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25 Years Ago: A Milestone Year

by Esther J. Perne

Golden sunshine, clear blue skies, warm scented pine carpets and clean refreshing waters ... It seemed like any other beautiful summer in the Belgrades, except that change was afoot.

1995 was the year that Belgrade was planning a Bicentennial Bash for 1996. The celebration would be big and had already been in the works for a year but now memorabilia to fund the ambitious schedule was on sale in local businesses and a call was being put out for "floats" for the various parades. The plan, and it was a successful one, incorporated Belgrade's three centers (the Lakes, the Depot and the North) - each with its own day, plus ongoing dedications and celebrations and observations of history throughout the summer - all with no library, no historical society and no town museum to consult.

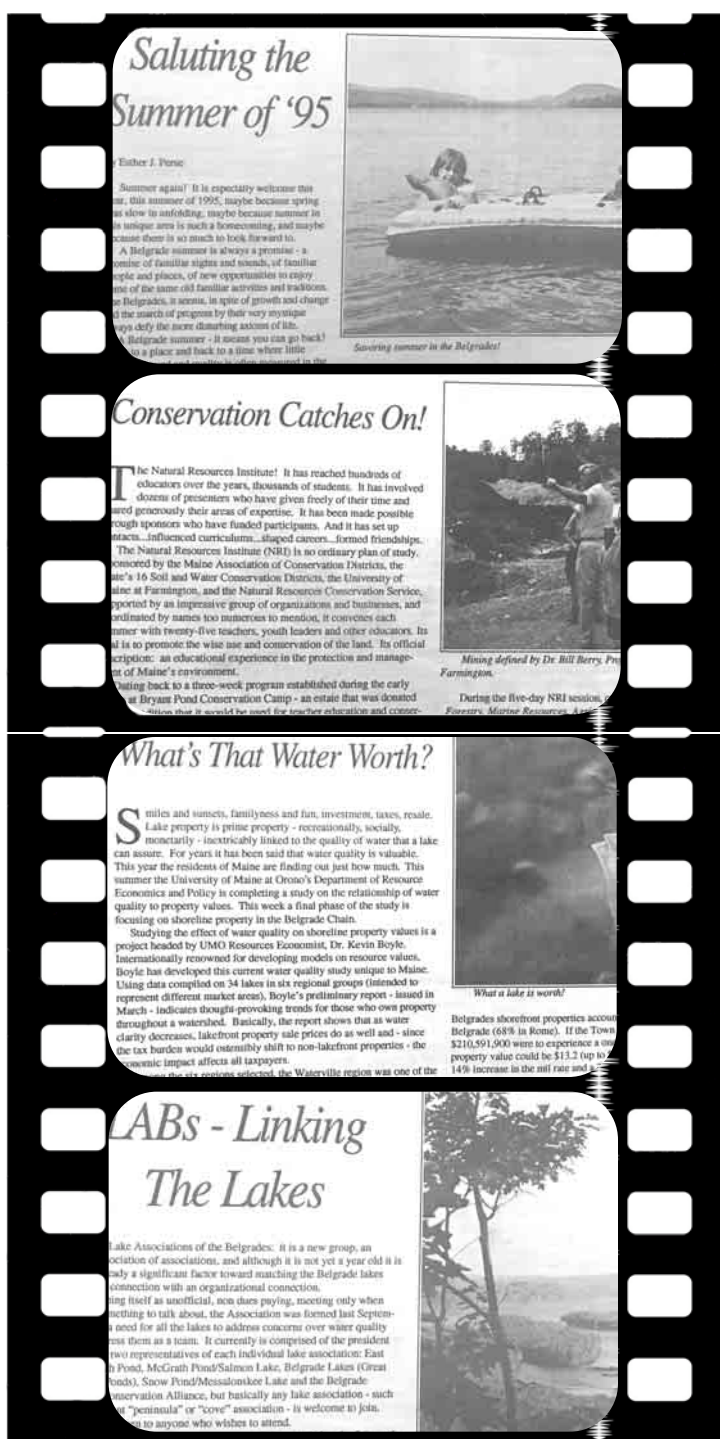
1995 was the year that conservation took center stage state and region wide and caught on locally watershed wide. Because of conservation awareness, new buzz words - buffer strips, runoff, phosphorus control - were becoming familiar vocabulary. The effect of water quality on property values would soon be released in a report by the University of Maine. And there were concerns about new lake-friendly ways to build and landscape. The challenges of gloeotrichia and milfoil lay in the future.

1995 was the year that groups and organizations at all levels were popular: the KVM women, the individual lake associations, the Maine Lakes Conference and a new group called the Lake Associations of the Belgrades - LABs. So strong for so long, the last of the area's women's clubs, the KVM, was still raising money at a July fair at the Belgrade Central School to donate to good causes. The five lake associations in the Belgrades were following their individual missions be it dams, water quality, issues with speeding boats and also tentatively joining in with the new group, LABs, that would link them together and eventually become the 7 Lakes Alliance so active in the Belgrades today.

1995 was the year that the Colby College connection with the Belgrades took a significant step forward. Colby was the site of the annual Maine Lakes Conference, sponsored in part by the Maine Congress of Lake Associations (now renamed the Maine Lakes Society and headquartered in Belgrade Lakes), during which LABs conducted one of the sessions: "The Belgrade Lakes: Threats and Opportunities." And it was from the Colby College Environmental Studies Program in 1995 that LABs hired 2 summer interns to help monitor water quality and review road, driveway and property runoff - a beginning to a long liaison with Colby faculty, students and alumni.

