say this has changed, that has changed, are the changes good or bad, what do you think of the changes and so on. We often hear that young people don't appreciate what they have and that the old folks are always saying negative comments about on-going issues, be it local or national. Then, it's that our government has lost its direction and no longer works for the people and that people are obsessed with their cell phones and don't talk to each other verbally. I could go on and on and am sure you could as well. But here's the thing: we are not going down that road today. Yes, some or most of the above may have some truth to it but today let's stick to many of the things in are life that do not change.

As summer slides on through it's time, both Doris and I are continually noting the number of things that do not change, including emotions that are as old as we are. Just for the fun of it, we made a list of likely candidates. The list became too long for a story so we picked the top ten on our



list. Among them are: the joy of sitting on a porch in a rocker, stopping for ice cream when the whim hits you, having family and friends gather for picnics and cook-outs, planting and tending your precious garden and flowers, making and eating fresh berry jams and jellies, star gazing on a perfect night, going for a swim, camp fires, taking boat rides, napping in a hammock, and lastly by grandchildren's decree—making and eating s'mors! Whoops, that made eleven I think.

It seems comforting to enjoy our list and very nostalgic, too. No matter how many summers slide by, like old friends the list never waivers, except to grow longer. If you haven't done so yet, make your list and stick it on the fridge or cabin wall.

This story was inspired yesterday morning at 6 a.m. when we looked out to a row of empty wooden rocking chairs on the porch. A very slight breeze caused them to move slightly as if calling for some occupants. We poured the first cup of coffee and obliged the fine old chairs, soon sensing that some things don't change. The rockers became the first on our list as we wondered how many before us have rocked in these one hundred year old chairs—and how many will in the future. It's the simplest things in life that we should not abandon but cling to.



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— Take It Outside —

Two weeks ago, we got a brief visit from our granddaughter, Maddy, when her parents dropped her off on the way to delivering her older brother to Jazz Camp at UMaine Farmington. This week, my wife attended a morning jazz concert and picked up her older brother, Nathan, when his camp ended. She brought him home and fed him leftover lobster from the night before. The weather remained hot and humid so the afternoon turned into a movie at the air-conditioned Narrow Gauge Cinema followed by dinner at Uno Mas in Farmington. The next day, Nathan arose at the crack of noon and we enjoyed a hearty brunch of scrambled eggs with freshly foraged yellow chanterelle and black trumpet mushrooms and fresh-picked blueberries. Nathan and I then headed out in the boat for a bit of fishing and exploring the lake, including a stop at Day's Store Lakeside Scoops for ice cream. We caught quite a few fish and spent a lot of time cooling off in the water, including swimming and snorkeling in "The Graveyard" in lower Long Pond. While we were snorkeling, we scraped aufwuchs (the epiphytic algae growing on the rocks) with our fingers and had the sunfish nibbling snacks off our fingers. Later we headed home in time to prepare a delicious dinner of Long Pond rainbow trout filets grilled with leftover lobster butter and tarragon, with more blueberries. After a good night's sleep, Nana took Nathan home by way of lunch at Panera's and shopping at Barnes and Noble. It always



Above: Grandson Nathan driving the boat.
Right: Nathan catching fish and feeding fish.



amazes me how much eating and sleeping a teenage boy can do in a few days. Next month, Nathan and the rest of his family are headed to Alaska for a couple of weeks of hiking and camping.

Later in the week, we towed the Maine Lakes Society's 30-ft floating classroom, Melinda Ann, to North Pond and I led a couple of voyages with North Pond Association adults and kids to teach them about water quality measurements and give them hands on experience measuring Secchi depths, doing plankton tows, benthic sampling, and measuring the temperature-oxygen profile in the lake. The Secchi depth of 4.22 meters was considerably clearer than last summer's readings of less than 2 meters. When

the trips were done, I headed back toward the boat launch when I got a call from Carroll Bubar, who was supposed to tow the boat back to Rome, saying he was running about fifteen minutes late. Luckily, I happened to have a flyrod with me in the boat and I managed to catch a couple of nice white perch while fishing where Bog Stream enters North Pond while waiting for Carroll. About two hours later, we enjoyed fresh fish for dinner, an added bonus to a fun day. About the same time, Mike Guarino was fishing with a family spending some time vacationing at Salmon

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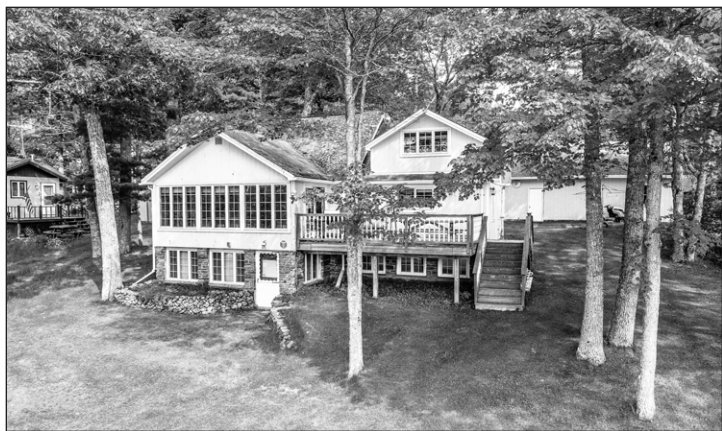


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Here on a big 1.30-acre lot is a wonderful ready-made waterfront family compound. Year-round living space totals 2,575 ± square feet. In addition to a quality-built, finely detailed, chalet-style inspired main house, there is a full apartment. With three bedrooms, bath, kitchen, living room and office, it is perfect for guests or multi-gen accommodation. As a rental (there are longtime tenants in place) it produces significant income.



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A further bonus: The apartment sits above a four-bay garage, which is in addition to the home's oversized, two-vehicle garage.

Highlights of the three-bedroom home include a cherry-and-granite kitchen, a massive stone fireplace, and a huge, elevated deck. Single-level living is an option; so is converting the second floor to create a master suite.

A wall of windows overlooks the lake and the spread of green back lawn that slopes gently to the water. A long deck extends from the property's 89 feet of frontage on Sheepscot's eastern shore.

Enjoy glorious sunsets; kayak or canoe, while keeping an eye out for soaring eagles and other big birds, and loons. Swim, and fish, in pristine waters whose conditions are closely monitored by the Sheepscot Lake Association (sheepscot-lakeassociation.webs.com) to the great benefit of all.

The home at 1 Loon Cove, Palermo, is offered for sale at \$575,000 by Hoa Hoang of Hoang Realty in Augusta. Please contact Hoa at 207-623-0623; 207-485-1485; or at realtor2074851485@gmail.com.



