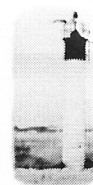


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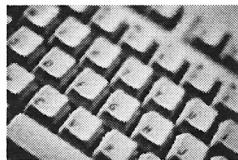


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## THIS ISSUE

- Ian Murray,  
editor

Privacy issues have been in the news lately. There are



an increasing number of laws and regulations regarding privacy that have an effect on employers, governments, companies and, I suppose, community newsletters.

The Beacon has not yet received any complaints regarding privacy issues but I am a bit nervous. In an effort to be proactive in this area, the Beacon hereby agrees not to print the name or photo of anyone who sends a signed letter stating that the writer wants the Beacon to respect his/her privacy.

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## NEIGHBOURHOOD

- Lyn Fleming

Well, unfortunately, we have a long list of get wells this month. The Amherst Island First Response Team has been kept quite busy in some cases.

Get Well to Ralph Wemp, Anna Hitchins, Beatrice Wemp, Doug Wilson, John Munro, Roland Lavigne, and Elsie Willard .

Condolences to Anne-Marie Hitchins and family, following the recent passing of her brother in western Ontario.

Welcome home to Jacob Murray and Sue Frizzel and their infant son, Nathan. Jacob grew up on the Island and has returned with his family to



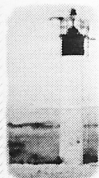
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settle next door to the family farm at the head of the Island. That's 5 babies in the last year or so born to multi-generation Island families, making a promising future to the Island school and the Island itself!

Also returning back to the home are Keith McGinn, son of Russell and Jane, and Scott Marshall, son of Dianne and Bob Marshall. Both young men will be working part time on the ferry.

Welcome back to Helen Bulch, who

**Local Firefighter to swim the butterfly stroke across Lake Ontario in August.... Stories on pages 16 and 17**



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recently moved back to the Island from Amherstview to live with Ida (her daughter) and George Gavlas.

Keith and Cora McGinn, Kelly and Maureen McGinn and Yvonne McGinn spent a week in Las Vegas this past month.

The students at Amherst Island Public School recently held an Art Exhibit at the Lodge, where a varied and unique collection of student art was on display for the public. The exhibit will continue on weekends through May 15th and by appointment during the week.

St. Alban's Anglican Church invited the public to an open house recently, to show off the newly painted, carpeted and renovated church.

Amherst Island Rec Association held the final Community Euchre of the season on April 22nd. Prizes and trophies were given for highest (and lowest) scores for the season as well as nightly. A.I.P.S. senior class students held another movie night fund raiser for their year end trip. The last

couple have been poorly attended, but those in attendance have been generous.

Although we didn't have too severe of a winter this year, spring has been slow in coming. It has been wet, cool and sometimes dreary with just enough mild sunny days thrown in to get our hopes up. I was in Leamington (the most southern part of Canada) this past week and drove through a snow-storm from London to Leamington, where they had already cut grass twice and the flowers were up and the fields planted - and where everything was now

under 5-6 inches of snow! What summer will bring is anyone's guess!

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## **WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

- Joyce Haines

The regular monthly meeting of the Amherst Island W.I. took place on April 20 at the home of Joyce Haines with 12 present. The president called the meeting to order with the Ode, Collect, and O Canada. Joyce Reid was welcomed as a new member. The roll call was answered by paying our annual dues which are earmarked for district, area and national annual fees.

The district annual meeting will be on May 18 in Selby with a delegation from Amherst Island led by President Mary Kay Steel.

The Stone Fence Committee will be meeting shortly to make plans for this summer's work on the east wall at Pentland Cemetery. All volunteers are welcome.

It was decided that a calendar will be produced for 2006 and a committee was formed.

Plans were



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put in place for our muffin and coffee table at the Island market. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

BAKE SALES on the Fridays of the summer long weekends will start on May 20. They will take place in front of the General Store at 3:45 p.m. until sold out. The dates are May 20, June 30, and July 29. There's sure to be some goodies you would enjoy.

A decision was made to spearhead the purchase of a motor powered movie screen for the community centre. We will be looking for financial support from other groups and welcome any individual contributions.

After the regular meeting, the Annual Meeting was conducted. The executive for the coming year: President Mary Kay Steel, Vice President Jackie Sylvester, Past President Joyce Haines, Treasurer Stephanie Boissonneault, and Standing Committee members were sworn in by Chairperson Leslie Gavlas. Then the fun began as Joyce Reid was initiated in as auctioneer of our brown bag surprises. Lunch followed supplied by Judith Harrower, Mary Kay Steel and Joyce Haines.

Next Meeting is May 18, 7 p.m. at the home of Leslie Gavlas. The program is "The Napanee Museum Archives" by Leslie.

Special best wishes go to our members Anna Hitchins and Elsie Willard who were unable to attend the meeting due to hospitalisation.



*Island Book Club meets with CBC: L-R Kirsten Bennick; Carol Finlay; Susan Friesen; Diane Hieatt; Bobbie Shaw; David Stains; Janet Grace; Pat Gow; and CBC's Alan Neal.*

### CBC WRAP-UP

- Claire Jenney

Did you hear the champagne corks popping last Friday on the South Shore? After the host, co-host and crew of CBC's Radio One Book Club packed up their microphones and headed for the ferry, the Amherst Island Reading Group tossed aside their tattered copies of "The Last Heathen" by Charles Montgomery - and prepared to Party Hearty.

The hour-long taping was the result of a round-table discussion led by Alan Neal, the host of the show, and Dr. David Stain, a professor of English from the University of Ottawa. The discussion was far-ranging: the group examined the author's reasons for following in his great-grandfather's footsteps to Melanesia—the great-grandfather, a Bishop, the author, a skeptic. And so a modern-day pilgrimage is undertaken, during which the author learns that although the islands are now largely Christian there is a curious syncretism at work—the old ancestor worship just won't go away!

Kirsten Bennick regaled the radio au-

dience with some examples of pidgin, the common language spoken by the natives who worked as crew on sailing ships early in the 19th century. It developed further when more than 50,000 islanders were sent to work as indentured labourers on plantations in Australia, Fiji and Samoa. Called Bislama, the moniker originated from "buche-de-mer," the name the French gave to the sea slug they bought from the islanders and sold in the markets of Hong Kong. In pidgin everything is a "fala" (fellow) even a

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tree, a shark or a girl. A boy who admired a girl told the author, "Hem I wan gudfala gel." And a "pijin blong salwata" is, of course, a seagull.

The author is most moved when he encounters the Melanesian Brotherhood, native religious leaders whose deep faith in action affects him profoundly. These Brothers serve as a sort of spiritual SWAT team, dowsing the fires of backsliders. One in particular, the meek Brother Francis, who is martyred, is pivotal in the author's development as he moves from skeptic to believer.

The Reading Group was most interested in the effects of the missionary teachings on the islanders, so reminiscent of our own history with the Native Peoples.

Montgomery has won numerous awards for his articles on travel and his description of the perils (many, including malaria) and pleasures (few, the mildly narcotic drink, kava) he encountered in the islands of Melanesia are by turns hair-raising or hilarious. The book has given me a whole new appreciation of our good ship, Frontenac II—no buckets of vomit sloshing across the deck and no squealing pigs being swept overboard to the waiting sharks!

The author's new book will be set in Mexico; whether or not it is another prize winner, it will certainly be a worthwhile read—finely crafted, thought-provoking and immensely entertaining.