1995 was the year that child power received some much-needed attention as schools in the area organized conservation projects and added natural resource studies to classes. An emphasis on nature and the outdoors also became more integral to recreation programs and camps.

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As 1995 wound down it seemed like any other beautiful fall in the Belgrades, except that some significant changes had been set in motion that helped form the Belgrades of today.

Belgrade Lakes Farmers' Market Now Open

Belgrade Lakes Farmers' Market opened for its 17th season on Sunday, June 21, 8 am-1 pm and will continue 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 and Forestry, including:

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Land and Water Protection Continues Despite Pandemic

by Laura Rose Day

Lately, many folks have commented that if a person has to hunker down, there's no better place to stay put than here in the Belgrade Lakes. The diverse landscape offers beauty, inspiration, solitude, trails to roam and waters to explore. The pandemic has compelled many to seek what nature has to offer here; a privilege we take for granted at our peril.

Ongoing threats to the health of lakes and lands continue, pandemic notwithstanding. Fortunately, 7 Lakes Alliance is tenacious, too, finding safe and effective ways to protect our lakes and land. 7 Lakes crews began battling invasive milfoil in May, as soon as it began to grow. Our Courtesy Boat Inspectors are out there preventing new plants from entering or moving between our lakes. Erosion does not rest for pandemics, so we are tackling erosion through programs such as the Youth Conservation Corps. Water quality monitoring and analysis is ongoing. Land conservation and stewardship have not stopped.

Get in touch to get involved!

Together, 7 Lakes Alliance, lake associations, towns, citizens, businesses and youth continue to protect the lands and waters that sustain us all



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Please Help to Continue to Feed Maine Families



We are writing today to once again ask for your help to ensure that families receive meals throughout the summer

Mechuwana has been an Emergency Pandemic School Food Site since March. During that time we have provided more than 10,000 meals.

Now that school programs have ended for the summer, Mechuwana is solely responsible for providing food to hundreds of Maine families. We will continue feeding families through at least August 31, and we need your help.

The last time we wrote to you about our need for meal supplies of sandwich and Ziploc bags, we created an Amazon wish list. We had no idea how quickly you would all act on this request! Within 48 hours we had thousands of supplies, which helped us immensely.

We have created a new wish list on Amazon (https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/QOKYENLF96YJ?ref=w1_share) with just three items (multiple quantities of each) on it. This makes it very easy to see what we need and place an order to be shipped directly to us at our physical address of 92 Holmes Road, Winthrop, ME 04364.

Or, if it is easier for you to pick up some of these items at a local store, you can drop the items off in the Palmer Room in the first level of the camp office building across the road from camp. Please do not go down the camp road as we are not allowing anyone in or around the Dining Commons if they aren't staff working on meal prep.

Thank you for any assistance you can provide. We continue to hold you in prayer during this time. Be safe & healthy.

God bless & be well,

Norman Thombs, Camp Director



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—The Luckiest Boy—

Growing up in a rural Maine town during the 1950's and 60's surely was an experience that one never forgets. In addition to the fun stuff that we kids usually created (think kick the can or swimming at the dam) we were expected to be helpful around our own family homes. In addition, in keeping with our parent's expectations, getting small jobs that earned money happened fairly early in life, usually around the age of 10. Everybody had a piggy bank. If you didn't pick up on it without prompting, a parent would surely help you along with a strong suggestion or more. Few questioned the need for money as the local store was always calling to come by and get a candy bar or Coca-Cola. How everyone earned their first dollars varied, but often it was mowing lawns, raking leaves in the fall and general cleanup around a neighbor's house. For the girls it was baby sitting or learning to clean camps.

My first job was mowing grass for Elmer Green. He and I mowed his home lawn and that of Gilman's Camps (now the Village Camps) by the dam in Belgrade Lakes. It didn't take long to grow a small clientele of homeowners who asked for their lawns to be mowed. A couple of years of that and youngsters were ready to move on. Possible jobs were, among others: At a summer camp in the kitchen, the local store sorting bottles and sweeping, or at the local rec center as a helper. My friend Ralph Pope and I each had summer stints of working for the Herling family. Here's the story.

Robert and Stella Herling came to Belgrade early in the 1950's. They bought a piece of land bordering on Long Pond in Rome, directly across from Belgrade Lakes village. The area is somewhat hidden from the villager's west view by Blueberry Island, previously known as Frink's Island. There was no road access to the shoreline, only an old trail leading part way to it off the Blueberry Hill road. A portable sawmill had once created a large sawdust pile on the property, still intact at that time. More to come on the sawdust pile.

The Herlings hired local men, including my father Clifford, to build a small cedar camp and a pumphouse very near the water. I suspect they sit there

Mrs. Herling's Helpers

by Rod Johnson



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today in expanded form. The couple loved their simple summer home and made an arrangement with Jim Day to keep their car behind the store. Bob Herling trekked back and forth across Long Pond every day or two for miscellaneous needs. Their chosen craft was a 12 foot flat-bottomed skiff with a 5.5 horsepower outboard. Needless to say, the trip was not fast. Stella disliked the boat trips as getting in and out of the skiff was difficult. She would seldom be seen in the village until it was time to go home in the fall. After several years, the Herling's bliss came to a halt when Bob passed away. My folks got the call from Stella during the winter and she was undecided what to do about the Maine camp.

