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OUR PRESIDENT SAYS

This Summer Promises to be a Busy One in our Little Piece of Heaven

ROGER CARTEE

To those of you fortunate enough to have returned to our little piece of Heaven, welcome back. This summer promises to be a busy one as we face the problem of Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) head on with increased harvesting and the possible use of an herbicide treatment called ProcellaCOR.

We have a long way to go before this happens and this summer will be a time of education and discussions before anything is put into Big Salem. I know many of you will have questions about what we are looking at as well as what the future of our lake will look like.

Last year I appointed Ross Ogilvie chair of our Lake Association milfoil committee and he has assembled an impressive committee of lake veterans that include Ed Wells, Tim Votapka, Matt Hammond and T.J. Jackman. This committee has been meeting regularly throughout the winter and they have put in many hours of work researching, meeting with experts and developing a plan to attack the milfoil in our lake. If you want to find out what they have accomplished so far, you should plan to attend the annual meeting on July 16 starting at 9:00 a.m. at Char-Bo campground. Chairman Ross and our tech expert Tim Votapka will be our guest speakers.



Following their presentation, they will have a question-and-answer period to try and address any questions or comments you might have.

With COVID-19 still a part of our lives, we will forego our traditional breakfast and instead provide donuts, muffins, juice and coffee. In order to assure there is enough food and drink for everyone please, please, please notify us at carteerjecomcast.net, if you are planning to attend. A simple "we will be there with two people or however many" will suffice. Thanks.

Our Lake monitor chairman Ed Wells will also report on action at the Lake Association shanty where boats are checked as they enter and leave the lake. Ed's wife Susan has joined the fray helping with the multitude of things that needs to be done from monitor scheduling to state grants, filling out forms and anything else where Ed needs help. They make a great team and have been a huge plus for our association.

I also appointed Dennis Bond chair of a new fundraising committee to help us prepare for future expenses. I will plan on him giving a report on what they have done over the winter.

Geri Marchessault is chairing our social committee comprised of members Kelly Harris, Margaret Laggis, Paula Staples and Penny Major Wood.

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In Memoriam



It was with heavy hearts we learned and shared the news of the passing of a dear friend to the community. Andy Major, a former association president and long-time advocate for Salem Lakes passed away in December. On behalf of the board of directors, we wish his family our prayers and gratitude for having this gentleman among us for the time we did. We invite you to read Andy's obituary on p. 5.

*The Board of Directors
Salem Lakes Preservation Association*

IN MEMORIAM

Andy Major – Aug 29, 1938 – Dec 10, 2021

Andrew "André" Leonard Major, 83, was called home to his eternal rest on Dec. 10, 2021. He was surrounded by his loving family as he passed.

Andrew was born on Aug. 29, 1938, in Dixville, Quebec, Canada, the sixth of nine children of Henry Major and Fabiola Mailhot Major.

In November, 1944, Andrew immigrated with his family to the United States via Norton, Vermont. Andrew maintained dual American/Canadian citizenship as Fabiola was born in Manchester, New Hampshire. The family moved to a small dairy farm at the foot of Bald Mountain in East Charleston, VT. There, Andrew attended Buck School - a small, one-room schoolhouse in town. After graduation, he attended St. Mary's Academy in Island Pond, VT where he graduated Valedictorian of his class.

Andrew then attended Saint Michael's College in Colchester, VT for two years before transferring to Saint Paul University Seminary in Ottawa, Canada. Leaving seminary, Andrew started working for the Canadian Pacific Railroad in Newport, VT, before returning to his education at the University of Ottawa, Canada and obtaining a B.A. in Philosophy.

Andrew returned to the railroad before joining the faculty at Sacred Heart Junior High School in Newport. The following year, he joined the faculty at Sacred Heart High School, teaching French, History, and working as a guidance counselor. A year later he transferred to North Country Union High School in Newport, working as the Director of Vocational Education.

In 1973 Andrew and Lois Rae Beadle were married in Derby. They then moved to Perkinsville, VT and Andrew worked at Springfield High School as Vocational Director. While in Perkinsville their son Seth Andrew was born and Andrew received a Masters Degree from UVM.

