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## **BEACON NOTES**

Summer's here but only in fits and starts. We're trying to enjoy the good parts... Has the Island ever looked so green and lush in the middle of August? It looks more like June! The not-so-good parts will wait for the Letter Home.

Last month I tried taking a picture of the Weasel's sign in their store window and inserting it into their ad. It didn't work very well. This month I've tried turning that picture and turning it into a drawing. After removing the background, it works better - at least you can tell

who the ad for! With that being a success, I did the same for the General Store and the Back Kitchen.

This month's Beacon is a bit thin which is pretty normal for August. And, with haying plus other concerns, we have not padded it up with past articles. Next month should be better...

## **FARM MUTUAL FINANCIAL SERVICES**

### **Grand Opening of Financial Services**

**Date:** Thursday, August 17, 2000 from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

*Special Note: Financial Services will be available every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month on the Island.*

**Location:** Amherst Island Mutual Insurance Office  
(Bruce Caughey's office)

**Please drop by for a Coffee and Snacks!**

**We are here to help with any questions!**

**If these times are not convenient, please call Brent Timm at:  
1-888-246-5555 for a personal appointment or questions.**

**Door Prizes to be won!!**

**Allan Glenn has recently been appointed to the Board of Directors of Farm Mutual Financial Services.**



## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

- DON TUBB -

July 31, 2000

Summer is when Council takes a break and only holds one meeting a month. However, due to a large number of items needing attention, Council held a session on July 31. All members of Council were there and a larger number of staff members than previous meetings were also present (I guess they are back from vacation). Speaking of vacations, Councillor Lowry complimented Ross Troop on handling both his job as Treasurer and Diane Pearce's as CAO while she was away.

The Waterfront Working Group sent a delegation to the July 31<sup>st</sup> meeting to report on their progress. They didn't have much to say except that they are continuing to work towards the trail system shown on the map we printed a while ago. In related news, Hwy 33 through Bath is getting re-surfaced and the Township is trying to get a bicycle path included. Negotiations with MTO are proceeding with it almost certain that those parts that can easily accommodate a bike path will be going ahead and paid for by MTO. Deputy Reeve McEwen quizzed the delegation about the extent of the Township's contribution towards the trail system. For the time being, that only amounts to putting up signs provided by the Working Group. The Amherst Island loop was mentioned as a worthwhile addition to the trail system. Some work is necessary to figure out if the roads meet the standards required.

The Heritage Committee report was received. In it was mention that Neilson's Store might be designated a Heritage Building. Usually this means that only certain features are designated like the front exterior, roof line or sometimes an interior feature. Once designated, these cannot be altered without approval of the Provincial agency

and any work (like maintenance) has to be done with approved materials (including colours). Some members of Council were interested in the financial implications for this building to the Township. Because no application has been submitted, the Provincial agency has not looked to see what should be designated so no estimates of costs could be generated.

There was some very good news for the Township. Tests done to the ground water and soil at the old Odessa Roads garage have proved that no special action is needed before a cleanup of the site can be done. There was the potential here for many thousands of dollars in remedial action being needed if any unacceptable pollution was found.

A report on the Amherst Island landfill site was present in the agenda package. No issues were noted that need major work. The rate of fill has been far below that predicted in 1996 and so the life of the site is estimated at 20 years. It was also noted that waste diversion programs are significantly

reducing the volume put into the site (it is so difficult not to write 'dump'). As with all other reports that I can remember, there is no conclusive evidence that the site is polluting either the ground or surface water. Some adjustments in what is tested for will be done this coming year (some monitoring will be increased while some will be decreased from an elevated level). Last but not least, there was mention of the inconsistencies between the Certificate of Approval and the Development and Operation Plan in the areas of the site and the

waste disposal areas. It is hoped that this can be resolved simply with a letter (could we be so lucky to get something sorted out so easily).

A Township policy has been developed (and passed) to regulate entrance permits and culverts. This should help make this process much easier to understand.

A 35 page report from Cumming Cockburn Limited reviewing the Province's comments on our proposed Official Plan was received by Council. It will be dealt with at a special administration meeting "some time in September". Because the actual comments from the Province were not included, it is a little hard to follow but it looks, on first glance, like it largely deals with details and not the



## PUBLIC NOTICE

**In accordance with the agreement between Loyalist Township and Nut Island Ltd., the Back Beach on Amherst Island is closed to the public from the day after Labour Day to December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.**

## NOTICE

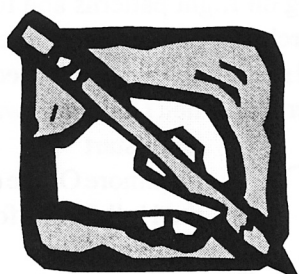
**The Amherst Island Recreation Association regrets that it will not hold a New Year's Dinner and Dance this year. Thank you to everyone who has supported us.**

general thrust of the OP. Before our next issue, I will try and go through it more carefully just to be sure. If I remember correctly, there will be another round of public meetings showing the OP with any changes. Of course, by this time, it is pretty difficult to get any changes.

