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Lipstick Sunset

The fireworks we traditionally associate with summertime happened a month-and-a-half ago, but folks on Lake Carmi and around northwest Vermont were treated to a spectacular natural display when the sun set on Thursday, Aug. 4.

Photograph by David Pratt

Success, Disappointment & Hope at Lake Carmi

President's Report



By Peter Benevento, LCCA President

It was a perfect day. White clouds and blue sky prevailed. The temperature was warm, but not oppressive. There was wind, but it was not

significant factor. Ideal conditions for the first annual Lake Carmi Community Foundation Golf Tournament.

One hundred golfers descended on the Enosburg Falls Country Club golf course for an 18-hole scramble that even produced one player scoring a

hole in one. Again, a terrific day. The foundation and the LCCA extends sincere gratitude to all the sponsors, players and volunteers who made the golf tournament a tremendous success. We truly appreciate your efforts. All net proceeds raised from the tournament will be used for water quality purposes. As witnessed in recent weeks, the timing couldn't have been better.

We started off the year with hopes that the aeration system would operate flawlessly, and we would get a true picture of its effectiveness. That did not happen. A malfunction with an

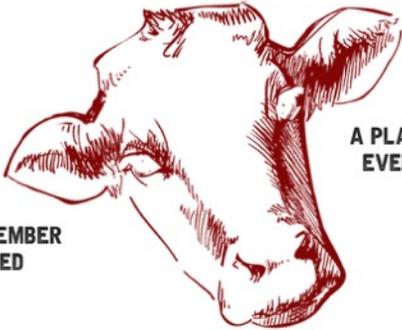
electrical control panel caused the system to go down for a few days in May. After that the system was operating at 80 percent for a few weeks until control panels with a greater capacity could be obtained. Once the new control panels were installed, the system has operated at 100 percent capacity, uninterrupted. We expect it to continue this way until the end of the season.

The breakdown of the aeration system was compounded by one of the earliest algae blooms ever in mid-July.

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Algae Blooms Quickly; Improvement Takes Time, Hard Work, Patience

Hello folks.

We are now well into the summer season, and I hope you're all enjoying yourselves at the lake. I know I'm enjoying watching the eaglets leave the nest and learn to hunt!



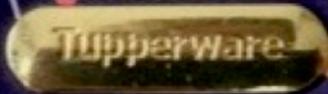
Franklin Watershed Update

By Julia Crocker, Coordinator, Franklin Watershed Committee

Let's start off by addressing the elephant in the room. Last month there was a significant cyanobacteria bloom (aka blue-green algae) spanning the entire lake, which lasted about a week. This bloom was particularly upsetting and disheartening because we all know it was exceptionally early and intense. Luckily, with the help of strong winds and heavy rain, the lake has been mostly clear of blooms for the past couple of weeks. We have created a photo journal for the cyanobacteria blooms on the Franklin Watershed Committee website and appreciate all of your submissions so far! This can be viewed at franklinwatershed.org/cyanobacteria-tracker.html.

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It is important for us to keep track of when and where these blooms are happening so we can see how widespread the issue is. Along with the photo journal, we're making weekly reports to the Lake Champlain Committee through their Cyanobacteria Monitoring Program, as well as reporting any additional blooms happening on the lake. To submit official reports, we must send in a "jar test" photo, so if you think there is a bloom appearing on your shoreline, feel free to submit a report yourself at lakechamplaincommittee.org/get-involved/volunteers/cyanobacteriamonitors/new-cyanobacteria-monitor-reporting-form. Follow their instructions or contact the Watershed Coordinator at jcrocker5@une.edu.

With these earlier and more intense blooms come the increasing desire to place blame and find a quick solution. As we are all aware by now, phosphorus is the main cause of cyanobacteria blooms because it is the limiting nutrient for cyanobacteria to grow. This means that excess amounts of phosphorus will increase the amount of cyanobacteria than can grow in an ecosystem. Phosphorus can enter an ecosystem (Lake Carmi) in many different ways, including sediment, septic systems, road runoff, shoreline erosion, and agriculture. Therefore, it is important for everyone to do what they can to minimize runoff into the lake.