In 1978, the family moved to a cottage that Andrew had owned since 1965 on Lake Salem in Derby, VT. He returned to the Canadian Pacific Railroad as an assistant supervisor. In 1980 their daughter Amy Lee joined them. Over the years Andrew spent many days enjoying and caring for the lake on which he lived, operating as President of the Salem Lakes Association and working passionately to ensure the health of the lake he loved.

Andrew is predeceased by his siblings Marcel, Raymond, Gilbert, Paul, two who died in infancy and his beloved dog Mikey. He is survived by his wife Lois of Derby, Vermont, his son Seth, his wife Aimee Powelka and their children, Ethan Francis and Eliot Henry, of Framingham, MA, his daughter Amy Ricker, her husband James and their children, Jay Elton and Ellington Fabiola of Lyme, NH. He is also survived by his siblings Jean Louis "Johnny" and his wife Donna of Hickory, North Carolina and Jeannine Gratton and her husband Rudy of West Charleston, VT, two sisters-in-law: Gerry Major of Amherst, NH and Betty Major of Newport, and numerous nieces and nephews.

BEST PRACTICES

Be Aware, Stay Lake Safe

BECKIE EAKIN

With the warming of the days and lake water, it's time to be aware of the ways to keep yourself, others around you, wildlife and the lake itself a safer environment for all. Highlighted here are a few things we can all do to help achieve this goal.

Be Aware

The State of Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation has regulations covering the use of public waters:

<https://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/lakes-ponds/vermont-use-public-waters-rules> and The State of Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department has a boat safety education course that is required to operate a motorboat by anyone born after January 1, 1974: <https://vtfishandwildlife.com/fish/boating-in-vermont>. Educate yourself by going to these websites to learn more.

Respect the Shoreline Safety Zone

Do not exceed 5 mph within 200 feet of the shoreline. Following this guidance reduces the wake thus lessening the impact on shoreline erosion and docks as well as helping to mitigate the spread of Eurasian Water Milfoil.

No-wake Speed

Maintain a "no-wake speed" when within 200 feet of the shoreline, marked swimming areas, docks and other vessels, including canoes and kayaks.

Following this will keep all boaters and swimmers safer.

Don't Jump Wake

"Vessels powered by motor shall...not be operated in such a manner that either the hull of the vessel or its underwater exhaust outlet completely leaves the water as a result of crossing or jumping the wake of any vessel, including its own wake, or for any other reason."

This is especially dangerous to the operator and any passengers as you may be thrown from the vessel and could be severely injured.

Wake Boats

The latest studies on wake boats recommends that the boat operators keep to the deepest area of a lake as the wake produced takes more than twice the distance to dissipate to the level of other motorized vessels (see <https://usa.fishermap.org/depth-map/salem-lake-orleans-vt/> for the Lake Salem depth chart). Also, the turbulence to the lake bed reintroduces phosphorus that has settled into the lake bottom back into the water. Operators following these recommendations will lessen the impact on the shoreline, docks and the water quality of the lake.

Stop the Spread of Eurasian Milfoil

Remove vegetation and animals from your watercraft and related equipment as well as draining any water in your watercraft, including ballast, before moving from one body of water to another. Stay clear of EWM identified areas (marked with buoys) by a minimum of 20 feet.

Stay Lake Safe

By completing the boating safety education course if operating a motorized vessel, following the regulations for use of public waters and being EWM aware, Salem Lake will be a safer place for all of us to enjoy!



BEST PRACTICES

To Plane or Not to Plane & Other Boating Thoughts

ED WELLS

The new 16-foot boat with a quiet, energy efficient motor provides more room for the growing family's fishing trips and just joy riding out on the lake. We went from a 6-HP outboard to a 40 to give the grandchildren some fun tubing and for grandpa to finally experience navigating a "real boat." Wow, what a difference the extra 34 HP makes! We went from slow putting around the lake with bow up in the air never fully getting the boat to plane (running level with water surface) to riding in a veritable speed boat.

