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sale closes and a stewardship plan has been developed.

The Ontario Heritage Trust has agreed to pay half of the costs. \$25 thousand is to be raised by interested citizens with the Township responsible for the rest.

I hope that this is one subject that old-time Islanders and newer-Islanders can all agree on.

NEIGHBOURHOOD

- Lynn Fleming

Condolences to Ann Coles (Craig), following the passing of her mom, Gwen Robertson.

Happy 60th Anniversary to Keith and Cora McGinn, who celebrated with family, friends and neighbours at an open house, held at the Lodge.

Congratulations to Joyce and Hugh Groot, who recently celebrated their 50th anniversary.

Joyce Reid visited family in New Brunswick.

Peter Large and Margaret Maloney were on safari in Africa.

My daughter, Stephanie, and I spent Thanksgiving in Orlando, introducing her 5 month old son, Cooper, to his great grandmother Kay Wolfreys and the rest of our Floridian family.

St. Alban's Church held another sold out Turkey dinner in late October.

A children's masquerade was held at the Poplar Dell Carriage House. A great time was had by young and old, with great decorations, refreshments and games and activities.

We have been spoiled this fall with beautiful, mild and sunny weather. As October winds down, we are now getting some more seasonal weather, with a little rain, some wind etc., and our first real frost of the fall. With November, comes the end of daylight savings time as we turn back our clocks and the days quickly become shorter.

SAND BEACH PURCHASE

-Ian Murray

The last issue of the Beacon, with the exception of the Cheesemaker's Daughter, neglected to mention the best Amherst Island news in a long time: the decision by Loyalist Council to buy that part of the Sand Beach owned by Ronald William Baxter. The sale is subject to several conditions including an Environmental Site Assessment (ESA).

The sale price is \$300 thousand with an additional \$34 thousand for the ESA and other costs.

The timing of public access to the property and how it will actually be used will be determined after the

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

- Mary Kay Steel

Our regular meeting for October took place on the 16th at St. Paul's Church Hall with the meeting getting underway promptly at 6pm.

President Liz Harrison was in the chair and handily got us through our business in good time, so that our guests could join us at 7. Most of our business was of the routine sort, but I will mention a few highlights. Firstly we continued our planning for the annual Seniors' Christmas Party to be held at the Community Centre the afternoon of Sunday December 1st. We need a volunteer to act as overall coordinator, but otherwise we seem to have things well in hand. A list of annual donations was duly discussed and voted on; among others, the list included the annual Ameriks scholarship awarded to Island young people studying at the post-secondary level, the Lennox and Addington and Kingston hospitals, the L&A Hospice program, and Seniors' Outreach Services (which now has offices in both Napanee and Amherstview). We will be making a couple of other significant donations this fiscal year, once member suggestions have been discussed and voted upon.

On October 17th, President Liz and two other members will represent our branch at the annual Kingston Area meeting, to take place this year in Glenburnie. On Thursday, October 24th, about eight member volunteers will don walking shoes and warm jackets to undertake the semi-annual clean-up of a section of County Road 4, part of a WI district-wide road clean-up initiative. After addressing a few other business items, the meeting was adjourned, just as guests began to arrive for the speaker event.

The speaker was Mrs. Joyce Brown, under the auspices of the WI R.O.S.E. (Rural Ontario Sharing Education) program. She shared some of her extensive experience in genealogy research. Joyce is well-known to Islanders, having been for many years and to this day, with her husband Neil, a member of St. Paul's congregation and much involved in Island life. Her family of birth, the Taylors, lived at what is now Cherry Allen and Mark Ritchie's farm.

Her talk focused on the many sources, accessible both via computer and other means that one can use to obtain genealogical information. It was good news

that most are entirely free. She herself has just returned from Northern Ireland where she did some of her own research work. It was interesting to learn that a good part of the success of these pursuits relies on volunteers who, it seems, will go to great lengths to help the information seeker, often just accepting a reimbursement of postage. A particularly rich source of data lies in universities, known as Universities' Special Collections.

Joyce answered several questions and received many positive comments. Then, as is the WI habit, a social hour involving wonderful refreshments was enjoyed. Our next meeting will take place at the home of Joyce Reid, on November 20th; guests are welcome.

