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Hello July!

by Esther J. Perne



Photo by Ethan Perne

Hello tank tops and flip flops and occasionally a warm hoodie. Hello sunlight and moonbeams and welcome rain on the roof. Hello woodland hikes and backroad bikes and lounging all day on a dock!

July, the middle month - of the summer, of the year, of the school schedule - is ideal for vacations and celebrations, for evenings that can be stretched out and outings that can be squeezed in, when challenges of cold weather past have faded and preparations for cold spells to come

can be postponed.

July is the month of flowers in full bloom and gardens promising fresh produce and weekly opportunities to browse through farmers' markets, stop at roadside stands and buy local at the region's supermarkets and stores.

It is the month of outdoor concerts and art fests and craft fairs in practically every community each week and outdoor movies at drive-ins and in parking lots and of the legendary Maine International Film Festival where the best of for-

eign and independent and historic and Maine films are among the 10-day long schedule.

July means day trippers stopping by the water to picnic and plan a staycation boat ride or hike and it means tourists from all corners of the country stopping to take in a lifestyle dreams are made of.

Every day in July is a celebration but there are some special ones that work well in Maine. The 4th of July is a day of many comebacks this sea-

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son - of parades, gatherings and fireworks, live music, good food, competitions and games and activities for children.

July 12, according to the list of special days during the month, is National Simplicity Day - a day to celebrate the simple things in life including nature, conservation and what really matters.

And July 22, for those who can't take a vacation or staycation or take in a celebration, is Summer Leisure Day - a day to just take a break, slow down, enjoy summer-in-place.

As July begins, the opportunities that lie ahead are tantalizing. Stroll along a wooded trail or down an historic street. Dine or picnic by the water. Sail, paddle or motor across a sunlit lake. Catch the big one, or make the claim. Pick berries, golf or work on a tan. And, always, whenever possible include children.

Hello July!



Peter McManus Leaves Lasting Legacy in Belgrade Lakes



Peter McManus, long time resident of Belgrade Lakes, passed away peacefully with family and many Great Pond Yacht Club friends by his side on May 24th, 2021.

Although he was raised in New Jersey, Peter spent his entire life summering in Belgrade Lakes, where his parents met at their respective family camps on Great Pond (Hathaway and McManus Camps). Peter moved permanently to Belgrade Lakes in 1985 where he owned and lovingly restored the Forecastle Inn (now 7 Lakes Inn). An avid windsurfer, Peter also opened a windsurfing shop in the Village. He served on the Belgrade Lakes Association Board for 25 years.

Peter had many hobbies, including refurbishing sailboats, water and snow skiing, doing puzzles and enjoyed going to Day's Store for donuts. Above all, Peter loved to sail and was instrumental in founding the Great Pond Yacht Club where he was race director. Peter was an avid sailor and shared his passion with countless people, always lending a hand, offering advice and taking would be sailors out on the lake on his Minuet to show them the ropes. He often traveled with his Belgrade Lakes buddies in search of the perfect sailboat, including road trips to Canada in pursuit of a Minuet. A familiar site on Great Pond stream leading to the Village is a fleet of lovely Minuet sailboats that Peter generously safeguard-

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What a Difference a Year Makes

What a difference a year makes. Last summer could best be characterized by ... uncertainty. No one knew what the future held ... and in some cases, whether there would be a future.

This year, however, is marked by ... hope – an abiding faith that life will be better.

The past year only reinforced what I wrote in this space last summer: There can be no better spot to ride out a rough patch than the Belgrades. Year-round and seasonal residents showed amazing concern, empathy and understanding for one another.

The Belgrade Town Office was flooded with offers to volunteer in whatever ways were needed. The community rallied around the Belgrade/Rome Special Needs Food Pantry to provide our less fortunate neighbors with ample sustenance. To ensure the survival of our favorite eateries, residents ordered takeout, and a couple of village shops miraculously thrived because of local support. People dutifully wore masks into indoor venues, respectfully keeping safe social distances. And more than two-thirds of Belgrade residents have been vaccinated against COVID-19; that is another way to express caring for those around us.

Now, it's time to start fully living again.

How joyous to again gather safely with friends and family – to break bread in restaurants and around picnic tables; to sit in homes and backyards, around campfires, in parks and on boats, sharing fellowship and reforging bonds; to celebrate a birth or a birthday, some milestone achievement or the Fourth of July. Heck, for some folks, stripping off the yoga pants, returning to the office and reacquainting themselves with colleagues and customers is a relief.

Perhaps a silver lining of this past year is that, if we remain mindful, we will never take these simple pleasures for granted. Being in the Belgrades – to live, work, play or vacation – is a privilege. Those experiences are always more gratifying when closely shared with others.

Belgrade's government will play its part in the march to making new memories. Our Recreation Department and the Belgrade Public Library have queued up an array of activities – from summer camp, to the annual July 4 book sale, to concerts and craft shows on the Village Green – plus a return to their normal weekly offerings. (Learn more at TownofBelgrade.com or the Town's Facebook page.)

Can we possibly make 2021 more memorable than 2020? Let's see.

