Summer events in the Belgrade Lakes Region revolve around boating, relaxation, music, and water. Summer venues are galore and filled with activities. Traditional food stands abound, but the Belgrade Lakes Public Library will host something completely different.

On Sunday, July 2, 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., at the Belgrade Lakes Resource Center, there will be an Invasive Plant Patrol. Invaders have become so established that they are difficult to remove. The Belgrade Lakes Resource Center is the place to begin a free music and nature appreciation about the area’s most unwanted plants. Experts are present and ready to organize the schedule. The program will include additional events through out the summer. Visitors are asked to register in advance for the program.

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Belgrade’s Sunset Grille calls to customers with good food, music, and a welcoming vibe

BY VALERIE TUCKER

Correspondent

The Sunset Grille is a little restaurant tucked off Route 27 at the south end of the village’s Main Street. For 25 years, the family-owned eatery has been serving good food at affordable prices. Friends, neighbors and visitors meet for seafood, Mexican dishes, salads, burgers and pizza. A very popular menu choice is the prime rib on Friday and Saturday nights. Many like to order it as a steak or corned beef and order the mashed potatoes and gravy and make the soup and bread as a special of the specials, and to their daughters Emily, Brooke and Lauren work there, too. Tammy’s daughter, Kylia, just got her worker’s permit and will be helping out making her mother’s soups and salads. Tammy’s daughter Kyla is a center member of the wait staff and can run the kitchen if they need a hand. The summer promises to be busy, and Pease had planned special delights for the rest of the week until the 4th of July. The Sunset Grille’s Trivia Night, from 7-9 p.m., on Wednesdays, has been a staple of the restaurant’s entertainment lineup. “We also have entertainment in the planning stages throughout the rest of the summer,” she said. The promises weekends will always feature music on Friday and Saturday nights, and she’ll bring back the popular Thursdays Trivia Night, from 7-9 p.m., and until noon on Sundays. Lunch and dinner regular feature burgers, pizza, seafood and other favorites. It’s a perfect stop after a long day on the water or the golf course. The Sunset Grille’s Trivia Night on Wednesdays provides lively competition for locals and summer visitors alike. The Shirley family decided to start a restaurant 25 years ago, and they thrived in the competitive business by serving good food at affordable prices. Bill and Gerry Shirley’s three daughters, Tammy, Kelly and Dawn run the day-to-day operations, and they have raised their own daughters to become the next generation to great customers, serve them their favorite foods and keep the kitchen humming, smoothly behind the scenes. The family now includes a third generation of restaurateurs who are a little too young to be the habitués and week devoirs. From (left) Elizabeth Pulley, Piper Lavenwendler, and Matthew Pulley. Back (r) Kelly Pease, Dawn Lambert, Tammy Pulley, Emily Lambert, Sage Lavenwendler, and Ken Nichols. Abroad from photos are Lauren and Brock Lambert.

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Power Equipment Plus owner Randy Violette and his manager Greg Taras, along with two other factory-trained technicians, are busy year round servicing the equipment they sell.

Power Equipment Plus on Route 27 in Sidney sells and services name-brand hard-working recreation vehicles and outdoor power equipment, including Polaris, Five Horse, Honda, Kawasaki, Husqvarna, Stihl, Walker Mowers, DR Power, Briggs & Stratton standby generators and Toro.
Lakepoint Real Estate associates sell Belgrade’s beauty and calmness

BY VALERIE TUCKER Correspondent

Lakepoint Real Estate is located in the Belgrade Lakes village. In a bustling downtown area, Lakepoint has found a way to connect clients both from afar and the local area to what is happening in the community. With decades of experience from brokers who have grown up in the area, the team of brokers and associates own hundreds of properties and know the many reasons to choose the Belgrade Lakes area.

Area resident and sales associate, Jordan Stolt, said that last a lifetime," said Stephanie Watts Gardner said her customers are looking for something that meets their needs. Whether it’s a dream vacation home, an interesting retirement getaway, a lot to build on, or a guaranteed great vacation rental.

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Day’s Store in Belgrade has what you need, what you want and just about everything else

By VALERIE TUCKER
Correspondent

In today’s busy world, the local old-timers are happy to share their nostalgic reverie of the old-fashioned general store. Most of them are gone, swallowed up or pushed out by fast-food chains and discount stores. Day’s Store in Belgrade’s village center has kept the flavor and function of the general store, while it has embraced technology and modern living.

Diane Day Oliver’s grandmother, Joyce Day, started running the business in 1972. After 19 years, most of what the family-run business offers has built a reputation for consistent quality. It’s the family-run business offers quality, service and a friendly and enthusiastic staff.

Day’s has built a reputation for good food. The store carries a wide variety of fresh local and Maine products, including homemade fudge and Whoopie pies, while giving local community news and weather information on community news, summer projects and the weather.

The Olivers host free family entertainment during summer evenings. The back of the store serves as a screen for outdoor movie nights. The beach of Belgrade Lakes Region’s family has hosted movie nights since 1958. For years during the summer months, the Oliver family has hosted movie nights and live music on the lawn behind the store. Customers buy lunch to eat at the picnic table on the shore. The family’s traditions and their emphasis on quality bring generations of Belgrade’s Main Street scene and modern living.

The family has hosted movie nights on Thursdays, starting in July. Open mic nights start on Tuesdays in June and feature an outdoor coffeehouse setting on the lawn behind the store.

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