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Will Adam Returns to Amherst Island



PHOTO HARVE GRANT

WILL HAS COMPLETED THE FIRST LEG OF HIS JOURNEY, AND HAS REACHED ONTARIO. HE WILL BE ARRIVING IN KINGSTON ON JUNE 8TH AT NOON, AND AFTER A BRIEF CEREMONY WILL CONTINUE TO AMHERST ISLAND. SEE PAGE 8 FOR DETAILS.

THIS ISSUE

- Ian Murray, editor

I changed 2 spellings in last month's AIMS article after checking in the local phone directory. This is from Hugh Jenney: "Alan Kidd has only one l in his name. His Father was very economical. Allan Glenn has two l's. I know the telephone book has it wrong too. I made a mistake with Stephanie Raeburn-Gibson's name."

Please, if your name is spelled wrong in the Women's Institute's new phone book, phone or e-mail me the correct spelling and I'll update the official Beacon copy.

There are 3 "Al-n" Islanders: Alan Kidd, Allan Glenn, and Allen Caughey. There are also 3 "Gar(r)ys" Gary Hitchins, Garry Filson and Gary McDonald. Fortunately the "Toms", "Peters" and "Johns" do not confuse.

The ongoing windmill controversy will not be covered in the Beacon except when Loyalist Township Council passes resolutions or by-laws – if it does.

I don't think we'll ever run out of neighbour-against-neighbour issues on this Island (or anywhere else).

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NEIGHBOURHOOD

-Lynn Fleming

Get well wishes this month to Fay Wemp. May seems to have been the month for an assortment of orthopedic surgeries from hip and knee replacements to ankle surgery! Get well wishes to the following, who we hope will all be up and "running" very soon: Jack Forester, Mary Kay Steel, Dayle Gowan, and Dick Dodds.

Happy 50th birthday to Eric McGinn.

Happy 50th anniversary to Ted and Fay Wemp.

Happy 25th anniversary to Dave and Laurie Youell, who celebrated on a week long cruise.

Congratulations to Shannon McLennon, daughter of Lynn and Tom deHaan, who was married to Mike Doyle in the Cayman Islands, and was attended by her sister Jennifer as maid of honour. Other Island members of the wedding party included her step-brother Thomas deHaan and his partner Jen O'Donnell and Stephanie Fleming.

The Senior Class at A.I.P.S. enjoyed 3 jam-packed days in Montreal for this year's year-end trip. The class enjoyed a visit to Mount Royal, Notre Dame Cathedral, the Biodome and Olympic Tower, a river cruise, a carriage ride through Old Montreal and more. The highlight of the trip was seeing the newest Cirque de Soleil show, "Kooza".

The Amherst Island Rec Association held its annual Fish Fry and Spring Dance on the May long weekend and as always was sold out.

The Farmer's Market and the Weasel and Easel opened the same weekend.

Will Adam will be on the Island the second week of June, for a much needed rest on his cross country bike ride for MS. Watch for information regarding a "pep rally" for Will.

The cooler spring kept the tulips and daffodils blooming a little longer than usual, and all it took was a little

warmer weather and some sunshine and the lilacs were in bloom, and it looks like the peonies won't be long behind.

This year's lambs and calves are in the fields, and the geese and goslings are abundant along the shoreline. The starling that raised her young under the hood of the bus last year has returned to build another nest this year!

Welcome back to our Island "snowbirds" and summer visitors.

CANADA DAY

- Lyn Fleming

The annual Canada Day parade will take place at 7:00 p.m. Anyone wishing to participate in the parade should meet at St. Alban's Anglican Church by 6:30 p.m.

Following the parade there will be games for the kids and a free hot dog and drink to the first 100 people.

Drinks and hotdogs will be available to purchase throughout the evening.

The PCW will hold their Strawberry Social, beginning at 7:30 p.m. (approximately).

Fireworks will begin at dark

The students in the senior class at Amherst Island Public School would like to thank everyone who supported our fund raising, donated or helped in any way to make our year end trip to Montreal possible.

A special thank you to our teacher, Ms. Jardine, who planned this amazing trip that we will remember always.

The A.I.P.S. Senior Class 2007



PHOTO DAVE YOUELL

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

- Joyce Reid

The meeting of 17 members was held at the home of Kirsten Bennick. It opened with the Ode, Collect and O' Canada.

Volunteers were asked by the president, Jackie Sylvester, to sign up for the SATURDAY MORNINGS MARKET TABLE where we sell coffee and muffins, and the FRIDAY AFTERNOONS OF LONG WEEKENDS BAKE SALES. Also baking was requested for these events and the Heart and Stroke program at the school June 6th.

Plastic hangers have been purchased by Helen Lamb and placed in the school.