JANET'S JOTTINGS

-Janet Scott

Family

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Last month I was blessed with a wonderful Thanksgiving which included my five children, their spouses and ten grandchildren and some extended family. We had all been together for my youngest daughter's wedding last summer but I know from my own experience that these chicks will grow up and extend their horizons and eventually these get-togethers will not be possible. It was fun to watch the interaction between cousins. At one time there were six all playing ipods together and separately. We older generation may criticise this means of communication as creating solitary thinkers and a rather isolated society but you know it's not! These children compare games, discuss apps and even interact with each other with expressions like "watch this" and "try this" and they share information. In our super-organized world that we've placed these children in, filling their days and schedules to the ultimate are we surprised that they discover peace and quiet in a game device? I am just thrilled that they're in the same room and communicating, however differently from my old-fashioned ideas. The youngest will still play with toys and the oldest will still mature before your very eyes from one visit to the next but I can sit there from my place as matriarch of this magnificent legacy and gloat just for awhile.

Do birds have families? We wonder if they share feelings and recognize offspring. We want to give them human qualities and see human behaviour in them but this is not scientific. Fortunately not being a scientist or an ornithologist I can just enjoy and give them family traits if I want! A Red-tailed Hawk that was watched for a long period of time by a birder was observed to feed her injured mate and care for him even though he was not the breadwinner anymore. Don't tell me that that's not family characteristics! It's not survival of the fittest for sure! He eventually died and there was a period of mourning before she accepted another mate. I watched a Chipmunk on the Church Hill return to the well flattened Chipmunk on the road and try to urge it to follow. Family instincts are strong.

The drive to return to the ancestral nesting site is so strong in birds that on the exact date swallows for instance will show up at the same nesting site year after year and the teenagers from last year's brood will help feed the new nestlings. They know family and home. The pair of American Kestrels that used to live in a hole in a tree along the Stella Forty Foot continued to circle that spot the following Spring

even though the tree had been removed the preceding winter. They knew where home was and don't we too return to the spot where home stood when we were children. We cannot measure this drive for home on any scientific scale but it is powerful. It can help a Monarch Butterfly navigate to Mexico, it can take a Bobolink from the grassy fields of Amherst Island all the way to Brazil and back again. It can take a Pacific Salmon up a creek to its spawning grounds.

Humans too have this home instinct. Brenda Van Alstyne and I have both experienced this strange feeling on arriving in Scotland that tells us we are home. On one side of my family they left Scotland at the time of the Enclosures and the other side left Scotland in 1904 but generations later when I crossed the border at Gretna Green I felt home and while we stayed at Loch Awe and visited Iona I was sure I'd been there before. If living creatures can have genetic memory then maybe we can too. Think about it!

Below: Grandsons looking for frogs on the shore.
Photo by Ruth Stevenson (Scott).





Emily Wemp Photo by Ruth Stevenson (Scott)



Front to Back: Bryce Atamanuk, Brandon Wemp, Taylor Wemp, Quentin Scott, Rebecca Scott, Wyatt Scott (behind) Photo by Ruth Stevenson (Scott)



Troy Atamanuk and Ruth Stevenson (Scott) Photo taken by Kathi Atamanuk (Scott)

NEWS FROM THE MUSE

Neilson Store Museum and Cultural Centre Inc.

On October 18th a group of Island residents attended a Backroom talk led by Gardner McBride as he informed us and answered questions about the proposed Co-operative to be formed on Amherst Island selling goods with a local flavour and centering on the raising of Haskap berries. It was an interesting and informative session with great questions from the participants.

Thank-you Gardner.

On October 22nd the Annual General Meeting of The Museum was held in the Backroom with about 30 members present. No new members were nominated from the floor so the Board will stay the same. Unfortunately Dayle Gowan will be stepping down as Treasurer but Carol Glenn has agreed to step into that spot. We will miss his wise financial advice but Carol will be an excellent choice as

replacement. It was reported that over 1000 visitors called in at the museum over the summer. You should be very proud of Amherst Island's local museum. Did you visit this summer and see Alec Welbank's display of Crossing the Ice or Allen Caughey's display about Sterling Glenn's Orchestra? Drop in on November 16 or come back next year.

On November 22nd The Backroom will host Noa Amson as she shares her fascinating trip to the North and her experiences there. Please join us there at 7 PM. Light refreshments will follow and we do encourage donations to the museum.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

-Lynn Fleming for the Harvest Festival Committee

The 13th annual Harvest Festival was held on a beautiful, fall day in late September at the Reidview Farm on Front Road. The weather was perfect for enjoying the exhibits, music, food and competitions, and the entry gate was spectacularly decorated with a giant spider and turkey (made from round bales), and fall plants and produce, to greet everyone attending the Festival.

