

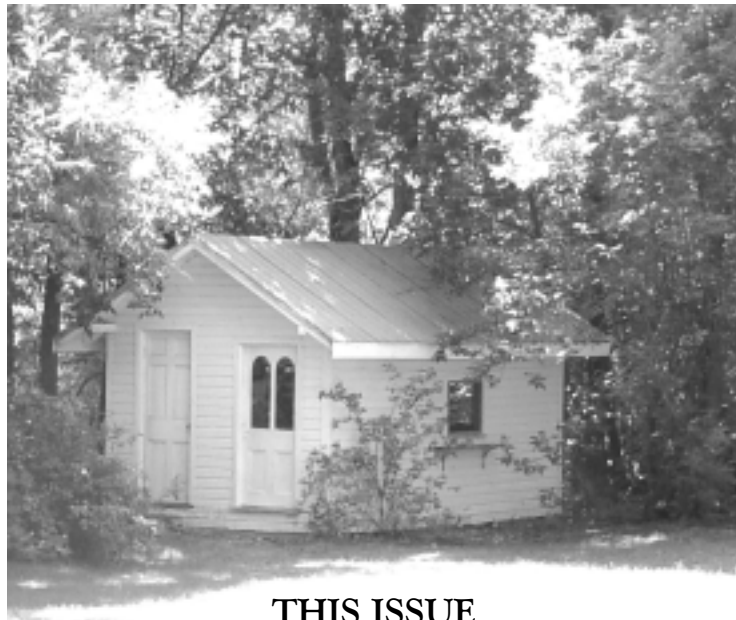
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## THIS ISSUE

Ian Murray

Liam McCormick and his father, David John McCormick Jr., visited the Island recently. Liam sent me additional information for the John McCormick family tree which is included herein.

Each issue of the Beacon gets its own manila folder in which we store all the information sent to us on paper. We also clip anything to do with Amherst Island that we see in newspapers. Perhaps these files will interest someone some day. Perhaps we are just delaying their journey to the land fill site.

The file for August is the thinnest so far as virtually all the articles came in by e-mail. The thank you note from Keith and a few Whig clippings are all the future archivist will find.

Through lack of time and ambition, I haven't talked to other farmers, the roofers, or commercial fishers. Next month I hope to update these areas. I noticed that Amherst Roofing worked on the school roof. Bill Hedges and crew are working on the old McMullen pig barn and that Eves' corn could use more rain.

The Beacon could use more regular reporters. Every issue I am grateful to Lyn, Peter, Nancy, Zander, and Janet for their contributions.

Above: The Boathouse at Molly's Lodge

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## WHERE OH WHERE IS THE M.V. AMHERST ISLANDER?...

Lyn Fleming

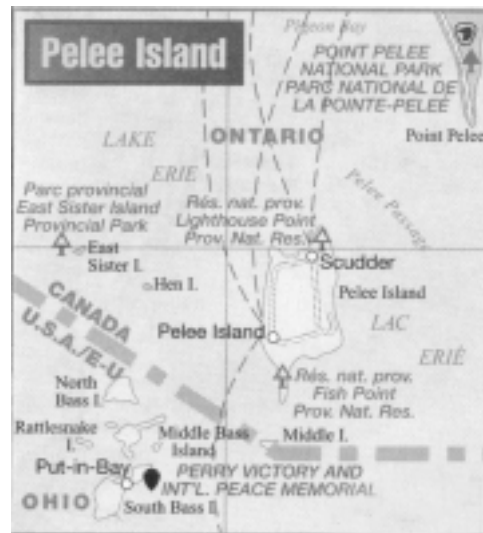
Earlier, in June, the Amherst Islander was seen "heading out to sea", off the south shore of Amherst Island. We then heard that it had been dispatched to Pelee Island (at the west end of Lake Erie), to help out when the 10 year old, multi level, end loading ferry, the Jiimaan broke down. A month later, I talked to Patty and Jacques at the Pelee Island Transportation office to see how they were making out. Patty's first words were (a good hearted) "Thanks a lot!".

Until the Jiimaan broke down, Islanders, cottagers and tourists had 2 ferries to travel the 16 miles from Leamington/Kingsville to the Island.

The Pelee Islander went into dry dock last winter and as a result of a refit, was cut to a 10 vehicle ferry (I believe it held about 16 cars before the refit). The Jiimaan is a 34 car, 400 passenger ferry equipped with snack bar, washrooms, game rooms and several passenger decks. Both ferries made the 1 and 1/2 hour crossing several times a day, with the Pelee Islander going on to Sandusky, Ohio and back to the Island then on to Leamington/Kingsville.

On June 25th, as the Jiimaan was returning to the Leamington dock on the last trip of the day (just 2 days into the peak summer season), one of the engines quit. The ferry was able to limp into the dock. The long awaited replacement engine was due to arrive today (July 22) or tomorrow, but the transportation office "expects it when they see it - it should have been here before now". They are planning to be back up and running about mid-August, but no firm date has been set.

Travelling on the Jiimaan or the Pelee Islander is



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by reservation during peak summer season if you plan to take your vehicle. You can walk-on any trip without reservations. Reservations for 14 vehicles are being taken for the Amherst Islander, because of oversize vehicles, but if space is available, standby's are loaded.

The loss of the Jiimaan has severely affected the tourist/cottage industry on the Island. All runs to Sandusky have been suspended, with cottagers from State side being flown to and from the Island. Businesses on the Island have also had interruptions with deliveries of

supplies from the mainland. Island farmers could not get their wheat off the Island, as it is usually transported by tractor trailer on the Jiimaan. The plan now is apparently to use a barge, capable of holding 6 tractor trailers. However it has been decided to only take 2 at a time.

The Island Transportation Dept. has been busy dealing with a reservation backlog, re-arranging, bumping and canceling previous reservations.

Pele Island has about 180 year round residents with the population close to 1000 in the summer. The ferries operate from late March to early December. From March to the end of July, the ferries dock at the Leamington Wharf and from the 1st of August until December, they dock at Kingsville (a 10-15 minute drive west of Leamington). (The 2 mainland docks is another government snafu, as well as controversy about the location of the Island dock - but that's another story!). During the winter months, there is an air service from the Island to Windsor. Both ferries and air service are run by Owen Sound Transportation. A new, private air service, travelling from the Island to Leamington and Windsor, was scheduled to start next year. The start date has been pushed forward and is expected to begin August 3, 2002.