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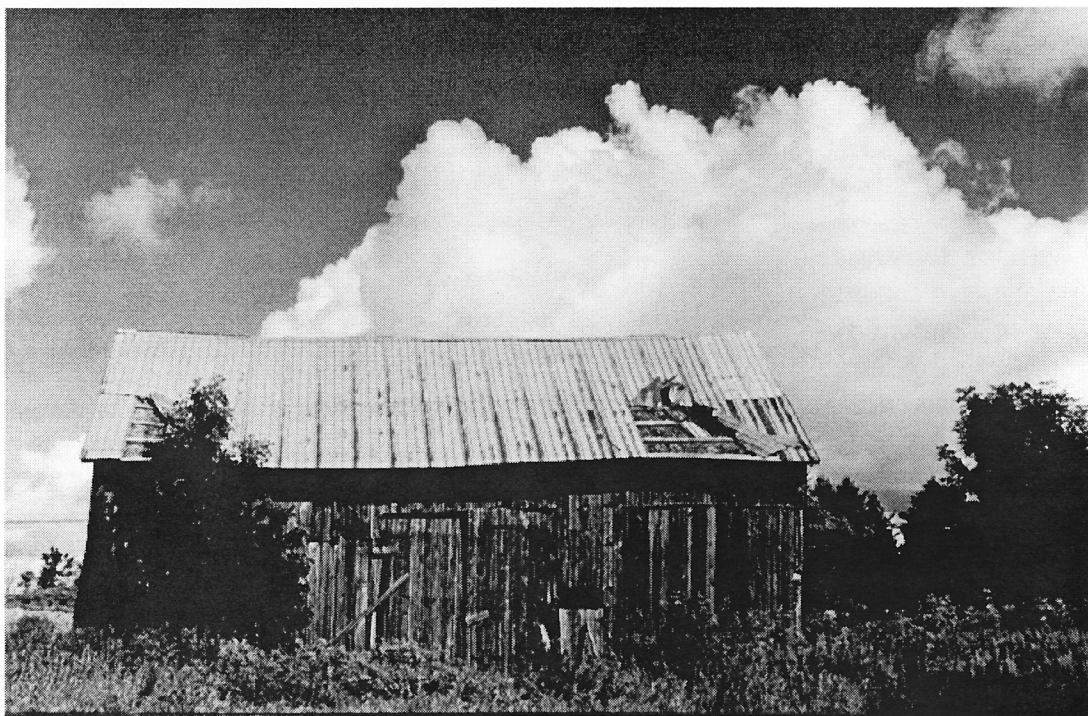
## TRANSFORM OUR SCHOOL SURROUNDINGS (TOSS)

- Lynann Whitton

Cast your mind back - can you remember your old school playground? If it was like mine, it was a dusty or paved open area with no trees and no shade. Searing heat in summer and icy blasts of wind in winter.

for the children. The community benefits as well - the school is already used for community functions but imagine if the grounds were so attractive that you would want to have wedding photos taken there?

We believe we have a perfect opportunity to transform our school grounds into something really special.



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On Amherst Island we are somewhat better off - our school/community center is largely surrounded by green space and we have a fine climbing structure, but the wind can be brutal either off the lake or the fields, and there isn't a shade tree within a hundred yards of the building.

This outdoor space could be so much more!! Last year a few of us attended a workshop put on by the Canadian Biodiversity Institute called "School Grounds Transformation". We learned how to transform our existing school grounds into an environmentally healthy, learning and recreational area

To start things off, we have formed a small committee of teachers/parents and community members. Our goal is to have a full landscaping plan in place by the end of the summer. This plan might take 10 years to fully implement, but having the plan in place allows us to gradually work away in small stages and also to qualify for numerous funding opportunities.

So what is the first step? Consultation. Nearly everyone on the Island uses the school grounds at some time or other. We want everybody - kids, parents, teachers, and the community - to have a chance to suggest needs



and ideas. We have already surveyed the children and got some great ideas (Dakota Wolfreys wants bumper cars!). I'm sure the community can come up with many more ideas – maybe seating areas outside the school door, picnic tables under shady trees.... use your imagination. We will be sending a questionnaire around soon to get community input.

Finally, we want as much hands-on community involvement as possible!! For starters, if you have landscaping experience or are a passionate gardener and want to get involved, we would love to hear from you right now! And of course, as the various parts of the project are funded over the next few years, we hope that we can rely on Island 'gardener power' to lend a hand now and again.

Keep your eyes open for the TOSS survey and call us (Lynann Whitton : - 384-5027) if you want to play an active role in the design phase.

—your TOSS committee is Lynann Whitton, Stephanie Raeburn-Gibson (AIPS science teacher), Tessa Mayman, Joyce Haines, Caroline Ackerman and Judith Harrower

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### JANET'S JOTTINGS



- Janet Scott

May 2005

The Canadian Economy is largely dependent on our big brother to the south, the United States of America. We welcome their tourist dollars with avarice and absolutely cheer when one of them wants to pay "American" dollars for Canadian real estate. Sometimes like any big brother

we resent their domineering and at other times when the going gets rough we are glad our big brother is standing beside us. One of their exports to us has turned out to be generally welcomed and seems to enjoy living here. We call our southern migrating seniors "Snowbirds" but in exchange we have received the happy, cheery little House Finch.

In 1940 some illegally caged birds were released on Long Island. Until that time *Carpodacus mexicanus* was happily living on the west coast of North America from B.C. to Mexico. The spread of this species was phenomenal and by 1972 the species was reported at Prince

Edward Point and by 1980 they were everywhere in the Kingston area. Not only did they adapt readily to the Eastern seaboard they were able to establish new migration routes and a consistent migration pattern.

The House Finch male displays a red front of his head, red breast and rump. This red colour can vary from red to

orange to yellow. The females and young are streaked brown overall. Lynanne and Jim have a rather interesting colour morph at their feeder with white head and creamy patches. They are about 15 cm. in length, slightly bigger than a Chickadee and smaller than a House Sparrow.

Our local House Finches will stay at the feeder and around houses all winter long. They start to sing and chirp happily as soon as the sun of Spring starts to warm a snowy rooftop. Their song is sweet and bouncy with a high-pitched and varied three note call that slides off to a nasal wheer at the end. Their absolute friendliness with the Human species has led to some interesting nesting sites. I guess if you're a California bird you can just nest anywhere. Dan and Val Wolfreys had one happily raise a family in a hanging plant on their porch no more than 5 feet from the front door. The most bizarre nesting is at Helen Trotter's and Doug Shurtcliffe's home where one has cho-



The Coast Guard ship "Caribou Isle"

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sen an artificial Christmas tree as a nesting site right on their porch. Now the tree has to wait until babies leave before it can be stored. Thanks for being bird friendly. When the Wolfreys still had their awnings, Dan built small corner platforms and they built nests right in view of the window with the awning as artificial protection.

Jim Whitton reports that the resident Ospreys are back on the nest at the Kingston Field Naturalist's property at the foot and also at the Lennox Generating Station site. Jim was also lucky to see a Black-backed Woodpecker at his feeder in April. They are about the same size as our Hairy Woodpecker but have a yellow patch instead of red

and display a solid black back. The Morgans spotted a Gyrfalcon out on the 2nd. Conc. and the Albertans had a Northern Flicker try to crash into their place. When the light is at the right angle or I should say wrong angle, the trees appear in the glass and birds will unfortunately thump rather hard against the glass.

The next month will be a busy nest building and baby rearing time so please watch out for exhausted parents that are slow getting off the road, tiny balls of fluff who know that they need to follow their parents in order to survive and please don't pick up small birds that appear abandoned. Their parents know how best to care for them and will most likely appear as soon as you are gone. A baby Star-

ling who spent 24 hours squawking in our chimney before he finally made it down to the stove was claimed immediately by a parent as soon as we returned him to the lawn. The parents know where their young are ! Good birding.

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## COUNCIL GLEANINGS

- Ian Murray

Island resident Martin Hauschild, Executive Vice-President of Seprotech was part of a proposal to Council regarding a demonstration Wastewater Treatment Plant.

