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Selling Lemonade...Saving Lakes

by Leah LaPointe



On left: William Diltz (10 yrs.) middle: Weston LaPointe (8 years old) and right :Leah LaPointe (11 yrs old)



Belgrade Lakes stand with customers



Customers enjoying lemonade

The Cast:

- Harrison Diltz/13 - Volunteered to help sell raffle tickets and made the majority of products sold at the lemonade stand.
- Leah LaPointe/11 - Thought of the idea to accept donations rather than a designated price. Quote "I thought it would be a more reasonable idea to extend the maximum amount of money that would be accepted rather than having to limit it. Using that method, we were able to collect over 350\$"
- Leah also ran the cash register and assisted in distributing the product among the customers.
- William Diltz/11 - Made creative signs and was the key to attracting customers. One buyer claims, "I practically heard you from down the street."
- Weston LaPointe/8 - Weston, the youngest of the group, assisted by being moral support, as well as helping William to attract business, and ran any errands to help keep our merchandise fresh and stocked up.

The Products:

- Lemonade - Produced from homemade lemonade mix and fresh lemons.
- Brownies - We constructed our 3 types of brownies (Milk Chocolate, Double Fudge with chocolate chips, and Regular Fudge) from our Mimi's famous home-

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Campbell Charles on the left and little brother Everett Charles on the right

made brownie mix.

- Popcorn - We consecutively decided to make our popcorn from store-bought kernels and popped them the old-fashioned way, with a popcorn maker. We considerably drizzled the butter on our popcorn the day of to ensure that the popcorn stays as fresh as possible.

The Motive:

We have been serving our lake with the money raised from our lemonade stand for the past 4 years. Despite the fact that we had been doing this for so long, this year was our most successful. We raised \$385 and all of the profit made went to preserving our lakes. This year was a real success and we hope to continue doing this in order to see the change we all desire to see in our beautiful great lakes.

—The Luckiest Boy—

DATELINE August 1, 1939 –

Welcome back readers, hope you enjoyed last week's Fishin' with Charles story. Let's pick up where we left off!

With Charles and the Raus aboard, the 24 foot guideboat exited Mill Stream into Great Pond. Charles deftly turned the side mounted ship's wheel and the sleek old lapstrake craft slowly came around to port and headed her nose to North. A light chop slapped away at the bow as Charles knocked the throttle back to low idle and passed the fly rods to Albert and Blanche. Today's fishing would begin with trolling streamer flies on light rods. Charles liked to give his sports an easy start in the shallow waters but later would switch over to strong trolling rods loaded with lead core line and sewed-on bait. This morning Blanche dragged a Blue Smelt and Albert a Gray Ghost.

Charles slid the kill switch over to the closed position as he prepared to begin rowing. Even at the slowest idle, the boat would not go slow enough to troll for salmon and trout. The old Kermath engine died out, but as the big open flywheel came to a halt, it belched one last THAW-HAW. Silence was upon them until Charles started his rhythmic slow rowing, and the leather wrapped oars lightly groaned in the brass oarlocks.

As the morning wore on and both sports had landed several smaller bass near Dry Point shoal, Charles steered the boat into much deeper water and

Part II: Fishin' with Charles

by Rod Johnson

prepared the heavy tackle. The previously prepared leaders, about 3 feet long, contained sewn-on white perch of about 4 inches. These were skinned in the early morning as part of Charles's preparations, then sewn on to the double hook leaders with tiny copper wire. A slight curve was formed to make the baitfish appear to be swimming, an assumption here that the salmon and trout would approve and be likely to go for it. Time and experience had proven this method to be a winner.

After the lead core line was slowly eased out, the "deep rig" slowly went down to about 50 feet. To keep the rig from hitting the bottom, Charles had to row considerably harder. It was his plan to row over the deepest spot in the lake, just off from the northwest side of Hoyt's Island. With the waters being warmer this time of year, most of the larger salmon looked for deeper, cooler waters to survive in. After two passes over the deep hole, Charles's old arms

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Charlie Brown after a successful catch



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51th Annual Blueberry Festival Coming to Winslow Saturday, August 13!

Delightful "All Things Blueberry" Festival Promises Loads of Family Fun!

One of Maine's all-time most popular, beloved, and downright yummy summer events—Winslow's annual Blueberry Festival—is coming this year on Saturday, August 13, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., to Winslow Congregational Church, 12 Lithgow Street, Winslow. Admission to the festival grounds is FREE.

Nearly 750 mouth-watering blueberry pies and "all things blueberry" baked goods will be available for sale. Blueberry pies (\$12 each) may be picked up at the church anytime from 3 to 7 p.m. the previous evening (Friday, August 12) or the day of the festival (Saturday the 13th) from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Kicking off the 51st Annual Blueberry Festival on Saturday will be a delicious Blueberry Pancake Breakfast, from 7 to 10 a.m. Cost of the breakfast will be \$7 per person and \$5 for children age 12 and under, payable at the door.

Other Great "Festival Festivities"

In addition to the "all things blueberry" pies and other culinary delights, festival patrons will enjoy a Lobster Shore-Dinner Raffle; live classical, pop, folk, and blues music; local crafts vendors; a yard sale; a popcorn vendor; a silent auction; basket raffles; an agricultural exhibit featuring goats; and a firetruck and police car.

