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A Welcoming Sight!



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This inukshuk is a welcoming sight at Stan Burke and Peggie Coulter's house on the south shore. Apparently, even inukshuks mind the cold, as this one is wearing a bright red scarf.

NEIGHBOURHOOD

- Lyn Fleming

Get Well wishes this month to Marion Glenn, Dave Hieatt and Dana McGinn.

Congratulations to Vera Hogeboom, who recently celebrated her 96th birthday.

Happy 65th birthday to Jack Forester who celebrated with family and friends at a party in his honour.

Mark Ritchie and Cherry Allen have returned from a 6 week trip to New Zealand where they visited family and friends.

Zander and Nancy Dunn returned from a trip to B.C. to visit Zander's mom. From there they traveled to San Diego and took a cruise to Hawaii and back.

Allan Kidd and daughters Anna and Eva have just returned from a trip to Rome.

Dianne Marshall and Christopher Kennedy have returned from

visiting Chris' brother in Moscow. Kyle Murray is off to New Zealand.



EDITOR'S NOTE

- Ian Murray

Garnet McDonald passed away as The Beacon was being completed. We plan to have photos and an obituary in next month's issue.

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INTERVIEW WITH

RALPH MORROW

- Zander of DUNN INN

(Continued from the February issue.)

The Charlie and John Willard family lived on Nut Island and came over every day by sailboat to attend school. All the

other kids who walked to school with them helped to pull the boat up on shore. Ralph's father contended that's where the Willards got their sailing skills. Both Charlie and John sailed the Great Lakes.



CARL, RALPH, & WILMA IN GRANDFATHER
GLENN'S BUGGY

The story is told that Charlie and John were going up the lake with a sailing schooner but, because of a storm, took shelter behind Timber Island and Point Traverse. They anchored and went ashore overnight. When they returned the next day the ship was gone. It was never found.

and Vincent Eves) used to fish off Nut Island. Late one day, out on the lake, they saw the ship, "The City of Cheyboygan," a three-masted schooner traveling up the lake. Jimmy walked several miles from Nut Island to his family's farm (where Alan Kidd lives now) while John Morrow stayed on Nut Island all night with his dog. A fierce storm blew up and the dog barked and ran around in the dark. By morning John discovered "The City of Cheyboy-

gan" had been wrecked in the night so that only the tops of the masts and sails stuck up out of the water. John and James went to the wreck. The crew of three plus the captain's wife, the cook, had all drowned. John reached down and cut off a block and pulley which he took home to remind him of this tragedy. This block and tackle was used around the Morrow farm for many years. Unfortunately, it had disappeared by the time the farm was sold at auction to Clinton and Ina Baker.

Ralph remembers his father's 1926 Touring Car which was

difficult to fit on the bay boats which preceded the ferry. The top of the car and the windscreen had to be folded down because the deck was so low.

Sam Miller, the Reeve of the Island about 1925, talked the councilors into putting money into a reserve fund to

purchase a boat. The boat, equipped with a two cylinder engine and built in Collingwood, was laid out like the St. Roche of Northwest Passage fame. It was brought down the Trent Canal around 1929 but there was no dock for her. The grain elevator at Neilson's Store became her tie-up point and almost the whole island went to see her. Later she used the Neilson's dock in Stella Harbour. Before that the Islanders had to rely on two ships which went up and down the route daily, calling on several ports including Bath, Emerald, Stella

FOOT. The ship stopped at cheese factories and grain elevators. At Emerald John Morrow unloaded grain. To get loaded onto the ship the grain had to be taken up by elevator. The exact opposite was true in Stella. The grain was put into small rail cars and dumped down into the ship.

Ralph's father fished around the high bluffs at the head of the Island. He could see clearly, then, where the soldiers

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SCHOOL AT KERR'S 40 FOOT.

A diver found an unidentified vessel, years later, at the bottom. When Charlie heard of this he asked, "Were her anchors out?"

Another story Ralph's father used to tell involved Nut Island. John Morrow and Jimmy Eves (a great uncle of Lance (Continued from page 2)

had cut steps into the limestone cliffs from the gun battery. Now those marks are all gone. Ralph and his brother went up to that area to show the site to, and pose for, the media from Toronto.

