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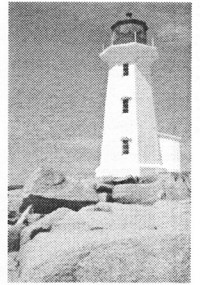
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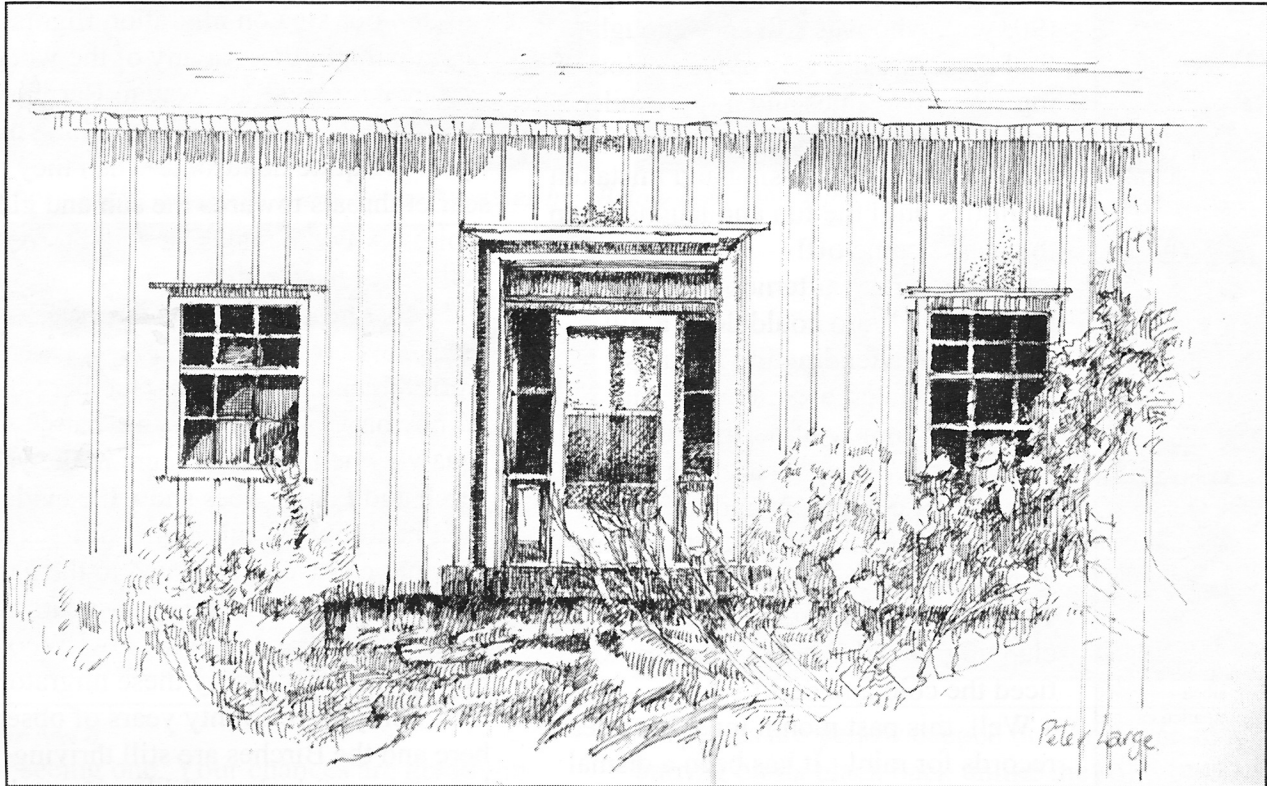
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### **NEIGHBOURHOOD**

- Lyn Fleming

Condolences to Ralph Wemp and family( David Wemp (Betty); Marie Ward (Brian); Kathy Reed (Stewart); Joyce Titley and Maureen Tasker (Andy), following the passing of their wife, mother and grandmother, Beatrice Wemp, in late October.

Get Well wishes this month to Marie Ward.

Congratulations to first time grandparents Liz and Kerry Hogeboom and Phil Silver & Debbie Miller. First time dad and mom, Jason (son of Liz & Phil) and Danielle Silver, welcomed their daughter Jolene Elizabeth

Marie on October 15th.

Congratulations to new parents Alicia Wolfreys and Keith McGinn following the birth of their first child, Drew Russell Daniel, born on October 24th. Thrilled first time grandparents are Dan and Val Wolfreys. Just as thrilled, are "experienced" grandparents, Jane and Russell McGinn. Congratulations to first time great grandparents, Ellis and Marylou Wolfreys; another great-grandchild for Susan McGinn, Ray and Zelma Koenders.

Congratulations to A.I.P.S. students, who raised a whopping \$1561.00 in their Terry Fox Run at the end of September!! (see pages 6&7 for photos)

The Lodge has begun the fall season with several concerts. A cozy room with the woodstove on, good music, friends and refreshments are enjoyed by loyal supporters. The cool, wet and very windy last weekend in Octo-

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## **NEIGHBOURHOOD**

ber did not keep Islanders at home!

On Saturday night, the annual Masquerade was very well attended, with both young and old in costume. The youngest costumed attendee was 2+ month old Nicky McGinn and the eldest in costume, was Helen Caughey (90+ yrs), who was still spry enough to fool most of us! Kids enjoyed colouring contests, games and more, while adults competed in the apple peeling contest. Lots of guessing and mistaken identities until the fun and laughs when the masks came off!

On the Sunday afternoon, not even the lack of Hydro could deter a full house from attending the Abrams Brothers concert at St. Paul's. This 3 generation family of performers performed under the power of a generator, to run their equipment and minimal lighting. The amazing talents of this group, but especially the brothers (ages 13 & 16), kept toes tapping and hands clapping for 2 1/2 hours - no one noticed the cold and dark!

Well, this past month must have set records for rain! It has been a dismal month. The leaves were beautiful, but would have been more spectacular and enjoyable with some sun shining on them. As I write this, the grass is still green and could probably do with another cutting, although by the end of October, I think most lawn mowers are put away for the winter. Luckily we have avoided any of the snow that has passed all around us.

## **JANET'S JOTTINGS**

- Janet Scott

The Case of Sally's Unwanted Visitor.

Sally has requested some information about the Yellow-bellied Sapsucker; so perhaps as winter approaches we could talk about the Woodpecker family. You

might have the opportunity of meeting and greeting seven different woodpeckers in our area.

Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers nest as close as Godfrey and Gould Lake or north to Parham and Westport but they do not seem to nest within twenty kilometres of the Lake Ontario shoreline. Sapsuckers nest in Poplar tree areas in the Canadian Shield. They do however pass through our area on migration flights. They migrate the farthest of any of the woodpeckers as they may go all the way to Bermuda, The West Indies or Panama. These long distance flyers are quite handsome when they turn their scarlet throats towards the sun and glow like rubies. Only the males have red throats but both sexes have red fore crowns on their black and white heads. In thirty-three years of records they arrive in the Kingston area about April 8th and leave about October 9th.

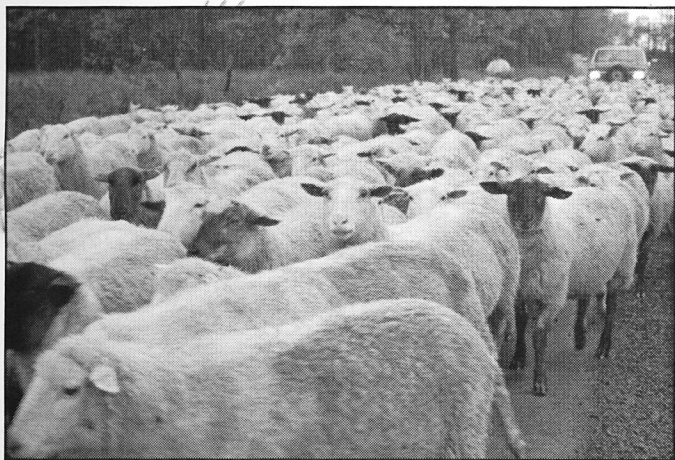
They have a rather a crying baby type of squawk when you hear them in the yard. My Birch and Poplar trees show the evidence of their neat rows of tiny holes which gives them their name. Insects attracted to the gathering sap are eaten. There are many years of scars on the trees here and in the Owl Woods showing regular feedings by these migratory visitors. I only have twenty years of observations here and the Birches are still thriving. Their harvesting of the harmful insects probably outweighs the damage these tiny holes might cause.

The other migratory Woodpecker familiar to Amherst Islanders is the Flicker. It feeds mostly on the ground as it seeks berries, seeds, insects and small vertebrates. Unlike their black and white cousins Flickers are mostly brown with a white rump patch and red nape patch. Flickers also migrate with the average arrival date as March 25th and their departure as October 29th but sometimes they will stay for the winter. They migrate south to feed on insects.

In the 1960's Red-bellied Woodpeckers were more commonly found south of the Great Lakes but over the last forty years the numbers of sightings have increased in our area until now you have a much greater

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# Amherst Island Traffic—Getting Heavier All the Time!



*Above Right: Shepherd Chris Kennedy passes by. Below Left: Don Tubb pulls over to let the sheep pass.*

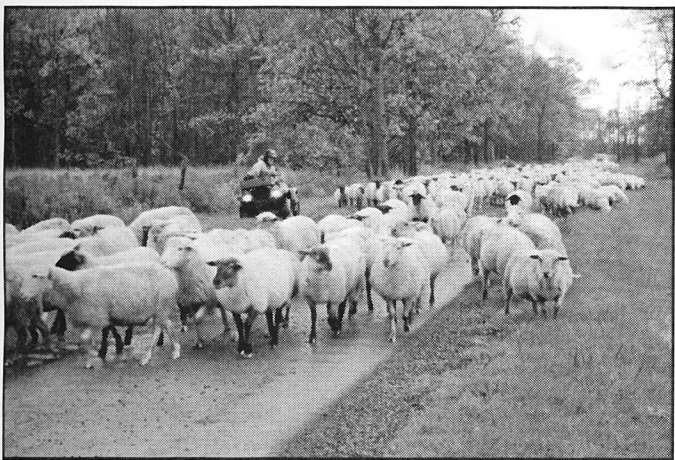


PHOTO BRIAN LITTLE

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chance of seeing one. Your chances are greatly increased if you know Betty and David Wemp, because they have them as feeder visitors most winters. We were fortunate to have a female stay here one winter and she was the boss of the feeder. Even Blue Jays avoided her.