Night-Before (Friday Evening) Chicken Bar-B-Q Supper To-Go

The night before the Blueberry Festival, there will be a Friday-evening (August 12) Chicken Bar-B-Q Supper To-Go (with "all the fixin's") at Winslow Congregational Church. The Chicken Bar-B-Q Supper will run from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Blueberry pies, blueberry baked goods, and a yard sale also will be available during the Friday-evening supper, PLUS you'll enjoy live music. Cost of the Chicken Bar-B-Q supper is \$12 per person, payable at the event. The supper will be served by Winslow Community Cupboard food pantry volunteers and all proceeds will benefit the food pantry.

More about the 51st Annual Blueberry Festival

A beloved community favorite since 1972, the Blueberry Festival raises funds to empower the local humanitarian/Christian-service work of Winslow Congregational Church. Celebrating its 193rd birthday this year, the historic church is housed in a building dating from 1796, which has been home to a worshipping congregation since 1828.

Everyone seeking a wonderful opportunity to gather and enjoy a treasure trove of "all things blueberry" is cordially invited to attend this year's Blueberry Festival. Mark your calendar now!

For more information about the 51st annual Blueberry Festival, please visit: <https://winslowucc.org/blueberry-festival/>



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— Take It Outside —

Picnic at Fogg Island

by Pete Kallin

Hard to believe this is the penultimate edition of "Summertime!" The summer is flying by and the papers are full of "Back to School Specials.". Last weekend, my wife and I packed a picnic lunch, got in the boat, and headed to 7-Lakes Alliance's Fogg Island Preserve on the Mount Vernon side of Lower Long Pond, a bit south of Ingham Stream (<https://www.7lakesalliance.org/trails-fogg>). After a roughly 7-mile trip from Tracy Cove, we landed at "the beach" at the north end of the trail between two cedar trees that lean out over the water. The Beach easily holds 2 or 3 kayaks, but my fishing boat filled it right up. We had a nice lunch at the picnic table built by Long Pond summer resident, Evan Salhanick, as part of his Eagle Scout Project last summer. After lunch, we packed the leftovers into our cooler and headed to the boardwalk portion of the trail, which spans an approximately 250-ft wide wetland, that includes a lot of high bush blueberry bushes that can be picked from the boardwalk. As we approached the boardwalk, I spotted a small porcupine in the blueberry bushes next to the trail. The porcupette quickly hid under the boardwalk while Linda and I picked berries. After we finished picking and headed back towards the boat, the young porcupine left its hiding place and climbed a small cedar tree until we left. We cruised back up the lake and spotted numerous loons and an eagle. After returning to our dock, I went for a nice swim and we finished our dinner with fresh-picked blueberries on vanilla ice cream.



"The Beach" at Fogg Island.



Linda picking berries along the boardwalk.

Recently, my neighbors, Joel and Kathi King, had their daughter, Modjulie Moore, and her family up from North Carolina for a week-long visit. Modjulie was a charter member of the Belgrade Lakes Conservation Corps (now 7-Lakes Alliance Youth Conservation Corps) in 1996 and 1997. With the hot, humid weather this week, the family spent a lot of time on the King's pontoon boat, fishing and swimming. They caught quite a few fish, including a nice 4-lb smallmouth caught by son-in-law, Dr. Ricky Moore.



Picnic table at Fogg Island



Right: Young porcupine up a cedar tree.



Ricky Moore with nice, 4-lb Long Pond smallmouth bass.

Take advantage of the rest of the summer and get out on the lakes or hike or bike in the hills. And take a kid along. Or a parent or grandparent. You will be creat-

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Calendar

Additions and changes to events, activities, outings, visits, etc. are welcome and appreciated. Email, call, or stop us on the street with ideas and information.

FARMER'S MARKETS

Tuesday - Augusta Farmers' Market, 2-6 pm, Mill Park, Water Street.

Thursday - Downtown Waterville Farmers Market, 2-6 pm, Head of Falls.

Friday - Farmington Farmers' Market, 10 am-1 pm, BLC, Front Street.

Saturday - Skowhegan Farmers' Market, 9 am-1 pm, Maine Grains.

Sunday - Belgrade Lakes Farmers Market, 9 am-2 pm, Main Street.

PLANT PATROL

Every Wednesday through 8/24 - Adopt-A-Shoreline & Plant ID Training, 10-11:30 am, www.7lakesalliance.org, 495-6039, 7 Lakes Alliance headquarters, 137 Main St, Belgrade Lakes.

SUMMER THEATER

Friday 8/12 and Saturday 8/13 - "King's Night Out,"

Thursday 8/18-Saturday 8/27 - "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels," 474-7176, Lakewood Theater, Route 201, Madison.

Friday 8/12-Thursday 8/18 - "Eurydice", "Pandora", "Anthony & Cleopatra", "Lysistrata,"

"Amphitryon", "Comedy of Errors", 933-9999, Theater at Monmouth.

THIS WEEK

Thursday 8/11 -Saturday 8/20 - Skowhegan State Fair, endless food, fun, exhibitions, livestock events, live bands, daily shows, harness racing, pulls, demolition derbies, 2 dollar days August 11 and 17, Senior Citizen Days August 15 and 18, Military Appreciation Day August 16, parking \$5 per car, per day, kids 10 and under free, Skowhegan Fairgrounds, Route 201, Skowhegan.