Anthony Wilson is Belgrade's town manager. Contact him at townmanager@townofbelgrade.com or 207-495-2258.



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ed on his dock for friends in the Great Pond Yacht Club.

His cousin, Peter Schultz, will be towing Peter's Minuet in the July 4th Boat Parade. Friends are welcome to stop by his home at 12 Dern Lane for a celebration of his life that his daughter Chrissy and family are hosting on July 4th (Peter's birthday) anytime from 12-4. Donations in Peter's memory can be made to the BLA or Great Pond Yacht Club.



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— Calendar —

Events 2021 continue to return, rev up and complement all the other great outdoor recreations and enjoyments of the summer. Please let us know about any changes, additions, cancellations and corrections and...

Enjoy the outings listed below....

Thursday 7/1 through Saturday 7/4 and 7/7 through 7/10 - "Mid Summer," 474-7176, Lakewood Summer Theater, Route 201, Madison.

Friday 7/2 and every Friday - Farmington Farmers' Market, 10 am-1 pm, parking lot near Better Living Center, Front Street, Farmington.

Saturday 7/3 - Book Sale, gently used books, 9 am-1 pm, Belgrade Public Library, 124 Depot Road, Belgrade Depot.

Saturday 7/3 through Monday 7/5 - Story Stroll, walk on the Belgrade Health Center's nature trail and read along to the favorite children's book "Who Will Plant a Tree?" 495-3508; free to all participants; readers will all earn a fun surprise at the end of the trail, Belgrade Regional Health Center, Route 27, Belgrade.

Saturday 7/3 - Farmington 4th of July parade, theme "Freedom" 10 am, High Street, Broadway and Main Street, downtown Farmington.

Sunday 7/4 - Friends On The 4th 5K, run, jog and walk, 8 am, American Legion, 395-5239, mail@watershedfriends.com, Sponsored by Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed; Fireworks at 9 pm in Winthrop.

Sunday 7/4 - Augusta 4th of July Celebration, parade 4 pm, evening of fun at Mill Park, food, bounce houses, music at 5 pm featuring Mullett, an 80s band, Fireworks 9 pm, downtown Augusta.

Sunday 7/4 - Central Maine 4th of July, massive, one-day festival, bands, parade, fireworks, Clinton Fairgrounds.

Sunday 7/4 and every Sunday - Belgrade Lakes Farmers Market, 9 am-2 pm, 7 Lakes Alliance, Main Street, Belgrade Lakes.

Sunday 7/4 - McGrath Pond Boat Parade, sponsored by McGrath Pond & Salmon Lake Association, 3-4:30 pm, kayaks welcome, off Pleasant Point, McGrath Pond Road, Oakland.

Sunday 7/4 - Fireworks over Long Pond, sponsored by the Belgrade Lakes Region Business Group, 9:15 pm, behind Day's Store and off Peninsula Park, Belgrade Lakes. Visit Belgrade Lakes Village stores, shops, eateries and enjoy the Antique Boat Parade

Tuesday 7/6 and every Tuesday - Early morning paddle on Great Pond, 7 am, canoes, kayaks and paddleboards

available, no fee, The Center for All Seasons, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes.

Tuesday 7/6 - Tinkergarten - Outdoor Playtime, 495-3508, 10 am, Belgrade Public Library, Depot Road, Belgrade.

Wednesday 7/7 and every Wednesday - Fast Eddie's Drive-In Weekly Cruise-In, 377-5550, 5-8 pm, live music, 50/50 raffle, food and ice cream specials, Route 202, Winthrop.

Wednesday 7/7 and every Wednesday - Dutch Treat Weekly Cruise-Ins, 645-2145, 5:30-7:30 pm, Route 2, Wilton.

Wednesday 7/7 and every Wednesday in July - Music at the Gazebo, concerts by area youth, 7 pm, Meetinghouse Park, downtown Farmington.

Thursday 7/8 and every Thursday - Downtown Waterville Farmers Market, 3-7 pm, Head of Falls and Riverwalk, Waterville.

Thursday 7/8 and every Thursday - Outdoor Storytime 495-3508, 11 am, Belgrade Public Library, Depot Road, Belgrade.

Thursday 7/8 and every Thursday - Gardiner Classic Car Cruise-In, 592-7019, 3-7 pm, music, demonstrations, giveaways, 50/50, local foods, www.gardinermainstreet.org, Waterfront Park.

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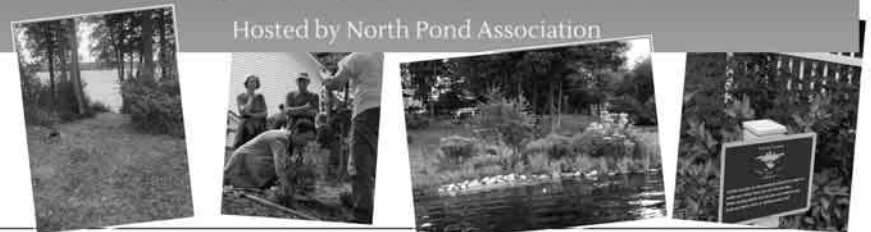
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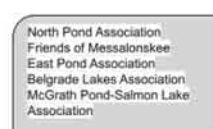


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— Take It Outside —

Grandkids on the Lake

by Pete Kallin



Left to right: Wes, Mac, and Fiona Cook, with Ben Whitt coming up the ladder next to his dad, Ryan, and sister, Maggie, mom, Kate, and cousin, Elli Cook still in the water.



