

# Summertime in the Belgrades

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## Count Up To Social Distance

by Esther J. Perne

**A** lone with a book, a kayak, a dog. Family-only evenings - laughing, talking, enjoying a meal and learning more about each other..

Summer in the Belgrades region is the right place at the right time for individual passions and outlets, independent adventures and sports, creative spaces, quiet places, quarantines. Let that safer, saner, more socially-distanced - and rewarding - summer begin:

— Hiking, walking, strolling, trekking, backpacking, wandering, historic-downtown window shopping: keep the distance with foot power and discover some awesome surroundings. Remember water; keep hydrated.

— Boating, kayaking, canoeing, sailing, rowing, windsurfing: stay cool and apart in a water craft; PFD required.

— Swimming, sunning, sitting, relaxing, tanning, beaching, docking, decking, jumping, diving, hot tubbing, soaking: wetness near but not



necessary; company can be near but not necessary, too. Sunscreen is necessary.

— Biking, fishing, golfing, horseback riding: individual sports, individualized equipment, lifetime outlet.

— Camping, tenting wilderness, back yard, porch, living room: pitch tent, secure flap, enjoy private haven, add pillow, nap.

— Gardening, planting, landscaping, harvesting, berrying, gleanig, weeding, weeding, weeding: great times for contemplation; hopefully great harvest.

— Baking, cooking, canning, freezing, preserving, dining, dieting, grilling, picnicking: perfect first, share later.

— Reading, thinking, puzzling, note-taking, dreaming, scheming, planning: leave me ALONE, I'm trying to think!

— Painting, sculpting, drawing, filming, scrapbooking, photographing, writing: creativity aligns

well with quiet times, especially en plein air.

— Patting, petting, praising, grooming, training, walking, talking, feeding, lounging, napping: pet power means never say lonely again.

— Cleaning, de-cluttering, organizing: wonderful riddance to overwhelming "stuff"; best tackled alone.

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\_\_\_ Knitting, sewing, crocheting, quilting, embroidering, tatting, stamping: simple, silent, solo hobbies.

\_\_\_ Dancing, singing, instrument playing: go crazy, let down hair, ramp up volume, lock door first.

\_\_\_ Talking, conversing, chatting, phoning: just say no to screen time.

\_\_\_ Exercising, step-jumping, aerobic-ing, yoga-ing, stretching, bending, lifting: say yes to new self

\_\_\_ Conserving, recycling, sorting, dumping: thank you from the world.

\_\_\_ Driving: ah, the freedom and the illusion of the rear view mirror. Best technique for getting kids to fall asleep.

\_\_\_ Viewing, birding, cloud-watching, wildlife observing: they also distance who only stand and watch.

\_\_\_ Antiquing, yard sale-ing, geo-caching: stop and peruse; outdoors only.

\_\_\_ Lego-ing: Take a tip from kidville. Be an AFL (Adult Follower of Legos). Be careful where you step.

\_\_\_ Listing: not as in leaning, as in making a list - or many lists. Like, the list above: it's open to additions already. Maybe juggling or learning a foreign language or wood-carving or tombstone rubbing.

The count up to social distance never ends...not in this region anyway. The sky's the limit....oops, add stargazing...and flying.

Must be this is the right place at the right time.

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area offers. With COVID restrictions in place, some of your family's normal summer activities like organized team sports or going to indoor movie theaters may not be an option. Do like 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.



Lauren Pickford checking temperature in Bond Brook.



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MIFF Features World Premiere of American Thief



The 23rd edition of the Maine International Film Festival, taking place at the Skowhegan Drive-In July 7-16, will feature the world premiere showing of the American independent political thriller American Thief as its Centerpiece Film selection.

Four years in the making but fresher than today, this wildly original, truly thrilling film has the immediacy, daring and perspective of only the best cinematic triumphs of recent years—yet it’s a true American Indie, shot because it had to be, and introducing us to several great talents, including director and co-writer Miguel Silveira, producer and co-writer Michel Stolnicki, co-writer Missy Hernandez and leading actors Xisco Maximo Monroe, Khadim Diop, Ben Becher, and Josefina Scaro.

In American Thief, Toncruz and Diop are teenage hackers. Diop wants to awaken society to the reality of overreaching government surveillance programs, while Toncruz wants to use technology to avenge his father's murder. As Toncruz connects to internet criminals on the deep web, Paul Hunter, a disgruntled and possibly somewhat askew video blogger, rants about political conspiracy theories. Both Paul and Toncruz are contacted by a mysterious, nameless figure who claims to be able to provide what they all need to expose the truth. Meanwhile, an artificial intelligence programmer observes what unfolds as she attempts to contain the monster she’s created. American Thief leads up to an astonishing climax on Election evening 2016.

Festival Director of Programming Ken Eisen says, “American Thief was a thrilling discovery for us, and we are convinced that our audience will share our excitement when they become the first ones to see a public screening.” The film shows at 8:45 p.m. on Sat., July 11, and the filmmakers will be present at the event. Individual tickets and passes are now available to purchase online at MIFF.org.

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—The Luckiest Boy—

During my early years of growing up in the Lakes, a colloquial vocabulary was acquired, much of which could not be found in Merriam Webster’s biggest book. Many were bastardizations of proper words or phrases—lengthened, shortened or somehow twisted. The local old timers that had lived through WWI and or WWII would intermittently spout words that were slang at best and often just plain garble or swearing. Of course, we kids in the village heard much of this over time and carried some forward. For instance, a person sick with cold or flu was said to have “The Creepin’ Crud.” I heard myself using the phrase just a day ago when we received a call that a good friend had contacted the COVID-19 virus. Five minutes later I decided to reprimand myself for using such a slangy term for a deadly virus. It seems the old term has a slightly funny or certainly less serious inflection to it than is required to describe the killer virus. Let’s reserve Creepin’ Crud for colds, seasonal flu, or poison ivy for that matter. I would like to share a rough timeline of our ongoing health crisis that is affecting us all, really on a world wide basis.