A District ROSE meeting was held April 30 in the Strathcona Arena, Napanee, in aid of the Stephen Lewis Foundation that supports Grandmothers in Africa who are raising their grandchildren due to the loss of parents from HIV/AIDS. Joyce Haines and Leslie Gavlas had set up an interesting African display table, with the help of Liz Harrison, and raised close to \$100. The whole event, which featured a couple of brief speakers and film showing several families in Africa being helped, raised close to \$2000. Other fund raising tables sold surprise gift bags, plants,



coffee and goodies, a penny toss game, hand crafts and a bake table. The Kingston "Grandmothers" group sold an attractive Asparagus Cook Book and GRANDMOTHER TO GRANDMOTHER T-shirts. Six of us from the Island attended the evening event.

Leslie Gavlas and Joyce Haines also attended the Annual District meeting in May. We were pleased to hear that through our support (and others) for S.O.S. (Save Our Seniors) Napanee, that 6 people were helped through the Dental Coalition. S.O.S. is the organization that helps seniors living in their homes with prepared frozen meals, transportation, etc.

Next year's Planning Meeting is to be held at the home of Sharen English on June 20 - 7 p.m. Please come with fresh program ideas.

Meeting adjourned with The Grace. Delicious refreshments were served by Liz and Kirsten.

We then held the Wild Food Roll Call. Many interesting recipes and ideas were presented including Milkweed Buds and Flowers, Dandelion Greens Salad and Wine, Fiddleheads as a hot vegetable or marinated and used in salads, Puffballs and Wild Mushrooms, Wild Blueberries, Rabbit, Cattail Pollen added to muffins. Cloudberry Wine and Candied Violets were passed for sampling.

Around 10 p.m. we left for home in a very mellow state of mind!



PHOTO BRIAN LITTLE



PHOTO DAVE YUELL

OUR APOLOGIES TO REBECCA SCOTT (SHOWING HER CAMERA FACE IN THIS PHOTO). LAST MONTH WE INCORRECTLY STATED THAT HER NAME WAS REBECCA WOLFREYS. WE ARE SORRY FOR THE CONFUSION.

JANET'S JOTTINGS

- Janet Scott

Those of us who live here have always been aware of the multitude of living species that can be seen and heard on Amherst Island on a summer's evening. We take for granted the beautiful song of the Thrasher as it trills from a treetop or the haunting cries of Loons echoing across the still waters of the lake. We see examples of colourful fungi growing on a stump or forest floor and think it's just another plant or follow the flight of a Dragonfly as it zooms across the pond and never give it another thought. Well get ready! Our senses are about to be tested.

On Friday evening, June 15th the BioBlitz 2007 will begin. This is an experience hosted by the Kingston Field

Naturalists that is 24 hours of Nature Study. They will guide and host walks and explorations that will cover the Owl Woods and Kingston Field Naturalists' property at the Southwest corner of Amherst Island. Tours are available Friday evening to learn about Moths, Amphibians, Small Animals and Birds. This is your chance to hear Owl Calling at night if you've never tried that fascinating

pastime. The following morning early bird walks will take place. About 9:00 you can learn about trees, shrubs, ferns and grasses. Pond Dipping for kids of all ages follows with identification hints for Dragonflies and minnows. A BBQ lunch is available from 11:30 to 12:30 at my house at a cost of \$5.00 and Saturday continues with Guided Walks to learn about Butterflies and Reptiles. Schedules are available from me, or just call 613-389-4608 for information. Most of the guided walks will last about 45 minutes and other than lunch there is no cost. This is just an absolutely once in a lifetime chance to learn about flora and fauna in your own neighbourhood. I was thrilled when



they chose our Island for this year's BioBlitz. Everyone is welcome, from experts to complete novices. Try and catch some of it!

On the birding front, I actually got to see an Indigo Bunting on Saturday, May 26th. I drove with friends to the head to see the lambs frolicking in the fields. It's such a fun, springtime activity. I know now why they call them "Spring Lambs". It's because they must have springs in all four feet, the way they can jump straight up in the air. After turning at the end to drive back, there in the hedgerow on the north side of the road was an Indigo Bunting hopping around the bushes along the wall. Its colour is such an intense blue and it shows a darker blue or black on the wings. It's only about 5 1/2 inches long and is a seed eater.

Other colourful birds seen this month are Scarlet Tanagers, Northern Orioles and Rose-breasted Grosbeaks. Jacquie Sylvester reports an Orchard Oriole at her place so watch for this lovely fellow. His orange is almost a brick-red and he has a black head while the Northern Oriole, formally called Baltimore is bright orange exactly the colour of the oranges it's devouring on my front porch. Keith Miller reports an abundance of Orioles at their place and at several locations on and off the Island I've seen that flash as they dive for cover after crossing the road. These birds eat the pesky insects that attack fruit trees and build beautiful hanging nests in taller trees in your yards. When I was growing up the stately Elms usually revealed Oriole nests once the leaves fell in the fall. Now any tall tree with drooping branches seems to be filling that void. The mother oriole weaves the nest while she's inside and the father supplies horse hair grasses and rootlets to weave this masterpiece.

All around the miracle of spring and earth's renewal is taking place. Dormant flowers awaken and burst into bloom, ducklings take that leap of faith from nest to water, fawns are born and baby otters play. Don't miss the show, slow down and smell the roses or at least enjoy the lilacs.