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- **Farmers' Market at the Arboretum**, indoors, Friday 1-5 pm
- **Art in the Capitol**, Maine Arts Commission monthly self-guided exhibits in State House hallways (Mon-Fri 8 am-5 pm), Blaine House (call for times), and Maine Arts Commission Office (8:30am-4:30 pm), 287-6746, mainearts.maine.gov
- **Children's Discovery Museum**, CDM, hands-on displays, activities, Tuesday-Thursday 10 am-4 pm, Friday-Saturday 10 am-5 pm, Sunday 11 am-4 pm, admission, 622-2209, www.childrensdiscoverymuseum.org, 171 Capitol Street
- **Danforth Gallery**, Jewett Hall, art exhibits, UMA-1234, www.uma.edu
- **Governor's Mansion**, 1830 Blaine House, Tuesday-Thursday 2-4 pm, 287-2121, www.blainehouse.org, State Street
- **Holocaust and Human Rights Center of Maine**, Michael Klahr Center, Monday-Friday 8 am-4 pm, 621-3530, www.hhrc.uma.edu, University of Maine at Augusta, off Route 27
- **Kennebec Historical Society**, Tuesday-Friday 9 am-3 pm, 622-7718, www.kennebechistorical.org, 107 Winthrop Street
- **Maine State Museum**, Tuesday-Friday 9 am-5 pm, Saturday 10 am-4 pm, \$2 adults, \$1 ages 6-18, 287-2301, www.maine.statemuseum.org
- **Maine State House**, Hall of Flags, House and Senate Rooms, Klir Beck dioramas, Monday-Friday 8 am-5 pm, book tours at Maine State Museum, walk-ins welcome 9 am-1 pm, 287-5600, www.maine.gov, State Street
- **Maine State Library**, Monday-Saturday opens 9 am, 287-5600, www.maine.gov/msl/, State Street
- **Museum in the Streets**, walking/history tour, www.augusta-maine.gov, Water Street/downtown.
- **Old Fort Western**, 1754 fort, house, store, 1-4 pm daily, admission \$6, 4-14 years \$4, 626-2385, www.oldfortwestern.org, Cony Street
- **Riverfront Park**, boat launch, Greenway Trail, playground, eastside Kennebec River
- **Kennebec River Rail Trailhead**, Maine State Housing Authority parking lot, 623-8162, www.krrt.org, Water Street
- **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/, North Water Street
- **Farmers' Market at Turnpike Mall**, 549-5112, Wednesday 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

- **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 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, 137 Main Street

FAIRFIELD

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

FARMINGTON

- **Farmington Historical Society, Titcomb House Museum**, 778-4275, Friday 10 am-2 pm, June-September, 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, 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

GREENE

- **Araxine Wilkins Sawyer Memorial**, free entertainment programs, monthly - Friday 2 and 7 pm, 946-5311, www.sawyer-foundation.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, 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, 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.monmouthmuseum-inc.org, 751 Main Street
- **The Theater At Monmouth**, The Shakespeare Theater of Maine, Cumston Hall, 933-9999, www.theateratmonmouth.org, Main Street

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NEW SHARON

- **Farmers' Market**, Saturday 9 am-1 pm, Douin's Market, 491-9025, 150 Mercer Road, Routes 2/27
- **New Sharon Historical Society**, Saturday 1-3, 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 school-house, 685-4662, www.readfieldhistorical.org, Thursday and Saturday 10 am-2 pm or by appointment, Route 17, Readfield Depot

ROME

- **Mt. Philip Grange**, suppers 3rd Sat of month, 4:30-6 pm, all you can eat beans, cornbread, rolls, chop suey, pies, Routes 135/225
- **Trails**: Mount Philip, 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.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, free, Monday-Friday, 10 am-4 pm, 54 Norridgewock Ave.
- **History House Museum**, 1800s local history and culture, heirloom gardens, free, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 am-4 pm, 474-6632, www.skowheganhistoryhouse.org, 66 Elm Street
- **Fairgrounds**, weekly horse shows/competitions, free public

events, covered arena, Skowhegan State Fair in August, 474-3621, Madison Avenue, Route 201

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

SMITHFIELD

- **Fairview Grange**, 362-2791, Route 8
- **Smithfield History Society "The Groves House,"** 634-4392, 21 Lakeview Drive
- **Sunbeam Roller Rink**, 362-4951, 830 Village Rd, Route 8

UNITY

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

WATERVILLE

- **Aqua City Actor's Theatre (ACAT)**, 873-7000, www.acattheatre.org. Waterville Opera House Studio Theater, Main Street
- **Museum in the Streets**, downtown history / walking tour, www.themuseuminthestreets.com/waterville.htm
- **Head of Falls Park/Two Cent Bridge**, historic foot bridge over Kennebec River connecting Waterville and Winslow, Front Street
- **Common Street Arts**, 872-2787, www.commonstreetarts.org, Wednesday through Saturday noon to 5 pm, Thursday until 6 pm, 93 Main Street
- **Colby College Museum of Art**, 859-5600, www.colby.edu/museum/ Tuesday-Saturday 10 am-5 pm, Sunday 12-5 pm, free admission, Colby College Campus, Mayflower Hill
- **Colby College Special Collections**, Miller Library, Monday-Friday 10 am-12 noon and 1-4 pm, free admission
- **Thomas College Art Gallery**, 180 West River Road
- **Waterville Historical Society and Redington Museum**, 1814 home and pharmacy, 872-9439, www.redingtonmuseum.org. Tuesday-Saturday tours at 10 and 11 am, 1 and 2 pm, 62 Silver Street
- **Waterville Opera House**, 873-7000, www.operahouse.com, 93 Main Street
- **Farmers' Market**, Thursday 2-6 pm, 680-2055, www.watervillefarmersmarket.org,

WAYNE

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

WILTON

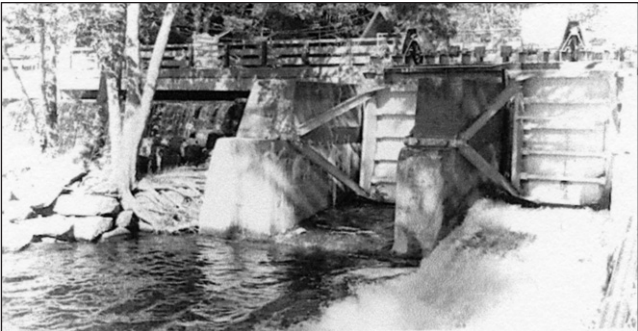
- **Wilton Farm & Home Museum**, 645-2091, 645-4578, www.thewiltonfarmandhomemuseum.org, Saturday 1-4 pm or by appointment, 10 Canal Street

WINSLOW

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

WINTHROP

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



The Dams Keeper Report

The recent afternoon showers and occasional thunderstorms have been of some relief for our farmers and gardeners but have been of little benefit to our water levels. As of this writing we have received just .76" of precipitation in the past 10 days with just .36" forecasted for the next 10! We are in this weather pattern with the occasional afternoon shower and humidity but we are still very short of our normal 3.25" of precipitation for the month. Hopefully we can do better!

Despite the recent showers, all of our ponds are still dropping. Great Pond is now right at full pond with both gates still completely closed. Long Pond is 1.68" below full which, considering the lack of significant rain, is still in good shape. Salmon is also feeling the effects of the lack of precipitation and is now 4" below full.