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- Jan 15, 2020: We are watching the nightly news as usual. There are occasional blurbs about a virus in Wuhan, China that could spread.
- Jan 20: The WHO says cases are now in Japan, Thailand and South Korea
- Jan 25: Wuhan is put under strict quarantine
- Jan 30: WHO declares a global emergency as there are now 9,000 cases in 18 countries

The Creepin’ Crud

by Rod Johnson

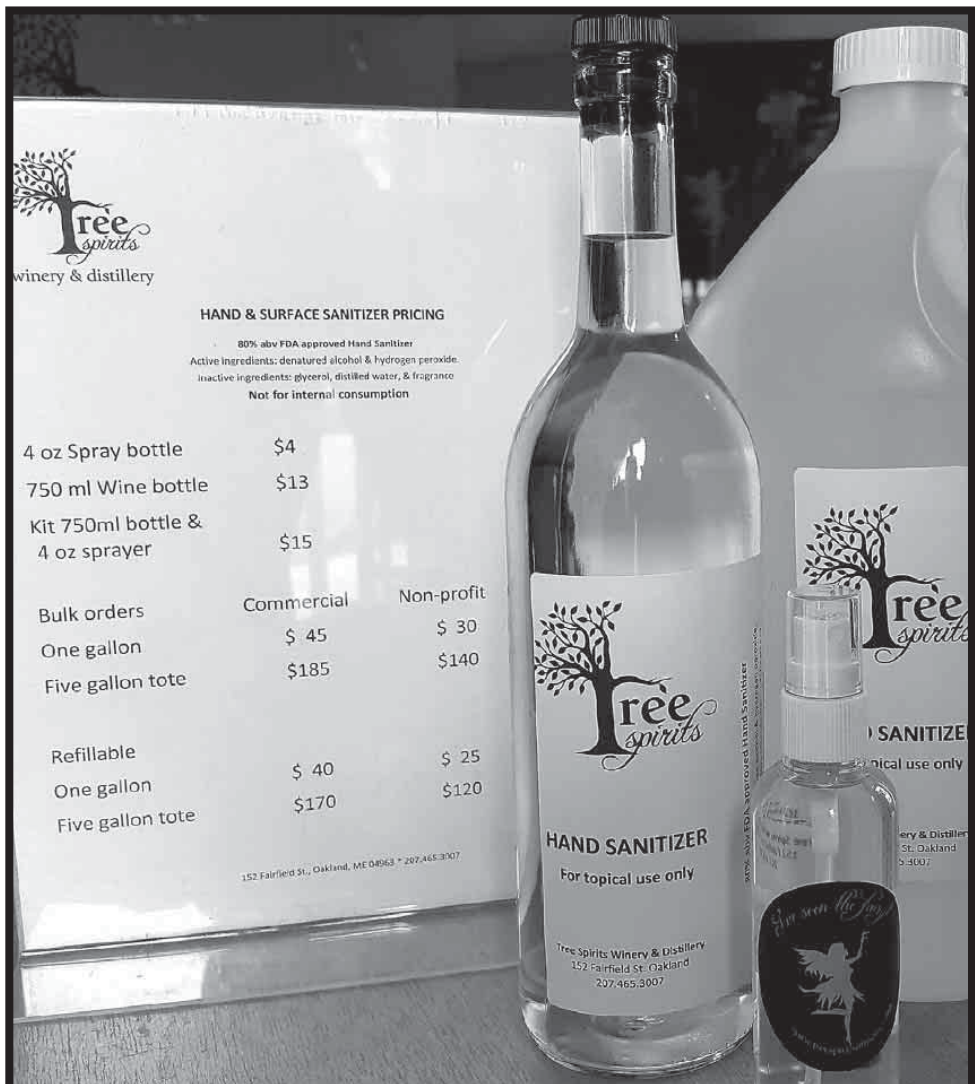
- Feb 4: The Diamond Princess cruise ship is quarantined in Yokohama, Japan with 3,700 on board
- Feb 11: The WHO announced that the official name of the virus is COVID-19
- Feb 14: The first death outside Asia occurs in France, a male Chinese tourist
- Feb 20: South Korea reports the virus has taken 104 lives
- Feb 24: The U.S. stock market plummeted after the Dow experienced it’s worst day in two years
- Feb 29: The first corona virus death, a man in his 50’s, died in Washington State
- March 6: An 8.3 billion dollar stimulus package was passed as the number of global cases of corona hit 100,000
- March 10: Italy announced a lockdown for the entire country, and Iran reported 900 new cases and 291 deaths
- March 13: States across the nation are closing schools, numbers of sick and dying are increasing daily in the U.S and overseas
- March 16: Canada closes it’s borders to noncitizens, MLB pushes opening by 8 weeks, NASCAR and the Kentucky Derby postponed
- March 20: The Olympic flame arrived in Japan, though the committee said a postponement or cancellation is possible
- March 23, 24, 25: Many governors are issuing stay at home advisories or executive orders
- March 30: Spain announced 85,195 cases, China 81,470. New York City announced the first death of a minor from the virus
- April 2: The U.S. Department of Labor released figures that showed 6.6 million Americans filed for unemployment benefits last week
- April 5: The number of deaths in New York topped 4,000, U.K. Prime Minister Johnson enters the hospital due to the virus
- April 8: New York suffers it’s worst day with 779 new deaths, and France reported their death toll today was 1,417.

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Much has happened since this was written on April 15, 2020. It’s hard to fathom that we heard about a virus in China, no matter it’s proper name, on January 15. In a bit less than three months we are quarantined with stay at home directives, wearing face masks and keeping at least six feet apart. Sadly, tens of thousands of people have died world wide in those three months, and in our own country we have surpassed 22,000 with more coming. Perhaps this reminder of the early stages might be helpful in getting it all in some sort of perspective. Also, it is very likely that we all know people who had the awful virus and many of us knew people who perished. May we all not forget those lost and keep in mind how fragile life really is.

It’s difficult to find positive developments in a pandemic, though some by-products if you will, have come forth. Who would have thought our world wide air pollution has decreased by a large degree. Telemedicine seems to be filling a large gap in personal medical appointments. There is a resurgence in human kindness and tolerance that we see on a daily basis in grocery lines, walking outside, helping others who need it and so on. The cheering from balconies for people who serve, care for and supply us. Violent crimes are down. During this time of despair, we all look for rays of light to give us hope. It seems to me that the ones just mentioned are helpful and I’m sure there are others that you can find and put on the list. Don’t let this silent monster take you out either physically or mentally. Be Strong, be smart and be careful.

