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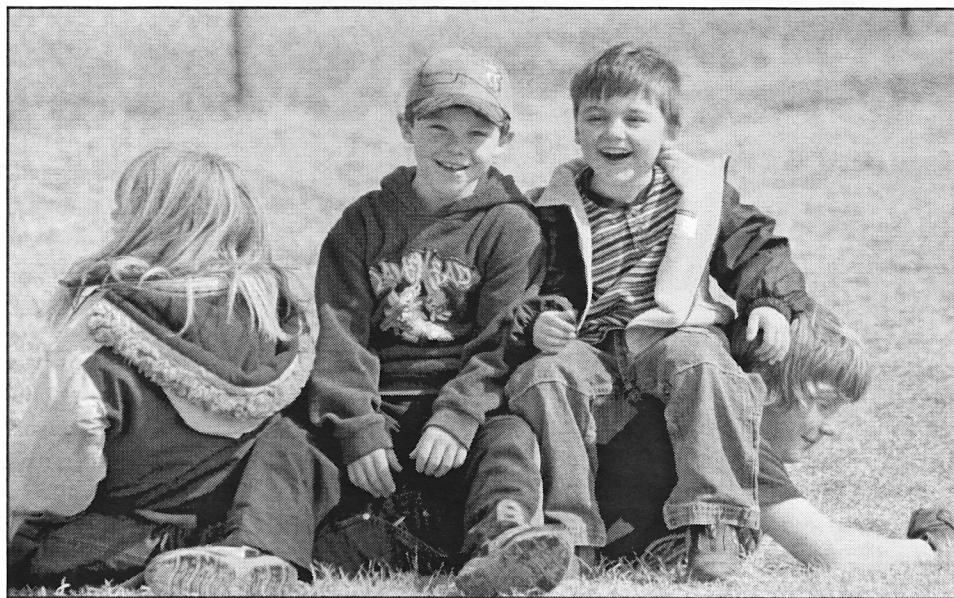


Photo by Brian Little

Dylan Mayman, Angus Little make themselves comfortable on Ben Whitton at A.I.P.S.

### THIS ISSUE

- Ian Murray, editor

The eulogies printed in the Beacon reflect, as much as possible, the wishes of the deceased's family. The Beacon staff very much appreciates the photos and information that we receive from bereaved families.



### NEIGHBOURHOOD

- Lyn Fleming

Get well wishes (some belated) this month to Paul Glenn, Helen Lamb and Whitney Fleming.

Condolences to Anna Hitchins and family following the passing of Anna's sister, Ruth Lawson.

Village neighbours of Doug Wilson (formerly of the Blacksmith shop) were saddened to hear of his passing this past month as well.

Condolences also to the family of Eric Bailey (Long Point Road) on his recent

passing.

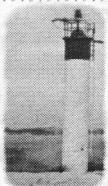
The past month or so has seen Islanders traveling to many and varied destinations. Zander and Nancy Dunn spent time in Italy with their son's family during the Olympics; Peter Large and Margaret Maloney spent some time in Mexico; Paul and Nancy Henshaw were in Florida for a good part of the winter; and Janice and Eric McGinn, and Peter and Pam McCormick escaped from the winter chill with a week in the Dominican Republic. Don and Pauline Pepper were hoping to enjoy some warmer weather on their trip to Las Vegas, but found winter was waiting for them in Vegas! Bernice Gould and Neil Johnston visited friends in Hong Kong as well as other Asian locales. Larry and I spent a week in the Orlando area visiting my Mom & sister and friends, and took in the Daytona 500 while there.

Spring Break meant some families were off and traveling as well. Stewart, Kathy and Will Reed spent a week in Daytona Beach; Rosemary, Tom, Ciara and Barry Richmond spent the week visiting Tom's sister in Barbados; Dick Shurtleff and grandsons Chris and Nick were off to Florida and Duncan, Kim, Gavin and Megan Ashley were in

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# It's Maple Syrup Time!!



Photo by Brian Little

## NEIGHBOURHOOD

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Niagara Falls. The Littles spent most of the week in Quebec, visiting friends and skiing. Jethro Allen-Martin was off to B.C. to visit family.

Dakota Wolfreys will be away to London, ON at the end of April, where he will join his bowling team in a tournament.

Spring can't be too far off, many of the Island kids have already signed up for soccer. Brian Aitkenhead continues to teach Karate on Saturday mornings, to young and old, at the Community Centre.

The A.I.R.A. Community Euchres, winding down for the season, have enjoyed a great turn out this winter.

Leader Dianne Pollock has started up this year's 4-H Club, with participants choosing an assortment of animals to learn about and care for. The ACW's annual Beef Dinner enjoyed

another great crowd, and the crowd enjoyed the usual great dinner.

Well, the snow is gone and the ice from the Bay is gone (I think it was only here 3 or 4 weeks this year), but the temperatures have stubbornly stayed below freezing with a raw wind. The kids on the bus are noticing the sheep out enjoying the sunny mornings and are already looking for early lambs and calves, (& wondering if the llama on the South Shore will have a baby - Doug?); the geese are pairing off along the South Shore and in farm fields, the Robins, Killdeer and some meadow birds have returned.

I haven't seen any "summer people" back yet - maybe they know something we don't!!

Island lore has it that we always get one more good snowstorm after the Robins return, but so far it hasn't materialized. Hopefully we will soon be enjoying a bright and mild Spring!





## SLOW POISON

- Zander of DUNN INN

I recently received an e-mail warning me that I am being slowly poisoned. The poison is MSG and it's in, or seems to be in, all prepared foods.

Perhaps that is an exaggeration but MSG hides behind 25 or more names, such as "Natural Flavouring," "Accent", "Ajinomoto", "Natural Meat Tenderizer" We checked our cans, boxes and bags of prepared foods in our pantry shelves and MSG was found in almost everything. The items that didn't have MSG marked on the product label had something called "Hydrolyzed Vegetable Protein" which is another name for Monosodium Glutamate.

MSG is an ingredient of the products in all the fast food outlets. I won't name those shops for fear of being sued by some big organization.

In tests done on rats and mice MSG triples the amount of insulin the pancreas creates which causes those animals to become obese.

If that is true, why is MSG in so many of the foods we eat? John Erb, in his book, "The Slow Poisoning of America," contends MSG is added to food for the addictive effect it has on the human body. Even those who are in favour of adding MSG, explain they use it to make people eat more.

If MSG is addictive and leads to obesity why do we allow it to be put into our favourite foods?

John Erb took his concern to government officials who told him they would never personally allow MSG into their bodies but they refused to let the public know - for fear of being taken to court by the advertisers.

Our food producers and restaurants have been addicting us to their products for years and now we're paying the price. We're getting fatter.

What can we do? We can get ourselves informed about the truth of MSG. The e-mail I received suggested I go to the National Library of Medicine at "<http://www.pubmed.com>", type in the words "MSG Obese" and read a few of the 115 medical studies that appear.

Then, of course, we can refuse to buy the foodstuffs with MSG. Abandon prepared foods. Eat fresh natural foods. Bypass the Fast Food Joints. Don't allow the poison into your body.

Of course, you won't avoid all MSG - because you won't know where it is - but you will send a message to the food industry that you don't want to be poisoned any longer.

The person who sent me the e-mail remarked if only 50% of it were true it would still be scary.

I think I'll stick close to my wife who grows her own vegetables in her garden, buy the good things Barbara Reid produces and read all the labels on the food I purchase.