We had some great exhibitors, who helped make the day such a success - Topsy Farms; Sweet Tea Photography; Barb's Produce; A.I. Emergency Services; Keith's Apple Press demonstration; and, A.I. Insurance Co. Also, there were many great livestock and machinery exhibitors.

Thanks to the sponsors who also helped make it a fine day - Glenn Mack (trucking); Lois's Warehouse (penning); Todd Hartin (for the privy); and, George Gavlas for getting Keith's apple press up and running.

Special thanks to the Country Rhythm for the great music; Ted and Karen for providing the horse drawn wagon rides; our pie judges, Joan Simpson, Larry Jensen and Bill Barrett; Allen Caughey for being our Brown Bag Auctioneer; and finally, to the ladies who donated Brown Bags for the auction and pies for the Apple Pie Contest, both of which were wildly successful!

We could not have done this without all of you.

Congratulations to the best apple pie makers on Amherst Island! Dianne Marshall (1st place) and Debbie Scott (2nd place) whose pies scored the best out of 7 pies entered.

Winners of the draws for the "gate prize" gift basket were Maria and Keld Jensen; the two fire extinguishers, Shane Gibson and Allen Caughey; and, the "guess how many jelly beans in the jar", Bonnie Caughey.

The Competitions. The bale rolling competition is popular with young and old and is great fun for spectators as well. Winners of the kids' competition were - Calum Gibson (1st); Braden Fleming & his friend Zack (2nd); and Jesse and Emma (3rd).

Successful adult competitors were - team Brandon Reid, Dakota Wolfreys & Barry Richmond(1st); team Jason Fleming & Jamie Arsenault (2nd); and team Emma & Ainsley (3rd).

Cross Cut Saw winners were - Larry Fleming & Wayne Fleming (1st); Jeff Wartman & Jason Fleming (2nd); and, Jim Reid & Jake Murray (3rd).

Nail Driving - Jim Reid (1st), Sharen English (2nd), and Kelly McGinn (3rd).

Proceeds from the donations, auction and pie sales went to the County 4-H group, to help offset the expense of going to the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto in November, and to Amherst Island Public School.

And finally - thank you to Jim, Sandra and Barb Reid for providing the perfect location and to everyone who came out and supported this event.

COUNCIL GLEANINGS

- Ian Murray

From Regular Council Meeting of September 23

"Councillor Ashley offered condolences to the family of long time Amherst Island resident Susan McGinn who recently passed away."

"Moved by Councillor Ashley and seconded by Councillor Daniliunas that the Director of Planning and Development Services report, September 16, 2013 re: Baxter Property Purchase Agreement be received and that the following be adopted:

1. That By-law 2013-096, being a by-law to receive and approve the agreement of purchase and sale for the Baxter property on Amherst Island, be enacted and passed and further the previously received and approved funding agreement with the Ontario Heritage Trust, through the National Spaces Land Acquisition and Stewardship Program be received and disclosed in open session.

2. That the Baxter property purchase be funded in 2013 through Unfinanced Capital Outlay and that the project be included for funding in the 2014 Capital Budget.

Enacted and Passed this 23rd day of September 2013.”

From the 25th Regular Council Meeting of October 15

MTO has agreed to work with Council to make sure that the Quinte Loyalist does not leave before the Frontenac 2 is ready for service.

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“WHEREAS Loyalist Township has been selected by the Ontario Power Authority and several developers as the location for seven (7) different alternative energy projects;

AND WHEREAS Loyalist Township has repeatedly expressed support of the governments overall policy of development of alternative energy sources for the protection of future generations environmental and power requirement concerns;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario government implemented the Green Energy Act to enable alternative energy development without the resistance of so called NIMBY opposition, and in doing so effectively negated the authority vested on municipalities through the Planning Act to express local development concerns;

AND WHEREAS Loyalist Township has previously expressed significant concern through the Environmental Review process as an active participant in the REA review,

AND WHEREAS these concerns include but are not limited to:

1. Sufficient study of Wildlife impacts in a nature reserve area that is immediately adjacent to the industrial wind and solar farms, and that the residents of Loyalist Township worked very hard and invested very deeply in preserving this area for species protection, specifically of raptors;

2. Sufficient study of heritage and cultural preservation impacts as it relates to the many heritage homes and features throughout the Township;