Keep in mind that this story was written in early April. Here we sit now in early June and the death toll is 112,00 in the United States and has topped 400,000 world wide.





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## — Take It Outside —

So far this has been a cool and windy transition to summer. 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. Recently, I was heading down the lake shortly after sunrise in about 45 feet of water when I spotted some ripples on the surface and slowed down. There was an insect hatch taking place and some fish were grabbing breakfast. I grabbed my 6-wt flyrod and cast a big brown, bead-headed, woolly bugger into the middle of the action (for my non fly fishing readers, the woolly bugger is a big ugly fly that doesn't really look like anything in particular but looks enough like almost everything fish eat that they can't resist it). I immediately had a hard strike and suddenly a huge rainbow trout that thought it was a salmon jumped three feet in the air trying spit out my fly. And then it did it again and again making seven water clearing jumps, two of which were at least three feet high before I finally got it in the net. After a battle like that, I decided it had earned its freedom and I gently unhooked the 20"+ fish while keeping the net in the water and reached into my pocket to take a picture before releasing the fish. Just as I got my camera in my hand, the fish made jump #8 up and out of the net, totally drenching me in the process before I got a picture. I laughed out loud and realized why I love fishing so much. Even without the picture, I now have an indelible memory etched in my brain that will last as long as I have a brain. I headed down to the dam in the Village and took a few more casts with the woolly bugger, catching two nice bass before losing my woolly bugger to a snag on the bottom. Yesterday, I was again out early and spotted a school of alewives at the surface being chased by larger fish. This time I had one of my flyrods rigged with a White Zonker, a streamer that nicely mimics the landlocked alewives in the lake. I quickly caught several nice smallmouth bass and then tied into another nice fat 20" rainbow.

Soon the wind picked up and the baitfish went deep as the sun rose higher. I headed for some weedbeds near the lee shore and switched to my 9-wt flyrod with a wire leader and a Todd's wiggle minnow fly that has been productive for both northern pike and crappie this summer. I soon landed a nice 30" pike that provided a real battle on the flyrod. By the time this article is published, the water temperatures will be around 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.

Every spring I act as a "Fish Friends" mentor for the Atlantic Salmon Federation (ASF). I work with several schools (and the MLRC) to help students raise Atlantic Salmon fry in refrigerated tanks in the classroom from eggs we receive from the National Hatchery at Green Lake in Ellsworth. The students study salmon life cycles and migrations and the fish are eventually stocked into the Bond Brook in Augusta to help restore this Federally-listed endangered species. This year with the schools teaching virtually, the kids missed out on stocking the fry, but they got to watch videos of their teachers doing it while properly socially distancing and masked. Lauren Pickford (7-Lakes Staff) and I stocked the MLRC and Winthrop HS fry after carefully equilibrating the temperatures and pH between the cooler and the brook. This is a great program and gets young people (and their parents) excited about these critically important fish. Maine is the only U.S. State with reproducing native Atlantic salmon and is trying to restore these once thriving fisheries.

During the sunny windy days, I have been doing a lot of hiking on 7-Lakes Alliance properties and conservation easements where we will be constructing new trails. The wind helps keep the bugs away. I also recently hiked our Mount Phillip trail and just as I was starting out, I met a young woman named, Bronwyn, and her roughly year-old daughter who were just finishing up their hike. They currently live in Bingham but Bronwyn grew up in Mount Vernon and "loves to hike in this area." She and her daughter had hiked French Mountain earlier that morning.

The 7 Lakes Alliance (former BRCA) is holding several virtual events this month that may be of interest. There are upcoming webinars on turtles (6/17), composting (6/18) and frogs (6/24). Check the 7LA FaceBook site

## Crepuscular Fishing

by Pete Kallin



20" Rainbow Trout and 30" Pike caught on flies.



Brown Woolly Bugger




White Zonker with recently regurgitated alewife



Salmon fry seeking shelter in cooler.

for details: (<https://www.facebook.com/7lakesalliance/>). I encourage everyone to take advantage of the wealth of recreational opportunities this


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## — Upcoming —

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### Belgrade Lakes

#### Farmers' Market Opens 6/21

• Belgrade Lakes Farmers' Market will be opening for its 17th season on Sunday, June 21, 8 am-1 pm until mid-September. Located at the 7 Lakes Alliance property on Main Street in Belgrade Lakes, the market layout will be designed for customers and vendors to be safe during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The market will be following guidelines established by the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry, including:

- All vendors are required to wear face coverings - customers are asked to do likewise.
- Booths will be spaced to allow plenty of space for social distancing.
- Extra measures will be taken to keep booths, hands and products clean.
- Appropriate social distancing of other customers and vendors is requested.

The Belgrade Lakes Farmers' Market asks for your patience. If you have any questions you can visit the website - [www.belgradelakesmarket.com](http://www.belgradelakesmarket.com) or call the market manager at 397-4214.

### Maine-Japan Printmaking Exchange Exhibition Through July 18

• Common Street Arts in Waterville is hosting a collection of prints by artists from Maine and Aomori, Japan through July 18 at the Hathaway Creative Center in downtown Waterville. The traveling exhibition is part of MAPS (Maine-Aomori Printmaking Society), a cultural exchange program sharing art and artists. This year's exhibit is a celebration of 5 years of the exchange; the total collection now totals over 100 prints. The official relationship between Maine and Aomori has been in place for over 20 years, but the fascinating connection between the two

states goes back to the wreck of a ship from Bath off the Japanese coast in 1889, resulting in a daring rescue of American sailors by Japanese villagers. MAPS will be on view virtually through Common Street Arts' social media channels. [www.commonstreetarts.org](http://www.commonstreetarts.org)

### Maine International Film Festival Offers Outstanding Choices

• Drive-in to great entertainment, great films, great fun. The Maine International Film Festival, July 7 through 16, at the Skowhegan Drive-in Theatre will provide 10 evenings of 10 acclaimed film presentations.

Tickets are available online until four hours prior to showtime. Passes may be picked up at the Festival Box Office at the Skowhegan Drive-In Theatre beginning two hours prior to each showtime.

