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2020: The Call of the Belgrades Summer

by Esther J. Perne



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Thanks To Our Heroes

On the front line, in the background, filling the many services in between, practicing precautions, keeping our world afloat...and fed: thanks to the many heroes during the coronavirus, COVID-19, pandemic. Thank you foremost to the scientists and the medical personnel and thank you to the decision-makers, the businesses, the creative community, the volunteers, the parents, the teachers and especially the children - our future.

Thank you heroes.

Welcome to the summer of 2020, to the many great qualities that make this region attractive and unique, to the many small traditions that provide memories lasting and special, to the lore and legacies that set this beautiful area apart. Welcome to a new summer season so full of change and so changeless.

Summer, every summer, is an awakening, a renewal, a homecoming - sometimes experienced firsthand, sometimes relived in thoughts and memories. It is a time to be buoyed up by

nature, reassured by the familiar, comforted by traditions past and encouraged by the promise of a brave new season.

Here in the Belgrade lakes and the neighboring lakes in central Maine, in the wooded hills, in the quiet villages and burgeoning towns, the new season will be the adventure it always is - as wonderfully unpredictable as the weather.

The new season will also be an adventure because of a new variable this year - the coronavirus pandemic that confronts the world and calls for amazing adaptations in lifestyles. Strict

sanitation standards, social distancing, sheltering-at-home and operating within the guidelines of medical prudence are advisable and may be part and parcel of a new way to vacation but they are small governances to observe against the glorious summer backdrop of lakes and woods and scenic roads leading to communities that welcome vacationers, visitors and passersby.

It won't be the first time that the rhythm and routines of a summer season have been reconfigured by an event overwhelming. Two centuries

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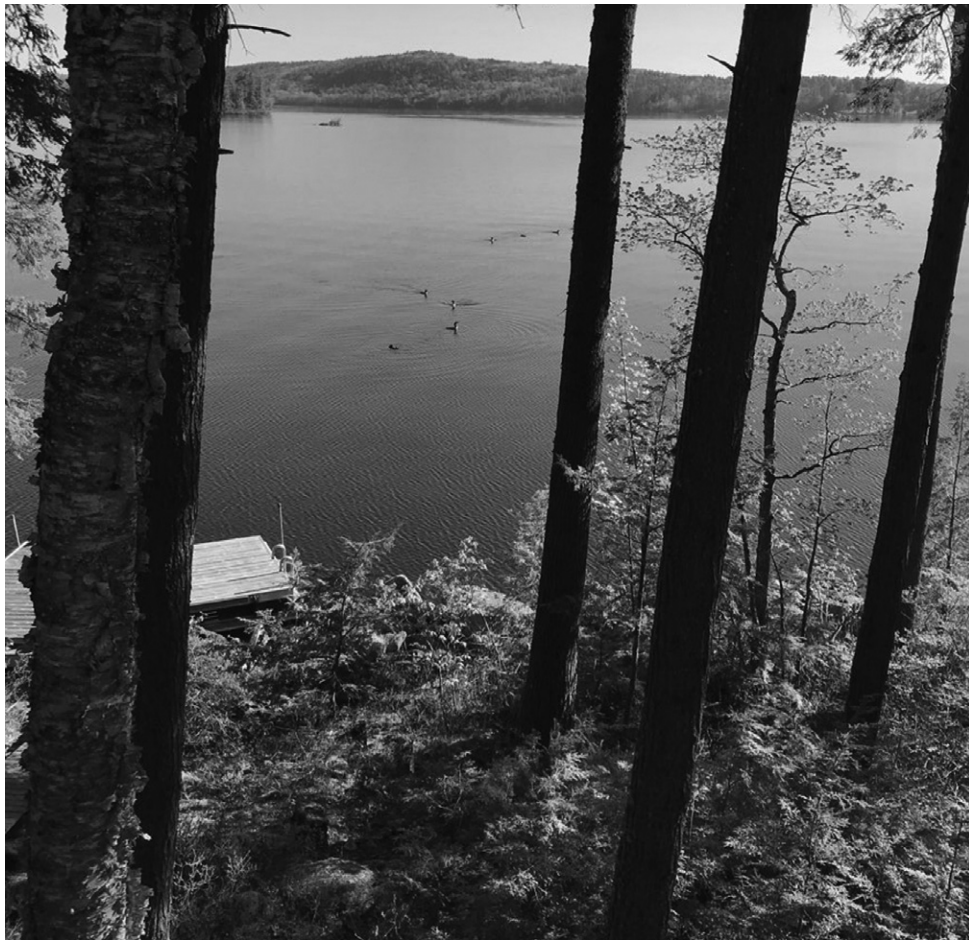


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ago a great mystery which we now know was a volcanic explosion on the other side of the world blocked out summer entirely. A century ago a great war on the other side of the ocean caused a massive citizen immobilization that preempted the annual influx of summer guests.

Lesser historic events have affected the rhythm of this summer resort, too. Sixty-five years ago a fire leveled the legendary Belgrade Hotel escorting out the era of formal elegance and grandeur. Twenty-five years ago iconic Pine Island Boys Camp was almost totally burned, seriously testing once again the survival of the region's valuable youth camp legacy.

In all these cases warmer, happier and more prosperous summers returned, peacetime migrations resumed, tourism flourished albeit under a new trend toward private family camps and Pine Island Camp achieved a stunning rebuilding victory.

There is no certainty what the season of 2020 will hold except that there will be branches blown down, sunshine on docks, the call of the loon, rain on the roof, the smell of pine needles, the hum of a mosquito, the hammering of construction and memories made of wholesome outdoor recreation, family togetherness and the revelations of nature.

The season of 2020 will hold the homecoming of vacationers who navigate the return, pull off the dust covers, pick up the blowdowns and greet the lakes and the loons. It will lead newcomers to the rewarding discovery of exciting lake views around almost every turn in the road, of nighttime skies alive with stars and of leisurely days on the waters and trails. And it will inspire dwellers from towns nearby to explore these surroundings close to home.

Welcome to the summer of 2020.



Sheltering-at-home.



Maine International Film Festival
presents *White Riot*
on Monday, July 13
at the
Skowhegan Drive-in Theater

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Hannah, Finn, Elsie, and Christian Duffy hiking French Mountain.



Nate Allen teaching a mix of kids, nieces, and nephews how to ice fish on Great Pond during an ice fishing derby. Nephew, Xander Boutin ended up winning the "Kids" Perch Category.

they used to in "the good old days" and take a kid fishing, or on a hike, or paddling in a canoe. It's how memories are made. Or take a parent, so they can become a kid again.