3. Sufficient understanding and visual impact of alternative energy features on homes,

communities and the landscape of the Township and the need for greater setbacks, buffering and landscaping;

4. Sufficient planning around the massive traffic, noise, dust and debris related to the development process on mainland and island communities, including the road congestion and in the case of Amherst Island affecting daily access to the ferry and including emergency consideration when roads and ferry services may be blocked, and;

5. Sufficient planning for the decommissioning and financial responsibilities throughout the lifespan of these projects, ensuring that this burden never falls on the residential taxpayers of Loyalist Township, AND WHEREAS many local and external residents have voiced concerns over a number of issues that Loyalist Township does not have the resources to comment on, but fully believes that the residents’ concerns need to be addressed to their satisfaction; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Loyalist Township officially considers many of the alternative energy project REA applications to be incomplete, and as such, Loyalist Township states that it does not support any project with incomplete information, and; formally requests, in the strongest terms possible, that the Ministry of Energy, being responsible for the approval of REAs, also deems such applications incomplete, and require that the proponent resubmit with all appropriate studies and consultation completed.”

This motion passed after a recorded vote with Councillors Ashley and Ibey opposed.

“Moved by Councillor Ibey and seconded by Councillor Ashley that Council does hereby appoint Alida Moffatt to serve as Temporary Acting C.A.O. following the date of resignation of Township C.A.O., Harry Schlange. Motion carried.”

Two building permits for new houses on Amherst Island were issued in September.

AIMS Meeting October 12

- Bill Barrett (chair and minute taker)

Presentation- Hugh Groot

Motto- work is more fun and fun is more work;
speaks French, German, Dutch and English.

Born in Holland in 1940, the war occupation was part of his early experience with a German garrison just down his street where he was able to get food scraps. Early on he worked in his family commercial laundry business at 14 when his dad died. Drafted to the Dutch Royal Navy at 19; after 18 months basic training he spent 2.5y in service as a sparky, a radio guy, on a destroyer traveling the world. Declining to stay on as a professional officer due to beer being the only liquid on board (it took 3 days to load ammunition; 1 week for beer) his best experience was as a relief radio operator on a submarine.

In late 1960 at Philips he stayed as a production assistant manager for about 2 years making radar. After marriage to Joyce in 1963 and sailing to Canada, their stay in Montreal was short, preferring to live in Oshawa where a friend helped them settle in. Working as a carpenter building kitchen cabinets, a daughter, born 1965 (lives in Orleans) and a son (1966- Michigan) has lead to 5 "grandkids". In 1976 after training as a financial planner for North American Life, the family moved to Kingston for his job as a branch and district manager. In 1981 based in his own business providing financial planning for professional people and physicians, Hugh hired a St. Lawrence graduate to program PC systems that he could install in physician offices for billing to OHIP. "Things took off" in his market stretching from Niagara Falls to the Quebec border and he sold the business to Health Screen in 2001.

In 2002, in partial retirement, Hugh imported European awnings to keep busy and provide work for part of the year. In 2009 a gallstone operation that took 3 months for recovery after complications lead them to start driving a motorhome back and forth to their property in Florida, a new purchase to avoid the Ontario winters. In 2012 the AI property became their Ontario residence.

Larry thanked Hugh for his lively and animated presentation of his story.

Saturday Market

Marc thanked all for support and encouraged members to volunteer early next year, finding a

replacement is easier than finding someone to work the market 2-3 days before Saturday.

AI Co-op Proposal

Gardiner brought the group up to date on progress of the proposal for the Christmas ornament, the display, product producers, preliminary ideas for the "operations group" to help land owners get into hascap production, his plans for involvement in the project, Carl's plans and the involvement and level of commitment of other Island groups to date (without giving specifics). He stressed the advice that fostering agreement to move forward is easier if the membership of the cooperative is truly based on the entire community. 50 acres on the Island are needed to achieve the business case proposed. Based on Gardiner clarifying his own involvement ideas in the cooperative, Carl's commitment plans, the possibility of an operations group, and broad-based Island membership in the co-operative the group present agreed to support the concept of liaising with the Co-op board.

Following a wide-ranging discussion, Tim Gushue moved (seconded by Brian Little) that AIMS nominate a representative (Ken Albertan, with Hugh Groot as backup) to the AI Co-operative board of directors; passed.

Gardiner responded to a number of implementation question following the vote. Those present talked about seeking a level of consensus with the remaining AIMS members without describing how, who or when.