Friday 8/12 and Saturday 8/13 - Readfield Heritage Days, food, fun, history, fireworks, downtown Readfield.

Friday 8/12 - Maine Trivia, 3 pm, 7 Lakes Alliance, 137 Main Street, Belgrade Lakes.

Friday 8/12 - Pat Pepin Blues Band, Johnson Hall Free Waterfront Concert, 6-7:30 pm, Waterfront Park on the Kennebec River, Gardiner.

Saturday 8/13 - Art in the Park, artists and makers of fine craft, 9 am-4 pm, www.wesarts.org/artinthepark, 612-9357, Coburn Park, Water Street, Skowhegan.

Saturday 8/13 - The Great Ghost Chase, Lakewood Young Performers Camp, 10 am, 474-7176, Lakewood Theater, Route 201, Madison.

Saturday 8/13 - Woofstock Music Festival, food trucks, beer tent, live music featuring Old Souls, Tyler Healy Band, Papa Rim and the Desperate Men, Bad Daddy,

River Bottom Funk, Cryin' Out Loud, free parking, general admission tickets \$25 at door while they last, 12 noon-9 pm, hswa.org/woodstock, Humane Society Waterville Area, 100 Webb Road, Waterville.

Sunday 8/14 - The Calypso Soldiers, Concert at Norcross Point, free, 2-4 pm, Winthrop.

Sunday 8/14 - Brian Richmond, Concerts in the Park, 5-6:15 pm, Coburn Park, Skowhegan.

Monday 8/15 - Western Maine Foothills Concert in the Park, 7-8:30 pm, Meetinghouse Park, downtown Farmington.

Tuesday 8/16 - Greg Boardman and Owen Kennedy, \$15, 7 pm, Union Meeting House, 22 Church Road, Readfield.

Tuesday 8/16 - Abraxas - Santana Tribute, Rock on the River series, 7-8:30 pm, Grandstand, Water Street, Hallowell.

Thursday 8/18 - Saturday 8/20 - Book Sale, The Friends of Lithgow Library, 626-2415, Lithgow Library, 45 Winthrop Street, Augusta.

Thursday 8/18 - The Laura Hudson Project, WaterFront Music Series, 6-8 pm, WaterFront Park, Oakland.

Thursday 8/18 - Sam Whitman/Hambone, Village Green Music Series, 6:30-8 pm, 495-3481, recreation@townofbelgrade.com, Main Street, Belgrade Lakes.



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A House of Dreams: Celebrating Railroad Square Cinema

by Gregor Smith



The five founders (plus one!) in the mid-1990s. From left to right, Sam Sanborn, Alan Sanborn, Lea Girardin, Ken Eisen, Stu Silverstein, and Gail Chase.

The recently concluded 25th edition of the Maine International Film Festival will be the last one where films are shown at Railroad Square Cinema. The can-do, art house cinema, which gave birth to the festival in 1998, is slated to close in December, when the Schupf Art Center, which is rapidly rising a few blocks south, at 93 Main Street, is expected to be finished. The new building will contain three screening rooms to replace those at Railroad Square.

Founded in 1978, Railroad Square Cinema

was born out of a love of movies and the desire of its founders not to be limited to watching the current Hollywood releases showing at the local cineplex. At that time, apart from the occasional old movie shown on late night television and the newer "movies of the week" shown during Prime Time after their theatrical runs had ended, the only way to see a movie was in a theater. This was before Turner Classic Movies and other cable movie channels, before Netflix and other streaming services, and even before movie rentals on VHS videotape. If you lived in Central Maine at the time and you wanted to see a foreign film or a classic American one, you were pretty much out of luck.

The idea to start their own movie theater was hatched when the five founders met at a Christmas party in the mid-1970s. They didn't all know each other then, but soon became friends. Lea Girardin was the audiovisual librarian at Colby. Ken Eisen and Gail Chase had graduated from Colby a few years earlier. Stu Silverstein was a filmmaker in Solon, and Alan Sanborn, a film buff who liked to visit the Colby library to read their collection of film scripts.

For two years, the five searched for a suitable space, before settling on a former beer and wine store at the northern edge of downtown Waterville, next to a now-gone railroad siding in its parking lot. For around \$1200 each and a lot of sweat equity — they did most of the renovations themselves — they converted the space into a movie theater. For little or nothing, they acquired seats from an old theater in Augusta and also roughly two dozen, Army surplus, 16 millimeter projectors, i.e. projectors designed to show films that are 16 mm (5/8") wide. At that time, films were widely distributed in that format — if you ever watched a movie in a classroom as a kid on a portable projector, it was probably 16 millimeter — and they could keep the projectors running by switching out parts as needed.

On October 5, 1978, the new, one-screen, 168-seat theater opened at 13 Railroad Square, charging \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. The first film was *Casablanca*, which, according to Ken Eisen, was chosen because "it was such a well recognized, classic Hollywood terrific film: an adventure film, a romance, a bit comic, idealistic, endlessly rewatchable, with iconic stars Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman, a continuing major feature in the repertory film scene at the time."

