

Summertime in the Belgrades



... Serving the Central Maine Lakes & Kennebec River Corridor

VOLUME 28, NUMBER 8

What is the Secret?

by Esther J. Perne



A large gathering of listeners.



Two little loon callers.

What is the secret to a loon calling contest? Is it motivated by the haunting mystique of a lonely moonlit night or by the friendly reminders everywhere - on store signs and memorabilia and gifts and at lake association meetings and in Summertime in the Belgrades that this is our mascot, our icon, our symbol of the summer?

What is the secret to standing on a dock and producing one or all four loon call imitations when the real loons are flying overhead, presumably laughing all the way to a graceful lake splashdown?

What is the secret to a large crowd of listeners, empathetic and encouraging, flocking to the shoreline, hanging over the bridge, trying to catch every simulated note from contestants as young as single digits and as old as triple digits?

Would they do this for an owl hoot or a seagull scream contest?

The secret to the Belgrade Lakes Loon Calling Contest on Saturday, August 1 is its tradition, its simplicity, its family-centric fun and its consistency. The contest began in 1984, sponsored by Horatio Castle of Castle Island Camps. This is the 25th Anniversary of sponsorship by current Castle Island Camps owner John Rice.

Sign-up for the Loon Calling Contest begins at 6:30 pm, right after the Annual Belgrade Firefighters Association Beanhole Bean Supper.

What is the secret to beanhole beans? Is it that they are cooked in wrought iron kettles buried in hot coals for 24 hours? Is it that they simmer in a sauce whose ingredients are closely guarded and never divulged? Is it that they are ladled generously by those same firefighters who are always there, all day, all night ready to respond to emergencies?

Or is it the music by the Gawler Family, the unending supply and variety

Continued on page 2



Mid-Maine Marine Inc.
885 Kennedy Memorial Drive, Oakland, ME 04963
1/2 Mile West of Exit 127 off I-95 • 1-800-649-2628
www.midmainemarine.com

BIG BOAT

BLOW OUT

SALE



Annual BLA Meeting
Sunday August 2,
Belgrade Center
for All Seasons, 4-6 pm

info@blamaine.org



Belgrade Lakes Association
137 Main Street, Belgrade Lakes, Maine 04918
207-512-5150 • www.belgradelakesassociation.org



MAINE FILM CENTER

INDEPENDENT FILM.
THE BEST POPCORN.

Tickets + showtimes
MAINEFILMCENTER.ORG

93 MAIN STREET, WATERVILLE



Continued from page 1



of homemade pies, the volunteers who greet the endless lines of families at the Belgrade Center for All Seasons?

The Beanhole Bean Supper begins at 5 pm and its not all beans. Hot dogs, rolls, coleslaw and brown bread will make for a full plate. It, too is a simple tradition, it is family-centric fun and it has a long history going back to the 1960s.

What is the secret to summer in Maine? Is it a beanhole bean supper with all the fixings and music on the side? Is it a bridge crowded with spectators listening to a dockful of loon call contestants. It's both of these inland, lake-land traditions and much more.



Day's

FAMILY-OWNED SINCE 1958
Serving the Heart of Belgrade Lakes

Reach us by boat or car!  

STORE

Serving All Your Lakeside Needs

- ✓ Local goods & provisions
- ✓ Deli sandwiches & pizzas
- ✓ Gas, ice, firewood & propane
- ✓ Sporting goods & fishing gear
- ✓ Beer, wine & craft beverages
- ✓ Lakeside merchandise & apparel
- ✓ Meggie O's Fudge & Fresh Donuts

1958 CAFÉ

Lakeside Dining

- ✓ Dine-in for breakfast, lunch & dinner
- ✓ Cocktails & shareables
- ✓ Iced coffee, lemonade & cozy corner seating
- ✓ Relax, recharge & refuel with a lakeside view — plus a few tabletop board games for fun

 207-495-2205
 www.daysstore.com

 /daysstorebelgradelakes
 @daysstore



Home insurance, made to measure.

Belgrade Lakes Region families trust us for a personal approach bringing peace of mind. Our experienced professionals create customized insurance plans designed around your needs, not what's worked for someone else.

Call today to find out how we can help you protect your home & auto, boat, RV and more. Insurance for your business, too, as well as health & life insurance, including Medicare.

Allen 
Insurance | Financial
100% EMPLOYEE-OWNED

51 Main Street, Waterville, Maine 04901
800-439-4311 | AllenIF.com



Table of Contents

Secrets from a Belgrades Summer 1-2

Table of Contents: Favorite Summer Happenings..... 3

From Belgrade Wilds to Bestselling Words:..... 3

7 Lakes Alliance: A Premier Giving Program..... 4

Belgrade Historical Society: When a Great Pond Fishing Camp Added a Peninsula4

Take It Outside with Pete Kallin: Safe Boating 5

Calendar of Events, Activities, Outings, Enrichment 6

Final Film Awards Feature Maine7

Map of the Belgrades: Explore and More..... 8-9

Pesticide Applications: Questions To Ask..... 10

Notebook: Random But Relevant..... 11

Business Directory: The Best and the Friendliest..... 12-13

The Call of the Loon: An Amazing Egg Survival 13

Barkley on Books: Book Sale Finds..... 14

The Dams Keeper Report: In Desperate Need of Rain..... 15

Maine Agricultural Fairs through Fall..... 16

Good Storytelling: From the Wilds to the Words



Two authors, an Oscar and Maine's Governor Mills.

In a discussion titled “How Living in a Positive State Makes for Good Storytelling,” presented recently at Bowdoin College by Freeport Speech, two Belgrade-inspired authors, Jennifer Finney Boylan and Ernest Thompson described how their deep connections to Maine very differently influenced their award-winning books.

“I write in Maine, but not about Maine,” states Boylan who lived in Maine and taught at Colby College for 25 years and maintains a residence on Long Pond. Boylan’s influential 2003 memoir, *She’s Not There: A Life in Two Genders*, was a national bestseller. “I think there’s something about Maine,” Boylan says of being trans. “Mostly, almost completely people have let us thrive. Belgrade has given our family room to be who we are.”

Boylan is currently the inaugural Anna Quindlen Writer in Residence at Barnard College of Columbia University. She is the co-author with Jodi Picoult of *Mad Honey*.

Thompson who does not live in Maine but writes about it based on many summers on Great Pond, wrote the beloved classic *On Golden Pond*. Thompson’s mother believed that her children should experience life on the lake with no television, no radio, no newspaper, no clocks. “I read all the books,” he describes, “and listened to the local guys. Maine is full of characters.”

Thompson has written, directed and acted in dozens of film and television projects, is currently promoting his new novel *Out Clause* and will be starring in a sequel he has written to *On Golden Pond*.

In closing, both authors agree that it’s the responsibility of writers to protect the English language.



Summertime in the Belgrades

PO Box 290, Belgrade Lakes, ME 04918

Editor: Esther J. Perne, 207-495-3777 • sumbelnews@gmail.com

Layout Design: Michael Breault, 207-578-0226 • mo.breault@gmail.com

Webmaster : Gregor Smith • gregor@roadrunner.com

www.belgradelakesnews.com

This publication is copyrighted ©MMXXVI, Cider Mill Press Publications, All Rights Reserved.



Stewards of our Belgrade Lakes

Join us at:

<https://www.mcgrathpond-salmonlake.org>



We conserve the lands and waters of the Belgrade Lakes region for all.

7 Lakes Alliance is the only organization in the region with professional infrastructure to do large-scale projects to protect the land and water in our watershed. Your support is critical to continuing our work. There has never been a better time to give as every dollar donated through August will be matched by our very generous Board of Directors, doubling your impact.



Scan to Support

Or visit 7lakesalliance.org/waystogive

7 Lakes Alliance • 137 Main St., Belgrade Lakes, ME





A Beautiful Evening Celebrating the Leadership Circle at 7 Lakes Alliance

By Laurie Raleigh, 7 Lakes Alliance Director of Advancement

On a glorious summer evening overlooking Great Pond, 7 Lakes Alliance welcomed members of our Leadership Circle to recognize their generous gifts that make our year-round work possible. Old and new friends gathered for an evening of conversation, connection, and celebration.

One of the evening's most heartfelt moments came from board member emeritus, Dick Schmaltz who shared his personal connections to our work and reflected on witnessing East Pond turn green with harmful algal blooms before 7 Lakes Alliance and its partners – Colby College, East Pond Association and the Maine



Board Chair, Jane Eberle shared that "We are deeply grateful to every member of our leadership circle for their continued commitment to our mission and their generosity which ensures that 7 lakes Alliance can continue protecting the place we all love."

Department of Environmental Protection, oversaw the successful Alum treatment that restored the lake's water quality. His moving remarks were a powerful reminder of the real and lasting difference conservation can make for our lakes and the land that sustains them.

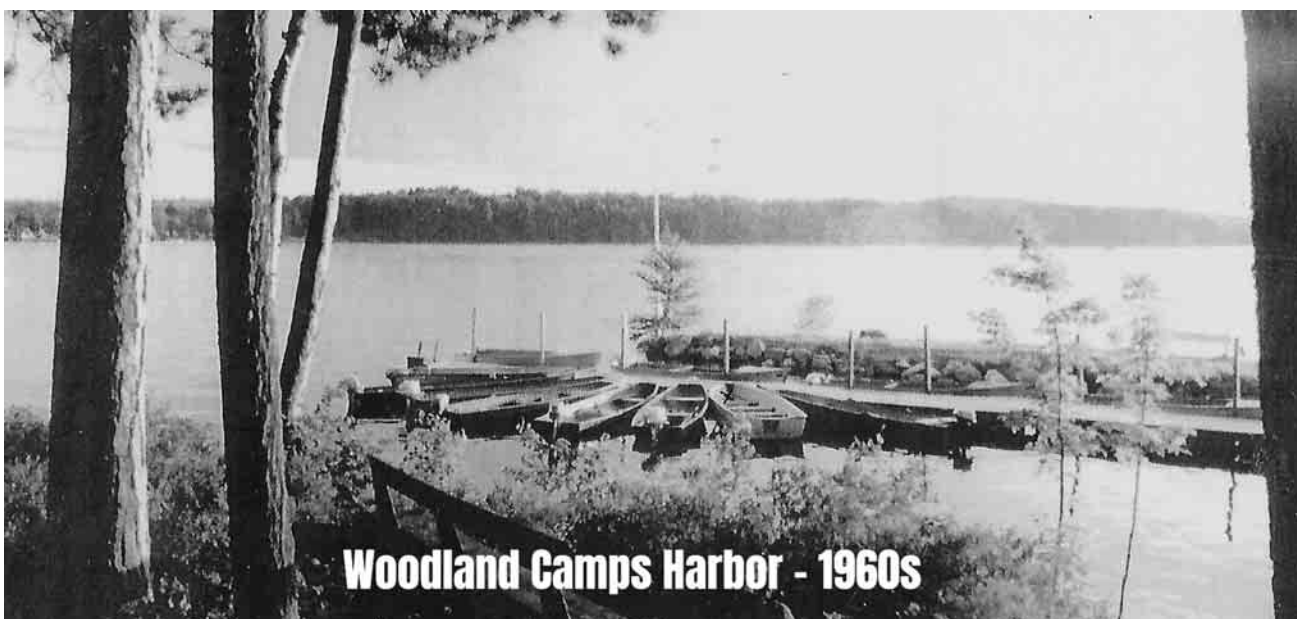
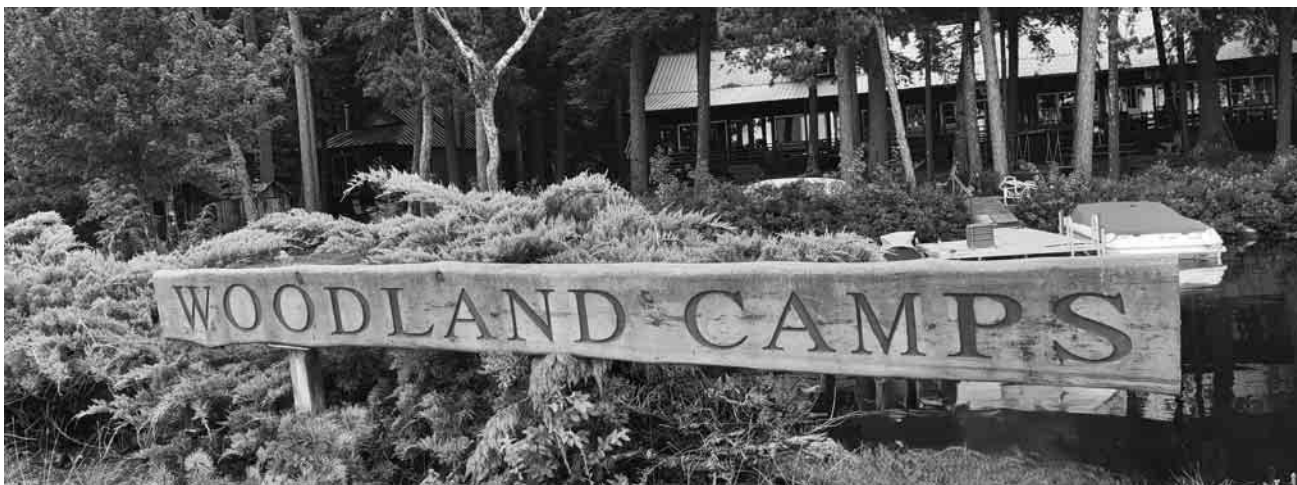
The evening was sponsored by Golden Pond Wealth Management and Lake Home Realty. If you'd like to learn more about joining the Leadership Circle, please visit 7lakesalliance.org.

