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Lynann Whitton looks out From the door of the Black-Smith shop in the Village. The Blacksmith Shop was a part of a weekend of Island Shopping opportunities for Islanders and Mainlanders hosted by The Weasel and Easel, The Wool Shed at Topsy Farms, and the Blacksmith Shop (Courtesy of New Owners Lynann Whitton, Elizabeth Barr, and Blacksmith Paul Cuyler).

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NEIGHBOURHOOD

- Lyn Fleming

Get Well Wishes to Garnett McDonald. Belated get well wishes to Jean Tugwell.

Congratulations to Caroline Yull, who recently became a new grandmother when daughter Helen Bell-Smith be-

came a first time mom. Helen's new daughter, Nora Kathleen (7lb 15oz), was born on November 12th. Congratulations also to "Auntie Fae".

Congratulations also to Donald and Judy Miller, who welcomed their 2nd grandson into the family. Son Chad and his wife Kari, became 1st time parents to Keiran Dene Miller (6lb 11oz.) on Thursday, November 23rd.

Keiran is another great-grandchild for Helen Miller, first nephew for Don & Sherry Miller & a little cousin for Sam.

Congratulations to Peter and Sheila Whiting who also welcomed a new grandson into the family this month. Daughter Amy and husband David Henry welcomed their son William Peter Henry (9lb 3oz.) on November 6th.

Happy 60th birthday to Ted Welbanks and 65th to Allen Caughey, who celebrated at a party with family and friends.

Bob and Anne Turner and Peter and Joyce Morgan recently returned from their annual trip to Florida.

Dianne and Chris Kennedy recently returned from a trip to Scotland to visit Chris's mom.

Judith Harrower visited her son in Prague.

The PCW held another successful Tea and Sale this year and enjoyed a good turn-out from the community. A silent auction was a new addition to the event this year and Santa was on hand to have his picture taken with the children that attended.

The same evening, the Amherst Island Rec. Association and A.I. Emergency Services held their annual Festival of Lights parade and community Bonfire.

The floats were again spectacular and there was even an entry from Loyalist Township employees on the mainland. Following so many weeks of rain, it was difficult to get near the bonfire because of all the mud. Children's entertainer Jerry Mitchell entertained the kids at the Fire Hall following the parade.

Lynann Whitton and Elizabeth Barr recently opened their newly acquired Blacksmith Shop to the public. A blacksmith was on hand to give demonstrations and exhibit and sell his creations, a lunch canteen was on site and the corner was a busy place! The Topsy Farms' Wool Shed, which is open year round and the seasonal Weasel and Easel gift shop, joined

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the Blacksmith shop for a 3-day weekend to promote Island businesses and shopping. A weekend article regarding the Blacksmith shop brought many mainlanders as well as Islanders out.

As I write, we are finally enjoying an Indian summer. The mild weather has been nice, but having the sun shine for several days in a row has been great! It seems everyone is in a better mood again after so many weeks of dismal, grey days and too much rain! The ferry will be getting busier again as everyone tries to get their Christmas shopping done, hoping not to get caught in a snow storm - which could come at any time now- and the early boats to the Island will be extremely busy the first week of December when the annual deer hunt is on.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy Holiday Season filled with family and friends.

COUNCIL GLEANINGS

- Ian Murray Ferry Dock Work:

Council decided to "increase project budgets by \$10,400 to be funded

to the extent of available funds from Ferry Dock Reserve Fund, and then from Ferry Berthage Fees Reserve fund for any unfunded residual, including funding from the Ferry Berthage Fees Reserve Fund for ineligible costs under the Port Contribution Agreement to a maximum of \$5000."

Those interested should contact Loyalist Township for more information. I am content to know that there is work being done and that it will be paid for.

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Cemetery Lawn Maintenance:

W & W Snow Removal was low bidder on for a 2-year contract to provide lawn maintenance for Loyalist Township Cemeteries. The amount is \$8904 including GST. The only other bid was for \$11,554.

Ameriks Scholarship Fund:

In addition to the \$425.51 interest from the original \$10,000, the Fund was augmented as follows: South Shore Enterprises (Amherst) Ltd., \$2000; Gowan & Gowan Corp., \$500; and the Amherst Island Women's Institute. The total is \$3050.51 which gives each of the following students \$381.31: Alison McDonald, U. of Ottawa; Geoffrey McDonald, U. of Ottawa; Whitney Fleming, U. of Guelph-Humber; Brent McGinn, Loyalist College; Scott Marshall, U. of Manitoba; Christopher Reed, Queen's U.; Tabytha Trotter, St. Lawrence College; and, Alicia Wolfreys, St. Lawrence College.