Almost everyone sees Downy and Hairy Woodpeckers at their feeders. Downy Woodpeckers are smaller with a finer bill and Hairy Woodpeckers show all white outer tail feathers and a bill as long as the width of their heads. In winter they visit both the suet and the seed feeder.

The Red-headed Woodpecker must nest on the Island but is much less common. The adult is quite distinctive with its red head and contrasting black and white back. The Juvenile can be confusing as we all found when one visited Gavlas' feeder one winter and started getting red as spring approached.

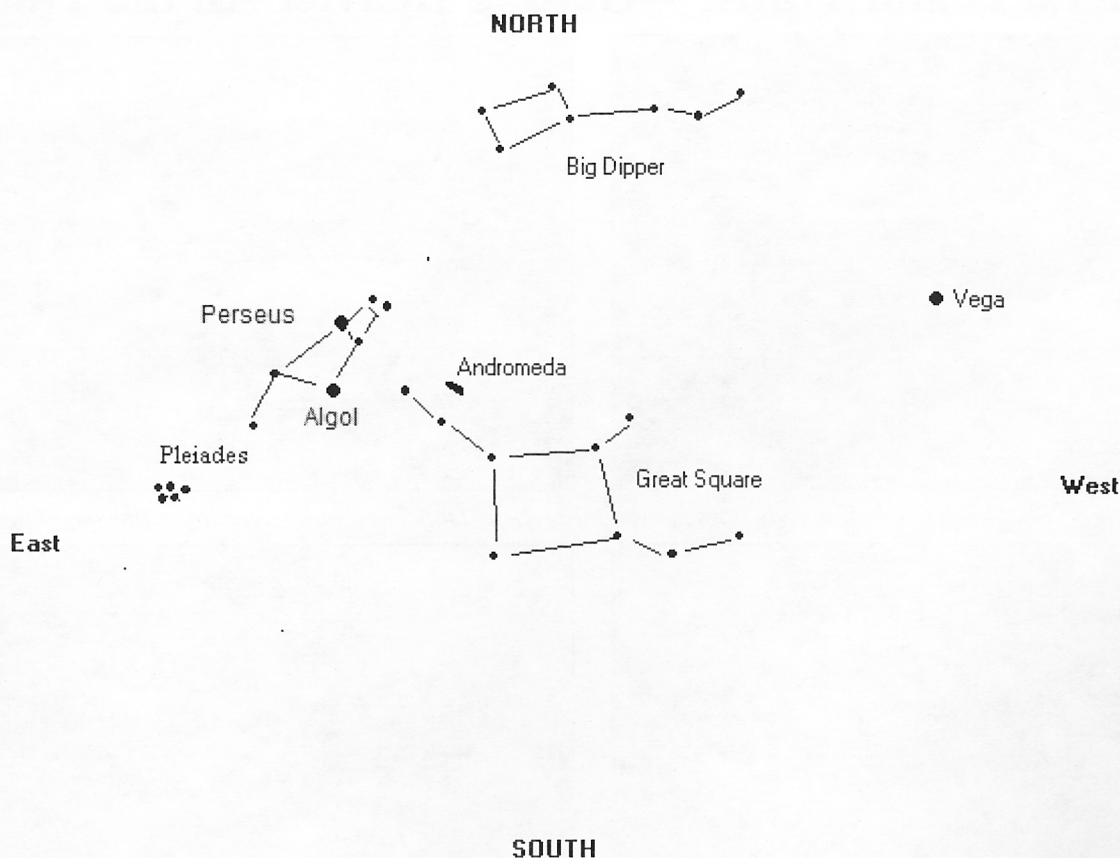
Three-toed and Black-backed have both been seen in the Kingston area. They breed in the Boreal forests but may be seen on winter forage trips south. Both

species are yellow capped but the Three-toed shows barring on its black back unlike the solid black of the Black-backed.

Pileated Woodpeckers have also been seen on Amherst. This large almost completely black woodpecker shows the crested red head we associate with Woody Woodpecker of cartoon fame. Its loud drumming and huge holes are evident when it's visiting in your area. I have observed a nest in the area around the Quarry east of the airport when this was a wooded area in the eighties. Pat Sheldrick of Millhaven reported a nesting bird in the nineties and last Spring one stopped briefly in our yard. Another one hung out a few years ago near Kidd's but I could never prove that it nested.

They may disturb your sleep in the early Spring as they drum for female attention. They may irritate you as they drill for insects in diseased trees or leave scars on your tree bark but they destroy countless insect pests and leave cavities for other bird species to nest in. Plus the biggest bonus is watching their acrobatic antics at your feeder.

Good Birding



## NOVEMBER SKIES

- Alan Kidd

Now that we are well into autumn, the great square is overhead during the first part of the night. The stars visible in the evening in autumn are not as bright as the stars of the summer and winter evenings, but there are some interesting objects that can be seen at their best this time of year. The planets are conspicuous by their absence this month. Most are on the other side of the sun and can not be seen, with the exception of Saturn which is best seen after midnight. However, an interesting planetary spectacle is on view (weather permitting) during the daytime. This is a transit across the sun by Mercury, which will be visible in our part of the world during the late afternoon of November 8<sup>th</sup>.

The great square is actually part of two constellations, Pegasus and Andromeda, but it is a pattern that is easy to recognize, even though its four stars are only of medium brightness. It is right overhead during the early evening (8 PM) in November. The three stars that run northeast of the square (I include the corner itself as one of the three) are the brightest stars in Andromeda. If one looks a little north of the middle of

these stars, a somewhat blurry smudge of light can be seen glowing among the stars. This is the most distant object visible to the unaided eye, the great nebula in Andromeda, better known as the Andromeda galaxy.

If you keep looking along the same line of stars running northeast of the square, you will come to the constellation Perseus. This constellation runs from the Milky Way to the Pleiades, and contains a good Halloween star. This is Algol, which is Arabic for the ghoul. Algol presumably got this rather sinister name on account of its odd behavior. Most of the time Algol is the second brightest star in Perseus, but every 2.87 days Algol dims considerably and becomes only the 6<sup>th</sup> brightest star in the constellation. It turns out this is because Algol is not one star but two, orbiting each other so closely they almost touch. The dimming occurs when the larger but fainter star passes in front of the brighter one. Astronomers' name for such a pair of stars is an eclipsing binary, which is a handy fact to know for your next trivia game. Algol remains faint for about two hours then brightens again. Minima that occur in November at convenient times are around 7 PM on November 8<sup>th</sup>, midnight on November 25, and

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9PM on November 28th.

On Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> the disk of Mercury can be seen crossing the face of the sun from anywhere in the Western Hemisphere and Australia as well as parts of East Asia. In our region we only get to see the first two hours of the transit because the sun sets while the transit is in progress. If you want to fly to BC you can catch the whole event. On Amherst Island the transit will start at 2:12 PM and last until the sunset. Let's hope for good weather – the next transit of Mercury will not occur until 2016. Of course you should not look directly at the sun to see the transit. A good method is to focus the sun's image (using binoculars or a small telescope) onto a white card. That way several people can see the event together.

Saturn is the only bright planet that is high in the sky this month. On November 13<sup>th</sup> the Moon, Saturn and Regulus form a compact group at the base of the sickle of Leo – best seen around 1 AM.

In late November, speedy Mercury comes away from the sun far enough to be seen in the skies just before dawn. Jupiter and Mars are also just starting to emerge from the sun's glare, and will all be close together in the dawn sky on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

The Leonid meteor shower can be seen on the night of November 18-19<sup>th</sup>. The peak of the shower will occur just before midnight on the 18<sup>th</sup>, when Leo is low in the northeast. This makes viewing difficult here, but it is possible to get some spectacular earth grazing meteors, so it probably is worth a look.

## HERE & THERE

- Ian Murray

Susan Filson sent us a page from the Ottawa Citizen (Sept 8/06) showing a photo that was taken by one of their B&B guests. The photo was taken on the ferry – looking down on a boy beside a VW beetle. The photo won 2<sup>nd</sup> price in the "2006 Driving Summer Photo Contest. The prize for photographer Roberta Reynolds was a digital camera.

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Ange Fleming has turned the Whig and Globe delivery job over to Barb Miller. Good luck with the pregnancy Ange and good luck on our roads Barb.

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Alena Schram, who has just finished moving to Stella from

Ottawa with husband John, had another essay published in the Whig – October 6. "A have among the have nots" describes her

unease at being a well-fed, well-off, person in Zimbabwe where the government is deliberately making life difficult for many of its citizens.

It must have been very difficult for the Schrams to maintain the courteous front that their diplomatic positions demanded when interacting with those responsible for destroying the country's ability to feed itself. Alena presented the dilemma in a sensitive and thoughtful way.