Leadership Circle donations begin at \$1,000 annually or \$84/month.



Belgrade History Beyond Belgrade

Submitted by BHS member Dianne Dowd



Woodland Camps Harbor - 1960s

As I was looking at old postcards of the shoreline of Woodland Camps on Great Pond, I could not help but notice that the hook shaped peninsula that juts out into the water in front of the lodge is missing. What was the story behind this man-made addition to the shoreline? Fortunately Rod Johnson had the answers to my questions.

When Chester Thwing established Woodland Camps in 1917 on a point of land that juts into Great Pond, there was no road through the woods down to the shore. Guests were taken from Belgrade Lakes Village to the camp by boat. Later in the 1920s Chester Thwing Road was constructed

from the Point Rd to Woodland Camps. In the beginning, Woodland Camps was primarily a fishing camp and later developed as a family vacation destination. In 1949, Chester Thwing along with his right-hand man and son in law, Don Mosher planned to build an elbow shaped peninsula in front of Woodland Camps to provide a safe harbor for motor boats used by guests at the camp. Laws governing shoreline zoning did not exist at this time, and owners of large pieces of shoreland were not restricted from construction on the shoreline. Thwing alerted local contractors who were busy building camp roads that he was looking for large rocks and fill to build his harbor. The digging and earthwork of the peninsula was done with a gas-powered Waukesha shovel (a later version of a steam shovel) likely by Paul Hammond. The construction took a couple of seasons to complete. Later a concrete ramp was installed to make boat launching and removal easier.

In 1977, Clayton and Betty Grant became the owners of Woodland Camps. An engineer with the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Clayton was also a well-known carpenter of wooden signs. He made the WOODLAND CAMPS sign that is visible from the water of Great Pond. He also constructed the wooden welcome sign at the Belgrade Region Inc tourist building on Route 27.

Today the Woodland Camps Association maintains the land on the peninsula. There has been a concentrated effort by the members of the association to preserve the landscape of the peninsula by following Lake Smart recommendations. The 7Lakes Alliance Youth Conservation Corp have helped to stabilize the soil and detour erosion by planting blueberry bushes and adding rip-rap stones. The approximately 13-foot-long wooden sign is removed each winter and replaced in the spring. The point has become a favorite fishing spot for youngsters of Woodland Camps, and they are always happy to wave to passing boats.





— Take It Outside — Summer in Full Swing, Practice Safe Boating

By Peter Kallin

The past week was really hot and humid. That has gotten a lot of people out in the water to cool off, including me. I am part of a 7-Lakes program called “Adopt-a-shoreline.” I am a trained Invasive Plant Patrol (IPP) volunteer but you don’t have to be to participate in this program. 7-Lakes conducts multiple trainings throughout the summer at multiple locations, including Sundays at the Farmers’ Market. Visit their website (<https://www.7lakesalliance.org/>) for details or stop into the gallery to learn more. Basically the program is to patrol your shoreline at least twice a



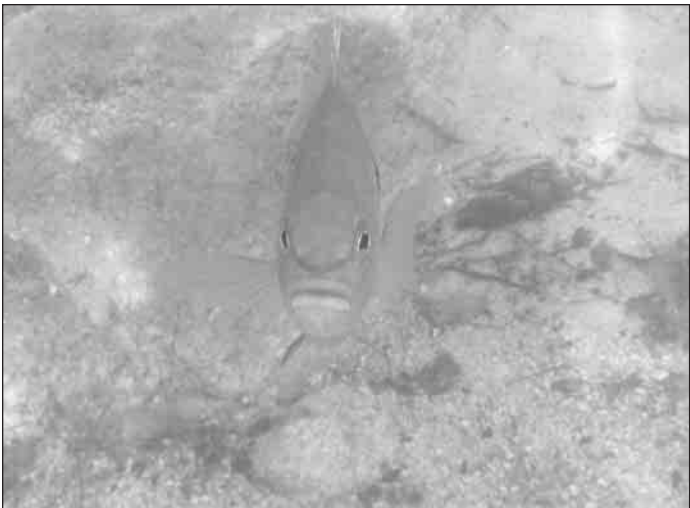
Freshwater bryozoan, or “moss animal”



Pile of shells indicating a mink.

summer from a small boat, kayak, or snorkeling, looking for new plants that weren’t there before. If you find something that looks suspicious, drop a marker buoy, grab a sample and bring it to 7-Lakes for an ID. My area is Tracy Cove on Long Pond, which has over a mile of shoreline. It is an area I fish regularly paying careful attention to the plants and at least once a year during the heat of summer, I patrol by snorkel. It cools me off, is good exercise, and I can get an up-close look at all the weed beds and “large woody debris” where the fish hang out. I have found a lot of good fishing spots this way as well as a lot of fishing lures lost by other fishermen. All the plants I found this year were natives, including several mil-

foil “lookalikes” such as water marigold or coontail, which have the same “bottle brush” look as milfoil but have branching leaves instead of feathered leaves. I also spotted some large (about the size of a small football) freshwater bryozoans on some submerged tree branches. These are colonial animals with tentacles that look like a weird jellyfish and feeds on small invertebrates. It only grows in areas with good water quality. I spotted a large pile of freshwater mussel shells at the base of a rock. The rock was clearly a favorite feeding spot for one of our local minks. A red breasted sunfish was ready to drive me off if I came any closer.



Red breasted sunfish guarding its nest.

foils, including several mil-

foil “lookalikes” such as water marigold or coontail, which have the same “bottle brush” look as milfoil but have branching leaves instead of feathered leaves. I also spotted some large (about the size of a small football) freshwater bryozoans on some submerged tree branches. These are colonial animals with tentacles that look like a weird jellyfish and feeds on small invertebrates. It only grows in areas with good water quality. I spotted a large pile of freshwater mussel shells at the base of a rock. The rock was clearly a favorite feeding spot for one of our local minks. A red breasted sunfish was ready to drive me off if I came any closer.

Pond Yacht Club cruises on, are considered personal watercraft and requires the water safety course and must be registered with the State of Maine and display a milfoil sticker. I know Matti is in compliance with all these requirements but I have seen quite a few of these lift foils being operated by others that are clearly not in compliance, some by operators under the age of 12. The word is beginning to get out on some of the newer requirements but we still have a long way to go. These are just a very brief summary of the requirements. Please visit : <https://www.maine.gov/ifw/programs-resources/educationalprograms/safety-courses/boating-safety.html> for a more complete discussion. If you are renting your camp out to someone with a boat, please ask them to review the regulations at the above sites. And always watch out for swimmers! Even in the middle of the lake.

I also got a visit from my grandson, Bub, and we got out on the lake and caught some nice bass in the hot sun. He got the one in the picture below while trolling a white zonker fly over a school of baitfish. While putting the final edits to this article, I got a nice phone call from Martha Barkley, formerly of Crystal Spring Camps, now of a senior housing center in Menlo Park, CA.



My grandson, Bub, with nice Long Pond smallie.

Continued on page 14 ...

LONG POND



ROME - Long Pond – 1671162 Welcome to Wildewood Estates, a lakeside community with a shared sandy beach on pristine Long Pond! This beautiful 4-bedroom, 2_-bath home on a quiet 1.78-acre lot offers one-level living at its finest with an open living area, half bath, primary suite, and laundry on the first floor. Three bedrooms and a full bath on the second floor are ideal for family and guests. Highlights include a stunning custom kitchen and 12x16 three-season sunroom surrounded by sun-dappled woods. Nearby, the Kennebec Highlands offers miles of scenic trails, with shopping, dining, and golf close by in Belgrade Lakes village. Whether seasonal or year-round, this home offers comfort, privacy, and access to the best of lake-area living. Schedule your showing today! **\$619,000**



COLDWELL BANKER
PLOURDE
REAL ESTATE

207-872-7650
www.cbplourde.com

143 Silver Street, Waterville ME 04901

 Each office is independently owned & operated. 



— Calendar —

Thursday 7/30 - Saturday 8/ - "Curtains," a musical comedy whodunit, 474-7176, Lakewood Theater, Route 201, Madison.

Friday 7/31 - Sunday 8/2 - 4-H Eastern States Tryouts Horse Show, covered arena, concessions, free admission, Fairgrounds, Madison Avenue, Route 201, Skowhegan.

Friday 7/31 - Sunday 8/2 - The Tragedy of Macbeth, Shakespeare in the Park, by Lights Up Productions, free admission, Friday and Saturday 6 pm, Sunday 2 pm, www.lightupskowhegan.org, Coburn Park, Route 2, Skowhegan.

Friday 7/31 - Barney Martin, actor, comedian, songwriter, classic songs, 2 and 7 pm, free admission, air-conditioned, Araxine Wilkins Sawyer Foundation, 371 Sawyer Road, Greene.

Friday 7/31 - Sparks the Rescue, Waterville Rocks concert, free, family-friendly, 6 pm beer garden opens, 7 pm music starts, (rain location Waterville Opera House), Head of Falls, downtown Waterville.

Friday 7/31 - School Street Band, Johnson Hall Free Waterfront Concert, 6-7:30 pm, Waterfront Park on the Kennebec River, Gardiner.