The Amherst Islander had an eventful trip west. Before it left Kingston, the steering had to be fixed. On the trip through Lakes Ontario and Erie, there were 2 engine breakdowns. Once it reached Leamington, it was certified and put into service, only to have the steering go 2 more times and "major plumbing problems" (Remember, these people are used to nice washrooms!). It has become "an ongoing work in progress". The routine 1 and 1/2 hour crossing takes our "old girl" 2 hours and 5 minutes.

Patty says she "feels sorry for the Amherst Islander, that it couldn't retire gracefully". I wonder where the Amherst Islander will find it's final resting place - here or 2 Great Lakes away.....



**MV Amherst Islander, June 7 1955 MTO Photo**

## NEIGHBOURHOOD

**Lyn Fleming**

Get well wishes this month to Keith Miller and Hazel deHaan. Continued good health wishes to Sally Bowen, Greg Hudson, Audrey Miller, Lillian Miller, Peter Wittveen and Earl Tugwell.

Several people have been up to Ottawa this past month to visit Phil Silver at the Ottawa General. Despite a few minor set backs, Phil is doing quite well following the bone marrow transplant. Both he and Debbie send greetings and thanks to their friends and family on the

Island.

Happy 95<sup>th</sup> birthday to Ernest Fleming. Happy 85th birthday to Doug Wilson, who celebrated with family at the Back Kitchen and happy 65th to Lillian Miller, who celebrated at a family party in Ottawa.

Several Island kids are off to Camp Hyanto in Lyndhurst and the Girl Guide Camp in Waupoos this summer. Whitney Fleming and Alicia Wolfreys worked 2 weeks at the Guide Camp as Junior Leaders. Janet Scott organized and ran a two week camp for about 200 girls at Waupoos.

The ACW held their annual Chicken BBQ in July, and as usual was well attended.

Congratulations to Kristy Grange (daughter of Susan and Garry Filson) and Nelson Cabral who were married on July 13th. The wedding took place at Susan and Garry's home, where the tent was set up at the water's edge, on a warm, calm summer day. Guests attended from Winnipeg, Toronto and points in between.

Geoff Matthews has announced his candidacy for the federal NDP in our neighbouring riding of Kingston and the Islands.

Summer is here and there is no more complaining about rain and cold. Now we are complaining about the lack of rain and too much heat! The farmers are busy getting a bumper crop of hay off and have had the weather to do it. There are still lots of fawns in the fields, we have Cedar Waxwings nesting in the yard, there are sailboats in all the harbours - things are good on Amherst Island!

**"You should go fishing as often as possible, For all men are equal before fish"**

**-Herbert Hoover**

## ST. PAUL'S GARDEN PARTY FORTY YEARS AGO

Zander of DUNN INN

The 54th Annual Garden Party of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church is now history. I came across this account of the 1962 Garden Party in our files. (Obviously, the Garden Party used to held on a Wednesday in July). I thought the readers of The Beacon might find this account, from the Aug 1, 1962 issue of The Kingston Whig Standard, interesting. I don't know the author, but it's entitled: "Weatherman's Tricks Failed to Spoil Garden Party at Stella".

The annual Garden Party of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, at Stella was a decided success in spite of many drawbacks.

Since May the congregation has been

working on the manse to have it redecorated for the new minister, Mr. Zander Dunn, and Mrs. Dunn. For a week before the Garden Party, electricians, carpenters, painters, cleaners and finally movers worked around one another in a grand effort to complete the job in time.

With the inside finished just the day before, attention was turned to the lawn which was in a sad state. Volunteers worked even through showers and it began to improve. Then when the decorating committee arrived to put up the colored lights and pennants in the evening they found the tree trimming crew of the Hydro had been there and felled a big tree right into the middle of the lawn. Just one more last minute cleaning-up job.

All day Tuesday the weather forecaster kept repeating dismal warnings of thunder showers for all day Wednesday. For once they hit it right. At two o'clock the manse yard was filled with cars. Some belonged to members of the congregation, others to guests good enough to come across on the noon ferry for the event in spite of the weather. The rain poured down. But no one looked really down-hearted, and their optimism was rewarded. At three o'clock the sun shone and out jumped workers and guests in raincoats and rubber boots. As the baked good appeared they disappeared promptly.

The ladies in charge of the afternoon tea in the manse had



Zander and Nancy, Aug 2002

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it prepared and as the visitors enjoyed their refreshments they were able to admire the changes which had been made. Several times dark clouds made the convenors throw plastic tablecloths over their displays, but each time they cleared away. The evening was delightful, calm and temperature cool.

The Island folk turned out as usual and enjoyed visiting with each other and their mainland friends, while the pie and ice cream, hot dogs and coffee, the side-show, white elephant table and other stalls were well patronized.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cook had come from Rochester in their yacht for the event, and Mr. and Mrs. John d'Esterre and family from Kingston. The Nimbus is a frequent visitor in Stella harbor so when Mr. d'Esterre arrived he was coaxed to go back to the boat for his bagpipes. The music added to the pleasure of the evening. Another welcome guest was Mrs. V. Laughland, whose husband was a former minister of St. Paul's.

At 10:30 p.m. the ferry made a trip to take back those who had come from Kingston, Napanee, Adolphustown, Madoc and Amherstview. At eleven o'clock there was no mistaking the ominous tone of the thunder. Goods remaining on the various tables were packed at high speed and the proceeds turned in without the usual visiting among the workers after their big day. Most managed to get started for home before the storm broke.

The next morning when the faithful few returned to clear up they were gratified to hear that the Garden Party had been more successful than in the past few years.



## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Nancy Dunn

Twelve intrepid members of the A.I. Women's Institute set out on the 9 a.m. ferry for their annual summer excursion on July 17th. Travelling west on Highway 33 this year, they waited patiently for the Glenora ferry and once in Prince Edward County went directly to "Gretony Quilts", a few kilometers along Loyalist Parkway.

Greta Kristiansen-Jacobs, fibre artist/quilt-maker welcomed us to her studio which is filled with hangings of her colourful and unique designs. She has a special liking for a basic old pattern called "NewYork Beauty" which features sharp points and curved piecing. Her many variations of this pattern were amazing. One medium-large hanging contained 250 fabrics. Greta gives workshops and classes (e.g. Belleville library in Sept. with five other quilters and also one in Bath in the fall) and has space for six students to take lessons while on retreat in her home/studio. We could have looked and listened longer but our leader of the day, Mary Kay Steel, encouraged us on to the next stop, the Waupoos Winery. Two of three cars

missed the turn onto County Rd. 8 (shades of last year's trip to Wellesley Island!) on the way into Picton (very poorly marked!!) but we eventually all met at this relatively new establishment. The day was becoming increasingly warm so we didn't tour the vineyards but enjoyed the boutique and a tasting or two. Wonderful hollyhocks lined the road near the winery as we wended our way back towards Picton through them stopping briefly at a potter's and a produce stand.

