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Public invited to tour Wilson Lake Inn Gardens with the Mt. Blue Area Garden Club

WILTON – The Mt. Blue Area Garden Club (MBAGC) invites the public to a garden tour at Wilson Lake Inn, 183 Lake Road in Wilton on Tuesday, June 16, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Located along the wooded shores of Wilson Lake, the inn features extensive gardens that have evolved over many years under successive owners. Current owner Dorothy Lehmann and her family will host the tour and share the story of how they took on the stewardship of the property's gardens after purchasing Wilson Lake Inn in 2022.

A Garden Continues to Evolve

While many of the original gardens were established by former owner Sue Atwood, the Lehmann family has continued to expand and enhance the landscape through hands-on experience and the support of knowledgeable gardeners in the community. Their efforts have resulted in a diverse collection of ornamental trees, flowering shrubs, perennials, annuals, and lakeside plantings throughout the property.

Over the past several years, the gardens have become a distinctive feature of the inn and a familiar sight to many local residents. Seasonal displays

of trees, shrubs, perennials, annuals, window boxes, and hanging baskets contribute to the property's appearance throughout the growing season.

Visitors will have the opportunity to tour the gardens alongside Dorothy and learn about the challenges and rewards of maintaining a large landscape.

"As no one in my immediate family was a gardener, myself included, it was a great challenge learning about the different plants, soils, and insect control," said Lehmann. "Luckily, we've met some great, knowledgeable people both inside and outside the garden club who have worked alongside us to educate and help. We're all still learning because there is so much to know."

During the tour, Lehmann will discuss lessons learned about plant selection, soil improvement, insect management, and the ongoing process of developing and caring for the gardens.

Highlights include lilacs, peonies, crabapples, Japanese maples, tulips, and numerous other ornamental plantings in an open wooded setting. This year's display features a yellow-and-red color theme with more than 200 annuals planted

throughout the property in garden beds, window boxes, and hanging baskets.

The lakeside setting offers visitors an opportunity to see how ornamental gardens can become an amenity for any property while creating attractive outdoor spaces for guests and events. The grounds also serve as the setting for weddings and other special occasions.

This event is free and open to the public. MBAGC invites guests to bring their gardening questions and arrive at 5:30 p.m. to mingle with fellow gardening enthusiasts and enjoy complimentary refreshments before the guided tour begins promptly at 6:00 p.m. Guests may wish to bring a folding chair for the opening portion of the program before the garden tour begins.

All community members interested in gardening, sustainability, and beautiful landscapes are



Wilson Lake Inn

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July 15 - RFA Annual Street Dance featuring Matt & the Barn Burners, 6-9 p.m., Pond Street, Rangeley, free.

July 18 – Falls Fire Co, Inc. Yard Sale, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Philbrick Park, Rt. 2 (Farmington Falls Road or 114 Philbrick Road, Farmington Falls, Entertainment by “Just Friends” will begin at 11:30 a.m., Chicken BBQ will begin at noon, FMI call Bob at 778-3156 or Junior at 778-2181 and leave a message.

July 19 - Concert at Norcross Point, Jim Sharkey: Irish Music, 2-4 p.m., Norcross Point, Bowdoin St., Winthrop, FMI call 458-5485 or www.concertsatnorcrosspoint.com.

July 26 — Leavitt Institute Class of 1963 will observe the 63rd class reunion on July 26, 2026 at the home of Dale Talbot. Come and get acquainted again with our classmates (family). It will be a great time. Contact Dale at 207-251-5788 or Marion at 207-946-5579.

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AUGUST

Aug 2 - Concert at Norcross Point, Calypso Soldiers, 2-4 p.m., Norcross Point, Bowdoin St., Winthrop, FMI call 458-5485 or www.concertsatnorcrosspoint.com.

