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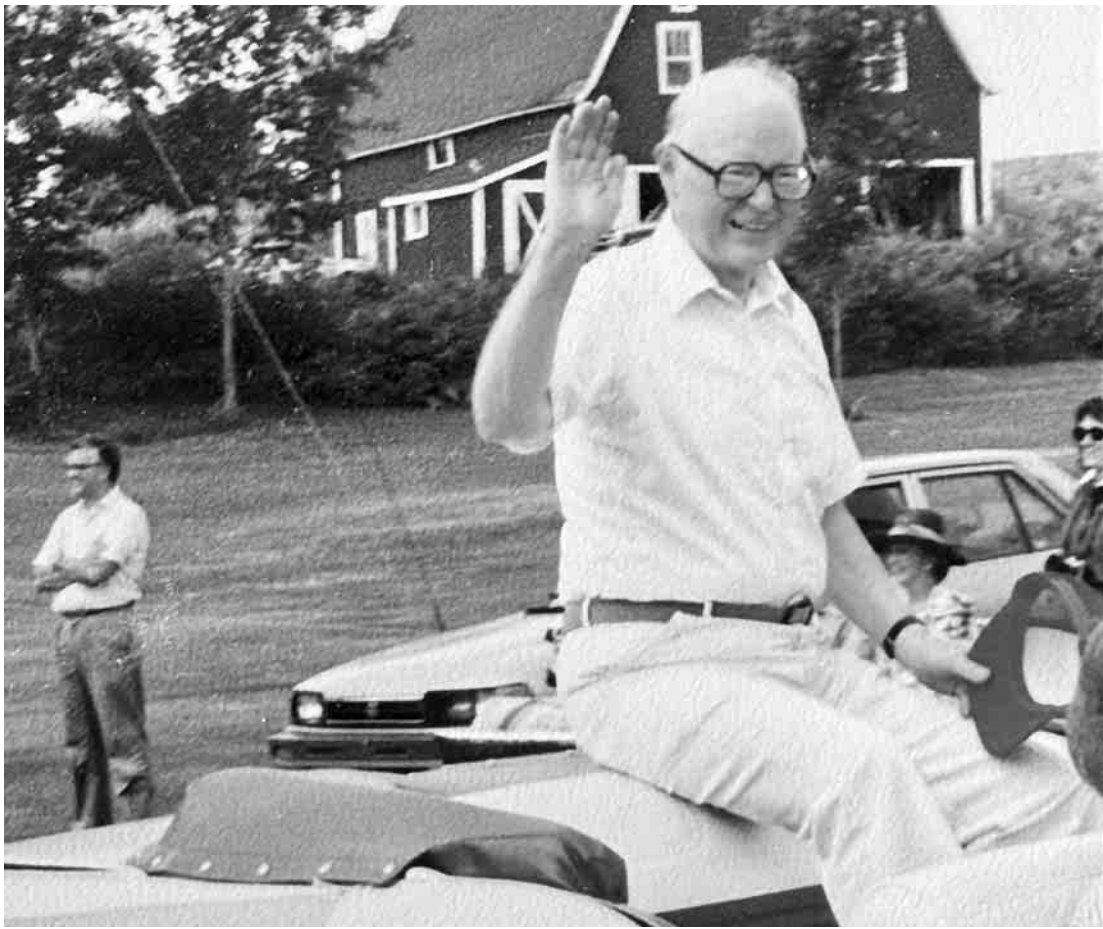
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## Maine's Governor Reed and His Beloved Lake

by Jodie Mosher

In the Belgrade Lakes region those with camps have somewhat similar lake experiences to share about being at camp on one of the seven ponds in our watershed. Stories passed down around lake-side campfires, a shared lunch of grilled red snappers eaten at a picnic table or enjoying a glass of wine or a cold beer sitting on weather worn Adirondack chairs lakeside. Stories stem from the many relationships with lake neighbors, family camp compounds, generations being born into life at camp and those who came to Maine from away for a visit and had to own a piece of it to get back to "their Maine."

One such campfire story coming from the second lake in our chain of lakes is about John H. Reed, Maine's 67th governor from 1959-1966. If he was alive today, he would surely give you an earful about his memories at Camp Aroostook and all of his lifelong adven-



Governor Reed as Grand Marshall of Smithfield's Sesquicentennial Celebration.

tures on the lake he loved dearly—; North Pond. His father, a successful potato farmer in Ft. Fairfield, bought the property on Lake View Drive in 1920 and a year later John was born. As a young man, he played on a summer baseball

team with Smithfield native, and close friend over the years, David Hartford. They played, in the field across from Ketchum's Store, (then Corson's Beach and now a private camp) and he also golfed at Lakewood Golf Course as often as he could.


Other than fishing, another reason John loved being in Smithfield was its proximity to all of the fairs in Maine, especially those with harness racing on the schedule. John loved horses and harness racing. Although admittedly not very good at it, he did jog horses and even raced at the Presque Isle Fair. After moving to Augusta for work from The County, he continued his interest by attending the harness races at Lewiston Raceway.

Even though his hobby of owning and racing horses as a younger man was not as successful as he would have liked, he never lost his love of the trotters and pacers over the years. During one visit he

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recollected seeing any combination of my grandfather, brothers or cousins jogging horses to train them on the side of Route 8, a very long time ago, now. In letters to me he would frequently mention how well my brother-in-law in NJ or my brothers were doing wherever they were racing and would even name the horses!

I had the opportunity to meet John after learning he had a camp on North Pond from my oldest brother, Gary, a successful harness horseman. As John, the retiree, often did while at camp, he visited Sidney Training Center to check on the harness race horses in Gary's stable. One day in early September 1996 I was arriving for a visit as he was leaving the stable. Gary told me who he was.

There was a mystique about having a retired Maine governor, someone who chose a life of service, and chose to have a little camp on North Pond. I had only seen him as Grand Marshall of Smithfield's 150th Sesquicentennial Celebration, a parade I have etched in my memory. I recently found the picture I have of him sitting atop the back seat of the convertible waving to the crowds of onlookers. At the time I had no idea he was a lake neighbor!

One day, rather than driving by his camp on the way to mine, I threw caution to the wind, pulled in the pine needle covered driveway and knocked on the door. The door opened, we said warm hellos. I introduced myself as we shook hands and was immediately invited in, met Cora,

his lovely wife and was asked to please sit down and would I like anything to drink. The rustic camp was furnished with 1950s vintage furniture mixed in with a few antiques. Books were scattered on the coffee table and shelves, and there were stacks of newspapers. Checkered curtains with matching valances hung from the large windows facing the water across from the narrow staircase to



Reed with Jodie Mosher and his daughter Cheryl.

reach the bedrooms upstairs. This was a true camp on North Pond, nothing fancy, where summers were relished for over 60 years at that time, and memories cherished. It was camp, pure and simple.