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Welcome Letter

Dear Readers:

Welcome to the summer of 2020. Welcome to the season of renewal, of great beauty, of inspiration from small wonders. Welcome to the waters and woods of this beautiful region and welcome to the pages of Summertime in the Belgrades.

Every summer our greetings include the saying that the more things change for us the more they remain the same. For the summer of 2020 some routines, traditions, outings and gatherings are in a state of change; many that we love aren't.

Spring didn't let us down. This year the lead-in to summer started up, balked and restarted - several times - the same as usual, and that was comforting. Dandelion greens appeared at the end of March. The greening of lawns, fields and parks began at the end of April. In between there were two snowstorms and a blizzard, electricity outages, damaging winds, flooding and mud and a mass population transition to working, studying, playing, remaining at home to avert the new coronavirus pandemic.

Human signs of summer didn't changed. Armed with new caution but nonetheless celebrating the outdoors, walkers, bicyclers and dogs pulling owners paraded along roadsides. Shorefront properties were visited and spruced up, hiking trails were extra, extra popular and local businesses, those family and mom-and-pop and summer-only stores and shops that hold together the seasonal economy, came to life as always with shutters loosened and seasonal-workers-wanted signs up.

New this year, flags and banners touted take out, pick up, delivery. The 18-hour day, the 7-day week, the summer-long-and-still-smiling work season would begin, catering to a sidewalk society if necessary.

The first issue of Summertime in the Belgrades is often greeted with "now we know summer is here" and it is.

Our columnists, our comprehensive coverage of news, history and life among the lakes, the woods, the waterways and the villages and towns, and our reporting on events - updated, changed, postponed, rescheduled - will fill every issue.

Also filling every issue will be many reminders that the big event in the Belgrades and beyond is the beauty of the natural setting and the beckoning of the great outdoors.

We cannot overlook the fact that the global world and our Belgrades world are living with a lifestyle-changing pandemic, but we can look over the many wholesome, family-oriented and near to Nature ways we can live through it - including bringing Summertime in the Belgrades to you.

Welcome to summer.

The Summertime in the Belgrades staff.
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—The Luckiest Boy—

Welcome back to all you Summertime News readers! Another winter is behind us whether you stayed and played in it or ran away to warmer climates.

The Luckiest Boy segment will be changing gears to some extent this season by alternating articles from personal memoirs as usual, to a new venue called Bringing the Past to the Present. The latter format is a smattering of articles written and published over the last 2 centuries with commentary comparing the issues, places and people of today. My thanks to Belgrade Historical Society board member Sandra Lewis for researching these articles and making them available for our enjoyment.

Let's begin with this article in the Lewiston Daily Sun concerning the opening of the summer season in 1905.

JUNE 28th, 1905 Season Opens at Belgrade Lakes. Summer visitors arriving by every train-Hotels and cottages filling up. Special. The region around the Belgrade Lakes has taken on quite a Bar Harbored appearance of late and will become more so in the next few weeks for to this spot as well as many others in Maine people from the cities are flocking for their summer outing. Things are in full swing now at the lakes and although both hotels are not entirely full as yet their rooms are all spoken for and they will be crowded to the limit for the month of July. Boating and fishing are as popular as ever this year and more than one fine bass or pickerel has had to come out of this native pond and give up the ghost during the past few weeks. Trout fishing in the lakes has been very good up to a few days ago, but at present fisherman are out for other game and are letting the trout go. Boating too was never more in favor than now and many a fine craft may be seen on the lake these days. There are also a number of new boats this season which will be a great addition to the

Spring Has Sprung

by Rod Johnson

existing fleet. Among the boats yet to come is a very nice yacht, the property of Charles Eaton of Boston a member of the firm S.S. Pierce and Co. Mr. Eaton's new boat is now on the road and will be put into the water as soon as she arrives at her destination. The owner is expected about July 4th accompanied by his whole family and will open his cottage for the summer.

Author's notes: Concerning the article above, my first thought was that the fishing now is diverse compared to 115 years ago, no surprise there. You can only catch 'um once. It was interesting that the article spoke of "both hotels", which likely was a reference to the then nearly new Belgrade Hotel that burned in 1956 and the Lakeshore Hotel, now a private family compound situated in the middle of the Lakes village. The more personal notations about a new boat arriving on Great Pond and the arrival date of a family was typical of the news a century ago. It also occurred to me that the writer of the article was not fond of commas. My friend Ralph who does some editing now and then takes commas out and says he has a whole draw full!

Maine International Film Festival Announces New Dates and Venue for 23rd Annual Event

*Historic Event to be held at the Skowhegan Drive-In Theater
July 7th – 16th, 2020*

In response to social distancing requirements and in the interest of public safety and health, the Maine Film Center (MFC) will present the 2020 Maine International Film Festival (MIFF) in a new, modified format. The 23rd annual MIFF will be held July 7-16 with in-person screenings held exclusively at the Skowhegan Drive-In Theater in Skowhegan, Maine. The twenty-third annual celebration of American independent, international, and classic film will showcase nine feature films, comprised largely of World, North American, and East Coast premieres, as well as a program of Maine Shorts. Additional feature and short films will be made available for ticketed online streaming via the festival website, MIFF.org.

"We're elated to be able to host a terrific lineup of films this summer, in spite of the difficulties that movie theaters across the country have experienced over the past several months," said Mike Perreault, Executive Director of MFC. "While the festival may not exhibit the same number of films as in past years, we're confident that our 2020 MIFF program will reflect the world-class cinema that our patrons and community have come to appreciate. We're especially grateful that our partners at the Skowhegan Drive-In have agreed to host MIFF23. This all-too-rare kind of venue will be a great place for audiences to have a unique experience and enjoy movies from a safe distance."

"While we'd love to be able to share with our audiences all the incredible cinematic discoveries we've made in working on this year's festival," said Ken Eisen, MIFF programming director, "we are truly thrilled to be embarking on what we are sure will be an exciting, safe, and joyful version of MIFF appropriate to the current conditions."

"It is a privilege to have the opportunity to work with Maine Film Center to maintain the continuity of the Maine International Film Festival in this moment of unprecedented challenge," said Donald Brown, owner of the Skowhegan Drive In-Theatre. "The Skowhegan Drive-In Theatre is a unique cultural attraction from an earlier era [and] MIFF is a resource for all of Central Maine. Together this summer, they will illuminate the night!"

The complete festival lineup, including titles that will be available for streaming, will be announced in June. Passes for the Festival are available to pre-order at MIFF.org.