Tree Cutting on Amherst Island:

"Moved by Councillor Ashley ... that \$30,000 be placed in the 2007 Capital Budget for consideration purposes for the development of a tree planting, tree retention and landscaping policy. Motion carried."

Passenger Shelter

Council received a letter from Douglas G. Lamb requesting that a shelter be built for foot passengers awaiting the ferry on the Island side.

New Home Starts in 2006 to the end of October: Bath, 28; Odessa, 0; rest of the mainland, 17; Amherst Island, 0.



PHOTO DAVE YOUELL



DRAWING BY PETER LARGE, SCA, OSA

STUFF

- Zander of DUNN INN

Ian Murray suggested I use the following letter to the editor of "The Stockman Grassfarmer in my column:

"On August 1, 2006 we lost our farm to an F-3 and F-4 tornado. The farm site went flat in 90 seconds. Our three sons went to the basement. We were at the Farm Fest with our fencing business and our son called to tell us the farm was gone and they were okay. The beef cows and the sheep are okay. Some of last year's calf crop were lost and most of them are pretty banged up. No one was hurt. We just lost 30 years of STUFF. God brings you to it and God will lead you through it. He has taken us by the hand each day as we move forward."

The editor Alan Nation commented: "Here in Mississippi where 70,000 families lost all of their earthly possessions in Katrina, most of them now describe their losses just as you did. It was just STUFF. They, like you, have found that what really counts is that you are still alive and have people around you who you care about and who care about you."

In response I make three observations.

First, while it's true that they lost STUFF some of that stuff was valuable. It was not only valuable in terms of money; it was valuable in terms of memories and sentiment. Photo albums contain family histories and pictures of members of those families at different stages of growth. It is devastating to lose photo albums. Indeed, most people will tell you that if they could rescue only one thing from their burning houses they would rescue their photo albums. Other people collect stuff for good reason. They collect art work, sculptures, and special items so they can be

shared with the rest of us. Wealthy people can put their collections in museums or galleries. Poor people can also contribute rare items to such collections and so help us all better understand our roots and our history. So let's not dismiss stuff as JUST STUFF. That stuff can be valuable in many ways.

Second, things (called stuff) are not as important as people. We can replace most things. But even the things we can't replace are not as valuable as family and friends. That is the point being made by the letter and the editor's response. We can always be grateful when nobody gets hurt in a natural disaster. There is no thing that I can think of which is of more value than a human life. Farms - barns, houses, machinery - may be worth millions of dollars but nobody would want to see an animal or a person killed to save such stuff. On the other hand, perhaps there are people who would rather have somebody die than lose the farm. They don't have their priorities straight.

Third, as a person of faith, I liked the sentence, "God brings you to it and God will lead you through it." It reminds me of the line in Psalm 23:

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, You are with me, your rod and your staff they comfort me."

God is with us - that's what Christians believe. God will go with us through death - we also believe that. God will not abandon us to death but will go with us through death to the other side - to the new life God offers us in Jesus. We believe our lives do not stop here or at death, but are guarded and guided by God through that which ends life. And we believe that good news is for everybody. Even for those people who value stuff more than life itself!



WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

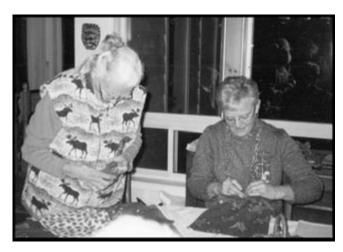
- Joyce Reid

The regular monthly meeting of the Amherst Island W. I. was held at the home of Joyce Reid, with 14 members in attendance and Jackie Sylvester presiding. It was opened with the repeating of The Ode, The Collect and the singing of O Canada.

New member Anne Henderson was welcomed.

Thanks were offered to all who helped with:

- 1) The Museum Fundraiser Abram's Concert, Oct. 29;
- 2) The filling of 26 Shoe Boxes for Children's Christmas in another country; and,
- 3) The Christmas Lights at the Ferry Dock.



LESLIE GAVLAS AND JOYCE HAINES WORK ON THEIR CHRISMAS BAGS.