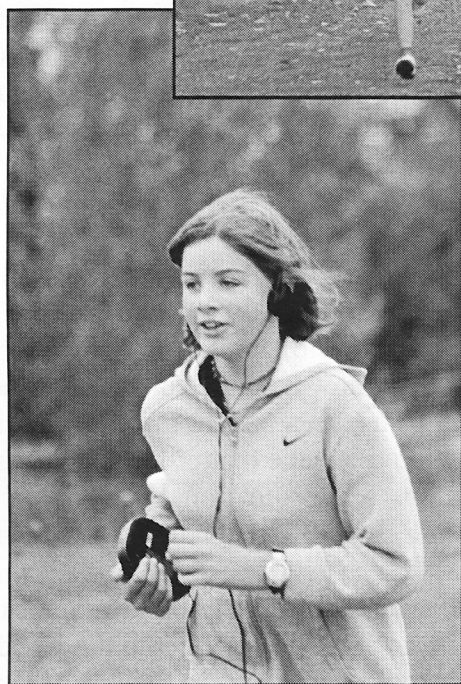
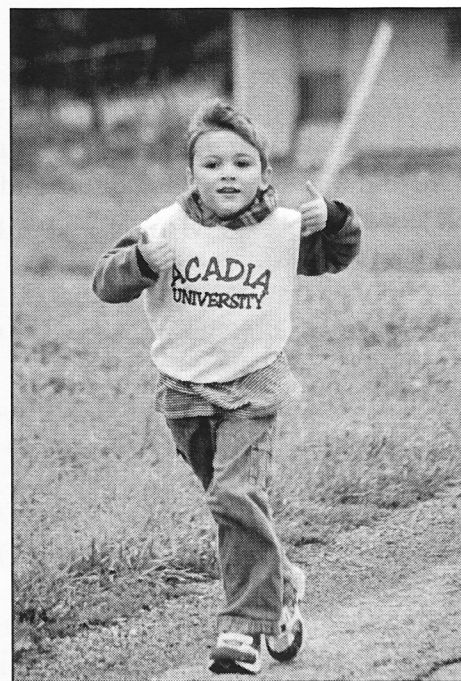
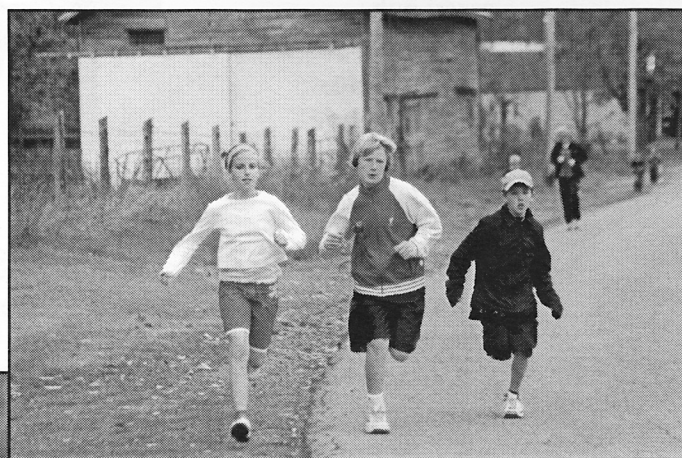
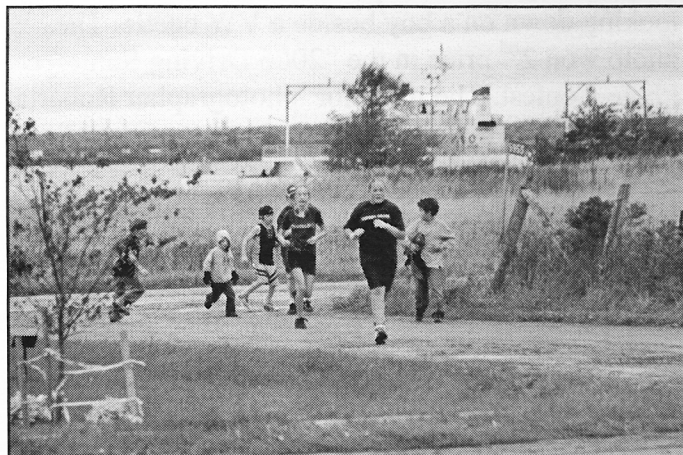
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In New York State there were over 5500 reported human Lyme disease cases in 2005. There are certainly Lyme cases in Ontario, but they are going unreported in the media. I know from personal experience that physicians who suspect a patient may have Lyme disease are afraid to pursue the matter for fear of disciplinary action from their professional body.

The peak season for the blacklegged tick - the most common carrier of the Lyme disease bacteria - is mid-October to early December. It is a good idea to tuck your pants into socks if you are going into the woods. Also be aware that dogs can carry the tick back from the woods.

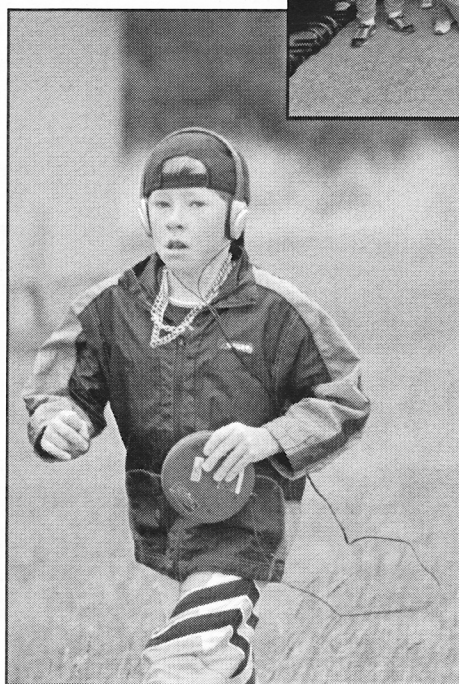
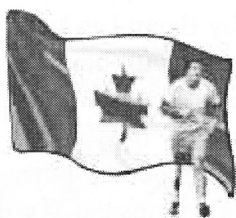


# TERRY FOX RUN AT

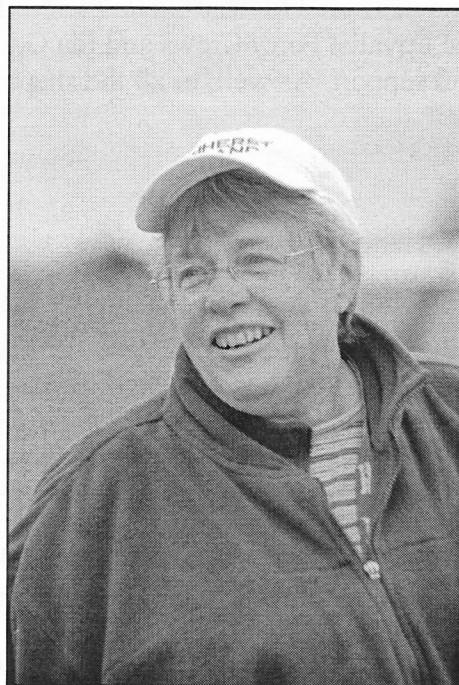
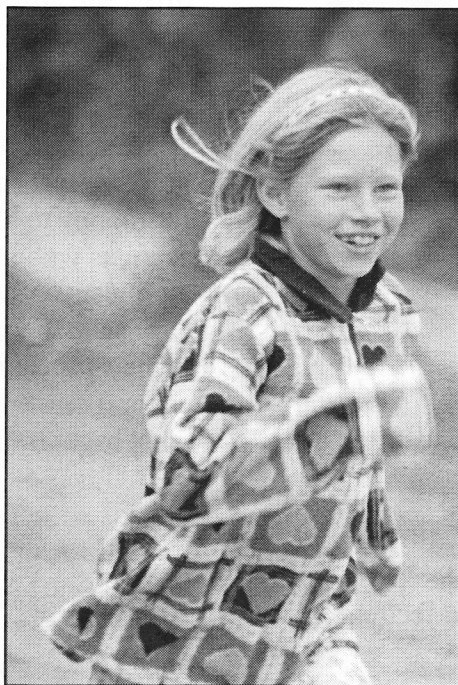
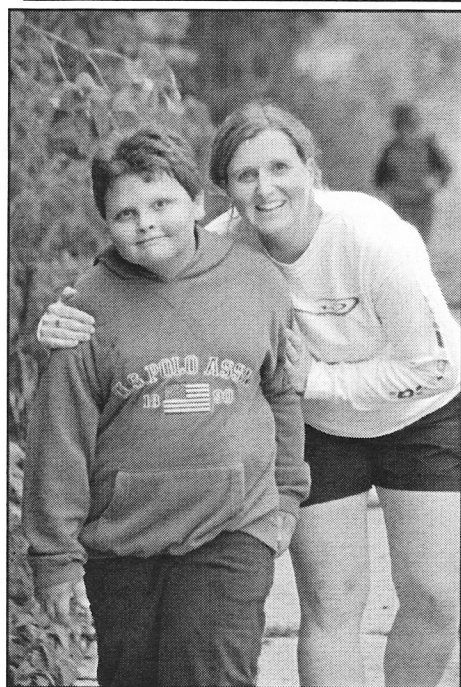
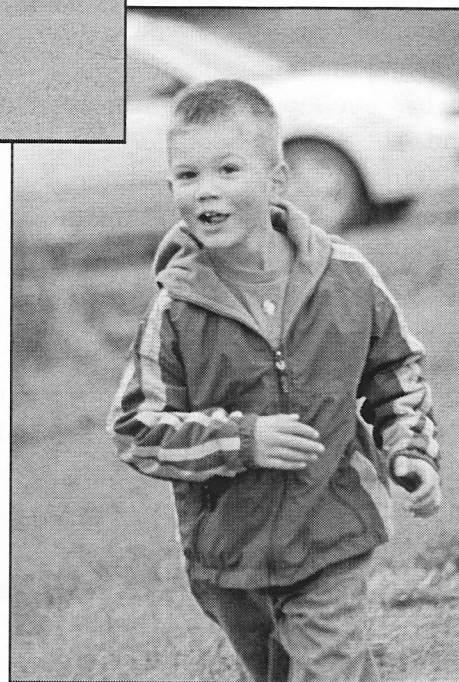


*Top Left: Finishing the run, Top Right: Mathew and Mr. Broome, Middle left: Kirsten, Ben and Kyle, Middle Right: Angus, Bottom Left: Fae. Photos on Page 7: Top: Students at AIPS give their best "Terry Fox Cheer", Middle Left: Cody, Middle Right, Mitchell, Bottom Left: Dakota and Mrs. Van Dyke, Bottom Middle: Muressa, Bottom Right: Mrs. Scott.*

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*Even though I'm not running anymore, we still have to try to find a cure for cancer. Other people should go ahead and try to do their own thing now.*  
**Terry Fox**





## AMHERST ISLAND SCIENCE SCHOOL

- Stephanie Raeburn-Gibson

Another year for the Amherst Island Science School is up and running. You might be wondering what all the large yellow school buses are doing about the Island. The Science School was initiated in September 2000 to provide hands-on outdoor science experiences for K-8 students in the Limestone District School Board. The students participate in activities that address Ontario Elementary Science Curriculum, develop their inquiry skills and nurture that vital connection with the natural world.