We had no trouble finding the Merrill Inn on East Main St. where we appreciated cold drinks and a very fine lunch featuring local produce and beverages as well as several gourmet dishes. Two car-loads set off for home immediately following the meal, the third's occupants choosing to spend a little time in down-town Picton. The heat soon drove these wilting stalwarts homeward too. All three vehicles were on the 4:30 ferry grateful for the breeze and for an interesting day. Thanks to Jackie Sylvester who helped Mary Kay in the organizing but then wasn't able to attend and to drivers Mary Kay Steel, Claire Jenney and Freda Youell.

There is no meeting in August but members will be busy preparing for the TWO BAKE SALES - holiday weekend Fridays, Aug 2. and Aug. 30 at 3:45 PM at the store. The next meeting will be on 18 September, a pot-luck supper at Jean McIntyre's in Kingston at 6 p.m. There will be a brown bag auction. Visitors and new members are invited to attend. Contact any member for information.



Sunset at the Foot

Bill Harris Photo

# AIMS

*The Amherst Island Men's Society*

**Peter Trueman**

The monthly breakfast meeting of the Amherst Island Men's Society was held at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Hall on Saturday, June 13, with Gian Frontini in the chair.

Brian Grace reported that the Farmers/Flea Market idea seems to be coming together but that a few more people were needed to come out and do things. He then gave the floor to Doug Williamson, whom he credited with running the market. Doug noted that the need for a duty roster of AIMS members willing to man the society's table at the market, and a roster was duly made up. Doug also suggested that a larger contribution of good saleable items was needed for the AIMS table. They could be placed in Noel's shed or brought directly

to the table on Saturday.

As usual, the busiest of the three standing committees (Transportation, Labour and Care/Companion) was Allan Glenn's Labour committee. Allan reported six requests for home repair and yard work, requiring from an hour to a half day's effort by one or more AIMS members. There is no charge for the committee's services but contributions are welcomed. Two \$50 contributions were made to the museum fund. When it was pointed out that more help was needed for the Labour committee, several members volunteered.

Hugh Jenney, the chair of the Neilson Store committee, thanked everyone involved for the success of the house tour, which he said after expenses raised a little over \$3,000 for the museum and cultural centre. After a discussion about whether the house tour fund-raiser should be repeated next year, there was a concensus that it should be held again, with a different list of houses, of course. The membership gave

Hugh a vote of thanks for all his efforts.

David Brady was unable to attend the meeting, but Hugh read the essence of his application to Heritage Canada for \$55,482, one third of the estimated \$168,128 construction budget to refurbish the building and turn it into an operating museum, cultural centre and arts and crafts gallery. Don Pepper has agreed to act as general contractor. The incorporated project is also applying for charitable status so that receipts for donations

and cash may be given for income tax purposes.

Dick Dodds spoke of his proposal for a century classroom in the Neilson building and warned of the danger of too many educational artifacts being discarded if we didn't move quickly to collect them. It was suggested that a Beacon article be written, announcing the century classroom and urging people to donate interesting education-related material.

Peter Large suggested that his wife Margaret is an expert on old books and might be a useful member of any talent pool for the museum.

Marc Raymond said that an auctioneer he knew had offered to stage a non-broadcast version of the Antiques Road Show as seen on television. The show would be set up in the community centre, for example, and Islanders would be charged a fee to have their antiquities evaluated. This would not only raise money for the museum, but would give AIMS a better idea of the kind of Island artifacts which might

eventually be available for museum display. Marc is pursuing the idea.

Bruce Burnett reported that the annual roadside clean-up appeared to have done well, with all the allotted sectors apparently looking much better.

Hans Krauklis brought the membership up to date on another fund-raising project -- his Amherst Island photo CD ROM proposal. A slide show tour of the island with 170 images takes 15 minutes to watch. He plans a separate slide show on Island artists and craftspeople, and another on owls, including sound effects. He suggested that all of these shows could also be put on video tape for those who don't have computers. What was needed now, he suggested, was a marketing committee to make recommendations on how to proceed, what price to charge, etc etc. A committee was struck.

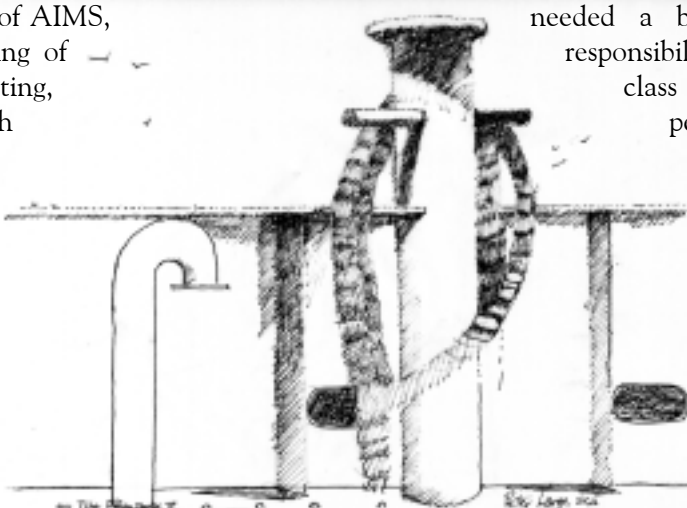
Almost since the beginning of AIMS, members have shared something of their life stories at every meeting, including their connection with Amherst island. At this meeting, it was Dick Dodds' turn.