Jason Toner (in water with hat) waiting for one of his nephews to come down the slide.

Just as most schools finished up and Fathers' Day rolled around, we ended up with a few hot days last week. The boat ramps were busy as family groups sought shelter in the lakes, fishing, swimming, tubing, etc. As the water in the lakes has been warming, the trout are heading for deeper, colder water and the warmer shallow areas are being taken over by spawning sunfish and kids of all ages, including lots of grandkids.

I did a bit of fishing on Fathers' Day and found kids all over. On Beaver Cove, Chris and Andy Cook had all their kids (including the Oregon contingent) and grandkids in town for a visit that included a lot of time in the water. Back on Tracy Cove, my neighbors, Sarah and Jason Toner also

had extended family in town enjoying the water.

For me, the highlight of the week was getting to babysit my two-year old grandson for a bit and helping him catch his first fish (two, actually!). He caught two sunfish while fishing from the dock and then spent some time driving my boat in circles.

This area offers some great outdoor recreation, whether you like to hike, bike, birdwatch, fish, sail, or paddle a canoe or kayak. I encourage all parents and grandparents to take advantage of opportunities to get your kids and grandkids (or even parents and grandparents) out on the lake for fishing or swimming or up in the hills for some hiking. All the experts agree that outside is

the safest place you can be these days. Just be considerate of others and get out safely. Pick up a map of the local trails at Day's Store or from the 7 Lakes Alliance at the Maine Lakes Resource Center (MLRC). Individual trail maps can be downloaded from the 7-Lakes web site at: <https://www.7lakesalliance.org/trailsystem>. Also, please check the 7-LA webpage for details on upcoming interesting events scheduled this summer (<https://www.7lakesalliance.org/>). On July 6th (3 PM) there is a live animal exhibit being conducted by Chewonki. The following week will feature a set of hikes that will explore how Belgrade Lakes has changed over the past 200

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SUMMER CELEBRATION FOR THE BELGRADE LAKES WATERSHED

Friday, July 9 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Please join us at Pine Tree Camp, 114 Pine Tree Camp Road, Rome

Reconnect with old friends and meet new neighbors at this social gathering. Hear brief remarks on watershed protection partnerships from Dr. Whitney King of Colby College, 7 Lakes Alliance-Colby College Water Quality Initiative and 7 Lakes Board.



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Call of the Loon

Belgrade Lakes Association's Board Member, Loon Volunteer and Great Pond resident, Paul Feinberg, accompanied me on a recent Great Pond Loon territorial survey and was so moved by the experience that he penned this beautiful poem that I would like to share.

A DAY CHASING LOONS

Paul Feinberg
June 15, 2021

Hard out of the North
A Following stern wind
Push us, yawing and sliding
White caps froth,
Not to be spurned,

And the Osprey is warned
A spectacle, proud and high
Yapping away all prey
Majestically poised and held
Aloft, frozen in flight

Survived the frigid spray
and washboard of North Bay
Sentinel loon sighted
Nest unveiled, behind the hummock
Nature's blind: Found, the first,
noted

Binocs grasped, there
Banded or not?
Exasperated by the super slink
Chuckling at their foot wobble
Preen, and dive
Fishing or guarding

Pine Island, Robbins Mill and Blueberry



2021 Lower Long Pond's first pair of loon chicks

All found, hidden and guarded
None at last year's ferry spot, where charted
Found, three more and
noted

Gender, on sight unknown
Yodel, reveals, only the male
Partners for life, a jealous model
Equally blanketing the egg, so solid

Two old guys out on a perfect cloudless day
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Learning to care for each other,
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If you have a particular question regarding our Belgrade loon population, please email your inquiry to: info@blmaine.org and we will try to answer your question either in this column or via email.

Dick Greenan, Chairman, BLA Loon Preservation
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Grandson, Bayard Newton, reeling in his first fish..



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(including Homo sapiens) gradually transformed Mel's bare rocks and melted ice water into the teeming-with-life forests and lakes we enjoy today. And make sure you take a kid along on your next outdoor adventure.





Live Like You Love Your Lake

by Laura Rose Day



Lake-friendly living isn't just for those who live along the shorelines of the Belgrade Lakes. Of course, lakefront properties are ground zero for "keeping the dirt" out of the lake, but water runs off the land and flows into lakes from the surrounding hillsides, stream corridors and lands all around us. Collectively, these nutrients can result in excess phosphorus - the primary culprit of excessive algae blooms which turn our lakes green. The bottom line is that the lands and lakes of the Belgrade Lakes watershed are very much connected.

