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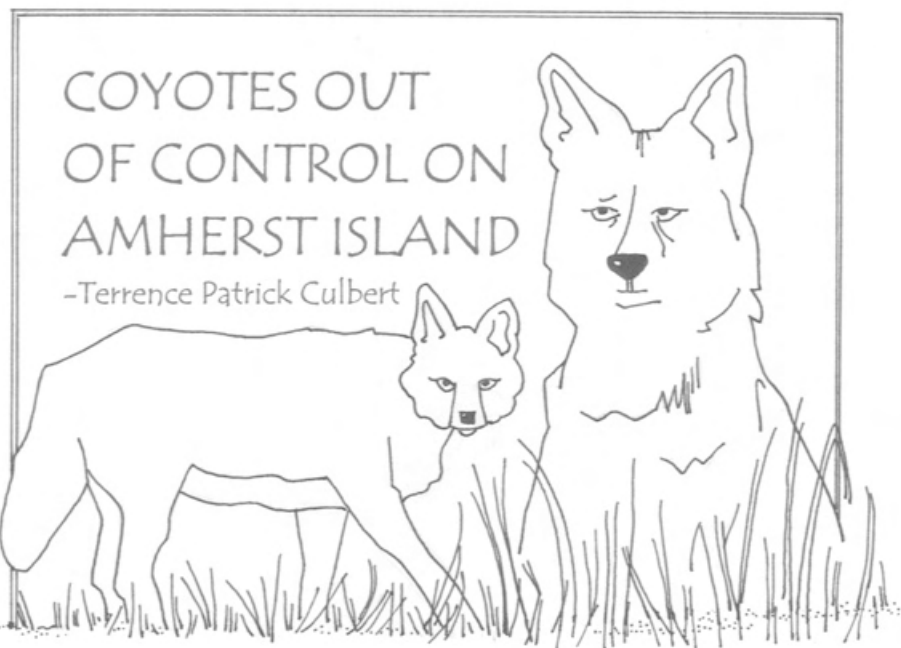
- Ian Murray, editor

Gwen Robertson has informed me that the correct date for the Glenn Family Picnic photo in the October Beacon is 1941 NOT 1942.

The good news is that we are now getting lots of photos for the Beacon. The bad news is that we are no longer able to put in all the photos sent to us (over 60 were submitted this month). Please don't take it personally if a photo doesn't get in.

The Beacon staff are presently considering how to improve the quality of the Beacon without increasing the amount of effort needed to produce it.

As editor, I take responsibility for what does or does not go into the Beacon, so if you have a concern please phone me at 389-3802 or you can e-mail me if you want at "topsifyfarms@on.aibn.com."



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OFFICIAL OPENING OF A.I. NEILSON STORE MUSEUM BUILDING

- Hugh Jenney

Hugh Jenney welcomed an enthusiastic crowd of just under one hundred supporters Saturday, October 9, 2004 to the official opening of the building. The sun was shining as he said, "Bruce Caughey had the idea—Save our Island Artifacts." Our Island children know who they are because they know where they came from. This window into the past is a tribute to the people who came from Ireland, England, Scotland, Holland, and the US to live, work, laugh and die here. New and old Island families

have worked to make what you see today possible.

Peter Trueman developed the organization—Amherst Island Men's Society.

David Brady spent many long hours working on both the Heritage & Trillium Grants. Thanks to help from André Scheinman he was able to obtain a \$60,000 Trillium grant which helped restore our heritage designated building.

Our Board of Directors made it happen. Don Pepper was on hand to document the progress as our site manager. Paul Lauret is our secretary and financial advisor. John Wright is our CFO and retired Alcan chief chemist who developed the old-wood preservative epoxy which will



At the opening of the NSMB: Allan Kidd, MPP Dombrowsky, Hugh Jenney

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Top Row, L-R: Ralph Morrow; Edgar McCaugherty; Gordon Glenn; Hilda McCaugherty; ?; Elaine Glenn; Baby Eva McCaugherty; Marshall Glenn; Myrtle McCaugherty; Thelma Glenn. Bottom Row: Wilma Morrow; Gwen Hill; Glendon McCaugherty; Les Glenn (from Indiana); Milton McCaugherty

MYRTLE ELEANOR McCAUGHERTY CUTHILL

Died peacefully at the Renfrew Victoria Hospital on October 15 in her 82nd year. Beloved wife of Duane Russell Cuthill.

She is survived by her son Christopher and grandchildren Ryan, Stephen and Courtney. Also survived by her siblings Hilda Kirkpatrick and Milton McCaugherty.

Predeceased by her parents, Harold McCaugherty and Agnes Jane Glenn, and her siblings, Elmer, Edgar, Glendon, and Eva.



Leona Dombrowsky, Minister of the Environment and MPP for Hastings-Frontenac-Lennox & Addington, officially opened the Neilson Store Museum and Weasel & Easel on Saturday, October 9th.

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keep our building safe for many years to come. Bruce Burnett and his Exhibit Committee developed these displays. Alan Kidd organized the Grand Opening. Alan Glenn and Keith Miller worked on the renovations as did many volunteers such as Doug Martin who also supplied the washroom flooring. Ross Haines did all the signage. Eleanor Trueman is our liaison with the Weasel & Easel."

Mr. Jenney's recognition remarks were followed by a sustained round of applause. (I told you the crowd was enthusiastic!)

Alan Kidd introduced Leona Dombrowsky, MPP who unveiled the Trillium plaque. She said that the Ontario Trillium Foundation receives about one hundred million dollars per year from lotteries and gaming and she was pleased that we received our grant.

Barbara Snyder representing the Ontario Trillium Foundation (she is also on the Loyalist Heritage Committee) said we had certainly come a long way since her first meeting at the Victoria Hall years ago. Ms. Snyder advised us that our county



Eleanor Trueman and Helen Miller at the NS opening TC

receives about \$300,000 from the OTF and she encouraged us to ask for more money for the exhibits.

Eleanor Trueman brought greetings and thanks for all our help with developing the new and improved Weasel & Easel.



The wheel from the pilot house (or bridge) rests against a display case filled with memorabilia from the Amherst Islander. TC

Duncan Ashley concluded the formal presentation by thanking Diane Pearce for advising our Loyalist Council of the opportunity to purchase the building and dock for such a reasonable price. He praised Reeve Paul Gilmore who convinced the Loyalist Council to spend the \$130,000 for the old store and dock. He went on to say how pleased he was that the MV Amherst Islander's wheel, bell and logs have found a home with us. He finished his remarks by saying how humbled he is when a community of volunteers comes together to produce such a beautiful working symbol of our Amherst Island Community.

We then went into the museum to enjoy refreshments supplied by the Neilson Store Museum and Cultural Centre Inc. women.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who made this day such a success

NEIGHBOURHOOD

- Lyn Fleming

Condolences to Gary McDonald and family following the recent passing of his father in England.

Jean Tugwell went to British Columbia with her sister Marjorie to visit their brother, Neilson and family. Jean says they saw lots of family, spending Thanksgiving with nieces and a nephew and their children, as well as taking some day trips to see some of the province. Following the trip west, Marjorie returned to the Island for a few days to visit other family here.

Elsie Willard went to Greece on a tour with her cousin and visited several other countries during a 5 day cruise of the Mediterranean Sea. Elsie said she found Istanbul especially interesting and enjoyed the warm weather.

You never know who you are going to run into when you are out walking.

If you have more information on any of the older photographs appearing in this or any other issue of the Beacon, please write or phone us at our Global Headquarters.

**Ian's number is (613) 389-3802
Tom is at (613) 634-1855**

*-Who is in the photo?
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-What was the occasion?*

Thank you! Your assistance is greatly appreciated!

Recently, when I was walking on the south shore, Maurice Filson and his wife Shirley, from Woodrow, Saskatchewan, stopped for a chat. Maurice and Shirley spent a few days on the Island catching up with relatives.