See one, see several, see them all. Full details are available at [miff.org](http://miff.org); here's a brief rundown:

...Tuesday, July 7 - "Heroic Losers": Hilarious comedy/clever heist about a motley crew living in Argentina who scheme to pool, and almost lose, all their money.

...Wednesday, July 8 - Maine Shorts: Recognize settings, situations, Maine slices of life in these unique 10-minute films. Following are some examples:

- "The Bold Coast": Penny and Laurel are best friends. Penny's about to become a mermaid.
- "The Caller": A man is night-visited by an unwelcome presence.
- "Felix the Robot": A man-robot hybrid in decline dreams of becoming a karaoke singer.
- "Meridian": David Gulak's vision for food and

community nourishes and sustains us.

- "Oh For a Muse of Fire": A struggling actress goes to her aunt's lake house to recuperate from the big city.

- "Say Cheese": Filmed in stop-motion animation, a girl rescues a mouse at an art auction.

- "Shoulder Season": A recreational dodgeball league pulls through the worst of Maine's winters.

- "The Space Between Words": This stop-motion animation depicts a couple's life in rural Maine.

...Thursday, July 9 - "A Bright Light: Karen and the Process" and "Primary Needs" - Worshipped by her peers but virtually unknown to the general public, Karen Dalton blazed a trail from Colorado to the Greenwich Village folk scene of the 60s.

...Friday, July 10 - "Instinct" - Dutch thriller/drama involves an inmate and an experienced psychologist starting a new job at a penal institution.

...Saturday, July 11 - "American Thief" (see page 3 write-up)

...Sunday, July 12 - "Queen Lear" - Funny, sweet, modest - a handful of peasant women in Turkey who 16 years before formed a theater group and acted out their own lives, take an adaptation of Shakespeare's King Lear to remote, forgotten villages.

...Monday, July 13 - "White Riot" - The U.K. in 1976 when Rock Against Racism was founded in collaboration with legendary punk bands - a cause that brought black and white, music and politics, energy and intelligence together.

...Tuesday, July 14 - "The 11th Green" - When his 85-year-old estranged father dies from a heart attack, Jeremy Rudd is summoned to the exclu-

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## — Conservation Too —

## Your Part in Protecting Water Quality

By Dale Finseth

While I hope last week's article on invasive plants was timely, I'd like to return to some of the more general discussions of water quality protection this week.

We seem to have finally launched into summer as I sit here at my computer. It's unclear how the "summer season" will be further altered by the Covid-19 virus and how our behaviors will change as we each decide how to prepare for and carry out our summer activities in our watershed. I do want to make sure to recommend becoming active in the upcoming Long Pond watershed survey scheduled for September 22nd and 23rd. It is an excellent way to learn more about your watershed and how to help protect the water quality. For more information check the BLA website or directly contact the BLA at 512-5150 or [info@BLAmaine.org](mailto:info@BLAmaine.org). Take the opportunity to help protect the future of one of your lakes i.e. Long Pond.

I'll start with the basics such as a brief definition of "non-point source pollution" or NPS. The term means just what it implies. The pollution comes from many sources instead of a single "point". It's the rain runoff from roofs, parking areas and roadways. It includes the unimpeded runoff from your yard/lawn or a farmer's field. It may include the runoff from a local commercial/retail activity. Some of it may come from an area of the watershed where septic systems are not working effectively. NPS at all those sites adds up and has a cumulative effect on our lakes. The spring runoff from heavy rainfall and such can heighten the impact of NPS. That's why it's called "stormwater runoff".

How do we address these NPS sites? We use another "three letter abbreviation", a BMP or "Best Management Practice". [I prefer to use the term "Better Management Practice". It's presumptuous to think we know what is best.] A BMP is a practice done to address the problem caused by the Non-Point Source. It doesn't need to be complicated. It can be as simple as modifying where the water runoff goes as it heads downhill towards the lake or stream. Perhaps it is adding some trees or shrubs or a berm to slow the impact of rain and slow the runoff as it flows across your yard. Staff here at the Kennebec District or your local watershed group are able to identify different types of BMPs designed to intercept water runoff. The practice either removes or decreases that runoff's impact on a stream or pond.

What you want to know is "what can I do to help protect and even improve the water quality of our marvelous watersheds?" This summer's issues of "Summertime In the Belgrades", will help readers identify different



conservation issues and how to address them. Some of those will be suggestions for how to mediate an NPS site on your own property. While we often focus on people who own camps on the water's edge our suggestions are for everybody who uses the resources in that area whether you simply walk on the beach, live year-round on the shoreline, or occasionally drop a boat into the water. In fact, it is not essential that you live 'on the water'. Even if you are spending your time or living quite a distance from the shoreline you are still in a watershed. Everyone lives in a watershed. The water that leaves your property ends up in one of our streams or ponds. Even if it seems to disappear down a storm drain, that water runoff ends up somewhere. Think about your impact on that water and what it carries to the larger water body.

Some people like to focus on how they manage their yard. Minimize your lawn and only fertilize if you absolutely need to and then only in the fall. Keep the lawn well back from the water's edge. A good buffer planting of shrubs with erosion control mulch [ECM] does a good job of intercepting water runoff, slowing its speed and filtering it before it gets to the lake. Control the water runoff from your buildings or driveway and parking areas. These impervious surfaces concentrate rainwater runoff and funnel it into the lake or stream. Clean and manage drainage ditches. Divert that water into the woods or otherwise filter it so it doesn't transport soil, chemicals, or other toxics into the water. If you have a driveway or share a camp road, make sure it is designed and maintained to collect the rainwater and divert it into either filter ponds or a vegetative area where the water has time to settle before it gets to the lake. Check the road surface, the ditches and the culverts to see that they are NOT simply channeling soil particles and other pollutants into the lake. If you use a boat, keep it maintained. Don't spill or drain engine fluids into the water. Make sure you check your boat and trailer for any petroleum residue and/or other pollutants. ...AND MAINTAIN YOUR SEPTIC SYSTEM!!! Have it checked regularly and pumped as needed.