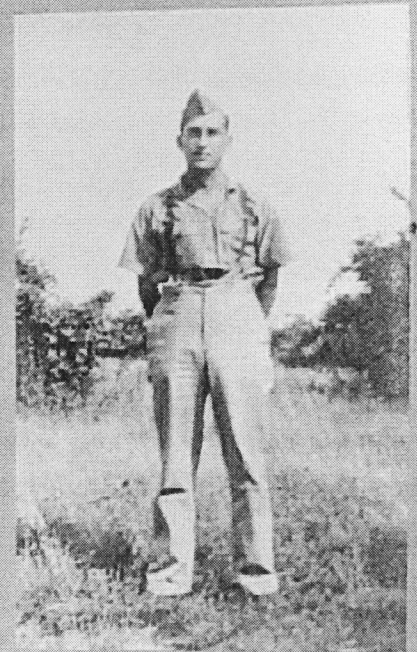
Council referred the matter to the Director of Engineering services who is "requested to bring back a report regarding the feasibility or possibilities



WALLACE KEARNEY



JOHN KEARNEY



FRED WEMP

1939 - 1945

*As the celebrations of V-E Day take place in Europe, it seems only fitting to remember these Amherst Islanders who gave their lives in the Second World War. This set of photos appear in the Ferry Office in Stella.*





*"Tis the Season" for full loads on the ferry, especially Friday evenings and Monday mornings.*

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of using the technology in the Town-ship".

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Island resident Bruce Caughey is the Chair of the 2005 Cemeteries Committee. Also on this committee is Island resident Judith Harrower.

Pentland Cemetery is now an official Historic Site.

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Council has stated that it has no objections to the CRTC application by Amherst Island Radio Broadcasting Inc.

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The job of reporting on our municipal governments for the Beacon readership is still available; no pay but travel expenses could be covered.

I just don't have the time or the inclination to do a more thorough job. The budget documents are worth

some consideration. And there are policing, dog control and numerous other topics that were considered by Loyalist Council last month that should have been covered. And there's County Council as well.

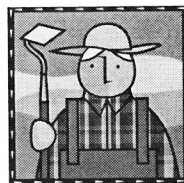
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#### AIMS MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL

- Terry Culbert,

Recording Secretary

28 AIMS members and guest speaker Jack Chiang attended the breakfast meeting at St. Paul's Church Hall on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Alan Kidd brought the meeting to order at 8:37am. He thanked Barbara Laing, Shannon McFadden, Janet Scott and the students for a terrific breakfast. The Senior Class of Amherst Island Public



School will also prepare May and June's breakfasts.

**ORANGE BIKE PROGRAM:** John Kuti noted that there are at least 6 bikes in working order on the Island that will be made available for this tourist venture. Brian Little suggested a work crew after the May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting could get together to clean, paint and oil the bikes. Ross Haines will be asked to build a bike rack. If this program is a success, and extra bikes are required, Ed Mooney will get in touch with his Kingston bike source. Neil Johnston pointed out that the liability insurance needs to be in place before the program is implemented. The Island Recreation Committee will be involved to obtain approval.

**NEILSON STORE:** Bruce Burnett reports the Neilson Store is moving ahead to open on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Shelves



*The Frontenac II pulling in to Millhaven on a glassy morning*

are being constructed on the second floor for storage of artifacts. Artifacts will be accepted under a careful program once shelves are in place.

**ISLAND ROADS CLEANUP:** Bruce Burnett distributed maps and a volunteer list to once again beautify the Amherst Island roads. Litter cleanup has become an important annual event for the AIMS group. This year, the students of Amherst Island Public School will participate in the cleanup on Saturday, April 23rd. Three AIMS members with pickup trucks will assist the students.

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

John Munro introduced his friend, guest speaker Jack Chiang. Jack is the Kingston Whig-Standard's photo editor and one of their columnists. Jack was born in China, spending his early years in Hong Kong and Macau. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the National Taiwan University and his Master's degree in Journalism from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He began his

career with the Orillia Packet and Times newspaper. In 1980, Jack joined the Kingston Whig-Standard.

Winner of two dozen national and regional photo awards, Jack's pictures have been published in all major Canadian newspapers, the New York Times, Chicago Sun-Times, Reader's Digest, Christian Science Monitor and the International Herald Tribune.

On April 2nd, Jack Chiang was honoured at an appreciation dinner held at CFB Kingston, for his charity work and tireless efforts promoting the City of Kingston.

Jack has authored and co-authored three books: "My first book was "Images of Kingston". It was a dry run to see if I could do this sort of thing," said Jack. "My second book was on RMC, the military college, called "Truth, Duty, Valour". Both those books sold out." His third book "Celebrating Ontario", received a great review from Hollywood star and Kingstonian Dan Aykroyd: "Now everyone in Ontario may enjoy the distinctive talent of Kingston's own

Jack Chiang who depicts the magnificence of our province like no one else."

Jack is working on his fourth book "Celebrating Atlantic Canada", scheduled for release in April of 2006. "After that," said Jack, "I'm going to produce a book on the 1000 Islands, which will include Amherst Island." Jack not only shared some of his outstanding photography, he also regaled his audience with many humorous stories, drawing on his vast international experience. He explained:

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"During the 1980's and 1990's, I visited 21 foreign countries including Quebec."

He actually visited Afghanistan after the Soviet invasion, Somalia during the famine, the Amazon River, Romania and the Caribbean after a hurricane.

Some of his favourite pictures were taken with one shot, others he has spent days and hundreds of dollars to complete. "A camera is just a tool," he said, "it is all in the way you use it. I have ten cameras, no favourite. I always carry a point and shoot camera attached to my belt. I love to fly with aerobatic teams as it gives me the opportunity to take some very unusual and interesting pictures. I don't actually enjoy flying itself because it always makes me ill. I get motion sickness very easily. The first time I flew with the RCAF Snowbirds was 1982 in London, Ontario. After 5 minutes in the air, I asked the pilot when we were going to land, only to be told "not for a while". For the next



50-minutes I tried to find a way to die with dignity. On my next flying excursion I came prepared. I took a whole Gravol tablet and promptly slept through the entire trip. It occurred to me that I needed to cut down on the dosage - I'm just a little guy. On future flights, I only took

## THE SPIRITUALITY OF CLUTTER

- Zander of DUNN INN

I'm sure you've seen the sign. "A clean desk is the sign of an empty mind." I saw, recently, a sign which said, "A clean desk proves the owner has nothing to do." I like those signs because my desks are not clean. They

tainer for adhesives, markers, cards and envelopes. I also have to keep certain records at this desk. Favourite photo books grace this desk also. When I am looking for a print and shuffling various pictures around, the desk becomes a cluttered mess. I am sure anybody looking at the clutter



*Passing the Brothers*

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half a tablet and it worked well.

What is the most important lesson I've learned as a photographer? If there is a flock of birds flying overhead, don't look up!"

Chairman Kidd thanked Jack Chiang and promised a cheque of one hundred dollars to be sent to the Kingston Boys and Girls Club in Jack's name.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20.

Next AIMS meeting will be Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m.. Bruce Caughey will talk about the Amherst Island Agricultural Society.



are cluttered.

I have three desks in my study. On the first desk sits my computer. That desk is only big enough to hold the computer and printer and perhaps a small book. That means when I want to quote or copy from a big book I have to put the book on a stand or on the floor or off to the side. Normally, when I'm writing I have several books I want to consult. They tend to get piled one on top of the other. Sometimes I have papers, clippings, magazine articles, photocopies I want to include and they get added to the clutter. I know it looks terrible - even to me - but I can find anything I want in the clutter ... usually.

