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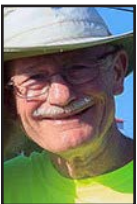


*Warmth at the end of
a beautiful day.*

*Photograph by Ellen
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Alum Use on Lake Carmi Recommended by DEC

By Peter Benevento, LCCA President



I trust everyone is enjoying the late spring camping season. Rain once again has been the prevailing factor. Nearly one inch of rain fell during our first week at the lake. Mud season seems to be never ending. The wind roaring over the lake on one late May afternoon created swells and white caps I have never seen on Lake Carmi. As much as I lament over the weather, however, it pales in comparison

President's Report

to the tornado plagued portions of the south and Midwest. We are very fortunate here in Franklin. We are all safe and sound despite the weather. Moreover, we will probably be longing for rain during a hot spell in July. Go figure.

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Reflections on Travelling and the Lake



The sites were amazing. Savannah with its history and parks was a wonderful stop. Enjoying friends and relatives we visited on the way. We watched the changing terrain as we headed north in early spring to catch the last of sugaring was "sweet". Then the trip West to East reminded me how grand our country is; the big skies of Montana that went on forever, the plateaus, the cliffs of red clay, 9000+ feet had me in awe. The land stretching out and changing incrementally as we put the miles on. The little towns, the big cities, the distinctive differences in each remind me of our special place at the lake.

There are many lakes out there all shapes and sizes and each of them different. It is the memories, the terrain, the 1950s cabins to the newly built spots, that people call home at least for a while. A place to settle to breathe in that new rhythm of the season. Taking those moments to relish times past and creating new memories to reflect on when we can't be here at Our Happy Lake. It is this time of year that impacts me. My heartbeat slows down even though the months speed by.

Maybe the lake is our emotional spa in a hectic world-at least for a moment. I wish for you to enjoy the summer that is before us. Welcome back!!!

Suzi Hull-Casavant

This spring brought me a lot of traveled miles. Driving from Florida home via Savannah, Georgia, Tennessee, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and up.

Then another road trip starting in Seattle, WA across Idaho down to Bozeman, MT, through Yellowstone and Cody, WY continuing East then popping up to Port Huron, MI and Canada for the last bit.

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Franklin Museum Housed in 1800s Log Cabin

Franklin Historical Society maintains an 1877 squared log cabin as its museum



As excerpted from "A History of Franklin":

Perhaps even bigger than the Fenian Raid, and certainly more permanent, was the acquisition and moving of the squared log cabin from the Highgate Road and setting it on a plot of land on the Gates farm. This was built in the 1800s and used as a dwelling until the 1950s. The squared log cabin, which had been moved from its home base on a small farm on the Franklin-East Highgate Road, was built by Charles P. Messier and Sophia Burnor Messier in 1877 on land bought from Ebenezer Shedd in 1877. The plot of land contained twenty-three acres, more or less, woodlot, pasture and meadow. This was the first and only house built there.



The Historical Society borrowed \$500 from the Enosburg Falls National Bank to finance the cabin acquired from Dr. Judd of Enosburg. It was bought in 1959 before the Champlain Festival. The moving of the log cabin and its refurbishing and repair was an extensive project. The outside and first floor were repaired. It was furnished as a home of the middle 1860s with period furniture either donated or loaned by members of the Historical Society.

History

In 1985, the lease on the Gates Farm land had expired, and it was voted that the Town accept the gift of the cabin. The cabin was moved to its present location in 1992.

Cabin tours can be arranged by calling 802-285-6523. Please call two to three days before you would like to visit so that we can ensure that we have a tour-guide available for your visit.

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's office. Check out our website at: <http://www.franklinvthistorical.com>.

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Dead Alewife collected from the shores of Lake Carmi following a die-off in December 2017.

Look Out for Alewife in Lake Carmi Vermont Fish and Wildlife Want to Hear From You

By Lee Simard, Fisheries Biologist, VFWD

We at the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department are asking anglers and residents to be on the lookout for Alewife in Lake Carmi.

The Alewife is a marine fish species native to the Atlantic Coast that makes annual spring migrations into freshwater rivers to reproduce. Although they are primarily an ocean-dwelling species, Alewife can live their entire life in freshwater, similar to Atlantic Salmon. The species has been present in the Great Lakes since the 1930's and has been widely introduced into many inland lakes across the eastern U.S. states. Alewife were first found in Vermont in Lake St. Catherine in 1997 and in Lake Champlain in 2004.