During World War Two all along the South Shore big maps were attached to telephone poles warning Islanders not to go out at certain times of the day. Off Nut Island a slatted, yellow target was positioned. The warning was: "Never go out there during the day time". The Air Force gave the Island fishermen time to set up their nets in the evening and lift their nets at daylight, but outside of those times bullets were fired. Three planes at a time came to machine-gun



CARL AND RALPH ON THEIR BICYCLES

the target. Once the target drifted ashore where the cattle were watered. Ralph says that when the targets were removed after the war only three hits were discovered. Ralph and Carl made a belt fashioned out of ammunition clips which fell from the airplanes.

Several times aircrafts crash-landed on the Island. Once Ralph, along with Angus McGinn, Ken Reid and Albert Henderson all played hooky from school to see an airplane which had come down on the foot of the Island. It came down with its wheels up in Seaver Wemp's field (at the south east end of the Island). Although the propeller had stopped spinning, half of it was bent where it hit the ground. The boys were fascinated by the air force team which took the wings off, put the fuselage on a flat bed truck and returned the aircraft to the base in Kingston for repairs.

Another airplane came down East of Stella. The pilot brought her in with her wheels down in a grain field on the Cochrane farm, only a few yards south of the Front Road. An English crew guarded the plane but lifted Ralph and Eldon Willard into the cockpit to let them check out the controls and pretend they were flying. The plane took off again, but it threshed a whole field of grain before it got airborne.

Another aircraft landed down near the Marshall farm on the South Shore. Robert Marshall went to check. The pilot was O.K. but the episode scared Rob Marshall who was afraid the other planes, coming into check, flew too low.

John Morrow remembered, as a kid, sitting on a fence at the Roman Catholic cemetery up near Topsy Farms when Jim McCabe was told somebody had stolen his father's body from the grave. McCabe declared he was going to dig up the grave to check. He dug up the grave, lifted the casket lid and was hit by an awful stench. The body was still there alright.

Rumors had circulated for years that the caves you could see from the shore in front of the Pentland cemetery were the entrances to tunnels which ran into the graves. Grave robbers were reported to have removed several bodies that way. Ralph's uncle, Robert Glenn (Joyce Brown's grandfather) lived next door to the cemetery and he and John undertook to check out the situation. They crawled in out of sight but never reached the graves. Now those caves have crumbled in.

Ralph's grandfather, Robert Glenn, and his family lived on the Second Concession. The barn, close to the road, used to be the first building next to the Stella Forty Foot. Five siblings died of diphtheria on that farm in 1882 and they were all buried in the Pentland cemetery. The house in which they lived was deliberately burned to the ground to get rid of the diphtheria. For awhile they lived in the barn - in the white-washed granary. Then a new house was built for them.

Ralph's father, a staunch member of Christ Church, Anglican, in Emerald, hated heights. The Rev. Willistone, the rector of both that church and St. Alban's in Stella, asked John Morrow to help him repair St. Alban's. When John saw how Williston had put some planks across the belfry and then placed a ladder on them to get to the cross up on top of the steeple, John was most impressed but he did not stay to help.

On another occasion John Morrow's fear of heights bothered him. Every year the cranberry marsh was set on fire because it was common knowledge "cranberries were not good without a fire." The fire in the cranberry marsh where Lucille and Bob Brown lived threatened their barn. Just watching Chester Tugwell go up onto the roof with a rope to provide access for those protecting the barn from the fire caused John Morrow a bad moment.

While threshing at Hugh Drumgoole's farm, a spark set a stack of grain on fire. Everybody converged to fight the blaze. John Morrow, who also hated fires, repeatedly tried to get a cable around a pile of straw so horses could pull the pile of straw away from the barn. He was standing up to his waist in straw between the pile and the barn. The barn was saved, and is now owned my Ralph's friend, Sally.

When John Morrow was young, living on the Third Concession, his mother, Margaret, watched in horror as lightning struck the farm where Alan Kidd lives today. It hit a wagon and team of horses killing the animals and the driver, the hired man.