Good Birding,

PHOTO DAVE YOEELL

MARY CAROLINE BIRD

Mary Bird was born in Kingston and died in Kingston on May 7, 2007 in her 96th year. She moved to Amherst Island in 1978 with her husband, Island-born Reginald T. Robinson.

They built the house at 10900 Front Road. Mary stayed on for quite a few years after Reginald died.

Jean Tugwell remembers her friend Mary's intelligence and great sense of humour. Mary and Jean had a lot of fun picking out hymns together when Mary played the organ at St. Alban's and Jean was the back-up organist. Once Mary told Jean that she liked to go to sleep humming hymns to herself.



AIPS PLANTING DAY

-Hugh Jenney

Amherst Island Public School science teacher, Mrs. Stephanie Gibson, is shown here with some Aims members. She applied for a \$2,000 grant from the Toyoto Evergreen people and is now planting the trees and shrubs around benches and a teacher's stone just north of the arena rink fence. Terry Culbert is working with the students to decorate the fence. Allan Glenn has cut out flowers and animals to be painted and hung on a fence. It took Tuesday and Thursday to dig all the holes. The primary students finished planting the shrubs on Friday. The outdoor learning centre is nearly complete. Ross Haines is working on attaching the legs to the red cedar benches. All should be in place to start the new school year.

PHOTO FROM HUGH JENNEY

Left to Right: Doug Martin, Stephanie Gibson (Science Teacher), Marc Raymond, Greg Latiak, and Hugh Jenney.
Absent: Brian Little, Shawn Broome

SPRING FLING @ AIPS



*SPRING FLING PERFORMERS. LEFT: PRIMARY CLASS PLAY. RIGHT: BUCKET DRUMMERS
SEE PAGE 11 FOR MORE SPRING FLING PHOTOS.*

PHOTOS BY BRIAN LITTLE



CANADA'S NATIONAL FLOWER

- Zander of DUNN INN

I am disappointed nobody nominated the Dandelion as one of the Seven Wonders of Canada in the C.B.C. contest. It is certainly more important than the Montreal Bagel which has made the short list. But, I suppose it does not qualify because the Dandelion is not indigenous or exclusive to Canada.

I got to thinking about the Dandelion while I was mowing the lawn and cutting the Dandelions down. Although my wife, and many others, consider the Dandelion a weed, I believe it should be declared Canada's National Flower. I'm not joking about that. The Dandelion speaks to me about our country and about God.

***Most other flowers
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nurture, protect...***

Dandelions. They are a gift of God. Most other flowers we have to plant, nurture, protect, feed, water, coddle; but not the Dandelion. The Dandelion just is. We don't do anything for it.

Second, the Dandelion is hardy, sturdy, strong, persistent. Those who classify the Dandelion as a weed work against it. They attack it; try to uproot it; work against it - all to no avail. We have two or three specialized tools to

First, nobody ever deliberately sows Dandelion seeds. We don't have to. The Dandelions and their seeds are all over the place. You can't deserve

eradicate Dandelions. None of them works well. Dandelions have big roots that go deep and the strength of God is in them.

Third, Dandelions will grow anywhere. They not only grow in our lawns, to the consternation of horticulturalists, but they grow in our sidewalks, in our gravel roads, in our patios and in our walls. Like God, the Dandelions are everywhere. They only need a foothold and they catch on.

Fourth, Dandelions, when they go to seed, remind me of the Spirit of God because the seeds are blown all over the place by the wind. We can no more stop the dispersion of the seeds than we can stop the wind or the Spirit of God which blows where it will.

