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**Is this the last we'll see of the M.V. Amherst Islander? See Pg. 4**  
(Weather Vane by Keith Miller)

## THIS ISSUE

- Ian Murray

All 300 copies of the August Issue are gone - the first time in living memory. Perhaps it is not a coincidence that Tom did a new layout for the front page. Tom, by the way, is living proof of the old saying: If you want something done, ask a busy person to do it.

## THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

- Lyn Fleming

I apologize in advance for the sparse neighbourhood column this month. I have had my Mom (Kay Wolfreys) visiting from Orlando and been away on holidays, so haven't kept up with the news. (Reminder - please call if you have some good news, get wells or other items of interest for the neighbourhood).

Congratulations to Candace McIvor, who was married this month at St. Alban's. Candace is the daughter of Karen Miller and grand-daughter of Kaye and Dorothy McGinn. I don't have a lot of details about the wedding, but understand that the reception was held at her Mom and Ted Welbanks' home on the south shore.

Welcome to Peter and Susanne Wemp who recently moved (back) to the Island to Susanne's family home

(Jack and Madeline Kerr's). Also welcome to Jocelyn Leyton who bought Len and Doreen Wolfreys' home on the north shore. Wolfreys have moved to Amherstview. Also leaving this summer are Bruce and Gloria-Jane Barrette and family, who have left the village and moved to Napanee.

Happy 30th anniversary to George and Ida Gavlas. Happy 40th birthday to Debbie Scott and happy 50th to Warren Kilpatrick.

John Gavlas is visiting family on the Island, with his 3 daughters, from Nova Scotia.

St. Paul's annual Garden Party was held on a warm summer afternoon and was as popular as ever.

It seems the Back Kitchen is in the process of being sold. Garry and Susan will finish out the season.

I apologize for not mentioning the addition of a Tea Room in the Village in Victoria Hall. Bernice and Neil are open Monday thru Thursday.

Just a few more days and the kids will be back at school, the nights are already cooling off, our summer people will be closing up for the winter and we will dread the departure of the Frontenac II - or worse - dread the arrival of the Quinte Loyalist.



A sight never before found in the pages of the Beacon: Senior Beacon photographer and proofreader extraordinaire Don Tubb, caught on the wrong side of the lens. Here he is working with Leah Murray, picking up a sheepdog for a trip to the vet.

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## COUNCIL GLEANINGS

- Ian Murray

The following motion was passed by Council: that the Neilson Store Restoration Plan - Supported in Principle, July- be received and that Council send a letter to the AIMS Neilson Store Museum and Cultural Centre Committee indicating Loyalist Township's support for their requests to Heritage Canada, the Trillium Foundation of Ontario and the Community Foundation of Kingston for funds to convert the Neilson Store to the Neilson Store Museum and Cultural Centre



### From Fire Chief Wayne Calver's 2002 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report:

Station	[total]# of Personnel[efr & fire]	Trained First Responders	[Fire only]
Amherst Island	18	13	[5]
Amherstview	23	12	[11]
Bath	23	10	[13]
Odessa	25	14	[11]
Totals	89	49	[40]

[Editors note: The Amherst Island numbers look pretty good, and at night and on the weekends they indicate that the Island is well protected. However during the week, many of those fire fighters & first responders are on the mainland earning a living. Items in brackets added for clarity by TR].

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### From The Kingston Whig-Standard Aug. 8

It's a safe bet that Jessie Ellerbeck is one of The Whig-Standard's oldest and most loyal readers.

The former schoolteacher who celebrates her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday today says she can't remember when she started subscribing to the newspaper because it's always been a part of her day....

Mrs. Ellerbeck was born on Amherst Island in 1902, lived on a farm near Harrowsmith while she raised her family and moved into the city after her husband died in 1963.

[Mrs. Ellerbeck was born Jessie Willard. She is aunt to Harvey Eves and Eldon Willard. She is also a 1<sup>st</sup> cousin once removed of Earle Willard.]

#### Over The Line Fence (from 1970 Beacon Archives)

A politician was speaking to a group of farmers who had gathered in a farm supply yard, and feeling in fine form chose a new manure spreader as a lofty perch from which to deliver his address.

He began "Friends, this is the first time I've ever spoken from my opposition's platform!" "Yah," came a voice from the crowd, "and that's the first time it's ever had a load in it!"