Congratulations to Don and Sherry Miller on the birth of their first child, a son, Donald Samuel, on October 28th. Donald is a first grandchild for Brian and Marie Ward and for Don and Judy Miller. Another great-grandson for Helen Miller.

I can tell, by the way you're pushing crumbs around the table, you're not listening to me...

And you say, that you have come as far as you are able, but you're not far from the tree...

In your dreams, all your passion is like liquid fire. You trail your fingers, find the spark, and you see your face reflected in the silver spirals, but then it burns down in the dark.

And all the things you ever tried to tell me, somehow don't apply to you. You're the one evading hope, side-stepping every inkling that the good guy, the early bird, the one who tries, the one who tries again, wins.

And you say, you're ok, but you live your life like it's over.

Jonatha Brooke - "Crumbs"

More than 40 people gathered at the Lodge on October 23rd for an intimate performance by Angela Nussey. Angela is a songwriter/composer, who performed selections from both of her albums in a style described by critics as "folk/rock". Her sense of humour and talented accompaniment on both the keyboard and guitar made for an entertaining evening for all.



Angie Nussey performing live at The Lodge on October 23. TR

On October 28th, upwards of 50 people attended St. Paul's Church to hear John Schram speak about what it was like being the Canadian Ambassador to Zimbabwe (as well as several other African countries over the years). John put a "human touch" on events and people previously read or heard about in news stories, making the stories entertaining as well as interesting. His love of Africa was evident.

The annual Halloween Masquerade was a great hit with the Community again this year, with ghosts and goblins of all ages attending. While the parading of costumes and prizes are always popular, it's always fun to see if you guessed right when it is time to unmask!

Well we have survived the first few weeks with the Qunte Loyalist. It is nice to see a proper passenger compartment as well. Originally we were to have it for about 6 weeks. Once it was here however, the rumours have it that it could be here for 8 to 10 weeks! I guess all we can do is cross our fingers and hope all goes well!

The last week of October, I was driv-

ing out past Lance Eves, when an animal ran across the road in front of me. I wasn't quite sure what I was actually looking at, while it had features of a weasel or an otter, it wasn't either. It wasn't until I was past it that I realized it must have been a Fisher. After checking some books and the internet I realized that's exactly what it was. It

was larger, faster and more sinister looking than I expected!"



Amherst Island Public School

-Lyn Fleming

This has been another busy month for A.I.P.S. staff and students.

Students in grades 3 to 8 took part in the area Cross Country meet and Melinda Laing qualified for the district meet at Richardson Stadium, where she represented us well.

The senior students are now spending lunch hours learning and practising volleyball skills in preparation for the upcoming Volleyball Tournament.

Primary students travelled to Bath P.S. to see a presentation on school bus safety rules. On November 1st they walked to the Fire Hall to learn about Fire Safety and see the fire trucks and equipment.

Staff held a surprise luncheon/baby shower for Senior Class teacher,

Jennifer VanDyke, while later that day the Senior Class hosted another surprise shower for the students - past and present - for Mrs. VanDyke.

We wish Mrs VanDyke well while she is off for the next year, enjoying her time with her first baby, but will miss her enthusiastic spirit both in the classroom and during sporting events.

Mrs. VanDyke's replacement brings a unique change to staffing at A.I.P.S. For the first time, both full-time classroom teachers will be men as well as our Vice-Principal! Scott Weaver is a Kingston native and has 4 children of his own in the Limestone School Board system. This is his second career and we look forward to all he will bring with him from former career experiences as well as his parenting experiences!

Welcome Mr. Weaver!

An hour was set aside at the end of the day recently to welcome back Margo Virtue. Margo came back to visit & say a "proper goodbye" to the students (and parents) she had grown so attached to over the last 5 years.

During the month of November, students will be preparing for the Christmas Festivities and the Jingle Bell Run, all the while keeping up with their school work !

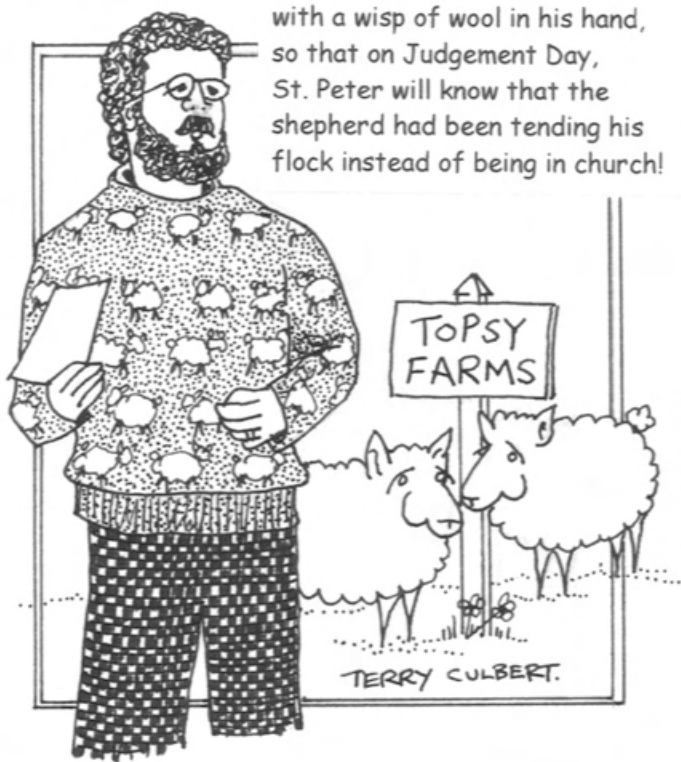


WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

- Freda Youell

At our October 20th meeting held at St. Paul's Church Hall, Chris Kennedy our guest speaker talked to thirteen members and fourteen guests about the history of sheep. A captive audience listened to Chris whose knowledge of the breeds, habitats, etc. and use of wool and hides (accompanied by samples) was an eye-

Every shepherd in the UK is buried with a wisp of wool in his hand, so that on Judgement Day, St. Peter will know that the shepherd had been tending his flock instead of being in church!



opener and I am sure we will all look at sheep a little differently from now on. His talk ended all too soon - we could have listened longer, but we had to move on to a tasty lunch provided by our Hostesses Anna Hitchins, Marion Glenn and Mary Kay Steel.

Two guests stayed for our regular meeting and, although unable to attend this time, Stella O'Byrne has joined. Welcome Stella. Our membership is now twenty-three and the interest and enthusiasm displayed by our new members is a sign that we are on the right track.

At the business meeting the usual reports and updates on ongoing projects took up most of the time.

The 2005 Calendar Launch to be held at The Lodge at Stella Point will be on November 13th from 4pm until 7pm. This will be an opportunity to get your copy plus order some for your friends (great Christmas presents). You will also see a lot of our Island artists' work and submis-

sions and realize what an unenviable task the committee members have with only a limited number of the talent entered being used.

December 5th is the date for the Senior's Christmas Dinner and plans are well underway with the invitations going out soon. If you are eligible (65 and over) and do not receive your invitation please call Kirsten at 389-0636 or Claire at 384-7830. We especially need our new neighbours to let us know if we

have missed you so please - give us a call. We would also like to know how many to cater for so we would ask that you all kindly let us know if you will or will not be attending. Your invitation will give you the numbers to call and we would really appreciate your letting us know.

As the holiday season is fast approaching, we would like to extend our best wishes to you all. May you enjoy a happy Christmas and have a healthy and prosperous New Year.

The next meeting is on November 17th at 7pm at the home of Claire Jenney. Jackie Sylvester will be presenting the program "Christmas Wreath Decorating". Visitors are welcome and we hope to see you there.