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— Take It Outside —

Greetings to the greater Belgrade Lakes Community and welcome back summer residents and visitors. The current COVID-19 pandemic has changed many things about how we interact with other people, do shopping, and the types of activities that we are comfortable carrying out. It has also clearly shown the great value we place on having clean, healthy lakes and forests where we can safely spend time with family and friends and at least temporarily find refuge from external stresses.

When I was growing up and there was any kind of ruckus in the house, which was pretty common with six kids, my mother would tell us to, "Take it outside!" We would then head out to the woods behind the house to find something to do. My mother was a wise woman. Fifty years before Richard Louv wrote *Last Child in the Woods* in 2008, she had an innate understanding of "Nature Deficit Disorder" and knew that direct exposure to nature is essential for a child's healthy physical and emotional development. Louv later proved that kids who spend a lot of time outside are healthier, have longer attention spans, and are less likely to suffer from depression or childhood obesity. If you haven't read Louv's book, you should. I hope this column will inspire you to take advantage of all the outdoor recreation opportunities in our area and especially about the importance of getting youngsters outside and interacting with Mother Nature. Mother Nature is an amazing teacher and we can all learn from her, especially in these stressful times.

During the current pandemic, public health officials are also telling us to "Take it outside." Staying physically active is one of the best ways to keep your mind and body healthy, and carefully planned and executed outdoor activities are inherently safer than indoor activities. COVID-19 is a very contagious respiratory infection that is spread primarily by inhaling miniscule droplets that have been exhaled by an infected person. The outdoor environment provides far greater dissipation and dilution of potentially harmful exhalations. It is still possible to become infected outdoors, but it is far less likely, and you generally have more control over the space around you. When performing outdoor activities, it is still important to exercise proper "social distancing" (minimum six feet), avoid crowded areas, wash your hands frequently and wear a face mask in the presence of others. As I write this, all the local 7-Lakes Alliance and State of Maine (Kennebec Highlands) hiking trails and preserves are open for use by the public but have guidelines posted for their safe use. I encourage people to get out and use the trails, especially with your families. But follow all guidelines and be safe. Avoid creating a situation where you need to be rescued by an already stressed first-responder network. Visit the 7-Lakes Alliance website (<https://www.7lakesalliance.org/>) for further guidance and updates and to download maps of the trails.

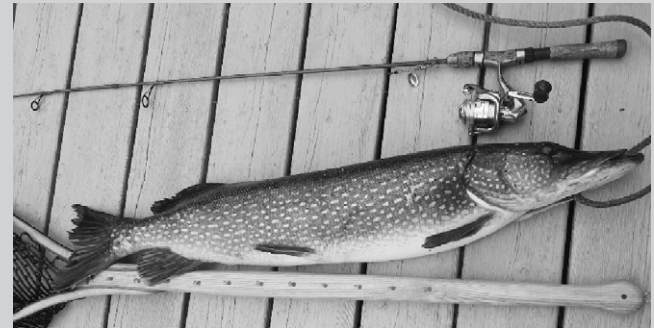
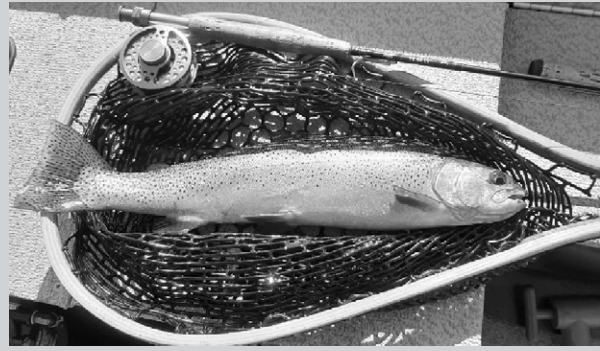
Like last year, this winter seemed to come and go, with snow followed by melting, rain, and then more snow and cold. The ice fishing was decent and the skiing was excellent on the trails in the Kennebec Highlands between thaws. The ice went out early in the second week of April, about two weeks earlier than last year, followed by a cool, windy spring. The fishing has been good, especially for bass, pike, and trout. I've caught several rainbow trout in the 20" range and at least ten pike since ice out, including one that was over 14 pounds taken on my ultralight spinning rod with 4# test line. By the time this article is published, the water temperature will be in the mid to high 60's in most of our lakes and the bass will be in the shallows, either on their own beds or chasing sunfish on theirs. Fast action can be had with streamer flies, surface poppers, jerk baits, or Senko type jigs.

The 7 Lakes Alliance (former BRCA) and Friends of Messalonskee (FoM) have been preparing for summer, hiring Courtesy Boat Inspectors (CBIs), milfoil divers, and Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) members to help protect our lakes. The programs are slightly modified this year due to restrictions required by compliance with various COVID-19 Executive orders but they will still be able to continue to protect our lakes and enable young people to gain valuable job skills in a beautiful outdoor setting.

The hiking trails (including some new ones!) in the Kennebec Highlands and nearby 7-Lakes Alliance (former BRCA) properties like French Mountain, Mount Phillip, Fogg Island, and The Mountain are beautiful, verdant, and awash in spring and early summer wildflowers like trillium

Welcome Back

by Pete Kallin



20" Rainbow trout on flyrod and 14 _ pound pike caught on ultralight spinning rod with 4# test line.

and lady slippers and birds and other wildlife. I have been doing a lot of hiking and am encouraged by the number of families out on the trails with young kids, like the Duffy Family from Waterville out on French Mountain on a recent beautiful spring day. Christian grew up in Belgrade and has been hiking French Mountain as long as he can remember. Now his wife, Hannah, and kids, Finn, and Elsie, are doing the same thing. Check the 7LA FaceBook site for upcoming events: (<https://www.facebook.com/7lakesalliance/>). I encourage everyone to take advantage of the wealth of recreational opportunities this area offers. With COVID restrictions in place, some of your family's normal summer activities like organized team sports or going to indoor movie theaters may not be an option. Do like

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— Upcoming —

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Maine International Film Festival

- Drive-in to great entertainment, great films, great fun. The Maine International Film Festival, July 7 through 16, at the Skowhegan Drive-in Theatre features the following schedule:
- Tuesday, July 7 - "Heroic Losers"
- Wednesday, July 8 - Maine Shorts
- Thursday, July 9 - "A Bright Light: Karen and the Process" and "Primary Needs"
- Friday, July 10 - "Instinct"
- Saturday, July 11 - "American Thief"
- Sunday, July 12 - "Queen Lear"
- Monday, July 13 - "White Riot"
- Tuesday, July 14 - "The 11th Green"
- Wednesday, July 15 - "Lacho Drom"
- Thursday, July 16 - "The Last Shift"

For more information about each film, to buy tickets (\$10) or to buy a MIFF pass (\$95) contact MIFF.org

Lakewood Theater

- The 120th season at Lakewood Theater will present the following shows:
- August 6-9 and 12-15 - "Opening Night"
- August 20-23 and 26-29 - "Two on the Aisle, Three in a Van"
- September 3-6 and 9-12 - "Something Fishy"
- September 17-20 and 23-26 - "But Why Bump Off Barnaby?"