My second desk is where I try to "do" my photography and picture cards. But photography involves prints, negatives, albums, boxes of extra prints, a con-

on my photo desk would despair. But I can find any picture I need ... usually.

My third desk is really too narrow and small to work at. It was left to us by Nance's aunt and it is a beautiful piece of furniture. A row of books runs across the top of it and its many drawers are full of treasures. I keep certain files in the big drawer, pens and papers in small drawers, card stock and stamps in medium sized drawers. The centre drawer is a jumble - a clutter - of unique valuables. I have some special harmonicas, a potato gun, a host of orange items, some little balls, three pocket knives, two necklace chains for name tags, a couple of watches, a few luggage tags and several political and religious buttons. Unfortunately the surface of



*Bales, Barns & Bovines*

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this desk gets piled high with papers, books, letters, in no special order. Most would call this clutter. But I can find any item I need ... usually.

I think the clutter gets higher and deeper because I get called from one interest - from one desk to another - and I forget or don't have time to clean up everything. At least, that's my excuse. Neat freaks - organized and structured people - could not put up with my clutter. But I find their neatness cold, stark, intimidating. I saw the desk of the Minister of Finance, Ralph Goodale, on T.V. just before he brought down his latest budget and it was absolutely clear, clean, utterly devoid of anything. I think I would have trouble relating to such a man.

Some of us have neat, tidy, clean

desks. Some of us can't find our desks because of the clutter. The neat, tidy, organized people aren't better than those of us who live among clutter. We're different that's all.

There's room in this world for both kinds of people. And the most amazing thing of all is that God loves both neat and messy people whether their desks are tidy or cluttered.

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## MAY SKIES

- Alan Kidd

May is the month when the Big Dipper is overhead in the evening skies. That is about 11 PM and the beginning of May and just as the sky gets dark by Month's end. The highlight for this month are the return of Venus to the evening sky and an occultation of Antares by the full Moon.

Technically the Big Dipper is only a part of a much large constellation called Ursa Major, or the Great Bear.





bright orange star Antares. This phenomenon is called an occultation, but the bright light of the full moon will make it difficult to see properly.

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## HERE & THERE

- Ian Murray

Along with about a dozen other Islanders I attended the April 21<sup>st</sup> presentation of the Background Information & Initial Findings of the CENTRAL REGION NATURAL HERITAGE STUDY. The somewhat formal presentation was attended by only 9 Islanders - it felt like a mainland turnout - due mainly to the lateness of notification.

The purpose of the study is to: discover the important biological systems in this area; and, then "to protect and enhance . . . habitat and biological diversity".

These are, I'm sure, very worthy goals for our society to pursue but some landowners are concerned that these goals will cost them in money and inconvenience without compensation.

I am sure that the next meeting will be better advertised and much better attended.

Keith Miller is a member of the study committee and is willing to discuss it with anyone who cares to do so.

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A better attended meeting was the first AGM (Annual General Meeting) of Amherst Island Radio Broadcasting Inc. Thirty-eight memberships (new and renewal) were sold at the door and by month's end there were 50 (39 last year).

The by-laws were approved. Michelle LeLay & Neil Johnston are new board members with Alex Scott Jr. and Lyn Fleming returning to the board.

Finances and future plans were discussed, questions were asked and answered, visiting was done and food eaten.

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Jack Chiang had an interesting and flattering article in the Whig (April 18) about Amherst Island, AIMS, the radio station, and the Nielson Store Museum.

Like most casual visitors Mr. Chiang forgets that his knowledge of the Island is also casual. He imagines that a Peter Trueman newscast would be: "Today there's no news. And tomorrow will be the same." This is so wrong. It is news to me (and others) that a neighbour who I've liked and respected for over 30 years was taken off the Island in an ambulance a few days ago. Or that the ferry is not working for an indefinite time due to some sort of me-

chanical failure. I realize that these are not important news items to most Whig readers but they are important to those who live here.

We do not "live like one big, happy family". This is certainly a good place to live - especially if one is willing to help and be helped - but it is not a bucolic utopia and never will be.

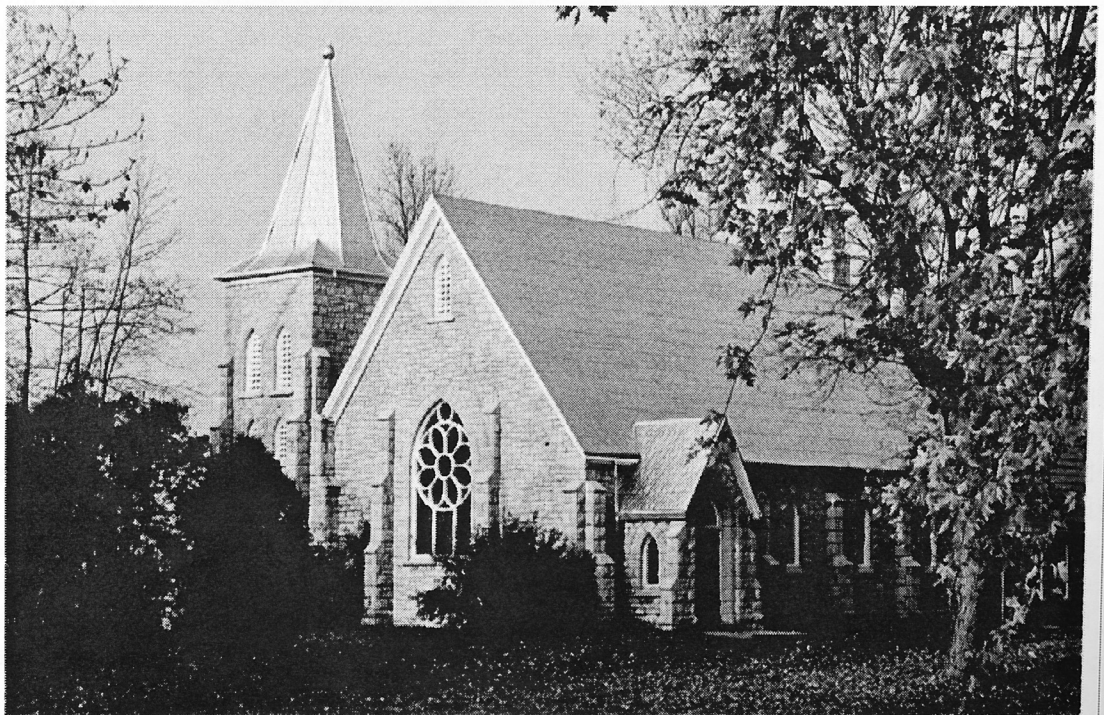
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Following letters in the Whig, Islanders are wondering if there will be a public debate between Dick Dodds and Hugh Jenney.

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Zander Dunn also had a letter published in the Whig (April 5). Zander takes the position that Biblical miracles, rather than being seen as literal, can be viewed as metaphors and that: "The miracle of love, the miracle of birth, the miracle of growth - these are miracles we can see every day . . ."

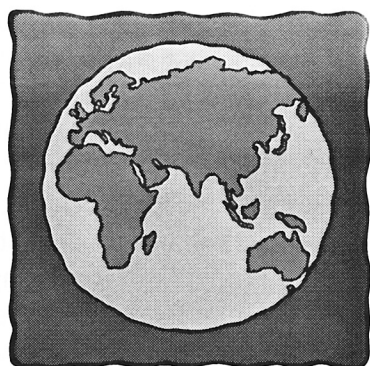
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Spring at St. Pauls

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## ANOTHER STORY

- Alena Schram

For four years in the mid-80s, while the children were still young and compliant, we lived in London, England. It was a glorious time for us all. Our house was situated some distance outside London, in a leafy and lovely gated community, where the early 20<sup>th</sup> century homes were built around a well-known golf course, formerly a private estate. Ours, like

many others, even had a World War II bomb shelter at the bottom of the garden.