Alewife can have serious impacts on a lake's aquatic community, when introduced, given they are aggressive feeders that can out-compete many native fish species for food. Alewife also eat newly hatched larval fish, and studies in the Great Lakes have shown that in years when Alewife numbers were high they negatively impacted Yellow Perch and Walleye populations. These species are especially important to anglers on Lake Carmi. Here in Vermont, we have seen shifts in plankton and fish communities where Alewife were introduced, most notably in the decline of Rainbow Smelt in Lake St. Catherine and Lake Champlain.

Anglers first reported Alewife in Lake Carmi in 2010 when an ice angler caught a Walleye that spit up an Alewife. It wasn't clear that the species had established a population in Lake Carmi though

until December 2017 when an estimated 3,000 dead Alewife of various sizes washed ashore indicating the species had become established and were reproducing. Freshwater Alewife populations routinely have large mortality events in the winter, likely caused by rapid changes in water temperature. Another similar die-off occurred in late-November 2020.

We are now trying to monitor the Alewife population to better understand its cycles and learn how it is interacting with other species in Lake Carmi including Walleye and Yellow Perch. We have begun setting nets to target Alewife during our fall Walleye sampling, but interestingly, we have not caught any Alewife since the 2020 die-off. It's important to note however that this does not mean Alewife have disappeared from Lake Carmi as no feasible options have ever been shown to eradicate Alewife once they are established. However, it does suggest that the die-offs and pressure from predatory fish, such as Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass, Walleye, and Northern Pike, may be at least temporarily keeping the Alewife population in check.

And now, this is where you come in! Given we have not seen any Alewife in our sampling in over three years, we are asking the public to report any sightings of Alewife in Lake Carmi. Please reach out to Fisheries Biologist Lee Simard (lee.simard@vermont.gov) with information about the location, number, and estimated sizes of any Alewife that you observe. These reports will be incredibly helpful for us to better understand the population and its potential impacts on the Lake Carmi ecosystem and fishery.

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Franklin Watershed Update

By Julia Crocker, Coordinator Franklin Watershed Committee



Hello Folks,

I hope you are having a wonderful beginning of summer. We are looking forward to a productive season at the lake. Our goal this year is to give community members the tools they need to make a difference in water quality, which can be as easy as not mowing your lawn!

This year we are happy to again be participating in both the Lake Wise and Stream Wise programs. These programs encourage folks to engage with their friends and neighbors to spread the word about shoreline Best Management Practices. Our goal is to complete 10 Lake Wise and 5 Stream Wise assessments over the course of the summer. These assessments are completely voluntary, free, and non-regulatory. They also come with a written summary of the visit with tips, suggestions, and resources on how you can make your property as lake or stream "wise" as possible.

One of the best ways to slow, sink, and store runoff on your land is to increase the amount of native vegetation. This can be as simple creating a "no-mow" zone on your property and seeing what grows in naturally, or raising your mower blade to 3 inches. Increasing the amount of native vegetation on your shoreline property is one of the best things you can do not only for lake and stream health, but for the local ecosystem as a whole. Did you know that black cherry trees host over 450 species of butterflies and moths, and provide fruit for more than 40 species of birds and mammals! Shoreline vegetation isn't only beneficial to terrestrial animals. Fish can derive 60% of their protein from insects that have fallen off of trees and shrubs (Lake Wise Info Sheet: Restore Natural Plant Communities). And if wildlife just isn't your cup of tea, then you can be reassured in knowing that the shade provided by trees can lower your AC electricity bill by 5-15% (Yale Climate Connections). You don't have to give up your lake view to achieve a more water-friendly shoreline. There are other Best Management Practices that do not involve plants such as drip-line infiltration trenches, drywells, and driveway water bars. If you or your neighbor are interested in a free Lake Wise or Stream Wise assessment then please reach out to jcrocker5@une.edu. For more information about Lake Wise and its tips and tricks, please visit dec.vermont.gov/watershed/lakes-ponds/lake-shores-lake-wise/bmp.

