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Reflections by the lake - photo by Gina LeClair

Creating A Healthy Lake: Where Do We Go From Here?

By Peter Benevento, LCCA President



Welcome to the 2024 camp season! I hope you all had a safe and healthy winter and are eagerly anticipating a great Spring and Summer. The winter was certainly not the coldest on record. The unseasonably warm temperatures caused the earliest ice out date (March 5th) in recent memory. The snow was also sporadic despite a late season dumping the first week in April. This was immediately followed by the solar eclipse whose path of totality passed directly over the lake. Now a solar eclipse does not happen every day but the fact that the best viewing of the event centered over our lake is more than special. Perhaps this is an omen for good things to come. I certainly hope so.

The aeration system did not work. It operated for five seasons and did not produce any appreciable results. The algae blooms on the lake continued. The aeration system will be discontinued, and efforts will be made this summer to have the hardware both in the lake and on the shore dismantled and removed. There will no longer be bubble boils on Lake Carmi.

The aeration system may not have been the answer, but it certainly was not a failure. It was an important step in finding the right answer. The system together with the UVM Research Buoy has produced much meaningful data that will help us move forward. I want to publicly thank VT-DEC and Everblue Lakes for

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all their efforts in this regard.

So where do we go from here? The Alum Feasibility Study was completed over the winter and a final report has been issued. The report recommends that the lake be treated with Alum (Aluminum Sulfate) to arrest the Blue Green Algae blooms. VT-DEC is supportive of the Alum treatment. The timeline of the permitting process, the cost and other variables, however, have not been finalized. The objective is to work through these issues over the summer and fall.

No pun intended but this is a huge watershed moment for Lake Carmi. At no time have we been on a more direct path to cure our algae blooms (and blues). Alum has been used in Vermont at Lake Morey and Ticklenaked Pond with successful and sustained results. It is a proven remedy. We will endeavor to provide you with as much information as possible about alum over the summer. Special efforts will be made to address any environmental concerns. Again, I think this is a great moment in time for Lake Carmi.

I want to emphasize, however that despite the potential for an

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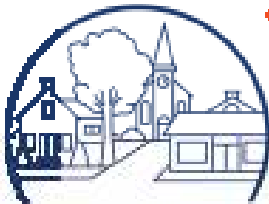
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*So reads the bronze tablet in the main
entry of the Haston Library.*

One of Two: Elvira Shedd Haston died in North Brookfield, Massachusetts on December 10, 1906. Incidentally, North Brookfield also was bequeathed a library that bears the name [Haston Free Library](http://www.franklinvt.net) and is of the same design. In her will, she left \$12,297.16, including interest, to the Town of Franklin to build a public library. As a stipulation in her will, Charles W. Gates of Franklin, if he were living at the time, was to supervise and control the building of this library.

At a special town meeting on March 18, 1907, the town accepted the bequest and C.W. Gates was the Agent for the building fund. William J. Powell and Arlin D. Horskin were elected to be on the building committee. The site of the Haston Library was purchased in May 1907, from Dr. J.B. Hall.

Early Years: On October 17, 1908, a special town meeting was held to discharge the building committee. They had spent \$10,880. The remaining \$1,616.00 was invested with the interest given to the trustees as support to purchase books and periodicals. At this same time, a motion was passed that the town be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the library and the salary of the librarian.

The Haston Library was originally built to house the Customs Inspector in the basement; a Reading Room, Selectman's Room, and Children's room (one and the same) and Town Clerk's Office on the first floor. The third floor was designated as the Historical Room. The latter was never used in an official capacity and basically was a storage area for many years.

Renovation: In September of 1984, the third floor (originally designed for a historical room) was officially opened as the Children's Room. The major renovation of the room was funded by Mr. & Mrs. Ross Clark. With the addition of the new space, the Haston Library began an extensive program of children's services.

History



The Haston Library

Today: The Haston now offers educational presentations, discount passes, equipment that can be checked out such as snowshoes and a telescope, and links to genealogical sites, on-line libraries, online courses, and other online services. The Haston also has public-use computers.

Want to join the Franklin Historical Society? Email us at: historical@franklinvt.net. Not from the Franklin area but still interested in Franklin History? We can add you to our Friends of Franklin Historical email list. Just email us at: historical@franklinvt.net. A History of Franklin, 1789-1989 is available for sale for \$20.00 at the Haston Library or the Franklin Town Clerk. Check out our website at: <http://www.franklinvthistorical.com>.