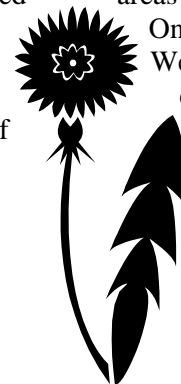
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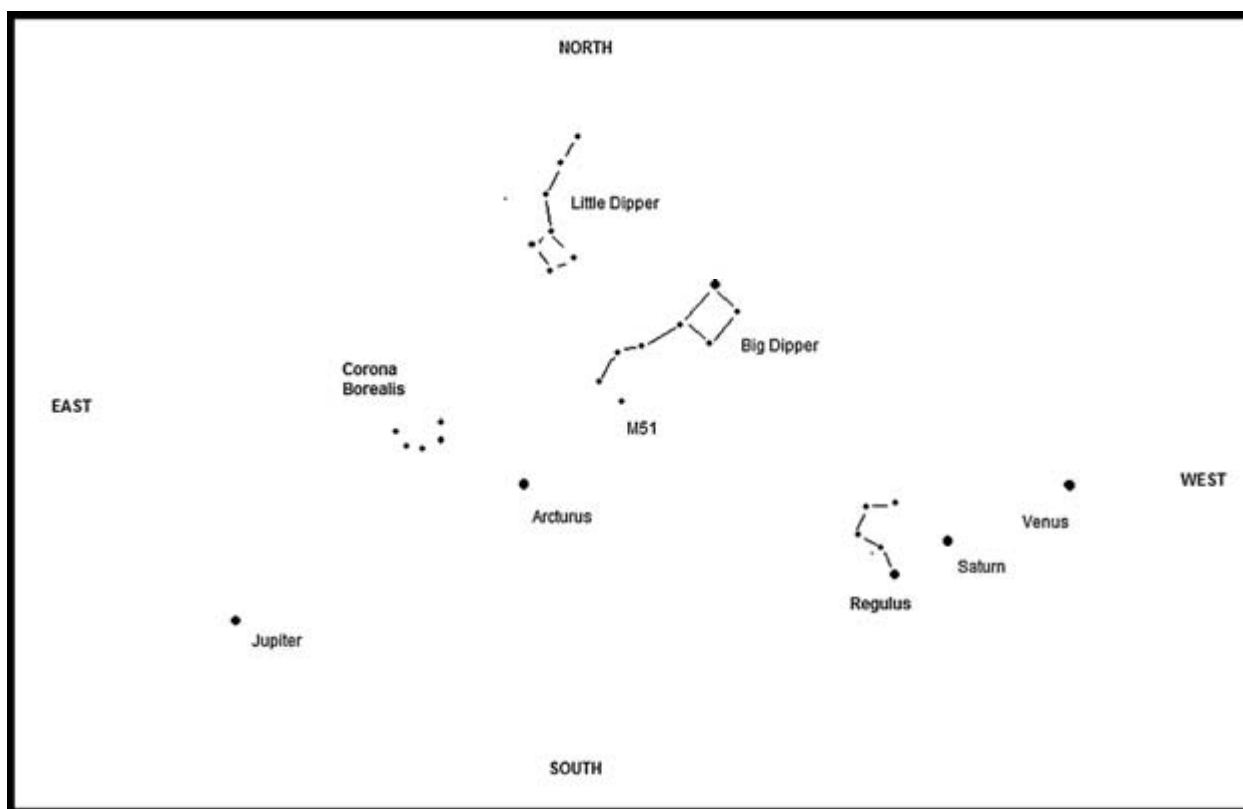
Fifth, Dandelions are beautiful. Yes, they are. Most of us think they are ugly because we denigrate them by labeling

them as weeds. But, if you leave your prejudices behind, there is nothing more beautiful than a field of bright, yellow Dandelions. I've seen fields of mustard which cannot compare to a field of Dandelions for beauty. God brings beauty into life. I've taken close-up pictures of Dandelions which make me marvel at the beauty of God.

Sixth, Dandelion flowers can be made into wine. I admit I have never had Dandelion wine but I am told it is not only tasty but also healthy. I figure anything from which you can make wine can't be all bad; it can't be bad at all! I'm also told Dandelion leaves spice up green salads and they will help cure what ails you. God, who has given us so many good foods, is offering us one more source of vitamins and minerals in the Dandelion.

Compare the Dandelion to the Provincial Flower of Ontario - the Trillium. The Trillium is beautiful but it's fragile, almost an endangered species, often eaten by deer, found only in shaded areas protected by trees, not edible for humans. Ontario and Ontarians are better than that. We're more like the Dandelion which has everything going for it, except the praise of humanity.





JUNE SKIES

- Alan Kidd

Although June is a bit of a difficult month for stargazers, simply because there isn't much darkness at our latitude, there is an impressive evening grouping of planets to watch out for this month. As well, that sign of summer, the great summer triangle of Vega, Deneb and Altair makes a reappearance in our skies.

Almost straight overhead this month, at about 11 PM, are two interesting constellations which are not too faint for most people. The first of these is called the Corona Borealis, or the Northern Crown. The Corona Borealis is a lovely semicircle of stars with the brightest star being the 2nd magnitude star Alphekka. Moving further toward Vega, we find the somewhat dim constellation of Hercules named for the famous hero of Greek mythology. Although Hercules does not have any particularly bright stars, it is famous for having one of the most famous globular clusters, M13. Even a small telescope will start to resolve M13's fuzzy glow into small points of light, just a few of the hundreds of thousands of star in this giant globular



cluster.

The most interesting spectacle for sky watchers this month is a gathering of three planets low in the western sky during the first half of June.

Venus is the brightest of the three, and reaches its highest point on June 9th. Saturn is dimmer than Venus but higher in the sky, although getting lower each night. Saturn and Venus will move quite close to each other by the end of the month, forming a nice pairing on the nights of June 30th and July 1st. Mercury, the lowest of the three planets, reaches its highest point on June 2nd. On that evening Mercury will be 20 degrees above the horizon at sunset, and will not set for another two hours. Mercury, together with the much brighter Venus will form a nice grouping with Castor and Pollux of Gemini that evening.

On the evenings of June 17th –19th, the crescent moon will successively move by Venus Saturn and Regulus.

Jupiter is the second brightest planet now, shining high in the south at sunset, near the bright star Antares. Mars is lost low in the dawn sky.

The thin crescent of the new moon is just to the lower right of Venus on June 7th and passes close to Saturn on June 9th.

Finally the Sun reaches the Summer solstice on June 21st at 2:06 pm.