Ultimately Stella decided to give it a try on her own, with some assistance from a helper of sorts. My father, then her friend and caretaker of the cottage, suggested hiring me or another kid to go back and forth daily with the skiff, weather permitting. Our duties included bringing whatever she had listed the previous day, start the gasoline powered water pump and let it fill the tank, and last but not least, continue making and maintaining Bob's trails in the woods with sawdust from the big pile. The last item, Bob's trails became my nemesis. Maintaining the trails in the woods was hot and sticky in the summer heat, with no shortage of flies and other bugs. We were also charged with keeping the trails weeded and cleaned out. By the second hour, visions of swimming and boating were prevailing and any excuse to leave early was easy to come by. Stella was a gentle understanding woman and always let us off the hook pretty easily. As I recall, one year was enough to cure me and Ralph took the job the following summer. He claims now that he didn't mind the trail repair, but he is a botanist now and perhaps spent his trail days gawking at plants and bugs!

Not many years after my tenure of working for Stella, I heard my parents discussing the letter they had received. Stella regretfully would not be back as her health and agility were poor. That was about 60 years ago. May she rest in peace, a wonderful lady and her husband Bob was of like kind. We were blessed to have them as summer guests for many years. I wonder if the remnants of the sawdust pile are still there?





— Take It Outside —



Sign of the times: on an SUV with MA plates at The Mountain.

Although the calendar says summer has barely begun, it already seems to be flying by with lots going on with the various groups I work with, all under the shadow of the COVID-19 pandemic. I am inspired by the way various groups have used originality and technology to carry out their missions and still comply with the restrictions and social distancing of the governor's executive orders. As infection numbers have dropped and testing capacity has increased, there has been a careful and measured loosening of the restrictions in order to reopen the economy. In our county, restaurants and most businesses are open on at least a limited basis. Some of the summer camps and sporting camps are beginning to host clients. It is good to see our friends from away and people seem to be carefully complying with restrictions.

Among the many hats I wear, I chair the Advisory Board of The Maine Lakes Society, a state-wide nonprofit dedicated to protecting the health of Maine's lakes for future generations through science-based education, action, and policy (<http://mainelakessociety.org/>). Last week they held their 50th annual meeting, which is normally an all-day meeting of over 100 people, with multiple speakers on various aspects of Maine's lakes. This year they went virtual and the speakers each presented a weekly 45-minute webinar over the past couple of months, with the board elections and keynote at the end. Over 800 people attended one or more webinars and the talks are now available for viewing any time at: <https://mainelakessociety.org/conference-archive/>. Check it out. I guarantee you will find something that piques your interest. Another group I work with, Lake Stewards of Maine is doing something similar with a series of weekly webinars on citizen science and water quality monitoring. Check out "Fridays at Four for Lakes" at <https://www.lakestewardsofmaine.org/>.

Mother Nature has continued to ignore the pandemic and provide a venue where people can relax and find a bit of sanctuary in the relative safety of the outdoors. The lakes are continuing to warm, the palette of wildflowers and birds in the forests continue to change and the fishing remains good. I have continued to catch lots of big fish at sunrise as they cruise the shallows at the Sunfish Breakfast Buffet and many fishermen in Great Pond are catching lots of brown trout below 25 feet. Kids are swimming everywhere, including young Lily Johnstone, learning to swim under the watchful eyes of her grandparents, George and Judy. I recently hiked several 7-Lakes Alliance trails and met Jake celebrating his recent graduation from Lawrence High with his friend, Olivia, who graduated last year and is now a student at UNE. Jake has been hiking French Mountain since he was 5 or 6.

This area offers some great outdoor recreation, whether you like to hike, bike, birdwatch, fish, sail, or paddle a canoe or kayak. Pick up a map of the local trails at Day's Store or from the 7-LA at the Maine Lakes Resource Center (MLRC). There are scheduled webinars on

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Summer Arrives

by Pete Kallin



Olivia (UNE) and Jake (Lawrence HS '20) at French Mountain



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MIFF Presents Maine Shorts

By Gregor Smith

Although this year's Maine International Film Festival has been considerably slimmed down, an important element of the festival remains. The festival will be presenting a new batch of Maine Shorts, recently made short films that are all directed by Mainers, set in Maine, or shot in Maine. Collectively, the eight films, comprising two documentaries and six works of fiction and averaging 8 minutes in length, represent the best of new Maine filmmaking.

One can see the Maine Shorts at the Skowhegan Drive-In on the second night of the festival, Wednesday, July 8, starting at 8:45, for \$10. Starting on July 9, one can also watch all eight online and on demand for the rest of the festival. For more information, go to www.miff.org.

One of the shorts will be of particular interest to local residents. In "Meridians," David Gulak, one of three founders of the eponymous restaurant and gourmet food shop on Main Street in Fairfield, shares his vision for a local food economy, in which food is grown or raised in the same region where it is consumed. At Meridians, 85% to 90% of the food sold is sourced locally, and at any given time, the store is buying from 75 to 100 local producers, most within 20 miles. There are challenges to buying locally, however: For example, the menu for restaurant has to vary from week to week according to what ingredients are available at the time. (At this writing, the restaurant was closed due to COVID-19, but the shop was open for both in-store shopping and curbside pickup.)

The five-minute film was made by Ronan Schwarz and Joey Searle, both members of Colby College's Class of 2020.