Next up, our boat greeters have officially started for the season! We are happy to have them stationed at our boat launches during busy times to make sure no hitchhikers are sneaking their way in or out of Lake Carmi. Prevention is the cheapest and most effective strategy for reducing aquatic invasive species infestations (AIS). Across the US, the economic loss from aquatic invasive species is estimated at \$78.5 billion annually (US EPA). We are all too familiar with the devastation that the milfoil has caused here at Lake Carmi. It is vital that we do anything we can to prevent a new infestation from taking hold. One AIS that we have in Vermont but not in Lake Carmi is the spiny waterflea. This crustacean consumes small zooplankton and directly compete with native larval fish for food (USGS). Be sure to clear your boat from any vegetation or animals that might be hanging out on or in the trailer, hull, motor, bilge, or

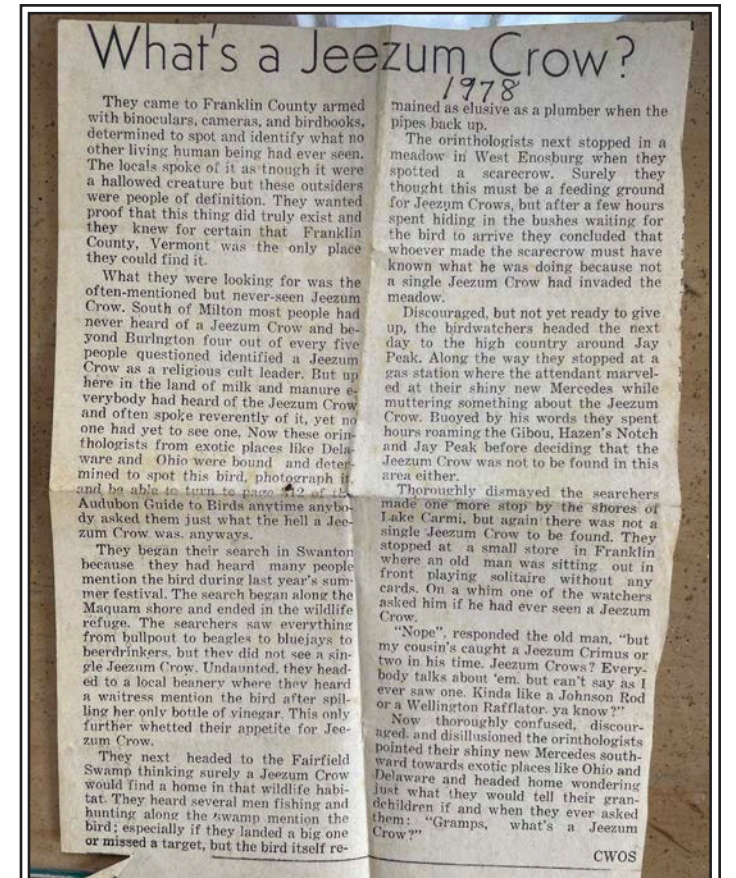
live wells before and after launching your boat.

Finally, we are planning to host a septic social for community members to learn more about well-functioning wastewater systems. We are still in the early planning stages but do keep a lookout for announcements regarding dates and times. We also want to remind folks that the FWC offers a \$75.00 rebate for any septic pump outs and a \$25.00 rebate for any port-o-let rentals for campers. Simply submit a receipt and mailing address to the Franklin Watershed Committee at PO Box 79 Franklin, VT 05457 to receive payment.

Thank you to the Lake Champlain Basin Program (LCBP) and the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission (NEIWPCC) for funding the Stream Wise and Boat Steward programs.



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What's a Jeezum Crow?
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They came to Franklin County armed with binoculars, cameras, and birdbooks, determined to spot and identify what no other living human being had ever seen. The locals spoke of it as though it were a hallowed creature but these outsiders were people of definition. They wanted proof that this thing did truly exist and they knew for certain that Franklin County, Vermont was the only place they could find it.

What they were looking for was the often-mentioned but never-seen Jeezum Crow. South of Milton most people had never heard of a Jeezum Crow and beyond Burlington four out of every five people questioned identified a Jeezum Crow as a religious cult leader. But up here in the land of milk and manure everybody had heard of the Jeezum Crow and often spoke reverently of it, yet no one had yet to see one. Now these ornithologists from exotic places like Delaware and Ohio were bound and determined to spot this bird, photograph it, and be able to turn to page 42 of the Audubon Guide to Birds anytime anybody asked them just what the hell a Jeezum Crow was, anyways.