Friday 7/31 and Saturday 8/1 - Rome Yacht Club annual Commodore's Ball and Sailing "Regatta," over 50-year tradition, Ball Friday 6 pm, Regatta Saturday 10 am, scavenger hunt style sailing race, cook out and awards following, rsvp and info ryc-commodes@googlegroups.com, Great Pond, Rome.

Saturday 8/1 - Wilton Blueberry Festival, 7:30 am-2 pm, downtown Wilton.

Saturday 8/1 - Village Green Artisan Fair, 9am-2 pm, free entry, Route 27, Main Street, Belgrade Lakes.

Saturday 8/1 - Beanhole Bean Supper, sponsored by Belgrade Firefighters Association, music by the Gawler family, \$12 adults, \$8 children 5-12, free under 5, 5-7 pm, Belgrade Community Center for All Seasons, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes.

Saturday 8/1 - Belgrade Lakes Loon Calling Contest, hosted by Castle Island Camps, sign-up 6:30 pm, contest

begins at 7 pm, all ages welcome, Lakepoint Real Estate parking lot on the Belgrade Stream, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes.

Sunday 8/2 - Belgrade Lakes Farmers' Market, 8 am-1 pm, 7 Lakes Alliance, 137 Main Street, Belgrade Lakes.

Sunday 8/2 - Calypso Soldiers, dance to the jams!, concert at Norcross Point, free, 2-4 pm, Lake Maranacook, downtown Winthrop.

Sunday 8/2 - Belgrade Lakes Association (Great Pond and Long Pond) Annual Meeting, 4-6 pm, www.belgradelake-sassociation.org, Center for All Seasons, Route 27, Belgrade Lakes.

Sunday 8/2 - Brighton Bob, Concerts in the Park, 5-6:15 pm, Coburn Park, Skowhegan.

Monday 8/3 - Fun with Ferns on Mt. Phillip, 10 am-12 pm, please RSVP 7 Lakes Alliance at 495-6039, meet at the Mt. Phillip Lower Trailhead on Route 225, just a quarter mile southwest of the Mt. Phillip Upper Trailhead, Rome.

Monday 8/3 - Western Maine Foothills Band, Concert in the Park, 7-8:30 pm, Meetinghouse Park, downtown Farmington.

Tuesday 8/4 - Stonewall Chrome, Oosoola Park Music Series for local performers, food and ice cream trucks, 5-7 pm, Oosoola Park, Ferry Road, Norridgewock.

Tuesday 8/4 - Laura Hudson Band, Rock on the River series, 7-8:30 pm, Grandstand, Water Street, Hallowell.

Tuesday 8/4 - Student Honor Recital, 7:30 pm, Alumni Hall, New England Music Camp, Route 23, Sidney.

Wednesday 8/5 - House & Garden Tour, Vaughn Homestead, 10 am, \$10, reservations recommended, vaughanhomestead.org, 622-9831, 2 Litchfield Road, Hallowell.

Wednesday 8/5 - Conserved Land Tour on Great Pond, 10 am-12 pm, please RSVP, 495-6039, 7 Lakes Alliance, 137 Main Street, Belgrade Lakes.

Wednesday 8/5 - Invasive Aquatic Plant ID Workshop, 1-2 pm, 7 Lakes Alliance, 137 Main Street, Belgrade Lakes.

Wednesday 8/5 - Historical Interpreter Mark A. Rohman, troops during the American Revolution, 5:30 pm, free and

open to the public, 626-2415, Lithgow Public Library, 45 Winthrop Street, Augusta.

Wednesday 8/5 - Missing Hikers on the Appalachian with Maureen Milliken, 6 pm, 495-3508, Belgrade Public Library, Depot Road, Belgrade.

Wednesday 8/5 - DJ Matt James, free summer concert series, 6 pm to sunset, Mill Park, Water Street, Augusta.

Thursday 8/6 - Student Honor Recital, 7:30 pm, Alumni Hall, New England Music Camp, Route 23, Sidney.

Thursday 8/6 - Chewonki's Animal Presentation: Bats of the World, 3-4 pm, 7 Lakes Alliance, 137 Main Street, Belgrade Lakes.

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

Thursday 8/6 - Cruise-In, 5-7 pm, Waterfront Park, Gardiner.

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

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



1203 West Rd.
Belgrade Maine, 04917

Belgrade Recreation

Village Green Artisan Fair 2026

FREE ENTRY to public
Join us monthly!

August 1st
August 15th
October 10th

9:00AM-2:00PM
(Rain Location: 1 Center Drive Belgrade Maine)

For More Information or
to register call: 207-495-3481
Email: Recreation@townofbelgrade.com

Friends of Messalonskee

Buy your \$20 ticket NOW for a chance to win our \$5,000 SUMMER GIVEAWAY

Entering is simple!
Just scan the QR Code to support Messalonskee Lake conservation

SCAN TO BUY NOW!

DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO WIN!
WINNER WILL BE DRAWN ON AUGUST 30TH!
In partnership with Maine Raffle by TechResolv

To purchase tickets and see full a list of rules, visit
<https://dash.maineraffle.com/raffle/friends-of-messalonskee-lake-friends-of-messalonskee-summer-giveaway>
STATE LAW REQUIRES DEBIT CARDS ONLY FOR ONLINE PURCHASES

Daily through August 31 –
– self-paced Story Stroll
on the walking trail around
the Belgrade Regional Health Center,
4 Clement Way, Belgrade (off Rt 27).
"Animal Hide and Seek" by
Dahlov Ipcar. Sponsored
by the
Belgrade Library Trustees.
Free.

Kevin Couture Photography
HS Seniors - Weddings - Families
Aerial images via drone
www.kevincouturephotography.com
Also find me on Facebook

207-474-0754 207-858-5382
kever1999@yahoo.com

GENERATORS of MAINE INC.

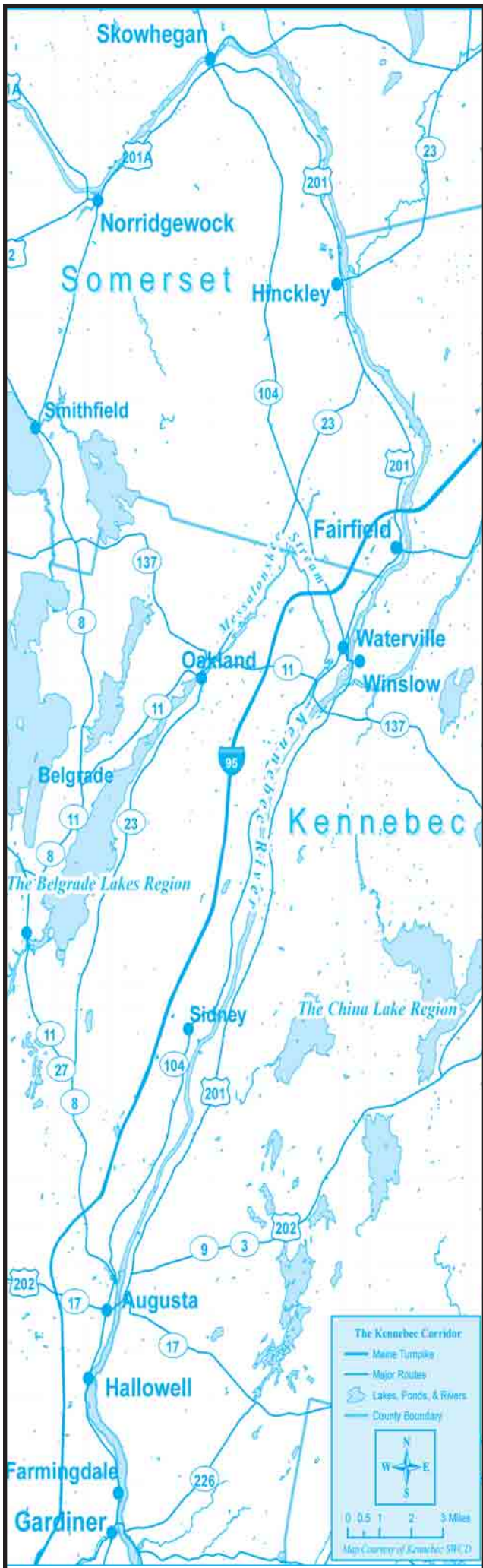
SALES • SERVICE • INSTALLATION
www.generatorsofmaine.com 207-495-2285
dan@generatorsofmaine.com

Professional Service At Fair Prices

KOHLER
IN POWER. SINCE 1920.



—Along the Kennebec River Corridor—



MIFF Presents Tourmaline and Audience Favorite Awards

by Gregor Smith

On Sunday July 19, the 29th Maine International Film Festival presented its Tourmaline and Audience Favorite Awards. The awards honor the best Maine feature, the best Maine short, and most loved new movie overall (regardless of where it was made). The awards were presented at the Waterville Opera House immediately before the screening of the festival's closing film, *Give Me the Ball!*, a new documentary about tennis trailblazer Billie Jean King.

Now in their fourth year, the Tourmaline Awards give a \$5,000 cash prize to the best made-in-Maine feature film at the festival and \$2,500 to the best Maine-made short film. Each winner also receives a multicolored, translucent, light-up trophy that resembles a cluster of cut gems. The winners are chosen by a jury of film industry professionals. This year's jurors were Julie Bradet, executive and artistic director of the Festival du Film de Knowlton, Québec; Julia Dunlavey, founder and publisher of The Maine Playweek; and Trésor Senga, founder and CEO of the Mashariki African Film Festival in Kigali, Rwanda.

This year's features winner was psychological thriller *Mallory's Ghost*, which was shot in Greater Portland. Two other features, the drama *In Transit* and the documentary *Downeast Hardcore: Stories from The Kave*, were also in contention.

According to a MIFF press release, *Mallory's Ghost* "traces the intricacies, jealousies, and obses-



Mallory's Ghost

sions of a couple's relationship when the specter of an ex-girlfriend comes back to haunt them." Although no one from the production team was able to accept the award in person, the film's

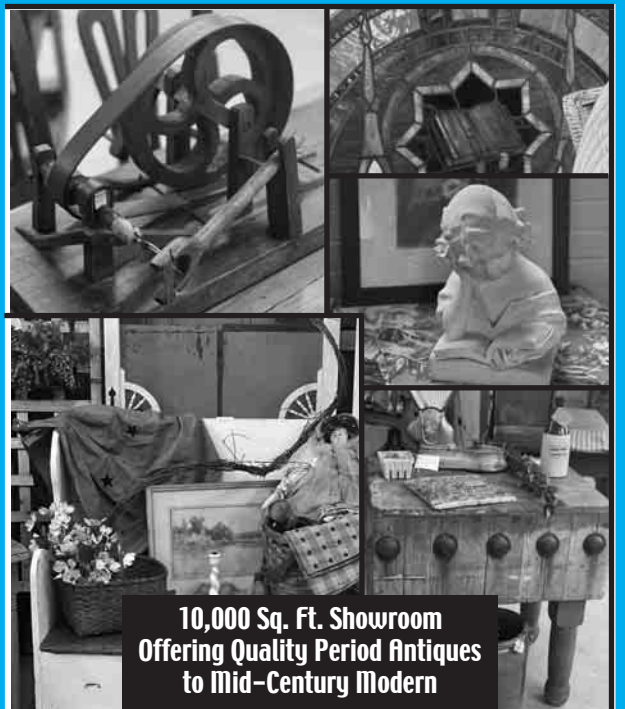
writer, director, and star Araballa Oz left a prepared statement: "Winning the Tourmaline Award is so incredibly special... Maine is a beloved character in our film. From the saturated summer hues and dramatic snowy blizzards, to the magical light at any time of day — this film only exists in relation to the beauty of this place and the extremely talented people here who helped make it."