John shared in an archived North Pond News newsletter



that his earliest memories were as a two year old in the water. His daughter, Ruth, aka Rudy, said she still has the photo of him in the lake at 6 months old. The camp was one of the first one room fishing camps on what is now Lake View Drive. As John's brother and he grew up looking forward to their time at camp fishing with their dad, a strong connection to the lake was forged. John eventually assumed ownership when his brother lost interest. He felt like the luckiest man alive. He told a lake neighbor he had to choose between a camp on Lake Wesserunsett at one point and the family camp on North Pond. Hands down the choice was North Pond because of the fishing. John was very tall and whenever he had his old, reliable boat out, his head could be seen above the small windshield with his warm smile as he sped by.

After retirement from his life of politics and public service, he and his wife made the journey from their home in Washington D.C. to camp in Smithfield every summer. Once settled in, Cora and John marked their calendar with dates of the small town potluck church suppers, Fairview Grange #342 Wednesday night suppers. They attended Smithfield Baptist Church every Sunday which has a nice view of North Pond. The next camp over lake neighbors were some of his favorite people to socialize with, be it around the campfire or in their cozy camp living room,

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L. B. Hall Band in Concert



The R. B. Hall Memorial Band will present an outdoor concert at Oakland Waterfront Park, Belgrade Avenue, on Sunday, June 22 at 2 PM, with a rain date of 6/29. This is a free performance with donations gratefully accepted to benefit the restoration of Oakland’s Memorial Hall. Audience members are encouraged to bring a lawn chair.

Designed by architect Thomas Silloway in the

Italian-Gothic style using stone from a local quarry, the hall was completed in 1873 using funds from a local Soldiers Memorial Association for Civil War monuments. A plaque on the front of the building reads

*This Building Is Dedicated To The Memory Of  
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Sacrificed For The Preservation Of The Union  
In The Civil War, 1861 To 1865.*

Memorial Hall is now owned by the town of Oakland and has been used for many community activities over the years. The restoration project has been funded in part by a grant from the National Trust for Historical Preservation.

Robert Browne Hall (1858-1907), a Maine native, was a renowned composer of marches and a contemporary of John Philip Sousa. He was the director of the Waterville Military Band for many years and served as music director at Colby College. The R.B. Hall Memorial Band of Oakland was organized in 1969 to perpetuate his music and the unique style of the military band. Hall’s cornet is kept by the Reddington Museum in Waterville.

The R.B. Hall Memorial Band performs many of his marches as well as other familiar and traditional music. The band is comprised of local musicians of all ages and welcomes new members. Rehearsals are held on Tuesdays at 6:00 PM at Williams Elementary School in Oakland. Dan Gilbert is director.

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## Our Lakes Need You: Volunteers Help Identify Aquatic Invasive Threats

Thanks to the dedication and sharp eyes of local volunteers, a new infestation of an emerging invasive aquatic threat in the Belgrade Lakes watershed has been identified before it has had the opportunity to spread unchecked. These volunteers had attended a 7 Lakes Alliance invasive aquatic species workshop with training to identify harmful non-native species and afterwards spotted an early infestation of Curly-Leaf Pondweed, an aggressive invasive plant that threatens the health of native ecosystems. Their discovery underscores the power of community involvement in protecting our lakes.

Unlike other invasive aquatic plants, Curly-Leaf Pondweed grows through the winter and becomes dormant in the summer months. This unusual growth cycle gives it a dangerous head start, choking out native species that are just emerging in late spring. The result: degraded natural habitat, reduced biodiversity and impaired water quality.

7 Lakes Alliance’s invasive aquatics team is actively working to remove Curly-Leaf Pondweed from known infestations in the Serpentine between North and East Pond, in North Pond – and now, thanks to local volunteer, Paul Marshall, removal efforts are expanding to a newly discovered outbreak near the entrance to Little Pond (Little North) from North Pond. Please use caution when motoring in North Pond and avoid infested areas marked by pink marker buoys. Please contact 7 Lake’s Invasive Aquatics Director, Sharon Mann ([sharon@7lakesalliance.org](mailto:sharon@7lakesalliance.org)) if you would like to help

with efforts on North Pond or any of the 7 lakes in our watershed.

### Early detection is critical .

Once an invasive aquatic species takes hold undetected, it is very expensive and difficult to manage. Over the past several decades, millions of dollars have been spent in the Belgrade Lakes watershed fighting invasive aquatic plants. With several more aggressive species already present in Maine, the threat is growing – and the need for vigilant monitoring has never been more urgent.

### How you can help.

Every Wednesday this summer at 10 am – 11:30 am, 7 Lakes Alliance offers a free workshop at the 7 Lakes building to teach local volunteers how to identify invasive aquatic plants, such as Curly-Leaf Pondweed (often described as resembling lasagna noodles with its ruffles edges) as well various milfoil species.

Courtesy Boat Inspectors and Adopt-A-Shoreline participants and volunteer paddlers throughout the Belgrade Lakes are often the first line of defense. By learning how to recognize invasive species early, local residents and visitors alike can play a direct role in helping to protect our lakes for today and for future generations.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities or for more information, please visit our website at [7lakesalliance.org](http://7lakesalliance.org) or stop by the 7 Lakes Building at 137 Main Street in Belgrade Lakes Monday through Friday and on Sundays from 8-1.



## Caddyng at The Belgrade

Submitted by BHS member Rod Johnson



The Belgrade

Caddyng at The Belgrade Hotel was no small task, that is, for us nine (9) year olds that got called that memorable day. You may ask why in the world were kids that young caddyng to start with. Here is the story.