Getting the new boat to plane is not a problem even under full load. There is an exception: When the three-person tube is fully loaded with adults the boat struggles for a time before finally achieving level-running and resuming full power. I've come to appreciate how boats operating on-plane produce smaller wakes over boats not running level from observing wake boats on Salem the past few years. These boats, designed to create large wakes for wake surfing and wake boarding, are part of a fast-growing water sport in Vermont and around the country. These boats intentionally operate slowly (10 mph) with heavy ballast, literally plowing through the water creating large wakes. All wakes of course can have downsides if strong enough and in the wrong places. They can be a danger to smaller watercraft, moored boats, swimmers, cause erosion and can stir up bottom sediment releasing phosphorus into the water column aiding in blue-green algae (cyanobacteria) bloom creation.

So, the Wells family will be practicing small-wake boating as much as possible this summer. When we have to really stir up the water we will do so over deeper water - say 20 feet or so. Why? Studies show that a motor's propeller wash or slip stream (the area of turbulence behind the boat and under water) can get really deep - up to 16 feet or more with more powerful engines, especially when a boat is not operating on-plane. And we don't want to contribute to the resuspension of legacy phosphorus or break up and help spread invasive Eurasian Water Milfoil.

So, how big is your motor? I have friends with similar sized boats but very different size motors. One motor is more than 200 HP, the other 40 HP. One fisherman with a beautiful bass boat at the boat access last summer commented how brief the ride across Salem was with his 100 plus HP outboard, having to shut it down well before reaching the other side on less than full power. For a lake the size of Salem (where we usually stay) 40 HP seems plenty, but we all have our preferences and needs. Grandma and Grandpa find going slowly at a more relaxed pace with time for gawking and taking in the scenery more to our liking.

No doubt, there will be complaints from family members wanting to load up the tube, but this is grandpa's boat and house rules win out. We had lots of fun last summer and look forward to another great season on the lake.

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One of my adult sons remarked how he's been waiting 30 years for me to get a boat capable of generating more speed and more excitement on the water. Our small sailboat, paddle craft and the 6-HP aluminum boat just wasn't cutting it anymore. He's now getting a chance to make up for his "deprived" childhood, performing stunts befitting his earlier self. Despite the family losing a couple of pricy personal belongings, riding the tube all are looking forward to another summer and the handful of times we get to enjoy the lake together and yes, do a little tubing.

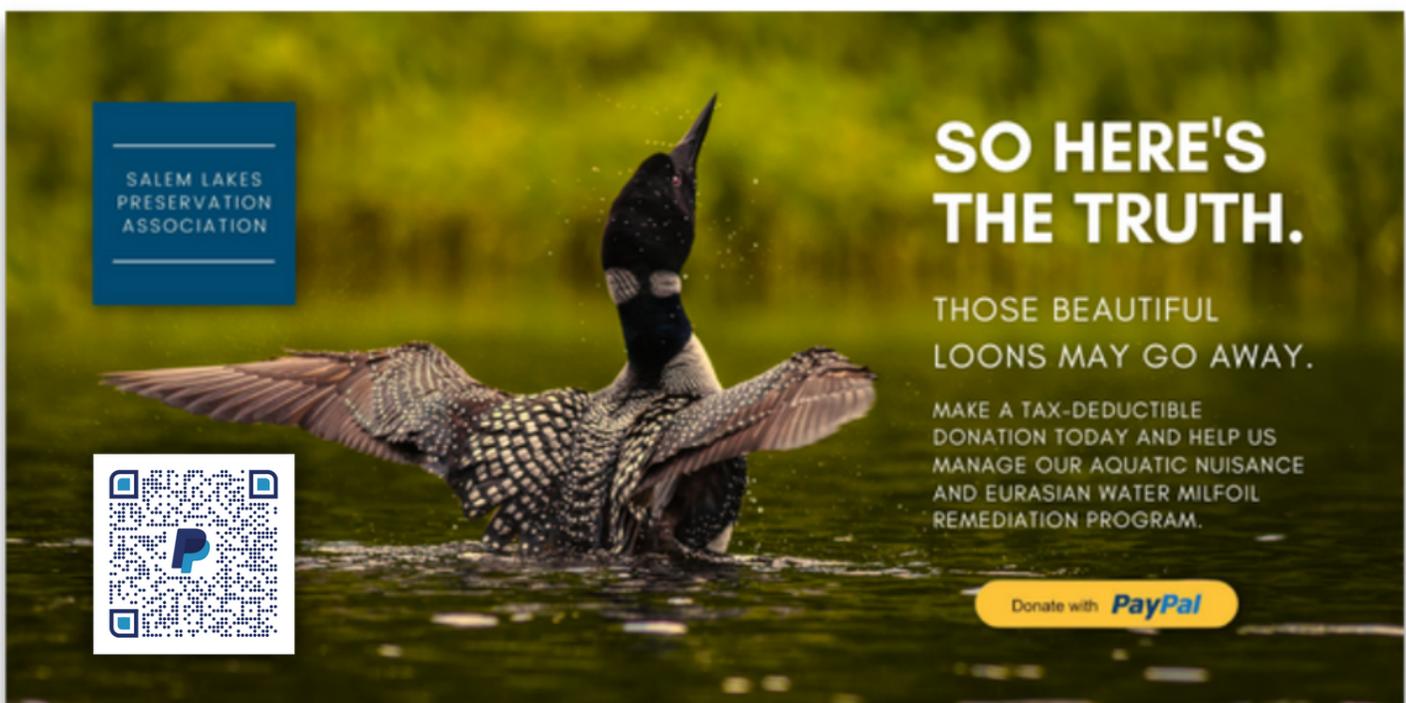
Everyone now knows we will operate the boat a little differently this summer with an eye toward