They began their search in Swanton because they had heard many people mention the bird during last year's summer festival. The search began along the Maquam shore and ended in the wildlife refuge. The searchers saw everything from bullpup to beagles to bluejays to beerdrinkers, but they did not see a single Jeezum Crow. Undaunted, they headed to a local henery where they heard a waitress mention the bird after spilling her only bottle of vinegar. This only further whetted their appetite for Jeezum Crow.

They next headed to the Fairfield Swamp thinking surely a Jeezum Crow would find a home in that wildlife habitat. They heard several men fishing and hunting along the swamp mention the bird; especially if they landed a big one or missed a target, but the bird itself re-

maind as elusive as a plumber when the pipes back up.

The ornithologists next stopped in a meadow in West Enosburg when they spotted a scarecrow. Surely they thought this must be a feeding ground for Jeezum Crows, but after a few hours spent hiding in the bushes waiting for the bird to arrive they concluded that whoever made the scarecrow must have known what he was doing because not a single Jeezum Crow had invaded the meadow.

Discouraged, but not yet ready to give up, the birdwatchers headed the next day to the high country around Jay Peak. Along the way they stopped at a gas station where the attendant marvelled at their shiny new Mercedes while muttering something about the Jeezum Crow. Buoyed by his words they spent hours roaming the Gibou, Hazen's Notch and Jay Peak before deciding that the Jeezum Crow was not to be found in this area either.

Thoroughly dismayed the searchers made one more stop by the shores of Lake Carmi, but again there was not a single Jeezum Crow to be found. They stopped at a small store in Franklin where an old man was sitting out in front playing solitaire without any cards. On a whim one of the watchers asked him if he had ever seen a Jeezum Crow.

"Nope," responded the old man, "but my cousin's caught a Jeezum Crimus or two in his time. Jeezum Crows? Everybody talks about 'em, but can't say as I ever saw one. Kinds like a Johnson Rod or a Wellington Rafflator, ya know?"

Now thoroughly confused, discouraged, and disillusioned the ornithologists pointed their shiny new Mercedes southward towards exotic places like Ohio and Delaware and headed home wondering just what they would tell their grandchildren if and when they ever asked them: "Gramps, what's a Jeezum Crow?"

CWOS

Chris "Buzzy" O'Shea was a reporter for his father's newspaper, the County Courier. Chris eventually became editor and publisher of the paper, but at this point he was still a journalist. This is a piece he wrote in 1978.



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Several news stories about the lake also surfaced during the first week of my return. One was in print, and the others were broadcasted on the major local network news. The stories focused on the removal of the aeration equipment from the lake and the failure of the system to reduce our blue green algae blooms. Yes, the aeration system did not do what was intended. It was a big disappointment. Moreover, the system had to be constantly monitored and maintained. Much of this was done by LCCA volunteers. That said, however, the aeration system was not a failure but a steppingstone in the process to a clearer lake. The system, coupled with the UVM Research Platform, also produced a plethora of scientific data that will service the lake for years to come.

Aeration was proposed for Lake Carmi years before the State requested bids for its installation. It reduced algae blooms in other water bodies and was recommended for our lake by multiple lake science organizations. It was also minimally invasive. All it did was add a natural element to the lake: oxygen. At the time it was the most prudent way to proceed. Now we move forward.

The first quarterly Lake Carmi TMDL Coordination Team Meeting of the year was held on April 16th. The focus of the meeting concerned the Alum Feasibility Study. The study recommended an alum treatment for Lake Carmi to eliminate blue green algae, cyanobacteria blooms. VT DEC confirmed that they concurred with the recommendation and that they will work with us and the Town to see the Alum treatment through fruition. This is HUGE. Final-

ly, there is light at the end of the tunnel. The prospects for an algae bloom free Lake Carmi are much, much brighter. Alum has been used successfully in VT at both Lake Morey and Ticklenaked Pond.