From the 16 eligible shorts, the jurors chose "Cloudbound Eagle," commending its "awesome performances, realistic reflections on grief and acceptance, and overall excellence." In the film, four young men return to their childhood summer camp in Maine to pay tribute to the recently deceased fifth member of their group.

In accepting the award, co-producer, and co-star Gavin G. Shaub stated that the film was dedicated to a dear friend who died in a jet skiing accident in 2022. "Making this movie in Maine was so important to me because a month after he passed away I spent my entire summer in Maine," Shaub said. "I found through sharing this with people who grew up in Maine that that is a communal experience, going out into nature and processing grief. It means the world to me that people resonated with that story."

Continued on page 15...

HATHAWAY MILL ANTIQUES



10,000 Sq. Ft. Showroom
Offering Quality Period Antiques
to Mid-Century Modern

Open Wed. - Sun. 10am-5pm Closed Mon. & Tues.



hathawaymillantiques.com
10 Water Street, Waterville
207-877-0250

Like & Follow
us on
Facebook &
Instagram!

Banking solutions that fit your life.

Helping Mainers reach
their personal and business
financial goals for over 150 years.

92 Main Street | Fairfield, Maine



Lynn Andrews
AVP Community Banker



Chris DeMerchant
VP Commercial Lender

Skowhegan
SAVINGS
800.303.9511 • Skowhegan.com FDIC

WHITE WILLOW
RETREAT FOR DOGS
BOARDING • DAYCARE
A safe and healthy home away from home.
WhiteWillowRetreat.com
1761 AUGUSTA ROAD BELGRADE, ME
207-495-3596



Ellen Wells
Certified Luxury Property Specialist
COLDWELL BANKER PLOURDE REAL ESTATE
143 Silver St Waterville cbplourde.com
207-649-1471 ewells@cbplourde.com





Lynch

LANDSCAPING INC
FOR THOSE WHO DESIRE QUALITY

(207)474-2420

Design - Install - Maintain

Designing landscapes to beautify your property and protect our natural resources - **Installing** these landscapes in a manner that promotes sustainability and prevents erosion - **Maintaining** these landscape so your investment lasts a lifetime!



Licensed, Certified & Accredited
For All Of Your Landscaping Needs

www.lynchlandscaping.com

BELGRADE LAKES MARINE & STORAGE, INC.

Winter Storage for Summer Boats and Vehicles



Secure, newer storage facilities accommodate boats on trailers, autos, and the largest RVs in 3 buildings totaling over 21,000 sq. ft. Electrical charging outlets are available. Reasonable rates for real protection from extreme winter storms and sun damage.

207-495-2378 • www.belgradelakesmarine.com
366 Augusta Road, Route 27, Belgrade, ME



Trisha Cheney (207) 716-6494
trisha@belgradelakepoint.com

Stephanie Gardner (207) 592-5577
stephanie@belgradelakepoint.com



116 Nickerson Lane, Rome
MLS#: 1670747
\$1,300,000

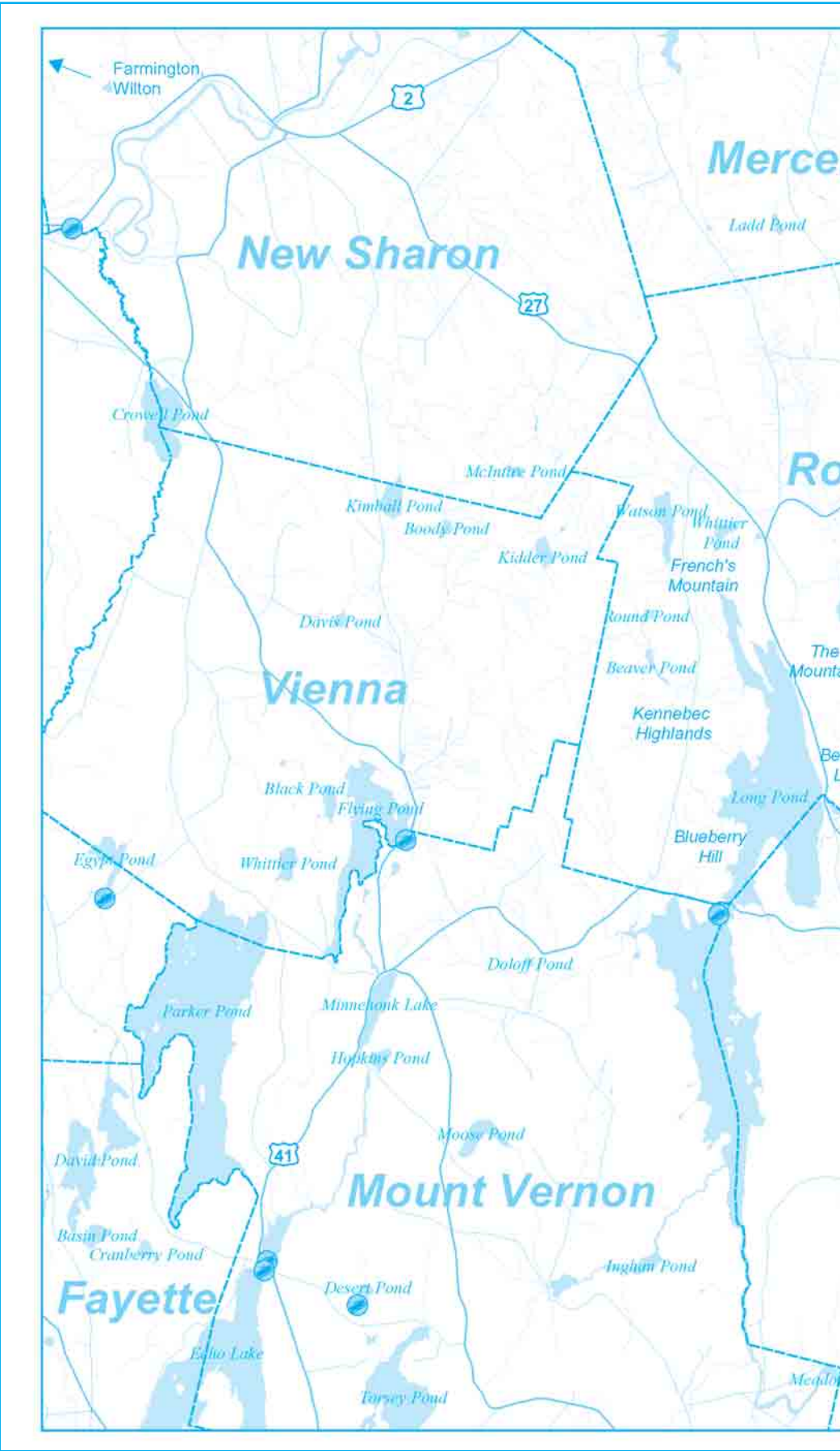
- GREAT POND (325 feet) | 1.2 Acres | Private Compound | 4 Camps + Garage w/Grandfathered Footprints | Permanent Dock System | Long Views Across the Lake | Level Lot | Deepwater Frontage



52 Birch Estates, Rome
MLS#: 1667364
\$599,000

- LONG POND ACCESS (360 feet) | 0.78 Acres | Newer Year-Round Construction Home | 4 Bedrooms | 2 Bathrooms | 4-Season Sunporch | Private Fenced-In Yard | Attached 2-Car Garage | Whole-Home Generator | Mooring

PORTSIDE LAKEPOINT | 221 MAIN STREET | BELGRADE LAKES | 207.495.3700

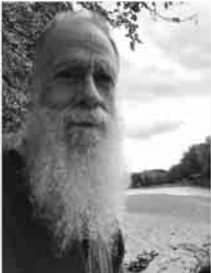




MICHAEL BREAUULT

Creative solutions for all your Mac needs

Macintosh and iOS support, based in Western Maine, working onsite throughout Maine



If you have Macs, iOS devices, software or network problems, or any ideas you would like to implement using Macintosh computers, give me a call and we can discuss if I can help...

207-578-0226 • www.michaelbreault.net



Sunrise Bagel

NEW LOCATION
50 MAIN ST. OAKLAND, ME
(207) 716-1014

WE ALSO DELIVER WITH DOORDASH!!

ARTISAN SOURDOUGH BAGELS AND SWEETS MADE FRESH DAILY!

@SUNRISEBAGELME   WWW.SUNRISEBAGELME.COM



Take a 30-minute tour of our state's beautiful Capitol Park!

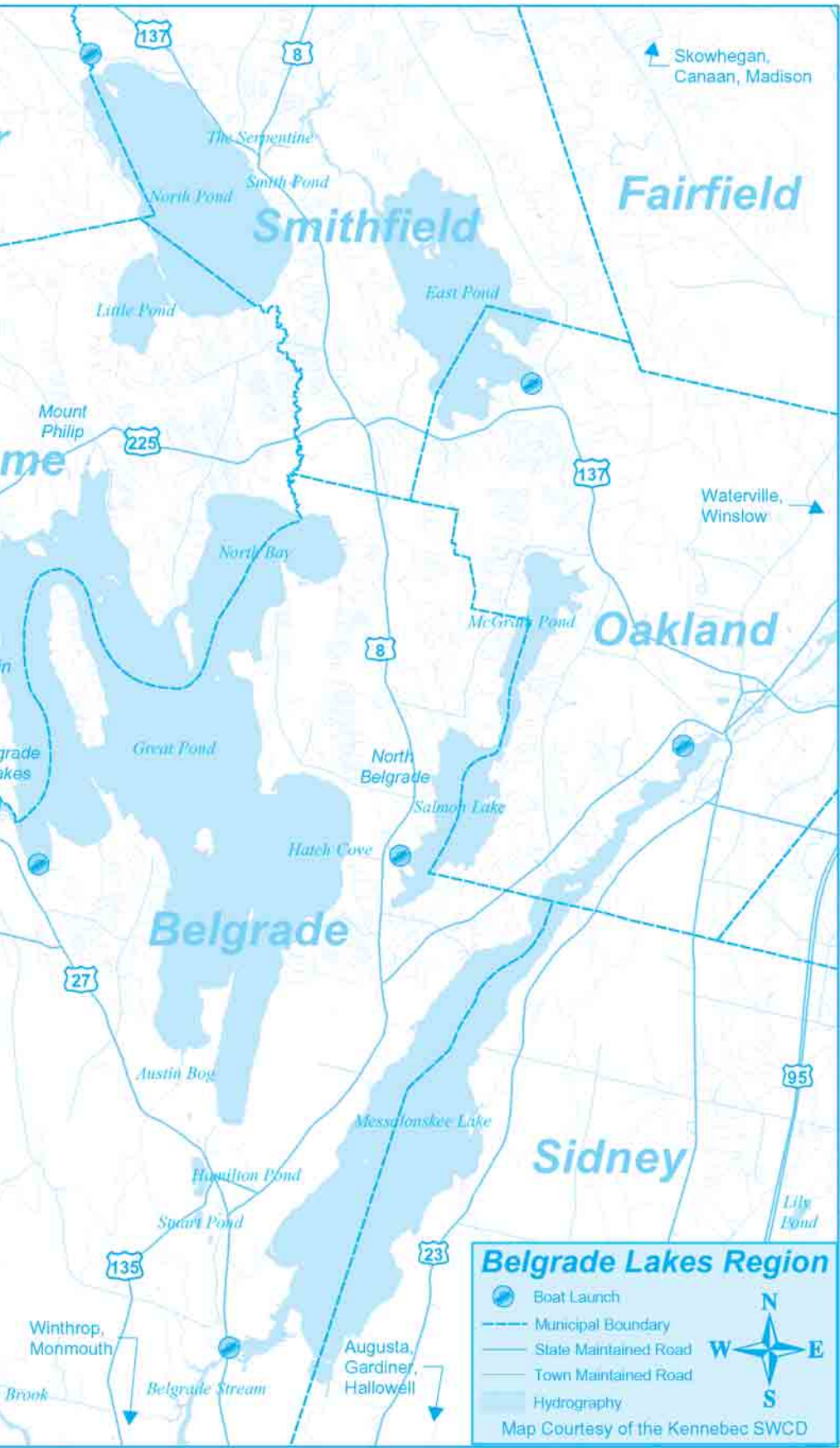
Learn some interesting tidbits on State House history and the many uses of the park over the years. Tours are FREE!