A Good Day for Golf & Lake Carmi

The Enosburg Falls Country Club had a busy day on Friday, July 29, as 100 golfers/Lake Carmi supporters turned out for the the first Lake Carmi Community Foundation Golf Tournament. In addition to the 18-hole scramble, there was a silent auction and lots of great food from Plate 108. None of it would have been possible without a slate of generous sponsors. Pick up next month's LCCA newsletter for full details and results.



LCCA Annual Meeting Postponed

The Lake Carmi Campers Association Annual Meeting will not be held on Saturday, Aug. 13. It has been postponed to Thursday, Sept. 15.

The meeting will be in person and virtual at the Franklin United Church at 7 p.m.

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A Few Thoughts as Another Lake Carmi Summer Winds Down

By Ethan Dezotelle

This issue of the LCCA newsletter is the fourth of the season, which means there's just one more to go before we put a cap on another summer at our beloved lake.

Back in April when ads started coming in for the next round of newsletters, it felt as though autumn was as far away as Mars. Now we're finishing up back-to-school shopping, packing up camp (or starting to think about it), and wondering how much time is left before the leaves change.

Things happen fast. Or at least it seems that way. It definitely felt like it in June as I sat in a hot gymnasium, watching my youngest kid graduate from high school. Other things – especially things we really want to happen – seem to take forever.

That's certainly how it feels with regard to our ongoing struggles with Lake Carmi's water quality. "Maybe this year it won't be so bad," we think as a new season begins. "There's a chance the blooms won't be so nasty, and maybe they won't show up at all.

And then ... they do. The water turns green, thick, and smelly. Disappointment and frustration set in. The stuff we're doing isn't working, and the people to blame aren't bearing a fair share of the burden.

At least that's how it feels.

And when those big feelings come up, we forget that good things take a while. We forget that by the time Lake Carmi's water quality issues were being addressed in a significant way, the problem significantly outmatched the solutions. And we forget that when we confront problems on such a scale, sometimes the solutions we're seeking won't be enjoyed by us to the extent that they will be by our kids and others who follow.

I take a lot of solace in the fact that when we look at Lake Carmi, we see a big problem. Nobody is shrugging their shoulders and walking away indifferently. That's not the case in other neglected spots around the country. Our lake is surrounded by people who are passionate about its condition, and that's a wonderful thing.

That passion, though, can't replace fair-mindedness and reason. There's no silver bullet that can be shot into the center of Lake Carmi, negating the decades of damage that have been done. The solution is and will continue to be multifold, much like the source of the problem comes from more than one place.

Do I hope that maybe next year won't be so bad? Sure I do. I also know that the odds aren't great. But more than that hope, I know that whatever happens, we will keep working to improve Lake Carmi's water. We don't have to wait for that to happen.

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We are working hard to improve the health of Lake Carmi. We have reached out to our state and federal legislatures to encourage them to give Lake Carmi their attention and help us put more serious measures in place. Unfortunately, restoring an ecosystem is not something that happens overnight and takes immense amounts of time and resources. However, we remain hopeful that we can accomplish this goal and ask that you remain patient and hopeful with us!

Our Best Management Practices (BMP) project with the Franklin County Natural Resources Conservation District (FCNRCD) and Fitzgerald Environmental is underway. We are scheduling many site visits for the month of August! Thank you so much to everyone who has signed up so far. This project is a way for everyone to participate in improving the health of the lake by putting LakeWise BMPs in place on their shorelines. The Vermont Department of Environmental

Conservation held a LakeWise training event at Lake Carmi on July 29 for members of the FWC, FCNRCD, and many conservation districts around the state to become LakeWise certified. This means that we will now be able to perform LakeWise evaluations during our site visits as part of identifying suggested BMPs! If you would like to sign up for a site visit contact info@franklincountynred.org or jcrocker5@une.edu. We hope to see you soon!