By 1981, it was clear that cinema was going to have to upgrade to 35 millimeter projectors. While 16 mm films continued to remain available, studios typically didn't release new movies in that format until six months after their release on 35 millimeter film. Although the partners had initially set out to show older and foreign films, audiences wanted to see new releases too, so the partners bought a new projector and expanded the projection booth to accommodate it. This expansion also made it possible to start a cafe in the lobby.

Everything went smoothly until tragedy struck on the night of October 10, 1994. A fire, probably electrical in origin, consumed the cinema. The building itself didn't burn — it was made of cinder blocks — but everything inside was destroyed. It could have been the end, but even as the fire department was still putting out the flames, movie patrons came to offer condolences and, more important, cash to rebuild. When the bookstore next door put out a donation jar, someone dropped in a \$1000 check. Over time, the partners amassed \$150,000 in donations.

A mere nine months later, Railroad Square Cinema reopened in a brand-new, purpose-built structure across the parking lot. The new building allowed the cinema to expand from one screen to two, greatly increasing the variety of programming its owners could offer and making it possible to host their very own film festival three years later. In July 1998, MIFF was born!

In 2002, Railroad Square added a third theater. Cinema 3 was always part of the plan for the new building, but initially, there wasn't enough money to outfit it as a screening room, so it was just being used for storage. Now the Fabulous Five were finally able to fully realize their vision for their new cinematic home.

In 2012, they faced a new challenge. The film industry would soon stop distributing movies on film altogether, in favor of a new digital format. To show digital movies, the partners would have to buy new projectors costing tens of thousands of dollars each. Fortunately, the Maine Film Center, which had started out as a nonprofit support group for the cinema and had organized the film festival each year, Continued on page 14.