THE NAPANEE GENERATING STATION

-Liz Harrison

There are now two complete bound copies of TransCanada's Environmental Review Report on the Napanee Generating Station available to islanders. Contact John Harrison (613-389-5176) or Denise Wolfe (613-384-8040) if you are interested in using them.

The report can also be accessed at <http://www.napaneeegs.com/release-of-draft-environmental-review-report/#>

If you would like to comment the timing is as follows: The public input period is from October 1st to November 30th. The final documents, taking account of public input, should

be available in January. There will then be a further 30 days or so for public input.

Peter Webster, Community Representative for TransCanada can be reached at:

peter_webster@transcanada.com

[Editor: a clever move by the current Ontario Government to put this plant into a riding where there is no concern about losing public support.]

BIRDING WITH MY BUDDIES

-Sharen English

"The Motley Crew" is the name of our group.

We are Janet, Bonnie, Judy, Sharen, Joyce, Deb, Annemarie, Sherri, Margaret and Sally.

We enjoy riding around the island in our convoy of cars.

We see Tara, the mail lady, as we drive the gravel and paved roads of Amherst Island.

We count how many cars we imagine we piss off by driving slowly and stopping.

We are considerate birders, we move to the side of the road and let other traffic pass.

We share binoculars and bird books.

I especially enjoy the book that makes the bird call sounds.

If you put the book out the car window and play the call, you often get a bird call back.

I now know what phishing is. The first time I heard it was when Bonnie did it.

You say "phish, phish, phish" and hope that birds will answer. They usually do.

We talk about what we have seen and heard in the world of birding.

Joyce and Bonnie tell us about the nature programs that they watch on PBS and TVO.

Janet tells us of her birding experiences when she drove the school bus on the island.

She knows what's going on in the world of birding in Ontario and the world.

She is a kind, knowledgeable and respectful teacher.

We share tea, coffee and lunch sometimes.

We share our worldwide experiences of birding adventures.

There is a sense of calm and comradery in the cars.

We have fun, we talk.

We are women enjoying the company of other women.

THE MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY

-Zander of DUNN INN

From Saturday, October 12 to Sunday, October 20, Nance and I did something we had never done before - we travelled by car to visit family and friends and I didn't have to preach on either of the two Sundays we were away.

We drove to Toronto to attend a Thanksgiving Supper on Saturday, October 12 at the home of Christina, the cousin of my daughter-in-law, Claire. Although we did not know everybody we were welcomed warmly and fed well. Unique hors d'oeuvres and both ham and beef were served along with numerous vegetables.

On Sunday we attended worship at the Toronto church of my two younger sons. We were greeted warmly and invited to share in the refreshments following worship. I had a good talk with the minister whom I had baptized many years ago and with several friends we have made through cycling. In the evening our grand-daughter, Findley, helped by her mother, prepared a delightful meal which we shared with a friend who was alone for the holiday weekend.

On Thanksgiving Monday we gathered at the home of Marc and Elfi with all our Toronto grandchildren, our sons and their wives and with a couple from Los Angeles at whose wedding I had officiated exactly a year ago. We shared a superb meal which featured various pizzas made by Kirk and Marc. Our youngest son showed off by throwing pizza doughs up into the air before fashioning them with chicken, egg plants, clams, mushrooms, ham, onions, pepperoni etc.

On Tuesday Nance and I motored up to Huntsville to spend two days with good friends who had moved there from Guelph. We walked with them up hills and down valleys through the colourful leaves on the beautiful trees. We were wine and dined. The best wine and the most delicious steaks and desserts were served as we shared our adventures and experiences over the years.

Thursday we drove down to Stratford to enjoy one of Stratford's best plays of the year - Mary Stuart - which did not disappoint us. Before we went to the play we were literally embraced by Dorothy Babcock who lived on the South Shore of Amherst Island for five years. She served us a roast

complimented by excellent wine before we went to the theatre. We returned to her place to find our beds turned down and a big chocolate on each pillow.

Friday we went back up the highway to North Bay to attend the surprise 70th birthday of a good friend. Over 80 of us congregated in the dining room of the Golf Club and enjoyed a meal too good to describe which included several salads, many vegetables and chicken and beef. It was a night to remember - a night of stories, memories, toasts, dancing and jokes.

Then we went to the home of our eldest son, Scott. He and Marcelle took us in and made us feel at home. The next day Scott entertained us and Marcelle fed us. Not only were the beef, vegetables and salad excellent, the dessert had been made from apples we took to them from Coralie Marshall's magnificent tree on the North Shore.