This year's other documentary, "Shoulder Season," takes a light-hearted look at an adult, coed, recreational dodgeball league organized by the YMCA in Rockland. In a statement on the website of the Maine College of Art (MCA), director Halle Johns explains, "Before attending Salt Institute of Documentary Studies [at MCA in Portland], I lived in the Midcoast and played in the league on a team called Hard Knox. I never got over how special it was that this rec league was able to pull so many people out of the woodwork, especially in the dreariest months of the year... Dodgeball kind of united people in the area whose lives don't usually converge, and I like the idea of coming together and celebrating a shared experience on screen."

The first of the fictional films also takes place on the coast. In "The Bold Coast," director Camille Howard plays Penny, a young woman, who dissatisfied with her life and having heard news reports of other women having become mermaids, decides to walk into the ocean and become one herself. This decision is supported, but not entirely understood, by her mother (Elizabeth Lawley) and her best friend (Faith Kelly).

On her website, the director states, "When working in a fictional space, I

use elements of magical realism and silliness to create spaces where big feelings can be felt. I make films about Love, whether between partners, sisters, or people with their places. My most recent fiction film, 'The Bold Coast,' contains all this, as well as mermaids."

The next film also has an element of the unreal, in the form of a "muse" who is not physically present but very much in the mind of the lead character. With its title taken from the prologue of Shakespeare's Henry V, "Oh For a Muse of Fire" follows struggling, New York City actress Laura (Laura Darrell) as she retreats to her aunt's lake house in Maine to sort out her life and her career.

Initially taunted by her muse (Julian Elfer) as she tries novel writing, painting, and ukulele playing, Laura resolves to overcome her insecurities, taking inspiration from a passage from a speech in Paris by Theodore Roosevelt: "It is not the critic who counts.... The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena,... who, at the best, knows... the triumph of high achievement, and who, at the worst... fails while daring greatly..." Filmed mainly on and around Moosehead lake, director Peter Rohan's opus has the the best scenery of any of this year's shorts.

The four remaining shorts, all works of fiction, are described below:

- In "The Caller," directed by Thomas Barzilay Freund, a young man (Cirque Gammelin) is stalked by a nocturnal visitor. Is what he is experiencing real, or is it just a realistic nightmare? You can decide for yourself.

- In "Felix the Robot," directed by Joseph Ahern and shot in black and white on location in Portland, Larry (Oliver Rhodes) is the caretaker for his brother Felix (John Shelley), who, in a sinister government experiment, has had his human brain replaced with a robotic one that is now failing. Once a proficient soldier, Felix now dreams of becoming a karaoke singer.

- Directed by Gordon LePage and filmed in stop-motion animation, "Say

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David Gulak

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— Conservation Too —

A Focused Watershed Group Helps!

By Dale Finseth

I've talked about it before, and it bears repeating, that active community groups, such as watershed groups are an essential part of protecting water quality. The level of expertise that exists in a watershed group and the effective manner in which they can communicate it to their neighbors is a great way to educate the people who live around and use a lake, pond or stream. It also serves as an excellent way to introduce new ideas for how to protect water quality and sometimes provides a way to change misguided or erroneous beliefs or practices.

Neighbors are often the best way to learn about problems you may be having on your property, ways to address that problem and resources for technical assistance. With the additional assistance of an active watershed association or even a more local camp road association others can gain guidance when you have questions about how to identify a problem, address the issue or where to seek other more useful advice.

What is a "watershed group" or Watershed Association? Some are more formal than others. Some are more expansive and focus their efforts on entire watershed systems. They are composed of people from all walks of life and they share the desire to do the right thing for their watershed and the water quality of the stream, pond or lake. They do not always agree on the methods to use, but they tend to agree on the goal.

Folks want to do the right thing but don't always know what that "right thing" is. This holds true with watershed conservation. Most people have good intentions and would not knowingly harm water resources, particularly if they happen to live near a lake or pond. The bottom line is good water quality is good for the recreation and it is good for protecting your asset. Even if one's conservation motivations are a bit self-serving, conservation actions still benefit everybody. It's a win-win situation. By using good conservation practices on the land, one is doing what's right for the land, for water quality and in the long run, for your real estate values.

Depending on the extent of the group and its resources they may focus on simpler practices used by individual landowners i.e.

buffers, using Erosion Control Mulch, or stormwater management. Or they may seek more elaborate ways to address issues like a gravel road management plan. That sometimes includes hiring a consultant or taking on bigger projects to protect water quality.



Before any of these larger projects might be addressed, it is necessary to first identify the extent of the problem. In the Belgrade area folks have an opportunity to take part in helping to identify where some of the sites needing assistance are located. There is an opportunity to help with the upcoming Long Pond watershed survey scheduled for September 22nd and 23rd. For more information check the BLA website or directly contact the BLA at 512-5150 or info@BLAmaine.org. Take the opportunity to help protect the future of one of your lakes i.e. Long Pond.

Watershed groups like an Association or even a camp road group can pool their resources, landowners can take action as a group or undertake tasks that require larger amounts of manpower or money. They also make it easier to take advantage of professional assistance/expertise or financial help. By using the Association, individuals are able to find answers to the question: "What is the right thing to do here?"