WILL'S RIDE – UPDATE

- Sally Bowen

Will Adam left Glace Bay Beach for a ceremony and send-off in Sydney on May 1st. His journey inspired donations to the local MS Society of over \$1300 - and a lot of hugs and waves and small donations to him to help him on his way. He struggled with very difficult weather and terrain in the Maritimes - short, steep mountains and rain or snow, 24 out of 27 days. He was camping some of those days.

He made it to Rivière-du-Loup and a great welcome from friends of Diane and Michelle's and a good rest, then he cycled through Quebec in a week! He had some tough struggles, and many moments of extraordinary kindness from strangers.

He reached Ontario on Sunday, June 3rd. He'll slow the pace a little, visiting with family and friends, and doing some media interviews. (Although he managed his first TV interview in Trois-Rivières.)

We are planning a big but brief celebration for him at noon in downtown Kingston, Friday, June 8th, then home for a few days R & R.

Then, there will be an Island party, to help raise funds for his expenses as he travels north and west, and to celebrate what he has already accomplished.

WILL'S ARRIVAL IN KINGSTON (AND TO AMHERST ISLAND)

-Sue Frizzell

Will will be arriving in Kingston on June 8th at noon. From there, he will ride with an OPP/Loyalist Fire escort to the Amherst Island Ferry, where he will come home for a few days of rest.

Amherst Island Radio CJAI 93.7 will be running updates on Friday afternoon as to Will's progress.

We welcome everyone who is able to listen in, and to greet Will at the ferry dock (mainland or Island side) as he arrives.

Donations will be accepted in Kingston, as well as along the route, and at the Amherst Island Ferry Dock.



BBQ/BAKE SALE/ SILENT AUCTION

-Sue Frizzell

We will be holding a Barbecue, Bake Sale, and Silent Auction for Will's Ride on June 15th from 6-8pm. Rain or Shine.

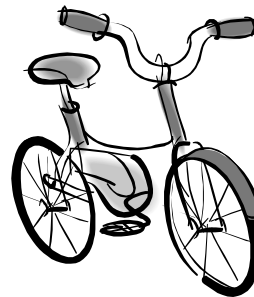
We will have hot dogs, hamburgers, salads, and other items, plus a bake sale.

We are gratefully accepting donations for the Bake Sale. If you would like to donate something for the bake sale please contact Lyn Fleming (634-2509) or Sue Frizzell (384-2478).

For donations to the Silent Auction—preferably in advance, please contact John Munro (384-0415), Sue Frizzell, or Sally Bowen (389-3444).

(see ad on page 19)

PLEASE JOIN US



A special thank you to the Amherst Island Recreation committee, and to the bartenders at the Fish Fry for their generous donation. You have fed Will for another couple of days...thank you.

PHOTO OF WILL BY DAVE YUELL



PHOTO BY BRIAN LITTLE



FROM THE BEACON STAFF

Congratulations to our good friends Terry Culbert and Brian Little Who are celebrating their 1st year together on their Morning show. All the best, to you, and all of the others at CJAI who are celebrating their first year either now, or in the future.

You have all done a great job getting the station off the ground.

HERE & THERE

- Ian Murray

George Gavlas had a letter in the May 3rd Whig. I particularly agree with: "Now CBC radio is trying to attract a new, younger audience in the same way the auto industry failed: by substituting something called "edge" for quality. But my question is, where do you go when you grow up?"

We cut an overgrown pasture field for hay on May 29 which is, I believe, the earliest ever for us. The forecasted rain hit Kingston but missed the Island – not a surprise. Our square baler which has given so much faithful service over the years developed a knottter problem which took us several hours to repair. There was a problem with the rake as well.

Every year we make 800 to 1000 square bales for feeding at lambing time. It gives us a taste of what life was like before the round baler – a long summer of physical drudgery. Now its a long summer of sitting-on-tractors drudgery.

Actually I quite enjoy cutting hay. Hauling the bales home is not a pleasure because of the time on the road. By the time the last bale is home, I am glad to done haying for another year.

There was a full page ad in the Saturday, June 2nd, Whig announcing that: "Approximately 2000 Shriners and family will be travelling to Kingston for the Ramses Shrine Temple 'Spring Ceremonial 2007' from June 7 to 10." This is a pretty big deal for Kingston as: "The Kingston area will benefit from the 1 to 1.5 million dollars that will be spent over those four days and 987 rooms have been booked in local hotels."

The Director-General for this event is our neighbour Eric Welbanks. Eric has been working on this project for 2 ½ years.

There are 22 Shriner Children's Hospitals in North America including one in Montreal. These hospitals help children free of charge. The hospitals specialize in orthopaedic surgery, burn treatments and also sponsor spinal chord research. The Shriners raise almost 2 million dollars a day for these hospitals.



YOUR PUBLIC RADIO STATION IS ON THE AIR, AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE .

- Tom Richmond, President of CJAI

We made this announcement on the air on the morning of May25: "For the past 21 days, members of your Board of Directors and other people in our community have been working diligently on a do-or-die issue for the station. You may recall that, at the AGM in late April, the membership voted to have CJAI apply for a permanent license and higher power.

