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NEIGHBOURHOOD

- Lyn Fleming

Get well wishes this month to Barbara Filson, Eva Kidd, Tessa Mayman, and Jamie Scott and his son Quentin who all made a trip to or spent time in the hospital this month.

Continued good health wishes to Barb Reid, Lillian Miller, Sally Bowen and Ann Turner.

Congratulations to David Fleming, who became a first time grandfather on May 12, when granddaughter Harley Emma was born. Proud first time parents are Brad Woolnough and Wendy Fleming.

Congratulations also to Janet Scott who became a grandma for the 9th time, when daughter Kathy and her husband Drew Atamanuk welcomed their 2nd son, Troy Andrew, born in Toronto in mid-May.

Best Wishes to Alan and Judy Kidd, who celebrated their 20th anniversary by renewing their vows at their farm on the Island. Family and friends attended from the U.S. and Canada.

Best Wishes also to Jackie and Tom Sylvester who celebrated their 25th



"Hey, just whose field is this?"

Brian Little photo

anniversary in May.

The Community Centre has been a busy place during May, starting off with the Recreation Association's annual Spring Dance and Fish Fry on May 1st. The sold out crowd enjoyed another great fish dinner followed by dancing.

The next weekend, the PCW held their

annual Mother's Day Ham dinner with another good crowd on hand.

Senior class students at A.I.P.S. held another movie night in mid May in their continuing efforts to raise money for their year end trip. The following night, Islanders came together for a Potluck Benefit for Diane Pearce and Michelle LeLay, who lost their home in a fire. A dessert auction was held following dinner, with lots of laughs as bidding got competitive for some favourite desserts.

Capping off the month, was the annual Amherst Island Public School Play. Family, friends and members of the community enjoyed "The Jungle Book" performed by ALL of the students in the school. On May 31st, the students took their play on the road to Bath, where they did an encore performance for the students and staff at Bath P.S.

Well, the calendar says it's almost summer, but the weather still seems like early spring. The fields are full of lambs and calves, and the shores full of goslings, the lilacs are finished on the north side, both just blooming now on the



Have your cake and eat it too! Dessert auction at the community potluck dinner, May 15th (L-R: Alex Scott, Bruce Caughey, Tom Richmond, Wayne Fleming).

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south side. There hasn't been much sun - yet! The weather forecasters are predicting a wet, cool summer - we will have to remember that forecast when we are complaining of the heat and lack of rain in July and August!

Welcome back to our summer people and cottagers.



WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

- Joyce Haines

The regular monthly meeting was held May 19, at the home of Kirsten Bennick with 14 members present. A plant exchange took place prior to the meeting being called to order by the President Mary Kay Steel. Reports were given. This year we have twenty-one members which is a healthy number when some branches have closed on the mainland.

The stone fence project is up and running with a grant from the Greater Kingston Cultural Foundation. Twenty-one people attended the first learning/working session. Thanks for the support. Work will begin in earnest June 8, 9AM, all willing workers welcome.

Phone directories are on the market and selling well @ \$8.00 each. There are some calendars still available.

The funds of \$3,790 have been given to Loyalist Township for purchase of the commercial dishwasher for the community centre. Thanks to ACW, AIMS, PCW and Garnet McDonald for their financial support in this endeavour.

Mary Kay Steel and Kirsten Bennick attended a "ROSE" (Rural Ontario Sharing Education) session in Glenburnie which provided good information.

Joyce Haines and Judy Harrower along with Lynann Whitton attended a course on school grounds transformation which everyone will hear more about later in the year.

The Lennox and Addington district W.I. district meeting was also held on May 19 with Nancy Henshaw and Joyce Haines present. Information from all sessions was shared with the members. Members agreed to supply refreshments at the August 8 Waterside Series Concert. Our Bake Sale for July will be Friday July 2.

Next meeting is June 16, 7 PM at St. Paul's Hall. It is an open meeting for all, with guest speaker Sister Pauline Lally and her topic is "Justice or Charity....Is there a Difference?"

Any questions on Women's Institute activities or membership please call Joyce @634-7894.



Angus Little and a new friend

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COUNCIL GLEANINGS

- Ian Murray

1) Moved by Councillor Ashley [and passed]: "re: Amherst Island Community Hall - Dishwasher Installation be received and that Loyalist Township accept the donation to supply a commercial dishwasher for the Amherst Island Community Hall; And further that Loyalist Township approve the purchase of the dishwasher with the donation to be used to cover the purchase price and the Township to assume responsibility for the cost of installation."

2) Moved by Councillor Ashley [and passed]: "that the Reeve send a letter to the Health Unit requesting an explanation re the lack of an explanation to the students before and after the awarding of the prize for 'T.V. Turn Off Week'."

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3) "The C.A.O., Mrs. Pearce, requested that the Reeve send a letter of congratulations to Vicki Keith on being inducted into the International Swim Hall of Fame. She noted that Ms. Keith holds fourteen unbeaten long distance swim records." A motion was made and passed to do so.

**AIMS**

- John Kuti

Chairman Zander Dunn.

Committee report:

The Assistance

Committee: Allan Glenn reported three calls.

The Nielson Store: "Hugh Jenney reported that the Weasel and Easel would open May 22nd at 11:00 and invited all members to see the progress on the building. He thanked Ken Albertan for the use of an industrial sander and Bruce Burnett for all his work. He also thanked the crew for painting. He also reported that the Neilson's Store Committee had gone to Loyalist Township for help with the financial requirements to repair the

for help with picking up articles he wished to donate to the AIMS table, as well as his requiring assistance in disposing and moving some other things. A work brigade of AIMS members was quickly organized to assist.

Alan Kidd volunteered to speak at the June meeting on astronomy and then introduced Graham Findlay from Vector Wind Turbines to speak that morning.

Graham Findlay explained the basis for commercial wind energy. He described commercial wind turbines and showed members some of the existing wind farms through a series of pictures that were passed around. He explained some of the technical aspects of wind turbines and how they came in units that produced 750 kilowatts or 1.5 kW. He explained how

wind coming down off the mountains. He pointed out that Ontario only had nine such turbines because the financial incentives from the Ontario government were so poor.

He pointed out that countries around the world were making massive investments in wind power. Denmark especially was producing a significant portion of their energy needs from wind farms. He pointed out that this trend would only get more intense as energy prices soared over the next decade.

He then talked about the economics of producing wind energy and pointed out that with the coming deregulation of electric rates in Ontario, wind energy would be profitable at approximately eight cents per kilowatt-hour which was roughly comparable to the cost of new energy production in coal or nuclear plants.

He talked about the six wind turbines that would produce energy for the Loyalist Township Industrial Park that his company would be building.

There was then some discussion about the impact of such wind farms on the environment. He pointed out that farming and other operations were absolutely unaffected and could go on right up to the edge of the wind turbines. When asked about the effect on birds, he indicated that most songbirds and migrating birds seem to be able to anticipate and avoid the spinning blades of the turbines, although there was as yet no remedy for those raptors who seemed so intent on hunting that they did not notice the turbine blades and were killed in much larger numbers.

There was then some discussion about building such wind turbines on Amherst Island. He pointed out that the biggest problem was assembling large enough pieces of land to lease from farmers because each wind turbine needed approximately 25 acres so as not to disrupt the wind patterns of the other towers. He seemed quite interested to learn that the community pasture might be a potential site.