In July or August of 1956, only a couple of months before the grand old Belgrade (circa 1902-1956) burned to the ground, a large gathering happened at the famous hotel in Belgrade Lakes. Apparently, attendees were invited to golf and many did. When the usual contingent of local boys who caddied fell short of the need, the golf pro sent word through the village that anyone who showed up would get a client (so called). Three or four of us youngsters left the swimming hole at the dam and made a dash for home, all with anticipation of making the big leagues! With a quick explanation to mother, we received dry clothes and then hurried up to the hotel. Arriving breathless, fingers pointed us to the pro-shop under the big porch to announce our arrival to the Pro. We shyly listened intently and were told to wait outside under the Big Pines, always where the older boys hung out while playing mumblypeg. Time went by as the older boys responded to a yell from the Pro, and we sat awaiting the call of our name. In what seemed like an eternity, the last four-some of golfers came to the staging area to tee

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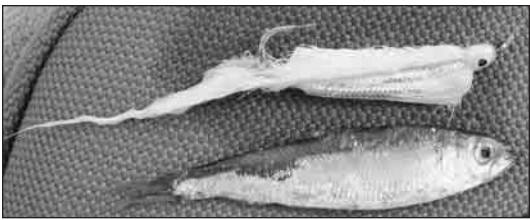


— Take It Outside —

Crepuscular Fishing

By Peter Kallin

Like last year, this has been a cool, wet, and windy transition to summer, with some occasional, very hot days. The fishing has continued to be productive, especially early in the morning and late in the evening. I love fishing these crepuscular periods when the lake is typically dead calm, and it is easy to spot fish feeding on or near the surface. Surface feeding fish often indicate an insect hatch taking place with some fish (often trout or small bass) sucking the bugs off the surface, creating dimples. Often larger fish will be just below the smaller fish at the surface, eating the smaller fish or the nymphs (insect larvae) just



White zonker fly next to landlocked alewife.

below the surface waiting to emerge. In our lakes, we also get schools of landlocked alewives disturbing the surface while spawning in relatively shallow (less than about 25 feet) coves. Often these schools are being chased by larger fish and you will see occasional large splashes, as a bass or brown trout picks a spawning alewife off. For this situation I like to keep one of my flyrods rigged with a White Zonker, a streamer that nicely mimics the landlocked alewives in the lake. It's usually easy to catch several nice bass or white perch under these conditions. A spinning rod (I prefer an ultralight) rigged with almost anything silver, such as a small jerk bait (such as a Rapala), Mepps spinner, or Weeping Willow spoon is also quite effective.

Last week, I got a text from my friend, Mary Perry, former long-time owner of Winterberry Farm in Belgrade. Mary was staying at Castle Island Camps and was due to check out early the next morning. Mary wanted to know if I could help her catch a nice bass on the Orvis flyrod her grandfather had given her over 30 years ago. I told her I would pick her up early the next morning for a bit of crepuscular fishing.

The next day I picked her up at Castle Island and we headed to a spot where I had been catching some nice bass lately. There was a small insect hatch underway and Mary began to cast where I pointed. Initially her casting skills were well ahead of her fish catching skills, but with a little coaching she learned to keep her rod tip pointed toward the rising fish, eliminate excess slack in the line, and set the hook when she got a strike. She soon caught a few sunfish and small bass. We then put a larger streamer fly on and she successfully landed a nice smallmouth bass. We got her back in plenty of time for her to get checked out and head for the North Haven ferry where she and her family are now living.

By the time this article is published, the water temperatures will be over 70F in the lakes and the bass will be in the shallows either sitting on their own beds or chasing the sunfish on theirs. It is a fun time for fly fishermen to catch a lot of fish on streamer flies or surface poppers, especially at dawn or dusk. Spinning gear also works well with surface lures, especially at dusk. It can be a great time to teach a youngster how to fish because the action is fast. A worm-baited hook and bobber off the dock is especially effective in getting kids "hooked on fishing."

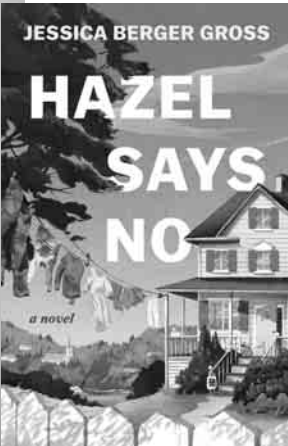
Recently, I stopped off for a quick hike at French Mountain after a rain event to check on the effectiveness of some of the erosion control work the 7 Lakes Stewardship



Mary Perry with nice smallmouth caught on her flyrod

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**Through Sunday 6/22** - "Footloose," The Musical, Lakewood Summer Theater, 474-7176, Theater Road, Route 201, Madison.

**Through Sunday 6/22** - Pittston Fair, "Maine's Friendliest Fair," midway, strawberry pageant, exhibition hall, many children's activities, historical museum, \$8 age 13 and older, pittstonfair.com, Route 194, Pittston.

**Friday 6/20** - 11th Annual Tee-Off for Transportation, Mark K. Johnston Memorial Golf Tournament, to support public transportation in Kennebec and Somerset Counties, Lakewood Golf Course, Madison.

**Friday 6/20 through Sunday 6/22 and Friday 6/27 through Sunday 6/29** - A Bench in the Shade, ACAT - Aqua City Actors Theatre, \$15 adults, \$12 students and seniors, 7:30 pm Friday and Saturday, 2 pm Sunday, The Playhouse At Waterville Station, 17 Railroad Square, Waterville.

**Friday 6/20** - Community Bike Ride, intermediate mountain bike ride, bikes provided for those who register at skowheganoutdoors.com, Maine Street Skowhegan, 10 am-1 pm, Quarry Road Trails, Waterville.

**Friday 6/20** - Pat Pepin & the Boneheads, Free Johnson Hall Opera House Series Concert, food vendors, children's activities, 6 pm, www.gardinerainestreet.org, Gardiner Landing, Kennebec River, Gardiner.

**Friday 6/20** - "Comfort is an Old Barn: Stories from the Heart of Maine," by Amy Calder, 6:30 pm, Margaret Chase Smith Library, Skowhegan.

**Friday 6/20 through Sunday 6/22** - Maine Horse Association Downeast Horse Congress Horse Show, covered arena, concessions, free, 451-3798, Skowhegan Fairgrounds, Route 201, Skowhegan.

**Saturday 6/21 and Sunday 6/22** - Garage Sale, Winthrop Lions Club, to donate 624-2971, will pick up in Kennebec County, Sale on Route 202 across from Transfer Station, Winthrop.

**Saturday 6/21** - Readfield Home and Garden Tour, to benefit the Captain John Smith Hall, nine sites to visit, \$25 in advance at Longfellows Greenhouses or call 441-1348, \$30 day of, \$15 lunch by reservation, Readfield Union Meeting House Commons, Church Street, Readfield.

**Saturday 6/21** - High Peaks Outdoor Heritage Festival, bringing outdoor enthusiasts, conservationists and families together, regional vendors, recreational demonstrations, 8 am-6 pm, featuring the Maine Moose Lottery 1 pm, 778-4215, 265-6138, Fairgrounds, Farmington.

**Saturday 6/21** - 1st Annual Summer Solstice Party, North Pond Association, open to the public, free pizza and ice cream, learn how to protect North Pond with shoreline buffers, LakeSmart, grant projects and more, buy cool NPA Merch, 11 am-2 pm, Fairview Grange, Smithfield.