Dick told the AIMS membership that he was born near London, Ontario, and moved to the Walkerton area where he attended high school and played hockey. The young goalie signed a "C form" at the age of 17 and came to Kingston to play hockey and go to Queens. At various times he played hockey in Napanee, and even overseas. Dick's team won all-Ontario a couple of years. He went to Peterborough Teachers College and came back to this area to teach. It was around this time that Dick met "Puddy", the lady who became his wife. (You'll know Puddy by her license plate.) Dick and Puddy have a daughter, Nancy, who is a vice-principal in Toronto; and a son, Rich, who is currently attending Teacher's College in Australia. One of Dick's early jobs was as a public school consultant, testing six and seven year olds for opportunity classes. One little fellow, poorly clothed and dirty, didn't want to be tested. When Dick put his arm around the boy and treated him kindly, he changed his mind. Dick later discovered that the boy was one of seven children, whose father was in Kingston Penitentiary for the rape of a ten-year-old girl. The boy had never been hugged before. "Does that man ever understand me", he said of Dick. It was needy children like this that made Dick so committed to his work in the school system. Dick became a school superintendent in Lennox and Addington (Bruce Caughey Senior was chair of the board) and Peel Region. He was eventually appointed director of



**Dick Dodds**

education for the East York school board in Toronto. He spent 23 years in Toronto although he and Puddy had bought a house on Stella Point in 1977. He retired in 1992, moved to the Island and opened his own consulting business. He has never been busier. He has done a lot of work in East Asia. He has served as chairman of the discipline committee for the Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons. He is currently finishing an educational project in China for the Vancouver School Board, which involves teaching Chinese students a half day in Mandarin Chinese and a half day in English. The students graduate with B.C. and Chinese graduation certificates. He is on the citizens' advisory committee for Kingston Penitentiary and at least once, when called to observe a riot, came home to the Island with tear gas in his eyes. Kindergarten was important to Dick because when he needed a break from the pressures of his responsibilities he headed for a kindergarten class to relax and keep things in perspective. He recalled how, having had his teeth knocked out playing hockey, he used to go into kindergarten classes and amuse the kids. "I'd twist my ear", he said, "and my teeth would drop down. I'd twist my ear again, and the teeth would come up". Now Amherst Island is his kindergarten. He loves being here. His only fear is that with an influx of newcomers the Island could change too rapidly. "I hope it doesn't become a small Toronto, a small Ottawa, or even a small Kingston", he concluded.



Sketch by Peter Large

Under other business, Jim Whitton was pleased to announce that the first AIMS Academic Achievement Award for the Amherst Island Public School has been won by David Albertan.

Dick Dodds agreed to chair the next meeting. There will be no speakers next month in order to give Hans Krauklis a chance to demonstrate his CD ROM slide shows.

The kitchen crew will consist of Chris Laffin, Ken Albertan, Duncan Marshall and Ross Haines. As usual, the meeting will be held in the St. Paul's Church Hall at 8 a.m. on Saturday, August 10. All Island men welcome.

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## CORRECTIONS TO PREVIOUS ISSUES

- Ian Murray

The following are corrections that have been brought to our attention:

March 2002:

- page 2, 3 Andrew Willard is the same person as 3 David A. Willard and his full name is David Andrew Bray Willard
- page 2, 4 Dorlarid Sudds should be Dorlan Sudds
- page 2, 4 Ron lialal should be Ron Halal

July 2002:

- page 5, left side, Ray Keeners should be Ray Koenders, John Kui should be John Kuti

- page 7, caption on photo should be 10 South Shore Road not 10 Front Road.

- page 9, the author of "Amherst Island Awash in Summer Music" is Bill Harris. That was my mistake as I took the article as a notice but there was a personal opinion expressed and the author should have been credited.

A thank you to Doreen Sudds who phoned about the Willard family tree and, as well as pointing out the errors, provided me with more Willard and Sudds information (which will appear in a later issue). I think Doreen may be the first person who has actually phoned me to have corrections made (and adding more information). Perhaps others will follow her lead.

The errors in the Island tour article are somewhat of a mystery as the e-mail had the names correctly and the e-mail was copied onto Word Perfect directly: an unknown slip twist cup and lip. The photo caption error should have been caught in the final proofing.

Our thanks to those who took the time to bring the errors to our attention. Please continue to do so.

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## LETTER HOME

**Christopher Kennedy**

What a strange summer with the weather. In April and May it wouldn't stop raining, and now it seems to have forgotten how. There has been almost no rain for six weeks or more. Fortunately the rain and cool temperatures early on have given us the most amazing hay crop. We have been baling twice what we did last summer and considerably more than usual. It has been so tall and thick that we have had a hard time getting it through the haybine, and the windrows are so thick they have taken twice as long to dry. It has almost been too much of a good thing.

When we move the sheep to a new pasture they completely disappear in the tall grass, and then after a couple of days they start to get it thinned out a bit, and we can find them again. This has suited the coyotes very well, as the poor guard dogs lose track of the sheep in the jungle. It is easy for the coyotes to sneak in and grab a lamb before the dogs can get on to them. Several people have told us that they have heard a tremendous ruckus from the dogs and the sheep in the middle of the night as the dogs try to defend the flock. We are sorry for the disturbance but without our dogs the coyotes would have a free supper and we would very soon be out of the sheep

business. The dogs are the best way we have found for sheep farming and coyotes to co-exist in the same area. Unfortunately the dogs do tend to be a bit loud as they explain to the coyotes that they should stick to eating meadow voles and rabbits and deer, and leave the lambs alone.

The haying is nearly over, and I am starting to see some farmers trundling big loads of bales along the roads. Hauling the huge crop home is going to take a bit longer than usual this year. It will feel good, though, to have a few extra stacks in the bale yard, as who knows what next year's crop will be like.

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## CALL FOR INTERESTED COMMITTEE MEMBERS

**Caroline Yull**

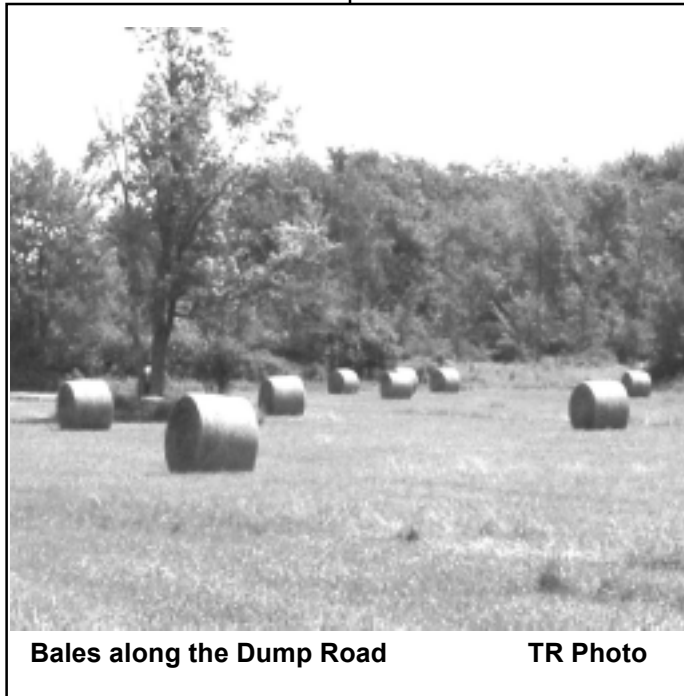
During this past school year, I took an idea that I'd been cooking for a while to Cathy Donaldson, our head teacher. The suggestion was that we try to raise some money and find some volunteers and help to build an open structure in our school yard, like a gazebo or similar space. It struck me that it might offer some much needed shade in the hot months, and maybe a bit of shelter from the whistling winds, which seems to whistle especially hard through there in the winter months.