While you're looking out for the rocks near shore, you might give an even wider berth and observe Maine's 200' no wake zone! https://www.pressherald.com/2010/08/01/yes-that-no-wake-sign-applies-to-you_2010-08-01/. It's there for a multitude of reasons, erosion of our shorelines, the washing out of nesting birds and damage to property to name just a few. No wake, means just that, No Wake.

Enjoy the family, your vacation and this beautiful weather!

Dick Greenan

Secretary, Belgrade Lakes Watershed Dams Committee

Property tax bills are due Sept. 6 in Belgrade. If you'd like to avoid standing in line, Town officials recommend paying them sooner rather than later.

The Town Office, 990 Augusta Road, is open from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The office is open from 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Thursdays.



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— Calendar —

...Thursday 8/8 through Saturday 8/17 – Skowhegan State Fair, midway, harness racing, exhibits, food, fun, entertainment, live music every night, shows daily, more, 474-2947, www.skowheganstatefair.com, Fairgrounds, Route 201, Skowhegan.

...Through Saturday 8/10 – “Ben Hur,” 474-7176, Lakewood Theater, Route 201, Madison.

...Friday 8/9 and Saturday 8/10 – Readfield Festival Days, activities for all ages, food, history presentations, 685-4939, downtown Readfield.

...Friday 8/9 - "The Jungle Book," 1 pm; "The Merry Wives Of Windsor," 7:30 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, Main Street, The Theater At Monmouth.

...Friday 8/9 - "Wine and Cheese" for RHS members both current and those joining that evening, 5-7 pm, 377-2299, Readfield Historical Society building, 759 Main Street, Readfield.

...Friday 8/9 - Junco, Waterfront Concert Series, free, 6-7:30 pm, Waterfront Park, Gardiner.

...Friday 8/9 - Student Honor Recital, New England Music Camp, 7:30 pm, 844-476-6976, free admission, Alumni Hall, 8 Goldenrod Lane, Sidney.

...Saturday 8/10 - 48th Annual Blueberry Festival, all things blueberry goodness and fun, 7 am-1 pm, admission free, www.WinslowUCC.org, Winslow Congregational Church, Lithgow Street, Winslow.

...Saturday 8/10 and Sunday 8/11 - Attean

Family Pow Wow, tribal representatives from Maine, New England and around the country, native dancers, drummers, craft vendors, singers and traditional food booths, an exciting opportunity to learn more about Native American culture and heritage, rain or shine, Maine Wildlife Park, Gray.

...Saturday 8/10 - Dessert and Art Silent Auction, to benefit Neighbors Driving Neighbors, 9-11 am, 860-0677, Mount Vernon Community Center, downtown Mount Vernon.

...Saturday 8/10 - Adopt A Shoreline Workshop, join the fight against variable milfoil in the Belgrade lakes, sponsored by the 7 Lakes Alliance (formerly the Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance), 10 am, 495-6039, Maine Lakes Resource Center, 137 Main Street, Belgrade Lakes.

...Saturday 8/10 and Sunday 8/11 - Open Arts of Wesserunsett Arts Council presents Rural Open Studio Tour, 10 am-5 pm, self-guided tour of 21 artists in 16 locations, some open only on Saturday, wesarts.org for map, 612-2571, Somerset County.

...Saturday 8/10 – History Walk "Readfield Corner before 1827", co-hosted by historians Dale Potter-Clark and Bill Adams, 10 am-12 noon, tour begins at Union Meeting House, 2 Church Street, 377-2299, Readfield Historical Society, 754 Main Street, Readfield.

...Saturday 8/10 - 2nd Annual Bluegrass Music Festival at the Sandy River Music Barn, featuring Blistered Fingers, Zink and Company and Back Woods Road, extra large tent, hard, dry area for RV parking, rain or shine, 1-9 pm, 504-0138, Route 134, Starks.

...Saturday 8/10 – “The Merry Wives of Windsor,” 1 pm; "Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery," 7:30 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater At Monmouth.

...Saturday 8/10 - "Robinson Crusoe," Missoula Children's Theatre Camp production starring local students, 873-7000, 2 pm, Waterville Opera House, Main Street, Waterville.

...Saturday 8/10 - Union Coffeehouse presents Mark Mandeville and Raianne Richards, plus open mic, 7 pm, \$5 donation at door includes refreshments, Union Church, Main Street, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes.

...Saturday 8/10 - Dave Mallett, 7 pm, \$20, Readfield Union Meeting House, Church Road, Readfield.

...Sunday 8/11 - 6th Annual Minnehonk 5K, 9:30 am-12 noon, \$10, under 12 free, Mount Vernon Community Center, Mount Vernon.

...Sunday 8/11 - Concert, Norcross Point, 2-4 pm, Lake Maranacook, Norcross Park, Winthrop.

...Sunday 8/11 - "Intimate Apparel," 1 pm, "Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery," 7 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater at Monmouth.

...Sunday 8/11 - New England Music Camp free concert, 3 pm, 844-476-6976, Bowl in the Pines, Route 23, Pond Road, Sidney.

...Sunday 8/11 – Merry-Go-Roundup, Coburn Park Concert, 5-6:15 pm, bring lawn chairs and blankets, 474-0527, Philbrick Gazebo, Coburn Park, Water

Street, Skowhegan.

...Monday 8/12 through Friday 8/16 - Junior Curators day camp, 238-4250, L.C. Bates Museum, Route 201, Hinckley.

...Monday 8/12 - 7th Annual Celebrity Chef Challenge, 5 pm, \$75 per person, 622-9212, Cohen Center, Hallowell.

...Tuesday 8/13 - Stuffed Animal Library Sleepover, kids can drop off stuffies Tuesday afternoon; pick up Wednesday after noon; stuffed animals will have a fun overnight, 582-6894, Gardiner Public Library, Water Street, Gardiner.

...Tuesday 8/13 – “Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery,” 1 pm; "Hamlet" by William Shakespeare 7:30 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater At Monmouth.

...Tuesday 8/13 - Quarry Road Summer Race Series, 5K, 6 pm, day-of registration opens at 5 pm, kids fun runs 5:30 pm, www.quarryroadraces.com, off North Avenue, Waterville.

...Wednesday 8/14 - Family Art in the Afternoon, create your own inspired by the museum, art materials provided, 238-4250, L.C. Bate Museum, Route 201, Hinckley.

...Wednesday 8/14 – “Hamlet” by William Shakespeare, 1 pm; "Murder For Two," 7:30 pm, 933-9999, Cumston Hall, The Theater At Monmouth.

...Wednesday 8/14 - 150 year anniversary celebration with Skowhegan Savings in Augusta, music, children's activities, good, giveaways, 3-6 pm, Skowhegan Savings, Civic Center Drive, Augusta.

...Tuesday 8/13 - Dreadnought, Rock on

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the River concert, free, 7 pm, Hallowell Bandstand, Granite City Park, Water Street, Hallowell.

...Wednesday 8/14 - August Turkey Supper, roast turkey with all the trimmings and homemade pies, adults \$10, children 6-12 \$5, Oakland-Sidney Methodist Church, West School Street, Oakland.