When John Morrow was a boy, another ship went down near Nut Island. The men from the ship came ashore in a life boat. One of them had been hit on the head by the ship's boom. He did not help the others pull the boat up but went and sat down near a tree. When the fog descended nobody knew where he was. At nightfall they gave up trying to find him. Somehow the other crew members got to the homes, later owned by Joe Willard and Alex Glenn, where they stayed. In the morning they all returned to the boat and found the injured man had died. Grandfather Sam Morrow, who never walked if he could drive, arrived in his horse and buggy to be of help. They put the dead man in the buggy, beside Sam.

The body was put in the farm's drive shed (where Keith and Cora McGinn live today) all laid out on a wagon. John Morrow could not sleep all night because he knew he would have to walk past a dead man in the morning to get to school. He was relieved when, in the morning, he discovered the body had already been removed so he could pass, without fear, to get to class. (Continued in the April issue.)

ALL PHOTOS PROVIDED BY RALPH MORROW

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

- Joyce Reid

The January 17th meeting was cancelled. February 21 was the Winter Outing with Hugh Grant! We all enjoyed his movie, "Music and Lyrics", then dinner at Minos – a very pleasant and relaxing time.

During the outing we had an informal meeting.

Correspondence was shared and read, some of which was thank you letters for the Seniors' Christmas Party, Children's Christmas Shoeboxes, and to Mary Kay Steel for the Heart & Stroke Fund mailing. There was a post card from member Erika Krauklis in Spain and a request for further Stone Fence Funding.

The sale of calendars featuring Amherst Island Historical Photographs has gone well. A few are still available at this time for \$10 each in The Tea Room, The General Store, or from Jackie Sylvester.



The new Island Directory is well under way and will be ready to purchase this coming spring. Further advertisers are welcome – please contact Stella O'Byrne if you can help in this area.

Some of the motions passed were funds approved; to support container planting on the Island this summer; to purchase a Canadian Geo-

graphic subscription for the Amherst Island Public School and to the Zimbabwe YMCA for their sewing business.

A reminder to all members to bring in a tally of your volunteer hours for the fiscal year April 1, 2006 to March 31, 2007 to the next meeting or return to Joyce Reid at your earliest convenience.

The next meeting on March 21 entitled Clean Air in the Home is open to all - at 7 p.m. in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Hall.



PHOTO DAVE YOUELL

JANE MCGINN FLASHES HER CAMERA SMILE WHILE ON DUTY ON THE FRONTENAC II.

COUNCIL GLEANINGS

- Ian Murray

From the Agenda of the 7th Session of Loyalist Township Council – Feb. 12

There were 271 pages in this agenda; the great majority of little interest to Islanders.



Fuel Storage:

Council approved the "replacement of the fuel storage tanks at the Amherst Island Works Garage in the Ten-year Capital Budget in 2008, in the amount of \$17,000.

Ferry Uniforms:

Council directed that staff investigate the use of fluorescent green for ferry employee uniforms "as it is considered to be more visible than the international orange currently in use".

Landfill Site:

Council approved "the recycling facility upgrades at the Amherst Island landfill site and that the upgrades take place in 2007, and . . . that a full report is to be provided showing estimated full costs for capital and operating budgets".

Docks:

Regarding the proposed reconfiguration of docks for end-loading, Coucillor Ibey expressed concern that some of the proposals for reconfiguring the docks would block the Ferry access to the docks during construction. Councillor Ashley stated that there were huge capital costs and sharing was needed. Mr. Thompson agreed that consultation with MTO would be needed in the future in order to proceed."

Council adopted the following:

- 1. That Council approves the 2007 ferry capital budget. That the Township Planner be directed to comment on the Totten Sims Hubicki "Ferry Capacity Study" and report to Council with respect to planning issues raised in the report.
 - 3. That staff be directed to forward the capital budget to MTO with a request for MTO to assist in developing a funding partnership with the Township for the End Loading Dock project.

Intersection of County Roads 2 & 4 – used to be Highways 2 and 133.

A roundabout is being considered for this intersection where there have been 19 reportable accidents in the past 5 years. The roundabouts are touted as being safer and able to handle more traffic than traffic lights.