Minutes from the first three meetings of the Intensive Farming Operations Committee were included in the agenda package. Reading them suggested that the committee meetings have been lively. This committee is attempting to come up with a reasonable by-law to regulate intensive farming operations. Comments included in the minutes show that not only is water pollution an issue but persistent odours are also a significant concern. These first three meetings have largely been organizational with the hard work yet to come. And, it is by no means completely clear that the Province won't step in at some point and produce a set of rules itself. Until (or if) that happens, the committee remains hard at work.

The next regular meeting of Council will be held on August 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Bye the bye, the pictures of the Bath Reeves are now on display in the Council Chambers. This makes the Amherst Island display look pretty dismal with only four or five Reeves represented. So, if you have a picture of an Island Reeve, call Reeve Gilmore (386-7351). He will be more than helpful in getting the picture reproduced for display in the Council Chambers.



## *The Neighbourhood*

*- Lyn Fleming -*

Get well wishes this month go out to Amy Caughey, who is recovering at home from the badly broken ankle she got while hiking on Baffin Island; to Eva Kidd who broke her arm;

## **THE AMHERST ISLAND COMMUNITY SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**We meet at  
the Amherst Island Community Centre  
on Sundays from 9:45 to 10:45 am**

**This is a non-denominational Sunday School  
open to all children ages 3 to 99**

**Sunday School starts on  
Sunday, September 17th.**

**For information call  
Janet Scott 389-4608 or  
Ann Albertain 389-2662**

Ken Jeffreys, who is recovering from a heart attack at home; and, to Audrey Miller following her stay in hospital.

Belated 60th birthday to Keith Miller; Happy 40th anniversary to Earl and Donna Willard.

Ernest Fleming has recently moved to Helen Henderson retirement home.

Stewart and Kathy Reed and sons Chris and William travelled to the Maritimes with Betty and David Wemp for a holiday and to visit Kathy and David's sister Maureen. Lynann and Ben Whitton spent a week with family in Montana. Caroline Ackerman spent a couple of weeks in England visiting her family.

The annual Garden Party, held at St. Paul's was again well attended by Islanders and visitors. The St. Alban's ACW's annual Chicken BBQ was also well attended. The Waterside Music Series is enjoying another successful year as it winds down for the season.

A.I.P.S. will become a science resource centre for the Limestone District School Board. A Half time teacher has been hired to run the program. Children from other schools will come to the Island to experience some of the Island's natural habitats and environment. We will have two new teachers in the Primary and Senior classes as well as an Education Assistant and Janet Scott will be the only familiar face to students when she returns to her half time position at the school. This is all wonderful news, as it decreases the chances of the Board naming our school for closure.

## **CALLING ALL GIRLS**

**Sparks, Brownies, Girls Guides  
and Pathfinders**

**We will be registering on September 13th.  
at the Amherst Island Community Centre  
6:00 to 7:00 pm**

**For information call**

**Janet Scott 389-4608 or  
Valerie Wolfreys 389-8513**



## 4-H NEWS

The senior 4-H Fall Club (for grades 9 thru ages 21) will organize on Sunday, September 10th. at 1:00 pm at Caughey's on Front Road. The project will be "SEW-EASY". If you are interested in joining the Club but cannot attend the first meeting, please phone Susie at 389-2012 before that date.

The next club for the junior 4-H will start after the new year.

The 4-H members again plan to host the Halloween Masquerade at the school. We hope that you'll start making plans to dress up and attend!



### Thank You Notes

The Garden Party Committee 2000 would like to thank all residents and friends of Amherst Island for their generous and enthusiastic support of St.

Paul's 52nd. annual event on July 29. Special thanks to musicians, vocalists, cloggers, as well as Jacob Murray for the use of his sound system and Dave Youell for standing by to help with it.

Many thanks.

## JANET'S JOTTINGS

*"What is this life if full of care,  
we have no time so stand and stare"*

Perhaps you remember that poem from your High School days, you know back in the Prehistoric days when we memorized poetry and wrote with fountain pens. It was called "Leisure" and we pronounced it with a short "e" sound unlike the Leesure suits and Leesure time today.