JANET'S JOTTINGS: "A Day of Thanksgiving or a Year of Thanksliving"

- Janet Scott



On the Thanksgiving weekend I spotted the above quote on a sign on a church in St. Catharines. Think about it a moment. We should be living a year of Thanksliving. Our country is a peaceful nation. No other continent is as blessed as ours. Our provinces are bickering over transfer payments like kids at the table fighting over the cupcakes but we have food and a table and money to bicker about. Our people are not constantly under threat of genocide nor do we live in a drought zone. Our country has been given access to one fifth of the world's fresh water. Try some Thanksliving. If that message wasn't enough that week-end, didn't the priest in the church that I attended on Sunday make this comment: "Everyday you receive a new masterpiece".

As soon as he said it I thought there is this month's Beacon subject. He was talking about attitude and how when we open our curtains each morning do we look out and expect to be grumpy or do we look at the weather and see it as a painting by the master. Never are two the same. This past month, actually all Fall, has been one spectacular day after another. The sunrises are fantastic. We all know the warning about red skies in the morning but those early morning mists have created unbelievable displays of earth's beauty. A masterpiece! As I drive the roads north to Enterprise the trees have turned to brilliant reds, scarlets, burgundies, oranges and yellows with just enough deep greens to make the picture another masterpiece.

There have been nights when the stars are so bright they appear to jump out from the blackness behind them.



Carolyn Richardson, formerly of the Third Concession & Stella Point, dropped in to see Adam and Barb Miller in November while back visiting the area. There she was photographed with a Jersey Cow, named in her honour.

Rosemary Richmond, photo

And if having the morning planets wasn't enough didn't we end this month with a lunar eclipse on a night that it didn't even rain! Nature and Canada's beauty would not be possible without those gentle rains from heaven. Our quality of mercy is not strained. We receive it by the bucketful. Now some thought that recent all day rain that flooded our basements and dripped through our ceilings was not a blessing but hey we still had houses when the storm passed.

On the down side here on the Island the vole population has crashed. Now some of you gardeners are jumping for joy and anyone who planted shrubs this year may have a reprieve but they will come back! The vole is the basis of the Island food chain. The hawks and owls are on the move but they won't winter here if we don't have voles. You may already have noticed that even our local Kestrels are way down in numbers. Ralph

and Beulah Woods found a dead one in a nest in their barn. Not a good sign. Saw-whet Owls have been reported in the Owl Woods but only one or two and they'll keep moving until they find a food supply. The foxes are being seen more often along the roadsides which indicates their favourite dish of Vole à la King is not available. The coyotes like voles as well so guard your sheep.

For Nature on Amherst Island this could be a hungry year. On the positive side fruits and berries seem to be prevalent and we have one amazing crop of flies. The Yellow-rumped warblers, Phoebes and Red-breasted Nuthatches are stuffing themselves with the insects around windows and porches. Juncos and Sparrows are moving through.

Bev Harris reports American Wigeon around their end of the Island. Wigeons are a smaller duck than a Mallard but display a white stripe on the top of their heads when they turn towards you. Their old name was Bald

Pate because of this white stripe. Once in a long while we get a Eurasian Wigeon in this area which displays a rusty head with buff coloured stripe. Margaret Maloney and Peter Large reported Dowitchers along their shore and Hudsonian Godwits were seen on Wolfe Island. Alex Scott Jr. reported swans at the dock, three adults and an immature. Rachel, Rebecca and I are still pleased to report that the Chickadees in the Owl Woods like to be fed. Each of us birds in our own way.

The latest Bird Studies News reports that North American birds are down by 30% due to changes in habitat and that Birders create over 800,00 jobs in America so that perhaps on an economic level suitable habitat will be preserved.

Don't forget to fill your birdfeeder ! If you want to see birds close to your house and learn something about behaviour then set up a feeding station and enjoy.

Good Birding

COUNCIL GLEANINGS

- Ian Murray

Time sure passes. Receiving their long term service awards at the Sept. 27 meeting were: Diane Pearce, 30 years; Kim Ashely, 15 years; Wayne Calver, 15 years; and, Helen Trotter, 10 years.

Moved by Councillor Ashley that: the Ferry Office be "located at the Roads Garage but subject to successful negotiations of a lease agreement with the Limestone Board of Education for the provision of library services at the Amherst Island Public School"; and the current Ferry Office/Library be sold and the money used towards the new construction. Motion carried.

Council has given AIMS permission "to construct and maintain two horse shoe pitches at Amherst Island Cen-

ennial Park.”

Moved by Councillor Ashley “that the CAO send a letter to Kathy Moore, MTO, to insist on a separate crew area for the temporary ferry.” Motion carried.

“Councillor Hudacin noted that Margaret Stevenson, the spouse of former Reeve of Bath, Doug Stevenson, passed away.” The Stevensons have had a summer residence on Amherst Island for many years.

AIMS MEETING, OCTOBER 2004

- Terry Culbert/ Recording Secretary

Twenty AIMS members and two guests attended the 8am breakfast at St. Paul's Church Hall. Chairman Allan Kidd brought the meeting to order at 8:35, thanking Janet Scott and her Girl Guides for a fabulous breakfast. September minutes prepared by John Kuti were approved. Business Arising From the Minutes:

John Wright talked of the need for a new community notice board. It would be maintained by AIMS and located on an exterior wall of the Amherst Island General Store. Ralph Woods moved to have such board constructed for under \$200 and to be completed by the spring of 2005. Seconded by Dayle Gowan. Volunteers to put the board together and in place will consist of: Don Pepper, John Wright, Allan Glenn and Dayle Gowan. Membership vote carried.

Committee Reports:

The AIMS bank account is in good order according to Treasurer Jim Whitton. Committees had one request for transportation, three requests for assistance and no request

for home care. The Neilson Store Museum and Weasel & Easel had its grand opening on Saturday, October 9th. The event was very successful. A special thanks to Bruce Burnett and his Museum Committee for all their hard work. Reports were all carried.

New Business:

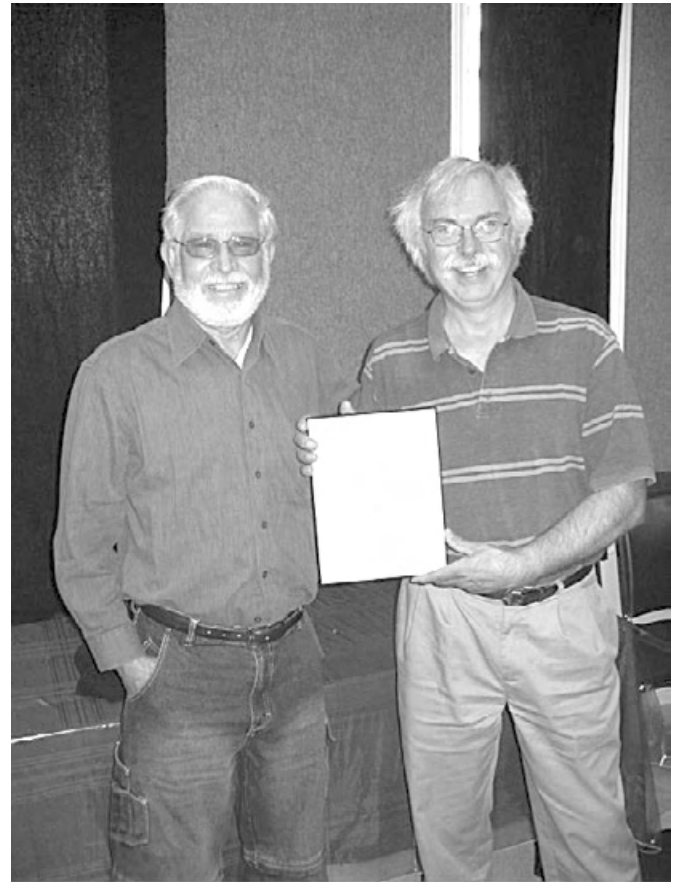
A one time donation of \$100 to be made to the Amherst Island Public School's 'Garden Fund' to help beautify the exterior of the school building. Moved by Peter Trueman, seconded by Dayle Gowan; motion carried.