Members were enthusiastic and very much enlightened by the talk.



The Island 4-H club feeding lambs:

Talia Fleming at Left, Caitlin McDonald at Right.

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foundation, to supply a furnace, and to change windows. He reported there might be a way to proceed with this using a particular Township program.

Jim Whitten gave the financial report. He reported that there were 34 members. He also reported on the sale of Amherst Island videos and the Andy Higgins book.

Peter Moes then reported on the progress of his move from his house on Amherst Island to a small apartment in Amherstview. He asked AIMS members

these wind turbines were placed in areas after a year-long study to determine wind duration and velocity. He spoke about the relative scale of these wind turbines and how they were a quarter again taller than the Saturn rocket that sent the first man to the moon. He explained how these turbines had a life of approximately 20 years, and how they were anchored and erected and maintained. He pointed out that Canada has only one major wind farm (in Alberta) and how that company was very serious about producing energy from the

INTERVIEW: SYKE FLEMING

- Zander of DUNN INN

One of the most interesting people on Amherst Island was not born here. Syke Fleming was born in Holland in the village of Jubbega at house number 38 which is in the northern part of Friesland where the Holstein cows originated.

Syke was born on January 21, 1936 and was not given a middle name because in Holland, in those days, only the wealthy had middle names. Syke had two older siblings - a brother, Willem, and a sister, Zwaantje, and a younger sister, Janke (who now goes by the name of Jane).

Syke's earliest memories are of the Second World War and of going to school at the age of 7, an experience she disliked. Syke remembers her grand-parents walking miles because they had no access to a motor vehicle. When he could, her father, Piet Witteveen, would drive out on his horse and wagon to meet the grandparents to give them a ride to the Witteveen home. Always the Dutch were concerned about what the Nazis might do to them.

Syke can still see in her mind's eye a fighter plane which had crashed into a house, suspended in the rafters, close to a baby in her crib. Amazingly the baby was not injured.

The Dutch civilians were often halted by the German soldiers who questioned them about where they were going, where they came from and what they were doing. One night a Nazi soldier came to the house demanding milk for himself and his fellow soldiers. That frightened Syke because she knew her father had built for himself and the family a system of tunnels, hiding places and escape hatches within the house and the barn. When the Nazis came looking for horses, Piet told Syke to take their horse to a pasture surrounded by bushes and trees. The Nazis never found that hiding



*The Witteveen family immigration photo:
L-R Willem, Zwaantje, Piet, Syke, Ytze, Janke.*

place.

Syke realized the German soldiers were human like the Dutch. One enemy soldier came to their door and his knock was answered by Syke's mother, Ytje, with Syke, about five years old, gripping her mother's skirts. The soldier smiled and remarked that Syke reminded him of his daughter back in Germany.

Syke has many good memories of Holland. For example, she enjoyed fishing in the canals of Holland with a line, a hook and a cork. She and her brother often caught fish and the whole family ate them. Although the family enjoyed their lives in Holland they came to Canada in 1948 to begin a new life.

There were several reasons for them to leave Holland and try their luck in Canada. Soon brother Willem would have had to go into the army and be sent away to India. Nobody wanted that. Syke's parents always rented their property, most of which belonged to the church. They wanted to own their own property. They also felt the country was getting crowded.

Piet was 44 years old and Syke was 12 years of age when they left Holland on the fourth of June 1948 on the converted troop ship, KOTA-INTEN. It was painful to bid farewell to Syke's elderly grandparents whom she knew she would never see

alive again.

Buses came along the roads picking up the families who were leaving Holland on the ships. Each adult was able to carry \$300 dollars and every child was allowed to bring \$150 out of the country - not much to start a new life.

Crossing the Atlantic Ocean was not a pleasant experience. Everybody in the family except her mother was sea sick daily. This was partly because all the food they were given to eat was creamed. During the trip Syke got an orange to eat - something she had never seen before. All on the trip had to sleep in bunks - the old army arrangement - with the males at one end of the ship and the females at the other. It took nine days to make the voyage.

They landed at Quebec City after enjoying the breathtaking scenery up the St. Lawrence River. Syke was so impressed by the beauty on the banks of the St. Lawrence River that she would like to return to see that area again some day.

The hills of the new land were something she had never seen in the flat land of Holland.

The family had four hours before they were to board the train to take them to Belleville so they strode around and notice everybody spoke French. They only spoke Dutch. Piet Witteveen purchased a bunch of bananas for his family - another fruit they had never seen before.

From Belleville Piet and the family went to live in Corbyville where he worked on the farm of the family who had sponsored his entry into Canada. The older kids got jobs. Syke went to the one room school in Corbyville and did not like it any better than the school in Holland. Syke was not interested in school. She

wanted to be with her father, the cows and horses. She could hardly wait to get out of the education system. She even dreamed that some day she would have a barn full of cows - a dream which came true years later on Amherst Island.

Syke was dreaming big because the family had only six cows in Holland. They were able to feed themselves from the produce of their garden and to supplement their diet with the fish the family caught.

The family fulfilled their contract and remained in Corbyville for a year, where Piet was paid \$75 a month before they moved to Bath where he was paid \$25 dollars more. Piet had heard about the Bath possibilities from a Dutch minister in Trenton. While they lived in Bath they became interested in Amherst Island.

The Witteveen family moved to the Island on the old wooden Amherst Islander on the 4th of April 1951. They had to wait for the ice to clear. Syke's first impression of the Island was that the roads were very muddy and several times the family almost got stuck on their travels. They were to live in the old Marshall farmhouse, cold and damp, on the South Shore. The day they arrived to take up residence, Francis Welbanks said to them, "You can't stay here tonight. It's too damn cold." They spent the first few nights with Francis and Nessie Welbanks, their closest neighbours.

The Island received them warmly. Many neighbours helped them move into their house and burned off the old hay so the farm could be ploughed. When Piet could not purchase the Marshall house and land he bought the farm next to where Chris Laffin lives today. It had been lived in, for a short time, by Ralph and Bea Wemp.

There the family set down roots and lived for many years. Piet bought the farm and house from the Department of Veterans Affairs. He did not have to pay much for the 90 acres - less than \$3,000. Mind you, the house needed extensive repairs so all members of the Witteveen

family pitched in to improve things.

A young farmer, Harry Fleming, the son of Ernest and Gen Fleming, and his friends dropped in to welcome the family and check out Syke. Harry and his friends took her for a ride around the Island in his old car. Car rides with Harry happened many times. These outings became almost routine. Often they would pick up The Rev. R.K. Earls (who had no car and never drove) to take him down for a visit to the Witteveens and to play cards. The Rev. R.K. Earls was welcome wherever he went.

Harry and Syke were married, by the Rev. R.K. Earls, on Sept 5, 1953 in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Kingston. A reception followed in The Rainbow Room of a restaurant only a block from the church. Then Harry and Syke took off to Niagara Falls for a honeymoon. Their first son, Larry, was born on the 14th of September, 1954.

In the meantime Harry had bought the old farm where Syke lives now from the D.V.A. Lulu and Ann Glenn had lived there with their brother, Doug Glenn, a veteran. Syke recalls the great work involved in getting the house ready for their arrival. This purchase put them next to Harry's grandparents' farm.