John was then head of the Canadian High Commission's political section (a High Commission being what a Commonwealth embassy is called when it's located in another Commonwealth capital), and the job carried with it considerable entertaining responsibilities.

If you lived, as many of our colleagues did, in the centre of London, it was very easy to simply hire caterers or waiters to help with dinners which were generally quite formal and consisted of at least four courses. But we lived far from town and this option wasn't available to us. Besides, we felt strongly that the Canadian taxpayer should get value for money and that meant doing all the cooking and preparation ourselves.

We had a dining room table that

seated 14 comfortably and all the silver and crystal and china to do Canada proud, but needed someone to lend a hand so that John and I could stay seated throughout the meal and pay attention to our guests which usually included senior members of the British foreign and civil service, counterparts in other embassies and High Commissions, journalists, bankers, political analysts, and business people.

For weeks we considered our options: should I just dash up from the table and try to collect dishes while the next course got cold? Should John? Could we ask one of the neighbours to come in to assist? Would a buffet be more practical?

After weeks of consultations, the children came up with a plan. Why not use them to serve? It seemed a perfect solution.



*Going, Going... but not gone!*

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John would set the table and arrange the flowers; I would cook; then he would clean up. Our daughter, Elizabeth, 12 at the time, would make up the place cards in her beautiful calligraphy, look after the vegetables that needed last-minute attention, see that the courses appeared in their proper order, and most important, make sure that the plates for cold appetizers stayed in the fridge and the ones for the main course stayed warm. I'd shown her how one of the stove elements vented from the oven and that serving dishes, platters and dinner plates could easily sit on this element, warming as the beef or chicken or lamb cooked. And just in case there was a problem, I'd have a small bell at the table and she'd have a large bell in the kitchen.

Katherine, then 10, was responsible for bringing in the soup, fish course, and dessert, which she was to put on the large mahogany sideboard, from where John would serve. Peter, just 7, had only one job and that was to stand beside John while he carved and then put the plated main course in front of each guest, remembering always to serve from the left and collect from the right.

I'd worked out a menu that we could repeat for the first series of three dinners since the guests weren't likely to come twice, and we had a number of practice sessions. The children wanted mightily to help us make an impact, and the 5 pounds each we were paying them was an additional incentive.

For the first dinner I had decided to splash out and buy asparagus out of season – a wild extravagance at 8 pounds. I'd warned Elizabeth to treat each spear with tender care. She knew to have the water boiling as we sat down for soup, to add the asparagus several minutes after the fish course

had begun, and to drain them and add butter while Peter and Katherine were clearing plates. Everything was moving along smoothly; the guests were utterly enchanted with these three children earnestly carrying out their duties; John and I were glowing with pride.

Then I don't know quite what happened. All I know is that one minute Katherine was carrying the silver entrée dish with the 8 pound [money not weight] asparagus into the dining room and the next minute the vegetables seemed to float through the air as if launched, and then fall gracefully, in a large green pile, to the ground. The sound, or perhaps the movement and the chorus of gasps that followed, alerted our collie Mandy, who rushed over from her hiding place near the stairs and began slurping noisily on the lashings of butter Elizabeth had applied to the spears. John, who was halfway through carving up a magnificent roast beef, turned languorously, as if to imply this sort of thing happened nightly in our house, and said, "Oh, Katherine, why not bring the other bowl of asparagus?"

Well of course, there WAS no other bowl of asparagus, not at 8 pounds a pop. I leapt from my seat, rushed into the kitchen and hissed, "Turn on the hot water! Quick!" and with Elizabeth, began to rinse off the spears one by one, pulling away stray bits of fur as we did. The asparagus returned to the table with decorum and we continued.

The following week we'd scheduled a second dinner, thinking to get this performance perfected immediately. For some unfathomable reason I bought more asparagus, and this time Katherine promised to walk very slowly. Elizabeth and I discussed all the preparations, and she assured me everything was well in hand. I checked the dishes that were warming, made sure

the silver entrée dish was on the bottom of the pile, sitting comfortably on the element, and went upstairs to change.

The first two courses again went very smoothly. Katherine came in with the meat and potatoes; Peter brought the gravy and condiments. Suddenly we could hear a bell clanging furiously from the kitchen. I left the table quickly to see what had gone wrong and found Elizabeth sobbing.

"The asparagus!" she wailed.

"Don't worry," I said soothingly, "if you've overcooked them no one will notice."

"I didn't overcook them, I turned the burner under the dishes on by mistake....." And sure enough, there was the full entrée dish, a fiery red, handles melted off onto the element beneath, asparagus neatly sealed between the lid and the bowl.

I hurried into the dining room, sidled up to John and whispered, "Elizabeth's turned the electricity on under the silver dish and melted it. There's silver all over the burner!"

"Get a putty knife," he whispered loudly back at me, "and scrape it off. We can't afford the damage!" And then, once again, languidly, he half-turned towards the guests and said, "Oh, and bring the other bowl of asparagus, would you?"

Back into the kitchen I raced and, with Elizabeth, prised open the sizzling dish, whipped out the somewhat shrivelled contents, and returned to the dining room, smiling in a bizarre sort of way. The next day I found a silversmith willing to repair and re-silver the dish.

Call us crazy but we went for a third dinner. The guests had already been invited. It was too late to cancel. Besides, the children were eager to prove they could carry off at least





### *Spring comes to Stella*

one event without catastrophe. The first two courses came out, were served and cleared with real precision. Now it was Peter's turn to shine and he stood eagerly beside John, dressed in his school uniform – grey woollen blazer and short pants, white shirt, and robin's egg blue tie – awaiting the first serving: meat, vegetables, potatoes and gravy. Walking slowly and clutching the warm plate, he approached the man seated on my right, a very senior representative of Her Britannic Majesty's Government. He moved cautiously to the guest's left, just as we'd rehearsed, and angled the dinner towards the table. Suddenly there was a loud *thunk* and a stunned silence. The plate had fallen. Peter, humiliated, ran from the room and in an instant we could hear the most dread-

ful sounds coming from the kitchen. The guest, meanwhile, totally composed in an English upper-class sort of way, continued his conversation with the woman to his right.

I went out to try to calm Peter down. He was nearly hysterical.

"Don't worry, Pete, Daddy will organize another plate."

"No, you don't understand," he gulped in an anguished little voice, "I flipped the plate all over the guest-of-honour's lap!"

Sure enough, our VIP visitor was covered from his knees to his thighs in the most incredible mash of food: meat and potatoes plopped on his lap and gravy running down his trouser legs to the tops of his highly polished shoes.

The children collected their 5 pounds and we decided to take a short break from entertaining.

Peter Large SCA

### **ALFRED FILSON & SADIE TUGWELL** - Stuart Filson

Alfred David Filson was born on Amherst Island in August 1885. He grew up on his father's farm on the Island.

In the spring of 1912 he came west to Wood River Country, Saskatchewan, where his brother Harvey was located. Alfred filed on the SW 27-8-6W3 in May 1913. He stayed and worked with Harvey in the early years.

Alfred brought from Ontario many carloads of horses. He would return to Ontario for part of the winter, and purchase horses for sale in the West.

In 1919 he married Sarah Sterling (Sadie) Tugwell and brought her out to his farm in the West. Born in Ontario in 1887, she grew up there,

took training and became a registered nurse. She was a great help to many who needed nursing care in the Woodrow area.

A. D. Filson was a great horseman, and won many prizes and trophies with his four and six horse teams at Woodrow and other nearby fairs, such as Gravelbourg.