more safety and being mindful of the safety and enjoyment of other lake users. We will give a break to the unique plants and creatures who call Salem home by keeping the motor trimmed just below the surface when clearing water less than 10 feet in depth. These considerations are especially important when operating personal watercraft - jet skis and motor boats both inboard and outboard. Please check your impellers occasionally for EWM fragments and properly dispose of them.

Stop by the Greeter shanty and pick up some plant and animal ID information and help us look out for other hitchhikers trying to get into the lake. Thanks!

Have a great summer.

Ed coordinates the Greeter Program and is a member of the SLPA's milfoil committee. He is also VP of the lake association and a lake director for five years. He and his family have owned a summer camp on the lake for over 30 years. They live in Richmond, VT.



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PRACTICAL TRAINING

Association to Host Invasive Patrollers Training

The lake association is very pleased to announce that it will host a free, in-person training identifying invasive plants and animals potentially found in lakes and ponds in Vermont. The lake last hosted this training in 2019 and is very fortunate to have been selected as the site for the only in-person training of this kind the state Lakes and Ponds program will conduct in 2022. We are hoping for a good turnout from the Salem Lakes community. No experience is necessary, just an interest in the lake.

Training is done by a state aquatics plant expert and will take place at the Salem Beach House on July 15th from 9 AM to 2 PM. The day will be

broken into two parts: in the morning a hands-on workshop identifying plants using actual plant samples; After a lunch break, lake survey training off of the town beach for those able to bring a kayak or canoe.

Register for the event at

<https://dec.vermont.gov/sites/dec/files/wsm/lakes/AIS/VIP/VIPTrainingsFlyer2022.pdf>

More useful information from the Department of Environmental Conservation's Lakes and Ponds Program can be found here:

<https://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/lakes-ponds/aquatic-invasives/monitoring/vips>

Why Go VIP?

Early detection is vital to protecting Vermont's water bodies from harmful invasive plants and animals. With more than 800 lakes and ponds throughout the state, volunteers play a key role in our surveying efforts. Vermont Invasive Patrollers (VIPs) monitor water bodies for new introductions of invasive species and report their findings to the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). Also...DEC is launching a brand new Community Science Project this summer, 2022! Be sure to check out the Vermont Invasive Patrollers for Animals (VIPA) webpage, to learn more about the program and how to become a VIPA.

For more information or if you're interested in becoming a VIP or hosting a VIP workshop for a group of volunteers in your area, please contact: Carly Alpert at Carly.Alpertpartnerevermont.gov or Kimberly Jensen and her email address is Kimberly.Jensen@vermont.gov or call (802) 490-6120.

If you're really an inquisitive minded VIP, you really owe yourself a visit to the Vermont Aquatic Invasive Species Map at

<https://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/lakes-ponds/aquatic-invasives/ais-map>

The map there is a visual representation of aquatic invasive species population data, associated management actions, and spread prevention efforts statewide. The navigation menu found in the upper left can be used to filter the map based on the following layers: Public Access Greeter Programs, Vermont Invasive Patroller programs, AIS signage and public access information, AIS control efforts, and AIS status by waterbody. The AIS status by waterbody layer indicates known populations of high-profile AIS, and those waters where no AIS has been confirmed by DEC staff. Each map symbol/waterbody delineation can be clicked to provide further details. For convenience, the open box symbol in the upper right allows the map to be viewed in a full-screen window.