This why the 7 Lakes Alliance operates science-based water quality initiatives AND is an accredited land trust. We are charged with safeguarding the land and water of the Belgrade Lakes watershed and we do this by:

- Implementing sound, science-based water quality initiatives on all the Belgrade Lakes
- Managing the LakeSmart and Youth Conservation Corps programs
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- Leveraging funding of Section 319 of the Clean Water Act (administered by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection) to tackle large, complex erosion projects

HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Everyone in the Belgrade Lakes Watershed makes daily decisions that can affect our lakes – what you plant, whether or not you choose to fertilize and what products you use, whether and how driveways are paved, and how you manage your camp road. You may think one expansive lawn or one eroding camp road on a large lake won't make a difference. But over time, that cumulative impact adds up to a "death by a thousand cuts".

To be clear, lake-friendly living is about finding solutions that work for you AND protect the lakes. For lakefront properties, vegetation helps keep our lakes clean and serves as the LAST line of defense for water quality.

Protection includes leaving the "duff layer" (leaves and pine needles on the ground). This spongy floor serves to absorb and filter storm water runoff before it can go into the lake. The addition of mulch or gravel to cover bare soil is another good first step for homeowners who want to reduce potential runoff.

Planting a buffer along the shoreline is one of the most effective ways to help prevent erosion. Buffers are ideally built of native ground coverings such as low bush blueberry plants and are often what is on undeveloped shorelines. Picking blueberries for your morning pancakes is an added bonus!

Other key strategies include not using fertilizer, maintaining your septic system and not planting grass buffers at the shoreline. Mowed grass is a poor buffer even if you do not fertilize it as the shallow roots do not prevent runoff. If your lawn extends to the lake, consider adding a buffer between it and the lake. 7 Lakes Alliance can partner with you to come up with solutions that will help reduce the phosphorus that goes into the lake AND maintain your view. Ideally, landowners can become LakeSmart certified, but ALL steps toward becoming "Lake Friendly" can help protect the Belgrade Lakes now and for decades to come.

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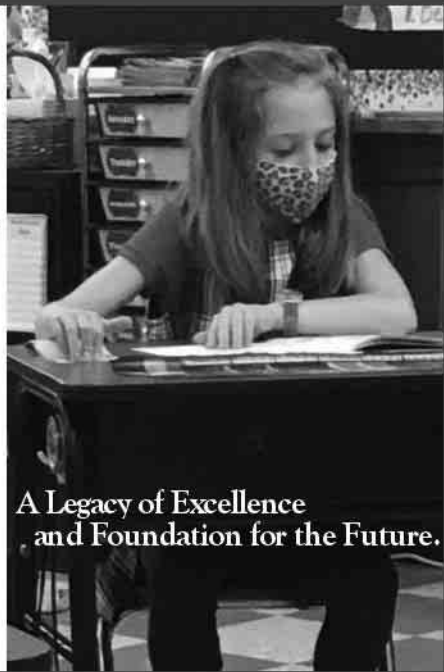


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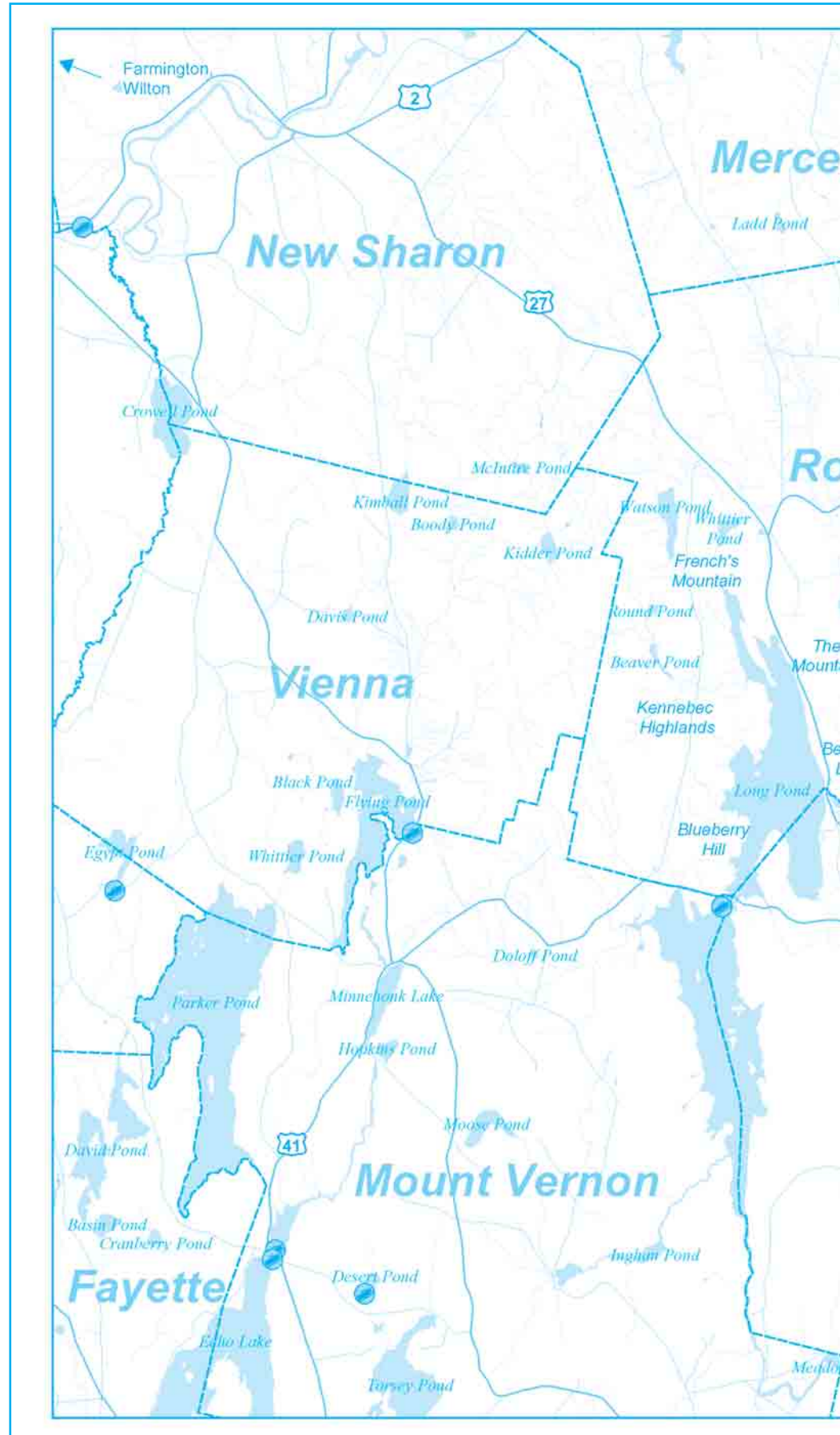