For more information contact info@lakewoodtheater.org or 474-7176

Fairfield Facade Improvement Starts New Round

- The successful Fairfield's Facade Improvement & Marketing Assistance Program (FIMAP) announces new funding for financial incentives to enhance the economic vitality and character of the town's commercial districts through renovation, restoration and preservation of privately-owned business exteriors within the Town of

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- The August Blistered Fingers Family Bluegrass Music Festival is scheduled for August 27-30 at the Litchfield Fairgrounds. The line-up of bands includes:

- Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver (TN) - Friday
- The Gibson Brothers (NY) - Saturday
- Nothin Fancy (VA) - Friday, Saturday
- Dan Paisley & Southern Grass (PA) - Thursday
- The Kevin Prater Band (KY) - Friday Saturday
- Zink & Company (TN) - Friday, Saturday
- The ATKinsons (NY) - Thursday, Friday
- Back Woods Road (ME) - Saturday
- Robinson's Bluegrass Gospel (MA) - Sunday
- Blistered Fingers (ME) - Thursday

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Maine Agricultural Fairs

- Maine agricultural fairs are a family affair and usually there are 25 scheduled throughout the summer season. As of June 1, eight Maine Agricultural Fairs remain on the 2020 schedule:

- August 13-22 - Skowhegan State Fair
- September 3-7 - Blue Hill
- September 5 - Springfield
- September 10-13 - Clinton
- September 16-19 - Oxford
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7 Lakes Alliance Seeks

Adopt-A-Shoreline Volunteers

- Adopt-A-Shoreline, a program that enlists and trains volunteers from the community to survey their shorelines and learn how to find and identify invasive aquatic plants, is working to adopt the entire 77 miles of shoreline at risk in Great Pond and Long Pond. Volunteers can complete a virtual 45-minute training session. No previous experience necessary. Contact Cody at adoptashoreline@7lakesalliance.org. 495-6039

BLA 2020 Stop Milfoil Annual Appeal

- The Belgrade Lakes Association 2020 Stop Milfoil Capital Campaign is currently in progress. Last summer the program removed 28,840 gallons of invasive milfoil from great Meadow Stream and Great Pond. That's 70% more than was removed in 2018. For

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— Conservation Too —

Invasives – the Plant Variety

By Dale Finseth



I'll launch right into the first topic for the season – Invasive Plants. While plant life seems to be getting a later start this season, now is the time to begin identifying any "invasives" and try and mitigate their spread.

An invasive plant is defined as a plant that 1] is not native to a particular ecosystem/area, 2] causes economic or environmental harm or may cause harm to human health and 3] which can establish and spread in natural areas.. While about 1/3 of Maine's plant species are native, only a small fraction of those are considered "invasive". These have the potential to cause great harm to our landscape. Check the Maine Natural Areas Program list of fact sheets to determine if a particular species is considered invasive in Maine. The MNAP is the 'go to' State agency in Maine for answering questions and getting information about invasive plants. http://www.maine.gov/dacf/mnap/features/invasive_plants/inv sheets.htm There is also a generic State website for all types of invasives i.e. animals, forest pests, aquatic plants, and terrestrial plants http://www.maine.gov/portal/about_me/invasives.html These websites have 'gallery views' available which provide good photos to use in identification.

There is a good terrestrial and wetland Maine Invasive Plant Field Guide, written in 2019. It is a handy 3.75x8" 46-page field guide mounted on rings in a binder so that it is easy to flip through and can be added to. The price is around \$25. To order one To order one with credit card (Master Card or Visa), please phone 207-287-2801. Or call 207-287-8044 or email maine.nap@maine.gov with questions.

Here in the local area we need to come to grips with the invasive plants that are doing damage to our natural areas and native plants. Japanese Barberry [see picture], Multiflora Rose and Autumn Olive seem particularly robust. Asiatic Bittersweet vine and Common Buckthorn are also appearing more frequently. Japanese Knotweed often gets established at a construction site or as we do landscaping. At this time of year Garlic Mustard appears at the wood's edge. Your back yards are feeling the



pressure of these invasive plants. There is a list of these invasive plants with names and pictures. Check the Maine Lakes Center or Cooperative Extension, or our office and pick up some of the handouts.

The first line of defense is to accurately identify the plant. Usually trying to control their spread is the only choice. They will eventually appear. That's where the Field Guide comes in handy.

Recognize that there is a problem. That occasional plant out back with interesting foliage and a pretty flower might become a thick bank of vegetation if you leave it be. Look along the edge of the woods on your property and note the occasional spring clusters of white flowers which indicate Multi Flora Rose. Next year that small patch of white flowers will be joined by additional mounds of nasty thorn covered plants. At that point removal is much more difficult. That area can become a breeding ground of fruit and seeds which get spread to neighboring properties.

Our natural landscape is part of what Maine is all about. Its future depends on the choices we make. When buying plants or moving them from place to place, consider whether the plants are likely to spread. Plants advertised as fast growing, prolific, and soil tolerant are often the ones that become invasive. Maine just won't be Maine if the plants dominating our landscape are all from away..

- When buying plants for your yard. Select native plants.
- Replace invasive plants in your garden with non-invasive alternatives.
- DO NOT attack the problem with indiscriminant herbicide use. They may have a place in