THE MEMBERSHIP

Every Member, Every Dollar Means So Much

A big THANK YOU to the 113 property owners who renewed their memberships or became new members in 2021. Donations over and above the \$20.00 membership dues were received from 79% of members, totaling \$5,896. As our fight against Eurasian Water Milfoil has become critical to the survival of the lake, and comes with an ever-increasing cost, it is more important now than ever that all property owners come forward with their membership dues and whatever financial support they can offer. Please look for the 2022 Membership form on page 18 of this newsletter and send it in today! WE NEED YOU!

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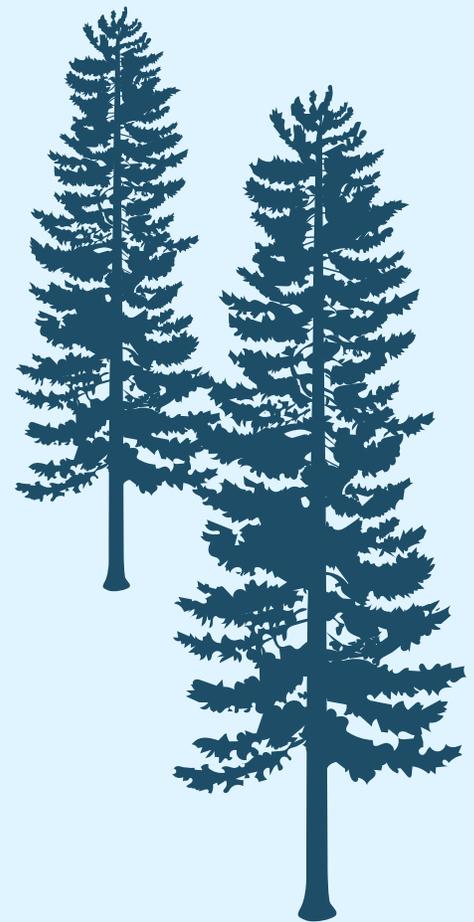
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ANDY MAJOR WAS A GREAT FRIEND AND HERO TO THE SALEM LAKES COMMUNITY.

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Season's Greeters

We are staffed with a team of greeters at the public access area. These folks are there to inspect boats and trailers for any signs of invasive aquatic nuisances that may be hitching a ride. This team checks vehicles and craft going in and coming out to help catch any unwanted scraps of things like Eurasian Water Milfoil from going anywhere other than a compost heap. Give them a warm hello when you get a chance.



1. Frank Drauszewski,
2. Monica Bingham
3. Dean White
4. Eric Bingham
5. Lenny Boulanger
6. Julie Drauszewski

Bat Snobs & Broomsticks

TIM VOTAPKA

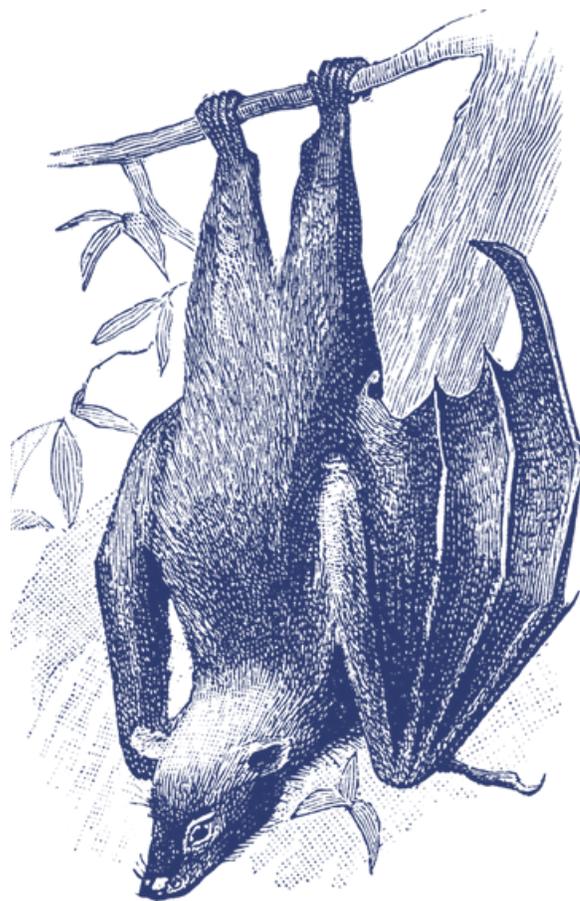
So, when people hear you have a place on a lake in Vermont, they think of something peaceful and sunny. Crackling bonfires at dusk. Pine trees whispering overhead. Pictures on magazine covers or real estate flyers. Deer and moose foraging in forest glens. Eagles and hawks tracing figure eights in the clear blue sky. That sort of thing. They are not too far off the trail as anyone of us who spends time at the lake can attest. Except when it isn't.