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alum treatment we are still working earnestly in the watershed to prevent unwanted sediment from entering the lake and we must continue to do so. Julia Crocker, our FWC Coordinator is spearheading several grants and projects to improve the watershed. Please read her column in this newsletter and participate where you can to help our lake. We are all in this together.

The roads around our lake have always been a perennial problem to the lake and this year is no different. In fact the unusual frequency of freezing and thawing this winter and spring has created several mud seasons and havoc on the dirt roads. I'm hearing that the dirt roads around our lake are no exception. I know we need to fill the potholes, but the greater need is to properly crown and drain the roads, so they do not negatively impact the lake. With one exception, every shore road on the lake is its own master in this regard. We are responsible for maintaining the roads. Again, please do what you can to help.

Franklin Community Voices, an effort sponsored by the VT Council on Rural Development, held several forums on March 19th in the Town of Franklin. The purpose of the forums was to discuss issues facing the town with the ultimate goal to establish priorities as we move forward. One of the forums focused on Lake Carmi. The forum was well attended, and much was discussed. A second follow up meeting was scheduled for April 18th. More on this to follow.

VT-DEC with the encouragement of the Federation of VT Lakes & Ponds passed a new rule limiting the operation of Wake Boats to more than 500 ft. from shore and in a depth of at least 20 ft. the primary intent of the ruling is preventing shoreline erosion. I don't recall seeing too many wake boats on the lake but if you operate one, please observe the new regulation.

The LCCA Board of Directors have been meeting monthly over the fall and winter planning for summer events. The events include the annual LCCA Fishing Contest, Senior Day, Light up Lake Carmi, the Pontoon Boat Race and two concerts on the Town Green. We are also sponsoring the 5th Annual Chase Around the Lake triathlon with the Franklin Recreation Committee. The triathlon will be held the morning of Saturday June 29th while the Pontoon Boat Race will be held the afternoon of the following Saturday July 6th. Dates and times for all the events will be published in a forthcoming events Calendar.

The second biannual golf tournament to benefit the Lake Carmi Community Foundation will be held Friday July 26th at the Enosburgh Country Club. It will be a 9:00 a.m. shotgun start. More details to follow.

LCCA Membership Day will be held Saturday June 15th at the Franklin United Church in Franklin. Stop by for coffee & donuts and pick up your new Directory and 2024 Window Card. You can also pay your dues too. One stop shopping at its best!

I started this article talking about the weather and I will end it that way too. I have been told that the early spring warmth and solar eclipse has resulted in late March and early April camp openings. I also heard there are already boats & lifts in the water! Now that's enthusiasm! I would love to see this attitude carry over throughout the summer! Here's to a very positive 2024 summer season at Lake Carmi! See you at the lake!

Pete

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Committee To Offer Stream Wise, Lake Wise Programs for 2024

By Julia Crocker, Coordinator Franklin Watershed Committee



Hello Folks,

I hope everyone had a wonderful winter season wherever you spent it. I also hope you all were able to experience the April 8th solar eclipse! It was truly a spectacular event.

The Franklin Watershed Committee is gearing up for another busy summer season! Lake Wise is back at Lake Carmi and this year our goal is to complete 10 assessments. The goal of this program is to empower lakeside landowners to take part in reducing their nutrient input into a lake system. Lake Wise is completely voluntary and non-regulatory. We are not here to judge or report; only to educate and inform. If you have previously had a Lake Wise assessment done and have since implemented or improved Best Management Practices on your property then you may have a second assessment done and (hopefully) receive the Lake Wise award sign! If you are interested in having a Lake Wise visit at your camp then please email jcrocker5@une.edu.

Stream Wise is also back for its second year. The Stream Wise program is very similar to Lake Wise but focuses on landowners with streams on their property and encourages them to cultivate and maintain vegetated buffers adjacent to streams. Our goal is to

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complete 5 assessments throughout the watershed this summer. Stream Wise is also voluntary and non-regulatory so we will not enter your property unless invited! If you or your neighbor might be interested in learning more about healthy streams then please reach out to jcrocker5@une.edu! We would like to thank the Lake Champlain Basin Program and the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission (NEIWPPCC) for funding this program.