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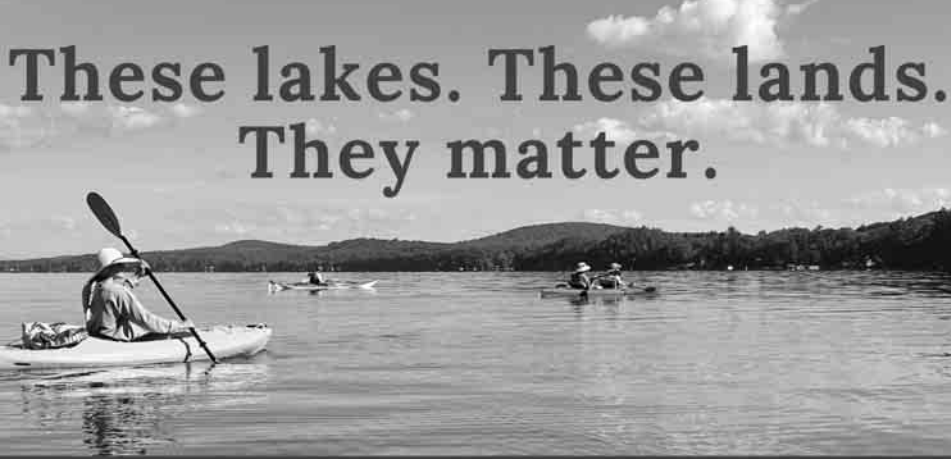
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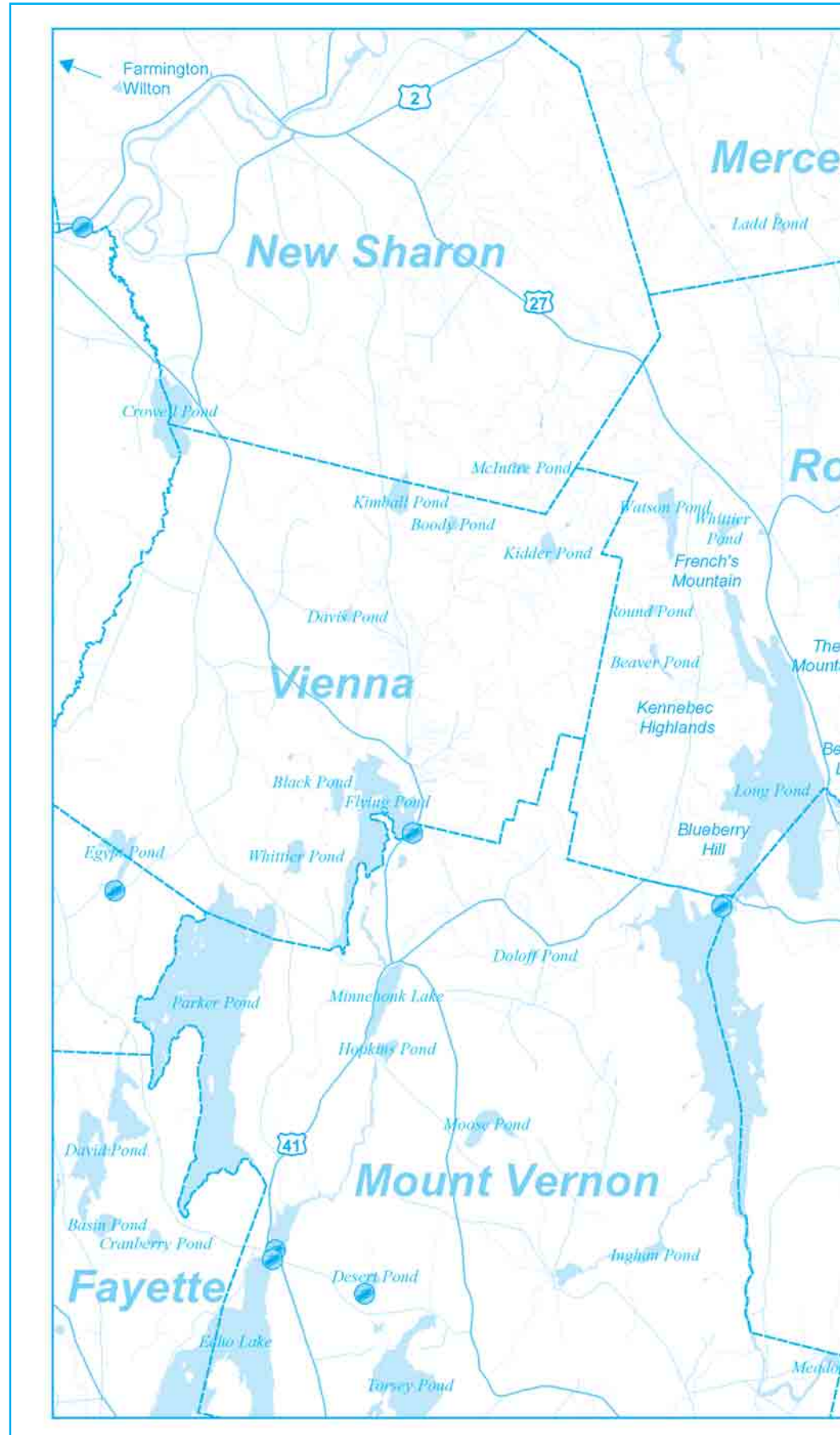
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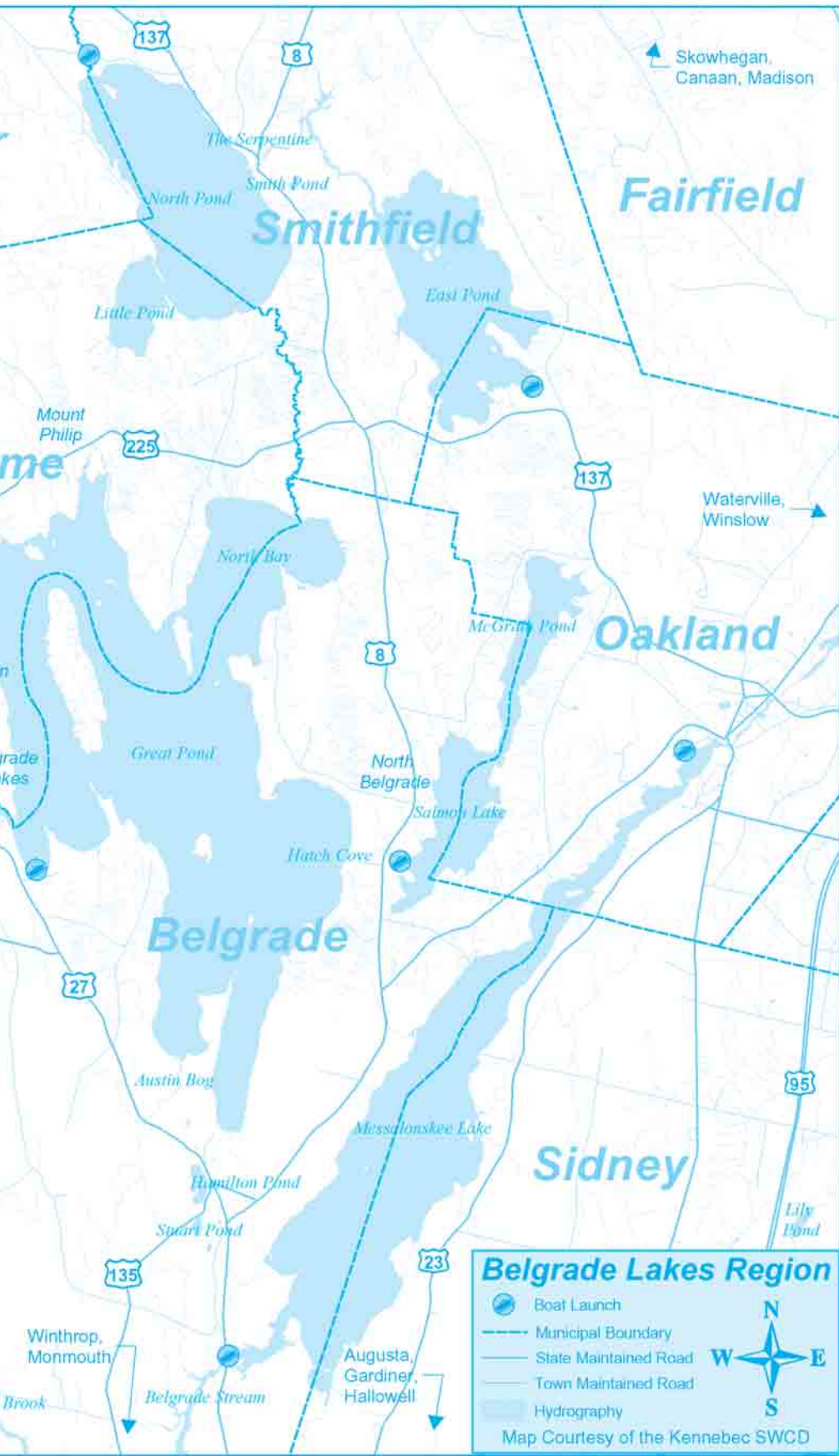
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Dick Greenan, Chairman, BLA Loon Preservation Project"