To submit a cyanobacteria report, visit lakechamplaincommittee.org/get-involved/volunteers/cyanobacteriamonitors/new-cyanobacteria-monitor-reporting-form, and follow the instructions. Or you can contact Julia Crocker, Franklin Watershed Coordinator, at jcrocker5@une.edu.

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At first there were just little “balls “of algae in the water column, which is considered a low-level outbreak and not harmful. It later evolved into the pea soup, green paint-looking conditions that cause us such great despair.

To say the July algae blooms were a disappointment is a gross under-statement. They were horrible and, quite frankly, unacceptable. We have to and must do better. Scientists are reviewing all the data collected and generated by the UVM Research Platform and lake monitors. We will have a mid-summer meeting to hear their theories and review our options. One preliminary thought is that the aeration system as currently designed is not capable of producing its intended effect on very hot and calm days. If so, the system must be redesigned, adjusted and augmented to meet our needs. We will let you know what the prevailing thoughts and courses of action are once they are ascertained.

Meanwhile we must continue to do our part to reduce nutrient run off and protect the lake. Nutrients fuel the algae blooms. To reduce nutrient runoff, a Best Management Practices (BMP) Monitoring project is underway in the Lake Carmi Watershed. The Franklin County Natural Resources Conservation District (FCNRCD), Fitzgerald Environmental Associates (FEA) and the Franklin Watershed Committee (FWC) will visit cooperating camps to evaluate shorelines and make recommendations to protect the lake. This is strictly voluntary. They will only evaluate property with the owner’s consent. We urge you to get involved and avail yourself of their expertise.

The recommendations to improve your property to protect the lake are advisory in nature and are not mandatory. We would hope, however, that you would seriously consider them. The other factor I want to stress is that this is non-regulatory. The intent is not code enforcement. The intent is to improve shorelines to protect the lake. For more information on the BMP project contact FWC Coordinator Julia Crocker at jcrocker5@une.edu or FCNRCD directly at info@franklincountynrcd.org.

The other aspect of this project is monitoring agricultural BMPs. This project will not duplicate or interfere with the work of UVM Extension with farmers in the watershed. That good work will continue. What the BMP project will do is evaluate streams flowing through the watershed into the lake and make recommendations for improvement to reduce nutrient loading. Again, all of this being done to protect the lake.

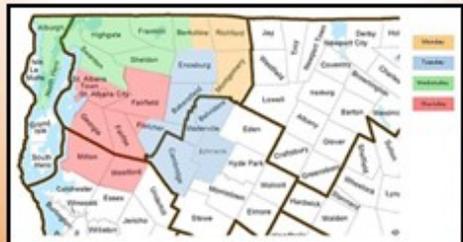
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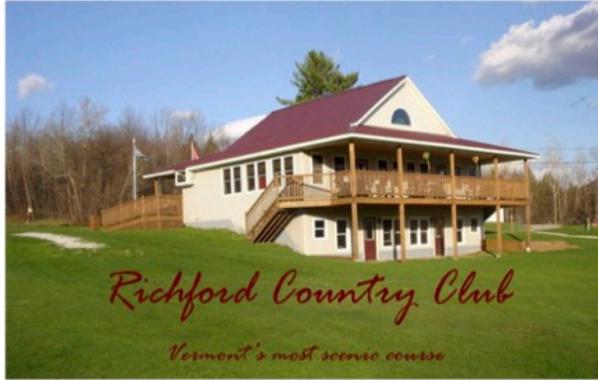


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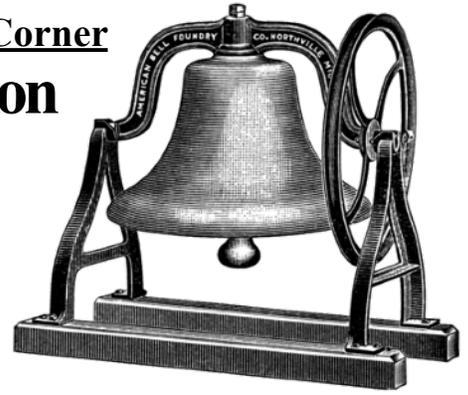
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Franklin History Corner

The Old School Bell: A Franklin Tradition



By Dave Bennion

From late-August to mid-June, Monday through Friday, a familiar sound can be heard in the Village of Franklin: the pealing of the Central School bell. Schools and the education they provide for our children have always been an important priority for the people of Franklin.