I also thought it might offer some interesting play opportunities, and a stage from which to orate, and stuff like that. Beyond those benefits, it would offer some outdoor space in which our science enrichment teacher, Stephanie Raeburn-Gibson, could gather her flocks of visiting students for some teaching time, or to eat their lunches, and that in the really hot weather, that classes or monthly award assemblies might be held there, to catch a breeze (notice how differently we refer to this wind when it's hot rather than cold?)

I also could see some potential benefits for the community. On Canada Day, if there were

entertainers, or a pie eating contest, or other such things, it would offer a focal point for those activities, and the power outlets for lighting if needed, and microphones or whatever was needed for announcing what was coming next. People having wedding parties at the school might wish to do photos there, or set it up as the outdoor table area, for people needing to get a bit of air. When kids have birthday parties there, it could be in the gazebo, etc. etc. etc. I could go on, but I will refrain, and leave a bit of room for your creative imaginations to get working.

The long and the short of it is this: we have been given permission by Dave Wyatt, our principal, to put together a



**Bales along the Dump Road**

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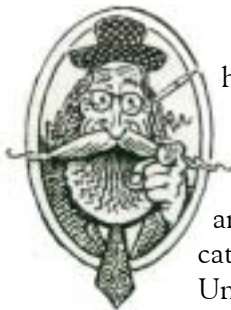
committee, to try to pull together a plan. This is not final approval, but merely a go-ahead to try to present a detailed proposal to the School Board to let us do it. Cathy is getting (or already is) married this summer, and I am opening a new law practice, so we decided to do the work starting in the fall (when, in our fond imaginings, we'll be less busy!)

We are hoping that others in the community will see this as a worthwhile project, and will want to partner with us to try to make it happen. I know we have many and varied talents in this community, and the opportunity to draw from the greater community for other talents, so I think it is possible to do, with some co-operative spirit. If there are any people in the community who have interest and or ideas to contribute, or are just dying to get onto another committee, please contact me either by phone at 384-4071, or e-mail at yull@yullbourdeau.com (our new firm name) or of course in the time-honoured Island way, through the window of the car on the boat.

I would imagine a first meeting in mid-to-late September. Thanks!

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### SHAME ON YOU!



This is addressed to the person who let himself into our house when we were away and left a helpless, terrified, very young kitten in our bath-tub and 3 others in our driveway. This was a cruel and unnecessary act. We already feed four cats in our house and another 12 outside.

Unable to keep the kittens ourselves, we took 2 of them into the caring hands of the Napanee Humane Society -- as you could have done. (The other 2 are still not catch able.) Peggie and Stan Coulter-Burke and Family

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### THANK YOU NOTES

I wish to thank everyone for their prayers and best wishes, cards and visits following my surgery.

Keith Miller

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A hearty THANK YOU to **DAVID FLEMING**, who retired from the Fire Department after 22 years of service! He received a service award from his fellow members of the Amherst Island Firefighters Association at the anual picnic in July. He continues on the AIFA as Past President.

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**The Amherst Island Rec Association** would like to thank everyone who came out and celebrated **Canada Day** with us. We especially thank those that took time to decorate a float, vehicle, bike, horse or themselves. Special thanks to **Loyalist Township Reeve and Councillors** for their continued support and participation; to **Amherst Island General Store** and **Dave Youell** for providing some music. Finally, a big thank you to **Samantha Pollock** and **Shannon Youell** for organizing and running the kids games this year!!

Please start planning now for the first A. I. "Festival of Light" parade, to be held in mid November on the night of "The Bonfire." It will be held in the evening and we are hoping all entrants will be lit up in some manner. (For safety reasons, there will be no bike entrants for this parade). Sponsored jointly by the AI Rec Committee and the AIFirefighters Association. Contact Lynn Fleming or Don Miller Jr.



The A.I.P.S. Senior Class would like to thank the community for supporting their fund raisers and making donations to the Montreal trip. Special thanks to ISLE, AIMS, the Bath Legion and Peter Moes for their generous contributions. We had an amazing time and lots of good memories. Each student was asked to write a one sentence comment about the trip, they appear below;

- I liked the bus ride home from Montreal.
- I enjoyed all the animals in the Bio Dome.
- The Caleche Ride was my favourite. (horse and buggy ride in Old Montreal)
- I liked the entertain(ment/er) at Le Sucarie de la Montagne.
- I liked going up the Olympic Tower.
- I liked going to the shopping mall.
- I liked going to the Insectarium
- I liked going into little souvenir shops.
- I liked going on the elevator to the Tower.
- I liked travelling to all sorts of places.
- I liked going to Montreal.

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### NOTICES & ADVERTISEMENTS

#### Awareness Workshop:

This workshop will focus on using the time you have set aside for yourself to deepen your relaxation skills. We will also learn meditative techniques that allow you to understand and get close to your emotions and touch your inner peace.

If time permits we will do some healthy joyful stretching to deepen your body awareness.

Time: 9:15 AM - 12:30 PM

When: Saturday August 17, 2002

Where: 9060C Front Road, Amherst Island

Cost: \$25.00

Registration: Jocelyn 384-6488 or Dianne 389-0554

Facilitator: Jocelyn Leyton, R.P.P.