...Wednesday 8/14 - Genealogy Research Part 2 with BJ Jamieson, presented at the Belgrade Public Library in conjunction with the Belgrade Historical Society, 6 pm, 495-3508, Belgrade Public Library, Depot Road, Belgrade Depot.

...Wednesday 8/14 - "The Arctic and Antarctic: A Visual Journey," talk and slide show with Mark Rochkind, 7 pm, 685-3612, Cary Memorial Library, 17 Old Winthrop Road, Wayne.

...Thursday 8/15 - Sawyer Memorial Children's Day, "The Legend of the Banana Kid," performed by Frogtown Mountain Puppeteers, 2 and 7 pm, for all ages, children should be accompanied by an adult, free admission, 946-5311, Sawyer Memorial, 371 Sawyer Road, off Route 202, Greene.

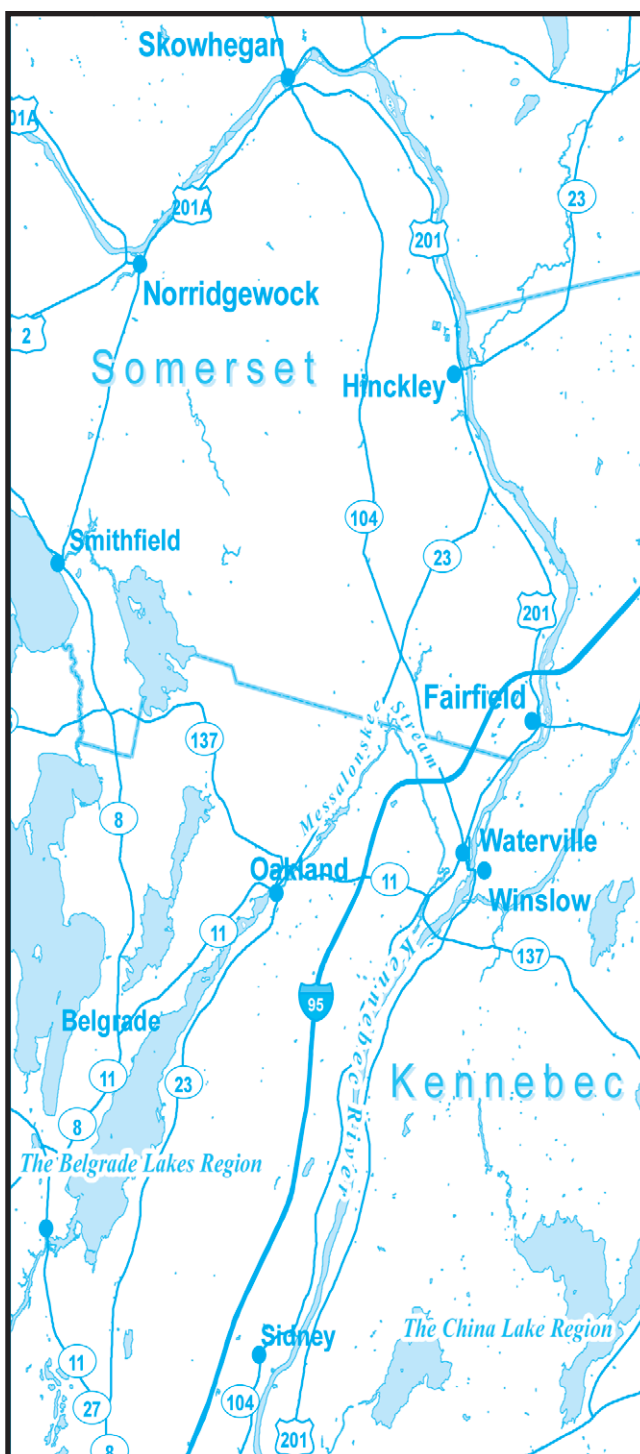
...Thursday 8/15 - Classic Car Cruise-In, classic cars and music, 3-7 pm, Waterfront Park, Gardiner.

...Thursday 8/15 - Spray Bottle Art, free family-friendly crafts at Art in the Park, 4-6 pm, RiverWalk, Head of Falls, downtown Waterville.

...Thursday 8/15 - Jeff Tones, Music in the Park, in the gazebo, 6-8 pm, Waterfront Park, Lake Messalonskee, boat landing, Oakland.

...Thursday 8/15 through Sunday 8/18 - "Chicago the Musical," 474-7176, Lakewood Theater, Route 201, Madison.