Hartley and Mary (Instant) Fleming lived where Wayne and Karen J. Fleming live today. Hartley took great pride in his tulip beds. Tulips from those beds are still coming up after all these years.

Not long after this, Harry went to work at the Nylon plant in Millhaven. Because the ferry stopped running before Harry could get home at night, he lived with his widowed aunt, Hattie Asselstine. They got along well. She died when she was 99 years old. Syke learned much from her.

After Syke became pregnant she and Harry walked over the ice to the Island. At his father's urging, Harry and Syke decided to go into farming full time and gave

up the mainland work.

Those days were tough. There was no hydro in the barn so they had to milk by hand. (They soon got hydro). They began milking 8 to 10 cows with a portable Canadian Tire Milking Machine. Harry, Ernest and others teamed up to get their milk to the cheese factory in Stella.

If Harry was busy with farming, Syke was busy with raising kids. I remember two events which illustrate these things. We heard an ungodly squealing and grunting in the barn across from the manse (back about 1963). I dropped in to see what was happening. There was Harry catching piglets, removing their sharp teeth so they could nurse, and pushing iron filings down their throats. He invited me to help him. The pigs squirmed too much for me!

Harry and Syke brought their daughter, Deborah, to be baptized by me at St. Paul's on October 7, 1962 - my second baptism. (The first was Brent Wolfreys).

The Flemings and the Dunns raised their kids in much the same way. The big night for entertainment was Friday night when we watched T.V. and folded thousands of diapers. The Flemings also enjoyed a bottle of ginger ale and a bag of potato chips.

When Hartley and Mary died they left the farm to Harry. He purchased more cattle and put up better barns. They got to the point where they were milking 80 cows and Syke's old dream was fulfilled. The whole family worked at the farm, the kids haying, feeding cattle, driving tractors. The work was strenuous and never-ending but Syke never got tired of it.

Syke considers the church an important part of her life. A committed Christian and a woman of strong faith, she reads the Bible regularly and meets weekly with the members of the Community Bible Study. Syke will also tell you that the Garden Party at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church was always a high-light of the year for her and her family. The games, the teas, the prizes, the sales, the fun of meeting her friends made the



Garden Party day a success.

At the dances in Victoria Hall, Harry and Syke made a deep impression. They brought all their offspring so the kids played with other children and then slept in the balcony. The dances were always fun and the food was always good.

Crossing the ice was always a challenge. The safest thing to do, if you could, was to cross on Art Drumgoole's horse and sleigh. Syke believed, as did most others, that if Art didn't want to go across the ice it wasn't safe for anybody to cross the ice. Once, Ernest Fleming, her father-in-law, drove her in his car, with Larry on her knee, to the mainland because Larry was sick.

Ernest told Syke, when they got almost to the mainland, "Open the door in case you have to jump out." They got safely to visit Dr. Burleigh who had his own pharmacy and mixed up a concoction which made Larry better. All Syke's kids enjoyed Dr. Burleigh's medicines because he made them taste so good.

Harry served as Reeve of the Amherst Island Township for the years 1965 to 1967. Although Harry enjoyed the work it was very stressful. One thing he did of which both he and Syke are proud - he got two extra crews on the ferry.

When Harry died on February 8, 1985, people suggested to Syke she could not live on the Island alone. Syke's response was, "I belong here." She credits her wonderful neighbours, Allan and Cathy Glenn, Clinton Kilpatrick and her family for supporting her through the rough times. And, up until recently, her hard work on the family farm has been therapeutic.

Today Syke rejoices that her four children continue to live on the Island and visit her regularly.

Larry, and Lyn (Wolfreys), live next to the four-way stop in Jim and Mary Neilson's old house. Larry and Lyn's son, Jason, recently married Angela and they live in Piet Witteveen's old house at 4750 Front Road. Larry and Lyn's daugh-



Mary and Jim Neilson, who were the the subjects of last month's interview in The Beacon

ter, Stephanie, lives with her parents and works in Kingston.

David has three daughters - Angela, Wendy and Mindy - and one son, Tommy.

Wendy has made Syke a great grandmother. She produced a daughter, Harley Emma, for Brad Woolnough, and they all live in Amherstview.

Wayne is married to Karen J. (Shangraw) and they live on the hill across from the Presbyterian Church manse with their two daughters, Whitney and Talia.

Deborah and Alex (Sandy) Scott live on McDonald's Lane and enjoy their two daughters, Rachel and Rebecca.

Syke (Witteveen) Fleming certainly does belong on Amherst Island. Nobody has worked more diligently to make a success of farming and nobody is a better mother to her children, grand-children and great-grand-daughter. We are fortunate to have her with us and rejoice in all that she has been able to do on our behalf.