**Saturday 6/21** - Waterville Wonderfest, free family event, bounce house, balloons, magic show, free popcorn, raffle, learn about local resources supporting children and families, 1-3 pm, Castonguay Square, Waterville.

**Saturday 6/21** - Church supper, Baptist Church, Smithfield.

**Sunday 6/22** - Invasive Aquatic Plant Identification workshop, 8 am-1 pm, 7 Lakes Alliance, 137 Main Street, Belgrade Lakes.

**Sunday 6/22** - Belgrade Lakes Farmers' Market 8 am-1 pm, 7 Lakes Alliance, 137 Main Street, Belgrade Lakes.

**Sunday 6/22** - Summer Solstice Mindfulness Hike, 495-6039, meet at Quill Hill Trailhead, Rome.

**Sunday 6/22** - Tails and Tunes Celebration, Kennebec Valley Humane Society, to benefit healing and hope and a second chance, featuring Maine singer Julia Gagnon and special guest Bella Ann, food trucks, beverage vendors, dog-friendly and family-friendly, 4 pm, \$50 admission, under 12 years of age free, 62-3491, Leighton Road, Augusta.

**Tuesday 6/24** - The Blenders, stunning harmonies, great tunes, Rock on the River concert series, 7-8:30 pm, Bandstand, Hallowell.

**Wednesday 6/25 through Saturday 6/28** - Monmouth Fair, "a little fair with a lotta pull!" midway, exhibition hall, bicycle giveaways, pulling contest, stage show every night, free parking, admission 12 and under free, 13 and over \$7, Wednesday seniors free, www.monmouthfair.com, Academy Road, off Route 202, Monmouth.

**Wednesday 6/25** - Invasive Aquatic Plant Identification workshop, 10-11:30 am, 495-6039, 7 Lakes Alliance, 137 Main Street, Belgrade Lakes.

**Wednesday 6/25** - "Working Class," Waterfront Wednesday Concert, 6 pm, Mill Park, Augusta.

**Thursday 6/26** - Waterville Farmers' Market, 2-6 pm, Head of Falls, Waterville.

**Thursday 6/26** - "Hazel Says No" writer Jessica Berger Gross in conversation with Deborah Spark, 6:30 pm, Readfield Community Library, Readfield.

**Thursday 6/26** - Art in the Park: pride crafting, free and open to the public, 3-5 pm, www.watervillecreates.org, Castonquay Square, Front and Main St, downtown Waterville.

**Thursday 6/26** - Owls of Maine: Chewonki Animal Presentation, 3-4 pm, please RSVP 495-3039, 7 Lakes Alliance, 137 Main Street, Belgrade Lakes.

**Thursday 6/26** - Cruise-In Night, 5-7 pm, Waterfront Park, Gardiner.

**Thursday 6/26** - Laura Hudson Project, free outdoor concert, 6-8 pm, Village Green, Belgrade Lakes.



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Tours will leave from Joe's Flat Iron Café. Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to your tour time for check-in.

Please Note:

- All ages are welcome on the tour.
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- We are unable to accommodate specific allergies or dietary restrictions.

Tours run on June 27, July 11, and August 8, at 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM each day. Space is limited to 15 guests per tour—don't miss your chance to taste the town! \$75.00 per person.

More information and to register visit:

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off. The Pro called for all four of us and we shyly met our clients, who actually had to show us how to carry a golf bag. In most cases, the bags dragged the ground and none of us knew a putter from a 6-iron. Our clients were forgiving and did not expect much, as long as we carried on through all 9 holes. There were no golf carts or bag dollies used that day, if ever, at The Belgrade.

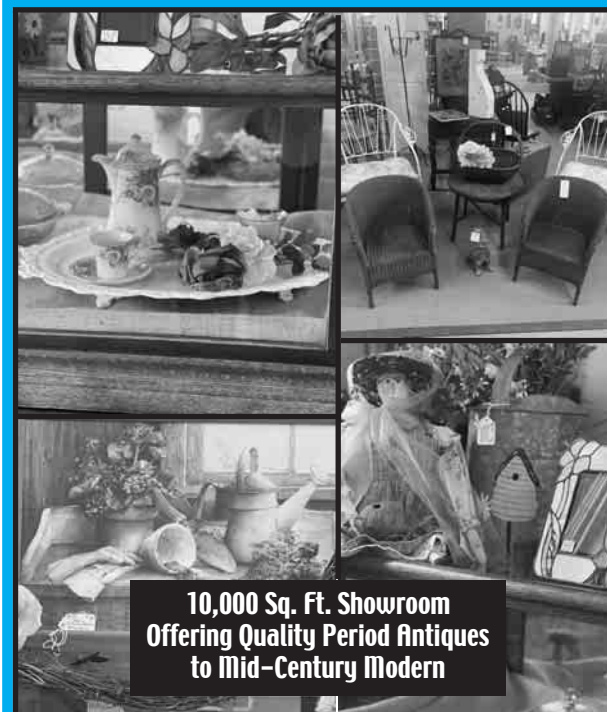
The pay that day I do not recall, but likely 2 or 3

dollars. My only other job that summer was mowing grass weekly at Gilman's Camps, now called Village Camps. Old Elmer Greene was the caretaker there and he gave me 6 dollars for the day, and I thought I was rich!

We all went home that day with stories to tell our parents while at the supper table. We complained about sore, raw shoulders from the bag straps. We boasted for the next week and talked of making the big-bucks next summer. In October that year, the whole town young and old stood where the Sunset Grill is now, and watched the inferno that mowed down The Belgrade to mere ashes. It was not for trying as before the fire was over 21 firetrucks responded from around Central Maine. The southwest wind that evening made sure nothing was left standing. The fire had started on the windward end and proceeded until the turret you see in the photo toppled to the ground. It was the end of an era, never to be replaced.