The natural treasures of your Island, from the Owl Woods to meadow, marsh, and shoreline, have left lasting impressions on the many students who attend fall, winter and spring sessions. Beginning with the ferry ride, it is quite an adventure for classes that hail from north, east, west, and central regions of the Board. A great many thanks are extended to Gwen and Paul Lauret for sharing their property, creatively cutting the trails we use, and generous spirit when students come to visit Icicle. In addition, thank you to the Loyalist Ferry Crews and Ida Gavlas for their aid and support. As well, to all the shepherds, especially from the FootFlats and Topsy Farms, who provide us with sheep to watch, visit, and communicate with - baaaa.

The privilege of designing and leading this program has been my pleasure for the past six years. The success of the Science School allows me to continue teaching the students at AIPS, providing a unique Science and Technology focus and relieving multi-grade challenges. The rewards for me are reflected in the excitement students here express when science time approaches, or in the joyful comments of young visitors: "I liked it when we found the prickly plant, ouch!", "The deer was cool", "I liked looking for decomposing things", "I enjoyed the bird feeding", and many more.

A basic web site has been set up if you are interested <http://scicentre.limestone.on.ca>

## OCTOBER AIMS MEETING

- Recorded by substitute Secretary Don Pepper (Don's chicken-scratch translated by Brian Little)

Approximately 24 members on hand with breakfast provided by Diane Pollock and the 4-H team.

Business arising from minutes:

Bar-BQ: First Response Bar B Q postponed until spring due to weather concerns. New plans call for a Bar-B Q to be held at the Fire Hall with the whole community invited to show their appreciation to the Fire Fighters and First Responders. Tentative date: May or June of 2007

Dickens: December 8<sup>th</sup> confirmed for Dickens' A Christmas Carol reading at St. Paul's. Tickets \$10.00 with proceeds to go to ISLE for school projects. Readers to include Vicki Keith, Deb Kimmett, Peter Trueman, Larry Hay (in place of Zander Dunn) and CBC Radio Personality J.C. Kenny



New Years:[See ad in classified]

Pentland Cemetery: Mark Raymond to coordinate replacing the roof on the Cemetery shed.

Halloween Party: After the party was originally cancelled due to lack of funding, AIMS has partnered with 4-H and the General Store to revive the party. AIMS will put up the initial funding guaranteed for this and next year and the 4-H group will do most of the organizing. The party will go ahead on October 28 with any profits going to the 4-H group to help offset the cost of their November trip to The Royal Winter Fair. AIMS also donated \$100.00 to the Lope for Hope fundraiser for Cancer research and Heart & Stroke.

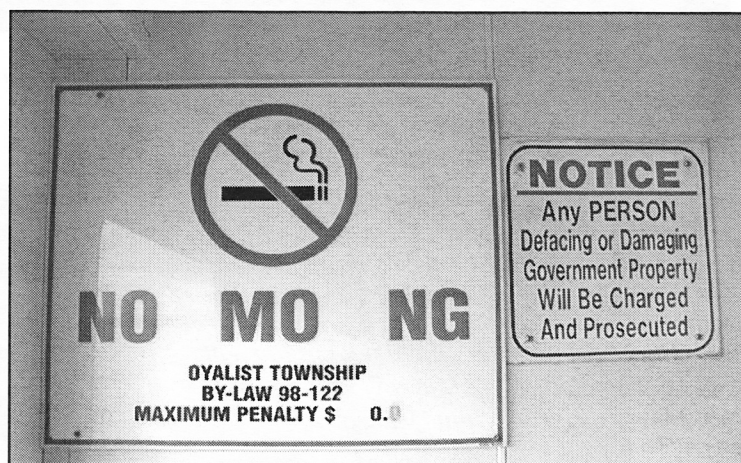
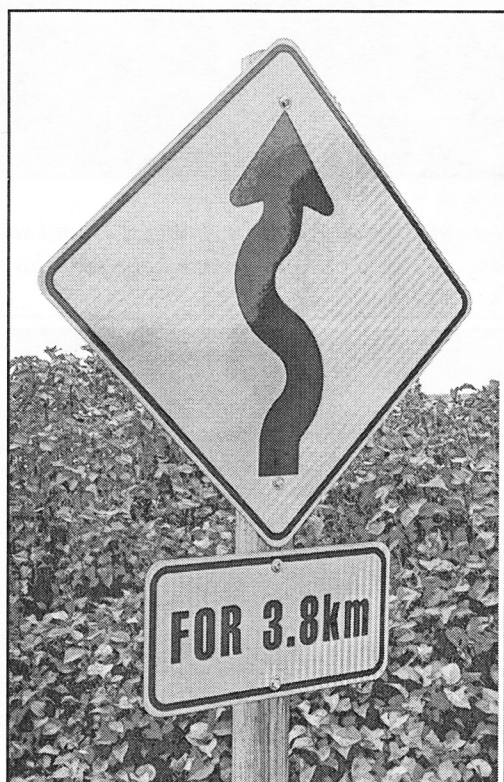
Neilson Store Museum: Alan Kidd reported that the museum has been successful in their grant application for money to hire someone to do research for the museum as well as looking into other grant possibilities. Applicants for the position must have a post secondary school diploma.

Guest Speaker: Michael Joll, former police officer and current deckhand on the ferry spoke about what brought him to the Island. He also discussed his play "For Valour" which he had written for the stage but has since adapted for radio. It is being performed for CJAI Radio by several volunteer "actors" and will be broadcast over a few nights prior to Remembrance Day.

The next Aims meeting has been re-scheduled for November 4<sup>th</sup> so as not to conflict with anyone's Remembrance Day plans.

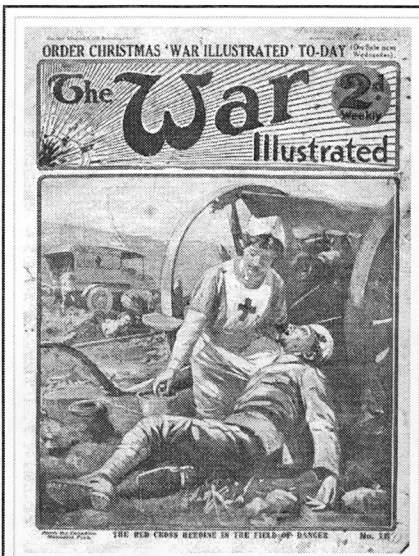
The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:00.

# New Signage for Amherst Island



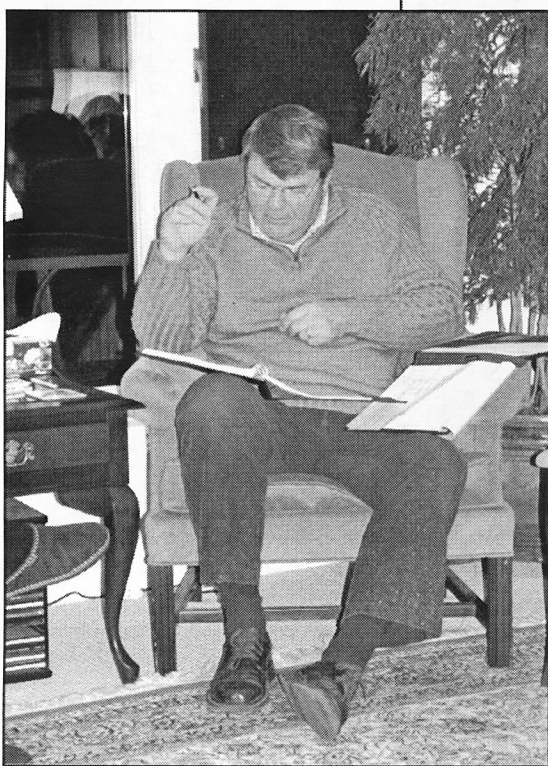
...well, almost new!

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## 'FOR VALOUR' 93.7 FM'S FIRST RADIO DRAMA

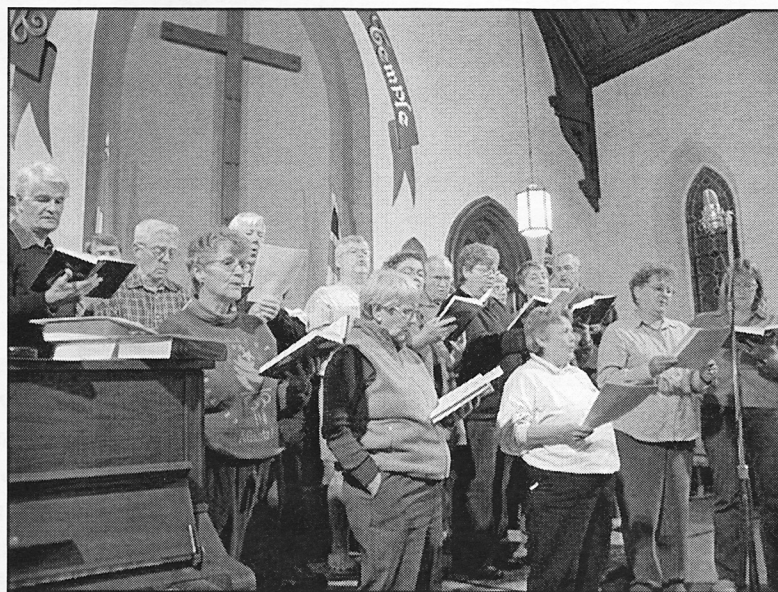
*Left: Two covers from 'The War Illustrated', an English magazine during the time of the First World War*