I sleep best when I'm at camp no matter what the weather. The softer bed does wonders for my body as soon as I hit the mattress, and a deep slumber lasts well into the wee hours of the morning until sunrise. Rarely has there been anything that would disturb my slumber over more than five decades.

The bat did though.

It was years ago when we rented a camp down the lake a bit. The big two-story camp that used to be a boys' summer camp in its early days. We loved the place for all of its quirks, from the massive metal oil heater to the uneven floors where dropping a meatball on the floor created a new sport. It had porches overlooking the lake on both floors which was a real treat if you wanted to hear the soft sounds of Salem on your wakeup track.

We knew bats had claimed the attic as their home. It was just one of the many charming aspects of lake front living. I often made a game of watching the little critters zig zag overhead as the sky turned over its color palette of pastel and indigo after sunset. Acrobatic and amazing they are, often defying fundamental aerodynamics that seem to apply to birds



One can admire anything at any level until something causes one to change his mind.

I was in the middle of a good sleep one summer night when I heard the scritch scritch flutter flutter in my room. It was as dark as dark can be so all I had to go with was what I could hear. Flutter flutter pause scritch scritch. A sparrow had somehow gotten in, I thought in my foggy consciousness. Poor little thing - must be terrified. Terrified.

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REFLECTIONS

Bat Snobs & Broomsticks



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I wondered how the innocent little sparrow got inside in the middle of the night.

Flutter flutter. Scritch scritch. It must be looking for a way out and it's trying to land on the paneling.

Dark. Flying. Oh no. It finally dawned on me what was in the air. No sparrow. No.

I did what any brave teenage guy would do. I yanked the covers over my head as tight as I could and yelled for my dad. Loud. Three times - he was sleeping after all. He came to the doorway, flashlight in hand and coached me into making a dash for the exit which I did without touching the floor. He slammed the door and tied some spare bakery string around the doorknob to ensure a secure seal. Bedroom doors rarely clicked shut in camps like this. That's why the spare string was worth keeping in my dad's eyes.

After a less-than-ideal sleep on a lump sofa downstairs, I woke up keenly interested to hear what the gameplan was for ridding ourselves of the dragon in my room. My folks arranged to have the camp owner's handyman come down to handle the extraction. I needed fresh clothes for the day, and it was decided we'd man up and run a mission to retrieve my jeans and a fresh T-shirt from the bedroom.

My dad unsealed the room by unknotting his bakery string over the doorknob (he never just cut string as it could always be used again later). We tip toed into the room like thieves in a jewelry shop.

The scene was eerily quiet and deceptively peaceful. My crumpled sheets were on the bed exactly as I had left them in my mad dash out just hours earlier. My jeans lay in heap on the floor below the dresser. Since it was going to be a warm, sunny day at the lake, I opted to leave my jeans where they were and pulled a pair of shorts out of the drawer, grabbed a T-shirt, and made a hasty exit in the exact foot pattern I'd made when I entered, only in reverse.

My dad resealed the room with the bakery string, and we felt relieved we had escaped a horrific attack by the winged demon of the night.