## Descendants of John McCormick

John McCormick 1773 -  
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 ..... +Elizabeth Jane Gibson 1833 -  
 ..... 3 Rose Jane McCormick 1861 -  
 ..... +Joseph McFern 1855 -  
 ..... 4 William McFern 1880 -  
 ..... 4 Mary F. McFern 1882 -  
 ..... +David Tugwell 1878 -  
 ..... 5 Iona Lillia Tugwell 1909 -  
 ..... 4 Robert McFern 1884 -  
 ..... +Jennie Gibson 1872 -  
 ..... 5 Joseph E. McFern 1907 -  
 ..... 4 Lillian McFern 1887 -  
 ..... +Thomas Alexander Glenn 1879 - 1951  
 ..... 5 Harold (Harry) Amos Glenn 1906 -  
 ..... +Rita Benoit  
 ..... 5 Nessie Eleanor Glenn 1910 - 1998  
 ..... +Francis Thomas Welbanks 1910 - 1992  
 ..... 5 Herbert Ellis (Bert) Glenn 1914 -  
 ..... +Mary Christine Orchard  
 ..... 4 Inez McFern 1890 -  
 ..... +J. Smith  
 ..... 3 Mary Ann McCormick 1863 -  
 ..... 3 John McCormick 1864 -  
 ..... +Elizabeth "Lizzy" McMullen 1864 -  
 ..... 4 John McCormick 1887 -  
 ..... 4 Mary Elizabeth McCormick 1889 -  
 ..... 3 Hugh McCormick 1867 - 1947  
 ..... +Victoria Hamilton 1874 - 1942  
 ..... 4 William J. McCormick 1898 - 1965  
 ..... 4 Charles McCormick 1900 - 1900  
 ..... 4 Robert McCormick 1901 - 1993  
 ..... 4 Ruth McCormick 1904 - 1965  
 ..... +Claude Willard 1901 - 1985  
 ..... 5 Douglas "Eldon" Willard 1930 - 2002  
 ..... +Elsie Kathleen Reid 1937 -  
 ..... 4 Rose McCormick 1906 - 1985  
 ..... +Edward Hickey  
 ..... 4 Ethel McCormick 1907 - 1986  
 ..... +Frank E. Peters  
 ..... 5 Wayne Peters - 1988  
 ..... 4 Inez V. McCormick 1910 - 1910  
 ..... 4 Hugh McCormick 1912 - 1993  
 ..... +Lena Phillips  
 ..... 5 Garry Phillips  
 ..... 5 Karen Phillips  
 ..... 4 Frederick McCormick 1915 - 1990  
 ..... 4 James Leonard McCormick 1917 - 1999  
 ..... 3 Elizabeth McCormick 1868 - 1951  
 ..... +John McGinn 1857 - 1931  
 ..... 4 Charles McGinn 1897 - 1941  
 ..... +Marion Smith 1899 - 1995  
 ..... 5 Marion Leona McGinn 1919 -  
 ..... 5 Donald Edward McGinn 1920 -  
 ..... +Mary Gibson 1927 -  
 ..... 5 Mavis Pauline McGinn 1922 -  
 ..... +Harold Delbert McGinnis 1914 -  
 ..... 5 Charles Bryce McGinn 1924 -  
 ..... 5 John Robert Arthur "Art" McGinn 1927 - 1997  
 ..... +Susan Gibson 1931 -  
 ..... 5 Annie Jean McGinn 1929 -  
 ..... 5 June "Rita" McGinn 1930 -  
 ..... +John Andrew "Junior" Gibson 1929 - 1990  
 ..... 5 John McGinn 1934 -  
 ..... +June Ethel Macklin  
 ..... 4 Maude E. McGinn 1902 -  
 ..... +Arthur Ruttan  
 ..... 5 Mary V. Ruttan 1920 -  
 ..... 5 John Ruttan  
 ..... 3 Thomas McCormick 1869 - 1949  
 ..... +Ellen Drucilla O'Rourke 1872 - 1952  
 ..... 4 David John McCormick 1893 - 1979  
 ..... +Mary Bell 1898 - 1960  
 ..... 5 David John McCormick  
 ..... +Eveline Mary Nina Lacelle  
 ..... 5 Peter McCormick  
 ..... +Gelardine  
 ..... 4 Rosemary McCormick 1897 - 1995  
 ..... +Peter Francis Taylor 1888 - 1926  
 ..... 4 William James McCormick 1899 - 1977  
 ..... +Olive Regina Filtz 1892 -  
 ..... 5 Patricia McCormick  
 ..... +Norman Leonard Cox  
 ..... 4 Michael McCormick 1902 -  
 ..... 4 Gertrude McCormick 1904 -  
 ..... 4 Thomas Joseph McCormick 1910 - 1986  
 ..... +Kathryn E 1906 - 1995  
 ..... 5 Michael McCormick  
 ..... 5 Daniel McCormick  
 ..... 5 Ellenor McCormick  
 ..... 4 Hubert Francis McCormick 1915 - 1979  
 ..... +Ruth May 1904 - 1991  
 .. 2 Hugh McCormick 1814 -  
 .. 2 William McCormick 1827 -  
 .. 2 Rose McCormick 1832 -  
 .. 2 Eliza McCormick 1837 -

Late Breaking News:  
 Happy 40th!  
 You know who you are!



**The Amherst Island  
General Store  
Soccer Team**

**"A-Flight Team  
Champions, 2002"**

Top. L-R : Coaches  
Stew Reed, Bill  
Godfrey.

Mid. row L-R: Sarah  
Splinter; Justin  
Hutchins; David  
Albertan; Chris Reed;  
Alex Hume; Jeffrey  
McDonald; Will Reed;  
Elizabeth Stewart-  
Shaver; Brendan Brady;  
Bot. row L-R: Steve  
Cavaner; Chelsea  
Bager; Elisha Deline;  
Chris Varga; Ryan  
Godfrey; Tabitha  
Trotter; Emerald  
Hannaford; Krista  
Trotter



**GOOD PIANO NEEDED**

Six year old showing quite a lot of promise needs a good, workable piano at a rock-bottom price. Fae is interested in starting piano lessons, and has a friend absolutely panting to start giving them to her, but no piano to practice on. Given the state of our finances, what we really need is the serviceable piano that someone else doesn't need anymore and really just needs to find a new home for, at minimal cost. If there is anyone with such a piano out there, seeking a loving new home for it, please call at 384-4071. Thanks!

CAROLINE YULL, LLB. 5115 Front Road Stella, Ontario  
K0H 2S0(613) 384-4071cyull@kos.net

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**ISLAND VIDEO**

Hans Krauklis, supported by five AIMS members, has turned his love for photography and Amherst Island into a fundraiser for the Neilson Store Museum and Cultural Centre. Currently in production and available for sale by August 30<sup>th</sup>, is a thirty minute video tape with over 300 pictures of Island people, places and things. With narrative and background music, this labour of love covers the North Shore and South Shore homes, flora, and fauna, and rambles across the centre of the Island from Head to Foot. Hans has added two more segments that make our Island famous. He visited the studios of our artists and crafters and captured them at work as well as a good representation of their creativity. And what better describes Amherst Island than the residents of the Owl Woods. Various contributing photographers have captured not only the sightings, but also the sounds of the resident birds. As production is a limited edition of 500 copies, you'd be advised to order your copies today. The price is just \$16.95 with the net proceeds going to the Neilson Store project. Call Neil Johnston at 839-5389 and do your Christmas shopping real early for your family and friends 'away.'

(Layout guy's note to readers: we've changed the typeface on all that follows to indicate that it is VINTAGE Beacon Material)

**FROM THE BEACON ARCHIVES**

Second Edition Thursday, April 30, 1970.