The cutting down and replanting of trees on the Island was discussed. Twenty-six members of Amherst Island W. I. and the community attended the Nov. 6 Council Meeting of Loyalist Township. We strongly support Murray Beckel, Township Planner, in his report and recommendation that Council develop a Tree Planting, Tree Retention and Landscaping Policy for Amherst Island.

A lengthy letter was read from Ed Adams, Technical Supervisor, Loyalist Twp. Recycling was discussed further. We still need sheltered storage for corrugated cardboard and a better system for the collection of cans, bottles and plastic.

The new 2007 Amherst Island Women's Institute Calendar, consisting of historical Island photographs, is now available from Jackie Sylvester, The General Store and The Tea Room. It will also be for sale at the Seniors' Christmas Party, Dec. 3.

The formal part of the meeting was adjourned, closing with the Grace and the singing of God Save the Queen.

The members then moved to the "craft table" organized by the Joyces - Haines and Reid. Recyclable fabric gift bags had been made by the team ready to be decorated by the members, using an assortment of glittery and otherwise, Christmas trimmings.

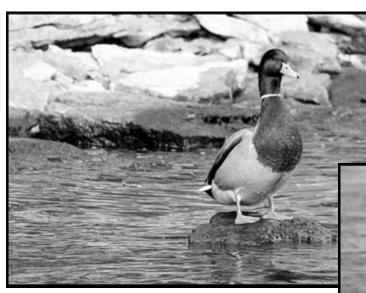
Delicious refreshments were served by Diane Hieatt.

Next meeting is at St. Paul's church, Dec. 6, at 6 pm, pot luck and Annual Christmas gift exchange.



MARION GLENN, JACKIE SYLVESTER, MARY KAY STEEL, AND DIANE HIEATT.

PHOTOS BY JOYCE REID



PHOTOS BY DAVE YOUELL



JANET'S JOTTINGS

- Janet Scott

Christmas Bird Count Time Again!

At one time it was considered a Christmas tradition and sport to go out on Christmas Day and form teams to shoot anything that wore feathers or fur. The winning team was the team with the most kills. Fortunately from an environmental perspective Frank Chapman of the American Museum of Natural History inspired the Christmas Count and the Audubon Society began the first Christmas Count in 1900.

This year we will be taking part in the 107th annual Christmas count. In 1990 through the hard work of Ron Weir and Alex Scott, members of the Kingston Field Naturalists, Amherst Island was added as a circle and due to our place in the alphabet we're always listed as the first count in Ontario. Of course those of us who live here consider that a foregone conclusion. Before that time only the tip of the bar was included in the Kingston circle and our wonderful wintering owls and hawks went uncounted. The centre of our geographical count area is 44 degrees



15 minutes north and 76 degrees 41 minutes west and includes Amherst, Nut islands and a lot of water. That very first count 64 different species were seen. This year on December 29th it will be our 18th count and we welcome any and all bird enthusiasts to join us.

The count starts officially at midnight but we wait for daylight so meet us at the school at 7:45 am dressed for the weather and we'll send you out to search the highways and byways and under the bushes too for that one elusive bird that might make us famous and meanwhile the rest of the bird population gets

counted too!

We have lunch back at the school and unlike larger areas our groups are finished by noon (after all our land mass is limited). We need Islanders to monitor species and numbers at their feeders as well on that day. Last year we had a record 6 Islanders out to help with the count as well as several reporting from feeders. I have been blessed the last few years with an able assistant, Bonnie Livingstone, so the Island tradition of neighbour helping neighbour continues. Call us: Janet at 613-389-4608 or Bonnie at 613-389-8516 if you want to help or even want more information.

There are reports of owls filtering in so keep watching. Those elusive Long-eared Owls that roost by day in the Owl Woods are lifting in groups off the Owl Woods Road when you drive through at night. Rebecca and Rachel Scott phoned one evening to report Short-eared Owls dancing their moth-like patterns across their lawn and last week I saw them at Ted Welbanks'.

They are most easily seen at dusk looking back against the setting sun although they hunt in daylight too. Rachel, Rebecca and I found a Saw-whet in the woods on November 12th plus watched a family of Deer Mice living behind the glass in the Owl Woods sign. The sign reads Welcome to the Owl Woods so they just moved in!