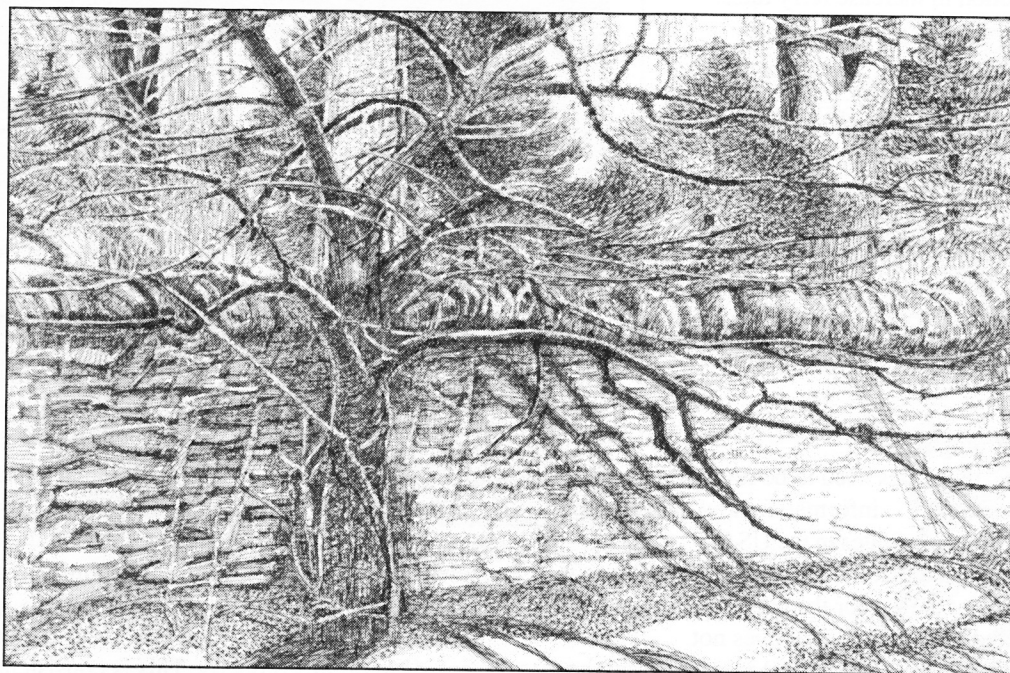
We're winning the war against nicotine as we outlaw smoking in public; let's go to war against MSG and enjoy the natural foods with which God has blessed us.

We don't need most of the prepared foods we ingest. We need the taste of real, natural, healthy food.

Bon appetit!

\*\*\*Our apologies to Zander for our omission of his March Column.\*\*\*

## Sun and Shadow



Ink Drawing by Peter Large SCA



## COUNCIL GLEANINGS

- Ian Murray

March was a very busy month for municipal government. There were over 400 pages of township documents, which took my computer almost 4 hours to download. (Our barn

appears to block the high-speed aerial in the village.)

Council dealt with several items of interest to Amherst Island residents: ferry rate increases; Lafarge's proposal to burn tires and other garbage; fee increases for other municipal services; a report on our landfill site; AIMS flower baskets; and, a letter of appreciation to the A.I.W.I. (see page 18).

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### Ferry Rate Meeting,

David Thompson, Loyalist's engineer: "Council and staff have requested that the Amherst Island Ferry Service be equitable with other local ferries. . . . Council and staff cannot make MTO change the subsidy allotments. . . . The Township has to deal with Transport Canada regulations and five crew members must be on board at all times. MTO pays 90% of most of the expenses except fuel costs, which is 73%; and between 73% - 79% for insurance. . . . A newsletter is being prepared including overall ferry costs."

Reeve Clayton McEwen: "The Township is constantly at loggerheads with MTO regarding the front loading ferry and the gas increase."

Councillor Bresee: "There is still more work to be done to those extra dollars to cover the funding shortfall. . . . The mainland water and sewer service is a cost of five million dollars and is paid by the users of that service which is the same as the Amherst Island ferry service."

Councillor Lowry: "Council members know how hard the Reeve and Councillor Ashley have fought the MTO regarding improvements to the ferry service."

Councillor Ibey: "Council tried to apply gas rebates funding to the ferry and were told we could only apply this funding to bus transportation."

Council passed the motion to increase ferry rates.

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### Letter from Ted Welbanks

Ted thanked Council and staff for their ongoing efforts to improve our ferry service. He suggests that a fund should be started to prime the pump for end-loading docks.

Ted also requested that fuel and sewage services be done while the ferry is waiting for the high school bus. He recommends that the ferry be secured to the dock so that the engines can be stopped so as to reduce fuel costs.

Finally, Ted states that the ferry office should be closed, the work moved to Odessa and the savings be put into the end-loading dock fund.

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### The Lafarge Garbage-burning Issue.

Martin Hauschild: ". . . the issues need to be reviewed with a full environmental assessment . . . information now indicates that materials could come from many States in the USA."

"Councillor Bresee suggested that the Provincial government is the best body to decide what is best for the community as it has the specialists on staff and the municipality does not.

Mr. Hauschild noted that there is no single Air Inspector in the MOE office in Kingston. He claimed that there is not adequate provincial staffing to execute this work."

Council passed a motion to send a letter to MOE asking if Lafarge's alteration of its application to burn tires and other garbage affects the status of the application.

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### The 2006 Budget

Loyalist Township is multi-million dollar operation, which is responsible for providing goods and services to thousands of people while working within rules and regulations developed and enforced by the provincial government.

The budget requires an increase of 3.4% from the Township's tax base.

I welcome input from anyone who has the time, expertise and willingness to provide our readership with the details that are most important to Island taxpayers. With some effort I used to be able to grasp the financial doings of Amherst Island Township; Loyalist finances are just too much for me.

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### The Landfill Site

Good news: "The annual quantity of waste disposed at the Amherst Island Landfill Site continues to be less than the amount estimated in the Development Operations Plan prepared in 1996." The waste diversion program is working and Dr. Love continues to earn his wages.

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### Census Day: May 16

Information about the upcoming census was included in the council documents.

About 8000 people will be hired in Ontario to work on this project.

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## COMMENTS ON THE ABOVE

- Ian Murray

A round trip ferry ride is about 10 km. That works out to \$0.25/km, which is less than it costs to run our farm pick-up truck.

I don't think users of municipal services - including the ferry - should be surprised that the price of these services are increasing or that municipal taxes are going up. Virtually everything we buy has gone up in price significantly over the past few years. It's the same for Loyalist Township - as each of us experiences in our personal lives, goods and services of all kinds are constantly increasing.

One of the constants in history is that central governments will always tend to inflate currency. Sometimes the printing presses run faster than others but they are almost always running. (To the economists out there: Please accept "printing money" as a phrase to encompass the various ways that central banks have for increasing the money supply and thereby causing inflation.)

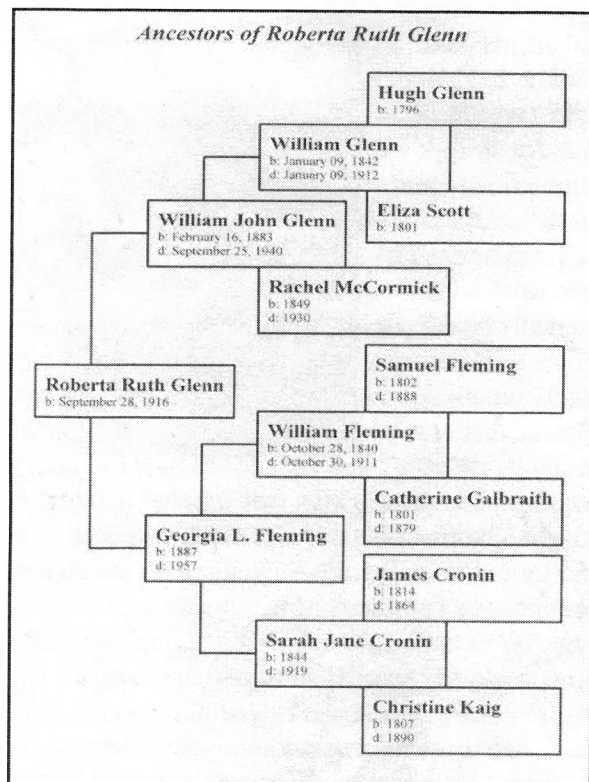
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It is pointless to find fault with Lafarge doing what it can to make money - that's what all businesses must do if they are to remain viable - as long as it does so in a way that is unlikely to harm to the neighbouring humans or environment. It is reasonable, however, to expect our provincial government, through the MOE, to properly regulate the Lafarge operation so that humans and the environment are not unduly harmed.

One does get the impression that MOE does not have the resources to do this properly. This is consistent with one of the fundamental problems in Canadian society: wanting both European environmental protections and American tax rates.