Last Friday, August 4th. was one of those beautiful leisure days that had no demands and no "things you just got to do". After

James left for the early boat I took my coffee and binoculars out on the porch for a short coffee break and what a fantastic hour of birding it became.

The water was still and as those of you who live on the South Shore know, that changes about 10:00 as the land warms and the breezes start. I could hear a loon calling across the water, that sound that reminds us of camp and cottage and summers long ago. Shortly after I heard a buzz and familiar squeak and there was the Hummingbird checking out the feeder but that morning he preferred the Hollyhocks. This

was a Ruby-throated Hummingbird but in recent years the Rufous has been seen by Kingston Field Naturalists and Stewart Reed got to see one on the South Shore so take a second look when one stops at your feeder.

As the sun began to warm the treetops the little insect eaters flitted and chattered in the foliage. There were wrens and flycatchers, probably the Least Flycatcher but I can't tell them apart, they are about 5 inches in length and have wing bars and an eye ring. The Chickadee was there and a Warbling Vireo as well doing acrobatics on the Willow fronds and in the Weeping Birch. While I was scanning the trees with my faithful and battered binoculars I was rewarded with a Black-billed Cuckoo. You'll recognize this bird by its long tail with white markings on the underside. When I first moved home to the South Shore he was calling regularly from the thickets on the Marshall 40 foot but he's quiet now.

Scanning the lake I saw a majestic Great Blue Heron fly by as he headed off for some morning fishing and three Mergansers were dipping their faces in the still water as they fished directly off our shore. The local Canada Geese are flying again. Their time of moulting must be over and it's time to instruct the young on flight patterns and formation flying.

Back on the porch the chattering House Finches were feeding at the mixed seed and a Goldfinch tried the Niger seed in the hanging feeder. Just when I thought it was time to move

and start the day didn't a Baltimore Oriole (Northern) visit the Hollyhocks four feet in front of me.

The adult Robins were feeding with some young birds, full-sized but still spotted. I think they were teenagers, playing cool and aloof but glad Mom and Dad were on watch. The Red-winged Blackbird whistled and the Grackles chattered just to remind

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## AMHERST ISLAND WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

**The Women's Institute will be holding the  
BAKE SALES**

**again this year on the Friday of each long  
weekend starting on May 19<sup>th</sup> outside  
the Amherst Island General Store.**

**Time: - 3.45 pm.**



me they were there while the Tree Swallows and Barn Swallows dipped and dove and the Kingbirds noisily supervised their young on our TV antenna.

About this time the Catbird called from the brush and the Chipping Sparrow reminded me it was time to get busy but what a marvellous morning of Bird-watching I had without leaving my porch, twenty species at least. Amherst Island with its wide variety of habitats suitable for birds is a treasure and we are blessed to live in such a marvellous place.

## AUGUST GARDENING

- Sow fall vegetables e.g. spinach and lettuce.
- Prune climbing roses
- Order spring-flowering bulbs. Try something different such as colchicum for next fall.
- Plant fall-flowering perennials.
- Avoid cutting grass shorter than 5 cm.
- Water and weed frequently. Keep compost moist.
- Good time for drying flowers and herbs.

## NEWS FROM THE GENERAL STORE

Congratulations once again to our draw winners Danielles Wolfreys, July 21 and Sean DeHaan, August 4. Each won 5 ice-cream cones at Youellies Coolies. The next draw will be on August 18 at 4 pm. Got your name in yet?

New movies available to rent are:

- **BICENTENNIAL MAN** with Robin Williams. Good Movie, Highly recommended.
- **SUPERSTAR** with Mary Catherine Gallagher from Saturday Night Live
- **ROMEOMUSTDIE** with Jet Li and Aaliyah - A good action film that combines Martial arts and some great visual effects.
- **SCREAM 3** with Neve Campbell.
- **MAN ON THE MOON** with Jim Carrey, Based on the true story of Andy Kaufman.

New movies for the kids are Disney's **GEPPETTO** with Drew Carey.

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## PELEE ISLAND CONFERENCE WAVE OF THE FUTURE

Last week, the Beacon received a five page fax about a conference on Pelee Island called *Wave Of The Future*. The cover page says, in part: "This conference is the first opportunity islands in Ontario have had to get together and

discuss economic development." The conference will be held on September 28-29, 2000.

Workshops on transportation, infrastructure, marine development, development & developers, island identity plus marketing & tourism promotion are planned. Many speakers are scheduled.