Oops

Mr. Steve Morris, Free Flow Petroleum, Bath, was in attendance and noted that his company accepts responsibility for the error in placement of the fuel tank. He noted that there is a lot of rock in the area and the workers spent 4 hours in one spot without going anywhere. He indicated that they made the decision to move two feet away from the rock and thought this was in compliance. Instead of moving two feet closer to the property line

Council decided to receive his presentation without any further action being noted in the minutes.

they ended up 5 feet onto the Township property."

Property acquisition from Bill Brown

Council has authorized the Reeve and CAO "to sign an agreement with Ducks Unlimited Canada concerning property located in part of Lots 72 and 73, Concession 3".

Bath Revitalization

Information was presented to Council by the "Bath Community Revitalization Committee" regarding their plans for Bath.

"Council offered their support of the program and officially assigned Councillor Joe Hudacin to the Revitalization Committee."

Ferry Fares

Included in the agenda package were 7 letters from Island residents plus other documents regarding the proposed ferry rate increase and related topics.

Those interested in reading these letters will find them on the Loyalist Township website: www.loyalist-township.on.ca, go to the "Township Council" section on the left bottom, click on "more", then click on "Agendas", and, then "7th Session". And finally to page 247.



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WILL'S RIDE—UPDATE

- Sally Bowen

Will Adam is going to bicycle across Canada, alone, to raise money for suffers of Multiple Sclerosis.

He has already received his official letter of approval from the MS Society as a "Third Party Fundraiser."

He will begin his journey in Glace Bay on Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia on May 1st, the first day of "MS Awareness Month". The local chapter there and along his route near Pictou are giving him their enthusiastic support. We will work with other local chapters along his route in each province.

We hope he might have some practical support from Tim Horton's, Canadian Tire, The Kinsmen and Kinettes, Power Bar Corp, Shoppers Drug Mart (thanks to John Munroe) and Home Hardware (thanks to Gord Miller). Negotiations are underway.

More about how you can support his effort in next month's Beacon. Donations may either be made to a charitable account or to the local chapter. For now, there is a jar at the store, thanks to Dave and Lori, where you can make a donation to Will's expenses.

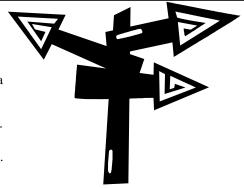
We plan to have updates monthly in the Beacon, and (we hope) weekly on the CJAI radio, once he is travelling. Wish him well.

HERE &

THERE

- Ian Murray

George Gavlas had a letter in Feb 27 Whig responding to a recent article about the possibility of banning incandescent light bulbs. George says that the compact fluorescents



"are quite expensive and they don't last very long". He advises that you keep the bill as you can "expect to return them 2 or 3 times during the warranty period". He also refers to "electric heat which Ontario conned many of us into getting in the early 1980s".

Canada's auditor general, Sheila Fraser's recent report on federal spending and management made the following points:

- Passport Canada has some serious problems.
- So does the Coast Guard.
- The social insurance data base has many problems.
- Many historic buildings are not being cared for properly.
- There is a lack of expertise in tax auditing at Canada Revenue Agency.
- On the plus side, federal advertising is much improved.

Alida Moffatt, Township Treasurer, gave me the following figures:

Assessed value of Amherst Island for municipal tax purposes in 2007, \$56.5 million;

Exempt assessment, \$1.6 million;

Amherst Island tax money to Loyalist Township, \$271 thousand. About the same amount goes to L&A County and about half this amount goes to the 2 school boards.

Amount of Loyalist Township money spent on Amherst Island: \$460 thousand in the 2006 budget.

Former Islander Bill Bustard's photo appeared in the Jan. 27th "Ticket". He had been in the cast of a play at the Domino Theatre called "The Tale of the Allergist's Wife".

Doctors now have an excellent chance of reversing the effects of a stroke if the victim can be treated within 3 hours. Here are 3 ways to recognize a possible stroke. They can be remembered by recalling the first 3 letters of "stroke".

S – ask the individual to Smile.