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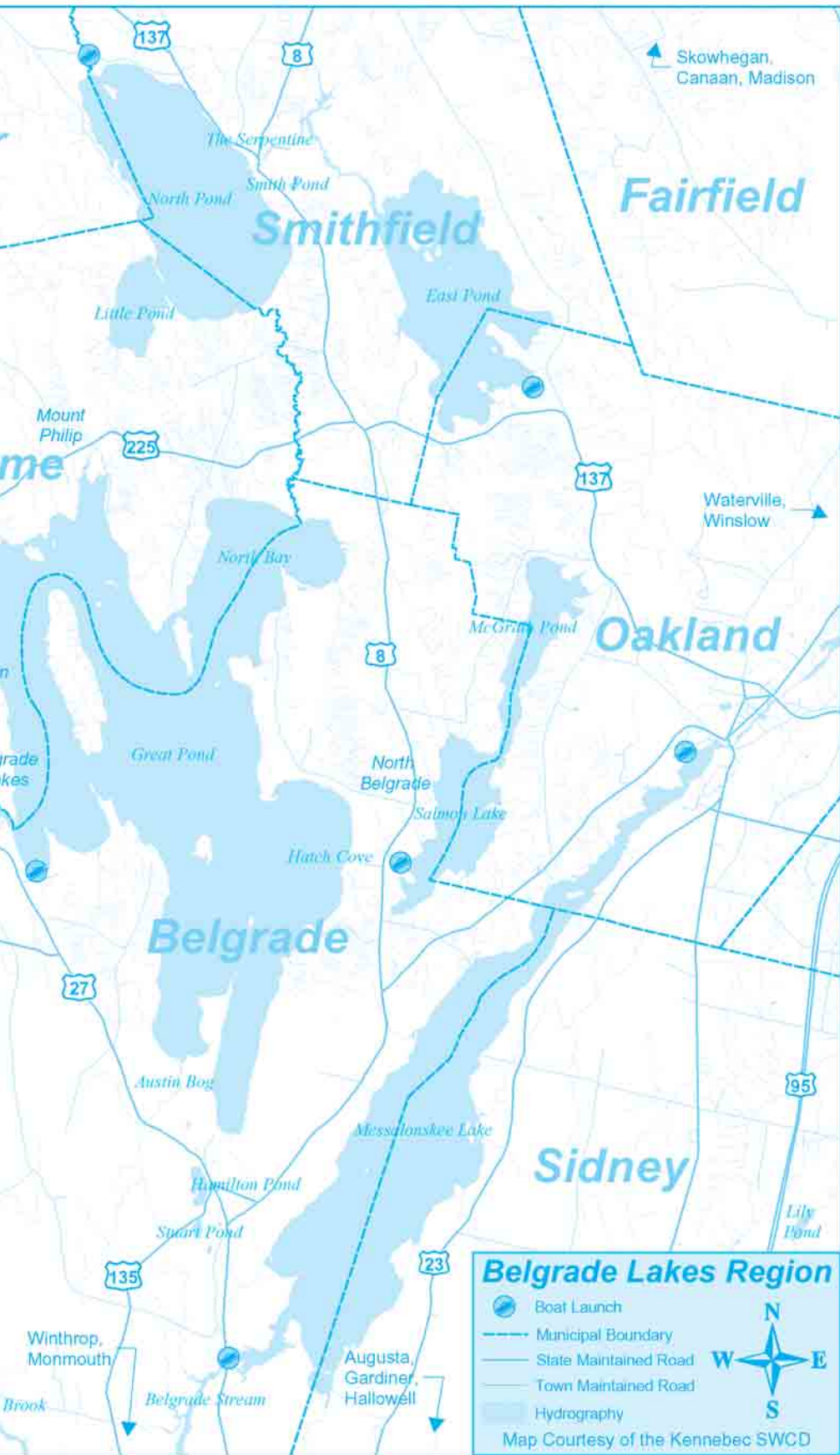
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Thursday 7/8 and every Thursday - Waterville Farmers' Market, 2-6 pm, Head of Falls, Front Street, Waterville.