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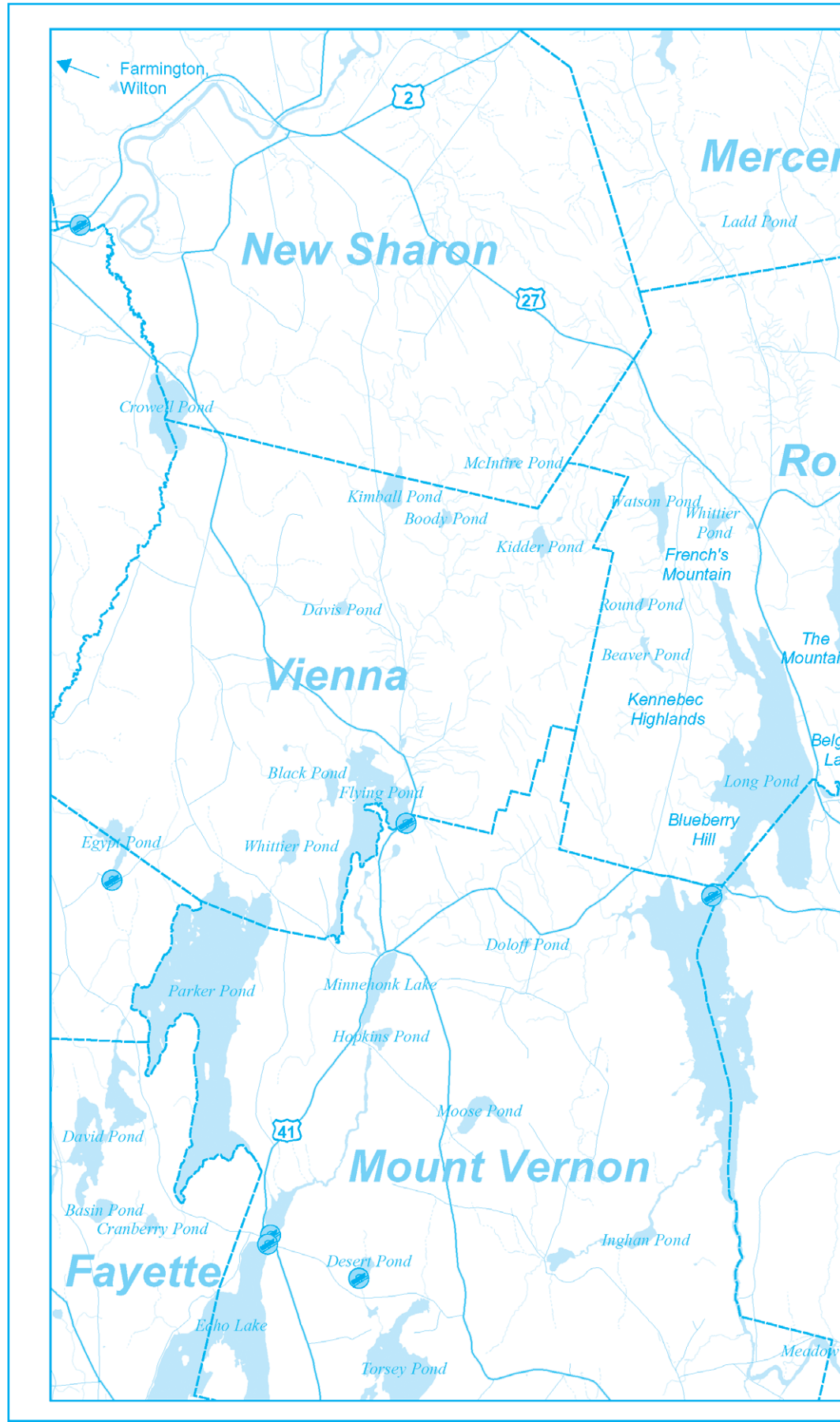
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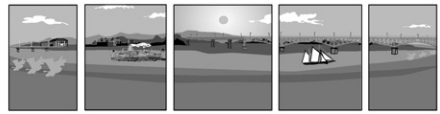
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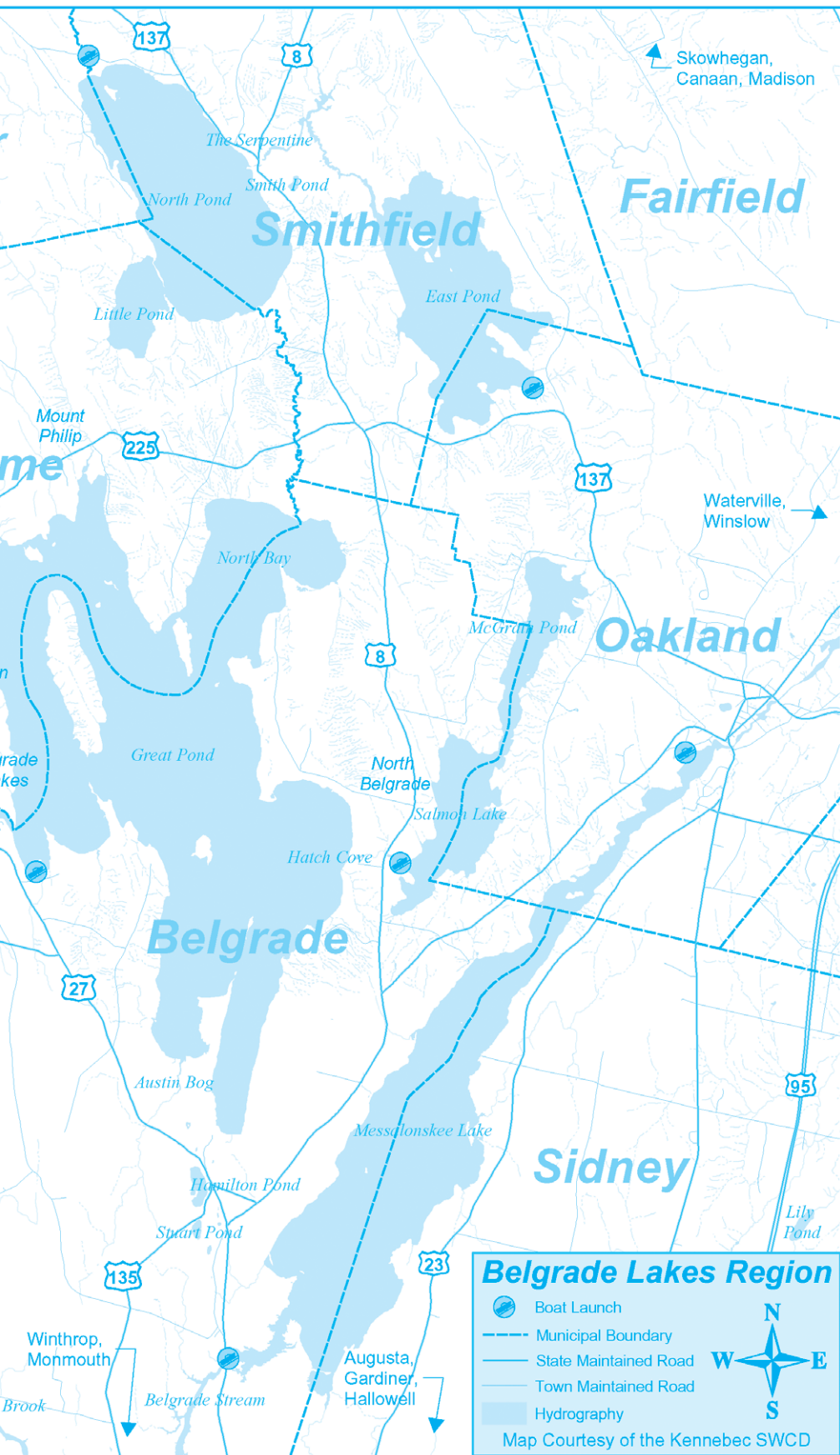
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— Upcoming —

AUGUST

- On Friday, August 16, the Sunday Project - Old Time Swing/Jazz, will perform at the Vienna Union Hall at 7:30 pm. Admission \$12. 299-2362
- The Annual Sidewalk Art Festival in Winthrop will be held on Saturday, August 17, 10 am-3 pm; showcasing regional artists, local foods, music and more. 377-8020
- On Saturday, August 17, the Dempsey Challenge, Elvis Week Concert, will be presented at the American Legion, Church Street, Oakland. Doors open at 5 pm; concert at 6:30 pm; \$15. 242-2749
- The Union Fair and Maine Wild Blueberry Festival is scheduled for August 19-24. Children's Day, Saturday, August 24. www.unionfair.org
- The Mt. Philip Grange in Rome will hold its monthly public supper on Saturday, August 17 starting at 4:30 pm.
- A Live and Silent Auction with auctioneer Steve Smith will be held on Sunday, August 18 at the Center for All Seasons at 7 pm to benefit the Belgrade Public Library. 495-2101.
- On Wednesday and Thursday, August 21 and 22, 9 am-4

pm, the annual Maine Farm Days will be held at Misty Meadows Farm in Clinton, a large dairy farm, featuring a kid's tent, equipment displays, wagon tours, exhibits and concessions. Free and open to the public. www.MaineFarmDays.com

- On August 22-25, the 53rd Blistered Fingers Family Bluegrass Music Festival will be held at Litchfield Fairgrounds with 12 bands, a Kids Academy, camping, food, field pickin' and more. Children 16 and under free with adult. 873-6539
- On Thursday, August 22 at 7 pm "Inventing Vacationland, How Maine became a number one Tourist Destination," will be presented by Scott Andrew of the University of Southern Maine Senior College, hosted by the Belgrade Historical Society at the Maine Lakes Resource Center.
- On Friday, August 23, the Outdoor Film Festival will return to Belgrade Lakes at the Center for All Seasons. Admission \$5; children under 12 free.
- A Book Sale sponsored by the Friends of Lithgow Library will be held at the Library in Augusta, Thursday, August 22 through Saturday, August 24. 626-2415
- The Kennebec Land Trust's popular Tri-Sport Challenge - swim, paddle and run - will take place on Sunday, August 25 at Camp Androscoggin in Wayne, followed by a potluck lunch and cookout and KLT's Annual Meeting.