## Amherst Island Public School

- Lyn Feming

Parents, students and a good deal of the community are happy that our teaching staff will remain the same for the next school year. We have had such a great team at A.I.P.S. the last couple of years - teachers that enjoyed the ferry, the Island and worked so well together and with students, parents and community groups.

Returning this year will be Andrew Cotton as the Primary and Kindergarten teacher. Mr. Cotton will have 4-5 JK students starting this year. Andrew and his wife June (also a teacher) live in Kingston.

Head teacher Cathy Donaldson will return to the Senior Class, but will now be known as Mrs. Secker. Cathy was married to Martin Secker in an outdoor ceremony in Quebec in August. Some older Anglican's may recognize the name Secker.



Ciara Richmond at the Napanee Fair, anxiously awaiting her first day at AIPS Jr. K **TR**

Martin's dad was minister at St. Alban's when Martin was born, and his first home was the Anglican Manse (now Diane Pearce's home)so he and Cathy have a special affection for the Island.

Stephanie Raeburn-Gibson will return as the Science teacher for the Island students and will also continue to co-ordinate and run the Island Science school, attended by many schools in the Limestone School Board area.

Janet Scott will return on a half time basis as the Resource teacher, teaching, among other things, history (senior), phys ed (primary) and computer.

Educational Assistants are usually left dangling right up until the last minute regarding their assignments. We are hoping to get Margo Virtue back for a 4th year to help with Kindergarten and special needs. There will be some disappointed parents, students and staff if Margo doesn't come back.

We are also happy to have principal Dave Wyatt at the helm again and will welcome a new vice principal (coming to us from western Ontario). Out going VP, Maureen Swain is now in Kingston.

I am not sure of numbers or sizes of classes yet, as kids are still coming and going. Next month I will have school numbers and classroom breakdowns

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## JANET'S JOTTINGS

- Janet Scott

### HERITAGE

*"Every generation is a product of the last  
Stumbling through the darkness, in the  
shadow of the past*

*But I can see your light come shining through  
Oh God knows, I believe in you. "*  
Jeanette Arsenault

I had the good fortune to meet and hear Jeanette Arsenault sing last summer and again this summer at Waupoos. This amazing lady brings all the elan and sparkling enthusiasm of her Acadian background and sings from the heart songs that reflect her love of our country and the people that make up its diversity.

No Amherst Islander could resist her latest CD called "I Believe In You" as on its cover is a photo entitled Sunrise Over Amherst Island taken by her husband Michael Shannon. Her first CD was entitled "From The Heart" and contains the wonderful song "This Is My Canada" which she sang at the Canada Day celebration in July 2001 on Parliament Hill. Children of all ages are enthralled as she sings to and with them and she has become a regular visitor to Girl Guide gatherings in the Da Hon Neh Area.

"I Believe In You" was written for her daughter Katie and expresses her faith in the continuity of generations and how one can learn from the next. I was blessed this week-end as three generations gathered for the Christening of my youngest grandson, Bryce William Atamanuk and I watched the interaction of the next generation. My own children were somewhat cheated out of getting to know their grandparents by their early deaths so I urge all you grandparents on the Island to share your heritage with your school-age grand-kids.

In 2001 while the Senior Class was planting flowers at the cenotaph Captain Bill Bulch walked along and when I asked him if he would tell us anything about those names on the stone he was willing to talk to the children and make some of those names real to them. He stopped and shared. That's important.

When we were working on our Heritage Project at Amherst Island School this year Mrs. Anna Hitchins was willing to share herself with the class and answer questions about the schools on Amherst Island. This type of Heritage sharing will be remembered by the students. At one time the Oral Tradition was the way all History was passed on and the telling and re-telling of stories and legends, although embellished over the years, brought the living History on to the next generation. Sitting around the big kitchen table at my Great Uncle's cottage on Golden Lake we children heard about Grandpa



going to work at twelve to support his widowed Mother and children, we heard of the lumbermen on the Madawaska moving the log jams, and how the soil drifted like snow on the Prairies in the Dirty Thirties. We didn't actually see these things but as our Grandparents talked in the soft light of the oil lamps a world expanded in our inquiring minds and we imagined the world they had known. Today you can research on the Internet or visit a film library and revisit any era you wish but the reality of the spoken word as a parent or friend sadly or softly reminisces will stick forever in your memory.