*Author's Note: The Belgrade Historical Society will be submitting articles in all 11 issues of Summertime in the Belgrades. Writing will be shared by member Rod Johnson and Belgrade Historian Dianne Dowd. Thank You*

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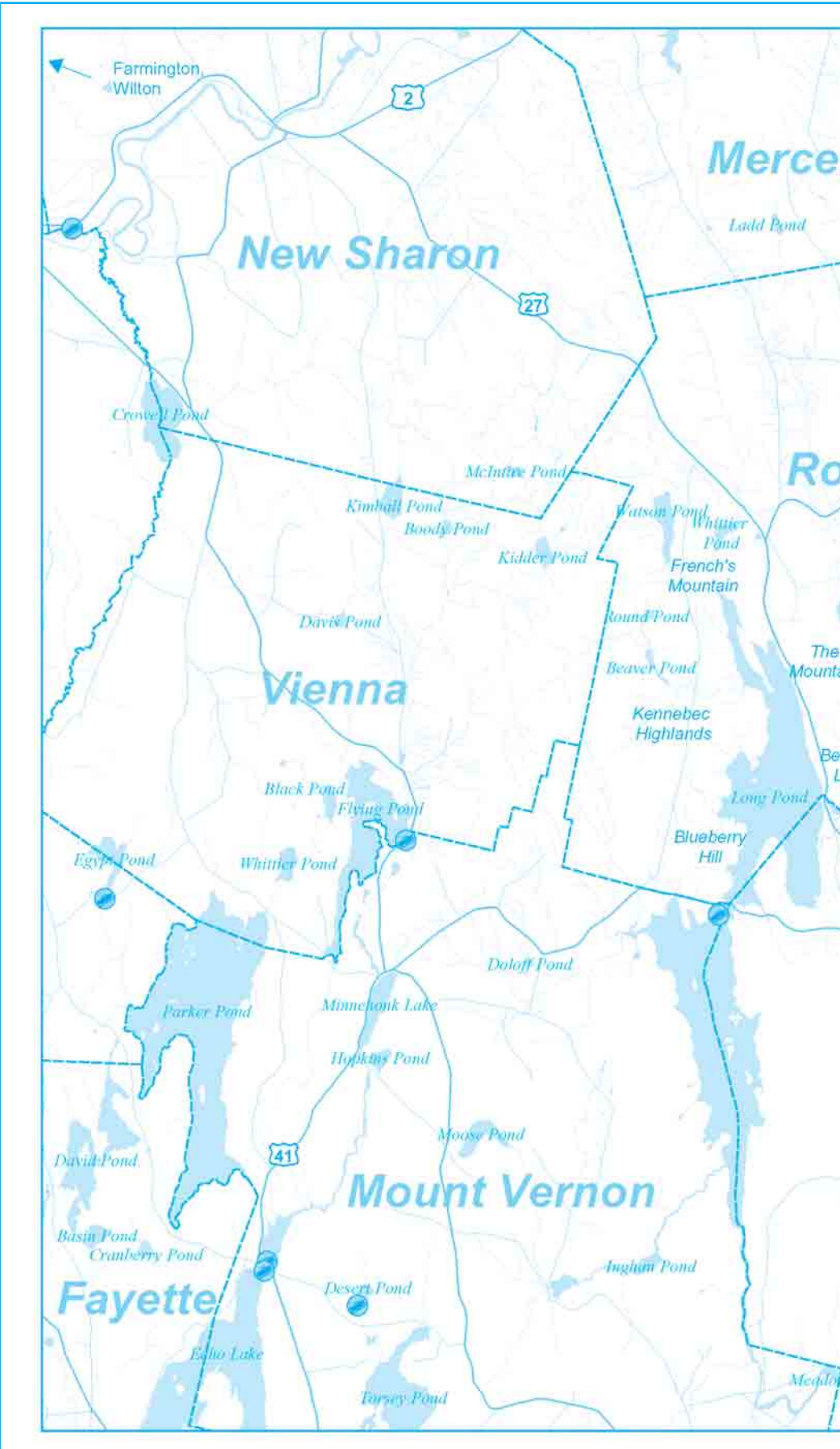


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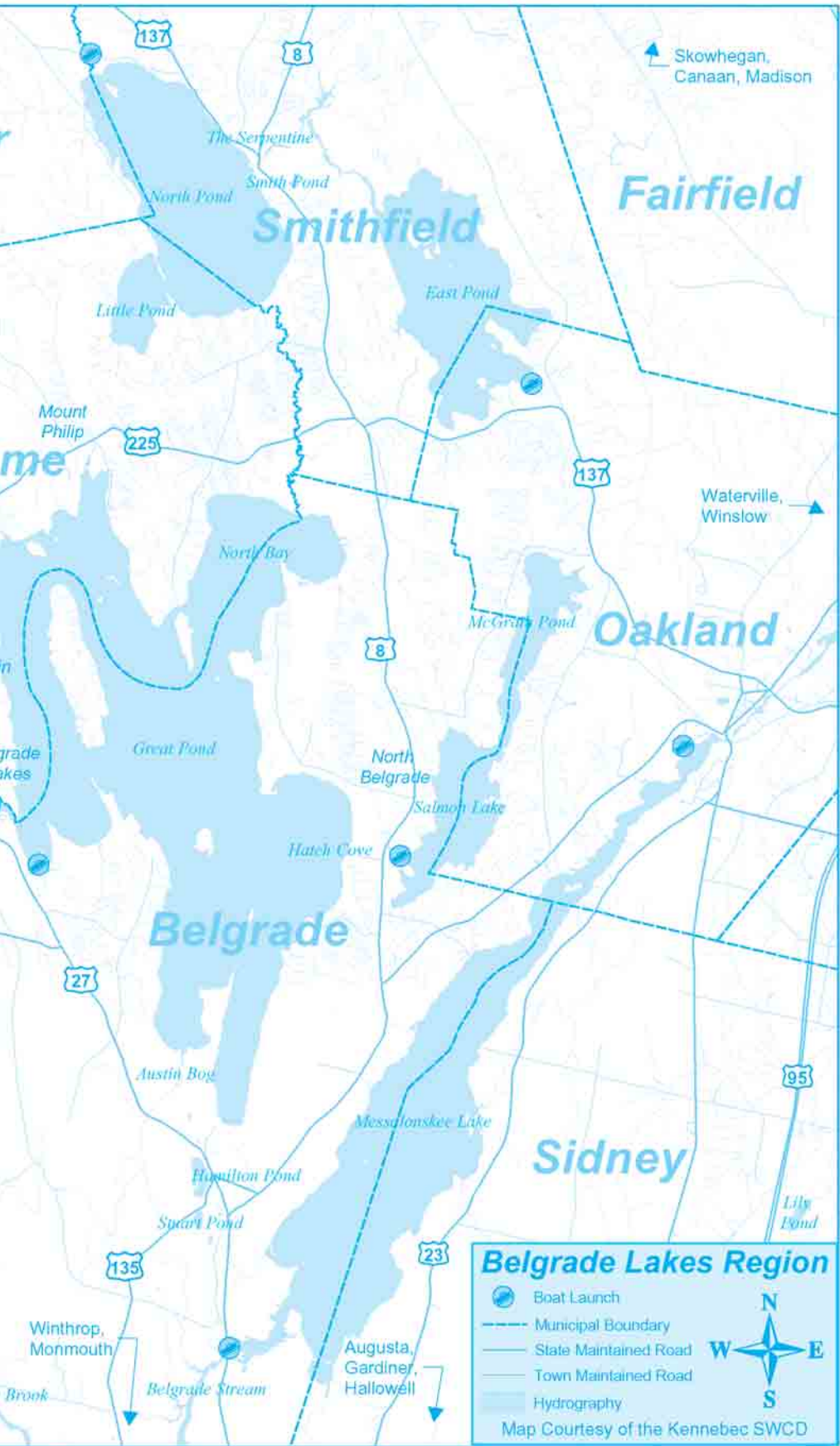
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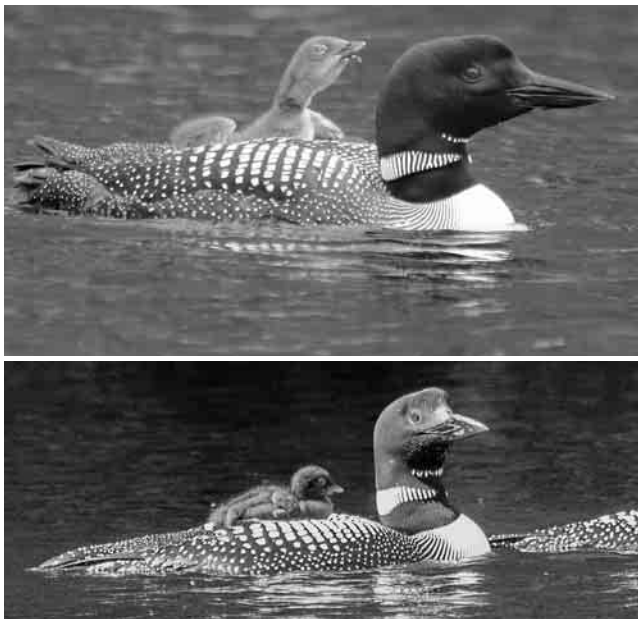
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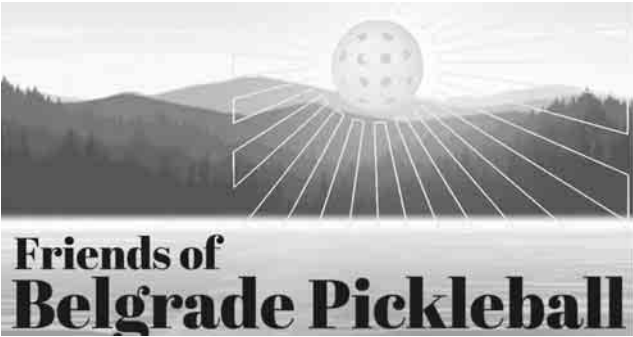
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## Belgrade's Pickle Ball June 28