Lake associations are able to do important things for their watersheds. This is due in no small part to the fact that they are made up of people who care about the resource and want to see it taken care of properly. That feature alone can make all the difference between active conservation and environmental degradation. As people in the area see good things happening, it generates more and more interest and support. Volunteerism works and the spirit of community stays alive when it is fed by new energy. So keep up the

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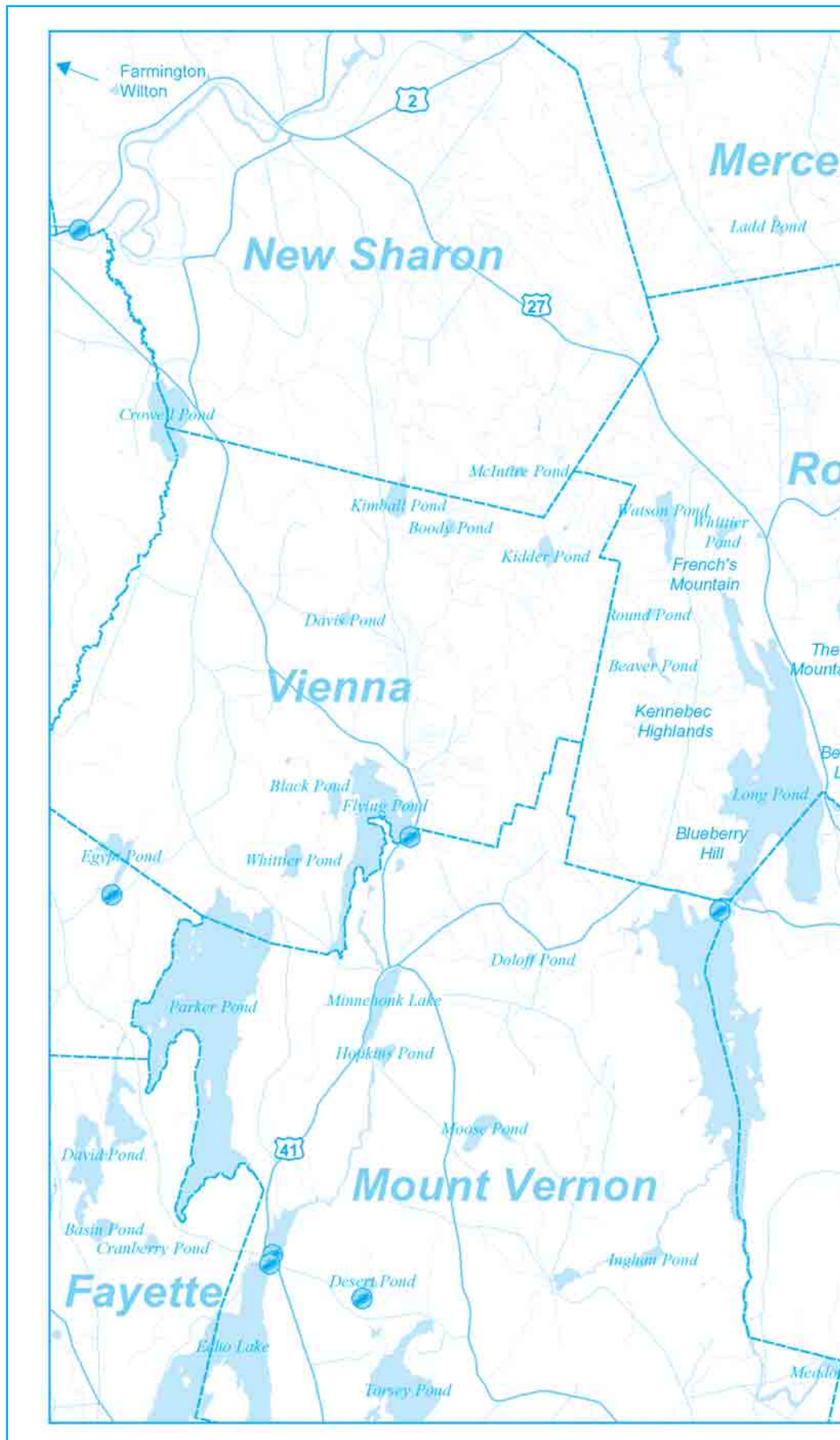
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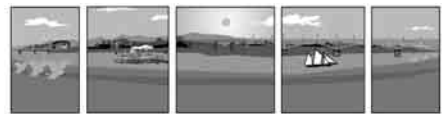
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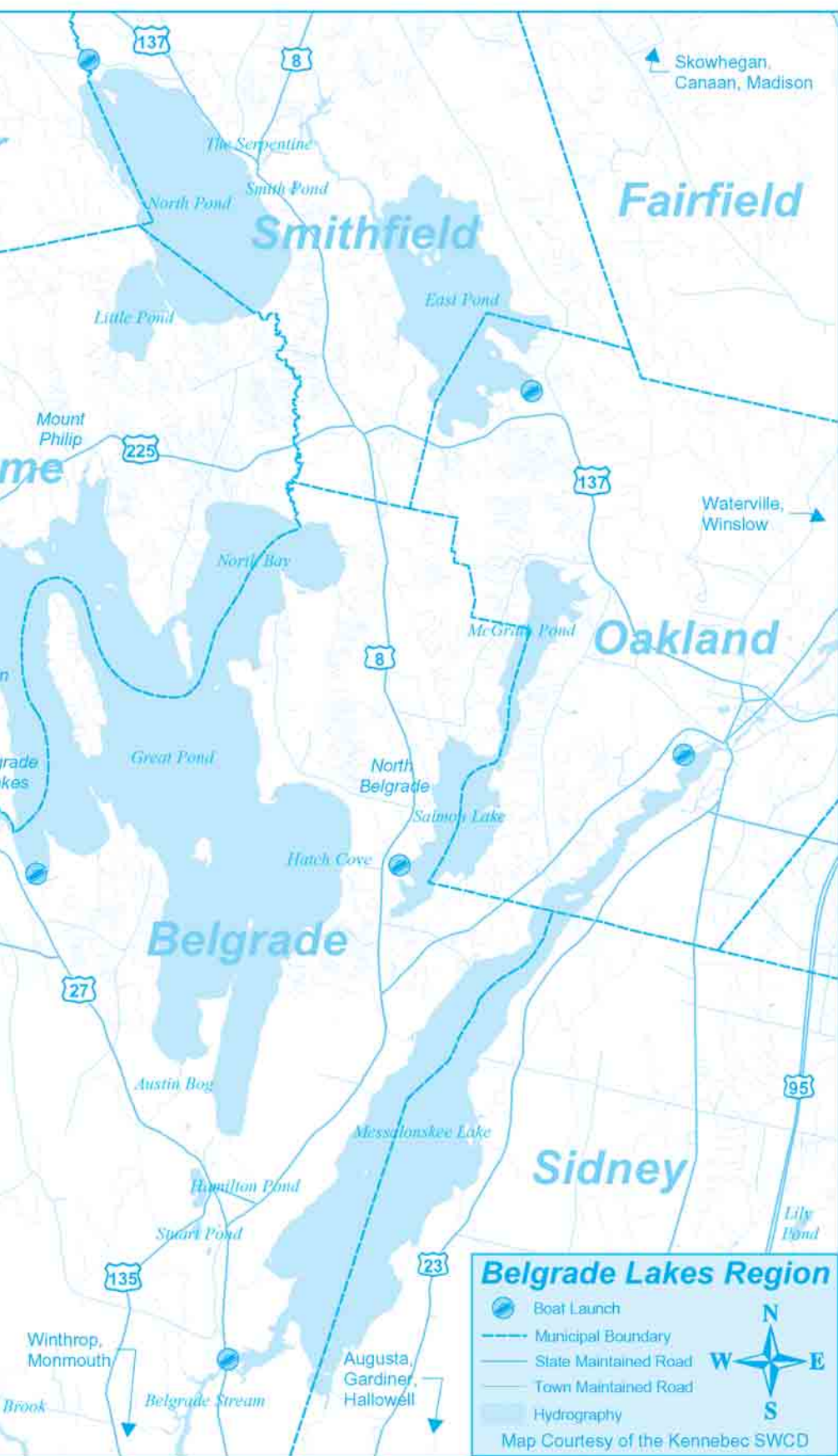
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• Notwithstanding town ordinances, there are Maine state laws fireworks users must follow:

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

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

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

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

Work Zone Safety

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

- Slow down - drive at the posted work zone speed

- Pay attention

- Merge as soon as safely possible when required

- Maintain a safe following distance

- Stay calm and be patient if there are traffic delays

- Remember to always wear your safety belt

Summer Dog Registration!

• Dogs that are staying in Maine for 10 days or more must be registered under Maine State Law. Re-registration may be done online or via mail, but the initial registration must be done at a Town Office. Proof of rabies and neuter/spay are required. Dogs that are neutered/spayed are \$6; dogs that aren't are \$11. Maine takes dog registrations seriously because of the possibility of a rabies outbreak.

2020 Maine Books Challenge

• Educate Maine is leading an initiative to provide students with books while supporting local bookstores. To support the program, cards may be purchased at one of Maine's independent bookstores. Every \$10 donation provides a book for a Maine student. Every donation will be matched by the Law Offices of Joe Bornstein up to \$5,000. A \$5,000 donation can support 1,500 books for 500 students. Books will be distributed to students directly through their schools and at local meal sites throughout the summer. katherine@educatemaine.org.

50th Anniversary of

Allagash Wilderness Waterway

• July 2020 marks the 50th anniversary of the Allagash Wilderness Waterway's federal designation as "wild and scenic." August is the 20th anniversary of Maine's Ecological Reserve System. They are some of the last remaining state lands that embody the wilderness spirit and will be honored throughout the summer by the Natural Resources Council of Maine celebration of the importance of wilderness. According to the NRCM those who enjoy spending time in wilderness know that immersive experiences in nature nurture the soul. Nature also provides a multitude of other life-sustaining goods and services that benefit everyone. A biodiverse, healthy ecosystem is also more resilient to climate change. 287-2345

Camp Tracy Alumni Providing Scholarships

• Alumni of Camp Tracy on McGrath Pond in Oakland are ready to help children afford camp this summer by offering partial or full scholarships for weeks 6-10. The deadline for applications is Tuesday, June 30. Send completed applications to CampTracyAlumni@gmail.com or Will Barlock, 267 Concord Street West, Portland, ME 04103.