\$30 individuals; \$60 teams. 377-2848

- The Man in Black, a Tribute to Johnny Cash, is scheduled for Sunday, August 25 at 4 pm at Bowl in the Pines, Snow Pond Center for the Arts, Sidney. Ticketed event, 844-476-6976.
- The annual Skowhegan Craft Brew Festival will be Saturday, August 31 to showcase breweries, wineries, fermenters, eateries that serve local harvest and live music. VIP hour 2-3 pm; festival 3-7. 612-2571

SEPTEMBER

- Run For The Horses 5K to benefit Double B Equine Rescue will be held on Monday, September 2 near Lake Wesserunsett. Start time 10 am, registration fee \$15, \$5 for 10 and under. runsignup.com/Race/ME/Madison/RunForHorses5K
- The Stranger, A Tribute to Billy Joel, will be presented on September 5 at 7:30 pm at Bowl in the Pines, Snow Pond Center for the Arts. 1-844-476-6976
- The Maine Event Horse Show will be held at the Skowhegan Fairgrounds September 20-22; covered arena, family-friendly, concessions available. 272-0082
- The Fryeburg Fair will be held Sunday, September 29 through Sunday, October 6. Senior Citizens Day is Tuesday. 935-3268



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boat used in the Lubec area. The Quoddy is similar to the Friendship sloop". Can you tell that I am from "away" when I learn from ABC books, too? Children's books are sometimes better than all the others, especially when shared with the kids.

Blackout by John Rocco is a Caldecott Honor book checked out over 20 times so far since 2011. Guess everyone has experienced loss of electricity at the lake and other places. This is a hot, city story.

Margaret and the Moon by Dean Robbinx shows how a girl who loves math turns into a history-making "computer" (mathematicians were called computers then) who was consulted for the moon landing. I loved the Hidden Figures movie and adult book about this special woman and her leadership, hard earned, at NASA. "Soon Margaret became director of software programming for NASA's Project Apollo, leading dozens of scientists."

The Right Stuff was another great movie and also book that Scott Kelly read and helped propel him into his future.

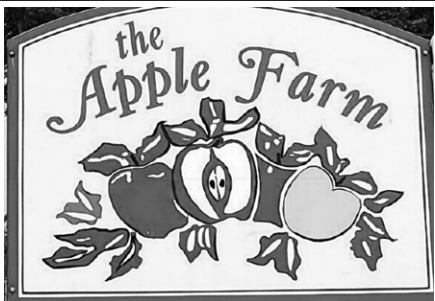
If you are hot with summer days, try cooling off with this winter story, When the Moon Comes by Paul Harbridge. Another popular gift given by the Alford Children's Book Fund. Just the winter scenes of powdery snow and perfect ice by illustrator Matt Jones will chill you before going to bed. Also, the air conditioned library is a pleasant visit for the whole family..

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—Conservation Too—

2019 Maine Farm Days soon Visit a Very Large Working Dairy Farm

By Dale Finseth

Kennebec County remains a County full of farms. While there are fewer dairy farms there are more large ones and about the same number of cows are being milked. We have some of the largest dairy farms in Maine. Clinton is referred to as the “Dairy Capitol of Maine”. One of those farms, Misty Meadows Farm, is hosting Maine Farm Days this year on Wednesday & Thursday, August 21st and 22nd. This is the 50th anniversary of Maine Farm Days.

The public is invited to visit Misty Meadows Farm, a large dairy farm which hosts Maine Farm Days Agricultural Trade Show. They grow hundreds of acres of their own feed, mostly corn, and raise many of their own replacement cows. They harvest truckloads of feed for their animals and they milk about 700 cows. They manage a total herd of about 1,200. All this work is all on display for the public to visit during the two days of Maine Farm Days.

The Stoughton family owns and operates Misty Meadows with their extended family and dozens of employs. The farm operation continues to work right through the two-day event and offers itself up for the public to tour through a Natural Resource Conservation Services [NRCS] wagon tour. That tour explains the operation as you travel around the farm’s property.

In addition to the actual farm operation. Maine Farm Days has large fair tents filled with displays and people to answer questions about farming operations and display products. This year is expected to feature a display of a Robotic Milking Demo. Workshops and demonstrations



occur throughout the day. It is seen as an opportunity for the farm to be a good neighbor and show the public where food comes from and how that food is produced. There is an entire tent set up for children’s activities and displays. While that tent is primarily for kids, it generates a great deal of adult interest! The displays in that tent continue to expand each year. There will be contests for Pies, a milking contest; ice cream making; demonstrations of ag harvesting methods; a giant corn maze and an entire series of workshops presented by the University of Maine Cooperative Extension. It is a full two days. Again, this year they will feature a “Rain fall simulator” which demonstrates potential rainfall erosion problems and how different vegetation can mitigate the impact of storm water. The woodlot demonstration is also expected again this year. The

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open up their farm to the public. It is an ‘up close and personal’ experience. And it is all free to the public.

Like the rest of the State, Kennebec County has been adding farms and farmers rather than losing them. Many of the new farms are smaller. Fewer of them are dairy. But the mix of farming in Maine has become more and more diverse over the past decade. Support your local farms and farmers. Plan to visit Maine Farm Days for any part of the two days. Join us anytime from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Bring your family and friends. Stay for the day. There is food available. Check out more information at their website www.mainefarmdays.com or our website at www.kcswcd.org and select the Maine Farm Days tab.

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LakeSmart Tip: Pump It!

by Sabine Fontaine



When was the last time you had your septic pumped? If you don’t know, you’re not alone. A septic system contains two parts: a tank which holds and separates household waste and a leach field which filters pollutants from the liquid waste. One check you can do yourself is walk around on your leach field to ensure it is dry and solid underfoot. Make sure there is no odor, and clear the field of any woody vegetation. You can also look downhill from the septic. If the vegetation is greener and more vigorous there, your leach field might be leaking!

When it is functioning properly, the system protects pollutants from entering the lake. LakeSmart recommends have a regular pumping schedule with your service provider. If you haven’t had it pumped in the last 6 years, do so! Service the system at least every 6 years just to make sure everything is functioning as it should. If you don’t know where your leach field is, find it! Check your records for drawings of the septic location, and contact a septic inspector to check it out. Remember: if you don’t know where it is, you can’t be sure it’s not leaking into the lake!!

Left: What a Leach Field should look like, courtesy of Maine Lakes Society.