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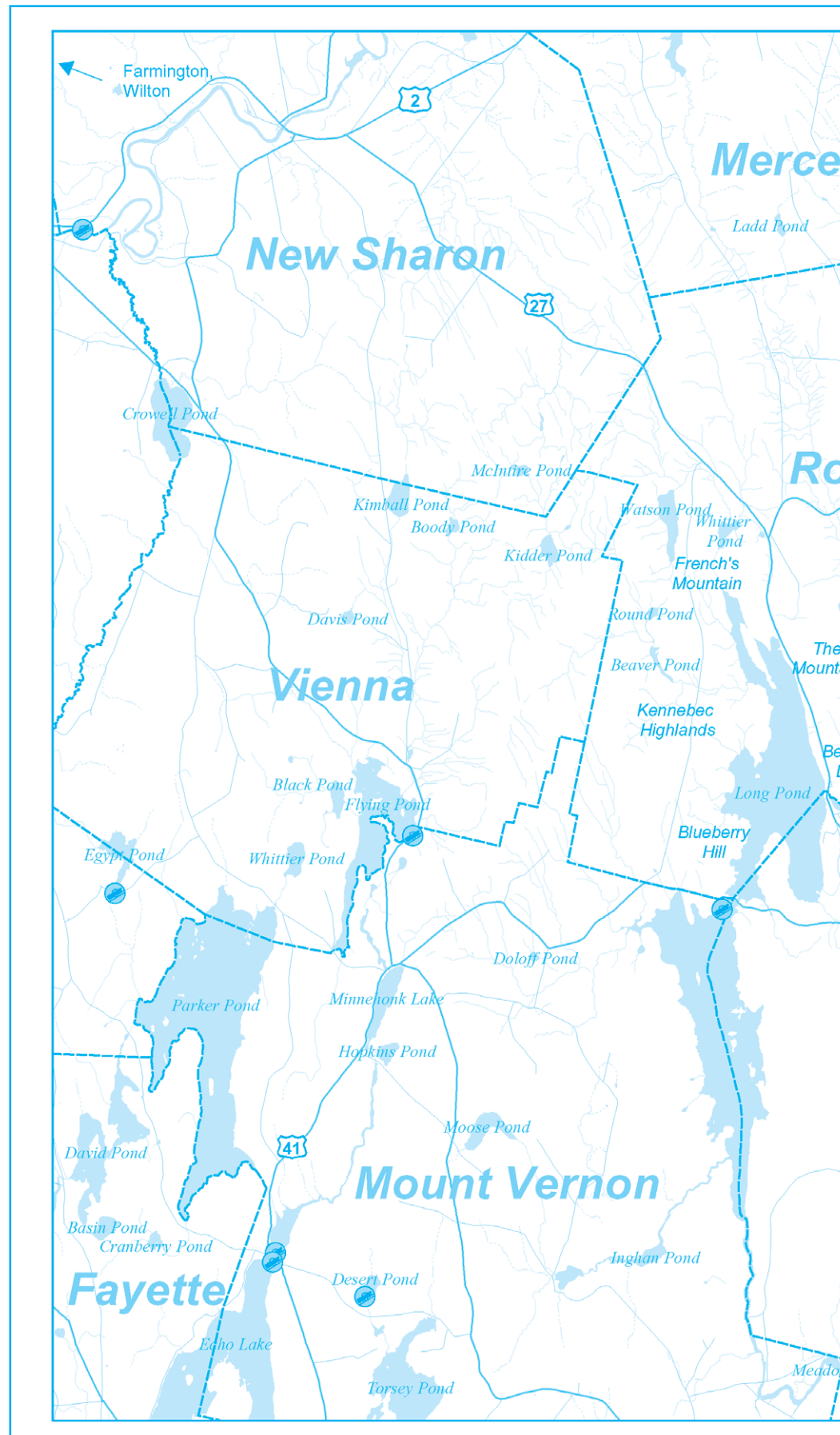
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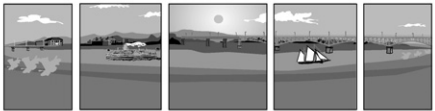
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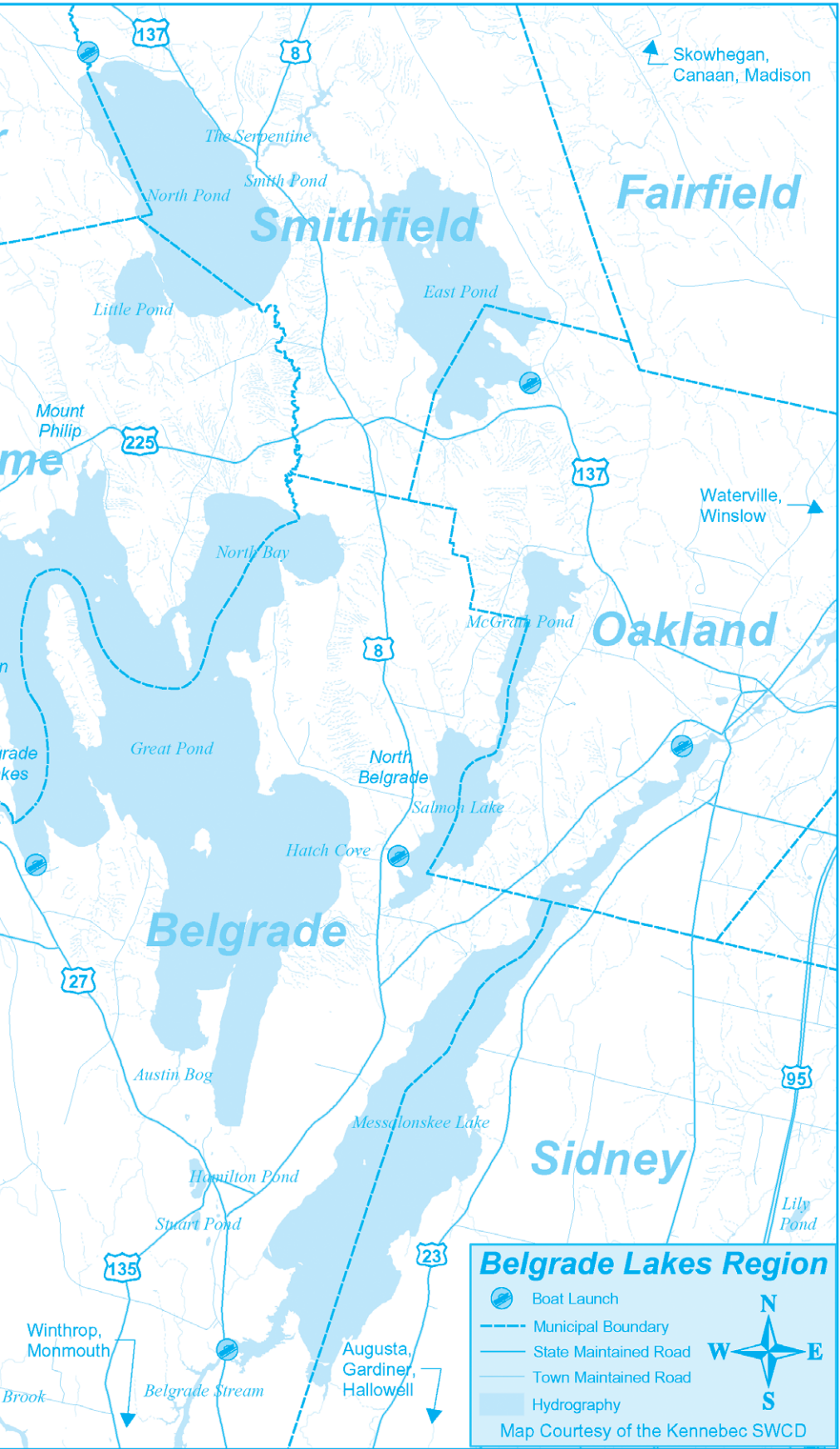
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Wine, Spirits and Now Sanitizer