The Pickleball/Basketball Court Fundraising Committee is planning a fabulous Pickle Ball for Saturday, June 28th at 6 pm at the Center For All Seasons, in Belgrade. This will be our big fundraiser for the season to raise money for the construction of an outdoor court at the Recreation Center. The Committee has always appreciated the support of our local business community, and once again, we are asking for help as we work to achieve our fundraising goal.

The Pickle Ball will be an event for adults 21 and older since we will be serving beer and wine. DJ Jamie will be there to spin the dancing tunes from 6:00 - 9:00 pm. Tickets to attend are \$40 for one and \$75 for two and can be purchased in advance at the Recreation Center or on the night of the event. Donations are needed for a silent auction, gift certificates or physical items and can be dropped off at the Town Office or the Belgrade Center for All Seasons.



## Notebook

### 2025 Loon Count: Remote Pond Surveys

- In order to gain a better understanding of where loons are and what they're doing in the northern part of the state, Maine Audubon is...

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introducing Extended Duration Surveys as part of the 42nd Annual Loon Count, Saturday, July 20, this summer. This is a pilot program for select remote and unsurveyed lakes. Volunteers will need to canoe, kayak or hike into these areas. One-hour lake surveys need to be done between July 19 and 26. Contact Phil Keefe at [pkeefe@maineaudubon.org](mailto:pkeefe@maineaudubon.org)

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Josh, Ellie, and Lucy Sullivan from Smithfield atop French Mountain.

Committee did recently. When I got to the top, I spotted a young family off to the side, closely examining some of the spring wildflowers, especially the lady slippers that were in peak bloom. It was the Sullivan Family from Smithfield, frequent visitors to 7 Lakes trails. Josh and Lucy both work at FedCo Seeds, which specializes in raising seeds, bulbs, and trees adapted to our region of Maine. As you can see by her t-shirt in the photo below, daughter Ellie helps out with advertising. By the time we finished our conversation, Josh had become a 7 Lakes Stewardship volunteer, a welcome addition to the team.

Check the 7LA Website (<https://www.7lakesalliance.org/>) and FaceBook site for upcoming events. Our Thursday afternoon (3 to 4 PM) Chewonki presentations begin on June 26th (Owls of Maine). We will also be offering regular expeditions on our new education boat on Tuesday mornings at 9 AM and Invasive Plant Workshops on Sunday mornings during the Farmers' Market. I encourage everyone to take advantage of the wealth of recreational opportunities this area offers. Do like 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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**RSU 18 Summer Meals Program**

- Free meals for children 18 years of age and younger will be offered weekdays June 23 to August 8th at six sites in RSU 18, including Oakland, China, Rome Sidney and Belgrade. Meals must be consumed on the site and are not served on weekends or the 4th of July.

**Augusta: Colonial Theater 3rd Annual Silent Film Festival**

- Dog Day Afternoon is the theme of the 3rd Annual Silent Film Festival presented by the Augusta Colonial Theater on August 9. Seven classic movies starring all the great furry friends of the silent film era will be presented along with live musical accompaniment by Jeff Rapsis. Admission is \$25. The event is scheduled from 12 to 4 pm and will take place at Johnson Hall Opera House, Water Street, Gardiner. [www.augustacolonialtheater.com](http://www.augustacolonialtheater.com)

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## Call of the Loon



### Meet the 2025 Summer Interns



This is possibly our earliest active loon nest of 2025. This nesting Great Pond loon was observed on May 30th. Unfortunately, a huge snapping turtle moved right in next door!

on Long Pond and May 16th on Great Pond. As of this writing, we have confirmed eleven active nests so with an estimated 27-28 day gestation period, we should be looking at our first chicks of the season between June 8-14th. With an early ice out (April 10th on Great, April 13th on Long Pond), we would expect to have some early nesters and we did. Our loons typically nest around Memorial Day with our first chicks as early as Father's Day on June 15th this year, up until around the 4th of July. But, with any luck, we should have at least a few chicks on Long and Great Ponds the week before! Break out the cigars!