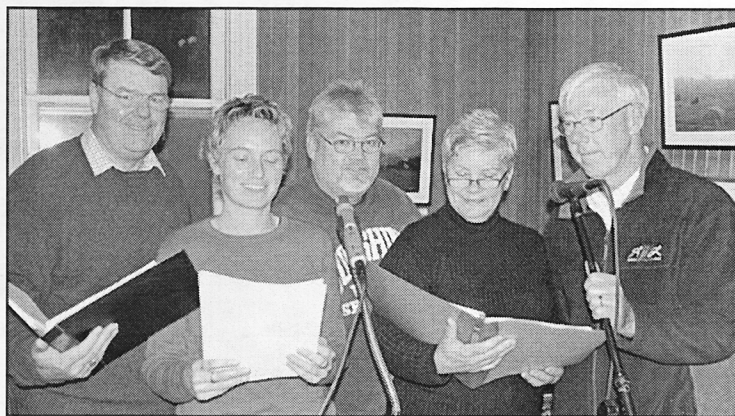
*'For Valour' writer, director and actor, Michael Joll*

*Other cast members included left to right: Michael Joll, Leah Murray, Brian Little, Janet Grace and John Munro.*

*See Page 12 for story.*

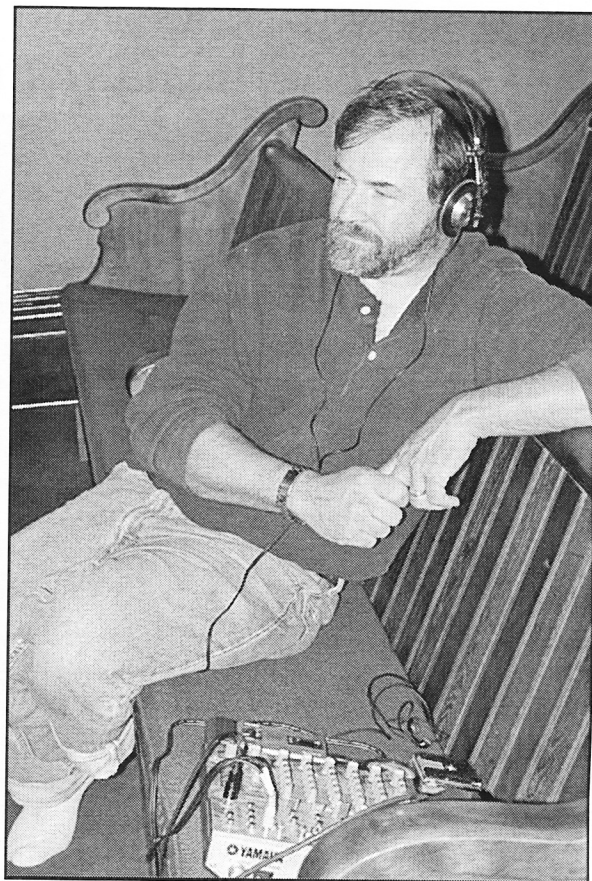


*St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Choir of Amherst Island sang the role of St. George's Parish Choir in Airedale, Yorkshire.*

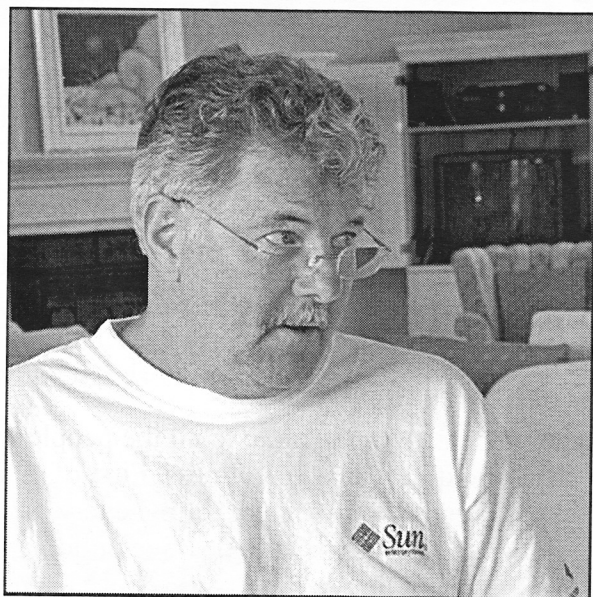




*'For Valour' cast members recording at The Lodge are left to right: Coralie Marshall, Doug Green, Andrew Patenall, Saskia Wagemans and Richard Joll.*

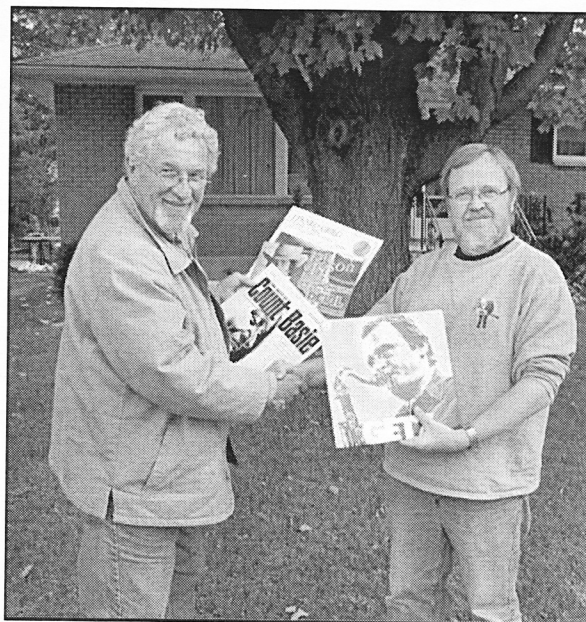


*CJAI Operations Manager Tom Richmond recorded and assembled the four part radio drama. It was recorded in three separate Amherst Island Locations.*



*Jim Gould, the man behind 'The Jazz From Jim's Vault Show' made his radio debut on October 19th.*

*Right: Ottawa resident Pat Byer liked our radio programming so much when he visited the Island on Canada Day that he donated four boxes of LP's to our music library. Station manager Terry Culbert receives them in Gananaoque.*



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**'FOR VALOUR' 93.7 FM'S FIRST RADIO****DRAMA**

- Terry Culbert / Station Manager

The week leading up to Remembrance Day was a momentous occasion for Amherst Island Public Radio. Entering our eighth month of broadcasting from the 'Milk House Radio Station', we embarked on a world premier radio drama titled: 'FOR VALOUR'. Written as a stage play, new Island resident and part-time Frontenac II deckhand Michael Joll adapted his script for CJA 93.7 FM. The drama chronicles a wealthy, upper class English family in Yorkshire during the First World War. It is a story of greed, power, ambition and opportunism, double standards, infidelity, courage and betrayal.

With the hard work and help of many volunteers, it was recorded in three different locations on the Island. St. Paul's Presbyterian Church became the soundstage for eighteen choir members and friends under the direction of Beth Forester as they sang the role of St. George's Parish Choir in Airedale, Yorkshire. The Lodge was the second recording studio where twelve actors read from Michael Joll's 101-page script. The voices of Zander Dunn as narrator and myself as host of the series were recorded at the radio station. CJA's Director of Operations Tom Richmond recorded and edited the program. Sound



effects and incidental music was produced in Toronto by Gavin Kistner.

Featured in the cast were Andrew Patenall, Coralie Marshall, Brian Little, John Munro, Michael Joll, Caroline Yull, Leah Murray, Richard Joll, Neil Johnston, Janet Grace, Doug Green and Saskia Wagemans. Hats off to everyone for taking on this huge project and doing such a superb job!

Other news from the smallest radio station in Canada, has Jim Gould of South Shore Road, stepping behind the microphone for the first time since he started 'Jazz From Jim's Vault Show' seven months ago. The show aired on Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. What a treat for me to be asked to co-host his first show. He was great! His knowledge of jazz is impressive, which Jim proved time and time again during his inaugural show. 'Jazz From Jim's Vault Show' plays Monday through Friday from 11am to 1pm.



I want to thank the First Response Team for coming to help me on such a terrible rainy night and for persuading me to go to the hospital to get checked out. I did have a mini stroke which did require medical attention. We may live on an island two hours from a hospital but we are so lucky to have these trained people who come with their equipment and reassuring words at the sound of their beepers.

Thanks again.

Marie Ward

A great big heartfelt thank-you to all the people who were so caring during my long illness. First of all a big hug for Freda who was there for me every day, boosting me up with her cheery positive outlook.

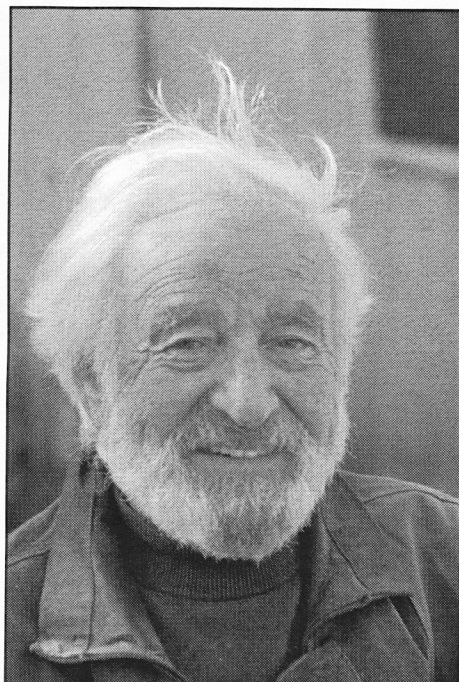
Also, a big thank-you to the first response team who came to my aid very quickly and were very efficient.

A big thank-you to Zander for his visits, prayers and concern. I was overwhelmed by the lovely cards and beautiful flowers. Also the hot meals, goodies, home and hospital visits were very much appreciated.

Hopefully I am on the road to recovery and so grateful to live in such a wonderful, caring community. God bless all.

Helen Lamb

# Last Day of the Market (and Brian Little was there to snap a few pictures.)



Clockwise from  
Top: Brian  
Grace; Ross  
Haines; Fae  
MacArthur; Mid-  
dle Right: Jean  
Tugwell; Below:  
Caroline Yull  
with Grandson  
Caleb.