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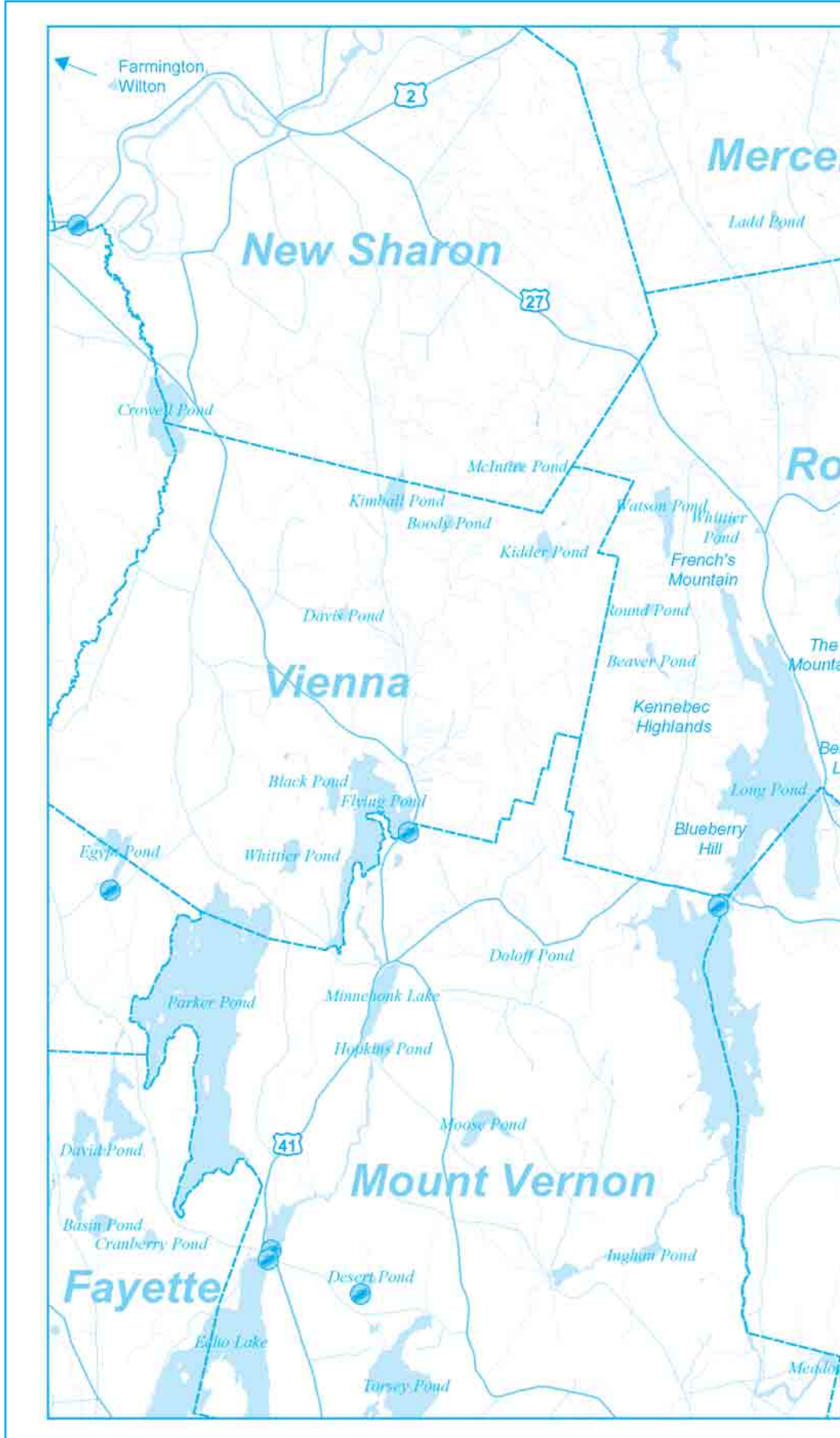
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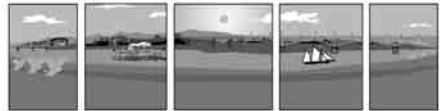
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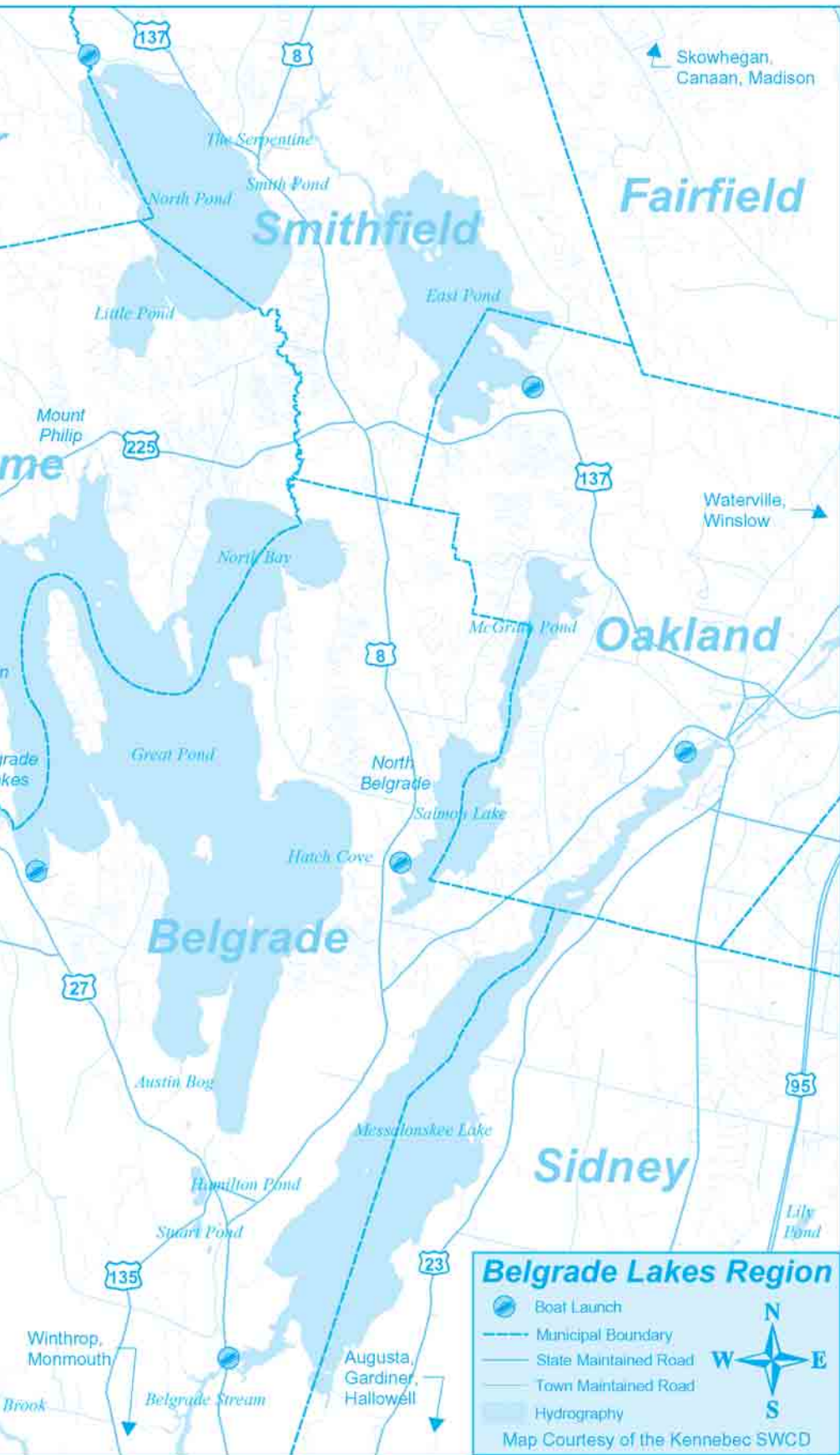
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## Notebook