The Filsons raised one son, Hugh. They left the farm at Woodrow in 1937 and relocated on a farm north of London, Ontario, near Denfield.

Their son Hugh, who is a farmer and auctioneer, lives near Denfield, and has a family of three girls and three boys.

Alfred Filson died in 1964 and Sadie in 1966.

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Dedicated to all the gardeners on Amherst Island  
LET US PRAY

"O Lord, grant that in some way it may rain every day, say from about midnight until three o'clock in the morning, but, you see, it must be gentle and warm so that it can soak in; grant that at the same time it would not rain on campion, alyssum, helianthemum, lavender, and the others which you in your infinite wisdom know are drought-loving plants - I will write their names on a paper if you like - and grant that the sun may shine the whole day long, but not everywhere (not for instance, on spiraea, or on gentian, plantain lily, and rhododendron), and not too much; that there may be plenty of dew and little wind, enough worms, no plant-lice and snails, no mildew, and that once a week thin liquid manure and guano may fall from heaven. Amen."

[Found in The Gardener's Year 1929 submitted by Stella of Emerald - Ian.]

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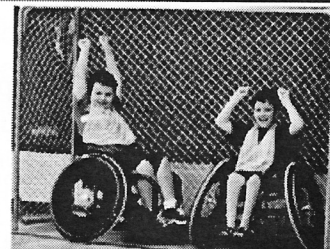
**Saturday, July 16, 12:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

All proceeds in support of Vicki Keith's

80 km butterfly swim for

special needs children

at the Kingston Family YMCA



## THANK YOU NOTES

Many thanks to family and friends for their help during our move from Kitchener. We are very happy to be back home.

Jacob, Sue and Nathan





*Vicki Keith, local firefighter... also swims a little...*

**GETTING BACK IN THE WATER -  
"BUTTERFLY VICKI"  
IS COMING OUT OF RETIREMENT IN  
SUPPORT OF THE YMCA**

Kingston (ON), May 5, 2005 (Press release from the Kingston YMCA)– Vicki Keith, Amherst Island's marathon swimmer, is coming out of retirement, this August, to raise money in support of a facility expansion at the Kingston Family YMCA.

Vicki will enter Lake Ontario in Oswego, New York, and swim the butterfly stroke, for over 80 kilometres, to Kingston, Ontario. In doing so, she hopes to raise over \$200,000 in support of the Kingston Family YMCA's new pool, set a new world record, and to reach a personal goal of raising one million dollars for charitable causes. The swim is slated to begin, weather permitting, during the first week in August, and the specific date will be determined according to the weather conditions of that week.

"I am climbing back into Lake Ontario this summer to reinforce in the minds of young people that nothing is impossible. I want to inspire the Y Knot children to reach greater heights. I want to give them the same thing I was able to give to the children at Variety Village – a place to belong," said Vicki.

Known to Kingstonians as "Butterfly Vicki", she returned to Kingston in 2001 to develop the Kingston Family YMCA's Y Knot Programs for children with physical disabilities. The programs support and encourage children with disabilities to achieve new heights by strengthening their mind, spirit and body. They have helped children who were unable to walk, learn to run, and non-swimmers to become some of the fastest in the country in their classification.

"The Kingston Family YMCA's Y Knot Programs are about building self-confidence. They are about showing young people that nothing is impossible – that, with hard work and determination, they can accomplish anything they set their minds on," said Vicki.

Vicki began her marathon swimming career at the age of 23. Today, she holds a phenomenal 14 World Records, has received numerous awards and recognition, including becoming a member of the Order of Canada (Canada's highest honour), and has raised \$800,000, to date, for children with disabilities.

Donations in support of the swim can be made by cash or cheque at the Membership Services Desk of the Kingston Family YMCA. The YMCA is open Monday through Friday from 5:30 am to 11 pm, and Saturday and Sunday from 7:30 am to 8:30 pm.

The Kingston Family YMCA is currently finalizing plans for a major facility expansion and rejuvenation. The vision for the facility includes a new 25-metre pool, expanded health, fitness and recreation areas, a regional physical activity training centre for children with physical disabilities, and improved services to youth, teens, adults and seniors. This expanded facility will enable the YMCA to further respond to the increasing demands from the community for enhanced general and specialized physical activity and child care services.





# **AMHERST ISLAND BASEBALL TEAM - League Winners 1977** (above)

Sponsored by Amherst Island Legion Local 539

Front Row, left to right, Dave Kerr, Howard Pearce, Jack Forester, Garry Filson.

Back Row, left to right, Brian Ward, Dave Vrooman, Raymond Wemp, Rick Bedford, Larry Fleming, Darrell Miller, Bob Howard, Peter McCormick, Peter Wemp, Lorne Huffman, Donald Miller, Doug Shurtcliffe, David Fleming, Perry Bianas. Photo courtesy Garry Filson

## **CAPTION CORRECTION: April Beacon**

Readers may be interested in the correct location of the high water scene on page 17 of the April issue (reprinted below). The building pictured is the Stella Cheese Factory which Sally and I have owned since 1974.

The spring of 1975 was also a time of high water (although perhaps about 1/2 to 3/4 of a foot lower, judging from the wheels of the truck). However, this scene must have been several (perhaps quite a few) years earlier since the factory ceased operating around March 1972. Also, the appearance of the roof in the photo is substantially different than when we came upon it. It is hard to tell but in the picture it appears to still have wooden shingles (subse-

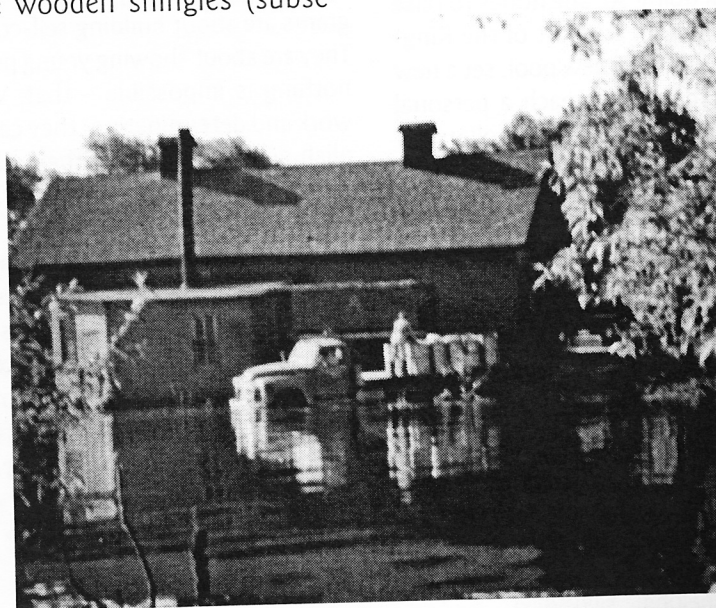
quently covered with metal) and the chimney-like vents on the roof no longer existed.

Incidentally, this is at least the second time that this location has been confused by a contributor of photos with Neilson's store.

Regards, Ross Wilson.

(Typesetters note, Or "How did this happen?"

The information appearing as the caption printed last month is what was written on the back of the photo, assumedly by the photographer, Maurice Hogeboom. This note is probably the source of the misconception: Maurice worked at the Neilson Store, and so his life was centred on that location. From his point of view, it WAS behind the Neilson Store... but it was ALSO a flood of all of Stella Bay and behind the Cheese Factory, which the photo rightly shows as the focal structure. You wouldn't believe the number of people who contacted the Beacon staff on this... Some pinpointed the year to 1946 or a date in the early 1930's. Nice to know how diligent Islanders are about their history! The Beacon regrets the error. TR).