• Tree Spirits in Oakland has added FDA approved sanitizer to its unique line of hand crafted wine and distilled spirits and is selling its new product in small and large quantities ranging from 4 oz. refillable bottles to 5 gallon totes. The sanitizer is lightly scented with fennel and anise. The winery at 152 Fairfield Street is open Wednesday through Saturday, noon to 5:30 pm or any time there is a Tree Spirits' car in the yard. A table is set up for transactions and call ahead orders paid for by credit card will be ready to

pick up. Delivery within 15 miles for a order of \$50 or more. Email Karen@treespiritsofmaine.com or call 465-3007

Outdoor Fitness Classes at Alford Youth & Community Center

• Social distancing workout stations are enabling the Alford Youth & Community Center in Waterville to offer a variety of outdoor fitness classes, weather permitting. Members must bring their own water bottles and workout towels, health checks and temperature testing will be administered before classes and disinfectant spray will be provided at each workout station for members to wipe down equipment before and after use. High Intensity Interval Training and Cycle Fit Outdoors are currently being held and additional classes are added at clubaycc.org as they become available. 873-0684

Summer Pet Safety

- Hot days are dangerous for man's best friend. To keep dogs safe, follow these reminders:
 - Never leave a dog in a car. Even with the windows cracked, the inside of a car can heat up to 120 degrees.
 - Provide hydration. Refill water bowls more often. Add ice cubes to cool dogs and prevent vomiting.
 - Avoid hot surfaces such as pavement, concrete, wood, stone, metal and sand - or use dog booties.
 - Retreat to the shade. Prevent overheating with shady breaks every 30 minutes.
 - Exercise during cooler hours - morning and evening.
 - Protect white, light or hairless dogs from the sun with doggie blankets.
- All of the above are good practices for humans, too.

Online Grief Support

- Hospice Volunteers of Waterville Area is offering in-person groups and appointment as follows:
 - Hope's Place, program for grieving children, meet Wednesday evenings online.
 - The Survivors of Suicide for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one through suicide, will meet virtually starting Thursday, June 11 at 6 pm for 6 weeks.
 - The General Loss support group meets virtually the 1st and 3rd Monday evenings of each month, 6-7:30 pm.
 - One on one support is available by phone or video conference.

For more information contact www.hywa.org or jroy@hvwaorg or 873-3615.

Lakewood Summer Theater

- The 120th season at Lakewood Theater will offer 4 shows instead of the usual 9 and will open August 6 with the comedy "Opening Night." Limited audience numbers, spaced out seating and utilization of different entrances and exits will be part of the protocol along with increased cleaning and hand sanitizer availability. If face coverings are warranted, Lakewood will provide

"special edition" masks. Other shows include: "Two on the Aisle, Three in a Van," "Something Fishy" and "But Why Bump Off Barnaby?"

Contact info@lakewoodtheater.org or call 474-7176.

Be A Safe Camper

- Camping is great for family togetherness or getting away from the everyday. Keep it fun and safe with the following guidelines:
 - Be weather wise; hear a forecast before departing
 - Carry a first aid kit; learn how to treat emergencies
 - Bring adequate supplies; include emergency aids
 - Check the site; set-up early and in a safe place
 - Scope out hazards; check for poisonous plants, insects, possible flooding
 - Practice fire safety; burn far from the tent; always be present
- Have fun.

Sharing the Road with Horse-Drawn Buggies

- With the growth of Amish communities across Maine, motorists are meeting more horse-drawn buggies. Sharing the road with horses requires enhanced courtesy, focus and safety awareness. Tips for motorists include: slow down and pay attention; don't honk your horn; don't rev your engine; dim headlights at night. Motorists are required by law to stop and remain stationary if anyone handling an animal signals that the animal is frightened. When passing, leave plenty of room - at least 3 feet of space; slow down when driving over a blind hill or around a sharp turn; and remember buggies can travel up to 20 mph so give yourself plenty of room to return safely to your lane. Also learn to recognize the reflector and lighting systems used on Amish buggies. mainedot.gov

Help Maintain A History Showplace

- 2020 marks the 137th anniversary of the Town of Oakland. In the late 1800s and early 1900s Oakland was world renowned for its axes, scythes and textiles manufactured in mills along Messalonskee Stream. Since 1974 Oakland's history has been well preserved in the 1815 Maccartney House Museum. Furnished authentically and enhanced with exhibits and displays, the Maccartney House is truly a gem for its era. To support it, the Oakland Regional Historical Society is currently fund-raising \$10,000. To help preserve local history, send donations or membership applications to PO Box 1985, Waterville, ME 04903

Mount Vernon Camp Director Remembered

- Camp Bearnstow in Mount Vernon, which will re-open in 2021 with its unique music and dance programs, recently lost their mentor, teacher, director and friend since 1945, Reg (Ruth) Grauert. Reg was 101 and planning on being at Camp Bearnstow this summer.





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The Small Garden Guide

Greens On the Scene: Dandelions

There's more to the weed than meets the eye. Delicate salad fixings, boiled greens, sauteed buds, coffee and even wine.

Dandelions (dent de lion or lion's tooth from their jagged leaves) are Maine's secret survival edible, protecting early settlers against scurvy. High in vitamin A, iron and potassium, with a good content of other vitamins and minerals, they are the first green to appear in early spring and the last to linger in the fall. They can even be coaxed to grow a crop in winter storage.

Although the greens grow bitter with summer - but can still be used with a sweetener, - fall frosts return the leaves to springlike tastiness. Greens can be used in salads, steaming and in many cooking combinations. Buds are good sauteed in butter. Open flowers are used for making wine. Best of all, dandelions are easy to find.

The plant also provides children some outdoor entertainment making stem necklaces and blowing dried seeds into clouds of "snow." (Don't worry, the wind would do it anyway.)



delicious baked goods and a range of meats, dairy, flowers and seedlings introduce shoppers to great local fare.

Note: Guidelines for shopping vary. Some markets require advance pre-ordering (and paying) from individual farmers.