The raised lettering on the bell reads:

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The bell first hung atop the Franklin Academy, which was built in 1849-50. The Academy was located on the land which is now Marsh Park in Franklin Village.

In 1910, the bell was moved to the newly built Franklin Central.

Eighty-two years later, the bell was once again moved, this time to the new Franklin Central School, in 1992.

In 2006, the bell was removed briefly for repairs. The wooden wheel for the rope had deteriorated, and the sixth-grade class decided that their class gift would

be the necessary repairs. So a new wheel was made by Donald Rainville. While the bell was down, the Franklin Volunteer Firemen cleaned it, Charbonneau’s Body Shop clear-coated it, and then the Franklin Fire Department reinstalled it.

The bell is rung each morning by the students. Everyone gets a chance to ring it, just as their parents

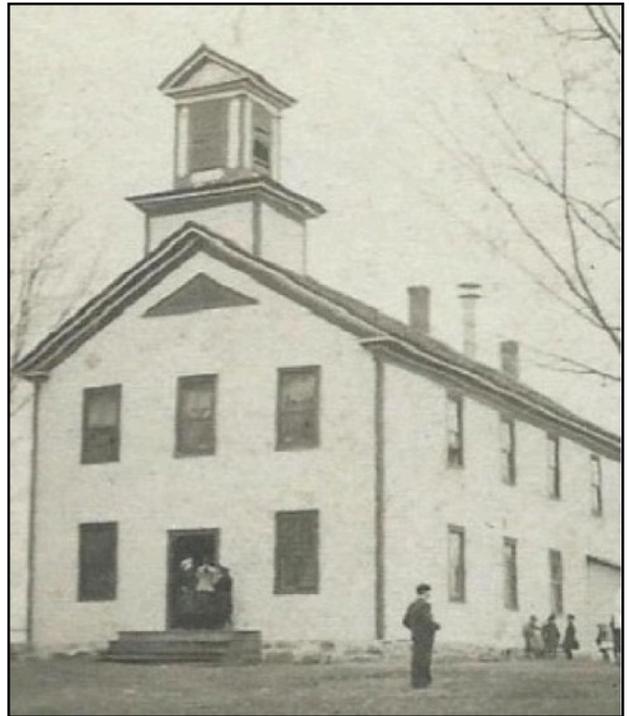
and grandparents before them. Ringing the Franklin Central School Bell is definitely a Franklin tradition.

Thank you to Stacey Boudreau and Principal Joyce Hakey for information for this article.

The *History Corner* is submitted each month by the Franklin Historical Society.

Want to join the Franklin Historical Society? Email us at historical@franklinvt.net.

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FRANKLIN COUNTY AUG/SEPT 2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, AUG. 13
Historic Franklin Village Narrated Walking Tour
 9-11 a.m., Franklin Town Hall, Main St.

Kisa Sauer
 6:30 p.m., Cold Hollow Sculpture Park, Enosburgh. German kite-maker leads kite-making & flying workshop.

SUNDAY, AUG. 14
Tyler Mast Band
 5:30 p.m., Highgate Arena.

MONDAY, AUG. 15
Soulshine Revival
 5:30 p.m., Lincoln Park, Enosburgh Falls.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 17
Citizens Concert Band
 7 p.m., Taylor Park, St. Albans City.

THURSDAY, AUG. 18
Rockin' Ron, the Friendly Pirate
 10 a.m., Franklin Town Hall, Main St.

FRIDAY, AUG. 19
Franklin Historical Society
 6 p.m., Franklin Town Hall, Main St. Monthly meeting.