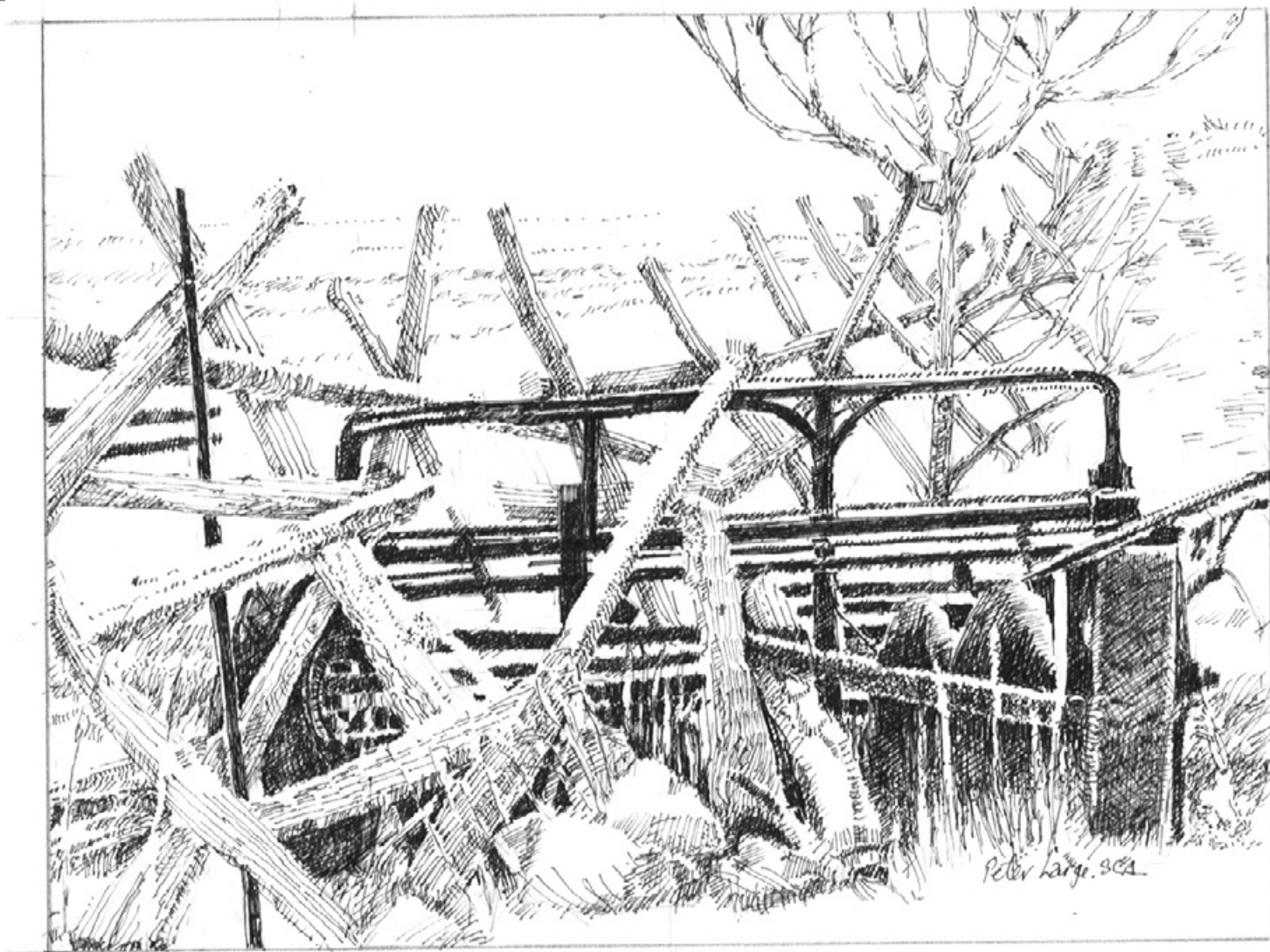


JUNE SKIES

- Alan Kidd

Although May was a rainy month we had a few clear nights. I did catch a glimpse of comet Neat, although it was not very impressive - just a fuzzy patch in the sky. With binoculars I could see a bit of a tail, but definitely not a spectacular sight. Other than the transit of Venus on June 8th, there is not too much celestial activity this month. In fact June is a bit of a difficult month for star gazers, simply because there isn't much darkness at our latitude.

The star Vega in the constellation of Lyra makes a reappearance this month. It is the bright blue-white star in the eastern sky visible shortly after the skies become dark.



SPLIT RAIL FENCE

Split rail fence

Peter Large, SCA.

The bright reddish star almost directly overhead is Acturus which we discussed last month. About a third of the way from Acturus on a line between these two bright stars is a pretty little semi-circle of stars. This is called the Corona Borealis, or the Northern Crown. Moving further toward Vega we find the somewhat dim constellation of Hercules. You will have to stay up almost to midnight to see this one.

Venus disappears from the evening sky this month, but will reappear as a morning star at mid month, after transiting the sun on June 8th. Saturn also disappears as an evening object, but Jupiter will continue to dominate the early night sky. Mars will continue to be visible throughout the month, but just barely, being low and dim in the evening sky.

The crescent Moon will make a fine sight on the evening of June 19th, shining near the line of Mars, Castor and Pollux in the west-northwest just at nightfall. On the 23rd of June the Moon will be located just above the bright Jupiter.

HERE & THERE

- Ian Murray

Jack Chiang wrote a very complimentary article - Whig May 5 - celebrating Vicki Keith's induction into the International Swim Hall of Fame in Florida.

He claims that the Whig has published more articles on Vicki than anybody else.

Quips from May:

"I wouldn't mind paying the new OHIP tax if I thought it would improve the system" - a neighbour.

"You don't graduate from being a parent" - another neighbour with whom I was discussing our respective adult children.

Referring to the American Star Wars concept - "An aerial Maginot line" - seen on a forgotten website.





Ian Murray opens his Topsy Farms stall for the 2004 season at the farmers market May 22.

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Katie Little sells her home-made "Pampered Pets dog & cat treats" at the market.



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Doug Lamb sells his bicycle at the AIMS booth. With him are Brian Little, Zander Dunn. The bike was later purchased by John Kuti.

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First yard sale of the season at Ron Miller's home in the village. Stella O'Byrne holds up a Union Jack- also in the picture (L-R): Ron Miller, Barb Hoegenauer, Paul Henshaw and Dave Fleming.

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SCOTT WENTWORTH, A LOCAL LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT AND CONTRACTOR, SPOKE ABOUT GARDENING CHALLENGES TO AMHERST ISLAND RESIDENTS AT A RECENT MEETING SPONSORED BY AIMS.



Volunteers at the newly refurbished Weasel & Easel with Reeve Clayton McEwen.
L-R: Lynn deHaan, Sherrill Wright, Eleanor Trueman, Joyce Haines, Clayton McEwen, Claire Jenney, Joyce Reid, and Joan Martin.

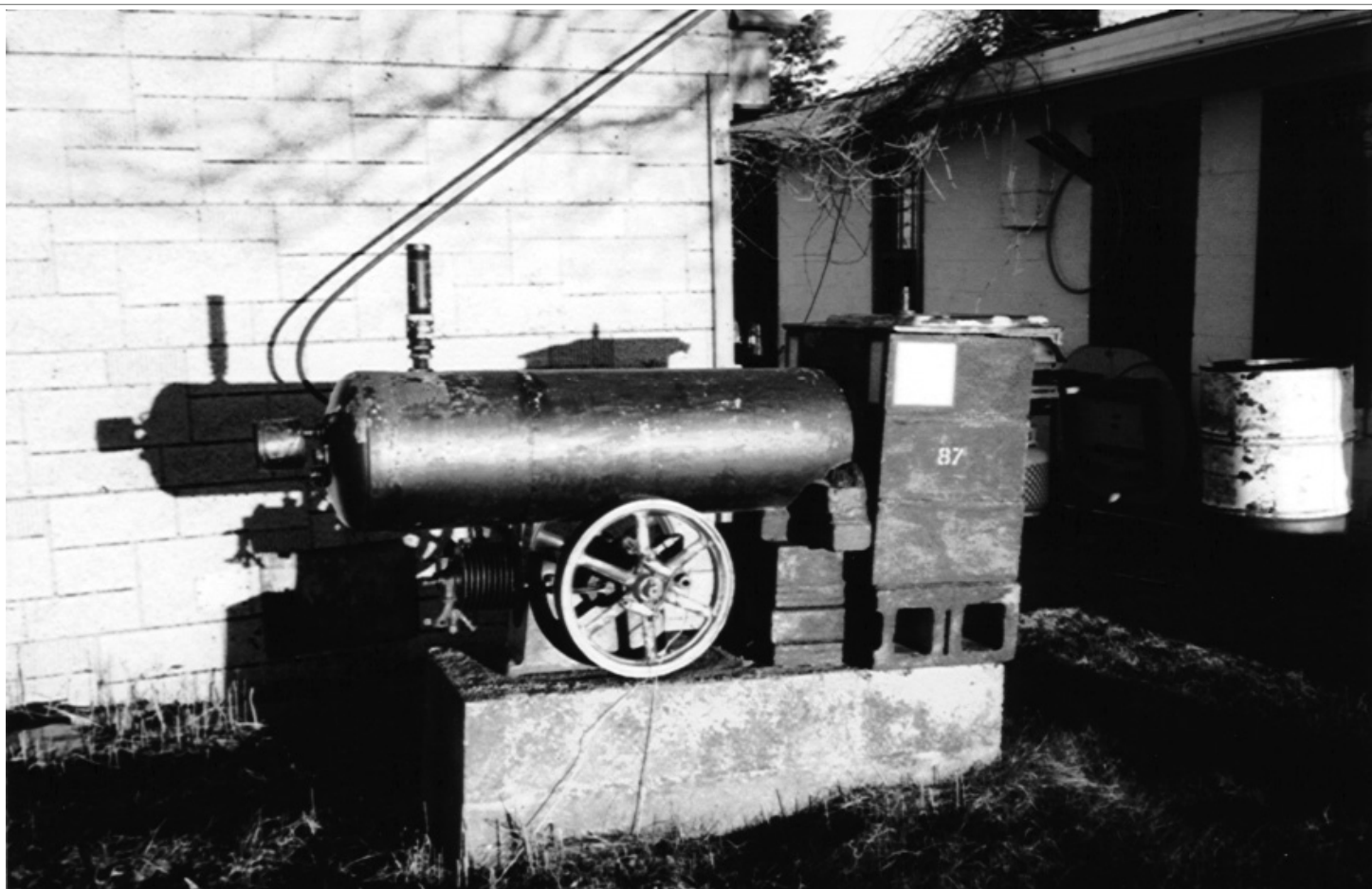
Jean Tugwell and Anna Hitchins visiting the new Neilson Store Museum and Cultural Centre. Museum Coordinator Andrea Cross looks on.