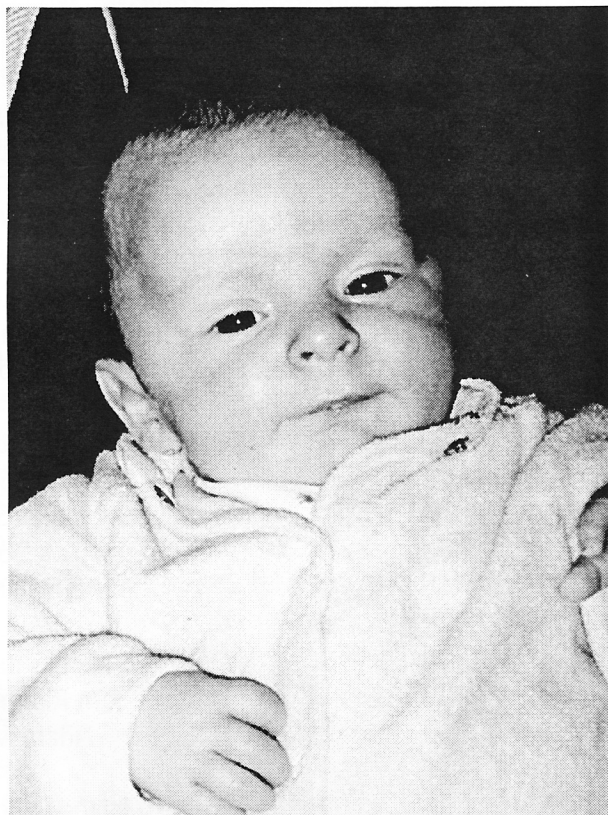
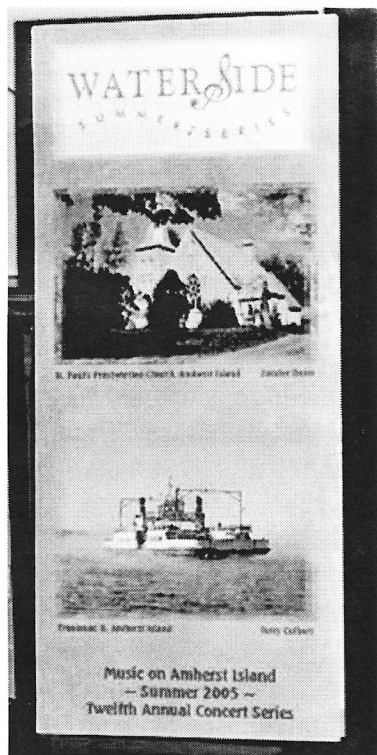
## WaterSide Tickets Now On Sale

May 1st was the first day for official ticket sales for the 2005 Summer Series. Similar to last year, all five concerts will be performed in July and August at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. The dates are July 2, 16 and 29, and August 6 and 20.

A new starting time this year for all concerts is 7:15 pm. This change will allow those who need to catch the 10 pm ferry to be able to stay until the end of the performance.

All Islanders will receive the new full colour brochure by mail early in May to ensure that they have first chance to purchase tickets. **Tickets may be purchased by calling the ticket line at 613 384-2153.** Tickets are \$15 except for July 29th, which is our annual Special Fundraiser, where the ticket price is \$25. These prices include free Amherst Island Refreshments at intermission.

Brochures will also be available at the General Store and the Victoria Tea Room. Detailed information is also available on the Amherst Island web site: [www.amherstisland.on.ca](http://www.amherstisland.on.ca)



**ALLAN ANTHONY MILLER**, son of Barbara & Adam Miller, born December 31, 2004. Allan is the 9<sup>th</sup> generation of Millers on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Concession. Proud grandparents are Rhonda & Donald MacLeod, Shirley & Keith Miller. Photo by Keith Miller

### At The Lodge, Saturday June 11: folk singer/songwriter **Aengus Finnan**



He started the concert series at the Lodge last March: He's back from a stint in Nunavut, ready to make you swoon! **THIS CONCERT HAS SOLD OUT QUICKLY: WAITING LIST TICKETS are the ONLY ones left available!**  
Doors Open 6:30pm, Show starts 7:30pm

Tickets in advance: \$22, call 634-1855  
[www.amherstisland.on.ca/thelodge](http://www.amherstisland.on.ca/thelodge)

## Amherst Island Radio Update

-Tom Richmond,  
Membership Chairman

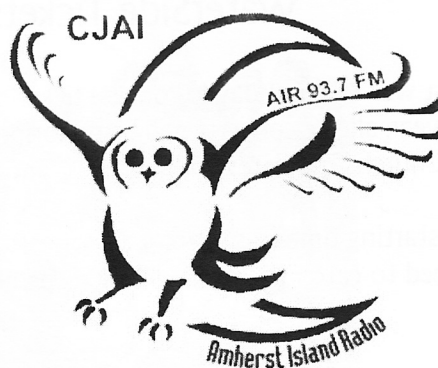
Most of the information on the AIR project was already printed in the COUNCIL GLEANINGS & HERE AND THERE columns in this copy of the BEACON, so we won't repeat, we'll just cover some other things that didn't show up there.

The new station application was sent to the CRTC (*Canadian Radio and Television Commission, the federal government programming regulators*) and IC (*Industry Canada, the federal government radio transmission and resources regulators*) in late April. YOU CAN CHECK OUT THE OFFICIAL PUBLIC COPY of the application at the Amherst Island Ferry office or download an original in full colour from the Amherst Island website: <http://www.amherstisland.on.ca/air>

- Our selected call letters, if approved, will be: **C J A I**
- Our selected frequency, if approved, will be: **93.7 MHz FM**
- Our studio, transmitter and antenna location, will be: **170 Stella Forty Foot Road.**

This is the 911 address for the barn & silo in the village where the Christmas star hangs, owned by Dayle & Ellie Gowan.

Now we need to fundraise. Purchasing a membership in Amherst Island Radio Broadcasting Inc is easy: Just flag one of the Board members down and pass \$10 to them (a table will also be set up at the Farmers Market on Victoria Day and other Saturday mornings in the summer).



You will get a warm fuzzy feeling for helping out, and updates on what is happening with your application. We are a Not-for-Profit corporation registered in Ontario: and because we are not a charity we cannot provide tax-receipts (this is why you just get the warm fuzzy feeling!).

We need to raise between \$8000 and \$11,000 for startup costs. Currently the AIR bank account is just above \$2000, so we have another 6 to 8 k to go. We are going to try very hard NOT to overlap fundraising projects of other Island service organizations. Some of the initiatives include approaching government agencies for a business grant, business sponsorships, community receptions, etc.

The most expensive component of the system is the transmitter: This is a



\$5000 expenditure as it needs to be selected from a small list of approved Canadian certified units. The antenna is a \$1000 item with all mounting hardware, and then there are other miscellaneous pieces of technical gear: mixing boards, microphones, cables, computers, etc. too.

We also need to renovate the studio space to provide a comfy (and warm) place to operate in- this is estimated at a material cost of \$3000+ and will include wallboard, insulation, windows, doors, etc.

The current waiting time for application processing is 6 to 14 months, although you never know: these type of applications are supposed to be afforded "streamlined procedures to get them on-the-air quickly".

**You can help NOW!** If you aren't a member, become one! If you are, find us just ONE MORE. Your reward is a little sticker that will show your support for the project, and give Jack Chiang further proof that we are moving toward separate country status in the Island! (below left). There are over 50 members now... join them today!

### Board members through April 2006 are:

Alex Scott  
Gary McDonald  
Lyn Fleming  
Michele LeLay  
Neil Johnston  
Tom Richmond  
Adam Miller

Amherst Island radio can be reached via internet at: [air@amherstisland.on.ca](mailto:air@amherstisland.on.ca) or via post: AIR, Stella, ON, K0H2S0



## NORTH OF NORMAL HIT COMEDY COMES HOME:

### ***SHE'S BACK!***

Recently featured on "Madly Off in all Directions" Kimmett brings "North of Normal", back to the Island from whence it was inspired.