The Back Kitchen is for sale. The property and restaurant business was brought up for discussion. After some pros and cons, it was put to rest.

The community ice rink discussion was reopened. Presently, the rink is in bad shape and not worth repairing. A new rink would be extremely expensive. John Kuti will contact Fort Henry inquiring about the use of an old rubberized ice pad they no longer use.

John Munroe suggested that the quality of items on the AIMS Farmers Market Wagon be improved for the spring of 2005. Brian Grace would like to see items that don't sell within a few weeks placed on a separate table, so people can take them for free.

Frontenac Heritage Foundation Renovation and Restoration Award 2004 was presented to the Neilson



Don Pepper, on the left, presents AIMS Chairman Allan Kidd with a plaque that Don and other Neilson Store Museum Project Committee members received a few weeks ago from the Frontenac Heritage Foundation in Kingston. The Renovation and Restoration Award 2004 will hang on an interior wall of the Museum.

TC

Store Museum Project Committee a few weeks ago in Kingston. Don Pepper then presented the plaque to AIMS Chairman Allan Kidd. It will hang on an interior wall at the Museum. Brian Little read a narrative to go along with a visual presentation prepared by the Frontenac Heritage Foundation. It was noted that the Foundation had given an honour outside Frontenac County for the first time in their thirty years of protecting heritage buildings.

Ralph Woods thanked AIMS for the excellent dinner-party held for the members and their significant others at the Lodge in September. John Kuti was thanked for preparing the excellent meal.



Samit Sharma, P.Eng., MBA, Director-Projects for GAIA POWER INC speaking at AIMS in October TC

Guest Speaker:

Samit Sharma, P.Eng., MBA, Director-Projects for GAIPOWERINC spoke to the group about his company's plans for harvesting wind power on Amherst Island. The name GAIA was derived from the mythological Greek earth goddess. He made a power point presentation about GAIA POWER INC. and showed a video of a massive wind farm in Western United States. The Kingston-based company has current projects on Wolfe Island and in Moosomin, Saskatchewan. They are not only developers of renewable energy, but consult for the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. They also have projects in Cuba and Sri Lanka. Amherst Island is still in the planning stages. If their studies go well and approval has been met, construction could begin as early as July 2005. The finished turbines would be up and running in January-February 2006. The Amherst Island ferry would not be used, as GAIA POWER INC would build their own dock enabling the huge tower

sections to be shipped by barge. Mr. Sharma claims a windmill can be located on as small as a one-acre plot of land.

Chairman Allan Kidd thanked the speaker and declared the meeting over. Next AIMS breakfast meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 13th.

ITALIAN CAMPAIGN REMEMBERED

- Leslie Gavlas

The Whig Standard reporting of the 'D-Day Dodgers' brought memories of the book by the same name by Alex and Ted Barris; and also of those soldiers of Amherst Island who served in the Italian Campaign. The ironic name, 'D-Day Dodgers', was given to the troops fighting in Italy, who thereby dodged the D-Day landings in France. (They also served to tie down a large number of German troops, thereby helping the allies as they made their landings.)

The campaign in Italy was launched with the landing in Sicily on July 10, 1943 by Canadian and British troops, and moved to mainland Italy in September, coincident with an Armistice with Italy. Italy then re-entered the war, joining with the Allies against the Germans. The allied troops fought north, bitter mile by bitter mile, against strong German opposition. Italy was mountainous and the Germans were entrenched ahead on the mountain heights and on the far side of the numerous rivers which had to be bridged in the face of enemy fire.

I spoke to Ralph Wemp of the Royal Canadian Engineers whose regiment was involved. He fought in North Africa, then was sent to Italy in November of 1943 where he served until March of 1945. He spoke of his experiences, and said he did not like Italy.

On one march with his regiment they met with another regiment whose soldiers were relaxing on the sides of a bridge. Here he met with his friend and

neighbour, James Eves, who had enlisted in the Royal Ordinance Corps, and later served with the Perth regiment. This was a short while before James was severely injured - his right leg blown off above the ankle and the left leg so badly fractured that a double amputation below the knees was necessary. James returned to Amherst Island where he became a very successful farmer and a valuable member of the community.

Ralph also spoke of a visit from Leslie McGinn, of the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment, when their regiments were stationed nearby. Ralph thinks there were others from Amherst Island serving in Italy, but after so many years of trying to bury the war it is hard to remember names.

There were two Amherst Islanders who lie buried in Italy. John Henry Kearney, of the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment (the Hasty P's) was wounded in August, 1944, age 33, and is buried in the Montecchio War Cemetery in Italy. Frederick Ernest Wemp of the Royal Canadian Artillery died January 1944, during the fighting at Ortona. He is buried at the Moro River Canadian War Cemetery, Italy.

On November 11, 2004, as we remember and honour our veterans, let us give a special thought to these, and others who served in this difficult campaign, which is too often overlooked.

Source: "Remembering", Lennox and Addington Veterans of World War II and the Korean Conflict".

[Editor: Lady Astor, in the British House of Commons in 1944, accused the soldiers in Italy of "dodging D-Day".]

A LOOK AT THE ISLAND THROUGH THE NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS OF JANIE MCCAUGHERTY

- edited by Zander of DUNN INN

When I interviewed Janie McCaugherty this summer for The Beacon she showed me five scrapbooks of newspaper clippings. The clippings were undated and not in chronological order. Many were obituaries and birth notices but some were stories about the island which are worth passing on. I have chosen a few which might bring back memories for some old islanders and interest and educate some new Islanders.

An undated article by Alan Capon of The Kingston Whig-Standard, when Morrison Scott was 92, was entitled, "Ice-cold Dunking Led Farmer to Leave Amherst Island for Mainland." It told about how Morrison Scott, as a young man and reeve of the Island, had crossed the ice to the mainland to attend a quarterly, week-long meeting of the Lennox and Addington Council.

When Scott went to return home at the end of the meeting, he found the ice had deteriorated. Another Islander suggested they tie themselves together with a 30 foot rope and walk over the ice to the Island. About 20 rods or 110 yards into their walk Morrison Scott plunged right out of the sight of his companion. Scott remembered, "He pulled the rope and got me out but we weren't able to get further to the Island, so we walked along the bayshore until we were in the Bath area."

They realized they must get to land or freeze. "We decided to close our eyes and make a run for shore. And we made it! But the very next day I decided I'd had enough of Island life and decided to leave my father's farm

and buy my own farm on the mainland." This led Scott to Morven, for the last year of his three-year stint as reeve.

The year after he left, Scott got married to Isabel Hogeboom of Amherst Island. "I knew her since the year she was born, but when we got married I found out I didn't know a thing about her," he laughed.

Scott said, "I was born on Amherst Island in a 100 year old mud house. It had three foot thick walls. We were in that house till 1932, when my father built a new home. His farm was on a point of land and was, in some ways an unhandy farm to work."

In 1921 Scott took a job tending Holstein cattle near Niagara - from February to Christmas - and he described this experience as "the most wonderful year of my life." He was paid \$30 a month, "top wages then" and found the Dutch-born people of the area friendly and good company.

"People were happier in the old days than they are now, despite the hard work then." Morrison Scott remembered when Stella had a full array of stores and services. "But times change. There are fewer farms there today - although the dairy farms that are left are much bigger. You could buy anything in Stella without going to the mainland but there is nothing much there today. There are fewer people on the Island today, but many of those who remain you couldn't put off. But oh, the drawbacks...."

This story by Jack Rafter appeared in the Kingston Whig-Standard entitled, "Ferry Runs Aground As Skip-

per Blacks Out at Wheel." (undated)

The Amherst Islander remains out of service after it ran aground yesterday when the boat's captain lost his ability to steer it, possibly due to a diabetic seizure.