Lynn deHaan photo



Volunteers Claire Jenney and Joan Martin check the articles for sale at the Weasel and Easel on opening weekend.

Lynn deHaan photo



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ARTISTS & ARTISANS TOUR

- Terrence Patrick Culbert

On Saturday, July 3rd, rain or shine, Amherst Island will host its first Artists & Artisans Tour. The gem of Lake Ontario with its permanent population of 400 will showcase over 30 talented residents. Those participating are painters, carvers, quilters, knitters and a weaver. There's a porcelain doll maker, a birdhouse maker, photographers, a cartoonist, potter, book-binder, as well as metal and wood craftspeople. Even the young Island artists attending Amherst Island Public School will have a display.

Sponsored by AIMS (Amherst Island Men's Society), the tour will be self-guided, starting at eleven on Satur-



"Muffins" in Blooms

Peggie Coulter, OSA

to a felting and/or thrum knitting demonstration (Noon to 3 pm) in the colourful Wool Shed of Topsy Farms; and see Peter at his drawing board in the Peter Large Studio. East of Stella, in the log home just beyond Poplar Dell Bed & Breakfast, you'll watch and talk to the husband and wife team of Joyce and Ross Haines. Ross is a wood chipper and Joyce, a weaver. From 1 to 5pm, St. Paul's Church,

hall and drive shed on the Stella 40 Foot will be a hive of activity as a large number of artists and artisans display and demonstrate their talents.

The idea for the Artists & Artisans Tour was born when the AIMS membership came to the conclusion that a third annual home tour would be less than successful.

"Frankly, all the stately homes of Amherst Island have been exhausted,"



Amherst Island artist Peter Large at work ...by Terry Culbert

day, July 3rd. Demonstrations and exhibits will be held at eight locations along the Island's North Shore. In Stella, the tour will include stops at the newly renovated Neilson Store Museum and the Weasel and Easel Art Gallery. Other village venues include The Lodge on McDonalds Lane, Victoria Hall Tea Room and Caroline Ackerman's home. To the west of the village, you'll be welcomed



Muskox Wall, Ellesmere Island National Park,

Photograph by Peter Trueman

said Peter Large, tour coordinator. "The real issue for AIMS is to continue to promote the culture of our Island not only to the Islanders but to people who come to visit us as well."

Coordinators Peter Large and Terry Culbert are extremely excited about the tour and feel confident that it will be a great success.

A five-dollar passport detailing artists and locations will be on sale at the Victoria Hall Tea Room as well as The Weasel & Easel. All the proceeds are going towards the good of the Island.



Drumgoole's Gate

Shirley Miller



Summer at the Wool Shed

Peter Large SCA

MORE STONE FENCES

- Leslie Gavlas

The plans of the Women's Institute for the repair of the stone fence at the Pentland Cemetery are progressing well. We have been awarded a generous grant from the Community Foundation of Greater Kingston toward the financing of the project. The Committee, chaired by Joyce Haines, met on May 8 with Bill Hedges, a former resident and a qualified stone mason, who will oversee the work, and hopefully train a core of volunteers who will, hopefully, be interested afterwards in repairing and maintaining other of the Island's stone fences. These are a valuable and unique heritage of Amherst Island and worthy of appreciation. The work should be underway as you read this.

Some notes on the history of the Pentland (Pendleton) Cemetery.

It is located on Lot 16, North Shore Concession. It was opened in 1831 for the interment of Samuel Pentland. The original cemetery contained a half acre and was taken equally from the old Pentland farm lying to the west, known

in those days as "Towerine Farm", and the adjoining farm to the east. Later it was enlarged to 1 acre. It was enclosed on 3 sides by stone fences built by John Crowe. (This material comes from The Women's Institute's Tweedsmuir History.)

Today the fence on

the west side stands and a small segment on the S.E. corner, both in desper-



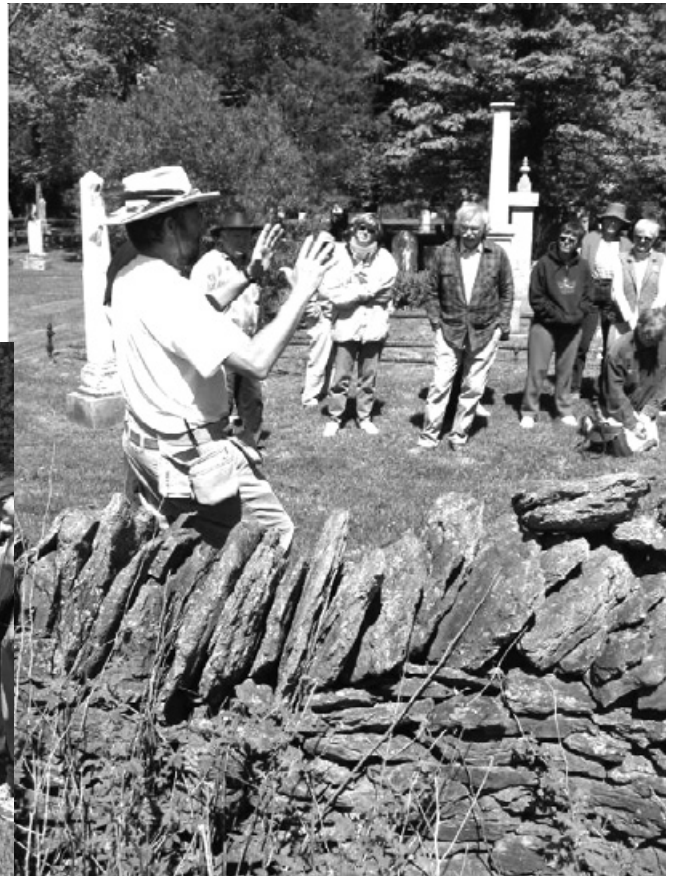
Members of the community learn about stone fences

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Bill Hedges and another willing volunteer.

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Stone Mason Bill Hedges and his group of willing students/volunteers

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ate need of our proposed repairs.

A study of the tombstones in the cemetery opens a small window on Amherst Island history. The largest, and most imposing, is that of Daniel Fowler, the celebrated artist. His family plot is surrounded by a low fence. A recent interment (2001) was made in this plot with the ashes of Anita Fowler, the wife of Jim Fowler who is buried there with their daughter, Marie.