Having toured everywhere from The Grand in Kingston to Owen Sound, Barrie, London, and Toronto, Kimmett is bringing her show home for the long weekend, **Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8 p.m. at the Victoria Hall Crafts and Tea Room.**

When Kimmett performed her critically acclaimed one-woman show, Greg Burliuk of the Kingston Whig Standard declared her "funnier than standup." The Toronto Star calls her "a gifted comic".

"North of Normal" is a hilarious perspective on moving back home. Kimmett, a native of Napanee, spent 23 years living in the "big smoke in Tarrana" before migrating to Amherst Island.

Kimmett began her comedy career at The Second City 25 years ago as a performer. She went on to write and direct shows for The Second City Productions, and her first play "Miracle Mother", was nominated for the 1995 Governor General's Award and played to sold-out crowds across the country.

**NEW MATERIAL HAS BEEN ADDED. TICKETS \$20.**

Doors open at 7:30 pm. Ferry leaves Millhaven on the half hour. Take the 7:30 ferry and go to the Victoria Hall Crafts and Tea Room.

For Tickets please call (613) 389-5389.

Light Refreshments will be served prior to the show for a reasonable cost.

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## BACK KITCHEN NEWS:

After a very long winter, The Back Kitchen Restaurant will be opening for the summer on May 20th. With that being Victoria Day weekend we will be open Friday through Monday of that weekend. After that we will go back to being open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. So for all of you that are hungry for burgers, subs and salads, made fresh while you wait, keep that weekend in mind and stop in and see us. We will also be hiring a couple of mature, dependable people, so if you are interested, stop in and see us on Monday, May 16th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Many of you have probably noticed that there is a "For Sale" sign in front of The Back Kitchen, but the staff plans to offer the same tasty food with a smile and great service. We'll see you soon!

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### **HELP!!!!**

The search is on for flat field stone. The stone fence volunteers need more stone to rebuild the east wall at Pentland Cemetery. If you have accessible field stone, any amount, please call Leslie Gavlas 384-2807, or Joyce Haines 634-7894. We really need the help of the community. Thanks for your co-operation.

### **RELAX**

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May 21 & 22

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## DANCE & FISH FRY

Amherst Island Recreation Association's annual Spring Dance and Fish Fry.

Saturday, May 21st

Dinner only

tickets also available

For tickets please call: Rick Bedford, Larry or Lynn Fleming, Tessa Mayman, Carol Morgan or Bonnie Baker

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## DEAR ISLANDERS:

My name is Peter. I am looking for a plot of land of habitable building. I can pay up to \$3000.00. I plan to build an environmentally friendly house for myself. This is for medical reasons for my health in general. If you have questions please call my grandmother at 634-8716 or myself at 613-771-1861 in Belleville.

Peter Bigras



## NEWS FROM THE GENERAL STORE

### New Movie Rentals:

Spanglish - Adam Sandler, Tea Leoni

Alfie - Jude Law

Elektra - Jennifer Garner

Fat Albert - Bill Cosby

Ladder 49 - John Travolta, Joaquin Phoenix

Shall We Dance - Richard Gere, Jennifer Lopez

The Notebook - Ryan Gosling, Rachel McAdams

Closer - Julia Roberts, Jude Law

Saw - Cary Elwes, Danny Glover

Finding Neverland - Johnny Depp, Kate Winslet

Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason - Renee Zellwinger

Ray - Jamie Foxx

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Spongebob Squarepants

A Wrinkle in Time - Disney

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Godden's Whole Hog Sausage is available in four distinct flavours - Salt & Pepper; Honey Garlic; Tomato Oregano; Hot Italian - using ALL natural ingredients (no MSG, preservatives, colouring).

New! Breakfast Sausages - Salt & Pepper or Maple Flavour! Our frozen sausages are available in 5 and 10 lb. boxes at Poplar Dell B&B, 389-2012.

**LANDFILL SITE HOURS**

Wed 11-2; Sat 10-noon; Sun 2-4.

**FERRY OFFICE HOURS**

Mon, Wed, Fri: 9-noon & 1-4

Ferry fuel-up days are Tuesday and Friday (be prepared for a delay).

**LIBRARY HOURS**

Tuesday 7-9pm, Wed 10-Noon,  
Friday 1-3pm.

**TOPSY FARMS:**

Looking for a Wedding or Shower Gift? Want an interesting outing for visitors?



Come visit our Wool Shed at 14775 Front Road. We offer lambskins & sheepskins; yarn & hats; slippers; mitts; blankets; lap robes; and wraps. GIFT IDEAS: we have several new products available, including: muffs (warmth for winter ferry crossings), felted purses & other items, & chibis (3 darning needles in a plastic container - for pocket or purse). Prices \$2 to \$105. We'll mail orders anywhere. CALL TO MAKE SURE WE ARE HOME: (613) 389-3444.

**Ted Gow Painting, wallpapering, tiling, home maintenance and repairs.** Free estimates. Island references. 634-5404.

**Third Concession Company: 634-1855**

**\*Thomas A. Richmond, Certified Electrician.**

Home, Farm & Commercial wiring & repairs, right here on the Island. Electrical Safety Authority Authorized Contractor.

**\*Bookkeeping, Property Oversight & Management Services.** Rosemary Richmond. Home, Farm, Cottage, Small Business. Island references.



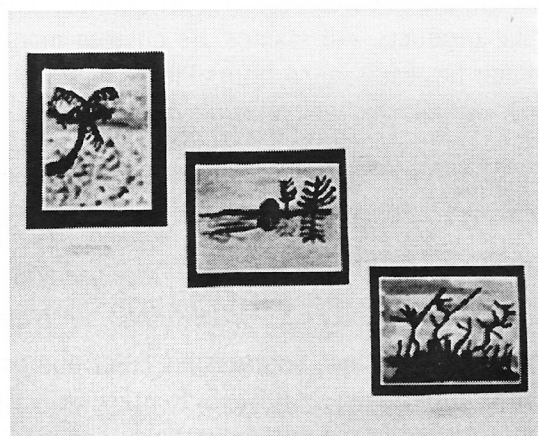
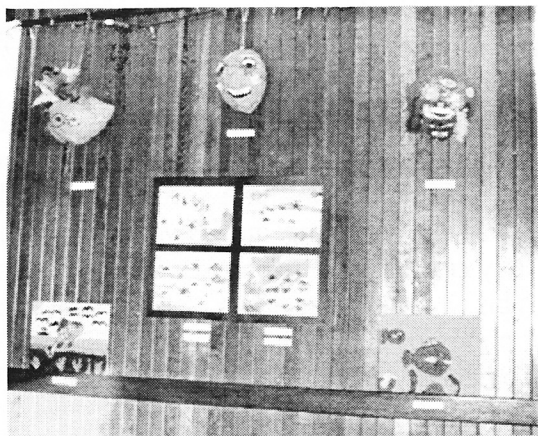
**WANTED:** Used stamps (any kind), A&P tapes, used towels, sheets, blankets and cleaning supplies for the Napanee S.P.C.A. Knitted squares and material placemats are a comfort for the cats. Cat & dog food is always needed.

Used clean clothing and paperback books for the "Cat's Meow" thrift store are a help as well. Any of the above may be left in my porch or call for a pick-up. Call regarding any other items. The animals really need our help. Freda: 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. For an appointment telephone 384-6488, 9060C Front Road.



At right, some of the Artists awaiting their adoring public: L-R- Jack Little; Faye MacArthur; Eva Kidd; Anna Kidd; Brandon Reid; Angus Little.