**Municipal Affairs  
Council Corner:**

Four ferry crew changes were approved at last council meeting. Congratulations to Bill Kilpatrick, who received his mate's papers and will now operate in that capacity. Lloyd Strain is a new captain, Ed McCormick is purser, and Ted Wemp is a new crew member, as deckhand oiler. Other applications received will remain on file for future consideration when a position is open.

Council's bid on the fire tank truck was accepted, so the island now has to arrange for adequate housing of this much-needed equipment. Chairman of the fire protection committee, Glenn Sheil, is making plans, for getting our new acquisition home and for getting progress on the following responsibilities:- organizing a volunteer fire department, remodeling the town hall for a fire hall, and instruction on the use of the equipment, etc. A public meeting may ensue, in this connection. Next issue will have more news on this vital topic.

Council met in Special Session, recently, to consider the effect that 'sub-divisions' will have on our community. An amendment was passed to our by-law to, hopefully, further control the proper building on these proposed sites. The addition of tax dollars to our coffers can be of much benefit to the overall economy of the island but council is determined to oversee, wherever possible, the projects to ensure that they are a boon, and not a detriment, to our society. Keith Miller chairman of the new buildings' committee, and Bruce Robinson building inspector, are, in

council's opinion, doing a conscientious job in this regard.

There's been some difficulty in procuring the services of a bulldozer to push back the dump, and as soon as it is possible to do so, it will be done.

Road work continues and the forty-foot will be paved in '70 is the motto of the road committee.

Amalgamation is being discussed, county-wise. Council members are studying brochures on this subject, hoping to find that -- in spite of the overall picture now (no visible advantages for a township of our particular geography, being an island), that if it is inevitable in the future, we won't suffer loss of control of our rights and privileges.

...Marj. Aitken.

### **Amherst Islander (April 1970)**

The motorship Upper Canada recently left her regular run at Wolfe Island to replace our ferry for two days. The Amherst Islander was in Kingston shipyards for repairs.

Slight load restrictions were in force while the Upper Canada maintained the regular schedule.

...Donna Willard.

### **Women's Institute News**

Election of officers for W.I. 1970-1971.

Pres.- Mrs. Henry Hitchins.

1st Vice Pres.- Mrs. Wilfred Miller.

2nd Vice Pres.- Mrs. Wilbert Willard.

Sect. & Treas.- Mrs. Clinton Baker.

Dist. Director- Mrs. Marshall Glenn.

Alternate- Mrs. Lulu Strain.

Pianist- Mrs. Frank Fleming.

Pub. Relations & Press- Mrs. Lulu Strain.

Curator of Tweedsmuir History- Mrs. Vince Aitken.

Auditors- Mrs. Vince Aitken and Mrs. Fred Neilson.

Conveners of standing committee

Home Ec. & Health- Mrs. Edwin McDonald.

Citizenship & Education- Mrs. Ernest Fleming.

Agriculture & Can. Industries- Mrs. Fred Neilson.

Good cheer- Mrs. Ernest Filson.

Resolutions- Mrs. Lorne Veech.

The W.I. expect to canvass again this spring for the Cancer Fund.

The Safety Campaign Posters awards will be donated by the W.I. to the school children.

### **Church News**

The members of the Roman Catholic church will be glad to know their services will be held every other Sunday at 11:00 a.m. with the next service held on May 3rd (1970).

The Presbyterian Church services will be each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. The members are pleased that a permanent minister will come to them in August. Rev. Gordon Reid

conducted services on Sunday April 26.

The Anglican Church services will be as follows: Holy Communion, 11:00 a.m. May 3rd, and Morning Prayer, 9:00 a.m. May 10th.

The Amherst Island Community Sunday School begins May 3rd (1970) at 9:50 a.m. at the school. All children are welcome to attend. Superintendent is Mrs. Wilbert Willard, Secretary-Treasurer is Mrs. Raymond Wemp. Teachers for various classes will be Mrs. Allan Glenn, Mrs. Earle Tugwell, Mrs. Wilbert Willard, Mrs. Royce Eves, Miss Joyce Wemp and Mrs. Glenn Sheil. No attendance awards or achievement awards of any kind will be made this year. It is expected that a Sunday School picnic will be held later on and a Christmas Party for the children would conclude the season.

Dr. E. Andrews of Queens University has been appointed as supervising minister for Stella United Church.



### **Out Our Way (April 1970)**

Mrs. A. Cole is a patient at K.G.H. We all wish you better health and a speedy recovery.

We have been hearing of Eddie Fleming's anxiety to get home again and we hope he will be able to return to Stella when the warmer weather comes.

Mrs. Henry McGinn was buried on the island Saturday, April 18th. She will be missed by her family and friends.

The news of the recent passing of Anna Neilson was received with sorrow. Funeral services will be held at St. Alban's Anglican Church on Thursday, May 30th at 2:00 p.m.

Irv. Tugwell is getting along well at the H.D.H. after a lengthy period of illness.

Mr. Hugh Drumgoole has just returned home from a stay in the hospital.

### **Wedding Bells**

Miss Nancy Reynolds, daughter of Mr. Morris and Mrs. Hazel (Strain) Reynolds was united in marriage to Mr. Rob't. Innis which was held in Bridge St. United Church, Belleville, Saturday, April 25 (1970).

### **Births (April 1970)**

Born to Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Franklin of Millhaven, a daughter Sherrie Leanne. Mrs. Franklin is Barbara, of the Bath Royal Bank, and is well known to all of us.

...Marion S. Fleming.

### **Friendly Faces**

It may be of interest to know that a former teacher at Amherst Island Public School, Miss Cathy Sylvester, will return to her summer residence in Stella for the summer. She plans to take a summer course in Kingston and will commute back and forth. I'm sure the many friends she made while a resident of the island will be delighted to hear

this.

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Brady and children Colin and Holly, residents of Ottawa spent the weekend of April 25th (1970) at their summer cottage in Stella. It was very nice to see them once again after the long winter. ...Janice Willard

### Driving Club

The Beacon looks forward to some copy from the Driving Club. This organization has certainly proved their worth to our community and at this time of year, with the racing season opening soon, there would seem to be a real demand for track news and other information.

Mr. Milt Wells, a long time friend of Edwin Hogeboom, visited last weekend and mentioned that the Aurora Horse Show will be held on the second Saturday in June. He spoke very highly of this show.

### Where Was The Fiddle & The Fire Water?

After darkness had swept her inky feathers over our island on Saturday, April 18 (1970) most rustic souls had settled down for the quiet pause that usually culminates the long work-filled week.