We received telephone notice on May 4th that another station has applied to take the frequency adjacent to ours. There are also applications in motion to move the two AM stations in Kingston to FM. These apparently were made in March 2007 or earlier. In the most extreme scenario, if the first application was approved, this would cause us to be forced from the air sometime next year, around mid-winter.

Even though this information is publicly available on the web, there are two reasons you probably have not heard about this:

1) In addition to having to file complaints about procedure to one agency and government forms in opposition to this application to another, we have literally put well over a hundred and fifty hours into this in the last 3 weeks.

2) We truly were not sure how this was going to shake out, in the last few days before our government submission was due (today, May 25th, 2007), and with possible negotiations with the other applying station. We did not want to mess up any possible deal that might be made to smooth things over and make it all work out.

Right now, we have done the best we can, with the help of the National Campus and Community Radio Association in Ottawa, and it is all up to the Government office in Ottawa that makes the final determination, the CRTC.

We have moved our application date up (to go to permanent status, with higher power) from August of this year to THURSDAY JUNE 14th by 4pm, so that it can be acknowledged before the hearing on JUNE 18th, the following Monday.

As a Developmental station, we are on the air NOW to improve our abilities, so that we may provide better community service each day, and therefore earn the right to apply as a permanent and higher power licensee.

I am very pleased with the number and quality of the letters of support received. We will include these letters in our application package. Our application will take 9 to 12 months to work its way through the government.

If you know anyone that wants to get involved or wants to be a sponsor on the station, NOW is the time to have them contact us.

We need the support of our members, sponsors and community partners now, more than ever.

LET NO ONE DOUBT OUR RESOLVE. OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS US, AND WE ARE READY.

COUNCIL GLEANINGS

- Ian Murray

From the 14th Council Session, May14.

Engineers from 2 consulting companies told Council that the Amherst Island Waste Disposal Site was "in general compliance with its Certificate of Approval and Development and Operation Plan in 2006. No major operational issues were encountered."

Council passed the following motion: that the "TSH Amherst Island Ferry Services Report, be received and that the following be adopted:

"1. That based on the Totten Sims Hubicki ferry service report dated October 31, 2006, the recommendation that new lot creation on Amherst Island be limited to two per year be referred to the Official Plan review process;
"2. That the Director of Engineering Services prepares a report to address the need and amount of a development charge for ferry end-loading docks."

Council passed a motion to support CJAI's request to upgrade its licence and increase its power.

THE BROTHERS

- Sally Bowen

Ralph Morrow called the Beacon in response to the photo entitled "The Little Brother".

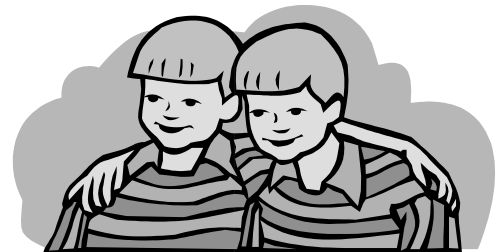
In his day, the islands were called the Upper, Middle and Lower Brothers.

The ferry that ran twice a week between Stella and Kingston would take the narrow channel between the Upper and Middle Brothers. Ralph and Carl's dad, John, would always stand on the ferry deck, watching eagerly.

John's grandfather, Daniel Wemp (1833-?), used to live on the Middle Brother, and kept the lighthouse there.

John and a cousin used to go to visit in the summer for a few weeks. They'd be sent around the shoreline in a row-boat to pick up driftwood to be used as firewood in the winter.

They would also row across to Collins Bay for groceries. Apparently, they thought it was a great holiday



SPRING FLING AT AIPS



GRADE 8 DANCE



THE AMAZING ANGUS



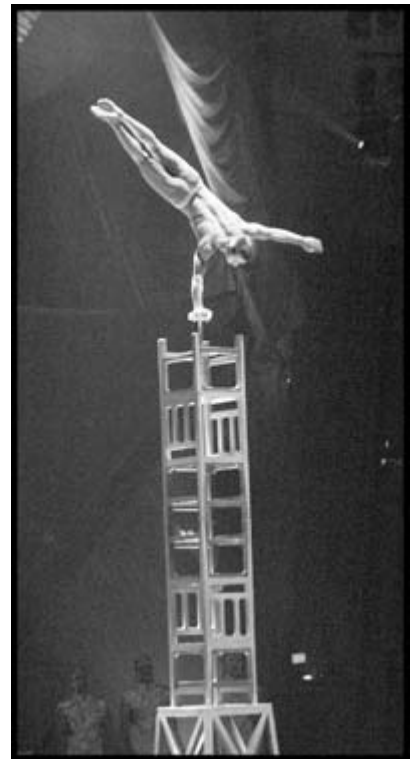
MURESSA FABIAN & JESS JARDINE



DANIEL PLAYS THE RECORDER WITH HIS NOSE



SENIOR CLASS TRIP





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“WANDERING IN THE WILDERNESS”

- Terry Culbert

Watercolour and acrylic artist John Joy of Toronto opened his show: “Wandering in the Wilderness” at The Lodge on Amherst Island on Saturday, May 19th. Born in 1925, John is an ‘en plein air’ artist, meaning he paints entirely out of doors, not in a studio. “Working on-site, you focus on the character of the place,” said John. “All you have to do is look. This is the wonder of being there. The subtle variations of light in my acrylic and watercolour works capture a visual truth that can only be achieved by direct contact with nature.”