## Ancestors of Roberta Ruth Glenn



## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

- Joyce Haines

The March 15th meeting was an open meeting for the community. The guest speakers, Carol and Robert Mouck, gave an excellent slide presentation on their life's work preserving Heritage seeds. Their Heirloom Seed sanctuary is presently located at Heathfield with the Sisters of Providence, Kingston. The seeds and plants they preserve are mostly vegetables with origins in the seventeen and eighteen hundreds. The passion they have for their work was incredible. It encouraged many to purchase seeds and plan to attend events at the seed sanctuary.

Refreshments followed thanks to hostesses Elsie Willard, Stella O'Byrne and Mary Kay Steel.

A short business meeting fol-



lowed with standing reports and correspondence. A nominating committee was formed with Jackie Sylvester and Judie

Harrover for the upcoming election of officers at the April meeting. There was a discussion on recycling. Leslie Gavlas reported on the district planning meeting, which was held earlier on the same day.

Our annual general meeting will be held April 19, 7 p.m. at the home of Joyce Haines with a brown bag auction.

The Stone Fence Committee is looking for volunteers for this year's work to complete the east wall of Pentland Cemetery. Work will start in late May. Please contact Joyce Haines 634-7894.

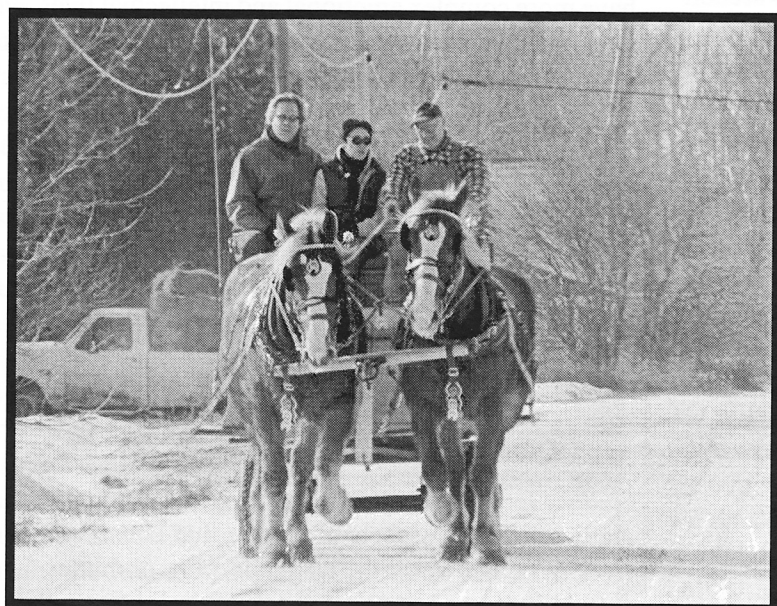


Photo by Dave Youell

*Tom & Marcia Ivison going for a ride with Ted Wellbanks*

## OBITUARY

## ROBERTA RUTH GLENN

Born on Amherst Island September 28, 1916; the daughter of W.J. and Georgie Glenn. She died at Trillium Ridge Nursing Home on March 4<sup>th</sup>.

She was raised on the Island and, after working several years in Kingston, married George Elston Lawson. See above for family tree.



## ANIMAL MUSINGS

- Lynn A'Court

My family has always had nonhuman members. As a young girl growing up in the North of England I supplemented my parent's provision of feline and budgie members with occasional small creatures from the local market, and this affinity for other species has continued throughout my adult life.

For me a large portion of this privilege of Island living is the opportunity to live close to wild

creatures. Our current extended family consists of the raccoons who winter in our crawl space whose kits take their first cautious outings each spring as we and the cats watch in fascination.

We also include a pair of geese who adopted us shortly after our arrival on Amherst Bay 15 years ago and whom we gratefully noted returned intact again this year. We welcome their ritual flying overhead greetings whenever we work outside, and we look forward to the annual parade of their young goslings each year before they head off to molt.

So it was with delighted and surprised relief that I received John's news yesterday that Curley, the starling, is back. Curley has graced our little acre with his expanding vocal repertoire over the decade or so since we first identified the namesake sound made by Larry and Mo's pal. Since we have 'known' him, he has added Robin, dog-barking-at-a-distance, and assorted songbird sounds. During one particularly long recital John pointed out that about a dozen other starlings were dropping from nearby branches in a somersault before landing lower down. He claims this was bird applause. I reserve judgment.

Yet there's another observation to which it is hard not to attribute intent. We had come home from a town trip to discover that the aerator of the large aquarium housing our pair of wintering-over-koi had seized. One of the two fish was having difficulty swimming upright and was intermittently sinking. The other fish was apparently intentionally swimming underneath his mate and butting him as if to try to right him. We quickly fixed the aerator, and then assisted "Goldie" by taking turns to gently support his companion under the belly while moving

him forward through the newly oxygenated water. When we took a break to assess the effect, Goldie moved back in and

resumed his —dare I say —help? Whether intent or biological programming, our mutual efforts paid off, and Goldie and his companion moved back to the pond that spring.

In reflecting on my life with other animals, I realize that my coming to Kingston to work with developmentally disabled youngsters in the early '80s, began a subtle training for me that has enhanced my worth as a companion animal to those others with whom I live. Most of the people I worked with lacked oral speech and had no formal language. These youngsters taught me to become more conscious of the nuance of gesture, the flicker or shift of eye gaze— things we humans unconsciously process amongst ourselves. But those almost 20 years of working with humans lacking language made me more consciously aware of the messages that nonhuman animals transmit. I am grateful for this heightened sensitivity to the subtle cues given by the dog and the cats with whom I live.

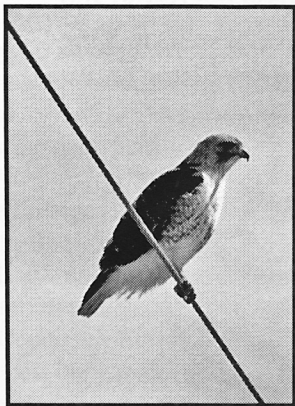
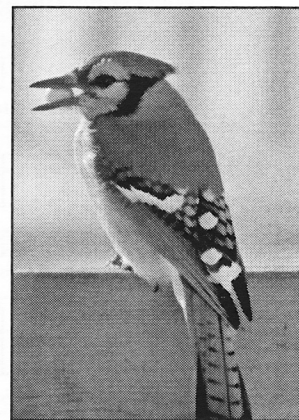
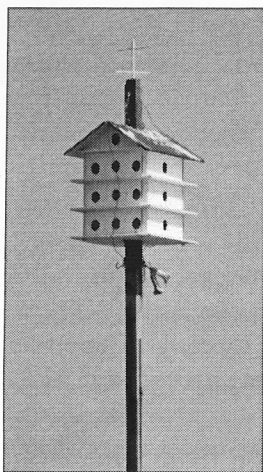
Species which have always been loved and valued "pets" throughout my life now have a substantive place as truly valued companions who happen to have different rules of deportment and yet I suspect they have more complex emotional and intellectual lives than our species has ever deigned to grant them.

We human beings are blessed with having both

self-consciousness, and a consciousness of others that helps us appreciate

the different aspects of Nature that enter our lives. Whether we smile, wag tails, purr, or mutter softly like geese bedding down for the night, we all feel pleasure, albeit in so many different ways.

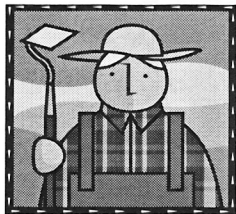
*All photos on this page courtesy of Brian Little*





**AMHERST ISLAND MENS SOCIETY**

- Terrence Culbert



Thanks to our calling committee, twenty-four men sat down to a very enjoyable breakfast prepared by Sandra & Jim Reid and their helpers.

Hugh Jenney opened the meeting at 8:34 AM. He thanked the breakfast providers and reported that they are

trying to earn \$170 each for their end of year class excursion on the Brigatine.

Zander Dunn announced that Doug Wilson passed into spirit yesterday and will be interred Monday at St. Paul's at 11 AM. More details through James Reid Funeral Homes.

Ross Haines reported on the AIMS Island website which will be linked off the Island Site. It was agreed that corporations would be allowed to link off our site.

House Tour drivers are needed. Call Bruce Burnett to volunteer: 634-6696. Drivers get to visit all six houses with their guests. Ross reminded them to leave all purses in their locked vans.

Brian Grace agreed to develop a well water-testing program. The thought being that if people had an easier way to get their wells tested, they would do it. Brian will collect the bottles and take them over to the Health Department on Portsmouth Road once a month.