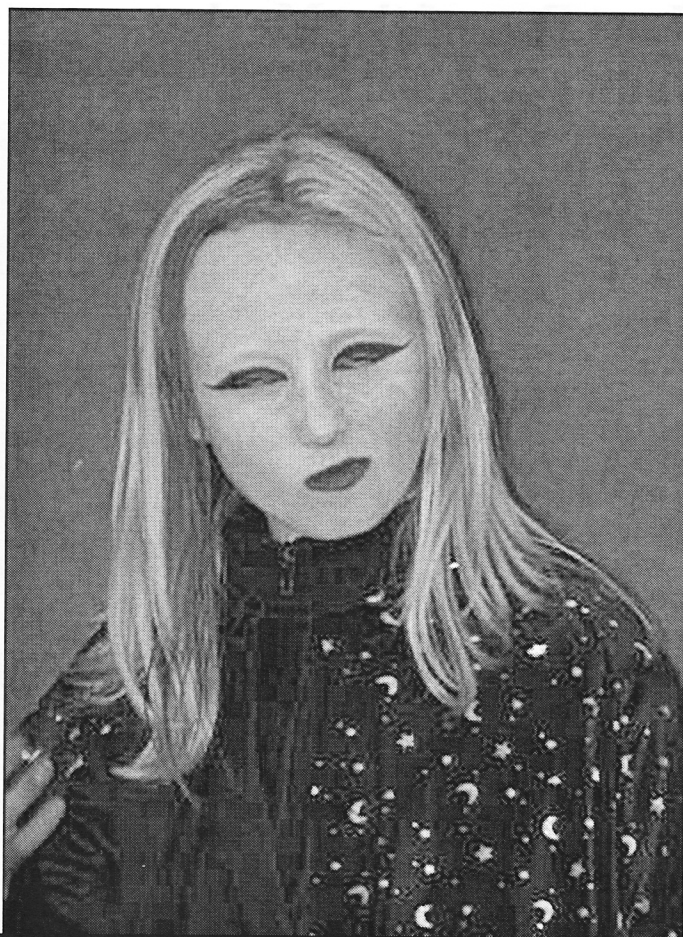


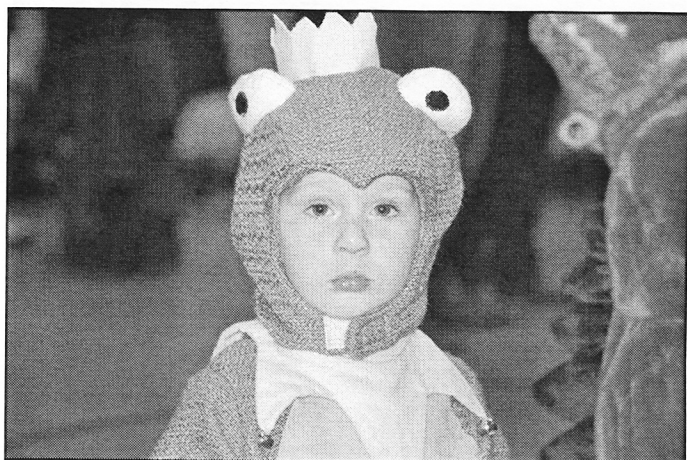
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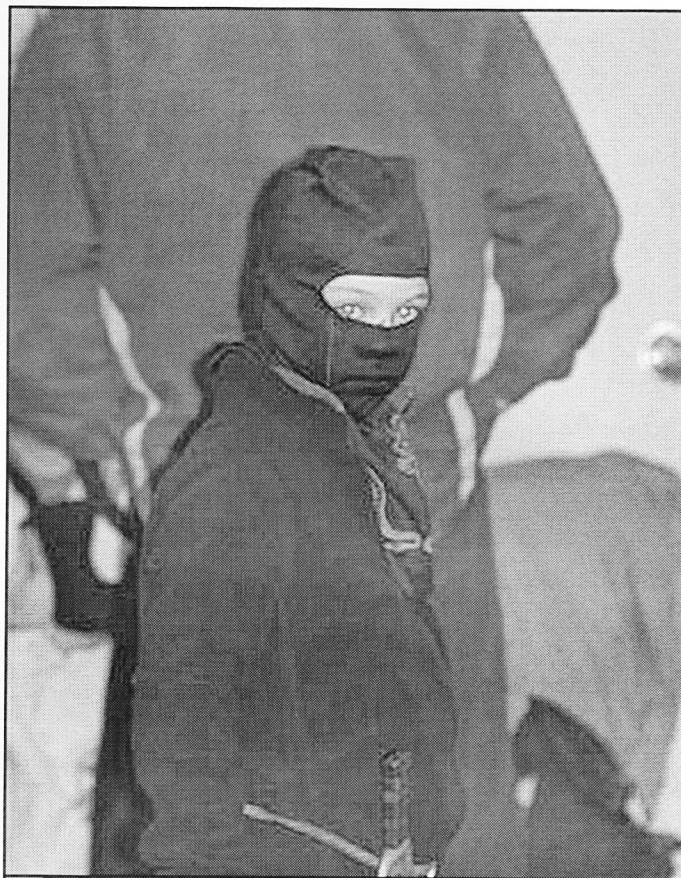
# HALLOWEEN MASQUERADE AN- OTHER BIG SUCCESS!!! (HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU RECOGNIZE?)



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DAVE YUELL)









All photos by Dave Youell.

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL  
OF THE SPONSORS OF THIS  
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# THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING INTERESTING GOING ON AT THE LODGE



ABOVE: THE LODGE AT NIGHT

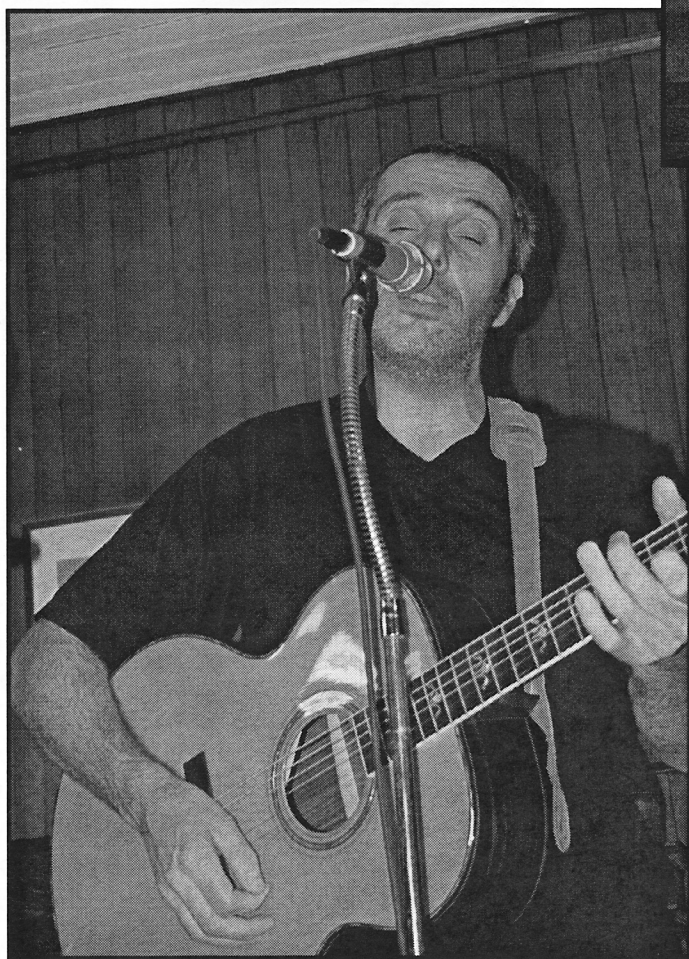
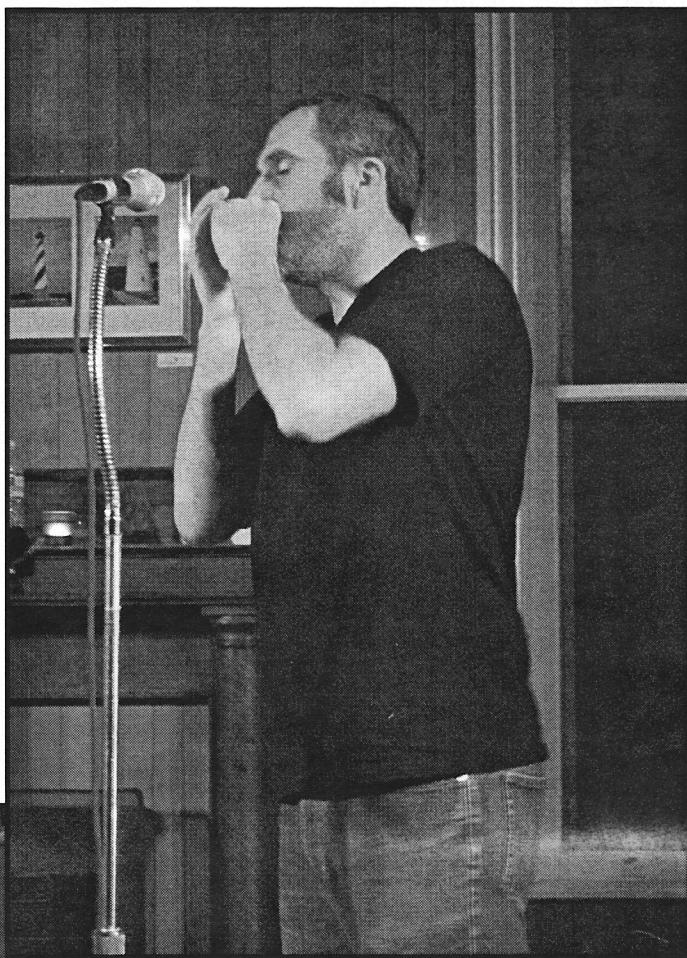


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ABOVE: AIPS STUDENTS VISIT THE LODGE TO SEE BRIAN LITTLE'S SHOW  
LEFT: BRIAN LITTLE'S SHOW ON AT THE LODGE UNTIL NOVEMBER 15TH.

# JOHN WORT HANNAM

## VISITS THE LODGE



ALL PHOTOS ON THESE TWO PAGES  
COURTESY OF BRIAN LITTLE UNLESS  
OTHERWISE MARKED.