T – ask the individual to Talk - to speak a simple sentence.

R – ask the individual to Raise both arms in the air.

A fourth sign is: can the individual stick his/her tongue out straight?

If he or she has trouble with any of these tasks, call 911 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

Ben Whitton has joined the Beacon staff as a distributor. We hope this will help make the Beacon more available to our readership.

THE PERFECT MINISTER

- Zander of DUNN INN

For the last three years I have been the interim-moderator of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Picton. An interim-moderator is a minister, appointed by the Presbytery after a minister has left a church, to help the congregation find a new minister and to lead the people in the interim - until a new minister is inducted.

After I had brought the Search Committee together, we agreed on the type of minister we needed and advertised for ministers to apply for the position. Later, when we gathered to consider the profiles that were submitted we were disappointed to find that none met our requirements perfectly. We were about to call it a night when we came across this letter of introduction from a candidate:

"To the Search Committee:

It is my understanding you are in the process of searching for a new minister, and I would like to apply for the position.

I wish I could say I am a terrific preacher, but I can't - actually I stutter when I speak.

I wish I could say I have an impressive educational background, but I can't - no college or seminary, just the school of "Hard Knocks."

I wish I could say I bring a wealth of experience to the job, but I can't - I have never been a minister or pastor before (unless you count the flock of sheep I have been shepherding).

I wish I could say I have wonderful pastoral skills, but I can't -

sometimes I lose my temper and have been known to get violent when upset. Once I even killed somebody, but, gracious folks that you are, I am certain you will not hold that against me.

I know churches these days want young ministers to attract young members, and I wish I could say I am young, but I can't - actually, I am almost 80 ... but I still FEEL young.

With all that which might go against me, why am I applying for your position? Simple. One afternoon recently, the Voice of God spoke to me and said I had been chosen to lead. I admit, I was a bit reluctant at first, but ... so here I am.

I look forward to hearing from you and leading you into an exciting future.

Yours sincerely,"

The Search Committee members looked at one another.

The chairperson asked, "Well, what do you think?"

The rest of the committee was aghast. A stuttering, uneducated, inexperienced, arrogant, old, obviously neurotic, exmurderer as their minister? Somebody must be crazy. The chairperson eyed them all around before she added, "It's signed, 'Moses."

We've just inducted a new minister into St. Andrew's, Picton. She's not perfect, but she has some of the qualities of Moses. Perhaps she'll lead the church for 40 years. However long she leads them and wherever she leads them, I am sure the congregation is in for an exciting journey.

FEBRUARY'S BACK PAGE PHOTO



THE BACK PAGE PHOTO

Vera Hogeboom (with additional information from the editor)
 Concerning the picture on the back of the February Beacon.
 The school is SS#3 where John McGinn lives – the one Maurice attended.

Back row from the left.

Ethel McCormick (1907-1986). Daughter of Hugh McCormick & Victoria Hamilton. Married Frank E. Peters.

Mary Scott (1905-). Daughter of William A. Scott & Elizabeth Fleming.

Ada Filson (1905-1992). Daughter of Robert Filson & Annie Jane Miller. Married Gordon Filson

Annie Glenn (1893 -). Teacher. Daughter of William Glenn and Charlotte E. Hamilton. Married John Morrow.

Harry Filson (1909-1926).Son of Robert Filson & Annie Jane Miller.

A McCormick?

A McCormick?.

Front row from left:

Estel Strain (1913-1965). Son of D. James Strain & Ellen Jane Burleigh. Married Lulu May Glenn.

Norman Thomas Brown (1908-Oct 6, 1989). Son of John Eglinton Brown & Katherine Dennee. Married Marjory Bray.

Hazel Strain (1911 -). Daughter of D. James Strain & Ellen Jane Burleigh. Married Maurice Reynolds. Hazel has a Beacon subscription.

Jenny Willard (1910-). Daughter of Alfred R. Willard & Charlotte Adair. Married Ford Kerr.

Genevieve Filson (1911-1993). Daughter of Robert Filson & Annie Jane Miller. Married Ernest Filson.