Yes, there is still much work to be done. A State Permit to use alum must be obtained. We will work with DEC and the Town through the permitting process. We will endeavor to distribute as much information as possible about Alum, the method of its application and any possible side effects. We want you to be the most informed lake community ever!

In addition to permitting, we will be working on the financing of the treatment as well. The DEC Director of the Water Investment Division outlined several possible sources of funding at the TMDL meeting; all of which we intend to pursue vigorously. More details on the permitting process and financing possibilities will be disclosed over the summer as they become available.

Meanwhile, efforts will be made to remove the aeration equipment from the lake by the fall of this year. The hoses and diffusers at the bottom of the lake will have a negative impact on the alum treatment so they must be removed. The target date for the alum treatment is fall 2025. More on this timeline will follow.

That's all for now. You know I complain about the weather but this Memorial Day weekend was the first time in years I actually went swimming in the lake in May. Usually the weather and water are not hospitable for me until early July! Go figure. See you around the lake!

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JULY 15
SUMMER SOUNDS
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JULY 26
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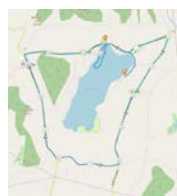


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July 15th (rain date 17th) **Music and Food Trucks On Site**
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August 19th (rain date 21st) **Farmers Market Vendors**
The Maple Grove Band 4:00pm - Till

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COMING EVENTS from page 11

AUGUST 8-11
ANNIE THE MUSICAL
The Opera House at Enosburg Falls presents Annie. Info, enosburgoperahouse.com

AUGUST 10
LCCA ANNUAL MEETING
And potluck, 5 pm, Franklin United Church, Main Street.

AUGUST 19
SUMMER SOUNDS
Featuring The Maple Grove Band, Lincoln Park, Enosburg Falls, 5:30-8 pm. Rain Date August 21.

ONGOING
STORY TIME
Every Friday 10-11 am, Haston Library. Info, 802-285-6505.

SUMMER POP UP
Vendors in Taylor Park, St. Albans, 10:30 am-4:30 pm 6/9, 6/30, 7/14, 7/28, 8/11, 8/25, 9/8, 9/29.

NORTHWEST FARMERS MARKET
Saturdays 9am-2pm through October 26, Taylor Park, St. Albans.

Golf Tournament to Benefit Lake Carmi

We are planning a sunny day for our Biennial Golf Tournament to benefit the Lake Carmi Community Foundation. The tournament will be held Friday, July 26, at Enosburgh Falls Country Club, 9 am shotgun start. You will want to get your team together quickly as this tournament fills up fast. \$300 per foursome. This includes Fun, Golf, Golf Cart, Goodie Bag, and a nice meal.

We are excited about the support we get from our sponsors. If your business wishes to be a sponsor, please contact us right away so that we can create a banner or sign indicating your sponsorship.

We are also accepting donations for silent auction items and monetary donations as well. The Lake Carmi Community Foundation was founded to improve, maintain and preserve the wonderful natural resource that is Lake Carmi. Your support as a player, sponsor or donor will be greatly appreciated. For more information please contact Nancy Johnson 802-233-9207, nancyagor@gmail.com.

Lake Carmi Community Foundation Golf Tournament

Enosburg Falls Country Club
Friday, July 26, 2024
Scramble Format
9 a.m. Shotgun Start

- \$300/team of 4 includes
- green fees, cart, gift bag & lunch
- Registration deadline July 8
- Checks payable to: Lake Carmi Community Foundation, Attn: Golf, PO Box 1, Franklin, VT 05457



The Lake Carmi Community Foundation is dedicated to conserving one of Vermont's most unique natural resources, Lake Carmi, for all to enjoy today and for generations to come.

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Public Water Rule



Attention wakesports enthusiasts. As of 4-15-24 a new rule under Vermont Use of Public Water Rules took effect. Vermont's new wake boat rule requires wakesports to operate more than 500 ft. from shore and in a depth of more than 20 ft. The intent of the new rule is to prevent the effect of wakesports from eroding the shoreline and scouring the bottom of the lake. Wakesports have the tendency to do both.

Lake Carmi is one of 30 lakes in the state where wakesports are permitted pursuant to the new rule. I am not aware of the degree of wakesports on Lake Carmi but if you do indulge, please adhere to the rule. Lake Carmi is a relatively shallow lake with an average depth of 17 ft. and a maximum depth of 33 ft. in the center troth. Also, please note that we will be researching the possible impact of wakesports on a potential Alum Treatment. If you have any questions, please get back to me at president@lakecarmivt.com. Thank you.