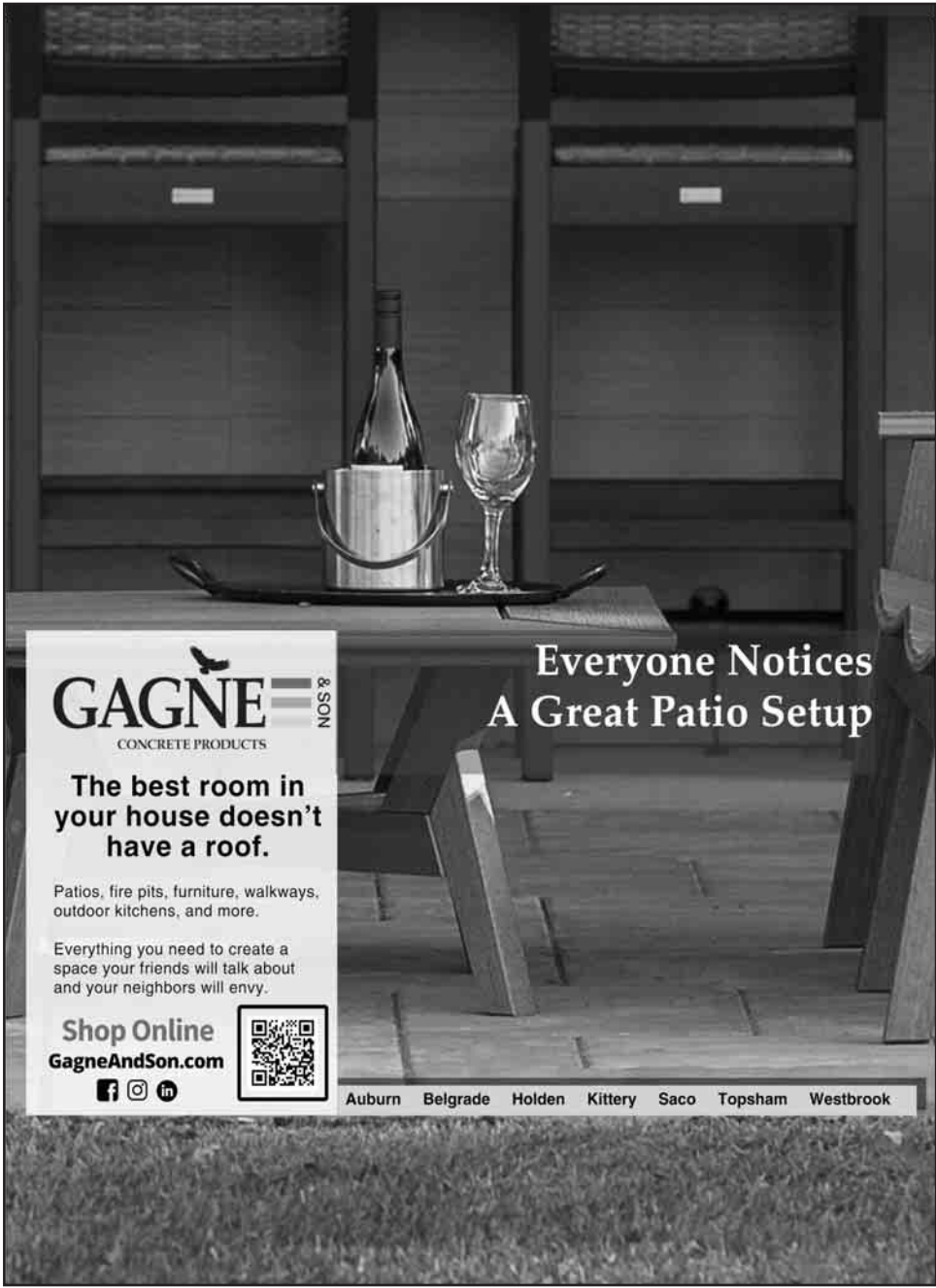
Tours run every 30 minutes from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Every Wednesday in July and August *

No registration required, just show up!

Meet in the park across from 19 Union Street





GAGNE & SON
CONCRETE PRODUCTS

The best room in your house doesn't have a roof.

Patios, fire pits, furniture, walkways, outdoor kitchens, and more.

Everything you need to create a space your friends will talk about and your neighbors will envy.

Shop Online
GagneAndSon.com



Auburn Belgrade Holden Kittery Saco Topsham Westbrook

Visit the Businesses on Marina Drive
Great Pond Marina, Inc.



Fuel Dock Open Daily 9-4
Non-Ethanol 89 Octane
Mooring Chain & Supplies



sadiesboathouse@hotmail.com
• 207-495-4045 •
Like us on Facebook!
Friday-Saturday 5-9 PM

G & L CONTRACTING

Camp Jacking

207-495-9009

www.gandlcontractingmaine.com

2026 CENTRAL MAINE

ATV GLOW RIDE

400 machines lighting up Waterville to Fairfield

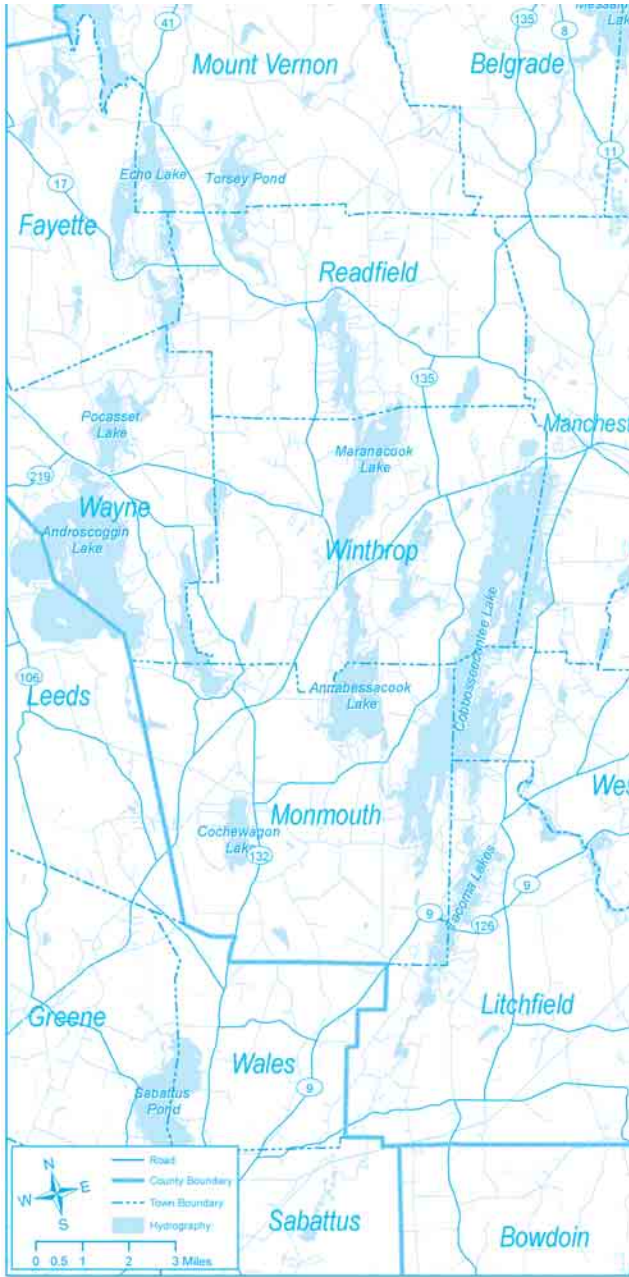
AUGUST 15
7:00 PM

CHECK IN
Walmart, 80 Waterville Commons Dr., Waterville
2:00 - 6:30 PM





Winthrop Area Watershed



Before the Next Spray Truck Arrives: An Important Conversation About Pesticide Applications

Imagine sitting on your dock with your family, looking out over Great Pond, when you see a man in full protective gear using what looks like a leaf blower spraying a mist all around the neighboring property.

This was our experience. Our first reaction was anger and concern for our children. We tasted the spray, prompting us to rush our baby, young children and dog inside. After closing all the windows, a call to the property owner, who was not currently at their summer residence, provided apologies for not letting us know. The stated rationale for spraying was to protect their pets from ticks in the yard.

The concern about ticks and Lyme disease is understandable. Families want to protect themselves and their children. This is not an argument that ticks should simply be ignored. Lyme disease is a serious concern, and reasonable precautions are important. However, tick management does not necessarily require spraying an entire residential property. The University of Maine Cooperative Extension recommends an integrated approach to tick management that can include personal protection, protection of pets, landscape management, reducing suitable tick habitat, and targeted approaches when more control measures are believed necessary. However, the company, Mosquito Squad, used in this case, applies a commercial pesticide, synthetic pyrethroid spray. The company's website recommends that prior to application all outdoor pet and children's toys should be brought in, and everyone stay inside until 30-60 minutes after product application. Without warning, we were not afforded the opportunity to protect our children and pets.

There are also broader questions about whether we should be using these products at all. Things that we once thought were benign we have come to learn have dire consequences for our environment. The commercial pesticide that is used, unlike the company's name suggests, "mosquito" squad, is broadly toxic. It kills not just mosquitos, but beneficial insects – honey bees, dragon flies, fireflies to name a few. Of significant importance to our lake community is the impact of these pesticides on aquatic life. It is widely known that even low concentrations of synthetic pyrethroids entering the water are highly toxic to aquatic insects, crustaceans, and fish.

Furthermore, what happens on the land does not necessarily stay on the land and is therefore an issue deserving of special attention. The Belgrade Lakes are among Maine's most treasured natural resources. The communities of Rome, Belgrade and Smithfield have worked for generations to protect these lakes and the surrounding watershed. Residents contribute time, effort, and financial resources to conservation programs because they understand the value of protecting the lakes.

Waterfront homeowners on the peninsula have a greater responsibility, as what we do on our property has the potential of affecting both Great Pond and Mill Stream. The uncertainty surrounding the impact of pesticides on the lake's ecosystem itself underscores the importance of understanding exactly where pesticide products are being applied, how they may drift in windy conditions, and what safeguards are in place to prevent potential runoff into nearby water. Any substance applied near either waterway deserves careful consideration.

Before hiring a commercial pesticide company, homeowners should ask:

- What exact product or products are being applied?
- What are the potential effects on beneficial insects and pollinators?
- How far can the product drift in windy conditions?
- What precautions are being taken to protect children, pets, gardens, and neighboring properties?
- Is the entire property being treated, or can treatment be limited to areas where ticks are most likely?
- What nonchemical or lower-impact alternatives are available?
- What measures are being taken to protect Great Pond and nearby streams from drift and runoff?