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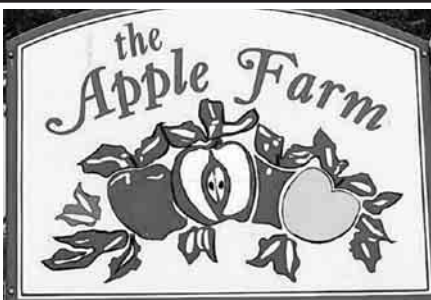
ing memories that will last. 7-Lakes Alliance is hosting many interesting events, which are in the Community Calendar elsewhere in this paper. There will be an IPP paddle (or snorkel) on Salmon-Mcgrath on August 12th. More info is available at the 7-LA website. The Tuesday afternoon (3 PM) live animal talks from Chewonki are especially popular with kids. Pick up a map of the local trails from the 7 Lakes Alliance at the Maine Lakes Resource Center (MLRC). Individual trail maps for most of the trails can be downloaded from their web site at: <https://www.7lakesalliance.org/trailsystem>. Try a new trail for a new adventure. Fogg Island can be accessed by water from Long Pond and by land from the parking lot off Spring Hill Rd in Mt Vernon. It's over 500 acres of really interesting, mostly wetland, habitat.



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The Dams Keeper Report

Our dry, beautiful summer conditions are just beginning to take their toll on the water levels. The scattered and very sporadic afternoon showers do limit phosphorous runoff into our ponds but just do not provide enough precipitation to keep our water levels where we would like them to be. Pretty insolent of us, isn't it?!!

Due to the recent, yet very meager rain events, the water level at Great Pond's Village dam is still holding right at full pond as is Long Pond's Wings Mill dam with all gates still closed. Salmon/McGrath is, because of the mandated 1 cfs. 24/7 flow, now 1.6" below full.

Messalonskee, aka. Snow Pond, has, as of this writing, dropped even further to 7.68" below full due to electricity generation in part, but mostly due to just a dry weather pattern.

As I pen this week's column, the past ten days saw only .74" of precipitation and if we can believe Weather Underground, we are looking at 1.23" for the next 10 days, which is good for our gardens, farmers, and of course, our lakes.

If you have a particular question regarding our Dams and/or water levels, please email your inquiry to: dickgreenan@outlook.com and we will try to answer your question either in this column or via email.

Enjoy the Family, your vacation and this incredibly beautiful weather and please stay safe!

Dick Greenan

Chairman, Belgrade Lakes Watershed Dams Committee



East Pond Alum Update



Those of us who spent careers in the sciences learn quickly the burden of proof in the sciences is demanding. The best way to solve complex problems is to employ smart, knowledgeable, creative people, and then gather as much data as possible to develop solutions. A great example is the alum treatment in East Pond.

When I arrived on East Pond in 2007, the cause of the lake's frequent algae blooms was not well understood until a lot of smart people, including Dr. Whitney King from Colby College in partnership with what is now the 7 Lakes Alliance, stepped in to tackle the problem, which turned out to be high levels of phosphorus in the lake's sediment. After much scientific analysis, an alum treatment was proposed, with extensive work to determine the proper amount, placement and cumbersome mechanics of such a huge and costly project.

The alum was applied in 2018, and we've enjoyed beautiful, clearer water for the past four summers. According to 7 Lakes Alliance Lake Science Director Dr. Danielle Wain, the average water clarity in East Pond in 2021 was 17 feet, an impressive 6 feet deeper than before the treatment. Prior to the treatment, we would not invite guests to visit us on the lakes after mid-July when the water began to turn an ugly green. By August, the lake often erupted into a fully stagnant, smelly bloom.

Dr. Wain stresses that "alum is one of many tools in our lake management toolbox. After many years of study, it was determined to be an effective solution for managing the algae blooms in East Pond, which has a small watershed and few streams that bring phosphorus into the lake. Alum treatments only reduce the existing phosphorus in the lake, and do not prevent future phosphorus pollution from entering the lake. Only protecting the watershed and reducing erosion can do this."

Dr. Wain also points out East Pond remains one of the largest lakes treated with alum in the United States. It is the fifth-largest lake in the 7 Lakes region.

Recognizing the key role erosion plays in dumping phosphorus into the lake, I volunteer as the coordinator for the LakeSmart program on East Pond to help individual shorefront owners do their part to stop erosion at their doorstep. As Benjamin Franklin said, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." There are a lot of happy people on East Pond, and we want to keep it that way!

East Pond is located in the towns of Oakland and Smithfield and is a headwater of the Belgrade Lakes chain.