Aug 9 – Concert at Norcross

Point, The DE Experience, 2-4 p.m., Norcross Point, Bowdoin St., Winthrop, FMI call 458-5485 or www.concertsatnorcrosspoint.com.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

OQUOSSOC: Rangeley Region Skeet and Trap Association (RRS&TA) announces its 2025 shooting schedule, welcoming members and visitors to experience clay shooting sports, Wednesday: Trap and Skeet starting at 4:00 p.m., Thursday: Sporting Clays and Skeet starting at 4:00 p.m., Saturday: Five Stand and Skeet starting at 10:00 a.m., Sunday: Trap and Skeet starting at 1:00 p.m.

GILEAD: Gilead Historical Society open every Saturday 12 – 3 p.m., 14 Depot St., Gilead, FMI call (207) 836-2987.

RUMFORD: Celebrate Recovery meetings, every Thursday and Sunday at 6:30 p.m., Larry Labonte Recovery Center, 412 Waldo St., Rumford, free, FMI contact Justin Teixeira at 207-393-7205 or Erika Teixeira at 207-418-7777.

FARMINGTON: Nami Farmington Family Support Group, for family and friends of people living with a mental illness, 3rd Monday of each month, 6:30-8 p.m., Maine Health Franklin Hospital, 111 Franklin Health Commons, Farmington, Contact Louise (207) 592-9933 or Kathy (207) 318-1075

FARMINGTON: Farm-

ington Chess Club meets every Tuesday from 6-8 pm at the Parks and Rec Center, 127 Middle St., Farmington. All skill levels are welcome.

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MADISON: Music Jams - Open Mic. 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month, 1-4 p.m. Masonic Hall, Madison.

RANGELEY: The Lakeside Contemporary Art Gallery’s spring/summer show, paintings by Ashton F. LeCraw, will run from May 29 - July 6th. All is welcome & artwork is available for purchase. LCAG is located at 2493 Maine Street, Rangeley & open Tues - Sat. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. & during theatre showing. <https://rangeleyarts.org/event/lcag-artist-reception-ashton-lecraw/> or call 207-864-5000.

RUMFORD: Old School Food Pantry, 115 Maine

Avenue, Wednesdays from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., For more information or to help: (207) 364-4556 or email Shannon at rvhccglover@gmail.com

SKOWHEGAN: St. Anthony’s Soup Kitchen, 273 Water Street, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month and every Thursday, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. For more information or to help: (207) 474-2039.

SABATTUS: Weekly Group Runs, every Wednesday, 6 p.m., Mixer’s parking lot, FMI, check out the Sabattus Rec Club Running Program Facebook page, or email running@sabattusrec.com.

FARMINGTON: Farmington Grange has WWW, Wednesday Welcome and Warm Up, First and third Wednesdays, November thru April. Everyone is welcome, 10-2, coffee sweets, light lunch, social time, projects, games and puzzles. Grange Hall is located at 124 Bridge Street, West Farmington. For more information call Bonnie Clark 207-778-1416

FARMINGTON: Nine-ish- NA Meetings (In Person), 9:15-10:30 a.m., Franklin Memorial Hospital, 111 Franklin Health Commons, Farmington.

Food Addicts Meetings

FREE - Food addicts in recovery meetings: Tues Zoom and phone, Thurs phone and Sun in person. [foodaddicts.org](https://www.facebook.com/foodaddicts.org) FMI call 441-8002 or 623-1924.

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GOLF TIPS

Here we are getting ready for another golf season; I’m sure many of you have already been playing. This is the time to work on one or two of the chronic mistakes that always come up to ruin a round.

For some of you, it might be an infrequent hook or slice, putting problems, short game blunders or whatever drives you nuts. If you can eliminate one or two of these, just think of the improvement to your everyday scoring — sounds good to me.

As you know, golf is a difficult game. Trying to change the things adversely affecting your game is also difficult, but going online to many golf websites or reading tips in magazines can sometimes help. The best way to improve your game is to take some lessons with an instructor you can communicate with; that’s the key. So good luck with your new game improvement.



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When Lillie was six years old we were talking about what she wanted to be when she grew up.

She thought about it and then replied, “A boat. I want to be a big boat when I grow up.”