Farmers' markets to check out this week include:

Waterville Farmers' Market: Thursday, 2-6 pm, www.WatervilleFarmersMarket.org

Augusta Farmers' Market at Mill Park:

First Fruits: Rhubarb

Rhubarb is really a perennial vegetable that functions as a fruit, although it was legally declared a fruit in 1947. Little is known about the history of rhubarb except that it probably originated in Tibet, spreading to Europe only about 300 years ago. An enterprising Maine farmer is credited with bringing it to the New World in about 1800 where it became popular for tarts and pies. Every farm once had its backyard plot of rhubarb and many country homes still do.

Only the rhubarb stalks are eaten; roots and leaves contain substances which cause severe illness and even death.

The best way to pick rhubarb is by pulling and twisting gently until root and stalk separate. The stalks should be at least 10" tall and 1" thick. Stalks are boiled and stewed, often with raisins, and served like a breakfast fruit or made into pies and marmalades. Combined with strawberries, rhubarb is one of the most popular pies in New England.

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Overrun by non-native, invasive shrubby honeysuckle? Watching it increase every year? Is it taking over your property? Out of control? A site with useful information on invasive terrestrial plant species and treatment options is the Maine Natural Areas Program (MNAP) website, <https://www.maine.gov/dacf/mnap/index.html> Look under the Invasive Species Section.

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The Dams Keeper Report

Welcome back to another Summertime in the Belgrades and the Dams Keeper Report. As of this writing, we are starting the summer off with the Great Pond's Village dam 0.6" above full pond with both gates completely closed. At basically _" above full, the water is just flush with the top of the spillway. Long Pond's Wings Mill dam is 2.28", also above full pond with both gates now also completely shut down as well. Salmon/McGrath is right at full pond with it's single gate opened just the mandated 1 cfs. flow. All of our ponds are supposed to be at full pond to begin the summer, but with another beautiful but dry summer in the forecast, our Dams Committee has chosen once again to start our summer with an extra 3" to spare if we can get enough precipitation to get back up to the 3" level that is. A 3" above level will not have an adverse effect on our feathered

friends nor should it float anyone's dock!

The long term forecast for the balance of 2020 is just about identical to that of the past 5 years – an average of 26% less precipitation than the norm. The good news is that we have another Chamber of Commerce summer instore, but for our farmers and those with shallow wells, we are looking at another drought.

We are scheduled to begin the two-year final fix of the Wings Mill Dam this coming July 15th which should not affect Long Pond's water levels. All of the other dams remain in good shape after another Maine winter!

Enjoy your summer! It should be beautiful.

Welcome Home!
Dick

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In Pursuit of On Golden Pond

by Martha F. Barkley

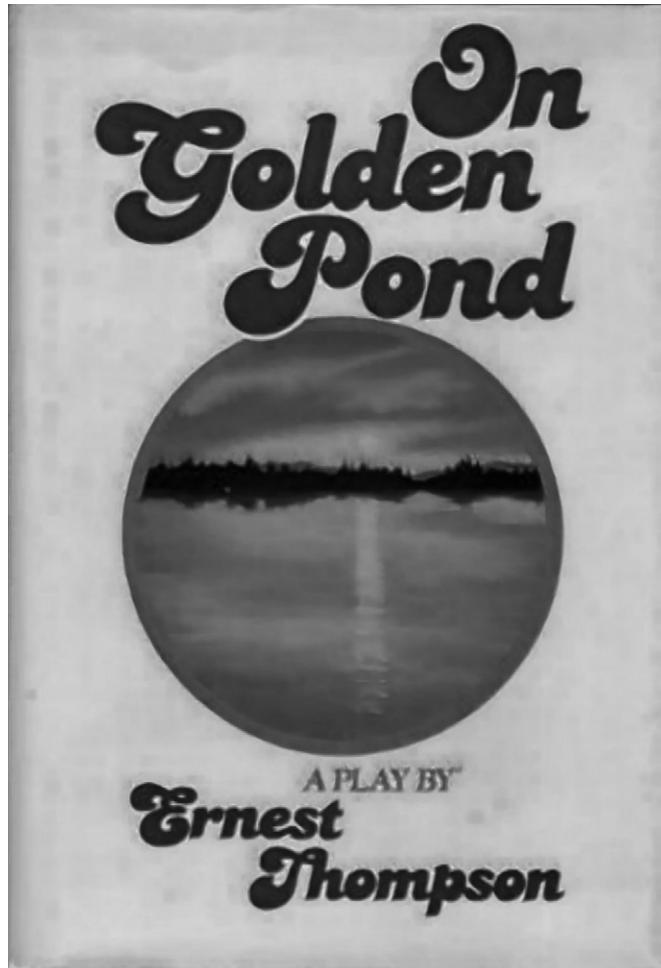
How many of you have read the original play by Richard Ernest Thompson? I have found very few readers who have. As a newcomer around these parts, I felt obliged, as a curious reader, to find the original script and read it for myself

So off I went to Barnes and Nobel in Augusta, of all places. Yes, dear reader, I was a great buyer of books back in the olden days, 30 years or more ago. Now, I check my public library first. Sometimes one gets better as one ages...and smarter...

Frustrated at Barnes and Nobel because they did not know what I was talking about, I consulted neighbors around the lake. If you keep checking, you will find it, I kept saying to myself. We happen to live next door to the Runoia Girls Camp and Betty Cobb suggested that I check with Joan Williams.

I walked down Woodlands Camp Road to Echo Cove where several Runioia alumni have summer camps. Joan cheerfully answered my "knock, knocks" and helped me find her copy of On Golden Pond. I had to precariously climb onto her sofa and reach high up among the cobwebs where her old collection of treasures was stored.

The play *On Golden Pond* was published in book form and signed



by playwright Ernest Thompson. The Thompson family camp was nearby on the other side of the tennis courts from Echo Cove. How grateful I was that Joan would let me borrow this yellow-paged version of the original play.

She actually let me take it home for a slow read...what reading pleasure it brought me to find some very good lines not even in the grand movie. Yes, the original is better than the movie. How often have you heard that? But how could that be? The movie is so very good.

Come to find out that the boat crash was not in the original. Ernest Thompson was asked to write it into the movie version. What would we do without a wounded Henry Fonda (Old Poop)? Every scene in the play is true to my Great Pond experience. Even those huge old gnarly trees growing along Woodlands Camp Road where Fonda went blueberry picking and lost his way.

David Webster was the very kind man who rented us our first boat when we stayed

the first time at Crystal Springs Camp. His friendly personality is conveyed beautifully as mailboat guy in the play. From boats to loons to squeaky screen doors, all is there in the play.

That gazebo in the movie could easily be Judge Crater's gazebo which still stands near the old Thompson camp. Judge Crater enjoyed his red canoe outings with Thelma, or Mrs. Thompson. I love the fact that the play simply quotes his parents. No wonder it is so real.