Maurice Hogeboom (1911-1978). Son of Joseph Hogeboom & Annie McQuoid. Married Vera Elaine Miller. Vera also has a Beacon subscription.

A McCormick?

The McCormick family lived next to the school so I presume the boys on the right end are McCormicks. I may be wrong on some of them but I hope this will help identify them.

[Editor: Vera and I guess that the photo was taken on the May 24 holiday, Queen Victoria Day, as the flags indicate a patriotic occasion. Estimating from the children's birth years and their apparent ages in the photo, the year is probably 1920 or 1921. More input would be appreciated.

Thanks to Elsie Willard for helping with some of the dates.]





SPIRIT WEEK (INCLUDING CRAZY HAIR DAY, THE POLAR BEAR OLYMPICS, AND DRESS UP DAY.

















AND HERITAGE DAY...















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MARCH SKIES

- Alan Kidd

Lets hope that March will bring some mild weather and that one can enjoy being out in the evening. This month Venus is very bright in the twilight sky, while Saturn dominates the early evening sky. Early this month we have a lunar eclipse, but we only get to see the last act.



This month the constellation of Gemini is overhead around 8:00 PM. Castor and Pollux, the twin bright stars of Gemini are not exactly alike. Pollux is slightly brighter than Castor, and by observing the two stars with a pair of binoculars one would notice that Pollux is a bit orange in colour while Castor is pure white. Actually the greatest difference between the two can only be seen with a medium sized telescope which reveals that Castor is a double star while Pollux is a single.

Mercury will put in an appearance slightly above the eastern horizon just before dawn around the end of the month. How-

ever, even on March 22nd, when it is furthest from the Sun, you will probably still need binoculars to see it, about 30 minutes before sunrise.

Venus is a beacon in the western sky, shining a an extremely bright -4 magnitude, and not setting until 2 1/2 hours after the Sun.

Jupiter rises earlier each evening but is still fairly low in the East at dawn.

Saturn is in now in Leo and therefore high in the evening sky. On March 28th the ringed planet is only ¼ of a degree from the waning Moon, but you will have to stay up after midnight to see them.

On the chart I've added Leo and Gemini, as well as the positions of the planets.

JANET'S JOTTINGS

- Janet Scott

I used to think that November and February were the dreariest of months and was always so very glad that they were the shortest. That was before I moved to Amherst Island and began to learn the wonders of light and darkness as the seasons change. I am neither an artist nor a photographer but still I enjoy and revel in the changes weather and light bring to the ever changing land-scape around us.

Ice and snow are an artist's canvas that light plays and paints upon in a wonderful and awesome manner. February brings those incredible blue skies in daylight hours and the march of celestial bodies in the darkest of nights. Perhaps you have lately driven from the Foot to the Fishing Village and enjoyed the artistry of wind and water. While the snow fell softly but thickly on Feb. 3rd during the day and the winds changed and began to blow spray from those sluggish, rolling winter waves up on the shore a fantastic winter wonderland was created for all to enjoy. Trees began to look like gothic castles and shoreline shapes appeared like phantoms from a scary movie. By Bennicks' the ice sculpture appeared like the mighty Phoenix arising from its watery grave as it fought the chains of ice holding it down to the shore. Perhaps that was the largest and most spectacular sculpture but by Barr's house the spray shooting through a crevice created frost as fairylike as lace on higher branches and thick cascades of that eerie white ice on trees and rocks below. The wind sculpted the drifts into overhangs and curving terrain with blue shadows and curling snow white tops.

If that wasn't a feast enough for the eyes didn't we begin to experience those wonderful vistas of blue ice as later in the month the ice pans on the South Shore were crashed and piled up in heaps that allowed the light to pass through and create the aquamarine colour of February.

The birds were not left out in their appeal to our senses. I felt like a princess in a fairy tale as the magnificent Swans cruised back and forth in the moat (better known as Lake Ontario) in front of my castle.