**Post Script:** I purchased my CD at the store in Picton called "Books By the Bay" but Jeanette has a website: [www.jeanettearsenault.com](http://www.jeanettearsenault.com) and her address is: R.R.4, Picton, Ontario K0K 2T0 (613) 476-7945

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## HERE & THERE

- Ian Murray



On the Front Road

Peter Large

Eves' corn is doing better than I thought. Vincent pointed out to me that they are growing grain corn which doesn't have the bulk wanted for silage corn. As long as the cobs fill out - a bit more rain would help - the height doesn't matter.

Our chicken yard now has a ceiling of chicken wire to keep out the Great Horned Owls who have been making night raids on the chickens. The problem started when it got so hot in the houses at night that some were dying from over-heating so the doors were left open and the owls found a place for an easy meal. The yard is now totally enclosed with woven wire on the sides with a electric fence offset and the new chicken wire on top.

The Front Road from Emerald west has never looked so good. The new ditching at Drumgoole's corner and the trimming back of the roadsides helps makes a narrow winding road a lot safer.

An interesting conversation starter with older residents who have lived here all their lives is to ask about the turkeys that used to be raised by farm families many years ago. A lot of farms had flocks of domestic turkeys that foraged around the barnyard and, not rarely, places that they weren't wanted. Most of the turkeys ended up for sale in Napanee and provided some welcome cash to the farm operations. A flock of turkeys free

ranging these days wouldn't last long as the raccoons would get those that the road traffic missed.

I really enjoy looking at the Hieatt's newsletter. It is full of useful and interesting information regarding real estate movement on the Island. Someone told me years ago that eventually every bit of shoreline would be built on and that prediction is certainly coming true.

Apparently no one from the Island is fishing commercially at this time - not worth setting nets for the number of fish and poor prices as well.

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## 4-H NEWS

Island 4-H members exhibited at the L&A Co. Fair in early August to complete their project requirements for the year. We wish to thank any friends who helped Susie to lead the high school "Soups-On" Club. Each meeting we had a different chef in the kitchen. We started out by making chili with Susie, then Bonnie Caughey helped us to make cream of broccoli soup. Leonard (from the Millhaven Store) came over to prepare his famous cabbage soup. Lauri Youell shared a family favourite stew and Caroline Yull created quick minestrone. We also made Friendship soup in a jar to give to someone special. Other friends of 4-H included Andrea Cross who joined us for several meetings to help us focus when planning events....or life! Warren Kilpatrick was a great help with the 4-H ball-game. Syke Fleming, Faye Wemp, Ken and Ann Albertan all pitched in to help with the 4-H Rummage Sale. Lesley and Gary McDonald hosted our wrap up meeting and B-B-Q. A lot of thanks to each and everyone who supported our club in any way. Make plans to attend our next event, the Halloween masquerade. (Practice peeling those apples.)

If you are interested in becoming a 4-H Leader, please speak to Freda or Susie. New clubs start in the fall. Possibilities are endless!

## M.V. AMHERST ISLANDER FOLLOW-UP

(or- "what's not new on Pelee Island?")

- Lyn Fleming

We recently were in Leamington and Michigan to visit family. Of course I tried to find the Amherst Islander - affectionately known as the "African Queen" in western Ontario - but with little success. She is still chugging back and forth from Pelee Island to Kingsville, but not according to the printed schedule. We missed her at the dock several times, although Mom did see her, as they passed, on the way to Pelee Island.

Vehicles on the smaller ferries are parked by the crew and all passengers must travel on the passenger deck. Fares to travel to Pelee Island are (approximately) - \$7.50 per person - each way PLUS \$15.00 per vehicle.

The farmers on Pelee

Island did get their wheat off, by barge, by mid August.

The ferries ran an extra 2 weeks from the Leamington dock to allow the barges access to the Kingsville dock to unload. Both docks are pretty impressive endloading facilities. The Jiimaan, which had hoped to be back up and running by mid August, was still sitting at Leamington dock under repair on the morning of August 26th, when we checked before leaving. We heard stories of 2 types of engines trying to be "cobbled" to work together; Islanders being terribly unhappy and upset with Ontario Northlands/Owen Sound Transportation, who they feel have left them "high and dry", with no regard to business and tourism losses, not to mention personal travel and needs; rumours of pending law suits are also making the rounds. Come October, when the Quinte Loyalist is to arrive to serve us, the old Amherst Islander just might be looking pretty good - but the way things are going, she may still be at Pelee Island!!