Dan Jarvis
 6:30 p.m., Abbey Pub, Sheldon.

SATURDAY, AUG. 20
LJW Memorial Youth Fund Annual Fundraiser
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SUNDAY, AUG. 21
Flea Market
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Franklin Commune 50th Anniversary
 4 p.m., Franklin Town Hall, Main St.

Neon Spoon
 5:30 p.m., Highgate Arena.

FRIDAY, AUG. 26
John Gratton & Andrew James
 6:30 p.m., Abbey Pub, Sheldon.

SATURDAY, AUG. 27
Cornhole Tournament
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Franklin Farm to School Community Dinner
 5-8 p.m., Franklin Town Green. Homemade pizza & potluck dessert, live music from Old Man Garage Band.

SUNDAY, AUG. 28
Chad Hollister
 5:30 p.m., Highgate Arena.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 2
Laura Rasco
 6:30 p.m., Abbey Pub, Sheldon.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 9
Sean Jarvis
 6:30 p.m., Abbey Pub, Sheldon.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 15
LCCA ANNUAL MEETING
 7 p.m., Franklin United Church, Franklin & via Zoom.

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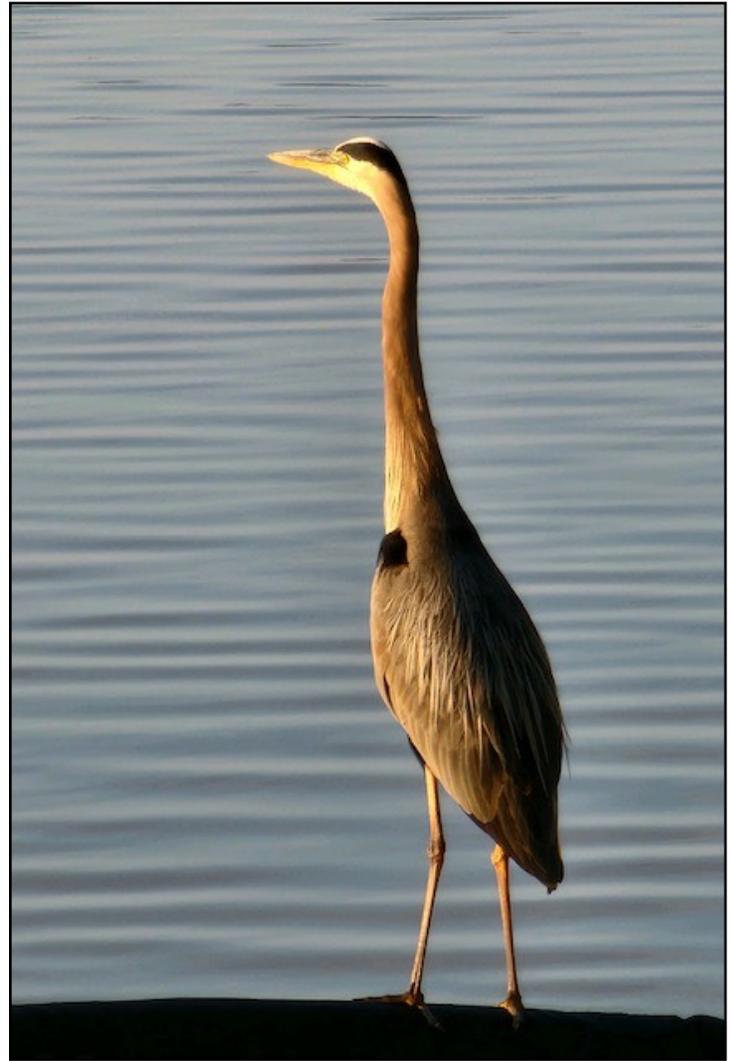
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FOR THE BIRDS



As summer enters its second half, birds keep busy on Lake Carmi. Loons participate in a showy mating ritual, a heron keeping an eye on things from atop a pontoon boat, and a bald eagle swoops in to catch and fly away with a fresh fish.