We all want our families to be safe. But safety should include more than protecting ourselves from ticks. It should also include being a considerate neighbor and protecting the environment that sustains us. Our community has invested heavily in protecting Belgrade Lakes. That commitment should influence the choices we make on our own property. The lakes are not simply scenery outside our windows seasonally. They are a shared resource and a shared responsibility. And it begins with asking some questions before the next spray truck arrives.

Note: A State Pesticide Inspector has taken samples from the spray area for analysis. Concerns may be addressed to: Alex Peacock, Director,

Pesticide@Maine.gov, www.thinkfirstspraylast.com

Quality Used Books

THE Peoples BOOK SHOP

USED BOOKS

8,000 Gently Used, Hand Picked, Eclectic and Popular Books

605 Wings Mill Road
Mount Vernon - 620-2392

hosehead51@roadrunner.com

Open by Appointment

John Blouin
207.446.7708
jblouin@laerrealty.com
JohnBlouinRealtor@gmail.com

Woodbury Pond \$429,000 MLS# 1654574
Custom Chalet in Woodbury Shores with shared waterfront access. 2BR, 2BA with cathedral ceilings, heat pumps, porch, loft space, and year-round or vacation living.

Albion, ME \$589,000 MLS# 1656111
Brand-new 3BR, 2BA home on 3.54 acres with radiant heat, cathedral ceilings, primary suite, bonus space and easy access to trails, lakes and outdoor recreation.

103 Water St., Ste. 202 | Hallowell, ME 04347 | 207.622.2220

Call Us For Boat Tops, Covers & Interiors

Keep You and Your Boat Clean & Dry

Protect the Interior

Repairs & Alterations Welcome!

Pontoon Boats Too!

COVERS IT ALL & UPHOLSTERY
Central Maine's Largest Upholstery Service

Tops, Covers & Interiors for Cars, Trucks & Boats

1 1/2 Miles West Exit 127, I-95, KMD, Oakland 465 - 7847

the Apple Farm

Fresh Apples, Vegetables and More
Come Celebrate Maine's Fall Harvest with Us!

9-5 Daily,
104 Back Rd, Fairfield, ME
mainecider@gmail.com
207-453-7656



Notebook

Mount Vernon: Family Fun Day

• On Saturday, August 29, the Mount Vernon Fire Company is holding a Family Fun Day from 9 am to 3 pm. Activities will include a dunk tank, bounce house, games, a 50/50 raffle, pony rides and more. For more information call 458-9140.

Waterville: 10-Minute Play Festival

• The Recycled Shakespeare Company in collaboration with Aqua City Actors Theatre is presenting their first ever 10-Minute Play Festival on Saturday and Sunday, August 22 and 23 at 2 pm at The Playhouse At Waterville Station. Doors open at 1:30 pm. The event is free and open to the public; donations are accepted and concessions will be available. Reservations are a \$10 donation at the RSC Facebook page. The program will

include original short plays or samples from a work in the public domain.

Readfield: Heritage Days

• August 7-9, Friday-Sunday, are the dates of Readfield Heritage Days 2026 with a schedule including a makers market, a kickball tournament, Masonic breakfast, book sale, firehouse BBQ, ice cream social, a movie night, entertainment and much more. This year there will be a cornhole tournament on Sunday at 1 pm at the Readfield Beach. For more information visit Readfield Heritage Days - Facebook.

Fairfield: Tuesday Tours at Victorian House

• The Fairfield Historical Society's Cotton-Smith Victorian House is open for free tours every Tuesday from 10 am-3 pm, or by appointment. The House is located at 42 High Street, Fairfield. 453-2998



Heather Jorge Serving Central Maine

RADIANT CLEANING SERVICES

207-480-0855 Heather.jorge89@gmail.com

ACME LAND SURVEYING, LLC

Professional Land Surveyors – Professional Foresters
Property Surveys, Subdivisions, Topographic Surveys, MLIs,
Elevation Certificates/LOMAS, ALTA/ACS Surveys,
Deed Research, Wetland Delineation, Forest Management

108 Fairbanks Rd., Suite 5 Farmington, ME 04938
Website: www.acmelandsurveying.com

Tel. (207) 778-4081
Toll Free (800) 778-4081
Email: info@acmelandsurveying.com

For your jacking and leveling needs, including sill repair, call Eric Lancaster

"Over 25 years experience."

207-634-2821

Insured

ALDEN CAMPS

• Lakeside Cottages • Boats & Motors
• Full American Plan
• Dining on the porch by reservation

3 Alden Camps Cove
Oakland, Me 04963
(207-465-7703)

E-mail: info@aldencamps.com • Website: www.aldencamps.com

NB EARTHWORK & FORESTRY

Camp Road Grading and Repair

-Camp Road Grading
-Gravel Driveway Repair
- Camp Road Maintenance Programs

(207)-458-3193
nbearthwork@gmail.com

Fully Insured & D.E.P Certified in shoreland zone work

"Come work with us"

A welcoming coworking space in downtown Winthrop.

Fast Wi-Fi. Conference room. Sit/Stand desks.

Day Pass, 5-Day, 10-Day & Unlimited Plans

Downtown Winthrop
117 Main St, Suite 1D

WINTHROP WORKSPACE

(207) 395-5019 www.winthropworkspace.com
linda@winthropworkspace.com

Advertise with

Summertime in the Belgrades!

207-495-3777;

sumbelnews@gmail.com

GALLERY RECEPTION www.rangeleyarts.org

Lakeside Contemporary ART GALLERY

"BEMIS TO BIGELOW"

Paintings by:
Nora West

August 7th 5:30-7:00 PM

Come on out to meet the artist, enjoy light refreshments & concessions w/ a beer/wine cash bar. The Exhibit continues through September 8th, 2026. Gallery hours are Tues-Saturday 10am to 2pm.

2493 Main Street
Rangeley, Maine

sponsored in part by:
SUNRISE VIEW FARM

The Rangeley Friends of the Arts will host an Artist Reception celebrating the works of award-winning painter, Nora West entitled, "Bemis to Bigelow" at the Lakeside Contemporary Art Gallery, located in the lobby of the RFA Lakeside Theater 2493 Main Street in Rangeley, on Friday August 7th, 2026 from 5:30 – 7 PM. Come on out to meet the artist, enjoy complimentary refreshments and a beer/wine cash bar. The Exhibit continues through September 8th. For the RFA's complete schedule of events and programs, visit rangeleyarts.org.

THIS BAKERY IS SO DIFFERENT

Main Street Bake Shop

HOMEMADE 3 GENERATION RECIPES • DYE FREE INGREDIENTS

ORDER ONLINE
www.balloonssweetsandmore.com
OR
Call (207) 495-3864

Ray Linck

TRIM SHOE

FARRIER SERVICE

FARMINGTON, MAINE
207-446-3758
WWW.FARRIERMAINE.COM

Oliver & Friends BOOKSHOP

Tuesday: 11 am - 4 pm
Wednesday - Friday: 10 am - 6 pm
Saturday: 10 am - 5 pm
Sunday: 12 pm - 5 pm

207-707-2123

www.oliverandfriendsbookshop.com
150 Main Street, Unit 101, Waterville



-Business Directory-

ANTIQUES

Hathaway Mill Antiques, Multi-Dealer Emporium, 10 Water Street, Waterville, 877-0250, www.hathawaymillantiques.com

APPLE ORCHARDS

The Apple Farm, 104 Back Road, Fairfield, 453-7656, www.applefarm.us

ARCHITECTS

Bench & Field Architecture, LLC, Andrew Hankermeyer, Maine Licensed Architect, residential homes, cottages and light commercial, 649-2561, ahankermeyer@gmail.com

ARTS

Designing Women, bridging art and community, www.designingwomen.org
High Peaks Artisan Guild, art gallery open Friday, Saturday, Sunday 11 am-5 pm, other times by chance or appointment, 245 Main Street, Kingfield, 340-1045, highpeaksartisanguild.homestead.com
Waterville Creates, 10 Water Street, Suite 106, Waterville, 616-0292, www.watervillecreates.org

AUTOMOBILE STORAGE

Belgrade Lakes Marine & Storage, Inc., 366 Augusta Road (Rte. 27), Belgrade, 495-2378, www.belgradelakesmarine.com

BAKERIES

Main Street Bake Shop, located at Balloons & Things, 174 Main Street, Belgrade Lakes, 495-3864
Sunrise Bagel, 50 Main Street, Oakland, 716-1014, sunrisebagelme.com

BANKING

Skowhegan Savings, Augusta, Waterville, Farmington, Skowhegan and 7 more central Maine Branches, 1-800-303-9511, www.skowhegan.com

BOAT COVERS

Covers It All Upholstery & Canvas, 1042 Kennedy Memorial Drive, Oakland, 465-7847, www.watervilleupholstery.com

BOAT LIFTS

Hammond Lumber Company, at 34 locations: Auburn, Bangor, Bar Harbor, Belfast, Belgrade, Blue Hill, Boothbay Harbor, Brunswick, Bucksport, Calais, Camden, Cherryfield, Corinth, Damariscotta, Dover-Foxcroft, Ellsworth, Fairfield, Farmington, Gorham, Greenville, Greenville-Lily Bay Road, Kingfield, Livermore Falls, Machias, Madison, Mexico, Old Town, Palmyra, Portland, Rochester, N.H., Rockland, Skowhegan, Waterville, West Enfield, 1-866-HAMMOND, www.hammondlumber.com

BOAT MOORINGS

Great Pond Marina, 25 Marina Drive (off Rte. 27), Belgrade Lakes, 495-2213, www.greatpondmarina.com

BOAT RENTALS

Great Pond Marina, 25 Marina Drive (off Rte. 27), Belgrade Lakes, 495-2213, www.greatpondmarina.com

BOAT SALES AND SERVICES

Mid-Maine Marine, Inc., 885 Kennedy Memorial Drive, Oakland, 465-2146 or 800 649-2628, www.midmainemarine.com

BOAT STORAGE

Belgrade Lakes Marine and Storage, Inc., 366 Augusta Road (Rte. 27), Belgrade, 495-2378, www.belgradelakesmarine.com
Great Pond Marina, 25 Marina Drive (off Rte. 27), Belgrade

Lakes, 495-2213, www.greatpondmarina.com
Mid-Maine Marine Inc., 885 Kennedy Memorial Drive, Oakland, 465-2146 or 800-649-2628, www.midmainemarine.com

BOOKS

Oliver and Friends Bookshop, 150 Main Street, Waterville, 707-2123, oliverandfriendsbookshop.com
Peoples Book Shop, used books, 605 Wings Mill Road, Mount Vernon, 620-2392, hosehead51@roadrunner.com

BUILDERS

G&L Contracting, 116 Lakeshore Drive, Belgrade Lakes, 215-7951, 495-2325, 233-7408, gandlcontractingmaine.com

BUILDING MATERIALS

Hammond Lumber Company, at 34 locations: Auburn, Bangor, Bar Harbor, Belfast, Belgrade, Blue Hill, Boothbay Harbor, Brunswick, Bucksport, Calais, Camden, Cherryfield, Corinth, Damariscotta, Dover-Foxcroft, Ellsworth, Fairfield, Farmington, Gorham, Greenville, Greenville-Lily Bay Road, Kingfield, Livermore Falls, Machias, Madison, Mexico, Old Town, Palmyra, Portland, Rochester, N.H., Rockland, Skowhegan, Waterville, West Enfield, 866-HAMMOND, www.hammondlumber.com