The Lower Front Road residents are reporting increasing numbers of Tundra Swans on the bar so check those out. Sunday's report was 60. You may need a scope or binoculars but from the road you can see them sitting along the edges of the little islands and bar.

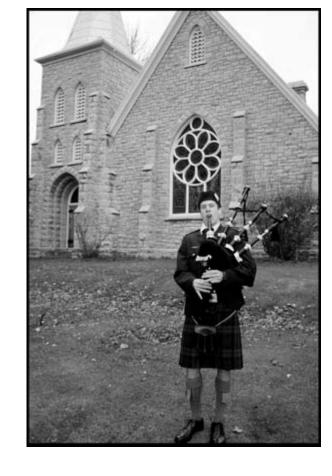
David and Betty Wemp do have a Red-bellied Woodpecker at their feeder so check that out plus I'm seeing both Downy and Hairy Woodpeckers at the Owl Woods Feeders.

Enjoy your birding. It's not an Olympic Sport but it gets you out of doors on a sunny, winter day with a good excuse to enjoy beautiful Amherst Island.

Good Birding.

Remembrance Day









AIMS NOVEMBER 4TH MEETING

- Hugh Jenney, Secretary

Brian Little concocted a delicious breakfast with the help of Eva and Daniel for 17 hungry men.

*Dickens Reading: Friday, December 8 at 7 PM Musical Introduction followed by readings by the famous actress and CBC Radio Personality, J. C. Penny. Larry Hay, Vicki Keith, Deb Kimmett and Peter Trueman have



agreed to read also. The CBC has given us the recommended music to accompany each reading. This year's performance will certainly be worth the \$10 admission. ISLE will be providing the refreshments. All profits will go to ISLE.

Master of Ceremonies: Brian Little

Tickets at the door: Ross Haines and John Munro

Ushers: John Schutzbach and Hugh Jenney Parking: Paul Lauret and Dayle Gowan

Technical: Bruce Burnett and Peter Trueman who is coordinating our readers.

*New Year's Dinner & Dance is being coordinated again by John Munro.

Even though the caterers are charging \$1.20 more per meal this year we are keeping the price of the tickets to the same as last year--\$25.00. [See advertisement elsewhere in this issue.]

Marc Raymond and Paul Lauret replaced the Pentland Cemetery's shed roof.

*Our \$450 donation to the Halloween Party was a contributing factor in its grand success this year. We plan to do it again next year, but we need more volunteers to cover the little things.

The 4-H Club co-sponsored it with the Village Store. Dave Youell had a grand time as our DJ.

Jim Whitton won the apple peeling contest again this year. Lorna Willis managed to win the longest unbroken apple skin contest at 66 inches. Brian & Eva won the dance contest.

Congratulations to all for coming out and having such a great time.

Committee Reports:

*Treasurer's Report by Paul Lauret: All is so well that Peter Trueman was inspired to move that we donate \$100 to our three Island Churches for their ministers' discretionary fund.

*Transportation: Ralph Woods needs somebody to take his place and Paul Lauret kindly volunteered.

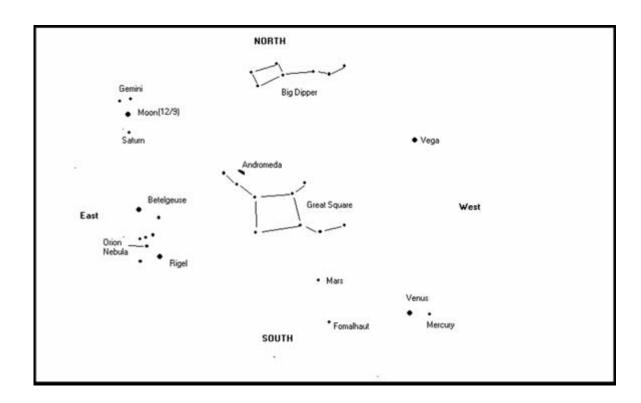
*Assistance Committee: Alan Glenn reported that he had two small jobs to do.

*Home Care: We still need a volunteer for this most important position if we are to keep our people on our Island as per our mandate. Call Brian today to volunteer.

*Bruce Burnett was given a round of applause for all his hard work on the AIMS table.



PHOTO BY DAVE YOUELL



DECEMBER SKIES

Now we are approaching winter, the season of the brightest stars. And some of the brightest constellations are now visible in the early evening.