I was stunned and trying to not laugh when I explained why she couldn’t be a boat, ever. – Pauline and Lillie, of Auburn.

As a three-year-old, our grandson Isaac, who is now 21, had spent many a summer day enjoying the beach and water at the family camp at a lake. Nana and Grampa decided to take Isaac to camp on a winter day to check it out.

We parked and walked the 100 yards to the camp. When we got there, the first thing Isaac said was, “Hey, where did all the water go?”

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– Clint of Anson.

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How to drive safely with a trailer in tow

Metro

Summer road trips create a sense of adventure during a popular time of year. That’s especially true for those planning driving vacations. Seasoned road trippers know to expect the unexpected when taking to the open road, and the surprises that emerge during a summer road trip make such excursions even more memorable.

Many drivers will be hitching a trailer to their vehicles when taking to the open road for summer vacation. Trailers can be used to transport bicycles, boats, jet skis, kayaks, or even extra luggage. Driving with trailers can be tricky, but drivers can keep these safety strategies in mind when driving a vehicle with a trailer hitched to the back.

- Familiarize yourself with the trailer. Consumer Reports notes that travel trailers can sometimes weigh more and be even taller than the vehicle pulling them. That can make it challenging to drive safely with a trailer in tow. But practice makes perfect, and drivers are urged to practice driving with a trailer in tow before they depart for a road trip. A large and empty parking lot can be a great place to get a feel for driving with a trailer hitched to the back of your vehicle.
- Practice turns. Turning when driving a car or truck with a trailer hitched to the back requires a different approach. Wide turns are necessary to reduce the likelihood that the trailer tires hit the curb.
- Consider using towing mirrors. Towing mirrors are specially designed side-view mirrors that extend beyond



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standard side-view mirrors to offer drivers wider visibility, which can be necessary when wide loads are attached to the back of a vehicle. Towing mirrors can make it safer to change lanes and drive in reverse when a trailer is attached to the back of a car or truck.

- Recognize trailers swing. Consumer Reports urges drivers to give constant consideration to the swing of a trailer when turning. A trailer sometimes swings in the opposite direction when turning, which can increase the chances of hitting other vehicles, signs and even pedestrians. Carparts.com notes that the longer the distance between the rear wheels to the back bumper of the trailer, the greater the tail might swing. Managing and calculating swing is one of the reasons why practicing before taking to the open road can be so helpful.
- Adjust the trailer brakes. Consumer Reports notes that many trailers have electric brakes, and these brakes can and should be adjusted depending on what’s being towed. When towing a heavy boat, the brakes should be set to use a lot of force. But brakes should be adjusted when towing lighter weight to avoid tires locking up and skidding.
- Use the tow/haul mode if your vehicle has one. Many modern vehicles, and particularly trucks, come with a tow/haul mode option. When engaged, that system automatically adjusts the transmission when it senses a vehicle is going downhill. That takes some strain off the brakes and generally makes driving with a trailer in tow a lot safer.

These tips can make driving with a trailer in tow more comfortable. Additional tips are available at consumerreports.org and carparts.com.



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MAINE OUTDOORS

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RANGELEY FLY FISHING FESTIVAL



A Quebec brookie mounted by the late David Footer.

Those outdoorsmen and women who have been there would rarely give you an argument if you contended that Rangeley, Maine is ground zero for those whose passion is to cast a long line on the Magalloway River or the Kennebago. So, it was fitting recently that the 5th annual White Nose Pete Fly Fishing Festival took place at the historic Rangeley Inn and Tavern.

Who the heck is White Nose Pete? It is a fish, a purely fictional big trout that, as the story goes, haunts the pocket waters of the fabled Rapid River, a real hook-jawed, fat-bellied slobberknocker! Legend holds that a few trout men have hooked him long enough to see his white nose, but never long enough to get him anywhere near the net.