More information about the conference can be obtained in many ways:

- web site: [www.pelee.com](http://www.pelee.com) (which is a quick-loading and easy to navigate site)
- email: [waveofthefuture@mail.com](mailto:waveofthefuture@mail.com)
- fax: (519) 724-2470
- voice: (519) 724-2931

Registration costs for the conference are \$200 (\$250 after September 1<sup>st</sup>). Packages for spouses range from \$25-\$60. And, there is a one day conference price too. The web site lays all this out... just click on the Wave Of The Future title on the home page.

## WANTED

I am still collecting the following: - A&P Tapes - used stamps - any country including Canada - for guide dogs for the blind. Good clean clothing for the animal shelter thrift shop and knitted squares, blankets, pet food, paper towels, etc., for the Napanee Animal Shelter. Please call me if you have anything to donate or leave in my front porch. The animals really need our help.

Freda Youell 384-4135



## *A Letter Home*

The grass was ready to start haying at the start of June but two and a half months later, we're still at it... and we're no where near done. Judging from all the uncut hay fields around the Island, most Island farmers are in the same boat. And, being in a boat is just about what is needed to get across some fields... there's standing water days after a rain. Chris keeps track of the rainfall and said that the Island had more rain in June than in May, and more rain in July than June - unbelievable! Even August has been wet!!

It would be okay if the weather people could predict what's going to happen more than 12 hours in advance. We've gone out cutting with a three day window of sun only to come back in a few hours later to find 60% chance of showers over the same period. And, we all know what 60% chance of showers means this summer... it'll rain for 60% of the day.

The one bright spot in all of this cloud and rain is that the pastures are growing. The flocks have finally made it around their pastures once and the re-growth has been wonderful. Often by this time of year, the lambs have been weaned to get the ewes on hay until (or if) enough fall pastures starts growing.

The duals that Chris put on the round baler have worked a treat. If we didn't have them we would still be pulling it out of one of the first fields baled.

So when you are driving around this summer and see someone trying to get some field work done, spare them a kind thought and perhaps even wish them a bit of good luck 'cause they could use some. Haying season is rapidly drawing to a close whether haying is completed or not. The days are shortening and cooling off making it even more difficult to cure the hay. Well that should be enough gloom for one column... heck you'd think I was Keith Miller!!!

Oh! I almost forgot... Topsy Farms' web site is now up and running. The



**Duals help keep the baler a baler rather than a two bottom plow.**

photo by DT

address is [www.topsyfarms.com](http://www.topsyfarms.com). We haven't received our monthly report on the number of 'hits' so we don't know if we've broken into the top 100 internet sites yet. We'll certainly let you know when that happens.

## **ORGAN DONOR CARDS**

**-DIANNE MARSHALL-**

I finally did something I've been putting off for a long time - I phoned, received and signed an Organ Donor Card!

If anyone else has been meaning to do this - the phone number is 1-800-263-2833 or you can ask them to send a card on the web at [www.organdonationontario.org](http://www.organdonationontario.org).

One less thing on my to do list!

## *RUGBY*

Two of the best rugby games I've ever seen were on the dish this past month. New Zealand and Australia played each other in a home and home series as part of the Tri-Nation cup (South Africa is the third member). The first game was so good that it even got two large stories in the National Post!

Just as a point of reference, Australia and New Zealand are ranked number one and two respectively in the world with South Africa a fading third. (Canada is ranked 12<sup>th</sup> which is pretty respectable but we don't really have any chance of winning against the top teams. Canada plays for moral victories.)

The first game was played in Australia's new Olympic Stadium. It was a sell-out with 109,000+ avid fans in attendance. The game opened with a deluge of New Zealand scoring... after 8 minutes the Kiwis were ahead 21 to zip (on three converted tries). You might think this would be enough to put the game away but no... this is Australia, the World Champions, we're talking about here!! The Aussies didn't panic... the team just kept on working. Gradually they came back and the score was even at the half. Australia went ahead in the second half but New Zealand, at the last moment, scored a try to steal the game.

The second game was in New Zealand and was much different. The score remained close during the whole game. One team would dominate looking like it couldn't be stopped and then the other team would take over for 15 minutes or so. The level of play was incredibly high with both teams bringing their 'A' games. In the end, the Australians stole one from the Kiwis on a last play penalty kick.

What an incredible couple of games. These teams are now tied in the Tri-Nations standings with two wins and one loss

each. Each team has one game remaining with South Africa. While the Boks lost both their previous Tri-Nation games, they are a formidable opponent. Stay tuned for the exciting conclusion of the Tri-Nations. Rugby just doesn't get any better than this!

If you are interested in rugby sites, two come to mind: [www.rugbyrugby.com/](http://www.rugbyrugby.com/) and [www.sportsillustrated.cnn.com/rugby/index.html](http://www.sportsillustrated.cnn.com/rugby/index.html).