Probably the brightest and best known of these is Orion. Orion is a familiar sight in the winter skies. The three stars in his belt are as bright as any of the stars in the big dipper, but two of the other stars, Betelgeuse, marking one of the shoulders, and Rigel, marking a foot, are among the ten brightest stars visible in the night sky. Betelgeuse (a corruption of the Arabic phrase *yad aljauza* - meaning hand of al-jauza - the Arabic name for the constellation) is a red supergiant star putting out about 38,000 times as much light as the sun. It is about 425 light years away, relatively close by galactic standards. Betelgeuse is so large that were it to be at the sun's location not only would the Earth's orbit be inside the star, but also that of Mars. Betelgeuse is nearing the ending of its life and will likely explode as a supernova sometime in the next two or three million years. When that happens it will easily be visible in the daylight sky.

Rigel is even brighter than Orion. In fact Rigel puts out about 70,000 times as much light as the sun, but since it's about 770 light-years away, only appears a bit brighter than Betelgeuse. Rigel is a blue supergiant star, and it, like Betelgeuse, is fated to end up as a supernova. Only about one in a million stars in our galaxy is a supergiant, a star with a mass about 100 times that of our sun, but they tend to stand out because they are so bright. Although these stars are massive, they have very short lifetimes when compared to stars like our Sun. Our sun is about halfway through a 10 billion-year lifespan, while a supergiant will go

from birth to supernova in less than 10 million years. Rigel is at an early phase of this short life, while Betelgeuse is near the end.

One final feature of Orion is the Great Orion Nebula. This object can be seen in Orion's sword, and a good pair of binoculars will reveal it as a hazy cloud. This nebula is the most active area of star formation, which is visible from the Northern Hemisphere. Looking at the nebula through a large telescope, several bright young stars can be seen, shining through the dust and gas clouds out of which they were recently formed.

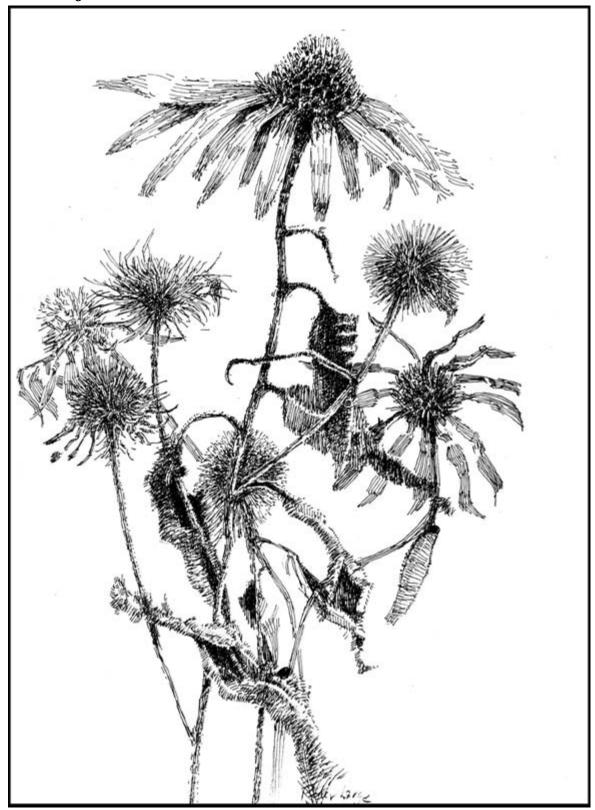
Venus has now disappeared behind the sun but will reemerge in the evening sky late in the month. At dusk on December 22nd you may be able to spot Venus just below the crescent of the new moon.

Jupiter Mars and Mercury have now reappeared but to see them you have to get up before dawn – not so early these days. At dawn on December 10 there is a rare spectacle of all three of these planets crowed together in a tight bunch, with a bright star (Beta Scorpii) thrown in for good measure! Look in the Southeast sky about a half hour before dawn to see this grouping.

On December 9th Saturn can be seen just below the waning moon around 10 PM in the evening.

On December 13 the Geminid meteor shower is at its best. The best time to watch about 9 PM until the Moon Rises around 1 AM. The best direction to watch is probably straight up. With luck you will see a meteor every minute or two.

End of Season



DRAWING BY PETER LARGE SCA, OSA

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEIGHBOUR, PETER LARGE, ON BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE ONTARIO SOCIETY OF ARTISTS. DANIEL FOWLER WAS A FOUNDING MEMBER. PEGGIE COULTER IS ALSO A MEMBER.