The Mute Swans were putting on a mating display as they entwined necks and sailed with wings in an arched position. Their graceful curved necks support a tilted head with orange beak and black bulbous knob at the base of the beak. The immature Mute Swan is brownish with a black beak. He sails along with two pairs of white adults and is showing a lot of white on his wings. The slightly smaller and a native species is the Tundra Swan which has been seen in large numbers near the islands at the foot. Its neck is carried straighter and supports a head with a black beak and some yellow at the base. Where the mute appears to be admiring itself in the water mirror, the Tundra appears to be gazing off to the far horizons as it paddles by. Both species are white and feed by tilting bottom up to eat aquatic plants. They sometimes graze like Canada Geese on land. The Tundra nests on the Arctic Tundra in the far north but a local group have established themselves here on the east end of Lake Ontario.

Our resident Red-tailed Hawks are beginning to sit on territory. You notice more of them now because the male likes to show off by sitting and exposing his white shirt front to the February sun and he just glows, catching your eye.

The Cardinal has this same bright eye response as the light changes and we see his red jumping out at us from lilac hedges and thickets. The Pheasant is crowing and showing off his scintillating colours while the hen seems happier clucking and feeding close to the feeder.

The Starling although still in large flocks is showing signs of Spring as his dark beak turns brilliantly yellow and mottled feathers take on that iridescent purplish-blue.

My Great Horned Owls have finally begun to hoot in Bars' Spruce trees and the Short-eared Owls are entertaining Islanders with their Happy Dance toward dusk.

All seems right in God's world as once again the seasons change. We may not have any Groundhogs living on Amherst Island but the birds are doing their best to be harbingers of Spring.

Good Birding,



PHOTO DAVE YOUELL

AMHERST ISLAND DIRECTORY

Our community is growing so the Amherst Island Women's Institute is compiling the 2007 Amherst Island Directory. We invite any business with sales to the Island to participate by placing an ad. This would be an excellent way to put your business constantly in front of Islanders. We are a non-profit group and these ads help offset the costs of printing. Proceeds support local community projects.

We have a limited amount of advertising space available, so please: *Reserve your space* by calling Stella O'Byrne 613 389-1681 or Jackie Sylvester 613 389-1320.

*** Our apologies to the Women's Institue for the omission of this ad from last month's Beacon.





HERITAGE FAIR PRESENTATION

ARE YOU SORRY YOU MISSED THE HERITAGE FAIR AT THE SCHOOL ON FEB. 15TH? YOU ARE GOING TO GET ANOTHER CHANCE. THE SENIOR CLASS WILL PRESENT THEIR PROJECTS AT THE NEILSON STORE MUSEUM AND CULTURAL CENTRE ON FRIDAY, MARCH 23RD FROM 7:00 TO 9:00 PM AND THEY WILL BE ON DISPLAY ALSO ON SATURDAY, MARCH 24TH FROM 10:00 TO 4:00.

COME AND LEARN SOME INTERESTING THINGS ABOUT OUR ISLAND.

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 16TH WITH DEVON SPROULE. 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. 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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*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.

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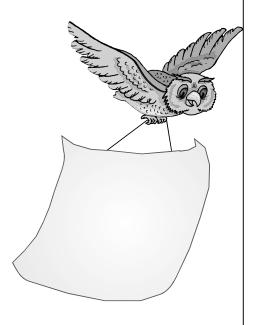
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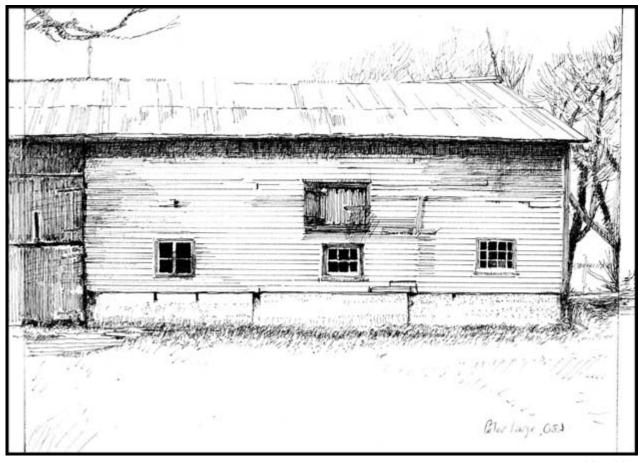
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