**The M.V. Jiimaan, (ferry to Pelee Island) *STILL* under repair at the Leamington, Ont. Dock, 26 August 2002.  
Photo by Lyn Fleming**



## AIMS AUGUST MEETING

- Peter Trueman

The Amherst Island Men's Society (AIMS) held its regular monthly breakfast meeting at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church on August 10. Dick Dodds was August chair.

There was good news about the Neilson Store Project. Grant applications are well underway, thanks to David Brady, Robert Mackenzie, Don Pepper, Hugh Jenney and other AIMS members. And more than \$8,000 has already been raised for the project through two New Year's dances and AIMS June house tour.

David Brady reported that the AIMS Museum Committee's exhaustive application to Heritage Canada for funds to renovate the old building met their requirements in every detail. The Ontario Trillium Foundation application is well under way, but is not yet completed due to the fact that the provincial organization wants a different set of information than its federal counterpart.

David said that AIMS member Robert Mackenzie had supplied thousands of dollars worth of legal services without charge. Jimmy Neilson had to be asked to sign off on the use of his name, for example, and the Museum had to be incorporated as a charitable foundation. In David's view, the applications could not have been completed without Robert's efforts. Don Pepper had also been a key player, David reported, doing hours of work clarifying construction cost flows. He also thanked Hugh Jenney for his efforts. Members present also gave David Brady himself a round of applause for weeks of difficult and sometimes frustrating work over the past several months.

The applications ask Heritage Canada for \$58,000 and the Trillium Foundation for \$75,000. The Township Heritage Committee may also be willing to donate some money. The Museum committee



**Keith Miller, Amherst Island Farming, Fishing, and Materials Reclamation Expert (AKA: "Dr. Love").**

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"non-invasive" enterprise that might be contemplated for the island, without subdivisions and four-lane highways. The historic/cultural approach, it was felt, contributed to Loyalist as a whole.

Neil Johnston reported on one of the Museum fund-raising projects, the June house tour. The tour netted the Museum project \$3,200. Eight people attended a meeting at Victoria Hall the previous evening to consider next year's tour in the light of a study conducted by Judith Harrower, a new Islander who has agreed to assist Hugh Jenney next year. On the day of the June tour, Judith co-opted a friend from Kingston to go into the tour houses while she stood outside talking to the people who came out. Her study suggested several points:

1. Available bathroom facilities should have been marked on the map, and more were needed.
2. Some visitors would have liked to be able to see complete houses, including bedrooms.
3. Others felt the tour should have put more emphasis on gardens, although there were many favourable comments about the Burke/Coulter house on the south shore and Shirley Miller's expertise in showing her gardens.
4. It was suggested that AIMS members



This large Bass, displayed here by Barb McLeod, was caught by Keith Miller August 2002 at the "Sand Beach" on the Third Concession. It weighed 4lbs, 1 oz, and was 22 inches long.

knowledgeable about the island be posted at each house.

5. It was recommended that the tour begin at 10 a.m. rather than noon, and continue to 4 p.m.

6. A new approach was suggested for the ticket, which would be general in nature, with a map showing the houses on the tour and available bathrooms or portables. Information sheets on individual houses would be available in the houses themselves.

Brian Grace reported that as hoped, the Saturday morning Farmer's/Flea market is becoming something of a social event. In addition, money changes hands and it stays on the island. Produce is beginning to appear from Island gardens, and Barbara Reid had fresh vegetables for sale by early August. Doug Williamson reported that there is still a need for good saleable items for the AIMS table. The following members have volunteered to man the AIMS table:

August 17 - Jan Sneep

August 24 - Doug Martin

August 31 - Paul Lauret

Sept 7 - Marc Raymond

Sept 14 - John Munro, Dick Dodds

Sept 21 - Neil Johnston

Sept 28 - Peter Trueman

Marc Raymond had little new to report about the proposed "Antique Road Show" since he has not yet heard from the auctioneer who offered to manage such a show. Marc said that the idea has been tried in Prince Edward County with some success. Those wishing to have items appraised pay a \$25 entrance fee that entitles them to two appraisals. The membership agreed that Marc should pursue the matter and make commitments on our behalf.

Ralph Woods reported one job undertaken by the Transport Committee. Alan Glenn was not present but it was reported that the Labour Committee met two requests. Peter Trueman reported that the Caregiver/Companion committee had received no requests.