2006 CHRISTMAS SHOPPING ON AMHERST ISLAND -AT THE BLACKSMITH SHOP

(SEE PAGES 12 & 13 FOR PHOTOS AT THE WEASEL AND EASEL, AND THE WOOL SHED)



PHOTO BRIAN LIITTLE



PHOTO BY TERRY CULBERT



PHOTO BRIAN LIITTLE

WROUGHT IRON ARTISAN PAUL CUYLER OF NEWTONVILLE DEMONSTRATED HIS HANDI-WORK AT THE BLACKSMITH SHOP IN STELLA DURING THE 2006 CHRISTMAS SHOPPING WEEKEND ON AMHERST ISLAND.





PHOTO BRIAN LIITTLE



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The 2006 Christmas shopping on Amherst Island had prizes as well. Ben Whitton drew the \$50 Gift Certificate with the help of blacksmith Paul Cuyler, ben's Father—Jim Whitton, and Mother—Lynann.

The winner of the draw was Pat Ibey of Amherstview. Thanks to everyone who supported the 3 Stores Christmas Sale on the weekend of Nov 27.

The 2ND prize was won by New Islander Jean Perrie; and, 3RD prize was won by Alicia Thompson from Centreville.



2006 CHRISTMAS SHOPPING ON AMHERST ISLAND -AT THE WEASEL & EASEL AND THE WOOL **SHED**



PHOTO BY TERRY CULBERT

ISLANDER JEAN TUGWELL IS SEEN SHOPPING AT THE WEASEL & EASEL DURING THE SPECIAL SHOPPING WEEKEND.





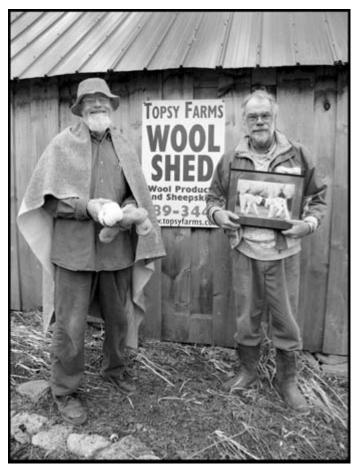
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KINGSTON STONEMASON GEOFF MCKAY DOING FOUNDA-TION REMEDIAL WORK ON THE NEILSON STORE MUSEUM AND CULTURAL CENTRE.





PHOT BY TERRY CULBERT

IAN MURRAY AND DON TUBB OF TOPSY FARMS HAD A MAR-VELLOUS WEEKEND FOR SALES DURING THE 2006 CHRISTMAS SHOPPING WEEKEND ON AMHERST ISLAND.





PHOT BY TERRY CULBERT



CAROLINE YULL GETS A CHUCKLE AS SHE WATCHES SANTA'S WEE HELPER, PHOTOG-RAPHER-CHEF BRIAN LITTLE, BARBECUING SAUSAGES ON THE BUN OUTSIDE THE BLACKSMITH SHOP.



PHOTO BY BRIAN LITTLE

KIERA RICHMOND ENJOYS A SAUSAGE (WEARING A CAP FROM THE WOOL SHED).



NEWS FROM CJAI,

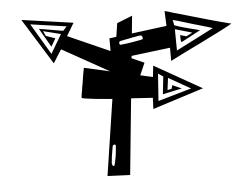
AMHERST ISLAND PUBLIC RADIO

Rosemary Richmond, Assistant Station Manager
Hard to believe that we are embarking on our eighth month in operation here at CJAI, the world's smallest radio station! If you have been listening lately, you will know that we have a two new shows in our schedule. On Monday afternoon from 2-4pm, you can hear "The Vinyl Exam", hosted by Alan Kidd and Leah Murray. Alan and Leah explore the wonderful world of vinyl, using real records on a real turntable! The mix is sometimes surprising, generally pretty eclectic, and always worth hearing! If you miss the show on Monday, there is a replay on Saturday evening from 6-8pm. Be sure to tune it in – you'll be glad you did!

Also new on the CJAI schedule is a show running every first and third Tuesday from 5-6pm. Katie Little, Beth Albertan and Caitlin McDonald, who call themselves the "Turn-ups" (as in "turn up the volume"), host the show. They play their favorite music, and keep us updated on what's going on in the teen world!