In 1980, Helen Bulch, working for the Kingston Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society made a survey of the grave stones. There are names of pioneer Island families no longer



Stone being sorted for fences

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Stone in Pentland Cemetery

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here: Hill, Andrew, his wife Jane, Margaret and William; Hamilton, Joseph and his wife Frances; McQuoid, Susan Harper, wife of William McQuoid.

There is pathos in the stones for the children - Polly, Mary Jane aged 5 years, 5 months, 24 days; Tait, David, aged 11 months and 2 days; Fleming, Jane, aged 9 days, and David, aged 2 months and 10 days.

I also find it sad to read of people like Dempster, James, died April 15, 1885, aged 80 years, a native of County Down, Ireland. He had a good life on Amherst Island, but, sadly, was buried far from his na-

tive land.

Outside the cemetery lies a stone inscribed to Mrs. L. S. Neilson. She was interred in Pentland Cemetery, and the gravestone was discarded when she was later removed to the Neilson plot in Glenwood Cemetery to lie near her husband. her name was re-inscribed on the stone there.

I always find it interesting to visit old cemeteries and learn of the people who lie there. Many early deaths of children, and adults, throw light on the hazards of life in earlier years.

Do visit the Pentland Cemetery, and see the work that is going on there. The Cemetery Committee is also working on a cleanup this year, and all should soon reflect the Island's respect for its dead.



PENTLAND CEMETERY

- Judith Harrower

During the month of June “dousing” or “witching” will commence in Pentland Cemetery by two gentlemen. They would appreciate volunteers to help them to mark the grave sites with coloured flags and spray paint. If you are interested in learning about this ancient method of locating what is under the ground, be it water, bodies, or relocating of pipes please call Judith Harrower at 384-0435 usually in the evenings.

Partial dousing was completed in May and it was learned that there are seventeen bodies buried outside the actual Pentland enclosure, who were non-Christians due to the way in which they were buried, north/south, rather than east/west. Apparently these are native Canadians who died of diphtheria in the 1800s and were buried near but not in the actual cemetery.

The walls were confirmed as being built by John Crowe but the front (south) boundary has been moved twice. The first enclosure was just wood fencing, replaced by the stone fence which was moved about 15 feet closer to the road and then again when the cemetery was enlarged removing the stone front fence and using the four cement pillars and wire fencing.

About 165 to 168 persons are buried in the cemetery and as you walk into Pentland about halfway between the road and the cedar trees there is what appears to be just a flat surface rock, which in fact is a surveyor's stone where the tripod would have been placed.

There are indications that not all head-



Stone at Pentland Cemetery

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stones represent what actually happened to the individual !

The “dousing” or “witching” will probably take about 2 hours and due to financial constraints this year, will not be completed in 2004.

PENTLAND AND GLENWOOD CEMETERIES

- Judith Harrower

As many of you are aware, restoration of both cemeteries is commencing in 2004, with work being done in both areas. The Amherst Island Sub-Committee of the Loyalist Township Cemetery Committee has taken over six hours to walk both and make extensive notes for repairs

to head stones, monuments and general maintenance. The committee intends to work on restoring Pentland, requiring the most restoration of stones, but also to work on completing ‘preventive’ measures in Glenwood. There are many headstones that require attention that is minor in comparison to the headstones in Pentland, which repaired now would reduce higher costs in the future. This ‘preventive work’ includes resetting some headstones back in alignment with the bases/foundations, raising foot/corner stones level with the ground, repairing small fissures in the bases/foundations, and the cleaning of the headstones.

Pentland cemetery will require far more extensive repairs as many headstones are broken in two or three places, no bases/foundations, or known location of the actual grave.

In both cemeteries over the years relatives have planted bushes/trees next to the headstones, which now have obscured, hidden or affected the headstones. Many of these

once small bushes now have to be taken out as they are tilting or have pushed the headstones over, therefore we are asking relatives who wish to donate ‘living monuments’ to consult with Bruce Caughey, Superintendent, where these could be placed. The committee has noted that new trees will need to be planted to maintain general appearance of the two cemeteries.

As the Amherst Island Cemetery Committee consists of four persons, we would appreciate volunteers to come out and commence on the work. This work would not involve moving any headstone but the cleaning of headstones, the levelling of corner/foot stones and spreading soil in depressions or around the

bases of headstones.

If you could spend a couple of hours each week or month, then by summer's end the maintenance in Glenwood in particular would be well on the way to completion. Pentland requires first of all complete clearing of debris and encroaching bushes cleared to expose hidden headstones. The stone fences on three sides need repair. Help is also needed in the gentle cleaning of headstones, corner/foot stones have to be exposed and levelled, and headstones unearthed and placed upright, ready for new bases and foundations.

During our walk of Pentland, a headstone was unearthed, with five children's names on it who died in the same time period. Curiosity as to why they died was peaked and after inquiring at a community function, it was learned that diphtheria had killed them, their family home burned to eradicate the disease and that the remaining family members were temporarily housed in the barns located on the Second Concession. This illustrates why historically, cemeteries are important to a community.

The Island Cemetery Committee is commencing on having several monument estimates completed and as these are approved then we will inform relatives of the projected costs and work to be completed. Therefore we would greatly appreciate living family members to financially assist the Committee in the restoration/repairing of their family graves sites. The 'preventive work' costs are expected to be kept to a minimum and within families' and the cemetery's budgets.

Please offer to assist the Amherst Island Cemetery Committee with maintaining and restoring our two cemeteries by calling one of the members:

Bruce Caughey - 389-2012

Duncan Ashley- 634-1535

Doris Wemp- 386-3501

Judith Harrower- 384-0435



Sawhet Owl, Amherst Island, (from) photo by Peggy Coulter.

Peter Large, SCA

AMHERST ISLANDER WINS JUNO

- Terrence Patrick Culbert

Living on Amherst Island is one of Canada's most sought after award winning cellists. Bryan Epperson is principal cellist of the Canadian Opera Company and last April in Edmonton, Alberta, he was the recipient of a JUNO (Canada's Music Awards), for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation compact disc 'AZULAO'. The CD features Armenian/Canadian superstar soprano Isabel Bayrakdarian, pianist James Parker and Bryan conducting the Front Street Cello Ensemble. The recording was made in Toronto at the CBC's Glenn Gould Studio on Front Street. "The ensemble was made up of eight of Canada's finest cellists," said Bryan. "Isabel called them her dream team and wished they could travel with her full-time." Unfortunately Bryan and Isabel were not able to accept their Junos in Edmonton because Bryan was performing Wagner's 'Die Walkure' in Toronto and Isabel was in concert at the Roy Thompson Hall with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra. "We are both to receive our Juno statues in a month or so," Bryan told me, "and perhaps I could put mine on display at the Neilson Store Museum."

Born in 1950 in Salt Lake City, Utah, Bryan knew that chamber music would be his vocation as early as twelve. At the age of sixteen, he was accepted at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia. He was one of only 125 students chosen each year at the school which is regarded as the platinum standard of music in the United States. Upon graduation, he studied under Leonard Rose, Andre Navarra and George Neikrug. Later he would serve as an assistant to Antonio Janigro at the Salzburg Mozarteum.