Thursday 7/8 and every Thursday - Music on the Village Green, 6:30-8 pm, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes.

Tuesday 7/6 - 7 Lakes Alliance Live Animals with Chewonki - Mammals of Maine, 3 pm, www.7LakesAlliance.org, 495-6039, 137 Main Street, Belgrade Lakes.

Thursday 7/8 and every Thursday through 8/26 - Oakland Waterfront Park free concerts, 6-8 pm, Waterfront Park, Old Belgrade Road, Oakland.

Friday 7/9 - Summer Celebration for the Belgrade Lakes Watershed, reconnect with old friends and meet new neighbors, hear about watershed protection from Dr. Whitney King of Colby College, RSVP by 7/1 at www.7lakesalliance.org, 5-7 pm, Pine Tree Camp, 114 Pine Tree Camp Road, Rome.

Friday 7/9 through Sunday 7/18 - Maine International Film Festival, miff.org, Railroad Square Cinema, Waterville Opera House, Skowhegan Drive-In.

Friday 7/9 and every Friday in July and August - Historic Johnson Hall's Free Waterfront Concerts, 7/9 Pat Colwell & Soul Sensations 6-7:30 pm, on the Kennebec River, Gardiner.

Saturday 7/10 and Sunday 7/11 - 51st Annual State Appaloosa Horse Show, future shows 7/16-18; 7/23-25, covered arena, concessions, free to public, Fairgrounds, Route 201, Skowhegan.

Tuesday 7/13 - Book Group featuring the Community Read book, *The Overstory* by Richard Powers, 10:30 am, register at 495-3508 or Library@TownofBelgrade.com, Belgrade Public Library, Depot Street, Belgrade Depot.

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September 2 - Chris Poulson & The Social Club

Fireworks: State Laws for Consumer Fireworks

• Notwithstanding town ordinances, there are Maine state laws fireworks users must follow:

• Fireworks are permitted only between the hours of 9 am and 10 pm, except on the 4th of July and New Year's Eve and the weekends immediately before and after those holidays when the hours are from 9 am to 12:30 am.

Fireworks are permitted only on the user's own property or on the property of a person who has consented to the use of consumer fireworks on that property.

Wednesday 7/14 - 7 Lakes Alliance Geology Hike with Mel Croft, 11 am, register at www.7LakesAlliance.org, 495-6039, French Mountain, Watson Pond Road, Rome.

Wednesday 7/16 - Food Truck Festival, live music with Colwell Brothers, \$12 tickets, 5-8 pm, Augusta Elks

Thursday 7/15 through Sunday 7/18 and July 21 through 24 - Bullshot Grummond, 474-7876, Lakewood Summer Theater, Route 201, Madison.

Friday 7/16 - Augusta Elks Food Truck Festival, live music with the Colwell Brothers, 5-8 pm, \$12 tickets, Elks Lodge, Civic Center Drive, Augusta.

Tuesday 7/19 - 7 Lakes Alliance Live Animals with Chewonki - Scales and Tails, 11 am, www.7LakesAlliance.org, 495-6039, 137 Main Street, Belgrade Lakes.

Thursday 7/22 - 7 Lakes Alliance Night Hike, 7:30, www.7LakesAlliance.org, 495-6039, French Mountain, Watson Pond Road, Rome.

Sunday 7/25 - Open Farm Days, farms throughout the state open to visitors, 287-7620, www.openfarmdays.org

Wednesday 7/28 - Mr. Drew and His Animals Too, live animal presentation, 495-3508, 3 pm, Belgrade Public Library, Depot Street, Belgrade Depot.

Tuesday 7/30 - 7 Lakes Alliance Live Animals with Chewonki - Owls of Maine, 3 pm, www.7LakesAlliance.org, 495-6039, 137 Main Street, Belgrade Lakes.

Sunday 7/31 and the last Sunday of every month - Belgrade Summer Craft Show, unique Maine made treasures, 10 am - 3 pm, the Village Green, Route 27, Main Street, Belgrade Lakes.

Wednesday 8/4 - Taste of Waterville, food and music festival, noon-11 pm, www.tasteofwaterville.com, Head of Falls, Waterville.