Under the heading of New Business, it was noted that most of AIMS' membership is

made up of relative newcomers and there was a long and sharpish debate about the merits of a recruiting program to broaden our membership base. One group felt very strongly that recruitment should be quite aggressive. Others favoured the idea of attraction rather than promotion - ie continue to do our best to help the community in the hopes that what we do would draw new people into the organization. One member felt that we needed a mission statement in order to make our purpose clearer to the Island community, and Dick Dodds and Doug Williamson agreed to draft such a statement.

Brian Grace suggested that we look into hanging baskets to beautify the village... Stanley Burke, who had just joined AIMS, said it was an honour



**Neil Johnston, Hans Krauklas & Bruce Burnett at the Farmers Market with the new Amherst Island Videotape.**

to be part of such a unique organization.

In place of the usual speakers, Hans Krauklis was given an opportunity to present his production, the first of island arts and crafts -- pictures of the artists and craftspeople at work, and photos of their paintings, carvings, pottery, woodwork etc. Those whose work was pictured included Alan Glenn, Dorothy McGinn, Shirley Miller, Dan Wolfreys, Pat Frontini, and Susan Friesen. The Weasel and Easel arts and crafts gallery was also featured. Hans himself narrated the presentation. The completed slide show will be accompanied by organ music by Harold Redekopp and piano music by Inka Brockhausen. A second slide show contained photographs of owls from the owl woods, and included recordings of their calls. Some photos or recordings came from Janet Scott. Peggie Coulter, Doug Martin, Tom Sylvester, and Alan Kidd, among others. Hans hopes that his efforts will inspire others to undertake their own audio-visual or publishing projects. Future productions might include work by Island musicians and choirs, a show on the history of the Island, or perhaps a show on the Neilson Store Museum and Cultural Centre project itself, recording progress. The object of all this, of course, is to raise funds for the Museum project. Hans feels AIMS must have a number of sizeable fund-raising projects underway if we are to convince the granting agencies that we're serious

**Amherst Island dictionary: "The Crank-Handle":  
The middle portion of the Marshall Forty-Foot Road that  
includes two right-angle turns.**



about the museum project. Neil Johnston, who worked on marketing strategy, reported that a 500 copy VHS first edition is planned, to be sold for \$16.95 per copy. Some CDs will; also be available at the same price. AIMS members would be asked to purchase four copies each, which they could use as gifts, or sell.

Chris Laffin agreed to chair the next meeting, on Saturday, September 14 at 8 a.m. in the St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Hall. Jim Whitton, Neil Johnston and Doug Williamson volunteered as kitchen crew.

The meeting was then adjourned.

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## AMHERST ISLAND INUKSHUKS

- Bill Harris

Inukshuk is an Inuit word for a statue made of rocks. On the Northern Tundra when hunting for caribou the Inuit would build these rock figures to divert the herd towards the hunter's hiding place.

The white man began to adapt inukshuks in the 60s. One of the earliest examples were the inukshuks outside the administration building at Toronto's Pearson Airport when Terminal One was built.

On Amherst Island we have seen an occasional inukshuk, but this year as we travel the roads and visit the south shore one could count as many as twenty-five by mid August. Easily visible are the inukshuks in front of Susan and Bruce Caughey's house on the Front Road,



Photo by Bill Harris

and beside Peggy and Stanley Burke's house on the South Shore road.

Those who built along on the rocky shores have left no names. But this year the size and complexity of the inukshuks have been noticeably increased. Like the original Inuit stone men, these will no doubt be torn down by winter storms. Next summer on Amherst Island, just like on the tundra, new inukshuks may again be raised.

Inukshuks that will divert the children rather than the caribou?

## LETTER HOME

- Chris Kennedy

Now at the end of August the heat of summer seems to have passed. Usually we seem to cool down in the last week of August, and there is a touch of early fall in the air. It has certainly been cooler for sleeping at night. We also hope for some rain, to bring on the fall pasture. Most of the grasses in this area are what are called cool season grasses, and they stop growing almost completely in the summer heat. Only the legumes like alfalfa and trefoil can keep growing if they have some moisture. Unfortunately we have only had a couple of inches of rain since mid June, and there is not a huge amount of pasture.



Topsy Tractor on the Second Concession, in Clinton Kilpatrick's field.

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Next week we will have to wean the lambs, and put them onto what fresh grass we have, and the ewes may have to make do on some of the late cut hay for a few weeks. We finally ended up with almost twice as much hay as we had last summer, so we can afford to do this. If we were on the mainland some of this hay could have gone out west to the drought stricken farmers there, but the problems of moving it off the Island seemed too great. Apparently Ontario farmers have been very generous and moving the hay west is the bottle-neck.