Sponsored by the Rangeley Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce, the festival was a two-day affair with lots to see and do. And a great chance to get caught up with old friends and make some new ones. Friday night at the Inn, two well-known and unforgettable fly-fishing characters had their names added to the Fly-Fishing Legends Honor Board. The new inductees were Rangeley guide Herb Ellis and angler and artist Dave Tibbetts. Both men follow in the long shadows cast by such local and even national angling icons as Flyrod Crosby and Carrie Stevens, not to mention Herb Welch, Don Palmer, Ed Grant, Bud Wilcox and others.

Following the induction, a live auction was held, hosted by the always witty



A large scale version of the fabled, elusive trout, White Nose Pete.

and sardonic Bill Pierce. A pile of money was raised from the donated items. My newest trout watercolor painting titled “Rapid River Runner,” which retailed for \$195.00 and sold for \$400. Also auctioned off were some marvelous prints by Dave Tibbetts and the late David Footer.

The festival kicked off Saturday morning in full force, despite a light drizzle. Many of the vendors set up their displays in the Inn while others were under tents outside.

For me, one of the most remarkable and eye-catching displays was a number of brook trout mounts by the late David Footer. Footer’s son was on hand to answer questions about the background of the impressive trout; many caught in Labrador or Quebec. Footer was a rare combination

of superb taxidermist and fine artist. His trout under glass are alive like no other board mounted brookies you will ever see.

While a friend looked after my Northwoods Sporting Journal vending table, I took a break and sat in on a wonderful and informative slide presentation by guide and outdoor writer Bob Romano. Bob, an Italian from the Bronx, showed up in Rangeley to fish more than 40 years ago and never left the Western Mountains. He is as colorful as he is informed about Rangeley and its precious fishery. Romano surveyed area guides and asked them to name their favorite two flies. He also chatted about why these flies got top billing with the Rangeley fishing guides. As you might suspect, no two



Rangeley guide and outdoor writer Bob Romano and his wife Trish chatting with Mary at the Fly-Fishing Festival.

guides think alike when it comes to their go to flies. Angler/ historian Leslie Hilyard, for example, hoves to the Green Beauty and the Jitterbug.

What’s a Jitterbug? It was news to me. Sounds like a bass bug, but it is a serious trout fly, and surprisingly it was tied and created by the boss lady herself, Carrie Stevens!

What I also learned was that a highly effective wet fly is the Hare’s Ear. Bob Romano swears by it. The only Hare’s Ear I ever used or heard of is the Hare’s Ear nymph, which is almost as popular as a Copper John.

Isaac Walton, or some other angling forebear, observed that angling is much like mathematics in that it can never be fully learnt. And as you know, if you fish that is part of the

fun of it all. The Rangeley Lakes Region White Nose Pete Fly Fishing Festival is a gathering of more than just interesting and convivial souls. It is a treasure trove of the most seasoned and experienced anglers in Maine. And they will talk to you.

In 12 months, Rangeley will do it all over again. Put it on your calendar. It is well worth the drive.

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FITNESS CLASS SCHEDULE

monday

8-9AM
Vital Mobility
w/ Josh

9-10AM
Super Circuit
w/ Hawk

10:15-10:45AM
Functional
Fitness
w/ Hannah

11AM-12PM
Water Aerobics
w/ Diane

11AM-12PM
Gentle Yoga
w/ Kyle

tuesday

8-9AM
Total Body
Strength w/ Brit

9-10AM
ALL LEVELS SPIN
w/ Cyn

10:15-11AM
Chair Yoga
w/ Hannah

4-5PM
Karate (Kids)
w/ Dan

5-6PM
Power Yoga
w/ Hannah

wednesday

8-9AM
Vital Mobility
w/ Josh

9-10AM
Super Circuit
w/ Hawk

10:15-10:45AM
Functional
Fitness
w/ Hannah

11AM-12PM
Gentle Yoga
w/ Kyle

3-6:30PM
Jiu Jitsu
w/ Shawn

thursday

8-9AM
Total Body
Strength w/ Brit

5-6PM
Karate (Kids)
w/ Dan

6-7PM
Karate
(Teen/Adult)
w/ Dan

friday

8-9AM
Total Body
Strength w/ Brit

9-10AM
Super Circuit
w/ Hawk

10AM-11AM
Gentle Yoga
w/ Kyle

11AM-12PM
Water Aerobics
w/ Diane

saturday

9-10:15AM
All Levels Yoga
w/ Kristina

10AM-11AM
Gentle Yoga
w/ Kyle

sunday

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June 26th
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at Moose Alley