## BEATRICE MAUDE REID

Bea lived all her life on this Island except for the last 1 ½ years in the Helen Henderson Home. She passed away there on Oct. 23, one week after celebrating her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>.

She lived with her parents for many years where the Koenders now live (11100 Front Road). While still in a student at the Continuation School, her family moved to the house owned by Margaret Luscombe (8980 Front Road). After graduating she started dating Ralph Wemp who had returned from the war.

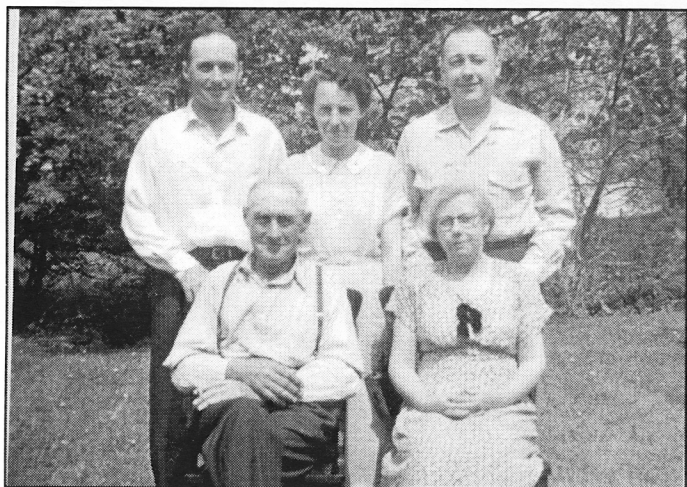
They were married in 1947 and moved to the farm Ralph bought where Jason and Ange Fleming now live (4750 Front Road). They farmed there until they moved in 1952 to the Wemp homestead where David and Betty still farm –

550 Art McGinn Road.

Ralph and Bea moved to Stella in 1976 to help her mother. Ralph commuted back to the farm daily for many years to work with David. As they grew older, Bea and Ralph spent several winters in Daytona Beach.

Bea is survived by her husband, Ralph, son, David (Betty) and daughters, Marie (Brian) Ward, Joyce (Grant) Titley, Kathy (Stewart) Reed and Maureen (Andy) Tasker. She is also survived by her brother, Kenneth (Bernice) Reid.

Bea was a great wife and mother. She had twelve grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren.



*Top & Middle Right: Ralph and Bea were married June 11, 1947 ; Middle Left: The picture of her family includes her brother, Edward, her brother Kenneth, father Dave Reid and mother Edna Reid.; Bottom Left: The picture of our family is Kathy Reed, Marie Ward, David Wemp, Maureen Tasker, Bea, Ralph, Joyce Titley.*

## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

- Joyce Reid

The October meeting of the Women's Institute was a "ROSE" ( Rural Ontario Sharing Education) program open to the community, "El Camino de Santiago". The speaker Peter Coffman was introduced by President Jackie Sylvester. We enjoyed the spectacular visual and sound presentation of the 1,000 km. pilgrimage of four Canadians in 2004 along the medieval route from France to Santiago de Compostela Spain. The presentation consisted of beautiful scenery, inside views, the sounds and the people along the journey. Marilyn Pilon thanked Peter for a knowledgeable and entertaining evening. Refreshments were served in the church hall provided by Leslie Gavlas and Coralie Marshall.

The regular monthly meeting followed. Ann Henderson is our newest member. Welcome aboard. Minutes, correspondence and standing committee reports were presented. Joyce Haines gave a brief report on the Kingston Area meeting attended by Marion Glenn and herself on October 17 in Harrowsmith. The annual provincial meeting will be held in Kingston in 2008.

The Christmas shoe box project was discussed with a resulting plan of filling boxes November 6 for delivery to the Samaritans Purse and shipment to children around the world.

The Seniors' Christmas dinner December 3, 2006 was discussed. Island residents 65 and over are invited and if you haven't received an invitation by mid-November please let us know.

An annual donation list was provided by treasurer Stephanie Bois-



sonneault for members consideration.

Our 2007 calendar is well under way.

Next meeting is November 15, 7pm at the home of Claire Jenney. Any interested women are welcome to attend.

## COUNCIL GLEANINGS

- Ian Murray

As of the end August, the ferry's fuel consumption "is approximately

60,000 litres below the 2005 usage to the same date and approximately 30,000 litres below the 2004 usage to the same date. The Senior Captain credits the decrease to milder winter temperatures and calmer winds."

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From a letter written by Diane Pearce, Loyalist CAO, to an Island resident:

"The Amherst Island Ferry Service is identified as one of the Township's service areas, like water, sewer and Amherstview Transit. As "user pay" services, deficits are covered by increased rates. Amherst Island ferry users are well aware that, over the years ferry rates have been adjusted upwards, as needed, to meet increased operational costs. In addition, succeeding Councils have tried to get a better deal from the Province to make the Amherst Island ferry op-

eration more equitable with others in the area. (It should be noted that the residents and users of the Howe and Simcoe Island ferries pay a portion of the operating costs, as do a number of other island communities in the Province.)"

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Council adopted the following motion regarding the Amherst Island Ferry service:

1. That Council direct staff to develop a fare model utilizing increased individual and bulk ticket rates;
2. That Council direct staff as part of the fare model to develop a small flat rate charged to homes and cottages;
3. That Council direct staff to review recent income tax changes with respect to a tax credit for Transit Passes and provide proposals for the fare model; and further,
4. For whatever model is developed, that another public meeting be held on the Island prior to adoption.

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The Cemetery agreed to "send a letter of thanks and appreciation to Paul and Gwen Lauret for donating three feet on the west side of Pentland Cemetery to Loyalist Township."

"Judith Harrower reported that a net amount of \$3570 was received from sale of the plane trip raffle tickets."

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The Treasurer has proposed a schedule for the 2007 budget process. The first meeting is scheduled for October 10 with the final approval on March 26, 2007. Included in the foregoing are various 10 year budget reviews.

The Treasurer recommends that Council confirm a levy increase of

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## THE DEATH OF A CHILD

- Zander of DUNN INN

Not long ago I was asked some basic questions by a woman who was concerned about the children who must deal with the death of another child. We hear today of grief counselors going into schools to help the classmates of a child who has been killed in an accident, by a shooter or by a suicide. I imagine the grief counselors try to listen more than talk. They try to respond to the needs and questions they pick up from the children affected rather than give a lecture. This woman raised some good theological questions which may have said more about her concerns than those of the children but they are good questions to put to a minister.

First, she asked, "How do you reconcile the death of a child with a loving God? If God is love why would God allow this to happen?" I believe God is love but God permits us to run our own lives. God gives us freedom (within our limitations of sex, age, space and time etc.) to make the choices we want to make or to do the things we do either deliberately or by mistake. God has set us to live within certain rules. The law of gravity tells us that if you jump out of an airplane without a parachute you will hit the ground at such a speed that it will kill you. God allows us to choose either deliberately or by accident to push the gas pedal or the brake. If we miss the brake and push the gas pedal in front of a wall we will hit the wall and will probably be killed if we drive too fast. That doesn't mean God doesn't love us. It means God refuses to suspend all the laws of nature to rescue each of us. This world would be chaotic if God interfered

to "save" each of us whenever we made the wrong choice or made a mistake. God is like a parent who knows he can't "save" his child from every part of life but still loves the child when that child makes the wrong choice. When a child dies, the one who grieves most is God.

Second, she asked, "How is this (death) part of God's plan?" I don't know. Except to say I don't believe it is God's plan or purpose to kill a child or to allow a child to be killed. But, I do believe God can take even the worst and bring good out of it. It's like the weavers of rugs in the orient who stand on the "good" side of the rug and employ boys on the "wrong" side of the rug to push the needles through to the good side, on their command. But sometimes the boys make mistakes and push the yarn through the wrong places. A good weaver doesn't pull those mistakes out but works them into a beautiful new pattern.

Third, the lady asked me, "Where is the dead child now?" Of course, nobody knows that. People of faith would say that child is with God. There is nobody beyond God's love and God's love prevails beyond life here, through death to a new life. Insofar as God loves all of us, God will never let us go. We will all, in God's good time, be safe within God's eternal care and keeping.

It hurts us when a child whom we love is taken from us before that child has had a chance to go through all the stages of life. We can more easily accept the death of older people because they have lived long, full lives. But when a child is killed all our expectations and hopes for that child are dashed. If it hurts us, it must hurt God even more because God loves

that child with a love which is far deeper and more powerful than any love we could ever know or show.

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## COUNCIL GLEANINGS

2.1% "as a working target for purposes of developing the 2007 operating budget."

"The Township cash balances on hand earn interest at the Royal Bank Prime rate, less 1.75%. Currently the rate of return is 4.25%."

I have not met nor seen the Township Treasurer, Alida K. Moffat, C.A., but I am impressed with the clarity of her written presentations to Council. Every year the work associated with local government increases and it is good to see that Loyalist is continuing to hire competent staff.

## GERALD DORLAN SUDDS

Died October 26, 2006, in his 78<sup>th</sup> year.

He is survived by his children Gerald, Gloria McMullen, Alan, Sheila Simmons, Lisa Henderson, and Paul. Also survived by his sister Doreen Halal and 9 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents Clifford Arlington Suds and Margaret Edith Willard and his brothers Willard and Lawrence.

Dorlan, or "Tom" as his young friends called him, lived on the farm where Geoff Matthews now lives (6100 Front Road). He attended Public School #5 from there. He took over the farm when his father died and supported his mother. He took an auto mechanics course by correspondence.

After marrying he moved to Star Corners near Harrowsmith.