Thanks to our loon consultant and mentor, Lee Attix, and Colby College's Professor of Biology and



L-R, Loon Mentor Lee Attix, Intern Ariana Farrokhi, Makena Logan

Program leader, Catherine Bevier, BLA's Loon Project will once again have assistance from two new outstanding Colby College interns this summer. Ariana Farrokhi and Makena Logan are already providing their young eyes along with their tremendous cumulative experience! Our valued loon volunteers will continue with their eyes on the lakes but will once again be assisted by two very capable and dedicated students to assist all of us with the daily observations. Equally important will be their expertise in the sciences and record keeping those statistics to better assess our efforts and future activities.

Ari is a rising junior with a focus in Environmental Computation and has most recently worked as a Seabird Island Research Assistant on Outer Green Island with the Maine Audubon Seabird Institute. Makena is also a rising junior with a major in Biology and Environmental Policy with an interest in conservation and birds, and has most recently worked at the Roaring Brook Nature Center Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in Canton, CT. Both of our new interns come with a great deal of experience; particularly with data analysis, modeling, and visualization tools to help tackle these environmental challenges with better informed decisions as a result. Together they are a great asset in crunching our last six years of collected loon data to better get a handle on where we are and what's in store over the next few years at the very least. These are unique qualities that separate these interns and substantially raises the bar with our Loon Preservation Project.

Please join us in welcoming Ari and Makena! We are very fortunate to have these two individuals on the Team! After a week of finals their classroom training began on May 27th immediately followed by field work with our loons on both Great and Long Ponds.

Amongst the many objectives this summer, right up there on top is why our twenty-two loon territories on both Great and Long Ponds only produced one chick from Long Pond and four chicks from Great Pond that we



Ari and Makena out on a Long Pond Loon Survey. Keep an eye out for the surveying team flying their new Loon Banner this Summer!!

assumed made the Great Fly-off last fall. We have a more than adequate adult loon population, but we just do not have the necessary chick production and longevity. More on this subject as the summer progresses. Stay Tuned!

If you have a particular questions regarding our Belgrade loon population, please email your inquiry to: [info@blmaine.org](mailto:info@blmaine.org) and we will try to answer your question either in this column or via email. Have a great spring and summer enjoying the "Call of the Loon"!

Dick Greenan, Chairman, BLA Loon Preservation Project







## Bald Eagles, Bear Cubs and Hermit Bill by Ron Joseph

by Martha F. Barkley

Hermit Bill is not the only hermit featured in this wildlife nature book full of Maine memories by a biologist. Yes, he knows what he is telling you from the wilds of Maine and written during Covid shut down.

I kept hiding this library book away because of the first rather frightening photos I glanced at of Hermit Bill and the two other guys. Memories of The Stranger in the Woods back in 2017 haunted me and the numerous camps in this area that were robbed every winter by Knight, finally caught after almost three decades.

The hermits shared by Ron Joseph are true survivors in the wild with many skills to make it happen, not stealing from Pine Tree Children's Camp huge freezers of food and propane tanks from small cottages year after year as young Knight committed crime after crime.

Wondering how these true hermits could make it through each winter for a lifetime is explained..."Ron grew up...in the mill town of Waterville, spent months on his grandparents working farm along the Sandy River, and fished and hunted in the North Woods..."

The author was lucky enough to be called out of class in Oakland high school due to a dead moose near the school grounds that needed immediate attention. With the warden's careful directions, Ron helped chain saw the enormous animal into finally "small sirloin, chuck, shank, and round steaks" using pocketknives. What a day at school with outdoor education and good food to take home by those who needed it most.

So you can see that this author knows his wildlife facts from his youth and later professionally. And he is our local authority as well! Steeped in the French Canadian/Lebanese/Jewish communities in Waterville and the North Woods, languages and cultures mix to add knowledge of survival.

I especially enjoyed his chapter about the Mitchells of Waterville and basketball teams. Not only George Mitchell of international political fame, but the

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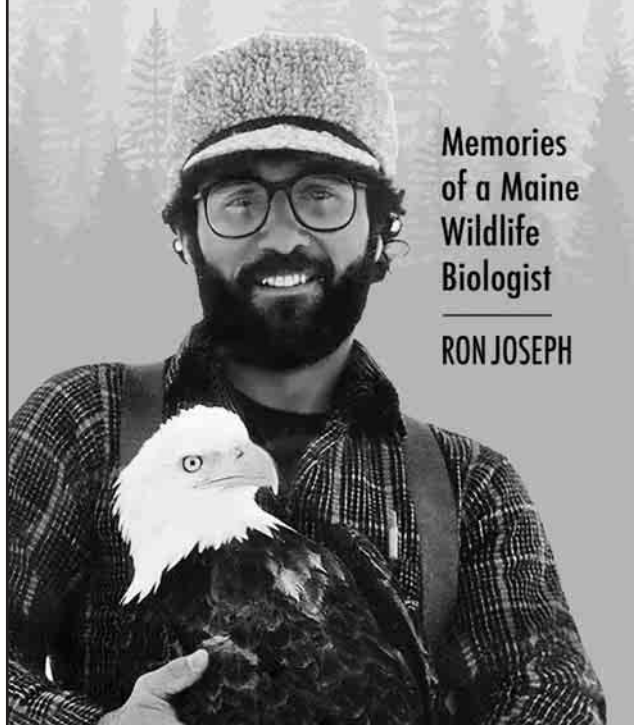
after supper in the evenings.

John loved receiving my hot off the press issues of North Pond News in his Washington D.C. mailbox. I would receive a note in the mail stating it was "the best one yet" with each issue. He would always mention a particular article or bit of lake news to comment on or ask me about. He participated in Ice Out prediction in spring 2011 and after he received his prize in the mail he wrote back, "I can't believe I won a prize in the 'Ice Out Derby!'" I am happy to have the NPA bumper sticker and will put it on my car. I was at the lake one time when the ice went out. It all seemed to go fast around noon and it soon was all over. Glad you and the boys could see it...I am looking forward to going to the lake." He often timed his camp time around when the North Pond Association served up a lobster feed at their annual meeting and there are photos of him with the lobster bib in place! Always a member, he knew how important participation was for the sake of the lake.