Mel Croft is an East Pond resident, a retired geologist and a 7 Lakes Alliance Board member





Andrew Wyeth: A Secret Life by Richard Meryman

by Martha F. Barkley

Did you ever read a book years ago and when it comes up you recall it distinctly? I read this biography of Wyeth in the 1990s sometime and memories are vivid about its story of an artist and his family of artists, father and son. N.C Wyeth's dark oil paintings were on covers of many classic children books like Treasure Island. We were sorting family books at that time in our lives: what to keep and what to give away?

Our Portland friends visited us at Great Pond and we ventured together to see the Helga paintings series featured at the Farnsworth. Still do not understand the three-dimensional effect Andrew painted on Helga's golden auburn hair. I stood close to the work and wondered.

The Sunday Boston Globe today features the Colby College Art Museum special showing of Andrew Wyeth works centered on Life and Death after N.C. Wyeth's horrible sudden death in 1945. A grandson was also killed in the car as the train overtook them in Chadds Ford, PA.

Apparently a newly discovered cache of drawings only discovered as recently as 2018 reveals Wyeth's 1946 change in painting style. Christina's World, his iconic painting of the disabled Christina Olson crawling the hillside to home, was part of that change in his painting life. I look forward to viewing this collec-

tion at Colby College.

Maybe you would like to read the biography of Andrew Wyeth. His son Jamie is the third generation of artists in the family and I found it so interesting to see how each generation found a different mode. Their styles each unique and not a repeat of the N.C Wyeth dark oils.

Maybe we will see each other at Colby? A map in the Sunday Boston Globe showed how close we have so many museums to visit: Bates and Bowdoin Colleges, Farnsworth, Portland Museum of Art. So much to do and not too far away.

The Colby College Museum of Art exhibition: Andrew Wyeth: Life and Death will be on display through October 16, 2022. This exhibition is the first public presentation of recently rediscovered drawings in which artist Andrew Wyeth (1917-2009) imagines his own funeral and connects the sketches now known as the Funeral Group to Wyeth's decades-long engagement with death as an artistic subject in painting. The museum is open Tuesday-Saturday, 10 am-5 pm and Sunday noon-5 pm. Admission is free. Guided tours are offered each Saturday at 2 pm. For more information visit museum.colby.edu or call 859-5600.



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had had enough. For today, the salmon would stay in the lake. After reeling in the long heavy lines, the Raus too were ready to take a break.

Noon was approaching and the next stop would be Oak Island. A previously arranged rendezvous with the other sports and guides Ellis, Rix and Johnson, would include a nice lunch around a small campfire. The fish chowder, now riding in the stainless steel bucket with cover under Charles's seat, would be heated and shared by all. It was made the previous day at the Locust House kitchen, something that Ed Megill and his staff did on a regular basis. Most guideboats, including Charles's, had been fitted with a tin lined box where a small block of ice was put each outing. After a 15 minute ride powered by the Kermath, Charles brought the Stewart built boat to a crude dock the guides had fashioned for sports to disembark onto Oak Island. The picnic spot had been carved out many years before by the guides and was generally kept neat and tidy by all that used the spot.

After a good long lunch and rest, the sports and guides reboarded their respective crafts. On the way home this early afternoon, Charles would stop at the White Ledges, where Blanche and Albert could stand up in the boat and do some fly casting, likely to get their fill of bass and perch. This would round-out the day, except for brisk ride home with the old Kermath supplying the power. All three occupants would be glad to reenter the stream and call it a day. The 20 year old guideboat had been in and out of Mill Stream a good many times with Charles at the helm. Once more he slithered the old craft through the narrows and glided into his same old slip at the Association Docks, just like a thousand times before.

Note: Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Brown purchased the "stone house" in the middle of Belgrade Lakes village in 1922, when it was a store owned by Harrison Harnden. After major renovations (cutting in window holes by stone masons) the Browns made it their home until the early 1960's. Charles S. Brown passed away in 1961. (The information in this note came from a small history of Belgrade Lakes by Charles's son Leslie Brown) given to and property of the Belgrade Historical Society.



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had grown to the point that it was able to buy the Railroad Square Cinema from the five partners. The sale not only enabled the cinema to buy new digital projectors, but allowed it to become a nonprofit organization, making it eligible to apply for grants.

Speaking in short documentary made to commemorate the cinema's fortieth anniversary four years ago, Alan Sanborn said, "[F]or all its success, it was really a selfish enterprise on our part. We started a movie theater for our own purposes, which was to see film."

It was a wholly impractical notion; opening an art house cinema in a small town in Central Maine made little business sense. In that same documentary, Stu Silverstein asserted, "We were successful, because we were bad at business."


The funky, little cinema in the former beer and wine shop was the founders' "field of dreams." They built it, in the hope that people would come. And come they did, not just at first, but night after night, year after year, trusting the five friends to present films that were not only entertaining but thought provoking.

Although they may not have realized it at the time, the five founders were building not just a movie theater, but also a community of film connoisseurs. Perhaps that community was always there. Maybe it just needed a place to gather. Regardless of whether the cinema created the community or the community discovered the cinema, that community is real story of Railroad Square, not the five friends who founded it, not the building, and not even the movies themselves. That community stuck with the theater through good times and bad. Without it, the founders would not have rebuilt after the fire, and the film festival never would have become an artistic and financial success.