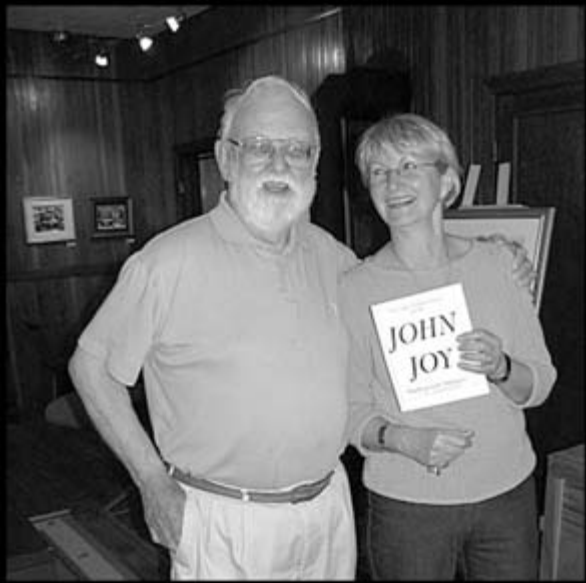
John has traveled throughout Canada, Europe and Asia. John Joy is a founding member of the Society of Canadian Artists and an active member of the Toronto Arts & Letters Club. You may have seen John and a group of artists from the Toronto area painting on Amherst Island last year. They were guests of Peter Large and Margaret Maloney.



ENJOYING JOHN JOY'S: "WANDERING IN THE WILDERNESS" SHOW ARE PHOTOGRAPHER BRIAN LITTLE, ARTIST PEGGIE COULTER AND ANDREW SOOKRAH, A TORONT ARTIST. ALL THREE HAVE HAD SHOWS OF THEIR OWN AT THE LODGE.

LEFT: 82-YEAR OLD CONTEMPORY ARTIST JOHN JOY CHATS WITH BARB HOGENAUER.

BELOW: TERRY CULBERT WILL BE THE NEXT FEATURED ARTIST AT MOLLY STROYMAN'S LODGE. TERRY'S ACRYLIC SHOW TITLED: "ISLAND FOLK", WILL OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON SATURDAY, JUNE 30TH.



PETER LARGE AND BARB HOGENAUER CHAT WITH TORONTO ARTIST JOHN JOY IN THE EL-DON WILLARD ROOM OF THE LODGE.



PHOTO BY BARB HOGENAUER

A GREAT KICKOFF TO SUMMER



A POPULAR VENUE ON THE HOLIDAY WEEKEND WAS THE BLACKSMITH SHOP IN STELLA. ISLAND RESIDENTS AND VISITORS WATCHED DEMONSTRATIONS, PURCHASED METAL ART AND ENJOYED SAUSAGE ON A BUN.



ALONGSIDE THE LODGE DOCK, SITS THE EASEL AND CANVAS OF JOHN JOY. HE WAS PAINTING THE STELLA CHEESE FACTORY ACROSS THE WATER.



A HUGE, WELL ORGANIZED YARD SALE WAS HELD ON THE LAWN OF PAUL AND GWEN LAURET ON THE SATURDAY.



THE NEILSON STORE MUSEUM AND THE WEASEL & EASEL OPENED THEIR DOORS FOR THE SUMMER SEASON. TAKING A BREAK ARE ROSS HAINES, BARB HOGENAUER, ELOISE GOWAN. DAYLE GOWAN DROPPED BY FOR A VISIT.

PHOTOS ON PAGES 14 & 15 BY TERRY CULBERT



TALES FROM THE PAST

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THE RADCLIFF(E)'S OF AMHERST ISLAND

-Sue Frizzell

Reverend Thomas Radcliff was born in Dublin, Ireland in 1765. He was educated at Trinity and eventually became a chaplain to the Vice-Roy and surrogate of the Consistorial Court. Well versed in agriculture, Reverend Thomas Radcliff was a regular contributor to Backwood's Magazine.

Rev. James Magrath (1766-1851) was a friend and colleague of Reverend Thomas Radcliff. In 1827, Reverend Magrath immigrated to Upper Canada and settled in Port Credit.

Although Magrath had many sons, his son Thomas William Magrath was likely the driving force behind encouraging the Radcliff's to come to Upper Canada. In 1832, Captain Thomas Radcliff (1794-1841) and William Radcliff (1806-1883) moved to Adelaide, which was west of what we know today as London, Ontario. The Radcliffs were an integral part of the settlement of Upper Canada as they struggled to fashion a society similar to the one from which they had been excluded back home.