Pete Benevento, Pres. LCCA

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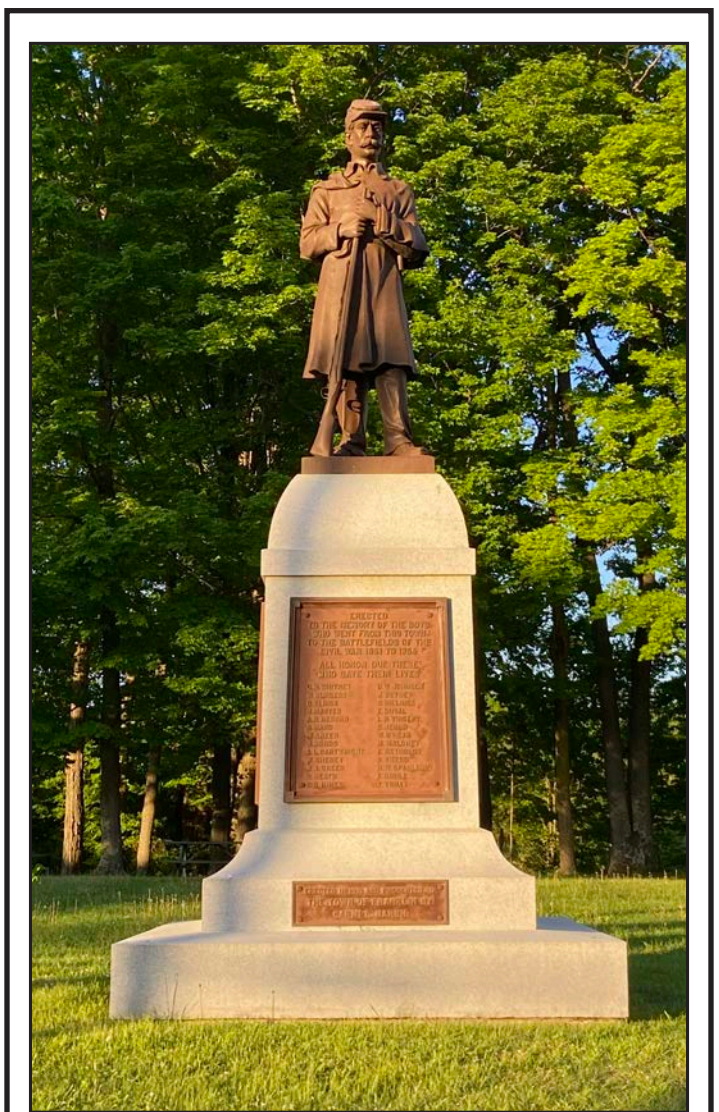
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Carmi Lathrop Marsh (Aug. 4, 1842 - Dec. 29, 1910) was born in Franklin August 4, 1842. Enlisted in the Union Army for the Civil War, Marsh was second lieutenant in the 13th Vermont Infantry, which served primarily in the defenses of Washington from October 1862 to August 1863.

In later years he served in the Vermont House of Representatives, the Vermont Senate and as a judge advocate of the Vermont Militia.

This statue, honoring Marsh, is in the Franklin Town Park on Main Street.

Lake Carmi, previously known as Silver Lake or Franklin Pond, was named after him in 1910. His first name was used to avoid the confusion of a lake named Lake Marsh.

Once much larger, Lake Carmi is the fourth largest lake entirely surrounded by Vermont land. The southern end has silted in creating the third largest peat bog in Vermont, found at the Lake Carmi State Park, along with wetland forests.

Fishing is popular on the lake; the predominant fish are northern pike and walleye.

LCCA Events

Welcome back to the Lake. By the time you read this, I'm hoping you have returned to the lake and are already making new memories. I know that's the plan for Carol and me. To help you create those lasting memories, our board has been working diligently throughout the winter to bring events and activities that all can enjoy.

Here we go! The event season started early with our annual **LCCA Ice Out Contest**. This year's winner was eight-year-old Katherine Read, with a winning time of 4:30 pm on March 5th. This date is the earliest ice out in the history of the contest.

