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August Social A Huge Success!

Our August Social was held on August 19, with more than 40 people having a great time at the Weiler's. There was plenty of food and laughter as we enjoyed a variety of pot-luck dishes and took a New Hampshire quiz created by Carol Tonkin. It was amazing how well everyone did, and many clever (but wrong) answers were thrown out as well.

Each year our socials get better and better. We hope you can make it next year!

Norma Murphy

It's No Fun

It really isn't any fun to pull grass and weeds from our beaches and water in front of our homes. However, with low water and warm weather, it's a perfect time to get rid of some of the green stuff invading our lake.

A float of any kind is useful to pull along beside you as you don old clothes and bathing shoes and pull the darned stuff out of the water. The float is a good place to put everything until you bring it to shore and dispose of it far away from the lake. The roots are long, but it pulls up pretty easily. A potato digger or rake is useful to loosen up the weeds before you actually pull them up.

If we all take care of our own space, it will make a big difference. If we don't take care of our lake, who will?

Allene Hamilton



Island Camping

There is no camping allowed at any time on any of the islands without approval from Bill Weiler. His telephone number is 938-2892. Also, if you do camp on one of the islands, please remember:

- If you want a campfire, you must get a fire permit from the Fire Warden in Newbury.
- You must remove all waste, including human waste.
- Do not cut any branches from live trees or bushes at any time.

Bill did give permission twice this year for overnight camping. The last time was on Labor Day weekend, and he was not aware of most of the other overnight camping that went on this summer. He allows residents of Lake Todd to use the islands during the day. If you see someone camping there, please check with Bill to be sure they have permission. Help protect the Lake Todd Islands.

Carol Tonkin





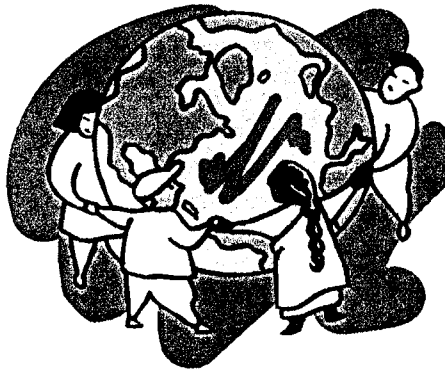
Reflections



The recent tragedies that have taken place in our country have affected us all, leaving us feeling a little more vulnerable, perhaps a little more fearful. It has also united us, though, in our outrage, in our sadness, and in our concern.

As we watch the leaves on the trees surrounding Lake Todd change with the coming season, we also watch as our country enters a new season. The days and years to come will echo with the horrific events we witnessed on September 11, but just as we know spring will arrive next year with its promise of new life, so too will we survive and grow, as a community here on Lake Todd, and as a country.

Norma Murphy



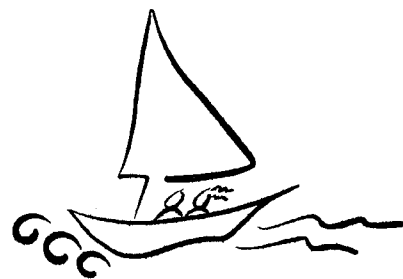
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Neighbors on the Lake

Marion Louise (she prefers to be called Louise) and Matt (Mathias) St. Laurent lived in Illinois for 30 years before moving back to Henniker in 1987. They were both originally from Hillsboro and Henniker and currently live in Henniker with their two dogs and two cats when they're not enjoying their vacation home on Lake Todd. They bought their home here in June 1996 and love to look out at the lake and watch the loons.

In Illinois, Matt worked for Western Electric (which became A T & T), retiring after 30 years. Louise worked as a supervisor for a sewing company for 17 years. They have five children, four sons in this area and one daughter in Arizona. They also have 12 grandchildren, ranging in age from 5 to 32, and 2 great-grandchildren, 8 and 13. They all love Lake Todd and spend a lot of time here. Even her daughter from Arizona comes every summer. Fortunately, their cottage has 4 bedrooms and lots of beds for their large family. Their oldest son, Robert, and his friend Doug have memories of Lake Todd that date back to January, 1959, when they won first prize for a pickerel at the fishing derby and shared the \$5 prize.



Matt keeps busy with his part time job at the Warner Market Basket, and also with his almost daily card competition with Louise. He also likes 10-pin bowling, which he learned when they lived in Illinois. Louise also likes to play cards and does craft work, sewing, and going to the fairs with their two granddaughters who show sheep as a 4-H project. Matt and Louise have a small motor home that they take to the fairs to give their granddaughters a place to relax between events. They were at the Hopkinton Fair and will be going to the Rochester Fair and Deerfield Fair. If you go to either of those fairs, stop by their motor home and say hello!

Carol Tonkin

A Bit of History—Winter on Lake Todd

Bradford once had Winter Carnivals, complete with parades, sporting events, and the crowning of the carnival queen. Surrounding towns came to participate in the events. Ski events, including ski-jumping and downhill were held at Zealous Shoves Hill, Center Road, and also on Ring Hill (Old Warner Road) in Bradford. All are overgrown now.

During carnival time, ice skating events were held on Lake Todd behind what is now the home of Selectman and Mrs. Richard Vitale. The ice was kept clear by various methods. A plow or shovel brigade, and many times it had to be flooded before carnival time to get the ice as smooth as possible. The wind whipping down from Mt. Sunapee didn't help much in keeping the ice smooth.

Gillingham Drive sported an icehouse built in 1893, situated between the beaches of Vernon Hall and Howard Klein. Bert and Lester Hall, Grandfather and father of Vernon, were in the ice business for 50 years. The ice was cut when it was at least 15 inches thick and after snow-clearing, sawed by a stationary saw, and later a circular saw with a gasoline motor. It was then floated and placed on a horse-drawn wagon or slide where it was stored in the icehouse until the following summer, when it would be peddled around town on a horse-drawn wagon and sold to keep ice boxes cool. Ice was packed to the top of the icehouse in layers and insulated with sawdust to keep it free from any outside melting agents. I wonder how we would like to get our ice that way in 2001!

Allene Hamilton