Our speaker, Martin Hauschild, brought AIMS up-to-date on Lafarge's plans to burn tires and garbage from Ontario, Quebec and the Eastern US. Martin has twenty years experience dealing with water pollution and he has never seen such procedural abuse. The current Lafarge application is even more abusive to our air. Loyalist and Lafarge are proposing to burn forty tonnes of garbage per day.

Several environmental groups are now assisting the Loyalist Environmental Coalition in their attempt "to slow down the train." Key points from Martin's address: Burned compounds return to their primary elements when burned under high temperatures, the Lafarge Plant was never built to handle municipal waste, and the MOE test standards are obsolete. Plans for the future: The Sierra Club's lawyers have obtained a thirty-day extension for replies to this Lafarge proposal. They only sign on to ten or twelve projects a year. This is now a national issue.

AIMS will send a letter thanking Duncan Ashley for his independent stand on this issue.



*Photo by Brian Little*

**NEILSON STORE MUSEUM BACKROOM SERIES**

- Alan Kidd

On Friday, February 24th the 2006 series of Backroom talks continued with a presentation called "Amherst Island from the Air." An almost overflow audience listened to Alan Kidd and Brian Little show pictures they had taken during flights over the island during the past few years.

Brian put the pictures to music in a slide show. After running through once we all took a closer second look at the photos. There was a mix of wide area scenes and individual houses. Everyone remarked on how different a lot of the houses looked when viewed from other angles than just the familiar roadside view. Some of the area scenes went back more than 25 years and it was apparent not only are there a lot more houses on the island now, but also a lot more trees and bush.

The evening ended with a general discussion over refreshments in the museum itself. Backroom talks are now a monthly event, so look for the flyer in your mail. The talk on April 6th will be by Doug Green, a new island resident. He will be telling us how to keep our perennial garden blooming all summer.

**TO OUR READERS:**

We wish to thank you all for your continued patience while we adjust to staff changes and publishing issues. At this time, we are confident that most of these problems have been resolved, and that the Beacon will be finding a more regular publishing schedule (near the beginning of the month). This being said, we would like to remind our contributors that submissions must be received no later than the 25th of every month to be considered for inclusion.

Many Thanks,  
The Beacon Staff

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- Alan Kidd

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Ralph Woods then explained the island connection. Chester Tugwell took over the RCAF unit shortly after the incident described in Shirley Stone's book.

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## HERE & THERE

- Ian Murray

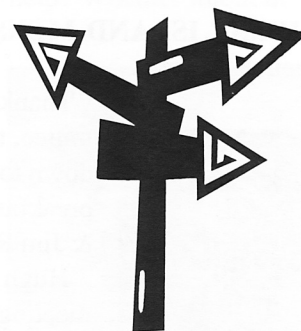
Congratulations to author Janet Lunn on being awarded the Matt Cohen Prize for literature. Ms. Lunn has done workshops with AIPS students and at the Lodge.

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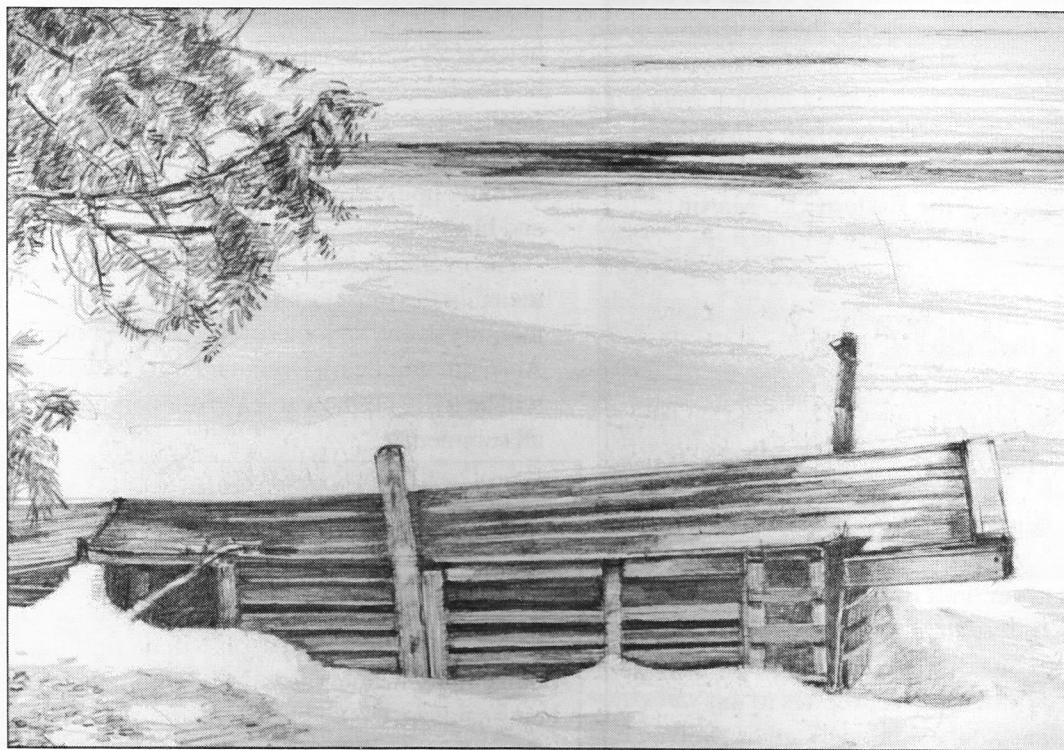
Congratulations to the Amherst Island Mutual Insurance Company in having another successful year with net income up substantially from 2004.

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Congratulations to those who did the heavy lifting in getting CJAI on the air. I have no doubt that CJAI will continue for many years. I strongly believe that the radio station and this newsletter will complement each other in helping to make our Island an interesting place to live.



## Spring Ice



Pencil Drawing by Peter Large, SCA



## ISLAND AUTHOR BECOMES A PUBLISHER

- Press Release

"Only fools who want to lose money and love books get into publishing. Anybody who knows the business will tell you as much," says John Kuti, President and founder of Prose Red Publishing. "In the traditional publishing model, it takes nearly two years and thousands of hours of editing to bring a book to launch. It then gets two weeks of marketing and promotion, and if it doesn't find an immediate market, it's pretty much on to the next book. It's home run or strike out. It's hit or miss. There isn't one publisher in the country that would survive without government subsidies," he explained. "And trying to make a living as an author is like being a farmer with acre, a mule and a plow."

He says he may be just one more foolish entrepreneur, but he believes that he has created a new business model for publishing that can actually make a profit and even return a 20% royalty to his authors. He believes he can do this by keeping overheads low and by finding books that need little editing, then marketing each book to its target audience for a full year instead of two weeks. It has taken two years of research and development to bring this new idea in publishing to the marketplace.

The Prose Red company store is located at 444 Main Street in the beautiful village of Newburgh and shares space with The Rogues Hollow Gallery which it created in order to focus on other aspects of cultural products like wearable art, photography, painting as well as classical vinyl records and out-of-print books. There is a web site tour of Newburgh on the Prose Red web site as part of the Who We Are slide show at [www.Prosered.com](http://www.Prosered.com).

Kuti explained that the Prose Red concept goes beyond being a marketplace for books and cultural products by creating a dynamic, entertaining, interactive web site, where visitors can share ideas, download free articles, and enter contests.

"The new marketplace is about experiences more than information. I think you have to offer customers more than just products. You have to offer experiences that are interesting, educational, or just plain funny. Our web site has interactive message boards where readers can even help create new Prose Red book titles or send a voice impression of Margaret Atwood for the future company blog, and its "Sensitive News, Weather and Sports". We have also created a card game called The Life Story Game that asks about various aspects of a person's past. You can share your own experiences with the world by answering the Life Story Game question of the week. We even have

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our own political party that visitors can help create from the ground up. It's called The Slim Canada Party, and the basic idea is that Canada offers to the highest bidder all the land more than 100 miles north of the U.S. border, starting bid one trillion dollars. This would retain 95 percent of the Canadian population, and pay off the entire national and provincial debts and leave hundreds of billions for education, health care and infrastructure. There are message boards for visitors to discuss the political, economic, social aspects of such a radical idea. Realizable or not, it's a great imaginary exercise for people who have an interest in politics."