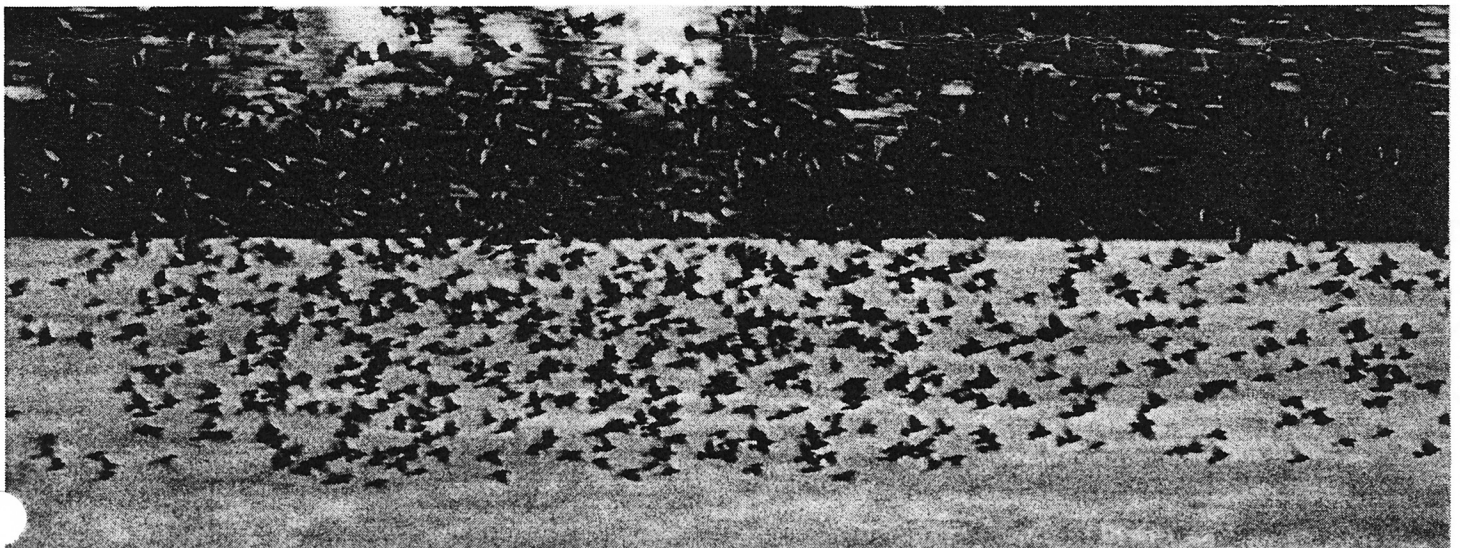
**Ed and Sam more or less in control and under control.**

photo by DT



**Happiness is... a puddle to cool off in after a sheep drive.**

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**A flight of birds rises, wheels and settles again in a grain field.**

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## AUGUST

Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> **Queen's 2000**

Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup> 7:00pm **Council Meeting**

Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> **Kingston Ceili Band**

## SEPTEMBER

Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm **Council Meeting**

Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm **Council Meeting**

*Weasel & Easel*

The Weasel and Easel at its new location in the old Neilson Store at the east end of the village will be open daily from July 1st. The hours are 11 am to 5 pm.

The store has a wide variety of local art and crafts for sale. Wood work, pottery, paintings, blankets, sheep skin rugs, to name some of the work there. The place to find that perfect gift or memento of a visit to the island.

## THE BACK KITCHEN

389-7200

Open Fri, Sat and Sun 11:00 am - 8:00 pm

Labour Day Monday 11:00 am - 7:00 pm

We're open one more week-end  
after Labour Day, September 8, 9 & 10

Thank-you all for making our Week-end Openings a success this year. The support and compliments were overwhelming. A special Thank-you to all of our staff and Garry's Mother, who worked tirelessly with us to make it all come together.

Susan and Garry

## *Amherst Island* GENERAL STORE

389-0417

### \*SUMMER HOURS\*

7 Days a Week 9am - 9 pm

### CANADA POST

Monday - Friday ..... 9 am - 11:30 am

..... 2:30 pm - 5 pm

Saturday ..... 9 am - 12 noon

*The Saturday Beaver will now be available at  
the Amherst Island General Store.*

We have a wide variety of products available.  
If we don't have what you need, it can be  
ordered with deliveries.

Delivery days are Wednesdays and Saturdays.  
Just call a day ahead to place your order.

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that you pick up orders around 11a.m. as we  
have no room for storage in coolers at this time.

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