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Attean Family Pow Wow

- Tribal representatives from Maine, New England and around the country will be at the Maine Wildlife Park, Route 26, Gray Saturday, August 10 and Sunday, August 11 for two full days with native dancers, drummers, craft vendors, singers and traditional food booths. This year new activities, food, music and more. All day, rain or shine. 657-4977

Augusta

- A "Greater Augusta" Area Back to School Event will take place Sunday, August 18, 1-3 pm at the Augusta Elks, 397 Civic Center Drive. It is a free event where school supplies for children will be available. All products and services will be donated by area businesses, individuals, clubs and organizations. This is not an Augusta school-sponsored event. 485-4710

Belgrade

- Lakepoint Real Estate is sponsoring the second annual Belgrade Maine Outdoor Film Festival the evening of Friday, August 23 at the Center for All Seasons, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes. Viewers should bring their own lawn chairs. a food truck will be on site. All ticket and raffle proceeds will be donated to the Center for All Seasons'. after school youth program. 716-6494

Monmouth

- In honor of The Theater at Monmouth's 50th Season, Cumston Area Quilters have created a beautiful, handmade quilt to be raffled. Tickets are \$10 for one, \$25 for three and may be purchased at the box office and during intermission of all performances. The winner will be drawn at the final performance of "Sense and Sensibility: on September 22. In addition to the quilt, which measures 80" by 93", the winner will receive two shams and a quilted carry-case. 933-9999

Waterville

- The Waterville Opera House announces the August 25 and 26 audition dates for Disney's Newsies the Broadway Musical - the rousing tale of Jack Kelly, a charismatic newsboy and leader of a band of teenaged "newsies" who go on

strike against unfair distribution conditions. The production will run November 8-17. Auditions start Sunday at 1 pm and Monday at 6 pm; for specific parts/times call 873-7000

August Central Maine Tech Night will be held Thursday, August 8, 5-6:30 pm, at the Hathaway Creative Center, 10 Water Street. Small group setting, everyone welcome. The August Tech Talk will be: "Listening is Learning: Why Eariouly things audio is the future (and present)" by Nick Rimsa, Co-Creator of Eariouly. For more information contact Central Maine Growth Council.

Wayne

- Once again the Cary Memorial Library will be hosting an art exhibition August 15,16,17,18, and 19 at the Williams House on 14 Old Winthrop Road, Wayne. The event will feature watercolors by Jann Haynes Gilmore and oils by George Hamilton. Both artists are from away but spend time in Wayne every summer.

Gilmore is a familiar artist in Wayne whose work appeared on six biennial House Tours. She has recently written a book on the Alice in Wonderland room that is being relocated to the Williams House Barn. Most of her work will feature local and Maine scenes.

George Hamilton graduated from West Point and had a career in the U.S.Army. While later living in Connecticut, he studied art. Hamilton serves on the board of the 120-member St. Michael's Art League which conducts workshops and holds art exhibitions on the picturesque Chesapeake Bay in Maryland. He now lives on the Chesapeake Bay and is known for his knowledgeable depictions of watercraft and the charming villages of the Eastern Shore. When visiting Maine he paints scenes on Lake Androscoggin and seaside ports along the Maine coast.

The public is invited to a reception at the Williams House that will open the exhibition on Thursday August 15 from 6-8PM. Both artists will be present. The exhibition will run: Friday August 16 from 10-1, Saturday August 17 from 10-3, Sunday August 18 from 1-4, Monday August 19 from 10-12. A percentage of the art sales will be donated to the Alice Room Project. For information call the Cary Memorial Library at 207-685-3612.





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Inventing Vacationland, A History of Tourism, Outdoor Recreation and the Arts in Maine: 1820-present

A PowerPoint Slideshow and Presentation by Scott Andrews
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Maine has officially advertised itself as “Vacationland” since 1916. Before then it was touted as “The Nation’s Playground” and “Sportsmen’s Paradise.” Today the business of tourism and recreation plays host to more than 36 million visitors who spend more than \$6 billion each year, by far Maine’s biggest industry.

Maine has been a preeminent destination for rusticators, tourists, vacationers and recreational and arts enthusiasts of all stripes and seasons for nearly two centuries.

How did Maine become a vacation mecca? What were the milestones? Who were the key actors? What did they do and where did they do it? That is the subject of Inventing vacationland, a PowerPoint slideshow and talk by Scott Andrews, a longtime journalist with a lifetime connection to various facets of Maine’s vacation and tourism industry.

The talk will begin with pioneer tourists such

as Henry David Thoreau and artists of the Hudson River School. The principal focus will be in the development of transportation, accommodations and activities in the period following the Civil War and continuing to the present. The creation of Maine’s major parks and preserves will also be a major topic.

About the Author: Scott Andrews earned a B.A. in history from the University of Chicago, and an M.B.A. from Chicago Booth School of Business and an M.Sc. from the London School of Economics. He has been involved in the Maine tourism industry since his teenage years, when he worked at his family’s campground in Oxford County. A longtime journalist, Andrews has written many hundreds of articles on recreation, the arts and the industry of tourism for a variety of local and national publications.

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North Pond Association members and families aboard the Melinda Ann



Young Matteo with nice bass caught while fishing with Mike Guarino.

Lake, when young (7-years) Matteo landed aunker bass. It's great to see young kids out learning to fish and making fond memories.

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Kids Books for Summer Read Alouds

by Martha F. Barkley

Many, many moon books to celebrate our landing on the moon, but maybe you are "mooned out" as I read in *The Boston Globe* recently and laughed out loud. One evening I sat by the lake and lit my bug candles, watching the orange moon ascend into the dark sky and shimmer across the lake. What a wonder moonlight is on Great Pond! The night sky is starlit and often moonlit, magically there to see, if we just look up, all around our chain of lakes every evening.

At bedtime it is time to read aloud a great story about Astronaut Scott Kelly, *My Journey to the Stars*, a more recent happening in the news. This 2018 picture book is a William and Joan Alfond gift to our Belgrade Library. Many others given by them are on the shelves to be explored.

With twins Mark and Scott Kelly, the only twins in our NASA program, it gave scientists in the U.S. a special gift to study. How would an earth-bound twin's body compare to his identical twin brother in space for a long period of time: A FULL YEAR working and living on ISS (International Space Station)? He returned from space a couple inches taller, other changes to study as well.

Illustrator Andre Ceolin from Brazil carefully shows the twins growing up in Orange, New Jersey and many photos, too, help complete the story of their U.S. Navy fighter pilot training and later space shuttle careers in Houston, Texas. I was fascinated with the multiple oranges and lemons Scott could juggle while in gravity-free space. Count them together, many more than five or six! His floating eyeglasses while he was tied down sleeping was another revealing picture.

Photos of Houston and New Orleans and the Bahama Islands from space were new to me. When you read to the kids in your family, you will always learn something new. If not from the book, you will learn something new about your young reader in your lap. How precious read aloud time is...

Did you happen to see some of the bikers in our area on the Tour de Maine? They rode through all day long on their way to Colby College for overnight. I happened to see a few go by near the Belgrade Post Office where a police officer helped at that tricky intersection.

There was a man and woman on a tandem bike waving at me and an elderly man wearing a straw hat pulled over to rest. My husband was driving to Oakland and saw the riders with the famed unicycle guy! He had his backpack balanced above his shoulders, yes he did! His photo appeared in many local newspapers.