### Celebrate Father's Day June 21

• Father's Day is Sunday, June 21 and a good way to do something special with a Dad, a Granddad or a Dad figure is to take a tip from the beautiful surroundings and match one of the many outings nearby with the Dad in your life. Top of the list might be fishing, ice cream, a scenic hike, a drive to a breathtaking view or a cook-out with Maine red hot dogs. Happy Father's Day..

### Oakland Public Library Is Open

• The Oakland Public Library is open for check out of books, magazines and movies, and computers are available. Hand sanitizers must be used upon entering and also at the service desks and masks that cover the nose and mouth must be worn. There is a 30-minute limit on visits and a 5-item limit on loans. Patrons must observe 6-foot physical distancing. Hours are Tuesday 10 am-7 pm, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 10 am-6 pm. Contact [staff@oaklandpubliclibrary-maine.org](mailto:staff@oaklandpubliclibrary-maine.org) or [oaklandpubliclibrary@gmail.com](mailto:oaklandpubliclibrary@gmail.com) or 465-7533.

### CLYNK Program To Feed Children

• One bag of bottles equals one meal. Camp Mechuwana in Winthrop has been preparing hundreds of meals daily for school-aged children in the local communities. Their latest appeal for support is a CLYNK program. Participants will receive CLYNK bags, labeled and ready to be dropped off at local Hannaford stores. Contact [mechuwana@fairpoint.net](mailto:mechuwana@fairpoint.net) or 377-2924

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### Mid-Maine Chamber Schedules Golf Classic

• The Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce has scheduled its Chamber Golf Classic for Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at the Waterville Country Club with an 11 am shotgun start. The entrance fee is \$125 for Chamber members or \$150 for non members. Please remit payment no later than June 30, 2020 to: MMCC, 50 Elm St., Waterville 04901 or call 873-3315.

## The Summer That Wouldn't Be

1816: "The people of Belgrade suffered great hardships... Not even in the days of the first settlers, 25 years before, when hunting and fishing as well as tilling the soil, were depended upon to furnish food, and when what few store supplies the settlers had were brought upon their backs many miles through the woods from Hallowell and Gardiner, was there more suffering or privation among the inhabitants.

"In May, buds and fruit were frozen; ice formed half an inch thick and corn was killed. Corn fields were again and again replanted until deemed too late. In June, almost every green thing was killed and fruit was nearly all destroyed. Snow fell to the depth of 10 inches in Vermont, seven in Maine, three in the interior of New York, and also in Massachusetts. There were but a few warm days, and very little rain fell. The wind blew steadily from the north, cold and fierce.

"On July 5 ice was formed as thick as common window glass in New England, New York, and some parts of Pennsylvania. August, too was a cheerless month. Ice was formed half an inch in thickness. Corn was so frozen that a large part of it was cut down and dried for fodder."

Only in one section of Vienna, afterwards known as Egypt, some crops were saved and were a source of seed corn and wheat for the region the next year.

"When the spring of 1817 finally rolled around, prices were exceedingly high. The price of hay was \$20 a ton and higher; wheat 15 shillings (\$1.80) a bushel; potatoes 4 shillings (.50), and corn \$2. Hundreds of residents migrated to Ohio and Pennsylvania, and others went to Illinois, Iowa, and Wisconsin. It is believed that about 15,000 of Maine's scanty population went West that spring and it was said that some settlers sold their farms for as little as \$10, and some places were abandoned

outright.

In the vicinity of Belgrade Lakes in May of 1817, there was two-day vendue, as auctions were then called. About 19 or 20 families had decided to migrate to Ohio, so they agreed to hold a union auction at a meeting house which they had been in the process of building, and although not completed the frame was up and boarded. Two men were sent out on horseback to ride far and wide, announcing it as the 'great vendue.'

"A big crowd came. Some were accommodated at the settlement, and as many as 50 camped about the meeting house, the interior of which was filled with various kinds of household goods, of the different families, in separate lots. Early the following morning, cattle, colts, sheep, and geese were driven there and confined in hastily built yards where people could look them over. Dogs, cats, and other pets were offered as gifts to anyone who would take them.

"Several old people who either did not want to leave Maine, or were believed too infirm to bear the journey were 'bid off' to resident pioneers who would engage for a payment (one family received \$100) to take good care of them and see them through life."

They're staying put proved wise since warmer summers returned. There has never been another such season as 1816, although in 1907, 1945, and 1967 there were heavy snowstorms in May.

The most likely cause of the 1816 year-round freeze was the volcanic eruption of 13,000-foot Mt. Tamboro, on the Island of Sumbawa near Bali, East Indies. One of the greatest eruptions in history, it took 56,000 lives and blew dust into the stratosphere in quantities that dimmed the sun's effectiveness the whole cold year.

From "Turning Back," stories of the Mt. Vernon-Vienna Area by Beverly Wight Smith.