On Sunday we left North Bay at 10 a.m. to arrive in Mattawa at 11 in time for worship at the small United Church. Before we could get to the door a woman greeted us and took us into the building. She saw my licence plate, REV DR, (which Marc had given me as a gift) and guessed that I was a minister. But that didn't stop her from introducing us to everybody (there were only 15 of us there). A laywoman led the worship very well in spite of interruptions from a mentally disturbed hitchhiker.

After worship we were all invited to a sit-down meal of turkey and rice soup, sandwiches, muffins, tea and coffee. A white American professor on sabbatical, and his African American wife and son plus an adopted daughter from Haiti, were part of the congregation which was mostly led by elderly women. The only other man with his wife and daughter chatted with us and told us about the community. Both of us ate so well, we didn't need another meal until we arrived home on the 6:30 ferry.

I tell you all this to make two points. First, at every place we went we were received with love. We expected that from our family members, but we also received it from everybody else. The hospitality was important. It put us at ease. It allowed us to fit in. It made us feel important and at home. We knew we belonged. We were especially pleased by the hospitality of the two churches we attended. Often we hear of churches which do not welcome newcomers, ignore strangers and never speak to

people they do not know. Our experiences of the churches as places where hospitality is spoken, showed and extended was encouraging to us.

Second, at every place we went to we were entertained with good food and drink. How good it is to share food with others. Jesus not only welcomed everyone to his table, he also shared food with them - a sign he respected them, enjoyed them and valued them. You can't have a party without good food and drink!

Hospitality through food is a great Christian ministry of love. People are impressed when they are welcomed and fed after worship. It is important for us all to reach out to others with warmth and good food because when we do that we show we care. And through us God is at work

THE CHEESEMAKER'S DAUGHTER (the eldest one)

-Judy Bierma

More memories of Sand Beach

Another friend talked about getting your car stuck in the sand all the time. Yes, I remember pushing on the back bumper of my Dad's Buick quite a few times. We would get stuck in the sand too.

Memories of Hallowe'en on the Island

Hallowe'en on Amherst Island in the sixties. We would get a ride to the South Shore. The McCormick kids were with us. I think my younger brother and sisters came. Ann, Jackie, Paul and Peter came too. We would stop at Mulder's farm, where Planks live now, then go to George Migan, where the Frontinis live now. George always made us sing O Canada before he would give us candy. The big prize at that time was the popcorn balls. We always knew where to go to get the homemade popcorn balls.

The older kids, me included, would pull stuff, wood, old fencing, etc. out of the ditches and make barricades on the road so that the farmers that took milk to the cheese factory would have to get off their truck and clear the road before they could go on.

The scariest Hallowe'en was the night we pulled an old chicken wire fence out of the ditch between the Victoria Hall and the United Church, now the old ferry office building and library. We stretched it across the road and fastened at the ends with wood so that it stood up at 90 degrees to the road. It was a rainy, slick night. We jumped into the ditch and

watched to see who would come by and run into our barricade. Well...the 8:30 boat came in and who was the first person off the boat but George Bierma, my father. Who loved his Buick's more than anything...my father. Who had just got his 1963 white Buick painted...my father. Who was madder than hell...my father. Who scratched the heck out of his Beautiful White Buick...my father. I couldn't believe my eyes. I went straight home and went to bed. He asked me who were the kids in the village that put the fence up and I lied and said I had no idea. When I was in my 30s I confessed to the nasty deed. I think that was my last Hallowe'en Night out.

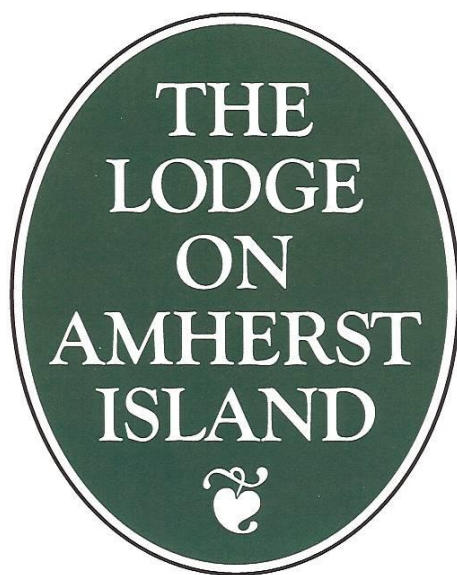
We used to black out the s on Sterling Glenn's SHELL garage so that it said HELL and thought that was soooo funny. Lynanne Whitton lives in the building that used to be Sterling Glenn's garage. We wore homemade costumes in the sixties. I remember being a Native one year and that's the only one I remember.