Go Fly a Bike! by Bill Haduch is a book full of all kinds of bicycle history and adventures. The author has also published picture books about Volcanoes, Science Fair Secrets and Food, if you want to read more chock full of facts pages.

After watching the 2019 Tour de France for 21 days, I found page 68 especially interesting with Greg Lemond, our first U.S. winner, three different years. What an achievement in a European sport way back in 1986-1990. Now it is becoming more common in the U.S. with better bike paths and safer bike lanes. Chapter 12 was helpful, "Take a ride. You'll feel better". Physical and mental changes in your body as you exercise, biking or walking or whatever you enjoy.

I must admit that Professor Kickstand Cycling Advice did not help me, but maybe your young reader could shed some light on his humor for you and me, the adults.

Illustrator Chris Murphy "zoomed down a steep hill on his red tricycle [at age three] and has loved biking ever since. He currently rides a red mountain bike and still relishes zipping down steep hills". His cartoon-style illustrations will keep the very young non reader interested as you read aloud before bedtime. Or maybe on a rainy day inside?

In a simple ABC book I discovered "Q" is for "Quoddy pilot...a fishing
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SIDNEY - Sidney building lots - with drilled wells. Level 1.3 acre lots on Lindsay Way - a lovely up and coming Residential neighborhood just off the Middle Road. Soils tested, public road. Easy commute to Augusta or Waterville - and less than 32 miles to the 1-95 Sidney Exit. Drilled wells already in place - approximately 400' deep and high water flow - ideal for geothermal heating and A/C. Deed restricted for your protection. A wonderful spot for your new home. **MLS #1427564 \$49,500**

AUGUSTA - Freshly renovated 3 unit in quiet area. All 3 units have been completely overhauled, new kitchen, flooring, newer windows, roof and heat system. Serious investors take notice!

MLS #1426865 \$164,900

AUGUSTA - Lovely New Englander style home loaded with many elegant features and so much character throughout!! 5BR, 2.5BA, 1,968SF, pretty trim & woodwork, high ceilings on 1st level, gas stove in Livingroom w/mantle, newer Maple kitchen with appliances, Formal DR, den, mostly all vinyl windows, lots of very attractive hardwood floors, 2nd level - 3BR (master w/bath), 3rd level - 2BR, on demand Pinnai hot water maker. REAL NICE!! Driveway is across the street. **MLS #1411053 \$139,900**

CHINA - One owner, 3-4 BR chalet situated on 4+/- acres. This newly renovated home offers tile, solid hickory flooring, cathedral ceilings with v-match pine, and stainless steel appliances. Southern exposure, new oil fired boiler, lifetime siding, and 50 year architectural shingles provides many years of maintenance free living. 1st floor was operated as a successful licensed daycare for 20+ years, however possibilities for this space are as endless. Owned by the original custom builder with 35+ years experience. Schedule your private viewing today! **MLS #1427360 \$234,900**

SOMERVILLE - This beautiful contemporary-round house sits on 6.7 ac. Lots of windows to enjoy the outdoors from every room. Beautiful woodwork - living room has a woodstove that heats the house w/ oil; or use the propane heat. Living room atrium doors opens to a large deck. Upstairs master bedroom suite, 3 BR total & loft. 2 BA. Woodshed/ outbuilding. Make this beautiful unique home your own.

MLS #1427482 \$189,900

AUGUSTA - Well maintained Colonial home in a popular neighborhood. This 3BR home offers large rooms with ample closet space. Kitchen leads out to a deck to enjoy the private backyard. DR w/pocket door. Additional office space w/a separate door. Daylight basement could be finished for even more living space. One car garage and nice breezeway, vinyl siding, natural gas available on the street.

MLS #1422977 \$195,000

GARDINER - Recently renovated raised ranch, all new flooring and paint. New kitchen cabinets w/stainless steel appliances. Exterior just painted. 5 year old metal roof. Large front deck overlooking pasture. AC/Heat pump in LR. One car garage with electric door opener. Paved driveway. Great quiet location!

MLS #1427461 \$159,900

AUGUSTA - Beautiful cape popular Mayfair neighborhood. Lots of windows & natural light in this 3BR 2BA home, private yard. Spacious LR with French doors out to large deck. Enter the side door to a mud room w/good closet space before the kitchen. Kitchen fully appointed, granite countertop & breakfast bar. Lots of space. 1st fl laundry, 3 BR upstairs w/full bath. Pretty HW floors. Semi-finished room in basement. Lovely yard w/stone walkway & covered deck. Come see for yourself. **MLS #1413112 \$185,000**

BELGRADE - Beautiful 1988 Contemporary Cape in Belgrade on 1.24 acre of manicured yard & woods. Move-in condition. Large kitchen with island, stainless appliances with plenty of space & room to share. The dining room has atrium doors to a great multi-level deck, living room with gas stove, & den. First floor master bedroom suite, & laundry. Upstairs offer 2 more bedrooms & office. Walk-in closets with plenty of storage. Attached 2 car garage & wide paved driveway. Situated in quiet, rural neighborhood. Must see!

MLS #1423040 \$269,900

THE AUGUSTA DOWNTOWN ALLIANCE
AND THE GASLIGHT THEATER PRESENT...

A stylized illustration of a theatrical performance on a stage. The stage is framed by curtains and has several spotlights hanging from above. On the stage, there are several figures: a man in a crown and cape holding a sword, a woman in a crown and dress, and other characters in period costumes. In front of the stage, a group of people, including children and adults, are watching the performance. Some are clapping, and one child is jumping. The background shows trees and a cloudy sky.

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Local Businesses Support Native Plant Restoration Work at Kennebec Land Trust

by Tyler Keniston, KLT Stewardship Assistant



Where once tall trees stood, all that remained for the last several months along the edges of The Kennebec Land Trust’s Office property in Winthrop were large, yellow-

ing stumps. The tall white pine trees, of which the stumps were vestiges, were removed by an arborist due to safety concerns. The vacancy of the trees was visible to travelers along Main

Street in Winthrop and was all too apparent to those living and working in the area.

In an effort to restore life and beauty to these areas, three community businesses— C.B. Mattson, Longfellow’s Greenhouses, and D.R. Struck Nursery— graciously lent their support in the installation of shrubbery. Jamie Ault, a longtime gardener, landscaper, and supporter of KLT took the lead on choosing the type and location of plantings. She was also pivotal in the installation of the shrubs, along with KLT’s summer interns and staff.

C.B. Mattson brought support in the form of covering excavation costs for the stump removal— no small task given the many years of growth seen by those Pines. D.R. Struck Landscape Nursery donated a load of beautiful, dark compost necessary to amend the roadside soils. Scott Longfellow, KLT Vice President, provided many of the shrubs at a reduced price. The now planted shrubbery, of which many species are native to the region, will undoubtedly bring an abundance of color and life for the enjoyment of KLT visitors, nearby residents, passersby, and wildlife alike.

The use of native shrubs aligns with KLT’s broader goals to encourage native habitat and manage the spread of invasive plant species— many of which began as ornamental plantings, but have spread and choked out native habitat.



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