Lake Stewards of Maine Offers Webinar Series

• In lieu of the Annual Lake Monitoring Conference, Lake Stewards of Maine - Volunteer Lake Monitoring program will be hosting a series of weekly informational webinars through August. The sessions will be one hour and will allow for Q&A. Pre-registration is required. The live webinars will take place at 4 pm on Fridays. stewards@lakestewardsme.org

ArtGusta Strikes Again

• Kris Markvich, a nationally recognized artist from California, recently painted a beautiful mural on Commercial Street in Augusta. Over the same weekend volunteers painted all of the steps on Commercial Street colors that complement the mural, along with a quote about hope by Stephen King. In honor of the new mural friends and sponsors are offering a contest - a community-wide game to see how many Augusta/Eye/Smart Eye Care/Downtown references can be identified on the new mural. info@augustadowntown.com

7 Lakes Alliance Schedules Program On Frogs

• A webinar program on frogs with Maine Master Naturalist and Wildlife Photographer Paul Powers will be presented on Wednesday, June 26, 6-7 pm by the 7 Lakes Alliance in Belgrade Lakes. He will explore Maine's native frog species and the vital role they play in the stability of the natural ecosystems. For more information contact info@7lakesalliance.org

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Cheese" is the whimsical tale of a bored girl at an art auction, who at the behest of a group of mice, helps them rescue a sad-looking colleague bound to a table made of cheese in one of the works that is about to be auctioned.

• Finally, "The Space Between Words" depicts an elderly husband and wife, played by unnamed actors wearing oversized paper maché heads, going about their daily chores on their lakeside farm on a day in late fall or early spring. Directed by M. Stanford Campbell and filmed in stop-motion animation, this wordless meditation on rural life takes on sinister overtones when the wife starts seeing her husband's face in a pail of milk, eggs in a basket, and sheets on the clothesline.

Please note that the order in which the shorts are described in this article is not necessarily the order in which they will be shown. The running order was not available at press time.





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The market will be following guidelines established by the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and 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

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The Dams Keeper Report

I know that this is already sounding like a bro-
ken record but we're into the beginnings of
another drought. Belgrade has only received
0.16" of rain (actually drizzle) in the past eleven
days. Not nearly enough replenishment for our
ponds nor our gardens. With a lack of precipita-
tion should be an increase in water quality /clari-
ty due to the lack of phosphorous run-off but
such is not the case this year. We are already see-
ing a heavy concentration of the blue-green algae,
Gloeotrichia, which normally doesn't rear its ugly
head until the water temperature is around 78F
and up, not 66F which is where we are at today. I
hope to report more on this in future columns.

As previously reported, Great Pond's Belgrade
Village dam and Long Pond's Wings Mill dam
have been completely shut down for four weeks
now. Salmon/McGrath will continue to have it's
one gate cracked just 3 turns to allow for the

required 1cfs flow. As of this writing, Great
Pond is now down 1" from full pond. Long
Pond is now down 1.32" below full pond with
Salmon/McGrath now at 4/10" below full
pond. So, you can see that the lack of precipita-
tion is beginning to have an effect already on
our water levels with summer just starting to
get underway. Remember that once the air
temperature hits 80F and above we lose 3/10" a
day due to evaporation so you can see why our
water levels are of a concern.

But this is all for those volunteers on your
Dams Committee to fret about. All you have to
'worry' about is do I put on spf 30 or 50? Do
we go to into the Village before or after lunch?

The lake looks great and feels great at a per-
fect 80F. What's not to love! Enjoy the family,
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Settled in the Wild, "Notes from the Edge of Town" by Susan Hand Shetterly

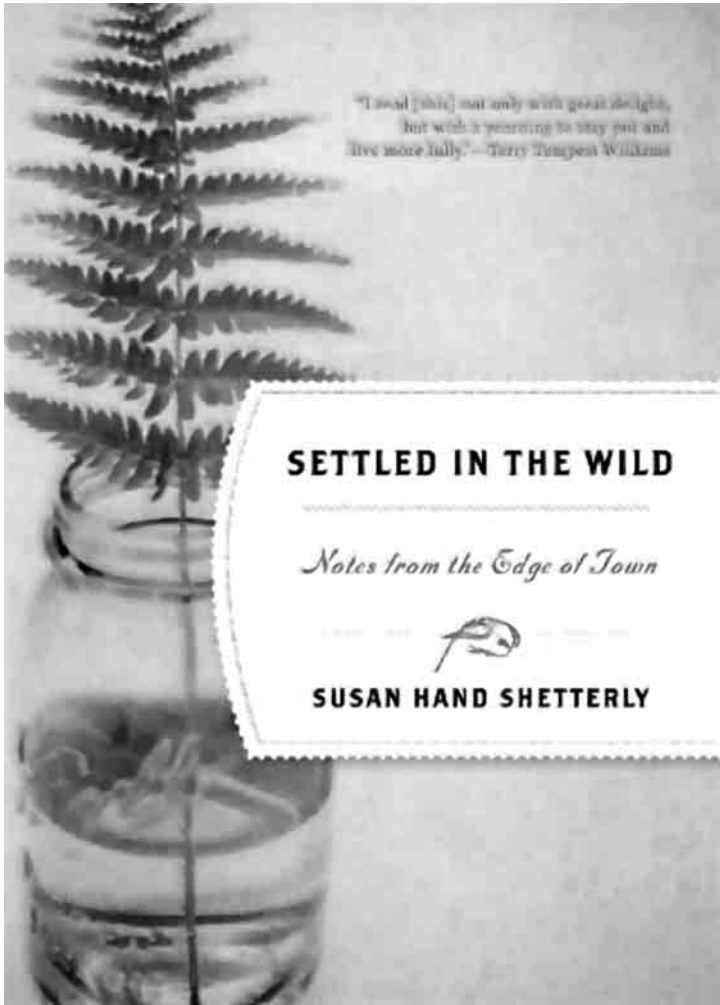
by Martha F. Barkley

As we were doing the laundry in Thomaston, I had to escape the hot building for the breezes on Main Street to discover and enter The Personal Book Shop, "Where Art & Spirit Meet". Resident cat and owner welcomed me, and, of course, I bought a book. This was way back in 2010.