It was as the creator of the Wonderful Store and Waterfall Tea Room in Yarker, that John Kuti learned the customer approach to retail. "You can count on your fingers the Canadian writers who make a living from their books alone, so The Wonderful Store helped with the bills and left me six months to write."

But, it was his experience as an aspiring author, trying to get a publisher to consider his book,

"Discovering Your Innate Self Esteem", where he discovered the problems in Canadian publishing.

"There are 60,000 titles published in North America every year, and the chance of any one of those books being successful after two weeks of marketing and promotion, is almost ludicrous," he explained. "Standard

publishers depend on finding only bestsellers because their overheads are so enormous. They can't waste time on books that sell a few thousand copies."

As a participant in the First Capital Challenge, Kingston's \$50,000 contest for first-time entrepreneurs, Kuti learned some of the important aspects of starting a new business. But it was in developing the concept and seeking the financial resources necessary to start his company, where he came to understand that the learning curve for a new business was very steep indeed. "It takes 10 times longer to do anything than you imagine, and so you have to keep your costs low and be very careful to have enough capital to launch the business. Start up can get pretty scary."

"The most important thing I've learned is not to try to do too much too soon. We are going to market our books and a few other products before we expand to other things. People have so many options you can't risk disappointing your customer in any way. I think our web site will be key to the success of Prose Red. The Internet is so powerful, has such market penetration, we're hoping we can find people interested in the different aspects of Canadian culture."

Prose Red and The Rogue's Hollow Gallery are open Wed- Sun 10-4 at 444 Main Street in Newburgh ON, half-way between Napanee and Camden East on County Rd #1. Prose Red books and the Life story Game are online or at Victoria Hall in Stella.

# Double Take

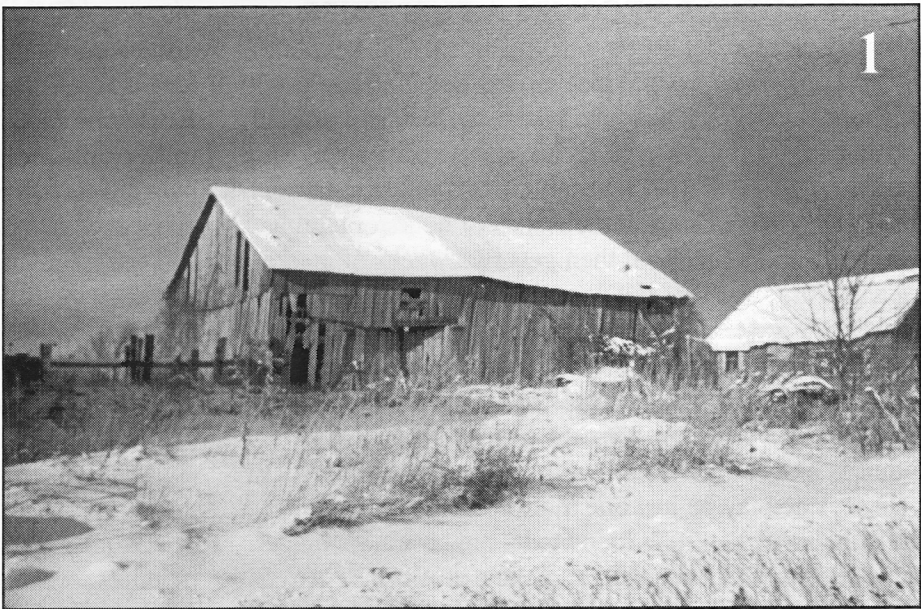
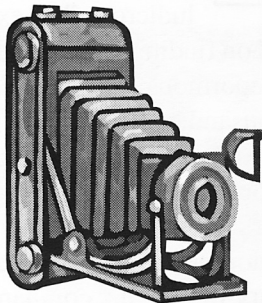
- Judith Harrower

First I must thank Peter Trueman for obtaining the pictures of five school houses and reproducing them as well as the old pictures of my home in the March issue.

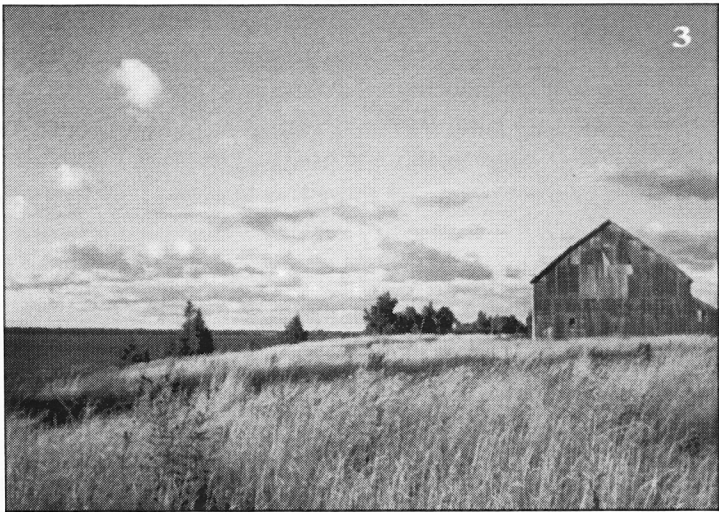
This issue: The large old barn beside the old pioneer home on the corner of the second concession and the Emerald Forty Foot (1). This winter, the barn was blown down (2)

Also: The old barn on the Front Road (3) replaced by Alex and Debby Scott's new home (4).

Then and now pictures of the Bailey's home on South Shore Road can be found on Page 11.



*All Photos provided by Judith Harrower*





## OBITUARY

### JOHNERIC BAILEY

March 24, 1932 – February 15, 2006

Eric was born in Toronto and worked in accounting. His last employer in Toronto was General Bakeries who transferred him, at his request, to Doyles Bakery in Kingston in 1968. In 1970, the family moved to Napanee where Eric worked for the L&A County Board of Education.

Eric married Grace Wemp on April 30, 1954, daughter of Edward Wemp and Sarah Glenn of Amherst Island.

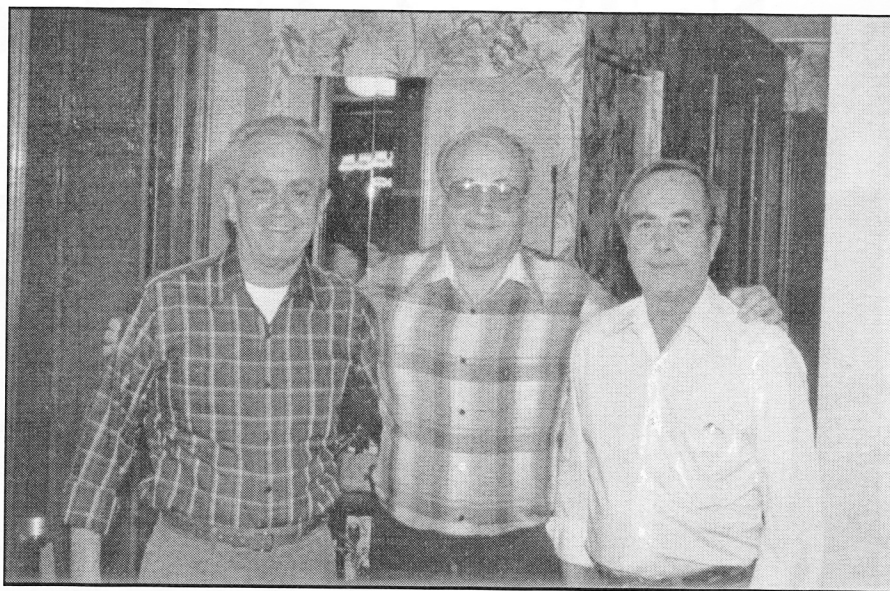
He was the father of John Edward (Jack) and his wife, Mariza, and grandfather of John Michael who was his pride and joy.

Eric was the third son of John (Jack) Bailey, eldest son of John Bailie and Annie Moore of Drumgiven, County Down, Ireland. Jack moved to Canada in the early 1900s and later joined the army to serve in the First World War. Because there were two John Bailies, the spelling of his name was changed to Bailey and never changed back. He met his future wife, Winifred Gadsby, in England while overseas and she came to Canada where they were married in 1918. Winifred was the daughter of William Gadsby and Elizabeth Broadhurst of Burton-on-Tyne, Staffordshire, England.