CAMP JACKING AND LEVELING

Eric Lancaster, Norridgewock, 634-2821, ejlancaster77@gmail.com

CAMP ROAD GRADING AND REPAIR

NB Earthwork & Forestry, D.E.P. certified in shoreland zone work, Sidney, 458-3193, nbeearthwork@gmail.com

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce, 50 Elm Street, Waterville, 873-3315, www.midmainechamber.com

COMPUTER CONSULTANTS

Macintosh Solutions Consultant Michael Breault, 24 Welch Road, Wilton, 578-0226, www.michaelbreault.net

CLEANING SERVICES

Radiant Cleaning Services, serving central Maine, 480-0855, Heatherjorge89@gmail.com

DINING

1958 Cafe @ Day's Store, dine-in lakeside breakfast, lunch, dinner, 182 Main Street. Belgrade Lakes, 495-2205, www.daysstore.com
Alden Camps, dinner by reservation 7 days a week, 5:30-7, Friday night lobster bake, 5:30-7, 3 Alden Camps Cove, Oakland, 465-7703, www.aldencamps.com
H.J. Blake's for Goodness Sake's, fresh, homemade, tasty take-out, signature lobster rolls, hot dogs, burgers, scenic outdoor seating, 945 West Road, Belgrade, 465-2280
Sadie's Boathouse Restaurant at Great Pond Marina, hearty contemporary American fare, 25 Marina Drive, Belgrade Lakes, 495-4045, 242-1273
Sunrise Bagel, 50 Main Street, Oakland, 716-1014, sunrisebagelme.com

DOCKS

G&L Contracting, installation only, 116 Lakeshore Drive, Belgrade Lakes, 495-9009, 215-7951, 233-7408, gandlcontractingmaine.com
Hammond Lumber Company, at 34 locations: Auburn, Bangor, Bar Harbor, Belfast, Belgrade, Blue Hill, Boothbay Harbor, Brunswick, Bucksport, Calais, Camden, Cherryfield, Corinth, Damariscotta, Dover-Foxcroft, Ellsworth, Fairfield, Farmington, Gorham, Greenville, Greenville-Lily Bay Road, Kingfield, Livermore Falls, Machias, Madison, Mexico, Old Town, Palmyra, Portland, Rochester, N.H., Rockland, Skowhegan, Waterville, West Enfield, 866-HAMMOND, www.hammondlumber.com

DOG CARE AND BOARDING

White Willow Retreat for Dogs, daycare and boarding, 24/7 services year round, 495-3596, www.whitewillowretreat.com

FARRIER SERVICE

Ray Linck Farrier Service, Farmington, 446-3758, www.farriermaine.com

FILMS

Maine Film Center, Maine International Film Festival, 861-8138, miff.org, miff@mainefilmcenter.org

FINANCIAL PLANNING

Golden Pond Wealth Management, 129 Silver Street, Waterville, 873-2200, www.goldenpondwealth.com

FLOORING

Hammond Lumber Company, at 34 locations: Auburn, Bangor, Bar Harbor, Belfast, Belgrade, Blue Hill, Boothbay Harbor, Brunswick, Bucksport, Calais, Camden, Cherryfield, Corinth, Damariscotta, Dover-Foxcroft, Ellsworth, Fairfield, Farmington, Greenville, Greenville-Lily Bay Road, Kingfield, Livermore Falls, Machias, Madison, Mexico, Old Town, Palmyra, Portland, Rochester, N.H., Rockland, Skowhegan, Waterville, West Enfield, 866-HAMMOND, www.hammondlumber.com

GENERATORS

Generators of Maine, 262 Augusta Road (Rte. 27), Belgrade, 495-2285, www.generatorsofmaine.com

GROCERIES & PROVISIONS

Day's Store, 8 am-8 pm, 182 Main Street, Belgrade Lakes Village, 495-2205, www.daysstore.com

INSURANCE

Allen Insurance and Financial, 51 Main Street, Waterville, 1-800-244-9046, AllenIF.com/Waterville

KITCHENS

Hammond Lumber Company, at 34 locations: Auburn, Bangor, Bar Harbor, Belfast Belgrade, Blue Hill, Boothbay Harbor, Brunswick, Bucksport, Calais, Camden, Cherryfield, Corinth, Damariscotta, Dover-Foxcroft, Ellsworth, Fairfield, Farmington, Kingfield, Livermore Falls, Greenville, Greenville-Lily Bay Road, Machias, Madison, Mexico, Old Town, Palmyra, Portland, Rochester, N.H., Rockland, Skowhegan, Waterville, West Enfield, 866-HAMMOND, www.hammondlumber.com

LAKE ASSOCIATIONS

Belgrade Lakes Association (BLA), Long Pond and Great Pond, PO Box 551, 137 Main Street, Belgrade Lakes, 512-5150, www.belgradelakesassociation.org
Friends of Messalonskee, Snow Pond/Messalonskee Lake, PO Box 532, Oakland, ME 04963, 618-8723, www.friendsofmessalonskee.com
McGrath Pond - Salmon Lake Association, Stewards of Our Belgrade Lakes, <https://www.mcgrathpond-salmonlake.org>

LAND AND LAKE CONSERVATION

7 Lakes Alliance, PO Box 250, 137 Main Street, Belgrade Lakes, (207) 495-6039, www.7lakesalliance.org

LANDSCAPING

Gagne & Son Concrete Products, patio setups, stone, masonry products, complimentary outdoor heating, lighting, furniture, 1583 Augusta Road, Belgrade, 495-3313, gagneandson.com
G&L Contracting, 116 Lakeshore Drive, Belgrade Lakes, 215-7951, 495-9009, 233-7408, gandlcontractingmaine.com
Lynch Landscaping, 78 Maple Street, Norridgewock, 474-2420, 405-0880, www.lynchlandscaping.com



LODGING

Alden Camps, American Plan cottages, boat rentals, 3 Alden Camps Cove, Oakland, 465-7703, www.aldencamps.com

MAILBOAT RIDES

Great Pond Mailboat Rides, calm days are the best, maximum number of riders is 4 small adults, \$20 each, 2-hour ride, leave 9:20-9:40 am Belgrade Lakes Post Office, Main Street, Belgrade Lakes, to reserve text 592-1537

PATIO SETUPS

Gagne & Son Concrete Products, stone, masonry, outdoor lighting, furniture, 1583 Augusta Road, Belgrade, 495-3313, gagneandson.com

PHOTOGRAPHY

Kevin Couture Photography, HS Seniors, Weddings, Families, Aerial drone images, 474-0754, 858-5382, www.kevincouturephotography.com

PHYSICAL THERAPY

Dockside Physical Therapy, 212 Depot Road, Belgrade, 660-2546,

PIANO LESSONS

Dianne Gorman, 191B Bartlett Road, Belgrade, 495-3222, Gorman3366@roadrunner.com

REALTORS

Coldwell Banker Plourde Real Estate, 143 Silver Street, Waterville, 660-4001, 872-7650, cbplourde.com

Ellen Wells, Coldwell Banker Plourde Real Estate, 649-147, cbplourde.com

John Blouin, Laer Realty Maine, 103 Water Street, Suite 202, Hallowell, 446-7708, <https://www.laerrealty.com/agents/118618-john-blouin>

Liz Fontaine, Lakehome Group Real Estate, 75 Main Street, Belgrade Lakes, 495-2500, lakehomegroup.com

Dan McCarron, Portside/Lakepoint Real Estate, 221 Main Street, Belgrade Lakes, 495-3700, 888-495-3711, www.belgradelakepoint.com

Trisha Cheney, Portside/Lakepoint Real Estate, 716-6494, trisha@belgradelakepoint.com

Stephanie Yeaton, Portside/Lakepoint Real Estate, 495-4046, 592-5577, stephanie@belgradelakepoint.com

RECREATIONAL VEHICLE AND TRAILER STORAGE

Belgrade Lakes Marine & Storage, 366 Augusta Road (Rte. 27), Belgrade, 495-2378, www.belgradelakesmarine.com

ROAD REPAIRS

NB Earthworks & Forestry, gravel roads and driveways, DEP certified, Sidney, 458-3193, nbeearthwork@gmail.com

SURVEYING

Acme Land Surveying, 108 Fairbanks Road, Suite 5, Farmington, 778-4081, 800-778-408, www.acmelandsurveying.com

WINDOWS

Hammond Lumber Company, at 34 locations: Auburn, Bangor, Bar Harbor, Belfast, Belgrade, Blue Hill, Boothbay Harbor, Brunswick, Bucksport, Calais, Camden, Cherryfield, Corinth, Damariscotta, Dover-Foxcroft, Ellsworth, Fairfield, Farmington, Gorham, Greenville, Greenville-Lily Bay Road, Kingfield, Livermore Falls, Machias, Madison, Mexico, Old Town, Palmyra, Portland, Rochester, N.H., Rockland, Skowhegan, Waterville, West Enfield, 1-800-HAMMOND, www.hammondlumber.com

WORKSPACE/TECH COACH

Winthrop Workspace, shared office space, classes, workshops, support, 117 Main Street, Suite 10, Winthrop, 395-5019, www.winthropworkspace.com



Call of the Loon

Against All Odds



Are you up for another Loon story with a happy ending? We are, and this one had us scratching our heads from the very beginning! On June 17th we received a call from a concerned Great Pond's North Cove resident of a distressed loon on a nest washing away on their small beach. Particularly concerning, is that renters were coming in the following day – with two dogs! The Missus and I went down that evening and sure enough, there was a nesting loon on a tiny residential



Great Pond's North Bay nesting Loon.

beach next to a few boat docks. What were these loons thinking???

The nesting loon obviously flushed with our appearance allowing us to observe one wave-washed egg in a basically totally dissolved nest. As any lake resident knows, it would only take just one big wave to send this egg into oblivion! To make matters, worse, the forecast was for 10-20 mph winds that evening from the SE which would certainly impact our nesting loon. Against all odds,

the 'nest' and our egg survived!

Then, if things couldn't get any more interesting, we received a call a few days later from the homeowner that we now had 2 eggs!!! Not only did we not lose the first egg, against all odds, this intrepid pair laid down a second egg!!! What were these loons thinking???

Now, approximately one month later, our homeowner's neighbor discovered a newborn chick under the wing of a parent while he/she continued incubating the second egg. THANK YOU LYLE for an incredible photograph and your dedi-



The flushed loon from her washed out nest and egg (circled).

cation! Unfortunately, as often happens, the second egg was unsuccessful.



Our nesting loon with their new chick protected under the right wing! Notice the absence of a typical nest bowl.

If you have a particular questions regarding our Belgrade loon population, please email your inquiry to: info@blamaine.org and we will try to answer your question either in this column or via email. Have a great Summer enjoying the "Call of the Loon"! We are so fortunate to summer here in the Belgrades!

Dick Greenan, Chairman, BLA Loon Preservation Project





Three Library Book Sale Finds

by Martha F. Barkley

What fun we book people have at public library book sales. I have heard from several Belgrade friends about the crowds at the library sale this summer and the bags of purchases made by eager readers. One reading friend selects lovely special books for Christmas gifts which I have gladly received.

Another book sale buyer in Belgrade saw a long line before it even opened.

Why not find great kids' books like I do. I share them with the neighbors' children and then they place them in our Little Library around the corner.