Our weekend programming has been tweaked slightly to make room for our ever-expanding shows. On Saturday, the live concert show has been moved up an hour to run from 4-6pm, with "The Vinyl Exam" replay following at 6-8pm. "Cousin Ross' Big Band Show" remains in the www.amherstisland.on.ca/air.-10pm slot. On Sunday, the repeat of "Live from the Wolf's Den" bluegrass show will now be heard from 4-6pm, followed by an hour of Celtic music from 6-8. A full copy of the current programming schedule can be found on the Amherst Island Public Radio website.

Don't forget, we welcome your comments and suggestions about our programming! You can send us an email at air@kos.net, leave a message on the station's answering machine at 613-384-8282, or drop us a note via snail mail at 5830 Front Road, Stella. Thanks for your continuing support, and keep on listening!



HERE & THERE

- Ian Murray

Whig columnist/photographer Jack Chiang wrote an interesting article – Nov. 27 – about Peter Trueman hosting Stan Burke on his live CJAI Saturday morning show. Mr. Chiang discussed the backgrounds of Peter and Stan as well as that of Terry Culbert, CJAI station manager.

Whig columnist/photographer Mark Bergin wrote about the W. Brown & Son Blacksmith Shop in the Nov 25, "Ticket". This article, along with the one he wrote about the Topsy Wool Shed in October, has certainly been a help in raising the profile of both local establishments.

Congratulations to Phil Silver on getting a job that he wanted doing building maintenance for Loyalist Township.

Congratulations to Larry Fleming who now has the job with Loyalist Public Works that Phil had. This will, I'm sure, be a pleasant change for Larry who has spent quite a few years driving big trucks around the continent.

I'm writing this a few days after Lyn commented on the fine weather. This is the third day of doing chores in rain, wind and mud. I hope it freezes soon – healthier for man and beast.



PHOTO BRIAN LITTLE

Stanley burke, peter Trueman, and terry Culbert were all interviewed by Jack Chiang for the Kingston Whig Standard.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS



HER FULL NAME IS NORA KATHLEEN YULL (HELEN IS CHANGING HER LAST NAME FROM BELL-SMITH TO YULL) AND SHE WAS BORN AT 6:40 ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, WEIGHING 7 LB, 7.8 OZ, 21 INCHES LONG, AND WITH ALL MOVING PARTS ATTACHED IN THE CORRECT PLACES, AND MOVING VIGOROUSLY.





PHOTOS BY CAROLINE YULL



Amherst Island Men's Society

presents



A reading of Charles Dickens'

A Christmas Carol

Friday, December 8, 2006 at 7:00 PM St. Paul's Presbyterian Church

Featured Readers Include:

Vicki Keith: Marathon Swimmer & Coach Deb Kimmett: Comedienne Extraordinaire Larry Hay: Chief of Police Tyendinaga Police Service Peter Trueman: National TV News Anchor (retired) J.C. Kenny: CBC Radio Regional Correspondent

Refreshments to follow in Church Hall

Tickets \$10.00 (In support of ISLE School Fundraising)





THE FAMILY MEMBERS OF THE LATE **BEATRICE WEMP** WISH TO EXPRESS THEIR SINCERE THANKS TO RELATIVES, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS FOR THE CARDS, DONATIONS, PHONE CALLS AND MANY ITEMS OF FOOD DROPPED AT THE HOUSE DURING THE RECENT LOSS OF OUR WIFE AND MOTHER. AN EXTRA SPECIAL THANK YOU TO REV. MARGARET FOR VISITING US AND FOR PERFORMING THE WARM, CARING SERVICE WHICH TRULY PAINTED A WONDERFULLY ACCURATE PICTURE OF BEA'S LIFE.

THANK YOU TO BETH FORESTER FOR BEING OUR ORGANIST AND TO ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOR ALLOWING US TO HOLD THE SERVICE THERE.

THANK YOU TO THE ACW OF ST. ALBAN'S FOR PROVIDING A GREAT LUNCHEON.