Email me at judybierma@gmail.com and tell me your memories of Sand Beach and Hallowe'en on Amherst Island.

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank You

CJAI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING November 13th 2013 7:00 to 9:00 pm Neilson Store Museum and Cultural Centre 5220 Front Road Stella Ontario
Annual report, presented by the Board of Directors, as of year end August 31st 2013. Open to all.
Refreshments will be served. For more information, see the website "CJAI.CA".



STORIES ABOUT STORYTELLERS: An evening with Doug Gibson and Many Famous Canadian Authors Saturday, November 9, 2013. For Tickets please call Victoria at 613-634-1388 Ticket Price \$15.00 per person. Books will be available for sale from the author.

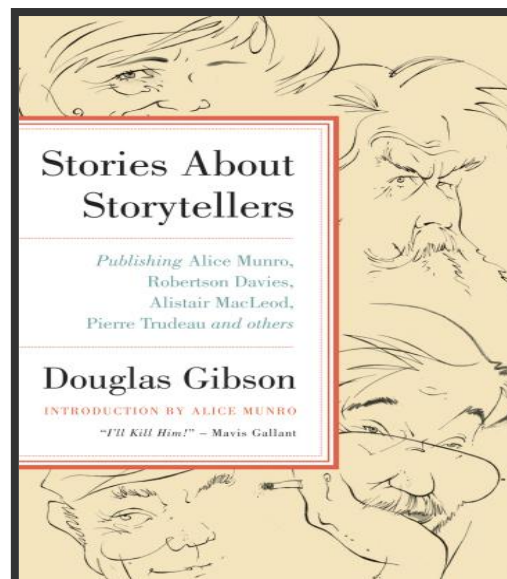
ISLAND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remembrance Day Service
Amherst Island Public School
Monday Nov 11th, 10:45 AM



Please join the staff, students, family, friends and neighbours at AIPS as we remember our Veterans, past and present.

The Amherst Island Women's Institute invites island residents of 65 or older and their spouses to the Annual Christmas Dinner part for Seniors. If you have not received an invitation yet, and would like one, contact Sharen English at 613 384 6535.
Date: Sunday December 1st, 2013
Place: Amherst Island Community Centre
Please come at 3:45 p.m.
Entertainment starts at 4 pm and a scrumptious turkey dinner with all the trimmings follows.
Please RSVP by November 24th.



Transportation for Medical Appointments
The Amherst Island Men's Society would like to remind residents that, if you require transportation back and forth to scheduled appointments, we can provide assistance. Family and friends are not always available, and in some cases, it is not possible to drive yourself.

If you would like to make use of this service, please contact David Pickering at 613 384 6535.

BEACON ADS

FOR SALE Wooded, hilly, 4-acre-plus, waterfront lot next to the Fowler House. Ask for details. Call Hugh & Claire Jenney 613-384-7830 for an appointment to see the property.

AMHERST ISLAND CHIROPRACTIC 10650 Front Rd. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. For appointments call 613 328-8892

AMHERST ISLAND STORE Monday - Friday: 9am - 11:30am; 2:30pm - 5pm Saturday: 9am - 1pm (Post Office closes at noon) Sunday: closed

HARTIN'S PUMPING SERVICE: Septic Pumping & Inspection 613-379-5672

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TALL SHIPS TO VISIT LAKE ONTARIO

Tall ships from around the world have been invited by civic, state and provincial officials to visit Lake Ontario in 1984 to help residents on both the New York and Ontario shores relive their exciting maritime past and celebrate important anniversaries.

Plans for the visit and Molson Ontario Breweries Ltd. sponsorship were announced at media conferences in Toronto and Kingston, Ontario, and Rochester, New York. Representatives of the American Sail Training Association attended each conference to explain plans for an official race between Toronto and Rochester.

The visit is being organized by a joint Co-ordinating Committee made up of representatives

from the cities of Toronto and Rochester which are celebrating their 150th birthdays and the Province of Ontario which is marking its Bicentennial and the City of Kingston which is incorporating the visit into its Provincial Bicentennial celebrations.

Representatives from Harbourfront which is acting as co-hosts for the visit also sit on the committee. . . .

