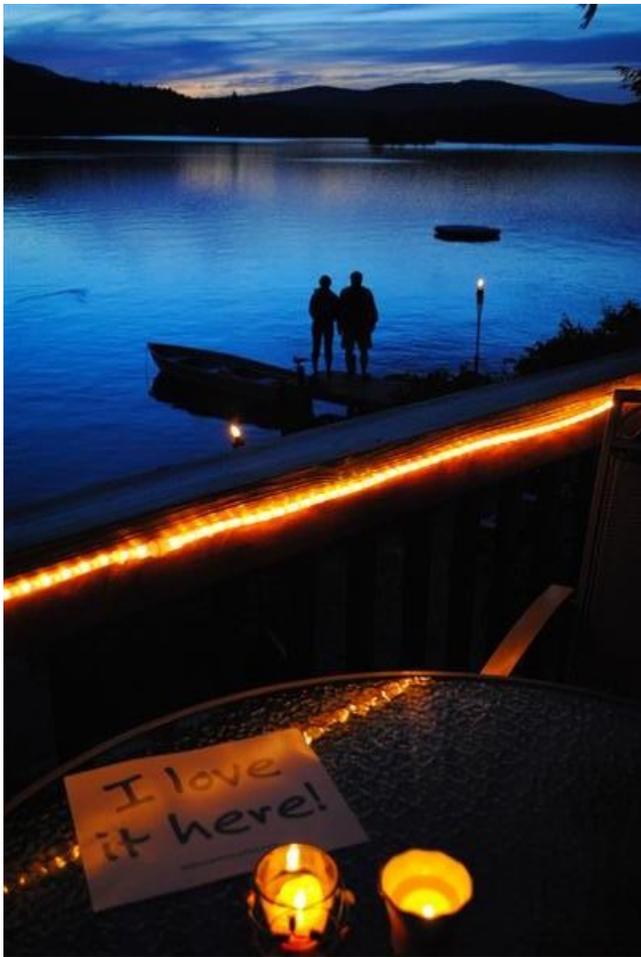


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Do you recognize this sunset? This photo of Lake Todd was taken by Linda Adamczyk, who won the photo grand prize in the "I Love it Here!" contest held by the State Division of Travel and Tourism Development. Linda's husband, Chet, and their daughter, Christina, are featured in the picture, looking out over the lake towards Mt. Sunapee. Linda and her family live in Simsbury, Connecticut, and have been vacationing on Lake Todd for the past 30 years. Details of the contest, along with the winning photos and videos can be seen at www.nhdreamvacation.com. Congratulations to Linda and her family!

Annual Meeting

The Village District annual meeting was held on June 30 at the Community Center in Bradford. The first order of business was to elect officials for the ensuing year. All the incumbents were reelected. These are your District officials for the year:



Commissioners:	Bill Weiler Steve Snyder Federico Montanari
Moderator:	Carol Tonkin
Clerk:	Cindy Snyder
Treasurer:	Margie Weiler
Auditor:	Peter Carl

The second order of business was consideration of the \$27,980.00 District budget for 2012. The budget was dominated by the \$24,000 item for the loan payment for the dam improvements. Also the dam registration fee at \$1,500 was a big item. The rest was for the general expenses of the District. The budget was passed without comment.

Finally, after a year or two without a chairman, the Weed Watching Committee was reorganized. Steve and Cindy Snyder are taking the lead with help from Janet Laustsen. If you have questions or are concerned about a weed that you have found, call Cindy at 938-2321.

Bill Weiler



Neighbors on the Lake

Meet your new Lake Todd neighbors at 24 Steele Rd. in Bradford. David and Mary Jane Scott are from North Reading, MA, and their son, Drew, is from Boston. The Scott family house on Lake Sunapee, where they have summered for over 50 years, recently sold and they are pleased to be now seasonally living on Lake Todd. They are updating their summer cottage into a year-round home.

David is a certified credit counselor with American Consumer Credit Counseling in Newton, MA. Mary Jane is a registered nurse and is the Academic Support Counselor at MGH Institute of Health Professions in Charlestown, MA.

For over 30 years, she has managed her own business teaching nurses how to pass the licensure exam. Drew, age 25, is a recent MBA graduate from Babson College and has accepted a new job as a Sourcing Analyst for Top Source in Quincy, MA.

David enjoys drumming, walking, boating, and he is an avid Boston sports fan. Mary Jane enjoys swimming, walking, and tennis. Drew enjoys playing guitar, fishing, and is also an avid Boston sports fan.

Welcome, Scott family, to our beautiful Lake Todd!

Carol Tonkin

Flare Night

Flare night was spectacular this year and easily the best I have seen in my twenty years on the lake. From my vantage point on a little hill at the north end, I could see a nice line of bright flares on the eastern shore. When I turned to look at the western shore, I saw a great display which included many more flares than I have seen in the past. Then I noticed that some flares were moving on the lake apparently connected to a boat. To top it all off, there were occasional fireworks being fired off in the background. What a night! Many thanks to Carol Tonkin, Joyce Sinagra, and Cindy Snyder for getting out there and selling the flares, and thanks to all the people who bought them and displayed them so beautifully.

Bill Weiler

Update on the Loons

I was so excited on June 18th when I took my usual kayak trip to check on the loons with my binoculars and discovered a loon sitting on a nest in one of their usual spots. The other loon watched me carefully. Male and female loons look alike, except the male is bigger, so I couldn't tell them apart. Allene Hamilton had been watching the loons from her house with binoculars the day before, and she thought they acted like they were starting to nest. I reported the nesting to the loon field biologist who works for the Loon Preservation Committee (LPC) and is assigned to this lake plus several others. She was happy to hear of the nesting and said she'd be here in a few days. Then the water level went down too far, and the loons were forced to abandon their nest.



Loons will abandon their nest if there is a 12-inch or more drop in water level because of their inability to get back up to the nest. Their bodies are designed for swimming and diving and their legs are placed far back on their bodies, making them unable to walk well on land. I hadn't seen any signs of eggs, so I don't think they had laid them yet. Usually two eggs are laid in late May or early June, a day or two apart, and incubation generally lasts about 28 days.

Someone asked me about the normal lifespan of a loon, so I looked it up. The only data available is that of a banded loon who was 13 years, 1 month, but it is believed they can live to 30 years, like the Arctic loon. The loons we have on Lake Todd are common loons. We miss watching the chicks grow up and hope for better luck next year.

Carol Tonkin