Loon photos by Kitty Emerson;
heron photo by Wendy Peyrat; eagle photos by Ellen Richards



An Afternoon on Lake Carmi for Franklin Homestead & Carriage House Residents

The Lake Carmi Campers Association hosted a lakefront luncheon and pontoon boat ride around the lake for residents of the Franklin Homestead & Carriage House on July 13. It was held at the Vic's Crossing cottage of David and Diane Larose, the first of what the LCCA hopes to be an annual summer event.

There were approximately 30 guests, including FHCH Administrative Assistant Kathryn Gates and Manager Stacy Silloway.

Folks arrived between 10:30 and 11 a.m. and were treated to a sunny day and beautiful views as they sat in lawn chairs, sipping on lemonade, iced tea, and water. A sit-down luncheon followed, consisting of hamburgers, hot dogs, homemade baked beans, potato salad, macaroni salad, and chips. Dessert choices included cookies and cake.

Following the luncheon, every person in attendance opted to go for a pontoon boat ride around the lake, with captains John Costa and Dave Larose at the helm. Mother Nature cooperated, not only in giving us a beautiful day, but also calm waters. Many of the riders had memories and history of the lake to share. Folks reminisced about times spent with family and friends, noting changes on the lake over the years.

Mother Nature must have known it was a special crew because she treated everyone to the sighting of five eagles and one loon on the cruise. What a delight!

The afternoon ended around 2:30 p.m., with folks full of gratitude and sporting big smiles, saying they hoped this event would be repeated next summer. One resident was overheard saying, "I'm going to remember this day for the rest of my life!"

Needless to say, the folks that worked on this event were thrilled with the attendance and the joy it brought to not only the guests, but also to their own lives.

Thank you to those that helped make this event a reality or helped with organization, set up, flowers, food and cruise. The list includes Kathryn Gates, Stacy Silloway, John and Carol Costa, Dave and Diane Larose, Ernie and Andrea Englehardt, Hilda Hendrickson, Rhonda Fletcher, and Bill and Sharon Sorenson.





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Lake Carmi Campers Association Mission Statement

The Lake Carmi Campers Association, Inc., is dedicated to conserving our unique natural resources, improving and enhancing the quality of life and the environment, for all Lake Carmi residents and visitors. In cooperation with local and state authorities, the association shall provide educational, cultural, and recreational activities, as well as water quality management and safety education initiatives. Further, the association will provide a medium through which information and educational programs and materials may be distributed throughout the community.



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Once the nutrient-loading to the lake is at acceptable levels, alum application will be considered. Alum traps or seals nutrients at the bottom of the lake, preventing them from fueling algae blooms. Alum only addresses nutrients at the lake bottom. The effect of the treatment is greatly reduced if significant loading occurs after alum is applied. Therefore, evaluation of the lake's tributaries and recommendations to improve them is critical.

The future recommendations for the aeration system, the potential for an alum treatment, as well as projects emanating from the BMP initiative may involve monetary matches or in-kind payments. We must be in a sound financial position to address potential obligations. The permit for an alum treatment, for example, will require studies that may be our responsibility. We will still seek out grants wherever and whenever possible, but we must be prepared for every lake improvement opportunity.

Having a solid Lake Carmi Community Foundation fund places us in a much better position to act if necessary. The golf tournament was a terrific start.

I apologize for pontificating too much in this issue, but the early algae bloom has dominated the conversation this summer. It is a bit of a setback, but the battle continues. We will not stop until we win the war.



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In Memoriam



Raymond Arthur Hendrickson (Dec. 11, 1937-Oct. 31, 2021)

Raymond Arthur Hendrickson, 83, formerly of Vic's Crossing, passed away on Oct. 31, 2021.

For a full obituary, please visit burlingtonfreepress.com/obituaries/bfp036494.



John S. Dunton (Nov. 3, 1942-July 23, 2022)

John Stephen Dunton, 79, formerly of Patton Shore, passed away on Saturday, July 23, 2022.

For a full obituary, please visit gosses.com/obituaries/john-dunton.



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