Eric had 3 brothers – Andrew who died in 1939, Frank who resides in Simcoe and has a cottage on the Island, was married to Margie Wemp, Grace's sister, who died in 1999; and, Lorne who lived in Cold Lake, Alberta, for one year.

The Bailey family spent many summers on the Island with good friends Ernest & Genevieve Fleming and Eric considered the Fleming farm his second home.

The farm at 8250 South Shore Road was purchased in 1966 and his old house was replaced in January 2005 with a new Guildcrest home. Eric only got the use of it for one year but really enjoyed it for the short time he had.



*This is a picture of teh Bailey Brothers taiken in November 1988. Eric, Frank & Lorne. (Photo provided by Grace Bailey.)*



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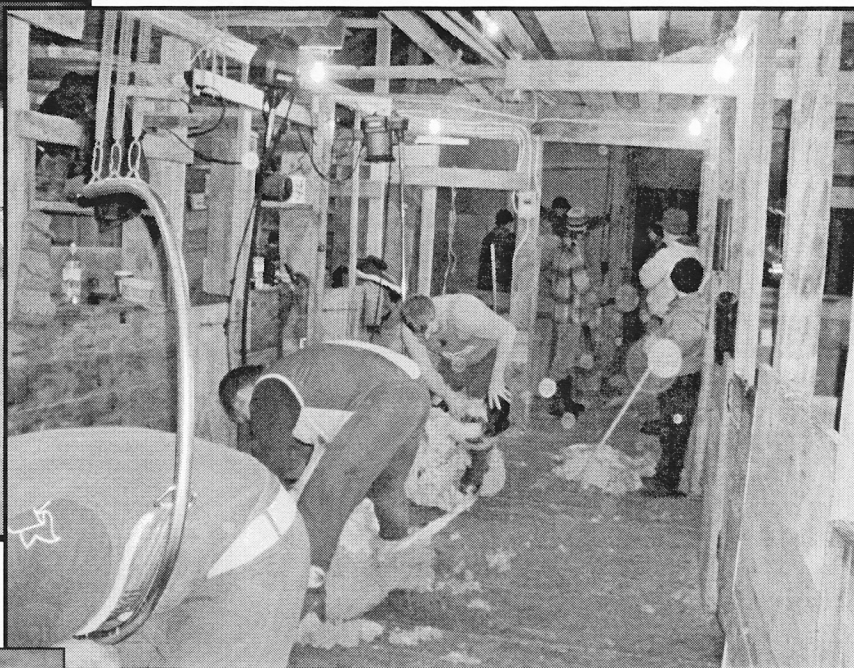
*Above and left : The Bailey's home on the South Shore in 2001 (1) and what the new home looks like (2).*

*Photos provided by Judith Harrower*

# No Time to Get Sheepish...



*Above: Photo by Cherry Allen*



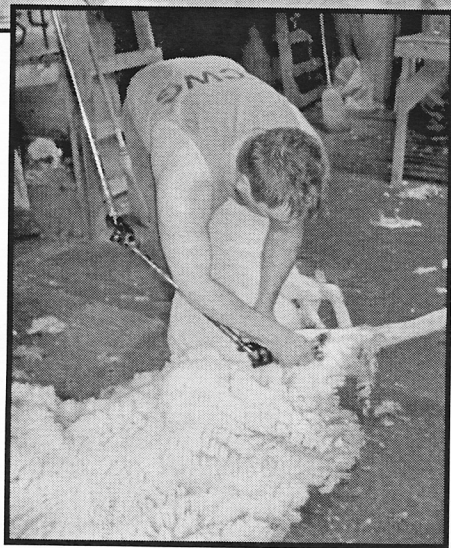
*Top Right: Shearers, Bottom Right, Rousies Ian Stutt and Girlfriend Megan. Photos by Jacob Murray  
Bottom Left: Photo by Brian Little*



# Shearing Season arrives on Amherst Island!!!



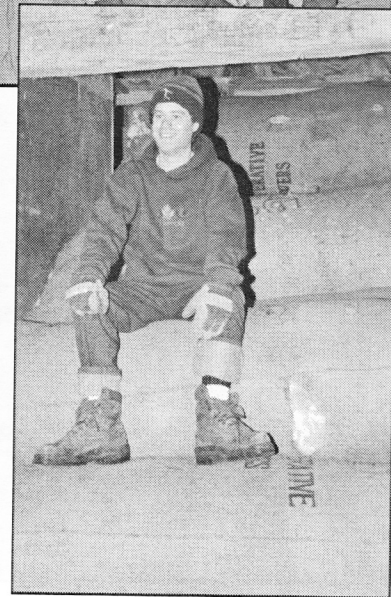
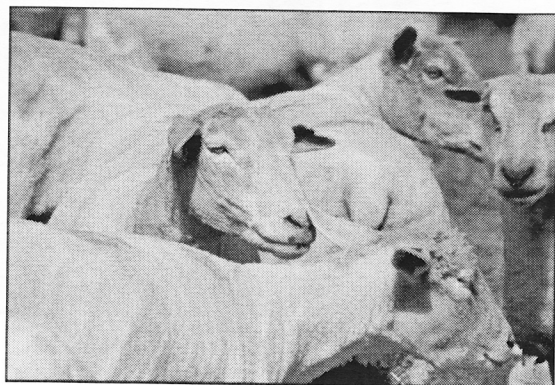
Left:  
Christopher  
Kennedy  
Right: Rousies  
Meghan, Saskia  
Wegemans and  
Ian Murray  
Photos by Jacob  
Murray



Above Photo by Cherry Allen



Above Right: The shearing  
team at Topsy Farms  
(missing: Dianne Marshall,  
Don Tubb, Ian Murray)  
Below Right: Jacob Murray  
Below Left: Ethel, Maude,  
Curly  
Photos by Brian Little



# AIPS

- Lyn Fleming

As usual, things are picking up as we head into the last part of the school year.

Students are busily getting ready for several big events coming up. The student art exhibit opens at the Lodge on Saturday, April 22nd. Students have been busy creating an assortment of pieces in a variety of mediums. Expect to see some great creations in paintings, pottery, printmaking, photography and more!

Public Speaking will also be held the last week of April, with senior students presenting speeches and Primary students doing storytelling.

The Spring Play date has tentatively been set for May 10th. This year the student body will present "Red vs. the Wolf", which retells the story of Little Red Riding Hood, but from the Wolf's point of view! The wolf is upset because he is known the world over as a bad guy, but he really is kind, sensitive, thoughtful and cultural! Auditions have been held, parts assigned and rehearsals have begun. Please join us for an enjoyable evening and support our school at the same time.

ISLE will hold a fund raising raffle following the play. Admission will be \$2.00 at the door.

The Senior Class took a trip to the Kingston Curling Club. Prior to the trip, Mrs. VanDyke (a weekly curler herself) explained the rules of the game. Once they arrived at the rink, they had their shoes taped, received some last minute tips and pointers, and thoroughly enjoyed a game of curling. Students returned to school still excited about their experience.

The highlight of Winter Spirit week, held in February, was the annual Polar Bear Olympics. This year they coincided with the winter Olympics in Italy, so were especially festive and ceremonious. Intermediate students plan the day, from opening ceremony, to a variety of events (indoors and out) to the presentation of awards at the closing ceremony.

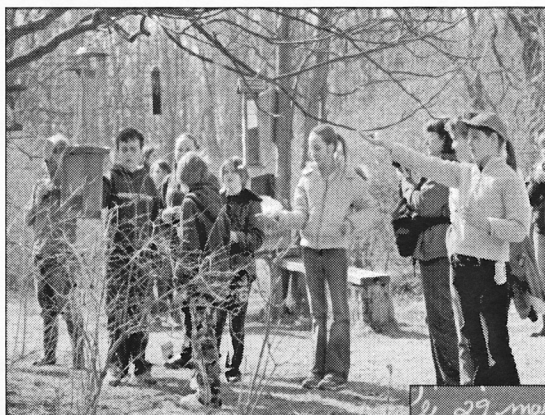
The Primary class was scheduled to attend a performance by Juno award winning children's entertainer Jack Grunsky. However due to the ferry shutdown caused by high winds, the students were unable to attend.