In Upper Canada, society revered education over property, as it was easy for anyone to own land. Within 2 years of immigrating to Adelaide, the third son of Reverend Thomas Radcliff, Reverend John Radcliff (1802-1876) had returned to Ireland. Reverend Thomas Radcliff's senior son, Tom, stayed on and was a major player in the militia's suppression of the rebellion of 1837-38. Radcliff is credited with "promptitude and skill" which contributed largely to ending the rebellion. His brother William Radcliff, who had attended college, but did not graduate, became estate agent for the Earl of Mount Cashell, who owned most of the northeast section of Amherst Island.

It is suspected that Major Radcliff's move to the island after the rebellion was highly influenced by his brother Reverend John Radcliff. John was considering giving Canada another try, and since he was in regular contact (through correspondence) with Lord Mount Cashell, it was likely he who secured his brother's position as an agent of Mount Cashell.

In addition to securing a post for his brother, Reverend John Radcliff, in his knowledge of the Lord Mount Cashell, and of his attitudes and beliefs, knew that he would be concerned with the spiritual welfare of his people. Since the only way to secure spiritual welfare was to

hire a clergyman, Reverend John Radcliff offered himself for the job. He did, however, offer himself with a strict condition – he would require sufficient salary, as he had been to Upper Canada before, and was aware of the harsh living conditions.

Not only did the Reverend secure himself a reasonable salary, but he also petitioned the Society for Propagation of the Gospel (S.P.G.) for 200 acres of land, funding for a Glebe House on Amherst Island, and for "aid" in moving his invalid wife, a nurse, and another adult to the island.

Although Reverend Radcliff did not report to the S.P.G. regularly, when he finally did report to them, in February of 1840, it was not a good report. He reported his financial situation as dire. The situation continued to get worse, and finally, in late 1840, Reverend Radcliff left the island. At the same time that the Reverend Radcliff was leaving Amherst Island, Colonel Thomas Radcliff (another of Reverend Thomas Radcliff's sons) had moved there, and William was still serving as an agent to Lord Mount Cashell. William's brother, Thomas, died suddenly on June 6, 1841, leaving his widow Sarah with little. She managed to get a small sum of money from the Royal Bounty in honour of her husband's years of service – she eventually moved to Kingston.

William commissioned a Mud House built for his growing family, and stayed on as Mount Cashell's agent for another 10 years.

In 1848, Lord Mount Cashell fired William Radcliff for mismanagement, but it was too late as Cashell's debt was already too high. The Major died in 1851 in Adelaide, where he had moved his family after being fired. Some of the female Radcliff relatives had stayed on Amherst Island and married into other island families, such as the Fowlers, but that was the end of the Radcliff name on Amherst Island.

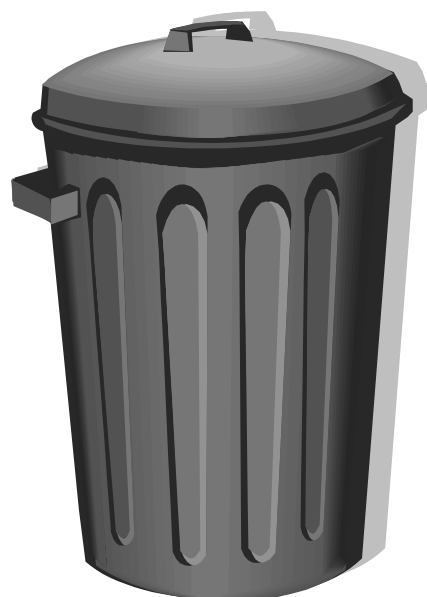
Lord Mount Cashell's land on Amherst Island was sold in a Sheriff's Public Auction in Kingston to pay outstanding debts, in 1857. The purchasers were William Percival and his brother, Robert Percival-Maxwell.

*** Note: The information in this article came about while I was attempting to research the Mud House on Amherst Island. I have found two distinct references to the Mud House. The one in this article, as having been built by Radcliff's, and another suggesting that Scott's had it built. Does anyone know who actually built the mud house? Or were there more than one on Amherst Island? Please send photos/information to Amherst Island Beacon, 14775 Front Road, Stella, ON K0H 2S0, or e-mail aibeacon@sympatico.ca ***

A BUSY DAY FOR DR. LOVE



PHOTO BY DR. LOVE (AKA KEITH MILLER)



THIS MONTH AT THE NEILSON STORE MUSEUM



The next backroom Talk will be on Friday, July 13th at the Museum. John Schram will be talking about his experiences in the Diplomatic Service.

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MORE DETAILS WILL FOLLOW

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CONGRATULATIONS TO DAVE AND LAURIE YOEUELL ON THEIR 25TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ON JUNE 19TH (WHICH ALSO HAPPENS TO BE DAVE'S BIRTHDAY). ALL THE BEST TO YOU BOTH!

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Alan Kidd

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Caroline Yull

Thanks to the Amherst Islanders and others who donated to the Wish Foundation. Through your generous pledges and the help of the people who collected, you have donated over \$1800 on the Island alone.

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