Wednesday 8/4 - Book Discussion - *The Overstory*, registration required 495-3508, 6:30 pm, Belgrade Public Library, Depot Street, Belgrade Depot.

Friday 8/6 - Skowhegan Regional Chamber of Commerce Annual Golf Tournament, 474-3621, 1 pm, 18-hole scramble, \$400/team, Lakewood Golf Course, Route 201, Madison.

A person under 21 years of age may not purchase, use or possess consumer fireworks within the state of Maine.

Also, please be considerate of the people, especially young children and people who get up early to work, and pets where fireworks are being used.

Work Zone Safety

• An average of 500 crashes occur each year in Maine work zones, resulting in several fatalities and 200 injuries. Workers in these areas are vulnerable to serious injury, as are vehicle occupants. To keep Work Zones safe:

- Slow down - drive at the posted work zone speed
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• Starting June 19 through September 26, the Theater At Monmouth is providing a full season's schedule under the theme (R)evolutionary Redux. Plays in the repertoire include: Daddy Long Legs, The Agitators, Sofonisba, Crumbs From The Table of Joy, Age of Bees, Measure For Measure, An Iliad and Grounded. For dates, days and times, visit www.theatratmonmouth.org

McGrath/Salmon Annual Meeting 8/12

• The McGrath Pond/Salmon Lake Association

will hold its Annual Meeting on August 12 outside at Pleasant Point Park on McGrath Pond in Oakland 6-:30 pm.

A Unique Family Outing in the Cobbossees

• The Family Tadpole Patrol program is being offered by the Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed during the summer on several lakes in the chain. The one and a half hour educational ride on the association's pontoon boat includes learning interesting historical facts, observing wildlife from above and below the water and experiencing water monitoring with professional equipment. The cost is \$50 for up to 6 family members. 395-5239

Belgrades Lakes Village Green Concerts

• A summer-long series of music has been scheduled every Thursday, 6:30-8 pm, at the Belgrade Lakes Village Green as follows:

- July 1 - Mes Amis
- July 8 - Bob Colwell Trio
- July 15 - The Cowboy Angels
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The Dams Keeper Report

Well, our ponds are really starting to feel the effects of another drought, although to date, we're in better shape than in the past five years at this point in the summer. Although the Great Pond and Long Pond dams have been completely shut down for a good two months now, Great Pond is actually still up above full pond, a whopping .36" but we'll take what we can get. Long Pond is now down .48" below full, the first time we've been below full pond since this past fall.

Our Dams Keeper on Salmon/McGrath reported in this morning that they are 2.4" below full pond with their one gate still opened just enough for the mandated 1cfs. Your Dams Committee is in the process of installing a new digital data logger at the Salmon Dam which will more accurately control that 1 cfs. which we suspect is closer to 2-3 cfs. Saving some more water for those Salmon/McGrath residents.

Our neighbors on Messalonskee are also starting to feel the "pain" as they are presently down 4.56" below full pond due to Essex Hydro's electricity demands but also this lack of precipita-

tion.

As I pen this week's issue, we are forecasted to have 1.31" of precipitation over the next ten days, which if we get it, will be a significant relief. Remember that once the air temperature hits 80F and above, we lose 3/10" a day due to evaporation so you can see why our water levels continue to be a concern without adequate precipitation.

The water temperature on upper Long Pond is currently a whopping 74F – at the surface of course! You're on your own if you have to go further below; like standing up! Still refreshing and delightful!

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

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 Chairman, Belgrade Lakes Watershed Dams Committee



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This Day in Maine by Joseph Owen

by Martha F. Barkley

July is Summer in Maine. This May 2021 we had a day in the 90s and people were joking about "our one day of summer" already! I love the old joke about July Fourth being hot and all the rest is cool Spring and cool Fall. We who live here know that Mother Nature rules and every summer is full of surprises. Our one day of summer can last for weeks...

Joseph Owen proves this with carefully selected news articles and many photos from The Pine Tree State's history. Your eyes will be glued, I guarantee. Purchased last summer during the pandemic shut down at Oliver & Friends Bookshop and Reading Room on Main Street, This Day in Maine has been reread this summer and I simply have to quote for you to judge, dear reader.

"July 1, 1960

Scarborough Downs Opens for First Horse Races

July 1, 1990

Edwards Dam Breached; Kennebec Flows Freely Again

July 2, 1863

Chamberlain's Troops Stand Firm During Battle of Gettysburg

July 3, 1847

President Polk Visits Maine...ride to Augusta after arriving around 1 am in Hallowell aboard the steamer Huntress.

July 3, 1933

Edna St. Vincent Millay Visits Ragged Island, Plans Purchase

'Oh, to be there, under the silent spruces,

Where the wide, quiet evening, darkens, without haste

Over a sea with death acquainted, yet forever chaste.'