Epperson has made debuts in Milan, Venice, Siena and Florence and has received regular invitations to perform throughout Europe and North America. He's collaborated with legendary musicians David and Igor Oistrakh, Christian Ferras and Tibor Varga. Bryan is a found-



JUNO Award winning cellist Bryan Epperson- Photo by Winona Zelenka

ing member of the string trio Triskelion and has recorded on the Naxos and CBC Records. He's heard on National Public Radio in the United States, the BBC in Britain and at home on CBC Radio. Each summer, between the months of July and September, Bryan Epperson becomes the principal cellist with the Santa Fe Opera.

Bryan's wife Charlotte Sheng is a classical music producer for another Amherst Islander. She travels across Canada as a producer on Eric Friesen's long running CBC Radio Two program 'In Performance.' Charlotte and Bryan discovered Amherst Island in 2000, while visiting Eric and Susan Friesen at their home on Front Road. Sheng and Epperson fell in love with the Gem of Lake Ontario and within a year had purchased a home of their own on Front Road, making Amherst Island their permanent residence.

WATERSIDE SUMMER SERIES 2004

Another Summer of Music on Amherst Island

Once again, the organizing committee of the Waterside SUMMER SERIES has put

together a series of five concerts with a wide variety of music with some world class performers!

At St. Paul's.

All times: 7.30 pm

July 8, Thursday, Arkady Yanivker, violin and Olga Tcherniak, piano... \$15.

Arkady was last heard at Waterside 1995 with a program of Gypsy music
July 22, Thursday, Gloria Saarinen, Piano and Mark DuBois, Tenor... \$25.

Gloria and Mark have previously performed together internationally. Gloria performed at WSS last summer and so loved our Island that she convinced Mark to join her at our Celebrity concert that is sure to sell out.

August 8, Sunday, Japan's Kobe YMCA Bell Choir... \$15.

Janet Grace heard that these unique performers were looking for a break in their world tour, and she knew that Amherst Island was just right-for them and for us.
August 14, Saturday, The Abrams Family + Clarendon Station... \$15.

Andrea and Bruce heard this group from Snow Road Station (that's about 80 km north of here) and loved their unique Bluegrass Gospel sound. So will you.

At St. Alban's (final arrangements not yet confirmed with the church).

Tickets go on sale June 1st, and can be purchased by telephoning the WSS ticket line at (613) 384-2153. Tickets must be paid for before orders can be confirmed. They can be ordered singly or for the entire season.

Last year there were two sold out performances, the Anton Kuerti/Kristine Bogoyo piano and cello concert in July and the Night Sun concert in August. We hope that, as last year, Islanders will take advantage of the early notice in the Beacon to buy their tickets promptly for themselves and their guests from away

From a LETTER to the BEACON

- Jane (and Glenn) Miller

I thoroughly enjoy every issue, cover-to-cover. The picture of Diane's house on the back page is just beautiful. . . . I especially enjoy Zander Dunn's interviews - important facts and memories being preserved.

Hello to all.

THANK YOU NOTES

I would like to thank everyone who sent cards, flowers and plants after my surgery and recent passing of my Mother. These meant an awful lot to Bob and I. We would also like to say a special thanks to Joyce and Leslie who provided Bob and I with "meals on wheels" and Peter who delivered them. Also, thanks for the lovely lunch that was provided after Mum's service.

We are blessed to have such good friends and neighbours.

Thank you again everyone..

Ann and Bob Turner.

THANK YOU FOR THE DINNERS

The month of May was filled with community dinners. May 1st was the Recreation Committee's annual Fish Fry and Dance, which was very well attended. As always excellent fish and plenty to eat.

The next on May 8th was St. Paul's Presbyterian Women's Ham Dinner

and another delightful dinner, plenty to eat and a wide variety of selections.

The next on May 15th was the Pot Luck dinner for Diane and Michelle with an auction of homemade desserts hosted by Bruce Caughey as auctioneer. Mr. Caughey cajoled bidders into honouring not only the Island bakers but Diane and Michele. Quite an experience in raising funds. Numerous donated items were raffled off and one of the most amusing was the winner of Tom DeHaan's free grass cutting, Ralph Woods. As most of us know Ralph's property, is not pint size.

The Fire Department and Emergency Response members did a great job on organizing the dinner for Diane and Michelle, both of whom were very moved by the community support displayed since their disaster. It is noted that the Redekopps often bid against each other, left hand not knowing what the right is doing?

Thank you to these organizations who tirelessly provide the community with annual dinners which attracts so many and raise funds for a variety of Island interests. Personally I enjoy them not only for the company, socializing, and supporting the groups but also I get a break from having to plan and cook dinners.

Thank you to so many.

Judith Harrower

Mark your calendar!!! St. Pauls Presbyterian Church Garden Party

July 31st 11am - 3pm. Donations for auction or flea market table gratefully accepted anytime. Phone 384-5027 or drop off on the Whitton's front porch

How Sweet it Was!

Thank you, thank you, thank you - to everyone who participated in any way towards the Community Pot-luck in our support.

The special effort and generosity of Tom and Rosemary, Bernice and Neil and their team of organizers, and of everyone who brought and bought desserts, prizes and tickets are truly appreciated. And thanks to Bruce who made sure that the true value of each dessert was recognized!

The trees and shrubs that we intend to buy with your gifts will be a constant re-



Diane and Michele at the Community Potluck dinner JH

minder of the generosity of this wonderful community. We are so grateful for your on-going support and encouragement. Thanks again.

Diane and Michele

Jeannie and I would like to thank our friends and neighbours on the Island for cards, visits and prayers following the loss of my son, Danny.

Guido Visitin



NOTICES

FOR SALE

Amherst Island T-Shirts and Sweatshirts are available for sale from Beth Forester 389-5582 or Nancy Henshaw 384-0799.

The Fire Department is advertising for a vehicle we could wreck, for training purposes. I will arrange to have it brought to the Fire Hall, maybe towed behind a tractor, and removed from the Amherst Island Station once it has been used. If we could find one on the Island it would be great as it is quite expensive to have a vehicle brought over and then picked up.

Fred Stephenson, Training Officer, Loyalist Township Emergency Services. Phone 613-386-3762

E Mail- training@loyalistfire.ca

Amherst Island Men's Society (AIMS) is a volunteer group of men dedicated to fostering and preserving the unique culture and community of The Jewel of the Lakes. From large projects to small ones, from casual get-togethers to large social meetings, AIMS has been involved in a number of things the last few years. Big projects include the New Year's Eve dinner dance, the house tour of Island residences, to renovating the Neilson store as an Island Museum. Many other projects have brought Island residents together in a number of ways large and small. AIMS tries to support and assist other Island organizations as well as being of assistance to the Amherst Island Public School in different ways.

AIMS meets the second Saturday morning of every month for a breakfast meeting that almost always includes an interesting speaker from among its members.

Any Island men who are interested in seeing what AIMS is about should feel free

to come along to any Saturday meeting at St. Paul's Presbyterian church at 8:00 am. AIMS is absolutely open and inclusive and welcomes any and all prospective new members. Questions may be directed to Zander Dunn (634 0465) or Alan Kidd (389 4334)

REMINDER:

The Women's Institute's sound system and projector are available for your use. For information contact Freda Youell (384-4135) well in advance to avoid disappointment.