Judge Crater and his mysterious disappearance got me started on another wild goose chase! Many Judge Crater books out there to read, but my favorite is *The Empty Robe* by his widow Stella Crater. Fun to talk to the neighbors around that home and hear about Stella's sister, the artist, painting all the boulders different colors.

I asked about the lilac bush by her door that Stella fainted into when the FBI came to Belgrade Lakes to investigate Judge Crater's disappearance. The Bean Brother (L.L.'s brother) delivering to Stella her new red canoe was strange since the judge was missing in New York City on her birthday back at the lake. Mystery and dredging of the lake for his body...

Yes, I returned Joan's copy of *On Golden Pond* and felt the warmth of the original play for a long time. Our Belgrade Historic Society did a pontoon ride around Great Pond and we swished by Judge Crater's gazebo and nearby Thompson camp where a future writer of *On Golden Pond* enjoyed summertime at the lake for every summer of his boyhood awhile back.

Ernest Thompson's mother became a friend through the years and she would honk and stop to talk on Point Road as I did my daily walk. When the television version of *On Golden Pond* was produced with Julie Andrews and Christopher Plummer, of course, we knew it would be terrific. And it was, scenery and all. We agreed that the live performance was special for tv land...

When the black version of *On Golden Pond* hit Broadway, I was prepared by my Charleston, SC neighbor. She had already seen it at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC and told me how well done it was. Friends of her's had tickets given to them by Colin Powell's daughter, the performer for Jane Fonda's part.

What impressed me about this particular Broadway play was that not one line was changed from the original version of the play. Now that is theater at its best, don't you think?



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MT VERNON-Lovely waterfront home on beautiful Belgrade Stream. This home has 1 BR on the main floor, 2 more BR in the finished basement. Large windows in basement let in tons of natural sunlight. Open floor plan on the main floor is great for entertaining guests, with stunning waterfront views. Lg glassed-in year-round porch. Large 2 bay garage w/potential to finish 2nd floor. This home is priced well below the town assessed value! **MLS #1453753 \$204,900**

OAKLAND-Fabulous 2 story center hall Colonial home, quiet Oakland neighborhood. Featuring kitchen whickory cabinets & center bar, DR lg front to back LR w/impresive fieldstone fireplace/granite mantel. 1/2 bath w/laundry & direct access to the 2 car garage. 2nd floor features 3BR and 2BA-- MBR w/private bath w/whirlpool tub, walk-in closet. Great yard & cedar deck. Central vac, full basement, security system & lots of extras! Additional land available. **MLS #1451864 \$349,999**

MONMOUTH-Cobbesee Lake building lot. A lovely spot w/110' of frontage at the south end of the lake. Western exposure, year round access. Septic plan for a 3 bedroom house. Back portion sloped from the road and flat lawn near the lake. Some sandy frontage, gradual incline into the water. Dock included. A great opportunity. **MLS #1222901 \$179,000**

MANCHESTER-Gorgeous & spacious 4 BR Manchester Colonial lots of wonderful features. Shared 700' stream frontage w/access to Cobbesee Lake. Over 4,000 SF w/additional finished lower level. High ceilings, hardwood floors throughout, screened porch, deck, 2 staircases, lovely 2.6 acre private lot. Spectacular Cherry kitchen w/granite counters, high end appliances, island w/adjacent full room pantry. Open 1st floor FR w/ 2 story ceiling & gas fireplace, formal DR w/tray ceiling, formal LR w/ pellet stove. Large breezeway w/laundry room & 1/2BA. 4 BR's w/ w2 BA & large cathedral bonus room. Incredible master suite w/cathedral ceilings, skylights, 2-sided gas fireplace, fabulous BA w/jetted tub/over sized 6 head glass shower/walk in closet. Wonderful 3-room lower level w/ 1/2 bath features a FR, rec area and a theater room. Oversized heated 2 car w/adjoning workshop (potential 3rd bay). **MLS #1451850 \$549,900**

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Real Estate Update A Good Time to Buy

Thinking of a vacation house, a home, a camp? Contemplating retiring, retreating or moving to Maine? Dreaming of creating a family legacy/lifestyle? Searching for a good investment....or a dream...or a getaway from a nearby town?

It's summer in Maine. The season is new and days at their longest: perfect for looking at and thinking about property and having downtime to enjoy the area, too.

A positive summer is what the real estate industry in central Maine predicts, a market where consumers are merging traditional reasons to buy in the region with new considerations.

Those decades-old tried and true values for choosing the lakes and surrounding overlooks, the picturesque villages and historic towns - remain the same: plentiful outdoor recreation, getting away from other lives in other - especially urban - places, setting a tradition of family togetherness and investing in a location that feels remote yet offers the closeness, convenience and enrichment of nearby communities.

This year, based in part on the new coronavirus advisories, queries are also trending toward qualities of isolation, remote reception and work station space for at-home



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office/study, proximity to transportation corridors, availability or delivery of office supplies, repairs and services, convenience of shopping for food, health care and other routine needs, opportunities for children such as camps, recreational classes and educational facilities.

Whatever's on that list or in those dreams, it's summer in Maine. The days are long, the season new. Realtors are ready to help and are observing safe viewing guidelines. Come visit this beautiful lake-full region. It's a good time to buy.



Tips for Retirement Saving and Senior Living

The idea of saving for senior living may seem tedious but there are many options to investigate when planning your retirement. This article will touch upon four resources you may be eligible for.

1. Long Term Care Insurance: This option reimburses the policyholder a daily amount (up to a pre-selected limit) to pay for services that assist with Activities of Daily Living (bathing, dressing, eating, etc..) under most policies you are eligible for benefits when one is unable to do 2 of the 6 Activities of Daily Living.
2. Life Settlement: A life settlement or senior settlement is when the policyholder (you or your loved one) sells a life insurance policy to a third party who then becomes the beneficiary of the policy. The seller receives more money than if they were to terminate the policy before it becomes payable, but less than what they would get if they waited until the policy became payable.
3. Veterans Benefit (Aid and Attendance): The Aid and Attendance benefit falls under a non-service connected pension, this means that to qualify a veteran does not have to have suffered a disability due to his or her service in the military and it is also available to Veterans dependents.
4. Home Equity: When looking into how to pay for senior care one of your most valuable assets could be your home. Options available include: selling your home, renting your home, home equity loan and reverse mortgage.

For more information about these resources or the wonderful way of life at Granite Hill Estates contact Steve Roy at 207.626.7786 or email SRoy@granitehillstates.com.

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