What will the future hold? No one can say for certain. Of the founding five, only Ken Eisen and Alan Sanborn are still involved in the day-to-day operation of the cinema, and Sanborn will be retiring when the cinema closes. Through the Maine Film Center, however, a new generation has already taken charge.

Moving to a new space opens up new possibilities. Besides the three screening rooms, the Schupf Center will have a modern art gallery for the Colby College Museum of Art; exhibition space, a clay studio, and a classroom for the Ticonic

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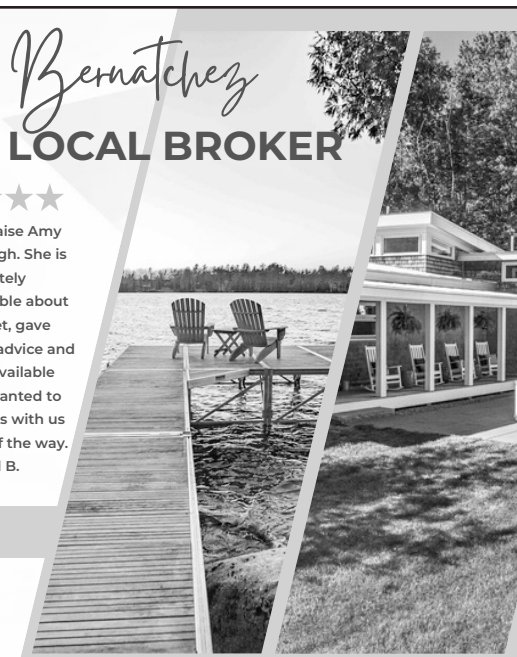
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— Real Estate Update —

This article has been a weekly discussion about real estate and related topics. This week I will be going a little off that track to discuss our community.

On June 22nd of this year, a young moose showed up behind the Lakepoint Real Estate building. Her visit attracted many onlookers and many calls to the game warden. After a couple days of hanging out by the dam, the warden showed up to shoo her into the woods.

After a few days away, the moose who would become MILLIE, showed up again further down and across the stream. It was in this area of Great Pond that she made her home. Millie was young. Our best guess is that Millie was about a year old. That is the age that a young calves mother lets them go from the den and out on their own. Millie chose to wander into the Belgrade Lakes Community and spend the good part of the summer with us.

Millie stole the hearts of residents and visitors of our town. It is not often that a moose takes up residence in our area. From researching local



"Millie was so cool and sweet to let everyone enjoy her. When my family was visiting mid July she let us take pictures (from a safe distance). One of the highlights for my boys was seeing a real live Moose. Millie will always be a good core memory for them. Heartbroken to hear of her passing. 🥰"

media it seems that Millie is only the second moose resident in memory. The first one before cell phone cameras and social media. Millie quickly became a local celebrity through social media channels. Almost daily, people would post pictures of her doing what she did every day

Sadly Missing Millie the Moose

— enjoying the landscape and the lake. One day she would be seen on the Rome side of the stream, the next on the Belgrade side. Many days she was seen taking a swim across the stream. She spent days in peoples yards and on their shorelines.

Millie was not afraid of people. She stood by as people in boats, in cars and on foot approached her to take a picture. After all, its not every day you see a moose! Many believe that she would acknowledge passing boats with a look and a nod.

She was a majestic, peaceful animal. She was big (estimated at 600-700 pounds) but appeared to be so gentle.

Tragically we lost Millie on the afternoon of July 30th.

For many residents and visitors, Millie's short visit changed our lives. Her arrival, her stay and her death created almost 6 weeks of excitement in our village. Lets remember Millie for the beautiful visitor that she was and acknowledge the mystery that a moose brings.



Wakeboarding, Foiling and Fun



Photo by Peter Barrett

It's the best of both worlds for the Krizo family of Great Pond this summer as they turn their love of board sports into a business.

Providing the water, the boat, the boards and the fun, Brent and sons Max and Sam, using their state-of-the-art wake surf boat, instruct first-timers to experienced clients on wakeboarding, hydrofoiling and efoiling.

Wake boarding, or surfing, means riding boat-created waves where the water is deep and the speed exhilarating. Hydrofoiling involves a surf board with a foil attached that lifts it out of the water - like flying. The efoil is a surf board with an electric propeller to lift it; no boat necessary.

Since safety is the top priority, helmets are required for hydrofoiling and efoiling, personal flotation devices are required for all participants and accompanying guests and the weather determines if the lesson is feasible.

Efoil lessons are 90 min and cost \$300...\$500 for 2 people. Wake surfing charters are booked in 2 hour increments or can be custom scheduled to accommodate your needs and start at \$500 for a 2 hour charter. Packages are available for groups and gift certificates maybe be purchased. The pick up location can be the Great Pond public boat landing, or various other locations on the lake depending on the activity and the weather, including your own dock for clients staying on Great Pond.

Book online at centralmainesurfcompany@gmail.com or call 370-2422 and let the 4th member of this board-sports loving family, Sarah, answer questions and arrange reservations for an introduction to these fun water sports or for the opportunity to take board experience a step higher.

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Gallery + Studios; and rehearsal space for the Waterville Opera House. Having all those different art forms under one roof may lead to interdisciplinary programming yet to be imagined.

No matter what happens, it will be interesting. Keep watching, everybody. I'll see you at the movies.



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