Other exciting news to share is that the Boat Greeters are back at Lake Carmi! Every year for the past several years we have participated in the Vermont Access Greeter program in order to slow the spread of aquatic invasive species at Lake Carmi. For many years, we have been plagued by an infestation of Eurasian Watermilfoil which has wreaked havoc on native aquatic plant populations. There are nearly 50 different aquatic invasive species in Vermont with more on the way! The work that the boat greeters do is crucial in preventing new infestations of species such as zebra mussels and water chestnut, and to keep invasive species from spreading to other bodies of water. This summer will have a greeter at each boat launch during the busy weekend hours. Be sure to stop by and chat if you are interested in learning more about aquatic invasive species! We would like to thank the Lake Champlain Basin Program and the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commis-

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sion (NEIWPPCC) for funding this program.

The FWC is also continuing with the tributary sampling this year! Every other week we will be stopping at our sampling sites on the streams that feed into Lake Carmi to collect water samples that are then tested for phosphorus concentration. This information helps us keep track of where problem areas are within the watershed, and to let us know whether or not our mitigation efforts are working. Based on the data from the 2023 samples, VTDEC has informed us of the following summary: **1) Marsh Brook** continues to have the highest concentrations, but LC9 showed some improvement compared to 2022 and 2015-2017. **2) Sandy Bay Brook and Kane's Brook** both continue to show improvement compared to 2015-2017. **3) Dewing and Hammond Brooks** showed improvement for the first time compared to 2015-2017. The full data table for 2023 is available on the Franklin Watershed Committee website here: <https://www.franklinwatershed.org/2023.html>. Thank you to the Lay Monitoring program and VAEL Lab for providing us with this data.

Julia Crocker, FWC Coordinator



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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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2024 LCCA Fishing Contest Runs Through September 2

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2023 first place adult winners were Chad Rivers, Brad Bissonette, Howard Deuso, Daniel Heter, and David Bessette.

First place youth winners were Landon Lumbra, Wesley Bailey, William Bailey.

Adult second place winners were Jerry Clark, Frank Read, Chris Rogers, Ernie Englehardt.

Youth second place were Wesley Bailey and William Bailey.

Honorable mention certificates were awarded to Ryan Williams, Alex Deuso, Bob Whalen, and Nathan Englehardt.

Winners have been notified and can pick up their trophies and certificates at the Franklin Town Clerk's office. All entries must conform to the State of Vermont fishing regulations.

Winners for each species will be determined by the weight of the fish with the length being used to break a tie. The official weighing and measuring will be done at the Franklin General Store. Fish being weighed and measured must be dead and in a plastic bag. Each angler must fill out the official entry form at the store. Anyone is eligible to enter their catch as long as it came from Lake Carmi. You can pick up a copy of the 2024 Vermont Fishing Guide at the Franklin General Store or the Town Clerks' office. Make sure you know the rules and can identify the species. A fishing license is required for anyone age 15 and older.

Please call Ernie Englehardt, (802) 223-5529, if you have any questions about the contest.



2023 Winner: Wes Bailey



2023 Winner: Landon Lumbra



2023 Winner: Bob Whalen



2023 Winner: Ernie Englehardt and Bill Preis

Goings On

MAY 14

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Info, bit.ly/FranklinVoices

MAY 16

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MAY 18

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June 29 - July 6

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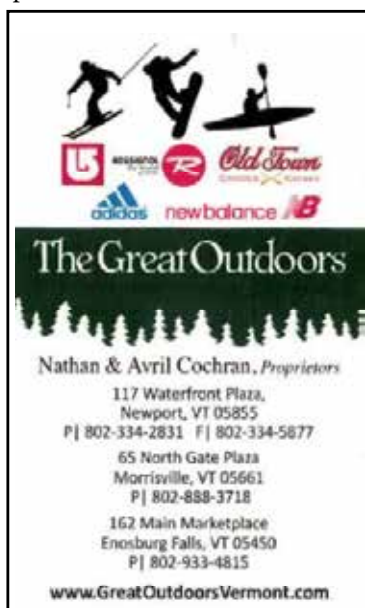
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Joseph Craig, Jr. (Dec 7, 1942 – Aug 30, 2023) Joseph E. Craig, Jr., 80, formerly of Westcott Shore. For a full obituary visit aw-richfuneralhomes.com.



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Michael Larose (Sept 10, 1953 – Oct 27, 2023) Michael Larose, 70, formerly of Patton Shore. For a full obituary please visit gossfs.com.



Richard "Dick" Gadbois (May 24, 1941 – Jan 4, 2024) Richard "Dick" Arthur Gadbois, 82, formerly of Patton Shore and Harrison Drive. For a full obituary please visit gossfs.com.



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