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*From Winterberry Farm June Newsletter.*

Hello friends!! Apprentice EK (or Emma Kate) here! As the flowers begin to grow and the greenery fills the beautiful Maine landscape, I get to say that I am lucky enough to experience spring twice this year. Once from Georgia, where I am from, and now here in Maine. I'm the new(-ish) gal here, wrapping up my first month on the farm. Winterberry Farm has been a blessing that I stumbled upon in the wake of canceled summer plans due to the Covid-19 that has run rampant through all of our "normal" daily lives. Just as I was about to give into the beast and stay put at home for the summer, Maine called, and I answered. Thankfully, it has not been a call that I have regretted picking up. Through the lovely MOFGA, I found this little slice of paradise to learn all things bees and flowers. And who could say no to that?!

### A day in the life of a apprentice:

It is amazing how quickly I have become enamored with the beauty of this wonderful place called Maine. And the houses! Oh my! They are all so idyllic; I simply cannot get over it!! If it weren't for the cold winters that would make this Southerner cry frozen tears, I'd be packing my bags and moving right on in. But who knows, maybe one day I'll buck up and stick around for a while. The only complaint I have of Maine is of the vicious mosquitos that are trying to lift me up and carry me away every day. While I am not appreciative of their feasting upon me, I tried to stay strong and hold off on the use of bug spray, unfortunately to no avail. Due to my sheer lack of willpower, I am now bathing in the strongest bug spray you can buy each morning because, as the saying goes, you can't keep dancing with the devil and wonder why you're still in hell.

Besides those irritating little buggers, I am thoroughly enjoying my time here.

I have finally, finally finished planting all flowers known to man. and now I spend most of my days diligently watering those babies, solely because I refuse to be the apprentice that kills them all. If you're wondering just how long it takes me to water everything, take your best



EK (Emma Kate)

guess and then add 10 years. It's absolutely maddening. So, if you haven't been hoping for rain already, please start to, not even because we need it, but just because you feel sorry for me.

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## The Dams Keeper Report

As of this writing Great Pond, Long Pond and Salmon/McGrath, as well as most of our ponds, are full or starting to feel the effects of the lack of precipitation. We are getting some showers as I pen this week's column, but we need rain (preferably at night!) to bring our water levels back up and to keep them up. Sporadic light showers are a welcomed relief for our gardens and farmers but of little consequence for our water levels.

Both Great Pond's Belgrade Village dam and Long Pond's Wings Mill dam have been completely shut down for a few weeks now. Salmon/McGrath continues to have it's one gate cracked just 3 turns to allow for the required 1cfs flow. Great Pond is now exactly at full pond meaning that the water level at the dam in the village isn't quite going over the stone spillway. Long Pond is now 1.44" below

full pond and our neighbors on Salmon/McGrath and Snow Pond are at 3/10" and 1.5" below full pond, respectfully. So, you can see that the lack of precipitation is beginning to have an effect already on our water levels.

With the Covid-19 delayed Town Meetings, the Dams Committee has come up short of the necessary funding for our 2020 scheduled projects, foremost being the long awaited repairs of Long Pond's Wings Mill Dam. Your Dams Committee could use all of the support you, as citizens, can muster at your respective Town Meeting to approve all Dams related warrant articles. The Wings Mill Dam project starts this coming July 15th so we need help – and now! Thank you one and all.

Enjoy this beautiful summer, weather and your vacation – and stay safe!

*Dick Greenan*

*Secretary, Belgrade Lakes Watershed Dams Committee*



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## Ken Roberts: Historic Novels

by Martha F. Barkley

"The orange sky softened to a rosy yellow: dimmed slowly to a pallid green. The mountains bulked black against the fading light, and as the stars began to appear above them the lake darkened until there was no telling where water ended and shore began". I thought I would simply skim through Northwest Passage, but the 734 page turner kept history and local Maine color too close to my heart to not read and find out what would happen next?

When we end up in London, after crossing the Atlantic several times, the homesick artist and his wife long for "the glitter and gleam of fields, trees, rocks and sea beneath our burnished Maine sky". The grime of London and the Old World makes the coming Revolutionary War inevitable.

No wonder Charles Dickens visited here twice: I highly recommend his two adventures in the New World, too, one before the Civil War and one after. Different time in history but a similar contrast between the two Atlantic worlds. Parts of Dickens travels in Pennsylvania were so good, I xeroxed copies and drawings for my sister who lives near the Susquehanna.

Ken Roberts collaborated with NCWyeth in \* Trending into Maine: I anxiously await this inter-library loan, because EBWhite stated that it "...takes you into the kitchen, sits you down by the stove, hands you a doughnut, and stuffs you full of Arundel, Maine traditions, Maine smells, Maine people, the hardships of soldiering, the pleasures of ducks' breasts, the bravery of sea captains' daughters". Arundel was a favorite