My brother and his family were visiting from Scotland, and were amazed at the wildlife we have on the Island. In Britain so much of the land is intensively farmed that there is little room left for the birds and mammals we see here. A hundred years ago the Island was probably as intensively farmed, but now we use land that would have supported twelve or more farming families in 1900. There are places on the farm we don't see for months at the time, and the wildlife is undisturbed. Modern farming is often blamed for destroying nature, but our system of ranching sheep seems to leave plenty of room for all.

Elephant: Why have ducks got webbed feet?  
Answer: Stamping out forest fires.  
Elephant: Why have elephants got flat feet?  
Answer: Stamping out burning ducks!



"Mrs. W.H. Moutray on Stella Bay" Date unknown.  
(collection of Molly Stroyman)

## VINTAGE BEACON REPRINT

### Down The Lane:

Again this issue we'll be looking back in the pages of Clarice Filson's diaries, and comparing notes on weather and events with those of to-day.

May 1st. 1933:- A beautiful day, the first real hot one of the season, though there was heavy fog early this morning. Walter Brown had another operation this morning.

Early May. 1939:- Mrs. Taylor and her twin girls are home from K.G.H. Mrs. Ed Scott's (Music Teacher) pupils have made blocks for a Red Cross Quilt. Their mothers were invited to the school to-day to quilt it. It froze quite hard last night.

Early May, 1944:- The cheese factory opened up to-day - - Seaver Wemp is drawing our milk. A pig was cut up to-day and some stayed for supper. Maurice Hogeboorn bought Walter Brown's boat. Professor Gilmore preached at the Anglican Church on Sunday.

Early May, 1950:- A baby boy was born to Barbara and Harry Filson. The W.A. met at Georgie Glenn's the same evening. It was a very warm day, the first of the season. The Women's Institute had a meeting at the Fowler's to

mark the 100th anniversary of its beginning.

Early May, 1952:- Land too wet to sow, men at fencing. Rae Cronkhite's wife passed away. Born to Bert and Chris Glenn, a daughter.

Early May, 1954:- The Frank Fleming's had a gathering at their home to welcome the new student minister.

...Marj. Aitken.

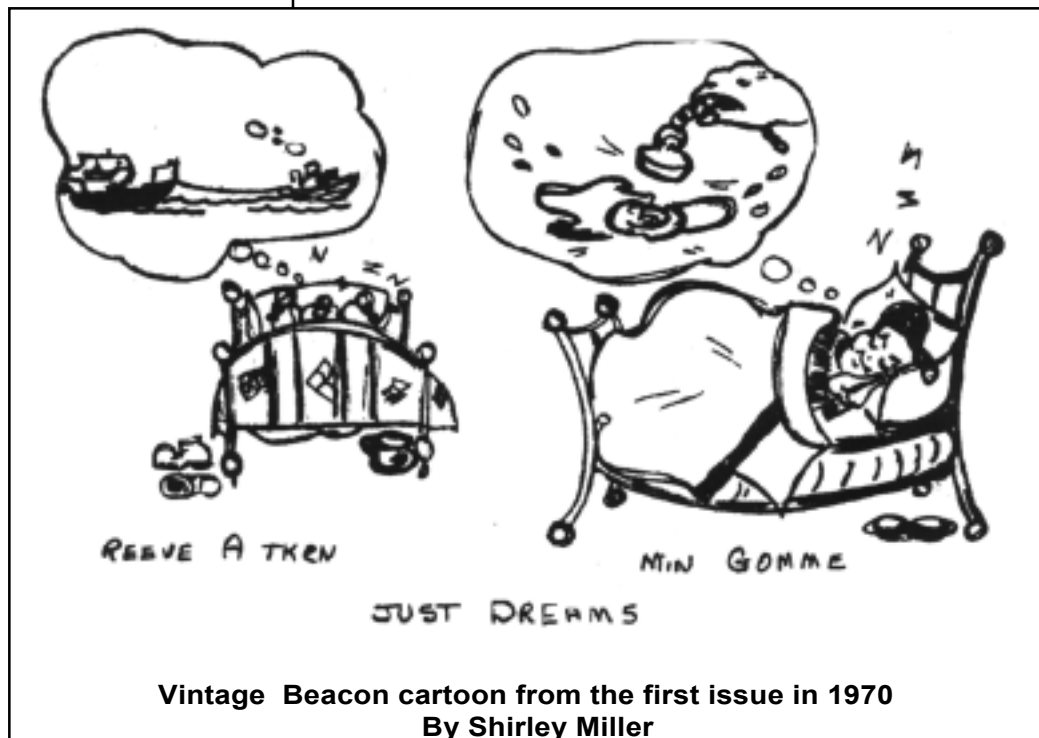
### Garden Chit Chat

Have you pruned your bush type roses this spring? If not, do so right away. Pruning back the canes to from 3 to 6 inches from ground level is all-important. Many failures result from not pruning back branches far enough.