## ADDRESS AND

## PRESENTATION

- from The Napanee Beaver, May 2, 1919

[submitted by Jennifer Bunting, Napanee Museum

On Saturday evening, April 19<sup>th</sup>, the Presbyterian and Methodist congregations of Amherst Island met in Victoria Hall, Stella, to do honour to Sergeant George Pringle, D.C.M., who had lately returned with his battalion, the Princess Patricias. Sergeant Pringle and his brother, Ross, were in Alberta on the outbreak of the war, and joined the colours there. George came through safely and won his D.C.M. Ross, who was very popular with all his comrades, belonged to the 11<sup>th</sup> C.F.A. fell in the last great drive to victory and filled a hero's grave near Cambrai. They are the sons of our respected fellow citizen, Mr. Sidney Pringle, and Amherst Island is justly proud of them.

On entering the hall, Sergeant Pringle was received by all present rising and cheering him heartily. Rev. Mr. Cumberland presented him with an address and Mrs. Cumberland, in a few well chosen words presented him with an envelope containing a present from friends who highly appreciated his great services for King and Country.

Sergeant Pringle, in suitable terms replied, thanking the people for the honour they had done him. He warmly praised the Y.M.C.A. and the Red Cross for the good work they had done for the men at the front, and said but for them he did not think they could have gained the victory. Reeve Miller and ex-Reeve Caughey in appropriate speeches, expressed their pleasure in welcoming the guest of

the evening home after his long trying and victorious campaign.

The choir led by Mrs. Buchanan, gave several patriotic songs, after which refreshments were served

***...we cannot allow you to go without showing our very high appreciation of your courage and patriotism...***

by the ladies, and a pleasant evening was brought to a close by the whole company joining in "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the King."

Following is a copy of the address:

To Sergeant George Pringle, D.C.M., of the Princess Patricia's Batt., C.E.F.

Your many friends on Amherst Island regret your inability to remain for the reception given to the returned soldiers. But we cannot allow you to go without showing our very high appreciation of your courage and patriotism when you, with so many other Canadians on the declaration of war, volunteered for active service. Although you had been for some time a resident of Calgary, yet we do not forget that you and your gallant brother, Ross, who gave his life for the sacred cause of liberty, were both born and brought up here. We revere and cherish his memory and extend our heartfelt sympathy to you and to all who sorrow for him.

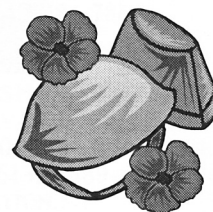
We know only a small part and that at second hand, of the hardships, privations and dangers that you and your comrades have nobly borne for us and for all who valued liberty and justice. We feel that no words of ours can express the debt of gratitude that we owe to our soldiers and sailors. Nor can we ever

forget the glorious victory which by the help of God they won for humanity and civilization. The illustrious battalion – the Princess Patricias, of which you were a member had surely a full share in all the sacrifice, and heroic deeds that led up to and won the great objectives – The Somme, Vimy Ridge, Lens, Passchendalle, and the victorious campaign of last autumn that culminated in the final victory of Mons, are names forever sacred to all Britons consecrated by the valour and the blood of the best of our race. We welcome you home again, victorious from the long trying campaign. We pray that many years of property, usefulness and happiness may be in store for you in your western home.

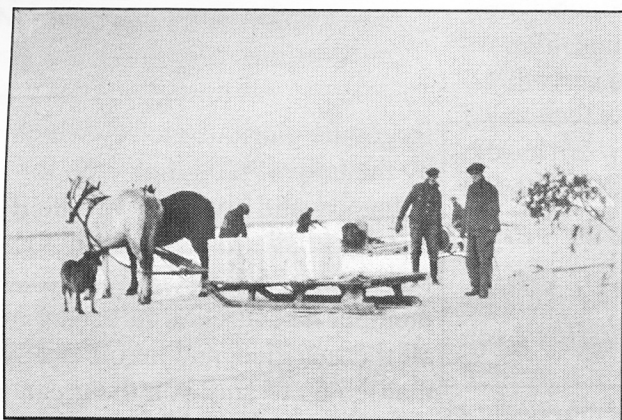
We believe that there is a great future in store for Canada, and we also believe that to none can we look with greater confidence to lead the way in building up a strong, united, and enduring nation than to those men who in the hour of greatest peril, (from Sir Douglas Haig's message to his army) "stood with their backs to the wall" and saved the world from slavery and destruction.

Signed on behalf of the Presbyterian and Methodist congregations.

J. CUMBERLAND, Minister  
Stella, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 1919.




# SPECIAL NOTICES - (CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S ARE FAST APPROACHING!!)



## WI 2007 CALENDAR - HISTORICAL PHOTOGRAPHS

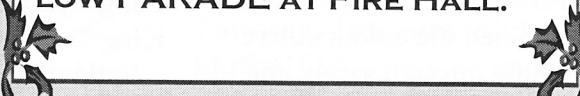
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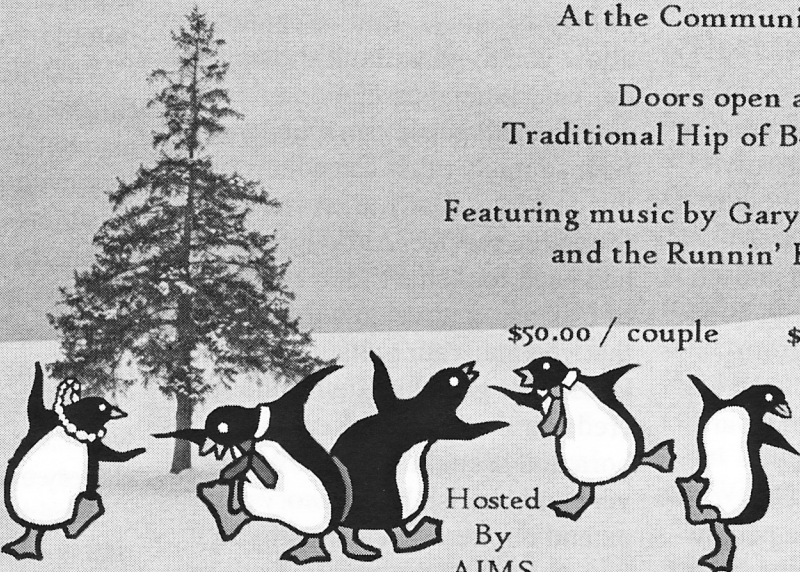
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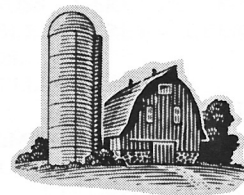
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FERRY FUEL-UP DAYS ARE TUESDAY AND FRIDAY (BE PREPARED FOR A DELAY).

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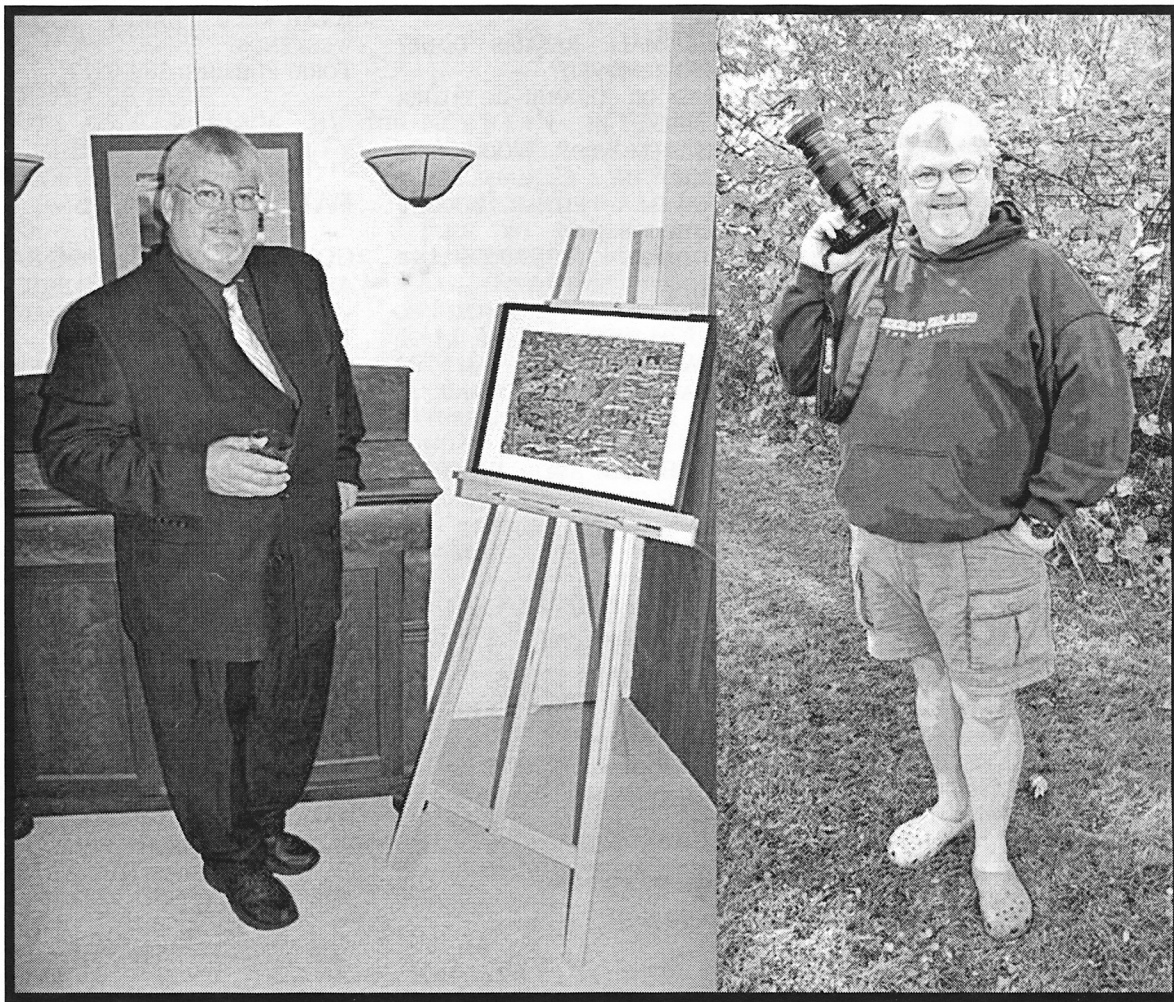
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