Rudy, her husband and extended family members are still enjoying life at Camp Aroostook, only now it is more comfortable with a mini split, a more spacious updated kitchen, a few pieces of more comfortable furniture have been replaced the vintage furniture and it is insulated for winter visits. Rudy told me if the updates had been done when he was alive, he would have chosen to live there year round, in the place he loved so dearly. She and her sister, Cheryl, thoughtfully gifted me his harness horse cufflinks and tie clip as a memento of our friendship.

During my initial visit to Camp Aroostook, John and wife Cora were about to find out that I did not just drop in to say hello. I had started a new teaching job in a small, rural town and knowing he was from a small town, I thought my 8th graders could use some words of wisdom from a former small town, farm boy with big dreams, and many achievements. He was very gracious and without hesitation put a date in his calendar. That was

### Bald Eagles, Bear Cubs and Hermit Bill



Memories  
of a Maine  
Wildlife  
Biologist  
RON JOSEPH

other Mitchells too...

Paul Doiron writes the foreword and we know Doiron from his visit to Belgrade with the murder mystery about Great Pond in 2023. "Joseph's forty stories are told with the compassion and appreciation of a man who truly loves Maine, its people and its wonders."

Endangered species and their restoration are evident in this zoologist's long career, practicing here in our marvelous Maine woods and mountains and lakes. Thank goodness his talent stayed here where he grew to love wildlife from its beginnings. Beautiful Belgrade captured him and kept him close.

"As the sole English speaker in the bunkroom, I was warmly welcomed by twenty Quebecois loggers. The lumberjacks were keen on practicing their English with me, and as a twenty-five year old, I was eager to learn French and forestry from them. Our late afternoon conversational language lessons were an enjoyable way to combat cabin fever." Learning in the deep woods at its best!

Read this book of stories from our Belgrade Library and learn from a local expert what is precious around our Belgrade Lakes.

Even a 75 ton North American right whale is covered in a Campobello Island story and the next

chapter "Return of the Great Whites." Just read chapter titles and follow your interest: "The Lighthouse Keeper," maybe? "A Date with Bear Cubs" OR "Eagle Freaks."

Yep, gotta check this book out or maybe buy your own copy like I did to give to a friend.

Renee helped me at the new Oliver and Friends Bookshop on Main Street in Waterville. She had four authors visiting over the summer!!!! I bought "Cranky" children's book by Maine winning literary author Phuc Tran...great story about building bridges and not walls. Also an EBWhite collection of essays...stop writing I tell myself and start reading.



just the kind of man he was.

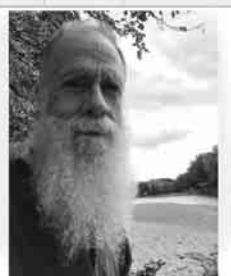
My small town students had never been more attentive when he arrived in September 1996 and they welcomed him with questions and got thoughtful, entertaining at times, answers. They heard history from a person whose childhood they could relate to, who set goals, became part of their state's history, part of world history as an ambassador. I submitted a short article for the Morning Sentinel and he was tickled by the mention of his visit when he received the clipping in the mail.

You never know what is going to become a campfire story at camp. I am hoping my former students remember that classroom visit as much as I do. I bet his friends and neighbors around his beloved North Pond shared many stories over the many years he spent at Camp Aroostook. Perhaps they retell some of it around the campfire...Just like you!



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— Real Estate Update —

Maybe, Just Maybe This is YOUR Year!

Whether it's a good time to buy a lakehouse in Maine depends on several factors, both market-driven and personal. Here's a breakdown to help you assess:

Why It Might Be a Good Time this Summer

1. Inventory Has Risen Slightly
  - After historically tight supply post-2020, there's been a modest increase in lakefront listings in some parts of Maine. More choices = more negotiating power.
2. Interest Rates Are Stabilizing
  - Mortgage rates have come down slightly from their 2023/early 2024 highs. If this trend continues, locking in a rate now before further cuts could be strategic.
3. Demand Has Plateaued
  - The frenzied "COVID boom" of remote workers buying second homes has cooled. Buyer competition is less aggressive now, especially for seasonal homes.

4. Local Markets Vary
  - Some lakes (e.g. Great Pond, Long Pond and Cobbossee) are holding strong in value, while other areas have softened slightly, especially on smaller lakes and more remote areas.

While prices remain elevated from pre-2020 levels, locally, prices have leveled out or even declined on certain lakes. You may not get a 'deal' unless a seller is highly motivated, but you can certainly find your family lake retreat easier than the past few years.

The Bottom Line

If you find a well-priced property on a healthy lake in a community you love and plan to use it long-term (not flip it), yes, now can be a good time.

If you're hoping for a deep discount or short-term investment gains, you might want to wait or broaden your search inland.

Where do you start? Find a local real estate professional, one who knows the ins and outs of buying lake property.



The Dams Keeper Report



Belgrade Lakes Village Dam Photo by Alexander Wall

As of this writing, we are happy to report that all of our pond water levels are in great shape if you like water! Actually, a little bit higher than we would like no thanks to these unrelenting showers! It hasn't been exactly Chamber of Commerce weather but enough is enough. I wish the showers took place at night while I was sleeping, but noooooo. We feel so sorry for those who look forward to their weekends off only to be inundated with another rainy weekend! Sorry!!!

Great Pond's Village dam is currently 1.92" above full pond with one gate opened 3'. Long Pond's Wings Mill dam is right at 2.64", also above full pond with gates opened up 18" and 3'. With the Village Dam opened 3', upper Long Pond is holding high at 5" above. Salmon/McGrath is 1.8" above full pond with its calibrated valve set to the mandated 1 cfs. flow. Our neighbors on Messalonskee are actually down 3.24" below full which is remarkable with all of the water we are sending their way! Although NOAA and the 'experts' are still calling for a summer of 21-30% less precipitation, we remain vigilant in our "save the water" mode with all our gates being closed when at all possible. Although at present, our gates are still open as we are trying to stabilize all of our ponds at 3" above full pond. If you recall, at 3" above full, the water level shouldn't float off any one's dock and more importantly, not flood out any of our native hummock style loon nests.

Precipitation for the past 10 days was a whopping 2.21" and as of this writing, we are looking at a paltry .23" for the next 10 days, which is more like the aforementioned Chamber of Commerce weather we like! FYI, our normal monthly precipitation during the summer is supposed to be 3.5".

So we'll take what we can get – as if we have a choice!

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

Enjoy your summer! It should be beautiful once it gets here! Personally, I'd keep the GoreTex handy if I were you!

Welcome back!

Dick

Dick Greenan  
Belgrade Lakes Inter-lakes Dams Committee



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