This is also the time of year to clean up the lawns and gardens. Would you like a rest from raking leaves? All right, don't rake them! Pick up all the sticks, etc. and leave the old grass and leaves on the lawn. After mowing twice you won't be able to tell whether you raked your lawn or not, and the leaves will be where nature intended them to be, making fertilizer for the lawn. By not raking and burning your leaves you will help to keep the air fresh and not contribute to more pollution.

...E.L.N.

Pre-school registration first Thursday in June and Immunization Clinic.



Vintage Beacon cartoon from the first issue in 1970  
By Shirley Miller



## MORE VINTAGE BEACON REPRINTS

### What Is A Boy?

Boys come in assorted sizes weights and colors. They are found everywhere - on top of, underneath, inside of, climbing on, swinging from, running around or jumping to. Mothers love them, little girls hate them, older sisters and brothers tolerate them, adults ignore them and Heaven protects them. A boy is Truth with dirt on its face, Wisdom with bubble gum in its hair and the Hope of the future with a frog in its pocket.

A boy has the appetite of a horse, the digestion of a cat, the lungs of a dictator, the imagination of a Paul Bunyan, the shyness of a violet, and when he makes something he has five thumbs on each hand.

He likes ice cream, knives, saws, Christmas, comic books, the boy across the street, woods, water (in its natural habitat), large animals, Dad, trains, Saturday mornings and fire engines.

Nobody else is so early to rise or so late to supper. Nobody else can cram into one pocket a rusty knife, a half-eaten apple, three feet of string, two gumdrops, six cents, a slingshot, a chunk of unknown substance and a genuine supersonic code ring with a secret compartment.

A boy is a magical creature you can lock him out of your workshop, but you can't lock him out of your heart. You can get him out of your study, but you can't get him out of your mind. Might as well give up - he is your captor, your jailer, your boss and your master - a freckle-faced, pint-sized bundle of noise. But when you come home at night with only the shattered pieces of your hopes and dreams, he can mend, them with two magic words - "Hi Dad!"

Submitted by Gayel Willard.

### Students in Action:-

Within the next two weeks we hope to organize our baseball season. It is our pleasure to announce an upcoming special school event. A special committee of the Principal's Association of the Lennox & Addington County Board of Education has organized a county track and field competition commencing in May. Pupils from all schools will compete in an attempt to win a position in the semi-finals to be held at the three high schools in the county. The winners of the semi-final series will then go to the final series early in June. We look for some pupils to win for the glory of Amherst Island.

The school was pleasantly surprised to receive a new Yamaha piano on Monday, April 27th.

### Reminder:-

Next Monday, May 4, is Professional Development for the staff and a holiday for the students.

Both Mrs. Murray and I have received some very interesting and well done projects on spring and young animals.

By the way what ever happened to good old "Arbor Day"?

...Miss P. Abrams & Mrs. H. Murray,

Note to typist:-

Please excuse above column as Phyllis is suffering from

"Brain Strain".

### Sports:

Amherst Island Athletic Club:-

The Executive met on Sunday, April 19 at 10:30 a.m. The following items were discussed: Ordering of new equipment for 1970 season, back stop, home-run fence.

Mary and Jim Neilson looked after the ball sweaters last season and we urge that all sweaters be returned to the executive soon.

Players for 1970 season have been contacted and the draw system for teams will be utilized this year. The fee of \$1.00 will be collected this year.

It has been decided to clamp down on players who miss too many games in the course of the season with little or no regard for other members and often causing defaulted games.

The improving of the infield remains unsettled, but at our next general meeting on Monday, May 4th, at 8:00 p.m. in the school this and many other points will be resolved.

The opening game is fast approaching and your presence on May 4<sup>th</sup> is strongly desired. Be sure to be there!