Suddenly spring's atmosphere of lethargy which had pervaded every fibre was shattered with the jangle of the telephone, "Fire in the marsh behind Royce Eves' farm!"

Almost instantly the soft evening sky was pierced with headlights and the smokey dust hung like mist over the township roads. The last laneway stretched into the darkness defying haste until finally searching eyes caught the faint glow of distant fire.

The farm yard was choked with cars but word had returned that a north-east wind was pushing the blaze out of harm's way toward the bay.

Friendly faces flashed in the darkness, murmuring relaxed greeting and exchanging pleasant talk. The grimmer thoughts of only a short while ago were lost and I turned to begin the drive home with my family. However it



In the last issue, July 2002, we printed a picture (left) of a low barn on Piet Wittiveen's property on the Front road: believe it or not, in this picture (below) we have the same building.



In the foreground are Ytje Wittiveen and new grandson Larry Fleming, c.1955.

Piet disassembled the frame of this house and reused the tongue and groove boarding in the floors and ceilings in his current house. Not wanting to waste anything, he then placed the roof on the remaining foundation, and had a low barn for putting the tractor in!

was soon evident that this was not to be attempted so easily for several vehicles filled the narrow laneway.

There remained little to do but wait. As I sat my thought drifted to the whimsical note of a make-up house party rocking amid dancing and loud talk mingled with music and mirth. Would not a Charlie or a Bob of bygone days have produced a fiddle from "God-knows-where" and sawed off "Hail, hail, the gangs all here", or "There'll be a hot time in the Old Town tonight"?

### Frozen Meals Designed for Seniors:

The frozen meals offered by Lennox and Addington Senior Outreach Services are nutritionally balanced and specifically developed for seniors. There are more than 25 entrees, 13 varieties of soup, and 18 different desserts. Restricted and special diets can be accommodated. For more information, please contact: Freda Youell at 384-4135 for menus, meal descriptions and prices

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### For sale by Anglican Church Women

Ceramic plates 9 1/4" diam. featuring a sketch of "St. Alban's Anglican Church Amherst Island 1890-1990" Price \$5.00.

Booklets: "The History of St. Alban's Church, Stella, Amherst Island" by The Reverend Kenneth R. J. Blaber C.D. Price \$2.00.

Phone: Barbara Reid 389-0675 or Jean Tugwell 389-4636.

## News from the Amherst Island General Store

We hope everyone is enjoying this wonderful summer weather, I sure am. First of all we'd like to congratulate the Amherst Island General Store soccer team (see page 9 for picture). Once again they reign as the "A Flight Team Champions", and for the second year in a row! Way to go Team! We are all very proud of you. Awards were given to Chris Reed, M.V.P., and Tabitha Trotter-Most Sportsmanship.

We've got a great selection of VHS and DVD movies right now, so kick back & relax with:

Shallow Hal - Gwyneth Paltrow & Jack Black

Ali - Will Smith

John Q. - Denzel Washington

The Royal Tennenbaums - Ben Stiller & Gwyneth Paltrow

A Walk to Remember - Mandy Moore

Domestic Disturbance - John Travolta

Black Hawk Down - Josh Hartnett

Harts War - Bruce Willis

...and for the kids... Jimmy Neutron, Boy Genius

Max Keebles Big Movie and Jack & the Beanstalk

Store hours for the Labour day weekend:

Fri: 30<sup>th</sup> 9-9; Sat 1<sup>st</sup> 9-9; Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> 10-6; Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> 10-5

Have a great summer!

## Visit Watercolours Etc.

The studio gallery of Shirley Miller

We are exhibiting the works of several local artists.

Paintings, prints and lessons available.

2545 Third Concession ... If we are home, we are open!  
tel. 389-2588

## Cottage for Rent: 3 bedrooms on North Shore.

Good swimming, very private. Call 634-1212.

## Two Cottages for Rent

North Shore July & August by the week Off season rentals can be by the week-end or short stay. Phone Susie, 389-2012

## Godden's whole-hog sausage

Made using the finest cuts of pork including hams, chops, loin, etc. Choose from regular, honey garlic, tomato oregano. \$40.00 for 10lb. box. Available at Poplar Dell B&B

Phone Susie at 389-2012 or Lori at 705-653-5984.

## SIGNS

Computer generated, vinyl lettering for mailboxes, vehicles or small signs. Different styles of fonts and colour choices. Lyn - 634-2509

## Picnic Tables & Weather Vanes for Sale

Keith Miller 389-2588

## Country Seats

Repairs to woven chair seating Reed & Ash Splint Cane & Fibre Rush Call Johanna MacKinnon at 352-7453

## Summit International Canada

Carpet Manufacturer and Distributor  
Gord Forbes, Sales Agent ...389-8516

**the BACK KITCHEN**  
Burgers & Fries & Homemade Pies



Susan Sedore  
Garry Filson

Amherst Island, Stella, Ont. K0H 2S0  
Telephone (613) 389-7200 or 384-7866

## Great Summer Wedding gifts from Topsy Farms

Blankets, Wraps, Yarn.

Phone 389-3444 for an appointment  
or visit the Weasel & Easel or the Bath Village Gallery

[www.topsyfarms.com](http://www.topsyfarms.com)

## Babysitter available!

- After school and weekends
- Responsible
- Red Cross Babysitting Certificate

Call Whitney Fleming at 389-9869



## Babysitting

Torri Phillips- Red Cross Certified Babysitter  
Available early evenings and  
weekends 389-0512

## Painting, wallpapering, tiling by Ted Gow

(retired teacher & full-time resident of Amherst Island)

## Home Maintenance and Repairs

Free estimates. Island References. 634-5404

## Thomas A. Richmond, Certified Electrician

Home, Farm & Commercial wiring and repairs,  
right here on the island. Ontario Electrical Safety Authority  
Authorized Contractor Program. 634-1855

## Mr. Fix-It

Anything you need done, I will do it. Fix anything -  
Automobiles, Minor plumbing and electrical, Landscaping,  
Painting, Carpentry. Reasonable rates. Call Rich at 389-6022

## Holiday weekends bake sales

Friday Aug. 30 at 3:45 p.m. until sold out the Women's  
Institute will hold bake sales at the store.

## CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

Looking for

Island-related drawings, sketches, photographs, etc  
for the BEACON. Lets get some of that artistic talent in  
print! Peter Large has provided several items for the  
next few months, but we need more- no age barriers!

Lets have the Beacon act as a reflection of the  
Island artistic community too!