The Story of Selena Williams caught my eye with this summer's Wimbledon and the two sisters playing great tennis once again. Shader B. Mallory writes "An Inspiring Biography for Young Readers."

Bruce the Balding Moose by Corinne Mellor is eye-catching because illustrator Jonathan Allen draws a terrific pop-up book for little ones. There is even a pocket full of antler substitutes tucked away and easy to mount on the poor balding head shown on three different pages. Fun manipulation for little ones along with older supervision for careful preservation of creative cardboard pieces all intact. Careful readers!

... Continued from page 5

She had just received her Edition 3 of Summertime about the impact of the summer camps on our area's economy and wanted to thank me for all the fond memories triggered by the article and the welcome break it provided from all the day to day stress in the news these days.

Check the 7LA Website (<https://www.7lakesalliance.org/>) and FaceBook site



Twice Sold Tales, a used book store in Farmington, is one of the finest used book stores in Western Maine. They have happily displayed *Summertime in the Belgrades* since 2004. Visit them for a real treat!

We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury reminded me about the action game we played as kids. Close the book and go on a bear hunt with your children inside and outside around the lake. Yes, bears, I am told, are around the Belgrades. I have not seen one yet...

Have fun with low cost and well loved books from our public library book sales. Money well spent to buy new shiny ones you can check out free in the future.

Second hand bookstores are many around the Belgrades too: Merrill's in Hallowell on Main Street and Re-books in Waterville where parking is easy. I love Feldman's in Menlo Park, CA where I found the relatively new novel and still a bestseller now Theo of Golden: snatched it for a few dollars so now I can give my gifted Theo and this second copy of Theo to friends for our Sept. book discussion of this extremely popular novel.

Theo of Golden made me think of On Golden Pond in so many ways AND also Gentleman from Moscow. Memorable stories tie in with other good stories as we dream of favorite places like the Belgrade Lakes, here in magical summer Maine.

for upcoming events. Our Thursday afternoon (3 to 4 PM) Chewonki presentations are ongoing (Aug 6: Bats of the World). 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.

Annual Beanhole Bean Supper

at
Belgrade Community Center
The Center for All Seasons

Saturday, August 1

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Baked Beans, Rolls, Hotdogs,
Homemade pies, Cole slaw,
and Brown Bread.

\$12.00 Adults

\$8.00 Children - AGE 5 thru 12

UNDER AGE 5 - FREE

Music by the Gawlet family

Sponsored by Belgrade Firefighters Association



MLS# 1672672 14 Dry Point Road, Rome \$595K
Beautifully updated Gambrel Colonial within walking distance of Belgrade Lakes Village! Property features a new bright and sunny updated kitchen with an open concept flowing into the dining area and living room. Conveniently located near Long and Great Ponds, it is close to award-winning golf, fishing and swimming. Year round entertainment and fun!



MLS# 1672729 33 Rough Lane, Belgrade \$1.295M
Great Pond Classic - an extraordinary property just a few steps from the water's edge! This well-kept circa 1920 restored beauty blends historic charm with modern comfort. Enjoy stunning sunrise views, swimming, boating, fishing, lakeside dining and so much more. Just minutes from Belgrade Lakes Village, Belgrade Lakes Golf Club, eateries, shopping and summer outdoor concerts by car or by boat!



MLS# 1663916 0 Osprey Point, Belgrade \$975K
Stunning property with one of the most beautiful views on Great Pond. This magical 4-acre lot - with 200 feet of waterfront - is a very special piece of paradise. Privacy awaits as you drive down a lovely wooded road leading to your dream lakefront property. This is the perfect place for a year round home or an investment in land on this wonderful lake.



MLS# 1653110 151 Bickford Road, Smithfield \$1.3M
Discover your own slice of Maine paradise with this lakefront retreat. Set on 5.72 acres of private land with 200 feet of waterfront on East Pond, part of the Belgrade Lakes. This 4-bedroom, 3.5-bath home offers the perfect blend of rustic charm and modern comfort.



For more information call or visit
Lakehomegroup.com
info@lakehomegroup.com

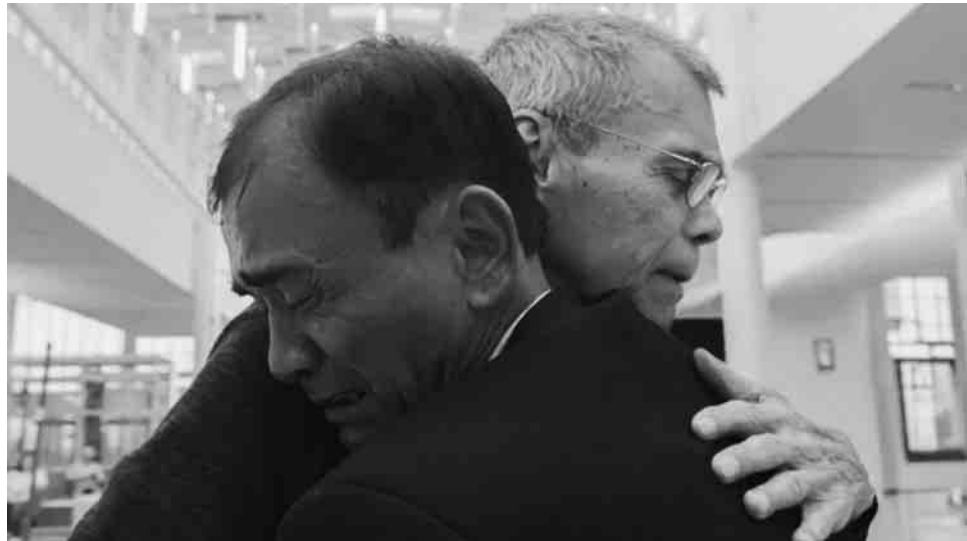
75 Main Street, Belgrade Lakes, ME 04918



...continued from page 7

The jury also gave “honorable mentions” to two other shorts: “Swine,” a 24-minute drama about a young woman passing through Maine after magical powers that she can’t control caused a tragedy in Arkansas, and “Tides,” a ruminative, wordless documentary shot on 16 mm, black and white film about the residents of a remote island, “where time is measured by tides.”

Since the festival’s early years, film goers have been invited to choose their favorite feature film. The manner in which the balloting for the Audience Favorite film is conducted has evolved over the years; currently



Child of Dust

audience members may rank each newly made feature film on a scale of 1 to 10. The film with the highest average ranking wins. This year’s winner

was Child of Dust, with The Swallows of Kabul and Still Ohio as first and second runners-up, respectively. The winner of the Audience Favorite Award receives neither a trophy nor a cash prize, just bragging rights.

Before announcing the winners of the Tourmaline and Audience Favorite Awards, festival director Mike Perreault said, “At a time when humanity is seemingly not always valued or even considered, the people who come together to support and experience this festival demonstrate the importance and the power of the arts. I hope your experience in some way has helped you gain an understanding of other lives and other stories, and that you’ve built connections that you’ll carry with you.”



Mike Perrault with Tourmaline.

Advertise with

Summertime in the Belgrades! 207-495-3777;

sumbelnews@gmail.com



The Dams Keeper Report

Your representatives on the Belgrade Lakes Dams Committee wish that we could magically add some water to our ponds but such lofty goals are still beyond our reach, albeit, just slightly! Our ponds and gardens are all in desperate need of rain, not these intermittent evening showers.

Well, all of our pond water levels are continuing to drop due to just not having enough real rain. As I pen this week’s column, precipitation for the past 10 days was a very meager .03” with 1.08” forecasted for the next 10 days if we, in fact, actually get it! The forecast has consisted of mostly typical summer afternoon thunderstorms which, depending on exactly where you live, could mean a deluge or zip! So, I guess we should be thankful for this incredible weather, but our farmers, gardeners and lake levels are unfortunately feeling the brunt.

As of this writing (approximately one week before this issue hits the newsstands), Great Pond is now exactly at full pond with upper and lower Long Pond currently at 4.32” below full. Salmon is finally starting to feel the effects of the drought at 1.8” below full. FYI, all gates are still very much closed! Our friends on Messalonskee are 5.28” below full which is still miraculous considering that we’re not sending any water down their way due to the drought and yet they’re still able to generate the electricity to keep those AC and heat pump systems cool! Congratulations to Essex Hydro that maintains the Oakland Dam and electricity generation.

Both Great and Long Ponds are losing about 1/2” per day at this rate in evaporation, which if you remember, are actually normal evaporation rates. An interesting article by C.E. Grunsky entitled “Evaporation from lakes and reservoirs” going back to September 1931 suggests that the evaporation rate with an ambient outside temperature of 85F° is approximately 3/10” per day. Add that to our camps still using lake water in addition to the slight seepage from our dams and you can see why there are rocks now that we haven’t seen since last fall’s drawdown!

As of this writing we have only received .57” of precipitation in the past 10 days and there is only 1.15” forecasted for the next 10 which, if you haven’t already done the math, doesn’t even come close to our evaporation rates! So, for those of you with boatlifts, you’ll want to keep an eye on things to make sure that you can still get your boat off. And don’t forget to remove the boat lift canopy while you can still access it from your boat.

You might want to also step up those rain dances – again! Thank you for the help! Enjoy the family, your vacation and this beautiful weather!

Dick Greenan Belgrade Lakes Watershed Dams Committee

What you build today deserves a strong tomorrow. Plan for it.



207-873-2200

goldenpondwealth.com

Securities and advisory services offered through LPL Financial, a registered investment advisor. Member FINRA/SIPC.





SHOREMASTER

Hammond Lumber Company

34 LOCATIONS ACROSS MAINE & NEW HAMPSHIRE

THE FOUNDATION OF YOUR WATERFRONT ACTIVITIES

Whether you fish, swim, or boat, your lake dock is the foundation of your waterfront activities. This year, take your waterfront experience to the next level—with a ShoreMaster dock system from Hammond Lumber Company. ShoreMaster's Infinity Dock System features superior modern craftsmanship and an exclusive assembly system to give you exceptional stability and a dock system that will grow and adjust with you, so you can start with one set-up and make changes and additions as needed.

Your Hammond sales representative will walk you through ShoreMaster's many options and accessories and match you with the right equipment for your waterfront. ShoreMaster aluminum dock systems are lightweight, durable, and easy to install yourself. But if you prefer, Hammond Lumber Company will set you up with an experienced local installer and deliver your new ShoreMaster dock system statewide.

Enjoy life on the water to the fullest, with a ShoreMaster dock system from Hammond Lumber Company.



WWW.HAMMONDLUMBER.COM





WELCOME TO PORTSIDE REAL ESTATE GROUP!



HEATHER SZELA

ASSOCIATE BROKER

207-485-4400
heatherszela@portsidereg.com
www.belgradelakepoint.com

Maine's Agricultural Fairs - August, September, October

July 30-August 8: Bangor
August 4-9: Union
August 6-9: Northern Maine (Presque Isle)
August 11-16: Topsham
August 13-22: Skowhegan
August 27-30: Acton
August 27-30: Piscataquis Valley (Dover-Foxcroft)
August 29-30: Washington (Pembroke)
August 29-September 7: Windsor
September 3-7: Blue Hill
September 4-7: Harmony
September 10-12: Litchfield
September 10-13: Clinton Lions
September 16-19: Oxford
September 18-20: New Portland Lions
September 20-26: Farmington
September 25-27: Common Ground (Unity)
September 27-October 3: Cumberland County
October 4-11: Fryeburg

Visit www.RealMaine.com for information about individual fairs.