We kick off the summer season on Saturday, May 25th with our annual **LCCA Fishing Contest**, which runs until September 2nd. So, get those rods and reels off the walleye hook and start fishing! Don't be left out on a perch.

June 15th is our annual **LCCA Membership Day** from 9 am to Noon at the Franklin United Church in Franklin. You can stop by to meet/visit with some of your fellow members, pay your dues and pick up your Directory & window card too. If you have already paid your dues you may pick up your Directory and window card. One stop shopping at its best! Coffee and donuts will be served!

On Wednesday, June 26th (rain date June 27th), we kick off our third annual **LCCA Senior Luncheon and Boat Ride** with guests from the Franklin Carriage House and Homestead. Anyone who wishes to help is welcome.

Franklin's 5th Annual **Chase Around the Lake** Triathlon sponsored by the **Franklin Recreation Committee** and the LCCA is Saturday June 29th at 8:30 am. Run, bike & kayak! You can be in it to win it or participate to just enjoy the view. In any case it's a great way to work on those endorphins.

Now, onto July. Some of your/our neighbors have picked up the fireworks gauntlet and will again light up the lake to help celebrate our country's independence.

Light Up Lake Carmi runs from June 29th to July 6th. This year's theme is **Go for the Gold**, to tie in with the 2024 Summer Olympics in France and to honor a local runner and Olympian, who we anticipate will be in Paris running again. Judging of your lighting display will take place under the darkness of night on July 6 by an intrepid group of volunteers who shine as they endeavor to select winners in a variety of categories. The categories are: Most Creative, Most Inviting, and Most Patriotic. So, get those lights ready if you want bragging rights for the rest of the year. So don't be left out in the dark. Go for the Gold!

On Wednesday, July 3rd the **LCCA Concert Series** begins at the Franklin Town Park where **The Citizens Band** will entertain us once again. And, if the band isn't enough to march you off the Lake, perhaps the **Ice Cream Social**, sponsored by the East Franklin Union Church and the Franklin United Church, that accompanies the band will get your taste buds marching to the beat of their drums. The Ice Cream Social is at 6 pm followed by the concert.

On Saturday, July 6th at 2 pm, IT'S BACK!!! The world's only **Pon-toon Boat Relay Race** returns to the lake for another chance to beat the dreaded Blue team. Even though the Orange team won convincingly last year, Anne Delaney and her Blue Team cohorts remain the villains. Let us know if you'd like to enter your boat in

the race so you can take a shot at making the Blue team continue to sing the Blues.

July 26th brings the 2nd biennial **LCCA Golf Tournament** to the Enosburg Country Club to benefit the Lake Carmi Community Foundation. Net proceeds go exclusively to the Foundation's water quality efforts.

On Saturday, August 3rd, we invite you back to the Franklin Town Park when **Uncle John's Band** will provide the entertainment for the second concert in the **LCCA Concert Series**. We may have some additional surprises in addition to the band but have yet to finalize them. Check future newsletters and our website - www.lakecarmivt.com - for updates.

The LCCA Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 10th at the Franklin United Church, and we're hoping to continue with the world-renowned potluck supper. If you have never attended, you're missing out on the culinary dishes of the finest chefs from the Lake Carmi community. The gathering begins at 5 pm.

We continue to look for other opportunities to add to your memories, so keep checking the website and future newsletters for updates. Also, let us know if you have any ideas to help everyone make new memories. Thank you.

John Costa, Events Coordinator



Lake Carmi Association News

The Lake Carmi Association Newsletter is published monthly from May through September by the Lake Carmi Campers Association. The Lake Carmi Association Newsletter is available in print and online at lakecarmivt.com.

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Submission to the Lake Carmi Association Newsletter are always welcome at editors@lakecarmivt.com.

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.

Obituaries



Walter Barnum (March 11, 1934 - Aug 26, 2023) Walter W. Barnum, 89, formerly of Mullen Shore. For a full obituary visit gossfs.com.

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UPCOMING Events

- JULY: SUMMER THEATER CAMP
- AUGUST 8-11: Annie
- OCTOBER: SPOTLIGHT
- OCTOBER: YOUTH TALENT SEARCH
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