The handy hitman arrived an hour or so later and addressed us with a most cheerful attitude for someone in his trade. He pulled his weapons out of the back of his truck - a tennis racket and a pair of hockey goalie gloves - turned around and said "OK, let's do this." Up the stairs we went, my dad - now armed with a broomstick - the hitman and myself. For the last time, the room was unsealed and in they went while I held the door tight from the safety of the hallway which was completely fine with me.

Through that great solid barrier, I listened to their muffled voices. The dresser was moved away from the wall. Nothing. The bed too was pulled away from the wall. Still nothing. The image of a camouflaged pterodactyl clinging to the wall paneling popped into my mind. I doubled down on my grip on the doorknob.

A minute, another minute and then the tone changed. "Oh wait. There it is!"

"Squeak. Squeak. Squeak."

WHAM.

"Squeak. Squeak."

WHAM. WHAM-WHAM.

"All good."

The hitman emerged first, carrying the tennis racket out in front of him with the deceased bat on the netting. It was the first time I'd seen one in daylight. It truly had a face only a mother could love. I suppose that sound a bit snobbish, but the critter threatened an entire family. I asked how they found the beast. The hitman just smiled and made his way down the hall. My dad smiled as well. "Maybe now you won't dump your clothes on the floor," he said. "We found it hiding in your jeans. Good thing you picked the shorts today."

I slept very well that night.

We're Having a Picnic! Hope You Can Join Us!

Sat. July 30

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COME JOIN YOUR SALEM LAKE NEIGHBORS FOR THIS FUN-FILLED SUMMER SOCIAL!

Date: Saturday, July 30

Time: 3 PM to 8 PM

Place: Derby Beach House - parking is limited, so if you live close by you may want to walk over.

Food: Serving hamburgers and hot dogs with condiments - please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Drinks: Bring your own drinks and cooler - water, soft drinks, beer, wine, etc.

Music: Li'l Deb and Big Wind will play from 4 PM to 7 PM. Dancing and singing encouraged!

Games: Corn hole and horseshoes will be set up for anyone who wants to play.

Raffle: 50/50 raffle - \$5 per ticket (cash only accepted). Winner need not be present to win.

Cost: No cost to attend.

PLEASE BE SURE TO RSVP - Call or e-mail Kelly Harris and let us know how many in your family or group will attend so we can get a head count and order enough food.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Call or e-mail Geri Marchessault to sign up for shifts to help with set-up, grilling, serving, clean-up, and trash bag removal. We can't do this without your help!

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The Derby Beach House has tables and chairs inside and picnic tables outside. You may want to bring folding chairs, blankets, umbrellas, coolers, etc. to set-up on the lawn for your family or group. We will start selling the 50/50 raffle tickets prior to the picnic, so contact Kelly or Geri if you would like to purchase raffle tickets in advance. Be sure to check the association website and Facebook page for updates.

OUR PRESIDENT SAYS

A Busy Summer Ahead

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They have developed a wonderful social activity for association members on July 30. Be sure to check out her story about the who, what, where and when of their fun-filled event.

As you have probably noticed, the large buoy for the Sunken Island has made its way to its place on the lake. Thanks to a couple of young men by the names of Issac Russ and Chase Fisher who willingly volunteered their time walking through the shallow waters looking for the mooring, and then skillfully attaching the large buoy, boaters now fish around the island without wrecking their props. Thanks guys.

We have also been awarded a coin drop this year and need help filling out the schedule. If you have some spare time to give to the association, please be prepared to sign up at the annual meeting. Sharon will have a signup sheet at the meeting for volunteers. If you want to help and will not be at the meeting just contact us at the email address above and we will add you to the list. Our board members have put in many hours of work over the winter so please give them a hand. Board members will be setting up at 7:30 AM for an 8 AM start and shutting down around 3 PM. All we need is an hour or two of your time.

Thanks for your continued support and participation in our association and I hope to see you at the annual meeting on July 16.



Above:
DASH boat on Salem gets underway in June as part of the association's Milfoil Mitigation program. Diver assisted-suction harvesting is a variable milfoil management technique that has continually demonstrated efficient aquatic invasive species removal. It is one of the tactics the lake association has in place for the 2022 season.

Below:
Eurasian Water Milfoil harvested from Big Salem. What you see on this trailer is just two-days worth of work in June. Imagine what that would look like after just a week in the peak of summer when the spread has advanced.



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