The accident happened when Captain Lloyd Strain was bringing the 19 car craft ashore at the mainland dock about 7:30 a.m. The ship struck a shoal.

Strain, 47, captain for 18 of his 21 years with the Islander crew, didn't know what had happened.

Strain has been a diabetic for 23 years and takes a single insulin shot daily. He took a dose of insulin at 4:30 a.m.

"I blacked out, I guess. I've never had one of these attacks at work before. I've had one or two, but never at work," said Captain Strain.

According to Captain Strain there was no warning. Everything happened so quickly he was unable to react.

Although Captain Strain remained on his feet, Mate Benny Wemp took over the wheel. No one knew how much damage had been done to the ferry. The Clerk-Treasurer, Diane Pearce, said the shaft may have been damaged.

The ferry, The Charlevoix, a larger boat, which serves as a back-up for the Wolfe Islander, has been pressed into service to resume the Amherst Island service and will continue in that role indefinitely.

The Amherst Islander is on its way to Whitby for repairs (escorted, but under its own power).

Another story by Jack Rafter appeared in the Kingston Whig-Standard under the title, "Amherst Island Store Getting Out of Groceries."

Glenn's Store on Amherst Island, an institution for the past 46 years, has become a victim of major downsizing.

Irene Glenn and Annette Philips are shutting down their grocery business and switching exclusively to movie rentals, junk food, cigarettes and confectionaries which will lead to a reduction of the overall store operation of 90%, according to Phillips.

Phillips was quoted as saying, "A population of 400 just can't support a convenience store like this."

Her Post Office service will continue as usual. There will be no structural changes to the building where Irene Glenn lives in an upstairs apartment.

Also unchanged will be areas of the store devoted to display space for Island artists, crafts people and wood workers.

This is a six months' trial and if it fails there will be a total shut-down.

Glenn, 74, was asked whether the termination of the grocery business will mean Islanders will starve.

"No, they weren't patronizing us anyway. They were going to the mainland for their food so that's why we're closing," Glenn said.

Phillips said most Islanders work on the mainland "and those who don't still buy a lot of groceries there. And it makes sense" - referring to better wholesale prices available to the mainland grocers.

Irene Glenn seemed upset with many Islanders. "A lot of them will make a special trip on the ferry just to get milk. I think the ferry runs too often."

She and her husband, Les, started the business in 1948 after his return from war. Mr. Glenn, who died eleven years ago, came from Irish immigrant roots while Irene's forebears were

United Empire Loyalists who came from the United States in the eighteenth century.

At one time there were three retail food stores on the Island. Now the Glenn's store is the only Island food store.

Shawn Pankow wrote this newspaper article headlined, "After 50 Years, Woman Still With the Only Guy She Ever Dated." (undated)

Edward Mills began work at Charlie McGinn's Amherst Island farm. One day, during the 30's a woman, Hilda McGinnis, Charlie McGinn's niece, caught his eye.

He courted her seven years before getting up the nerve to ask for her hand in marriage. On February 28, 1938 they were married. This year they celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary. (This article must have been written in 1988).

Of her husband, Edward, Hilda confessed, "He was the only guy I ever dated."

"I took a liking to Hilda right away," said her husband.

After their marriage they moved to Collins Bay for two years and then back to Stella on Amherst Island for three years where Ed worked in the grist mill and the grocery store. From there they moved to the Mills' homestead near Bath where they resided for seven years. Later they moved to Lynx Mills in Ernestown where they sojourned for 28 years. They moved to Napanee in 1979 and have lived there ever since.

A blacksmith by trade, Ed held a variety of jobs but spent the bulk of his working years at Millhaven Fibres.

He attributes his success in life to "good living."

"We've had hard times and good times," Hilda said. "You just go along with the times. There were times when money wasn't too plentiful but we managed." ***

This article, dated March 1996, was written by Murray Hogben for the Kingston Whig-Standard, entitled: "Ferry Increase Not Acceptable: Reeve"

A raise in fares and a cut in the number of Amherst Island ferry runs was deemed "not acceptable" and "a real hardship" to Islanders by the Reeve of the Island.

But Amherst Island Reeve, Duncan Ashley, said yesterday the province's cutbacks forced the Council to approve an interim measure to raise the Township ferry's \$3.50 per vehicle return fare to \$5 and to drop the first and last runs.

The Ministry of Transport had cut back its 90% ferry subsidy to 75% retroactive to January 1. This leaves the Township to pay 25% of the annual \$1.4 million cost of the Island's life-line to the mainland.

The increase will cost the Township \$350,000 per year, up from \$140,000.

This change came with no warning and with no negotiation by the Provincial Government. The Township was being pressured to make the changes as soon as possible because there's always a delay in the Ministry's subsidy cheques. The first cheque, due January 1, arrived in mid February.

Anne Craig and Seth DuChene wrote this article entitled, "Island Village Cracks Harrowsmith's Top 10 Ranking"

Stella, on Amherst Island, has been called one the of the 10 prettiest towns in Canada in the April issue of Harrowsmith Country Life magazine.

Bruce Caughey Jr. was quoted in the article. He said he remembered when Stella was a busy place. The other town on the Island, Emerald, had a grain elevator, a general store and a town hall. As for Stella, "The

Neilson's General Store in Stella was one of the best between Toronto and Montreal when I was a kid. It had everything. You could get your oil changed, buy gas and groceries and there was a large cargo dock at Stella where grains were shipped off the Island." As for the Island as a whole, Bruce Caughey said that Kilpatrick's store, Glenn's store, Max's ice cream parlour and pool hall, two cheese factories, horses shod at the blacksmith's made for an exciting place.

In the early 1900's there were over 100 dairy farmers sending their milk to the cheese factories on the Island.

Duncan Ashley, the Island representative on the Loyalist Township Council, spoke of the quiet of Stella as being a big part of its allure.

Laurie and Dave Youell came to the Island to escape city life. In 1998 they purchased the General Store (formerly Glenn's store) and set about, with their two teenage daughters, Shannon and Candace, to make it work. They had fallen in love with the Island when they visited the cottage

of David's mother, Freda Youell, on the South Shore. They praised Amherst Island as a good place in which to live.



Investigating Amherst Island as a great place to meet in relaxing surroundings, The Ontario VHF Association (a Canadian ham radio microwave experimentation group) held its annual meeting at The Lodge this fall. With attendees from Montreal, Ottawa and points west of Toronto, it was a very successful gathering, with our Island proving to be a very central locale. Note the rather large antennas mounted to the roof of the van right below the wheelhouse of the MV Quinte Loyalist.

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A Tale of Two Trailers



Keith Miller, AI Recycling Guru, in front of his new digs at the Landfill site. Rumour has it that the old dump shed was about to be listed as an historic site!

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Chatting inside the metal passenger lounge of the Quinte Loyalist are left to right: Jackie Sylvester, Nancy Dunn, Ross Haines, Tom Sylvester, Zander Dunn and Allan Kidd.

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COYOTES OUT OF CONTROL ON AMHERST ISLAND!

- Terrence Patrick Culbert

"We have a serious problem with coyotes on Amherst Island and we would like our residents to be aware of it," said sheep farmer Mark Ritchie of Foot Flats Farm. "Some years are worse than others and this year is especially bad. We have to take action to look after our livestock. If we are killing coyotes, we are protecting our livelihood."

FACTS: (Confirmed sheep killed by coyotes on Amherst Island between May 1st and mid-October 2004)

FOOT FLATS FARM..... 30 KILLS
TOPSY FARMS..... 100 KILLS
STONEBRAE FARM..... 30 KILLS

"One summer we lost forty lambs. The coyotes did not eat their prey; they were killing for sport. It was like the proverbial fox in the hen house or a dog that takes to killing chickens," Ritchie explained. "They get carried away with the excitement and thrill of the chase."