ISLE has again sponsored Hot Dog Mondays and the hot lunch program on Wednesdays during the winter. Many thanks to ISLE for providing this nice change for the winter months. From the almost 100% participation by students, it seems the parents are enjoying a couple of days of not having to come up with lunch ideas as well.

Math assessments were held in late March, and the grade 3 and 6 testing will be held in May.

The Senior Class trip this year will be held in late June and students will spend 2 days and a night on the brigantine, "The St. Lawrence II", sailing the waters from Kingston to Picton.

We would like to thank the community members and groups for their continued support of our school, through volunteering, attending our events and supporting our various fund raising efforts.

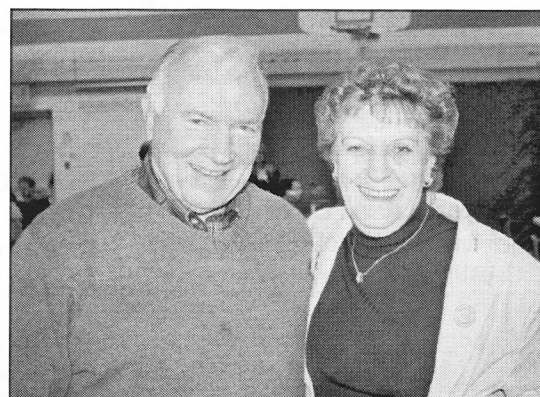


*Clockwise from above: Junior Class listens to Jonathan Byrd; Senior Class visits the Owl Woods; Jonathan Byrd performs at AIPS; Bottom Middle: Kyle Aitkenhead*

All Photos by Brian Little



# ACW Puts on Another Delicious Dinner!



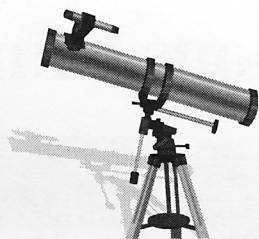
## *Let them eat Pie!!!*

*Bottom Left : Saskia Wagemans; Middle Left: Rosemary Richmond and son Barry; Middle: Cathy Glenn; Top Left: Diners at ACW Dinner; Top Right: Some of the people responsible for the wonderful dinner; Middle Right: Pie Eater Zander Dunn and Pie Maker Dorothy McGinn.*



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# April Skies

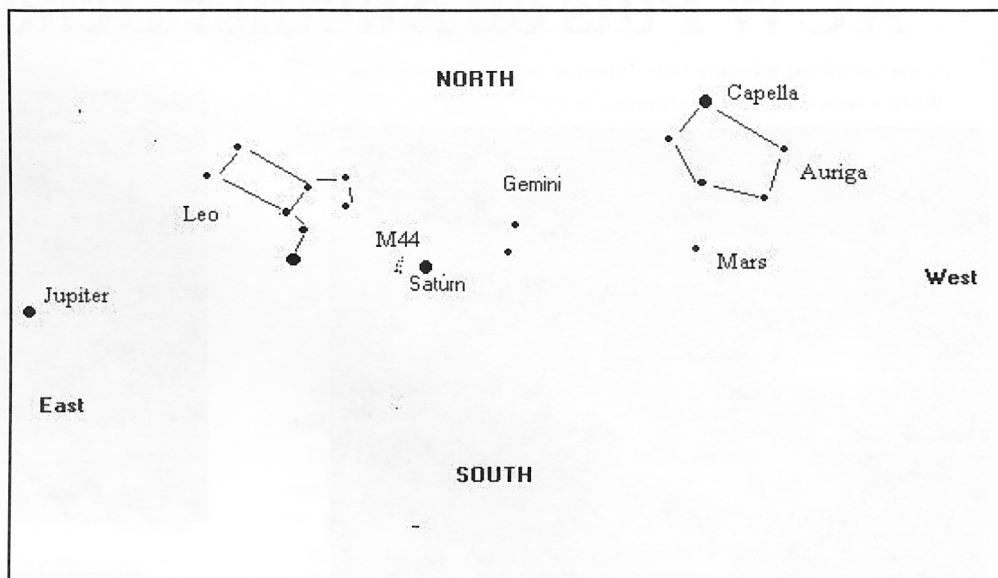


- Alan Kidd

We go on daylight savings time this month, and that, in addition to the lengthening days, means our observing times will be getting later. The chart will be for a time around 10 PM, at mid month.

This month, the constellation almost directly overhead during the first part of the night is Leo, the Lion. However, we talked about that constellation last month, so this month I'll feature a less familiar constellation – Auriga, the charioteer. Auriga lies between Gemini and the Pleiades and looks like an irregular pentagon. Its brightest star is Capella, the fourth brightest star visible in the northern skies. Capella is Latin for she-goat and is also known as the goat star.

Capella is actually two bright stars orbiting each other so closely that they appear as a single star, even in the largest telescopes. Astronomers have been able to make an image showing the two stars using a technique called long baseline optical interferometry, the explanation of which I am not going to get into here.



Each of Capella's components has a diameter 10 times larger than our Sun, and they are closer to each other than the distance of the Earth from the Sun, so you wouldn't want to get too close.

There are three evening planets this month: Mars is high in the west at nightfall, in between Auriga and Gemini. Mars continues to fade as it gets further from Earth.

Saturn remains a bright object high in the south, in the constellation of Cancer. This spring is the last opportunity until

2013 to see Saturn's rings tilted any near what they are now, so grab a telescope and take a look.

Jupiter starts in April rise an hour after twilight, but rises earlier and earlier through the month. Jupiter now dominates the late evening sky.

Venus is a beacon in the dawn sky and rises just as the sky is becoming light.

I've attached a chart showing the positions of Mars, Jupiter and Saturn relative to the constellation of Leo and Auriga.