**START PLANNING NOW for the**  
**First Annual A.I. FESTIVAL OF LIGHT PARADE,**  
**to be held in mid-November. This will be on the same**  
**night as the annual Fall Bonfire at the Fire Hall. This**  
**will be an evening affair, so we are hoping that all**  
**entrants will be lit up in some manner (for safety reasons,**  
**the will be no bike entrants for this parade). Next**  
**month's BEACON will have lighting tips. This event is**  
**jointly sponsored by the AI Rec Association and the AI**  
**Firefighters Association. Contact Lyn Fleming 634-2509**  
**or Don Miller Jr. 389-6918 for further information.**

FOR SALE: 1984 Dodge Ram in good running order for \$1950 certified with environmental certificate or \$950 as is. Call Hugh Jenney 384-7830



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### AWARENESS WORKSHOP

This workshop will focus on using the time you have set aside for yourself to deepen your relaxation skills. We will also learn meditative techniques that allow you to develop clarity and understanding leading to peace of mind and connectedness to the present moment. If time permits we will do some healthy joyful stretching to deepen your body awareness.

Time: 9:15 am - 12:30 pm.

When: Saturday, September 21, 2002.

Where: 9060C Front Road, Amherst Island

Cost: \$25.00

Registration: Jocelyne 384-6488 or Dianne 389-0554

### News from the General Store... September 2002

The lazy days of summer are just about behind us now unfortunately, and it's time to start thinking about fall and winter. We will be back to fall and winter hours starting September 16: **MON-SAT 9AM-6PM, and SUN 10AM-6PM**  
**We have Pizzas in once again from Capri Pizzeria in Amherstview.**

Our latest movie rentals are:

K-9 P.I. : James Belushi

Sidewalks of New York: Dennis Farina, Heather Graham

Lord of the Rings: Elijah Wood, Liv Tyler

Colateral Damage: Arnold Shwartzenegger

Gosford Park: All Star Cast

How High: Method Man, Red Man

Red Green's Duct Tape Forever- Steve Smith, Patrick McKenna  
\$3.50 New releases and DVD's or \$1.49 Older Movies

PAYT Tags are available : 5 for \$7.50 and 10 for \$15.00

### AMHERST ISLAND VIDEO

sponsored by AIMS. Available in VHS and CD format. You can purchase copies at the Amherst Island General Store, or through Neil Johnston at 389-5389

### Visit Watercolours Etc.

The studio gallery of Shirley Miller

**We are exhibiting the works of several local artists.**

Paintings, prints and lessons available.

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

### Frozen Meals Designed for Seniors:

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

### Godden's whole-hog sausage

Made using the finest cuts of pork including hams, chops, loin, etc. Choose from regular, honey garlic, tomato oregano.

\$40.00 for 10lb. box. Available at Poplar Dell B&B

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

### SIGNS

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

### Picnic Tables & Weather Vanes for Sale

Keith Miller 389-2588

### Country Seats

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

### Summit International Canada

Carpet Manufacturer and Distributor

Gord Forbes, Sales Agent ...389-8516

### Warm Wool for Cool Weather from Topsy Farms

Blankets, Wraps, Yarn.

Phone 389-3444 for an appointment  
or visit the Weasel & Easel or at the  
Enchanted Shores on Bath Road

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

### Babysitter available!

- After school and weekends
  - Responsible
  - Red Cross Babysitting Certificate
- Call Whitney Fleming at 389-9869



### Babysitting

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



### Babysitter

- Red Cross Babysitting & CPR certified
- available at school, early evenings &  
weekends. Call Beth Albertan: 389-2662



### Painting, wallpapering, tiling by Ted Gow

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

### Home Maintenance and Repairs

Free estimates. Island References. 634-5404



### Thomas A. Richmond, Certified Electrician

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

### Mr. Fix-It

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

I am collecting used stamps- any kind for the guide dogs,  
clean used clothing and books for the "Cat's Meow." Used  
towels, cleaning products, A&P tapes and 12" x 12" knitted  
squares may be left in my front porch or call for a pick-up.  
The animals really need our help Freda Youell 384-4135



### Seasonal Winter Storage for Boats, etc, right in beautiful Downtown Stella!

Indoor, reasonable rates

Dale Gowan, 634-3815

### CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

Looking for Island-related drawings, sketches, photo-  
graphs, etc. for the BEACON. Lets get some of that  
artistic talent in print! No age barriers!  
Lets have the Beacon act as a reflection of the Island  
artistic community too!