The husband and wife team of Mark Ritchie and Cherry Allen own one of

Ontario's largest sheep farms on the eastern Foot of Amherst Island. They manage a 1000 ewe pasture-based commercial operation on 900-acres. "In the fifteen years that we've farmed in this province, we have lost

close to 300 sheep to coyotes", said Mark.

Twenty kilometres to the west, at the Head of the Island is Topsy Farms. Producing sheep since 1972, it too is one of Ontario's largest sheep farms with 1250 breeding ewes and 31 rams. Chris Kennedy is a shareholder and the Topsy Farms shepherd: "From May to October the coyotes are teaching their pups to survive and as soon as the lambs go out on pasture, they become an easy food source. When the lambs are small,

the ewes (their mothers) are scattered all over the pasture. Our guard dogs can't begin to protect them. At the moment, we're bringing all of our lambs in for the night. If it's wet or foggy, it is easy for the coyotes to come in for the kill because the dogs are unable to control the flock under inclement weather conditions. For example, during the heavy rainstorm in mid-September, we had two kills. If there's a thunderstorm, you can almost guarantee the coyotes will attack. Going out in the morning and finding dead lambs is devastating! You start questioning your ability as a stockman when you can't figure out how to deal with it. I put the lambs in smaller pastures and move the dogs around. I even hired a professional trapper for the summer but he couldn't do anything either."

Stonebrae Farm is located on the east end of the Island's South Shore Road. With a flock of 300 Suffolk and North Country Cheviot breeding ewes, owner David Willard has had a disastrous summer as well: "Coyotes are the biggest problem in North



Don Tubb of Topsy Farms helps to guide two thousand sheep along the Second Concession Road. The Dorset, Suffolk, Rideau-Arcott and Border Cheviots head towards their winter pasture at the Head of the Island.

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America for sheep farmers," he said. "Recently I saw a mother in distress. By the time I got to her, two coyotes were running off and the ewe was left with a seriously injured two-month old offspring. I had to euthanise the lamb to put it out of its misery. The next day, the coyotes were back killing the ewe. She was lingering in the area where her lamb had been attacked. We don't have guard dogs, so we shut the sheep in at night. Traditionally coyotes attack in the early morning. They're nocturnal and we've had some nighttime kills as well. Obviously the coyote readily adapts to different environments."

A member of the dog family, First Nations people call the coyote 'little wolf.' Originally native to the west-

ern prairies, it now thrives across North America from the Pacific to the Atlantic Oceans. With a long, pointed nose and ears standing erect, the Eastern Coyote, looks like a medium-sized dog

or small German Shepherd. An adult weighs between 25 and 50 pounds, making it much larger than its western cousin. Their bushy tail is tipped with black. For the most part, their pelt is grey, although they can have a rust or brown colouration. They have an excellent sense of smell, hearing and vision, enabling the cunning animal to live in some urban areas. The Amherst Island coyote population rises when the winter ice-bridge is in. As soon as the water freezes, the coyotes will travel to the Island from the mainland, Wolfe and Simcoe Islands and from Prince Edward County.

Research has shown that as far back as the 1800's, hybridization has taken place between wolves and coyotes. A lack of suitable habitat, coupled with a reduction of available wolf females may have forced isolated male wolves to mate with the growing number of female coyotes in these disturbed areas. "To say that a coyote has been



Mark Ritchie & Cherry Allen of Foot Flats Farm, with some of their employees

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Dave Willard shearing sheep at Stonebrae Farm, his property on the South Shore.

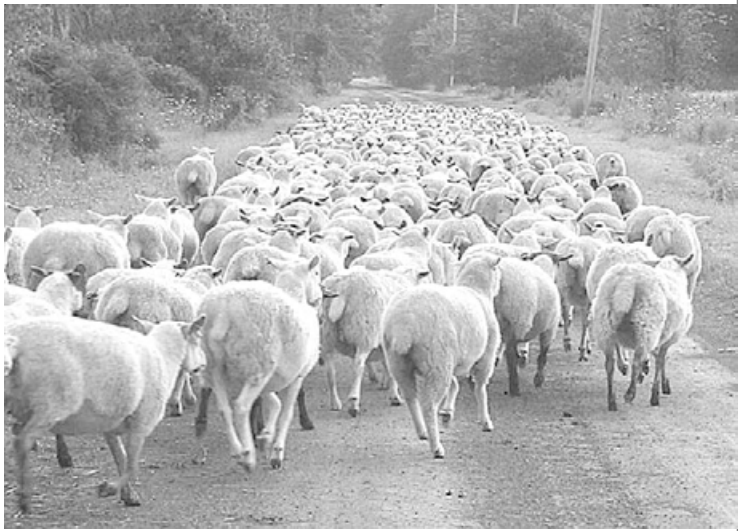
bred by a wolf,” notes Leigh Hann, a Biology student at Carleton University in Ottawa, “can only be determined by DNA analysis. Animals that result from two separate species are known as hybrids and I have never heard of a specific name as such that is used to describe the hybrids themselves.”

Ian Murray of Topsy Farms claims their guard dogs have been attacked and intimidated by the coyotes. He suspects they’re not regular coyotes. “I believe Ian in a sense is right about how a ‘regular’ coyote would not normally intimidate guard dogs,” said Hann, “however, a ‘regular’ Amherst Island coyote has the ability to intimidate, as this is one of the strategies they have developed to access

the Island sheep. This is quite evident by the number of sheep kills at the three Island farms. The coyote has a fascinating mind in their ability to strategize on how to get their prey. All coyotes have similar characteristics on a biological and physical level but the environment they live in also shapes their character,” she explained.

Amherst Island beef farmer, hunter and dog breeder Russell McGinn knows the coyote well: “In the dead of winter, when the snow is deep with a crust on top, the coyote will take advantage of the deer. The weight of the deer will break through the snow’s crusty surface enabling the coyote to out run them, jumping on their back, and bringing the deer down. I’ve seen many killed this way. Coyotes are fierce fighters! It would take three hounds to handle one coyote.

McGinn breeds, trains and runs Fox



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Walker Hounds. The canines are fast and for the most can keep up with coyotes. “I’ve seen coyotes run from the Head of the Island to the Foot in less than 15-minutes,” explains



Chris Kennedy of Topsy Farms
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Russell McGinn with one of his dogs

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Russell McGinn. "If you've got good fast hounds, they won't be far behind."

Cow-calf beef farmer Dave Wemp raises Limousin, Hereford and Charolais on his 289-acre farm situated on the Art McGinn Road. "Two nights in a row, my wife Betty and I were wakened at three in the morning by our cattle.

They were ripping and roaring as they raced past the house from the back pasture into the corral near the barn. When that happens, I know something has upset them. The mothers were bawling to their calves and the calves were bawling back. They were definitely agitated. Two days later I was back near the bush cutting wood, when all of a sudden the cattle thundered by me. It was midday and something had spooked them again. Looking across the field, I spotted a coyote a hundred yards away watching the herd. I got on my tractor and drove right up to the animal. The coyote didn't run away until I climbed down from the machine. It may have been a coincidence, but I was certainly nervous that the animal might have been stalking my cattle. It could be speculation; the coyote may have just been passing through on a chase. Whatever the reason, I certainly don't

like them coming close to my herd," said Wemp.

Adam Miller is an Amherst Island dairy farmer and the livestock evaluator for the Loyalist Township. "My job is to look at the kill, how it was killed and whether the injuries occurred around the neck. I look at whether it was a replacement ewe lamb, replacement ewe, a ram, a purebred or was the animal running at large. I talk to the pro-

ducer while filling out the forms inquiring about any preventative measures they might use. I then send my fact and affidavit sheets into the Loyalist Township."

"Compensation for kills doesn't



Dave Wemp, beef and dairy farmer, with one of his dogs.