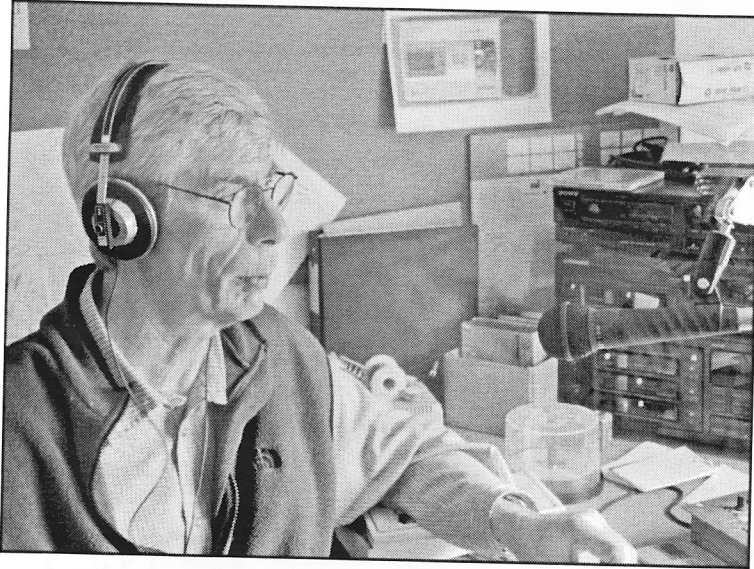
## Coast Guard Ship



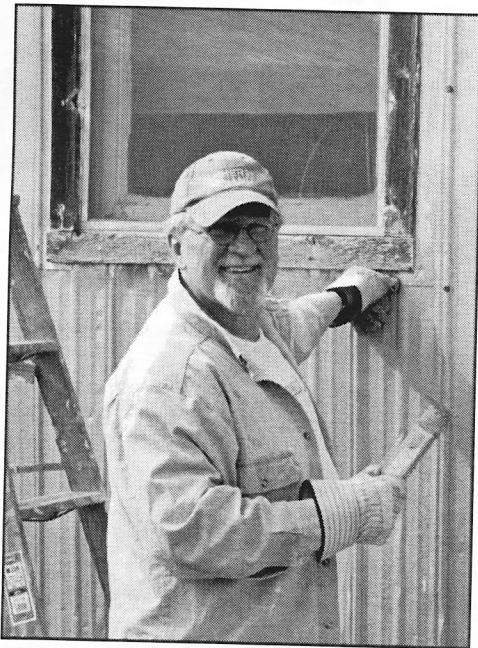
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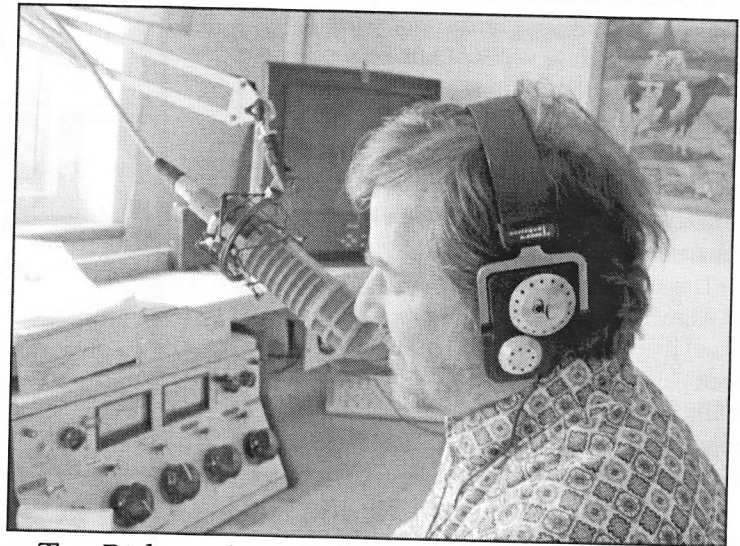
# YOU ARE **ON AIR** WITH AIR



*Peter Trueman on AIR personality.*



*Terry Culbert doing his part.*



*Tom Richmond another AIR personality.*

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Thanks to Jim, Sandra, Brooke and Brandon Reid, our beloved cat Phantom has returned after 2 months on the lam (or in the barn as the case may be). Hope your barn is mouse-free now! Many thanks –

Alan, Judy, Anna & Eva

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I want to thank my friends and associations for phone calls, visits, sympathy cards that I received at the time of my sister's passing.

Anna Hitchins

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The family of the late John Eric Bailey would like to thank you for messages of sympathy, donations to the Heart & Stroke and Cancer Societies, and being there for us in our time of sorrow, in the loss of a husband, father and grandfather.

Grace, Jack, Maritza and Mike

Dear Ms. Steel:

At the regular Council meeting on February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2006, Councillor Ashley asked that Council express its appreciation, and that of the community, to the Amherst Island Women's Institute for the exceptional stone fence restoration work done by your group.

Anyone who has had an opportunity to see the fences "before and after" cannot help but be impressed by the workmanship, not to mention the backbreaking effort, that went into the restoration. I understand that much of the work took place during the heat of the summer, adding another element of difficulty to your task. I also have been told that a number of volunteers from various walks of life, on and off the Island, contributed time and energy to the task. The effort to organize workers and equipment, and to motivate the crew, speaks volumes to the level of interest and dedication that existed to see the project through to its present state of completion.

Through the efforts of the Amherst Island Women's Institute, a historical feature of the Island that is unique to this part of Canada has been painstakingly restored for the benefit of present and future generations. Your group deserves commendation and thanks for this significant accomplishment.

On a "lighter" note, Council also wished to thank the Women's Institute for adding to the holiday spirit by placing Christmas lights in the trees at the ferry dock. The festive touch welcome residents and visitors to the island during the Christmas Season. We hope this effort will continue and expand with the assistance for the Township's Light up the Season campaign.

Yours Sincerely,

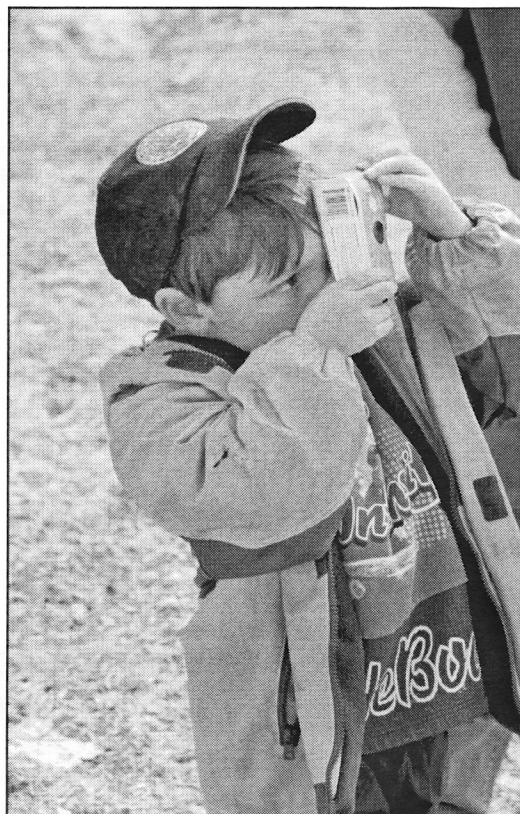
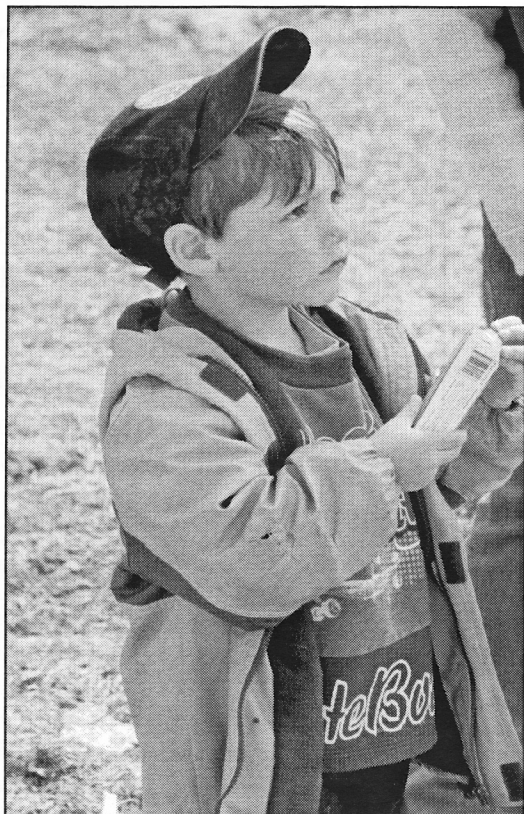
Clayton McEwen  
Reeve



Cartoon by Jacob Murray



# Photography Lesson



Photos by Brian Little

*Stephan LeBlue takes part in a photography lesson at A.I.P.S. The lessons were given by Brian Little.*



## CONTRIBUTIONS TO AMHERST ISLAND COMMUNITY BY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE 2004/2005 SEASON

Over the last two years the Women's Institute has been active and hopefully has made a difference to the Island community.

At the Community Centre a new dishwasher, new utensils/sterno pans for Community dinners, new light weight tables replacing the old wooden ones, and the new movie screen have been provided.

Making the entrance to the Island a little more cheerful in the summer new tubs with flowers are planted each spring with additional ones in the village and in Centennial Park. During the Christmas holidays Christmas lights have been strung in the trees. The toilet has been re-stained and has a new roof; planters, tubs and posts have been either painted or stained.

Bake sales have continued on long weekends as well as Women's Institute's coffee table at the weekly Farmer's Market during the summer and the annual Senior Christmas dinners.

Donations have been made to Americks Scholarship, Neilson Store and Museum and ISLE. We have participated in annual parades and donated an outdoor Christmas figure to be raffled off after the Christmas parades. An annual subscription for the Canadian Geographic has been donated to the school for two years.

Last but certainly not least is the work that the Women's Institute has completed on the Irish Stone Fences on the Island. While a majority of the restoration has been completed on the fences surrounding Pentland Cemetery work has also been done on Gary and Anne-Marie Hitchens' stone fences.

We will continue to support and assist community projects and we would like to thank all of you for your support in making these possible.

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**Ticket Information.** To reserve tickets, payment by cheque must be received in advance. They go on sale May 1, and may be ordered by telephone at 613-384-2153, or by Mail at Waterside, RR#1 Stella ON K0H 2S0. Reserved tickets will be mailed if purchased two weeks prior or can be picked up on the day of the performance after 6:30 pm. If available, tickets may be purchased at the door.

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Saturday, May 20th

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Freda. 384-4135

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*Photo Brian Little*

**Ben Whitton sits on a piece of driftwood that has washed up on shore.  
Nicer weather and no ice mean more opportunities to enjoy the water.**