Much to my surprise, I found the very same title in our Belgrade Public Library May 2019 and quickly checked it out. Rereading the author's immersion in the out of doors helped me to adjust to my summer home on the lake after a long winter away. It always seems so quiet here. Susan Hand Shetterly notes the same stillness around her coastal home near the mudflats and marshes in Prospect Harbor and Surry.

The cricket bites caught my attention upon first reading her book telling of experiences with her children. Yes, a finger was bleeding: first the child's and then the unbelieving parent's finger.

When I perused this little book a second time years later, I was caught up in her descriptions of birding and fishing. "Distracted by the song of a veery, my neighbor Hugh turned away to listen to the full-throated music coming through the trees: a bar of downward-slanting, burry notes that ended down again. A rhapsody of musical hills and val-



leys, of rises and dips. The song stopped him in his tracks."

Exactly, that is what I hear in the evenings, birdsong from the deep woods and near the horses grazing. So often I have tried to describe the veery song and failed. Shetterly has finally done it for me!

Often when I am barely awake and making coffee in the kitchen, I hear the fishermen's low murmurs on their boat by our rocky shoreline. I look out the big diningroom window and there they are once again. Got to catch that big one in our deep water every summer, here! Shetterly writes about alewives that used to grow over a foot long in a fast stream near her home.

"Ospreys coast back and forth...One draws it's wings in, tilts, and drops. It rakes it's talons into the water with a quick punch. Then the bird lifts, hovering as it adjusts the thrashing slick body of a fish...". Birding and fishing like here at the lake. This writer helps me to attune myself once more to the beauty surrounding our summer home in the Belgrades.

I agree with Lynne Cox's blurb on the back cover: "What a beautiful little book. It reads like you're listening to water flowing over stones. Shetterly writes with great detail and understanding, and you feel immersed in her world."



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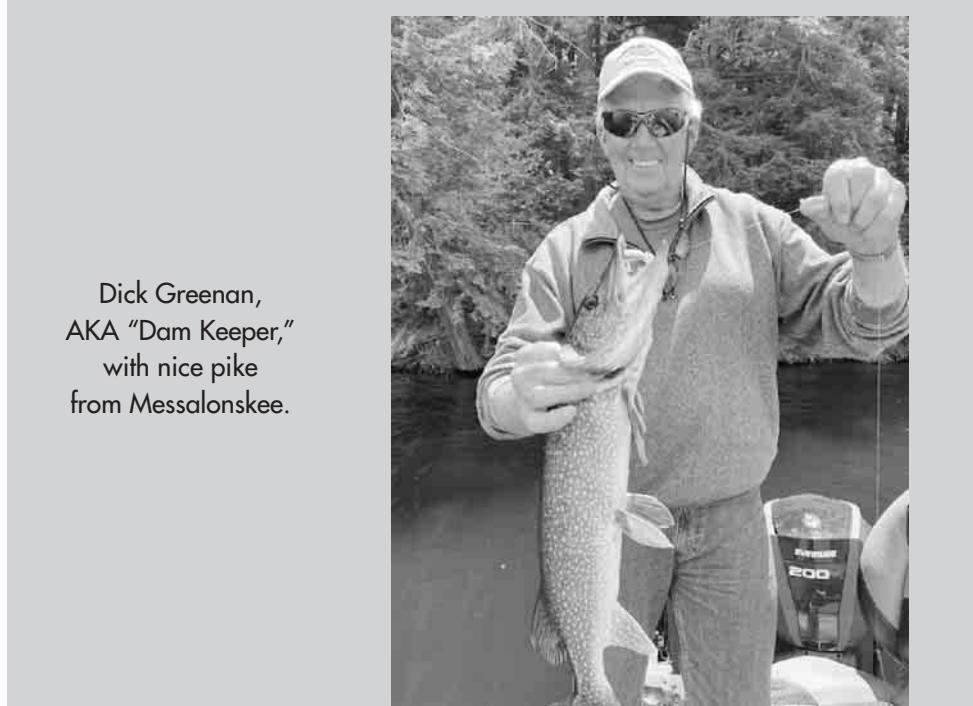
settling in under their belts and some are recent arrivals, here for many of the same reasons that bring buyers to the area today.

But all of them are familiar with the lay of land, the lakes, the communities and know the similarities and the distinctions - even the small ones that make a big difference. In addition to knowing the answers to prospective buyer questions, they are a community that can find the answers unique to each buyer's search.

Be a visitor to the area, be a guest, but don't let not being a shopper stop you. Enjoy vacation time or even just a quick break in this beautiful region and let your real estate representatives pursue the search.

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Great Pond Water Quality (Jul 1), Invasive Milfoil (Jul 17), and a Plant Paddle planned for North Pond (Jul 20). Keep an eye on the sign in front of the MLRC and check the 7-LA web site (<https://www.7lakealliance.org/>) and Facebook page for further updates. And make sure you take a kid along on your next outdoor adventure!



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