



Aroostook County photographer Paul Cyr was out last week between Washburn and Perham when he got to almost within arm's length of the once elusive Canada lynx.

Lynx

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During an intensive study of the wild cat conducted between 1999 and 2011, the department captured and radio-collared 85 lynx in one study area and documented the production of 42 litters of kittens.

Lynx reproduction and survival data demonstrated that the studied population of lynx in northern Maine was producing an excess number of animals, thus allowing lynx numbers to increase and colonize new areas, IFW reported.

Currently, the department is conducting annual snow track surveys in a number of towns throughout the state in order to



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detect changes in lynx range in Maine and to calculate population estimates.

“Our last estimate, in 2006, was 750 to 1,000 adults,” said Jen Vashon, Maine’s lynx biologist.

“We think the population has grown since then, and that lynx have expanded their range.”

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ology term “d’eboulis,” which translates to “of the talus slope.” The rockslides leading down to the edges of Deboullie and Gardner ponds are great examples of this and are likely how Deboullie Township got its name, according to the owners of Red River Camps, a traditional Maine sporting camp in the township that offers hot meals and lodging in beautiful cabins.

Red River Camps set up shop at the Eastern Maine Sportsmen’s Show to talk to people about their services and the opportunities for outdoor adventure up north. The photo album they displayed showed photos from the trails, of sheer cliffs and ice caves, rare alpine plants and stunning mountain views — a hiker’s playground.

Local writers a comic duo

If you wind up at a show that local authors John Ford Sr. and Mark Nickerson are attending, do yourself a favor: Stop by their booth and watch the action.

If you’re interested in buying a book, all the better, but even if you’re not, watching Ford and Nickerson interact with the crowd is worth the price of admission.

Ford is a retired Maine game warden, while Nickerson covered much of the same territory as his pal as a Maine state trooper. They often worked together, and the stories in their books — “Behind the Blue Lights” is Nickerson’s latest, while Ford’s most recent offering is titled “Deer Diaries: Tales of a Maine Game Warden” — range from heart-wrenching to hilarious.

And in person, the pair can put on quite a show.

One woman learned that when she stepped up to ask about the books.

“Just so you know, those are fictional stories by a Maine state trooper, because he never kept a diary,” Ford told the woman as she reached for Nickerson’s book. “Every time he wanted to tell a story, he’d call me up and ask, ‘How’d that go again?’”

The woman chuckled, then Nickerson deflected his friend’s comment with a punline of his own.

“Just so you know, he lies,” Nickerson said.

Ford and Nickerson keep



Grayson Richmond of Birdsacre Sanctuary in Ellsworth displays a barred owl during the 78th Eastern Maine Sportsmen's Show in Orono.

a busy schedule of public appearances, and after watching them for a few minutes, it’s easy to see why folks want them to provide the entertainment at their church suppers and club meetings.

Word to the wise: If you get a chance to meet either of these writers, do so.

‘Buy it where you burn it’

And one last thing: Be sure to buy local firewood when camping this summer. Transporting firewood from your home to a campground seems harmless, but you could be giving invasive in-

sects a free ride, helping them spread to new areas, according to the Maine Forest Service.

Right now, three invasive insects are a big concern for Maine foresters:

1. The hemlock woolly adelgid — which kills hemlock trees — has already been found infesting trees in southern and coastal Maine.
2. The emerald ash borer — which kills ash trees — hasn’t been found in Maine yet, but it’s been detected in New Hampshire, just 30 miles from the Maine border.
3. The Asian longhorn beetle — which kills a variety of trees including birch-

es, maples, elms and willows — hasn’t reached Maine yet, but has been detected burrowing into trees as close as Boston.

That, of course, is just a sampling of the action during the show’s three-day run. Many other exhibitors had interesting stories to tell, and we’ll be sharing some of those tales in the weeks ahead.

And if you missed this expo, don’t fret: There are more shows on the horizon. The State of Maine Sportsman’s Show is set for April 1-3 in Augusta, and the Presque Isle Fish & Game Club’s show runs April 9-10.



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At his gunsmith shop in Bradford, Bill Morrison (center) shares his gun lore with longtime customers Norman Smith (left) of LaGrange and John Simpson of Bangor in November 2005. Morrison, 84, had been serving the local gun community for 65 years.

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in the morning.

Deluck said his friend remembered everyone he ever met ... and he remembered their guns. Walk into his shop for a repair 40 years after meeting Morrison, and he’d not only tell you about the gun you had in your hands, but about the other guns you owned when last you met.

“And he was the biggest-hearted person in the world,” Deluck said.

Morrison’s filing system seemed a bit haphazard, and his shop was a bit of a mess. But Deluck said Morrison kept a ledger of the work he’d done, and those who owed him money.

But he never tried to collect from those who just “forgot” to do so.

“People owed him money for years, and he never, never, ever went after anybody,” Deluck said.

Morrison was a gunsmith, or worked on guns, for nearly 80 years. One of the most remarkable things about him: The job, and his wife, were his life.

Vacations? He took one, back in 1958.

One.

A decade ago, he told me about his retirement plans: There were none.

“They’ve got a box out there somewhere, I think,” he said.

“He was so dedicated. He couldn’t wait for somebody to come in the door so that he could start telling stories,” Deluck said. “My wife couldn’t understand why I spent so much time in that gun shop. When I took her out there and she listened to the stories, and him laughing, she understood exactly why I spent so much time out there.”

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