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Adam Miller, Dairy farmer and Livestock Evaluator.

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fully reflect the cost of coyote activity in terms of killed lambs not found or carried away and the extra time spent looking through pastures; the time spent moving sheep and guard dogs and tending to injured animals. Then there are the lower growth rates in lamb and general stress to sheep and farmer," noted Mark Ritchie.

What can the sheep farmers do to prevent the predation of their livestock?

Mark Ritchie and Cherry Allen have tried donkeys, hunting, trapping, sound and sight deterrents, and guard dogs. In the spring of 2003 they constructed a 60-acre predator-proof fencing called a 'safe zone.' It's a project

done in conjunction with the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association as a two-year initiative to test several damage prevention measures. Known as the Wildlife Action Project, OSCIA provided some of the funding towards the fencing. The fence consists of a 4-foot high tensile small mesh page wire, topped by a live electric wire. Above the electric strand is a dead wire, making the fence 5-feet 6-inches in height. The 'safe zone' can harbour up to 300 ewes and their lambs. "The fence is useful," said Mark Ritchie, "but once the pasture

land has been depleted, the sheep must be moved." The Environmental Studies Department of Carleton University is studying the effectiveness of the 'safe zone' fencing and monitoring the status of the Amherst Island coyote population.

Chris Kennedy of Topsy Farms said: "At the moment we're bringing our lambs in at night. May through the first two weeks of June is the most vulnerable time. We're considering a predator-proof fencing system similar to Mark and Cherry's. We'd fence about 300-acres and keep the sheep inside. It'll be a lot of work to put it up and a big cost, but over ten years, the price doesn't look so bad."

David Willard feels the answer is to be vigilant and carry a gun. "In conjunction with Mark and Cherry, I've thought about trying to literally fence off the Foot of the Island with the exception of the roads. We're in a unique geographical location here. If the coyotes get inside the fence, they wouldn't have a quick way out."

Mark Ritchie claims that we're living in an increasingly urbanized society and Amherst Island is no exception. "We can't hide from the fact that farmers are an increasingly smaller proportion of our population."

Cherry Allen said: "It's unfortunate that a bad predator year comes on top of the depressed sheep and lamb market caused by the continued closure of the United States border."

I personally have had a great love for sheep farming all my life. Recently, I've come to realize the challenges and sacrifices that not only sheep producers, but all farmers deal with on a daily basis. More must be done to educate the consumer on how important agriculture is. Farm education must begin in the school, at an early age. "Where does milk come from mommy?" asked Mary Jane. "From the grocery store dear!" mother replied.



Ian Murray and Don Tubb of Topsy Farms TC



Two thousand sheep move north along the Emerald 40 Foot Road to their winter pasture at Topsy Farms at the Head of Amherst Island. TC

MORE

- Ian Murray

Topsy Farms now have 3 Akbash puppies to add more tooth power to our guard dog arsenal. These dogs have the reputation of being more predator-aggressive than the dogs we have now. In the past few weeks we've had several dogs wounded while defending our sheep with one dog requiring a trip to the vet.

When we first got guard dogs, one dog could protect a 10 to 20 acre field of 300 to 500 ewes and lambs. Then it took 2 dogs as coyotes learned to work together to decoy the dog while a kill was made. This summer, enough coyotes are attacking that 5 guard dogs have been unable to protect sheep that one dog was able to defend only a few years ago.

It is interesting and, for us, threat-

ening, how the coyotes are able to evolve behaviours to counteract our defences.

We very much appreciate the help that Russell and Nick and their dogs have provided in reducing coyote numbers.



ISLAND CONNECTIONS

- Sally Bowen

My Kingston neighbour, Ralph Morrow, grew up on his family farm next to the Truemans.

He was recently on a bus tour of Ireland with his son Greg. Another traveller noticed the Kingston connection and asked if he knew Amherst Island where her brother and sister-in-law just moved. Small world!

So at the request of these 2 regular Beacon readers, Ralph and Dana: **SURPRISE TERRY !!**



Joanne MacDonald, Ralph Morrow, Dana Garrett (Terry Culbert's sister) at Dungarven Bay, County Cork, Ireland.

THANK YOU NOTES

deHaan/Slate WEDDING



On September '04 a beautiful outdoor wedding took place on the shores of Kerr Bay, uniting in marriage Allana Leslie Slate and Neil Wade deHaan. The bride was attended by her daughter, Christy, as well as her friends Karen Corkey and Tracey Hulme. The groomsmen were Tony and Gerry deHaan and the best man was Jeff deHaan, all brothers of the groom. Rose petals were tossed by the flower girl, Megan Ashley, niece of the groom, and the rings were attended by Conner Slate, son of the bride.

After the bride arrived by horse and buggy, the bridal party was accompanied by a piper to the spot where Reverend Oscar Simpson performed a unique ceremony in front of 150 guests. A delicious meal was enjoyed as the bride's brothers, Adam and

Ryan Slate, shared the masters of ceremony duties with ease. The bride's touching tribute to her family, friends, and new husband left not a dry eye in the house. A lively reception completed a truly magical day.

Special thanks to all those who took the time from their busy lives to share in our happiness. Your kindness and generosity was overwhelming and will always be remembered.

Neil, Alana and their family, reside on Lakeview Avenue in Kingston.

I would like to thank all my market customers for their patronage through the summer and fall.

I would also like to thank Sue Toumey for letting me finish the year in the Back Kitchen drive way.

I look forward to seeing everyone next year.

Thank you.

Barb Reid

Ditto Barb's thank you to customers at the Farmers' Market. And a big thank you to AIMS for sponsoring this market which has created business opportunities and, perhaps more importantly, a place for neighbours to meet.

Ian Murray for Topsy Farms



NOTICES

WI FUND RAISING

Art Exhibit – Island Sights 2005 Calendar

Saturday November 13th 4-7 pm
The Lodge, 320 McDonalds Lane

The Women's Institute invites Islanders to discover our 2005 Calendar at a reception and art exhibit. Collect your copy of the Calendar and view all of the original art submissions for the Calendar. Many of these works will be for sale by the artists.

A new addition for sale this year is "The Doors of Amherst Island" poster, with the proceeds going to our Stone Fence Restoration Project.

Extra copies will be available at the Amherst Island General Store and the Victoria Hall Craft and Tea Room.

To order please call Kirsten Bennick 389-1320 or Freda Youell 384-4135. Island Sights 2005 Calendar @ \$ 10.00 each

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Calendar postage @ \$ 2.00 each

The Doors of Amherst Island poster @ \$ 15.00 each



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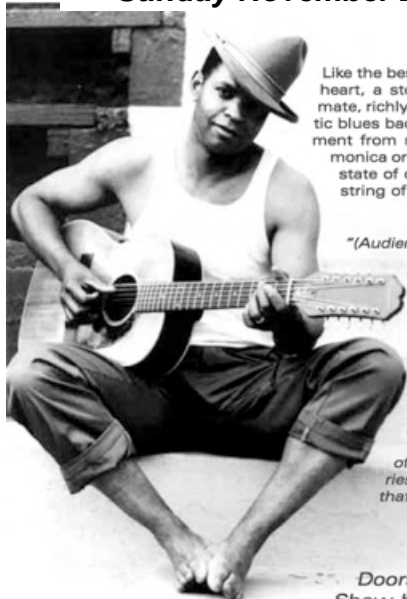
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The following notice was released by Loyalist Township on Friday November 5 by general mailing to Islanders:

"Due to unforeseen repairs to the MV Wolfe Islander III, the MV Quinte Loyalist will be used on the Amherst Island service until December 20th."