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The Morrow and Glenn Families: R-L: Ralph Motrrow, Annie (Glenn), Glenna, Wilma (baby), Charlotte Glenn, Sam Morrow, Willie Glenn, Wilfred Morrow, an American visitor (name unknown) John Morrow, Carleton.

photo from Ralph Morrow

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ROBERT LEVERTY of the Ontario Historical Society will present a talk on "Ontario Cemeteries Struggle for Public Interest".

Thursday - June 17th at 7:00 pm

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Hall.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend to learn more about the cemeteries and the preservation of these historical records. Mr. Leverty is the Chairman of Programs and Preservation with the Ontario Historical Society. It is anticipated that Mr. Leverty will walk both Pentland and Glenwood earlier in the day and will relate his topic to both Island cemeteries. Refreshments will be served.

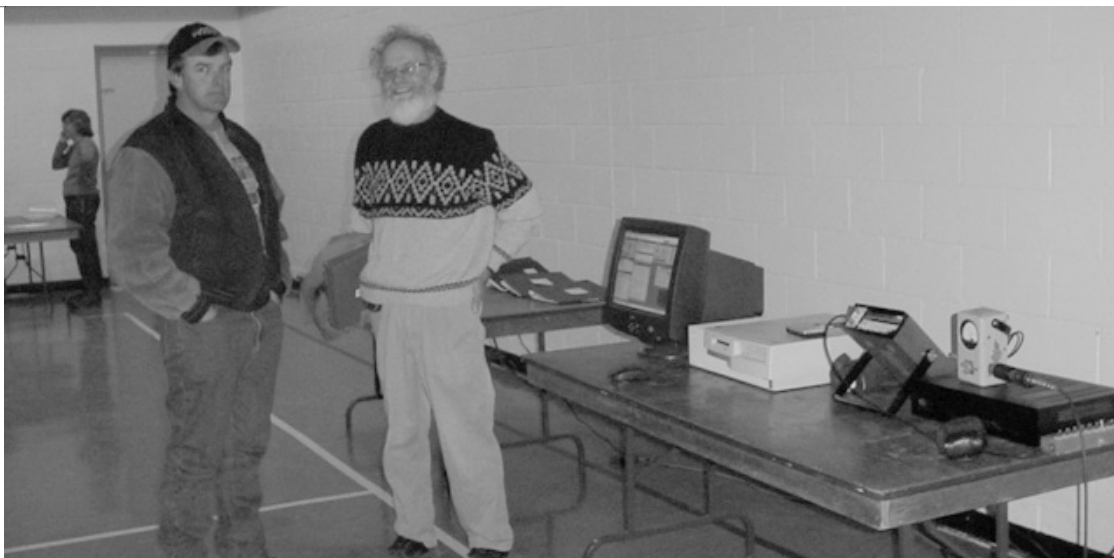
"2004 AMHERST ISLAND HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTION INFORMATION"

are now on sale at the Amherst Island General Store, the Weasel and Easel, The Victoria Hall Tea Room and various B&Bs on the Island with several locations on the mainland.

New information has been added this year but it still does not include all the interesting spots or folklore of the Island.

The price is still \$2.00 which goes towards the restoration of Pentland Cemetery.

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Wayne Fleming and Ian Murray stand in front of an equipment display at the formative meeting of Amherst Island Radio Inc. in April 2004.

AMHERST ISLAND RADIO: THE PROJECT CONTINUES!

The formative meeting of what will soon be known as Amherst Island Radio took place in April and the new Board of Directors elected there has now met three times. The officers of the organization are: Alex Scott, President and CEO; Gary McDonald, VP; Lyn Fleming, Secty; Ida Gavlas, Treas. Other BOD members are: Tom Richmond, membership; Tom Sylvester; Adam Miller.



Paperwork is proceeding and formal submissions to the Township, Navigation Canada, Industry Canada and the Canadian Radio Telecommunications Commission are taking shape. We are indebted to the generous donations of our membership, numbering over 35 people, plus additional and significant assistance from Brian Little, The Amherst Island Beacon, and Terry & Lily Horner, who have all gotten us off to a good start.

We are on a long road- Our application will take eight to fourteen months to process, so if we are very fortunate we will have the approvals and authorisations by late next summer. A lot can happen in a year, and we are counting on training and information gathered by our membership between now and then to make our little community FM broadcast

station a reality. If you would care to join us, please mail a cheque for \$10 per person to: Amherst Island Radio, RRI, Stella, ON, K0H2S0.

AMHERST ISLAND WEBSITE ANNUAL FUNDING APPEAL.

Each May, the "lease" for our internet website comes due. In the past we have seen the community support this service with donations to pay a portion of the website expenses. What you get for your money is a website that works well, provides current information on the community, and, for Island-based organizations and businesses, an inexpensive alternative for website hosting on the www.amherstisland.on.ca domain.

If you find the website useful, or have a business that advertises there, please take a moment to drop \$20 in an envelope to help us "pay the rent" for the upcoming year. If you have a website hosted there, if you could add about \$4 per page hosted to help cover storage space that would be a help. Until donations are received, the payments sit on someone's personal VISA card (not a pleasant experience) so please act now!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH from your website managers, Alex Scott & Tom Richmond.

Please address all mailed donations, cheques, etc, to: Rosemary Richmond, RRI, Stella, ON K0H2S0

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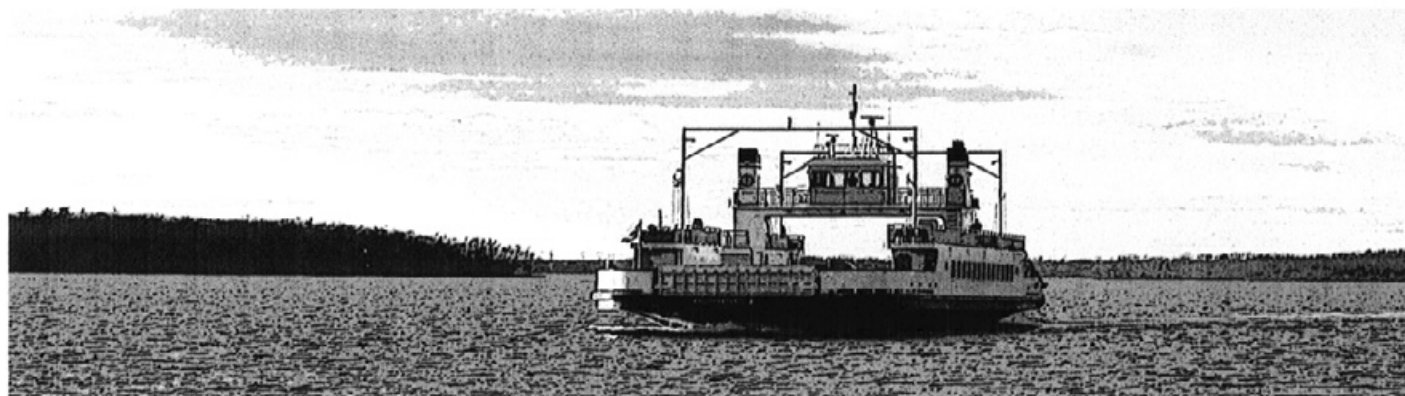
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TC