July 4, 1786

Portland Separates from Falmouth



This Day in Maine By Joseph Owen



July 4, 1826

Cornerstone Laid for Maine State House on Weston's Hill in Augusta

July 4, 1866

Great Portland Fire Destroys 1,800 Buildings; 12,000 Homeless

July 5, 1906

Colby's Jack Coombs Makes Major League Debut for Philadelphia Athletics

July 7, 1876

Augusta Man Named Treasury Secretary for President Grant

July 8, 1524

Verrazano Becomes First Known European to Visit Maine

July 8, 1908

Nelson Rockefeller Born in Bar Harbor

July 8, 1916

President Wilson Designates Sieur de Monts National Monument

'The site becomes Lafayette National Park in 1919...it is the embryonic form of what later will become Acadia National Park'.

July 10, 1962

First Transatlantic TV Signal Beamed from Andover Via Telstar 1"

Are you curious? Anything grab your interest? Over 600 news articles to peruse and enjoy learning Maine history. Only \$18.95 for hours of compiled local happenings and excellent photos to spur you on.

Joseph Owen, an accomplished journalist for forty years here and abroad, has masterfully collated volumes of news reports with his wife Mary as a constant support. He serves on the board for our Kennebec Historic Society.

Look for his reports on the Berlin Wall and the Persian Gulf War and twenty countries beyond the US. I especially enjoy his background knowledge about Lafayette, LLBean, Poland Springs, Chamberlain and Samantha Smith.

Go see Samantha's bronze statue outside our Maine State Museum in Augusta. We were in Manchester the day Samantha was welcomed home in a big town parade from her trip to Russia. She was quite the young, diplomatic letter writer.

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SIDNEY- Come enjoy Ward Pond in Sidney in this completely renovated year-round bungalow- with 2-ROW's and views to the water. The waterfront is close by and only about a minute walk to go swimming or boating. The camp was taken down to its studs and has all new electrical, plumbing, heating, windows and more. This 2-3 BR home is set on 2 acres of land in quiet neighborhood. Energy efficient too. Come enjoy the pond and low taxes. Conveniently located to all services in Augusta. **MLS #1495861 \$225,000**

CHINA- Here is a wonderful 2 BR, 2 full BA yr round home on desirable China Lake. This home has lots to offer including a large, open floor plan on the 1st floor that includes the kitchen, LR, dining area, and one full BA. The 2nd floor has both bedrooms and another full bathroom. The spectacular westerly sunset views from this home are truly second to none. You can enjoy them from either the picture window, while on the spacious deck, or while you are dipping your feet in the lake while sitting on the dock. This home has been largely renovated over the past 10 years, and will not last long. Welcome Home! **MLS #1495700 \$329,000**

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Summer of 2021
Community Art Project

Please help us spread awareness about the importance of nature conservation in the Belgrade Lakes watershed and beyond.
 Artists of all ages are welcome!

As part of our community read, featuring *The Overstory* by Richard Powers, we are building a community art exhibition throughout the town of Belgrade!

Submissions should embody the beauty and wonder of our natural environment, with a special focus on trees. All qualifying submissions will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a gift card to a local business.



Maine International Film Festival July 9 Through 18

by Gregor Smith



The Maine International Film Festival is back! This year's festival will have screenings of eighteen new feature films, two remastered classic films, and four collections of short films. Screenings will take place from Friday, July 9 to Sunday, July 18, at the Waterville Opera House, at Railroad Square Cinema in Waterville, at the Skowhegan Drive-In, and online. The festival opens at 6:30 p.m. Friday, July 9, at the Opera House with the New England premiere of *Nine Days*, which the MIFF website calls "a deeply imaginative, heartfelt and contemplative story of unborn souls trying to make their way to

earth as one man in a remote location [God?] determines which among them is most suitable for the miraculous journey into life."

The festival will feature two collections of Maine shorts and three Maine feature films. One of the features, *Fighting Indians*, will be of special, local interest. This two-hour documentary explores the controversy over the mascot at Skowhegan Area High School, the last school in Maine to drop its Native American figurehead. *Fighting Indians* debuts Saturday, July 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the Waterville Opera House and will be shown again the following night at 8:30 at the Skowhegan Drive-In. The other two Maine features are both dramas, one shot in Maine and the other set here. The former, *Bride in a Box*, is a quirky ghost story about young girl and her parents vacationing in a Maine coast house with a mysterious locked trunk at the end of a corridor. What is in that trunk, and is the girl somehow in communication with it? The latter film, *The Catch*, is a thriller about a woman, who returns to her estranged family in coastal Maine and hijacks a drug shipment thus putting all their lives in peril.



To get screening times and locations for *Bride in a Box*, *The Catch*, and the Maine shorts, go to www.miff.org, where you can find full descriptions for all films to be shown during the festival. On the website, you can also buy festival passes and advance tickets to individual screenings.

Guidelines

- Paintings & Drawings (Any size between 3"x5" - 11"x14")
- Quilting & Embroidery (Any size between 5"x7" - 16"x20")
- Poems & Short Stories (No longer than 2 pages)
- Photographs (Any size between 3"x5" and 11"x14")
- Small Sculptures (No larger than a cubic foot)

Art submissions can be brought to the Belgrade Public Library or submitted electronically at Library@TownofBelgrade.com

Submissions will be accepted from April 30th - July 15th.

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