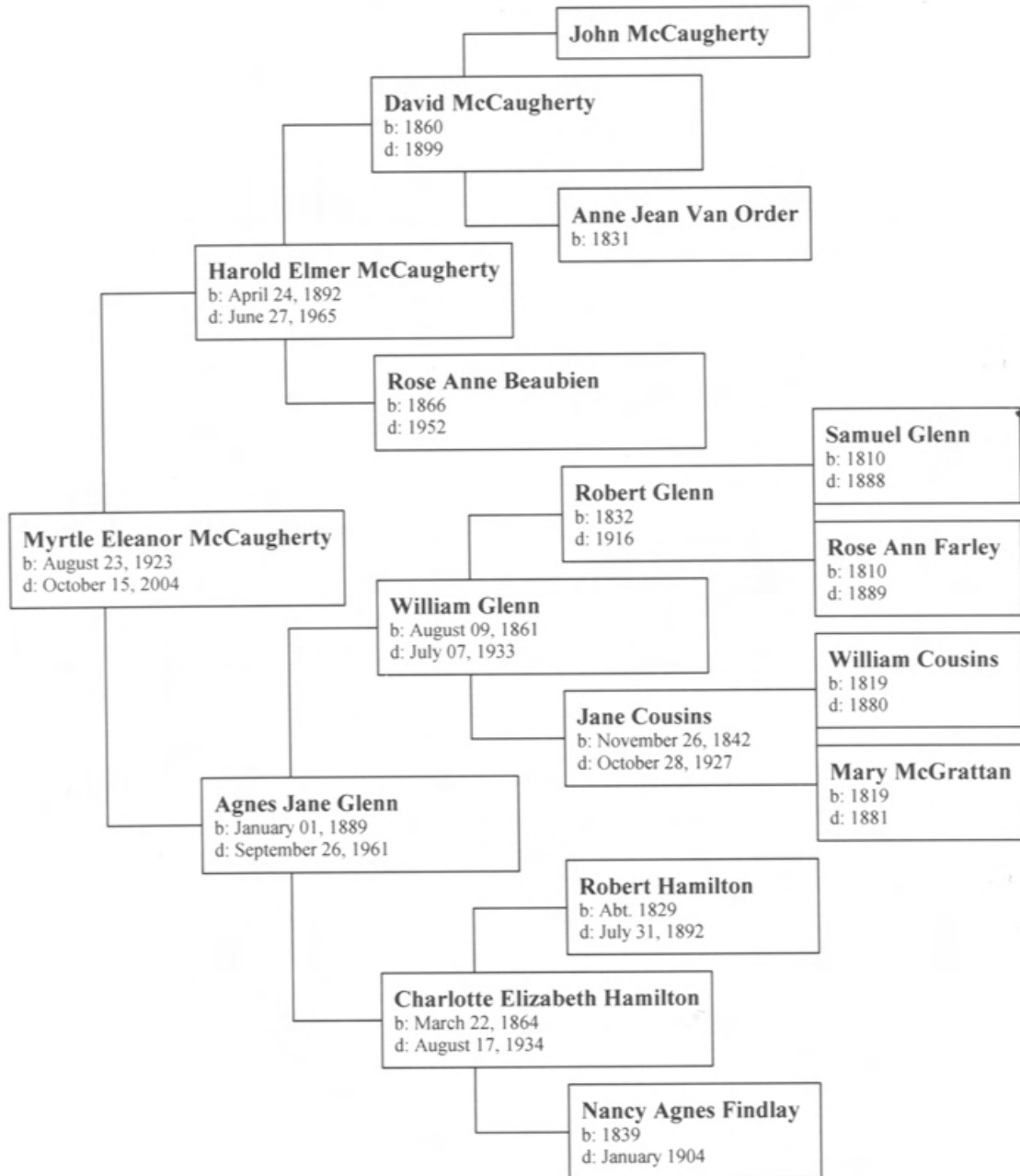
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Claire is at it again! Our beautiful elderdown sofa has to go. She bought it from her good friend, Thelma Lloyst, who had the sofa completely refurbished. Thelma's house was featured in Century Home Magazine. There is a picture of the sofa in her living room. Come and see it for yourself. \$750 or best offer. Call Hugh or Claire at 384-7830.

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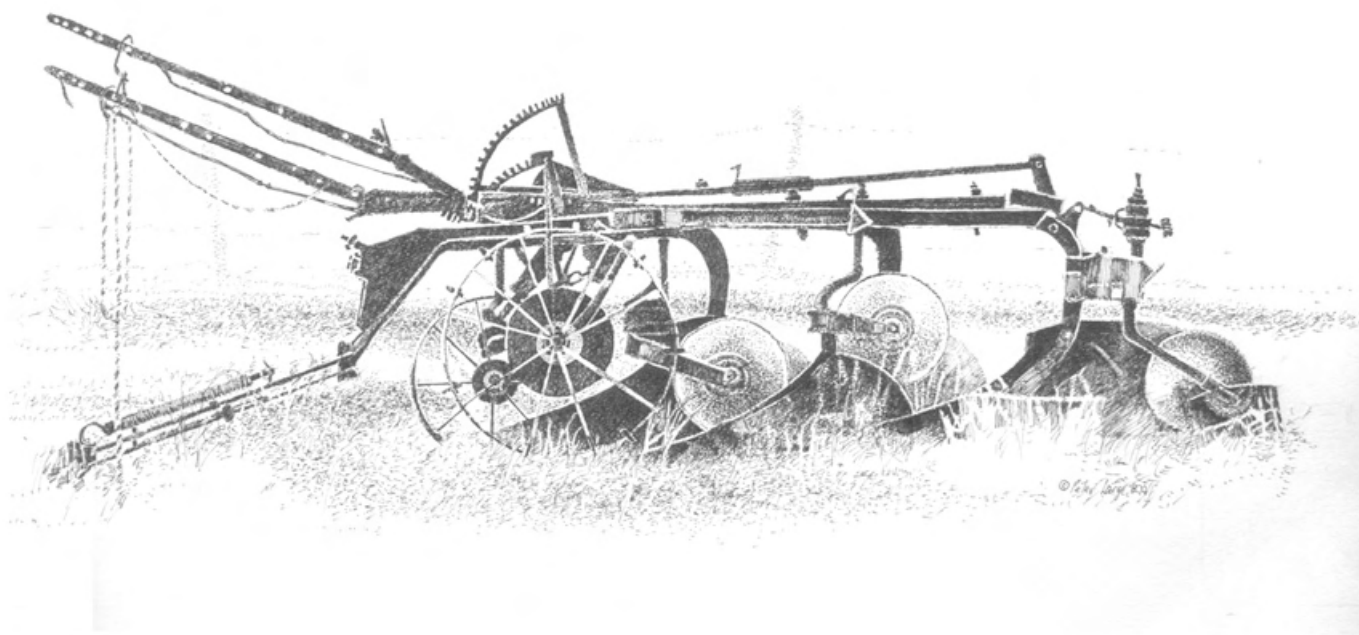
Ancestors of Myrtle Eleanor McCaugherty





Apple tree in the village

Peter Large, SCA



Artist's Point

Tractor-drawn moldboard plough

Peter Large, SCA

Pictures from Halloween and the annual masquerade at the community centre



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The adult category.

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Grades one to three category.

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Is it a trick or a treat?



Wayne Fleming guessed 117 jelly beans in the jar and was presented with it for being bang on!

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Participating in the men's apple peel contest was Noel McCormick and Alex Scott.

NEWS From the GENERAL STORE

Happy Thanksgiving!

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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.

Mindfulness Meditation Workshop

This practice deepens our connection to the richness of the present moment and develops concentration, insight and compassion.

Complementary Health-

Jocelyne Leyton, RPP, offers treatments in Cranial Osteopathy. This is a very subtle and gentle approach recognizing the subtle mechanics at work within the head, spinal column, viscera and pelvis. The understanding of the cerebrospinal fluid has a profound influence on the health of the whole body.

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Sheep heading for the relative safety of an inner pasture on the Island (see related story, page 12)

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