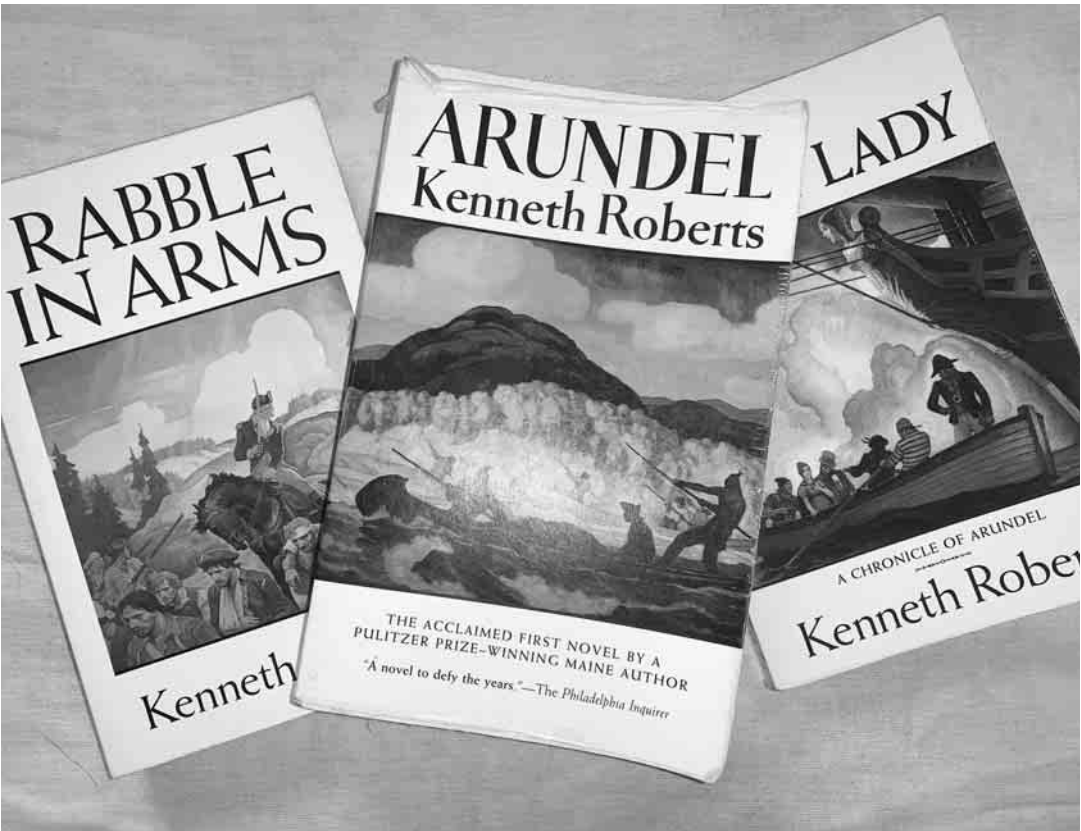


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of mine years ago and it had a dark, yet bright, oil painting by NCWyeth on its cover. Both March to Quebec (eighth grade required reading back in the day) and Boon Island were unforgettable in land and water descriptions and historic happenings.

I guess I have never seen such multiple publishing dates before for one author of so many titles, many in Braille as well as languages around the globe. His tales take the reader everywhere, kind of like James Michener and his many books (fiction and non-fiction), so in Northwest Passage you soak up the many gory battles with the French and the Indians. Starving as they trek on and on, Rogers makes the Rangers stop while he bravely goes on looking for food, rafting along the river. "We were pretty far gone. If you're ever starving...don't waste time on fish. Try to get hold of marrow bone. There's more nourishment in a good marrow bone than in a fifty-pound trout."

The several run-ins with Copley the artist brought a personal connection: our Charleston home is located on The Elms Plantation owned by Ralph Izard. He and his wife had their portrait painted in Tuscany by Copley. Since the Izards gave away their wealth for the Revolutionary Cause, they could not pay Copley. In Ken Roberts novel, he fully expresses Copley's frustration with the wealthy being stripped in the New World by the rabble rousers who were fighting King George III.

Another personal connection was a friend recently asked me about the Isles of Shoals. Much of Northwest Passage is anchored around life in Portsmouth and Kittery, so I discovered on page 493 a sentence about this island, which is now a tourist cruise destination, just twelve miles off the coast. "...[T]hose islands aren't unlike the famous Isles of Greece you hear about so much of. Greatly overrated, those Grecian islands. Sailed among 'em as a midshipman on the old Bacchus a few years ago..."

Makes me want to check out Boon Island again, which was riveting reading, recommended to me by a Charleston neighbor. Both Lynn and her husband Tom would summer in Maine like we do. I could tell by our friendship and book exchanges that we both loved good literature and Maine stories always ring true.

Why not try a Ken Roberts "oldie but goody" read? I still can not believe how I read the entire Northwest Passage this week between jumping in the lake. \* Trending into Maine contained so many NCWyeth oils, so I read and read Ken Roberts' tales. You will too!



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--- Search like a visionary: think renovation, addition, winterization, rental potential, community structure, nearby parks and trails, safe house/retreat, retirement to the good life.

--- Be lured: listen to the call of the loon, seek out the glow of a lingering sunset, show up with the children in bathing suits and see how they react, imagine the warmth of a cozy cottage fireplace or stove on a weather-obtuse day.

--- End up a captive: You will live for summer, your family will, your pets will and..the invite-themselves guests will. Lake country memories will walk into your mind in far places at unbidden times: sunsets, childish laughter, the cool embrace of tall pines, long chats with strangers while in town on short errands. Your internal time clock will reset to lake time.

Your lake will own you but the memories will be yours to own. Come find your future lake.



Go to [miff.org](http://miff.org) to see and learn about the MIFF23 movies and schedule.

## North Pond Association Project Enhances Smithfield Public Access

by Jodie Mosher-Towle

Another successful Best Management Practices project was completed on the grounds of the Fairview Grange #342 thanks to grant monies awarded to the North Pond Association (NPA) through Maine Community Foundation's Western Mountains of Maine grant. A porous paver walkway is an all access walkway to be used by our tri-town communities .The NPA set out to meet the needs of their tri-town lake community by helping to fill the void of no public access on and off the lake to the thriving Smithfield village area and add to their incredible display of Best Management Practices (BMPs) on the grange grounds. Providing a safe, stable, smooth all access walkway using porous pavers has been helpful in increasing foot traffic entering and exiting the lake for townspeople, boaters and visitors to get to the general store, church, the historical society or grab pizza or an ice cream.

Once the grant was awarded, the NPA worked closely with Andy Marble, Smithfield's Code Enforcement Officer, and LakeSmart and Non-Point Source Control - Maine DEP Certified, John Lynch of Lynch Landscaping in Norridgewock. The walkway transitions to the existing infiltration steps on the embankment to the lake, which is another BMP. The porous pavers allow water to sink into the ground rather than run off as a bareground, paved or concrete walkway would. Signage explaining the many BMPs on the grange grounds meets the NPA's goal of educating the public about the need for such practices directly on shore front property to help prevent algae blooms while promoting healthy lake living and improved water quality.

This project is benefitting everyone that steps foot on the grange grounds whether by boat or car. The walkway provides a smooth transition for those using walkers, wheelchairs or strollers to picnic tables on the waterfront in a natural environment. FMI about the Grange rental email: [campkarie@gmail.com](mailto:campkarie@gmail.com).

The NPA invites lake associations to plan a visit to explore their BMPs by contacting them at [jodie@northpond.net](mailto:jodie@northpond.net).

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