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July 4th
Stars & Stripes 5K
and Kids Fun Run

July 9th
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MOVIE REVIEW *by Lucas Allen*

DISCLOSURE DAY

When Steven Spielberg directed “Close Encounters of the Third Kind” in 1977, he gave the world something to believe: that we are not alone in the universe. Five decades later, the Oscar-winning director is now giving us a different kind of outer world experience with his new original sci-fi thriller “Disclosure Day.” His take on the alien conspiracy thriller à la “The X-Files” is scripted by David Koepp, who previously wrote for the filmmaker “The Lost World: Jurassic Park” and “Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull.”

Margaret’s (Emily Blunt) average morning with her musician boyfriend Jackson (Wyatt Russell) took a weird turn one morning when she suddenly speaks other languages like Russian and Korean, plus gaining the

knowledge of the people that she talks to by looking into their eyes. Then, during her meteorology job at a local news station, she stands in front of the camera and bizarrely begins speaking in some sort of alien language. Meanwhile, a young man named Daniel (Josh O’Connor) is on the run with his girlfriend Jane (Eve Hewson) from the mysterious Wardex after stealing a whole archive of classified information pertaining to the existence and experimentation on extra-terrestrials. The group leader, Noah (Colin Firth), is using means to locate them, including using an advanced device to create a psychic link to one of the fugitives.

Soon, both Margaret’s and Daniel’s paths converge as each of them starts to discover that they had been through

a traumatic event from their childhood that brought them together. The answers they seek come from Wardex defector Hugo (Colman Domingo), who leads an underground resistance in an attempt to open the stolen archive and reveal all the secret data to the entire world. However, it is only a matter of time before Noah and the rest of Wardex catch up to them, hoping to protect such information that the whole world may not be ready for.

Each Spielberg film can be represented by a timeless theme that brings a certain emotional response to mind. If “Close Encounters” represented curiosity and “E.T.” about friendship, then this film’s theme can best be described as empathy. Being empathetic about humanity and

understanding the unknown carries that feeling throughout the movie. It also understands that while we are living in cynical times, there is a time when rediscovering what was thought lost could be found again.

Right from the beginning, this movie raises some important ideas and questions regarding the political, religious, and moral implications of revealing such secrets. While there are no real answers, it still gives the viewer something to ponder about, especially with their own views on the matter. Whether or not you do agree with what the characters are doing, it makes this otherwise overlong (at 146 minutes) journey to its stunning conclusion all the more worthwhile.

There are not too many action scenes, but the

few shown also shows Spielberg’s mastery of suspense and excitement once more. Much of the film becomes a big chase scene with some vehicular damage and one part involving a train. It’s those brief moments of heart-stopping fun and shock that wonderfully recalls the cliffhanger-style action of the Indiana Jones series.

Spielberg assembled a pretty good cast for this sci-fi drama, yet it’s Blunt giving probably an award-worthy performance that could also be one of the best in her career. Her emotional range and her character’s journey help to ground the film in its humanistic approach to the story. O’Connor’s performance is decent enough, though his best scenes are the ones with Blunt in the

second half. Firth does a good job as the antagonist without resorting to mustache-twirling, while Domingo does a fine “wise sage” part even though his dialogue can range from ambiguous to overly explaining.

“Disclosure Day” certainly has a place among Spielberg’s finest works in his astonishing nearly six-decade career. He brings all the right ingredients, cooks them carefully, and presents a real dandy of a cinema meal. No matter which kind of Spielberg film you like best, this one will definitely be a favorite for a lot of people.

THE MOVIE’S RATING: PG-13 (for action/violence, some bloody images, and strong language)

THE CRITIC’S RATING: 3.75 Stars (Out of Four)

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