RALPH, MARIE, DAVID, JOYCE, KATHY, MAUREEN & FAMILIES

THE AMHERST ISLAND RECREATION ASSOCIATION WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL WHO SUPPORTED THIS YEAR'S FESTI-VAL OF LIGHTS PARADE AND COMMUNITY BONFIRE. FIRST AND FOREMOST OUR CO-HOSTS, THE A.I. EMERGENCY SERVICES, WHO PROVIDE THE LOCATION AND MAN-POWER TO MAKE THE EVENING POSSIBLE. MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO ENTERED (AND "LIT UP")A FLOAT, VEHICLE OR HORSE IN THE PARADE! AS USUAL THEY WERE AMAZING. WE REALLY HAVE SOME IMAGINATIVE PEOPLE ON THE ISLAND. THANKS TO THE LOYALIST TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEES WHO PROVIDED OUR FIRST ENTRY IN THE PARADE FROM THE MAINLAND. THANKS TO ALL WHO CAME OUT AND WATCHED AND HAD THEIR CHRISTMAS LIGHTS ON THEIR HOMES ALONG THE ROUTE. THANK YOU TO THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE WHO DONATE A PRIZE EACH YEAR FOR A LUCKY CHILD IN ATTENDANCE. WHAT A GREAT WAY TO KICK OFF THE HOLIDAY SEASON ON AM-HERST ISLAND. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING FLOATS - MOST UNIQUE -A.I. EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR THEIR "CHRISTMAS IN SPACE" FLOAT; BEST LIGHTS - ISLE FOR THEIR "CHRISTMAS IN CANADA" FLOAT; AND FOR BEST SEA-SONAL - THE REC ASSOCIATION FOR THEIR "WINTER FUN" FLOAT. CON-GRATULATIONS TO MATTHEW FABIAN-ROBINSON, WHO WON THE W.I.'S INFLAT-ABLE LAWN ORNAMENT.

NOTICES

UPCOMING CONCERTS

THE LODGE ON AMHERST ISLAND IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE ITS WINTER/ SPRING CONCERT SERIES FOR 2007. CON-SISTING OF FOUR CONCERTS, THE SERIES WILL FEATURE GREG HOBBS (APPEARING AS A PART OF A TRIO) ON FEBRUARY 17TH; DAVID MYLES ON MARCH 17TH; SAHRA FEATHERSTONE AND JASON FOWLER ON APRIL 28TH. THE FOURTH CONCERT OF THE SERIES IS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 16^{TH} WITH THE PERFORMER TO BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE. EACH CONCERT BEGINS AT 7PM WITH AN OPENING ACT, AND THE HEADLINER APPEARING AT 7:30PM. SIN-GLE CONCERT TICKETS ARE \$15 IN AD-VANCE, OR \$20 AT THE DOOR. TICKETS FOR THE ENTIRE CONCERT SERIES CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE SPECIAL PRICE OF \$50, AND MAKE EXCELLENT CHRISTMAS GIFTS! FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR TO PUR-CHASE TICKETS, PLEASE CALL (613) 634-1855, OR TOLL-FREE (866) 552-3535. YOU CAN ALSO VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.AMHERSTISLAND.ON.CA/THELODGE.

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PROMOTING EMERGING MUSICIANS, SO EACH OF OUR CONCERTS WILL FEATURE A YOUNG ONTARIO ARTIST AS AN OPENING ACT.

*Greg Hobbs - February 17th "He has played gigs with Fred Eaglesmith, Victoria based country-diva Carolyn Mark, Blue Rodeo's Bob Egan, and True North artist Joel Kroeker...It's the true sign of a good lyricist when he makes you want to quote him in your own conversation." Opening for Greg Hobbs is Meredith Luce.

*David Myles - March 17th "Costumed in the gladrags of blues, roots and folk, 2006 Canadian Folk Music Award's Best New/Emerging Artist nominee David Myles' songs are infectiously hummable. His latest album "Things Have Changed" combines soul inspired horns, skilled finger-picking, and rich vocals." Opening for David Myles is Carmen Elle.

*SAHRA FEATHERSTONE & JASON FOWLER - APRIL 28TH "SAHRA IS ONE OF THOSE RARE MUSICIANS THAT BELONGS IN THE TRADITION, YET SOUNDS VERY FRESH AT THE SAME TIME. HER MUSIC IS EFFORTLESS, NATURAL AND IS IMBUED WITH HER LOVELY SPIRIT. JASON IS A GUITARIST WITH FLASHES OF BRILLIANCE ON A PAR WITH ROY COODER, DOC WATSON AND TONY RICE. A GREAT FIND." OPENING FOR SAHRA AND JASON IS ARIANA GILLIS. *June 16th - Artist to be announced

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