Present plans for the Tall Ships Rendez-vous will see the ships in Toronto from July 6 to 11th, Rochester from July 12 to 16th and Kingston from July 17 to 21st.

HALLOWE'EN DANCE IS GREAT FUN

- Sandra Thornhill

This year's Hallowe'en dance was another success, if not in a monetary way, then just from the treasure of pleasure and laughter we all shared in.

Evident this year were Miss Piggy, a visitor from the Orient, a headless man, a space robot, Annie, a few women with extended figures, a "Grizzly Adams" type character, various monsters, a chamber pot duo, and many more imaginative characters.

The best Child's Costume was won by Jamie Thornhill dressed as a space robot.

Betty Wemp again took first prize for the adult's 'Best Costume'.

The 'Funniest Costume' prize was given to Barb McDonald dressed as Miss Piggy.

Adam Miller also won a prize.

This year I put rollers in my hair, a face pack on my face, a pillow was used as my stomach, a bathrobe over it all, and I enjoyed myself immensely walking around portraying the typical pregnant housewife. I'm sure many women could not remember being quite that bad during pregnancy, but I'll bet some men were cringing in memory of what it was really like.

While I was dancing around on the dance floor I found myself being set upon by a 'Grizzly Adams' type person. I turned away a number of times but found he was still in hot pursuit. Heaven only knows what memories I evoked in 'his' mind. I decided to sit out a few dances. This old man again followed me and parked himself on the chair beside me. He then proceeded to pat my knee as well as my extended stomach. I couldn't help laughing but his persistence started to worry me.

So once more I fled to the dance floor and he was right beside me again, bestowing affectionate pats to my derriere. Finally I stared into his one eye. I couldn't see any trace of make-up. Maybe this guy was really a man instead of a woman as I had believed at first. In a voice above the music I said, "When you take off that mask you. had better be a woman!"

You can't imagine my relief when the old man with the kinky walk and the wandering hands turned out to be none other than Betty Wemp.

All in all the evening was great fun. There were countless Hallowe'en affairs going on all over but our Island dance was very special because all our children were able to attend.

We all have a bit of child in us. So some of us dressed up like children, cavorted amongst them and had a fantastic time.

OUR HALLOWE'EN CHILDREN

- Sandra Haggett

*Dressed in costumes of ghostly ghouls
The children haunt the rooms at school
Shrieking and laughing aloud with glee
There's Orphan Annie; who could that be?
With blinking lights and honking noises
Robot wins first, of children's choices.
An elderly lady leaning on her cane
Ambles past in arthritic pain.
And wasn't that a wolfman lurking near
Such a fearful face that causes fear.
Dashing and dancing about the place
With paints and masks upon their face,
Just another night in our children's day
If only a child they'd forever stay.*

LENNOX & ADDINGTON COUNTY LIBRARY NEWS

Lennox and Addington County Library is sponsoring "Loyalist Diary" a dramatic presentation by Mr. R. Waller (Prof. of Drama, Queen's University) on Apr. 30, 1984 at 8 p.m. at Amherst Is. Public School.

This is an event planned as part of the bicentennial celebrations in 1984.

COUNCIL REPORT

- Chris Kennedy

The Reeve and Council were all present on Nov. 1st for the regular meeting.

Mr. Metcalfe, who owns the old granary and store in Emerald, attended at the request of Council. He said that the buildings had been boarded up and the damage had been caused by vandals. He speculated that the granary might become a heritage building of some sort, but Council did not seem very enthusiastic. Mr. Metcalfe agreed to board up the buildings again and make it safe.

The building inspector had issued only one building permit the previous month, a garage for Caughey's.

The Council discussed in committee the pass system for the ferry. They decided that a pass covers the pass holder and the vehicle in which the pass holder is riding or driving. In 1984 an extra pass for a full-time student or extra family member will be \$50 for someone with an individual pass.

Negotiations are still under way for the gravel crushing tender. Council will ask MTC for supplementary financial help with the cost of the gravel.

Some of Council were upset with the removal of the new Stop signs at Hallowe'en. It is a criminal offence to damage or remove road signs.

Council mentioned that several people have been observed making very rapid stops at the crossroads. I did, however, see two vehicles go through the crossroads without stopping, immediately after the Council meeting -- but I'm sure they weren't Council members?

The Reeve and Clerk have presented a brief at the waste management seminar in Kingston.

The building inspector got a 5% pay raise. It appears that under the Inflation Restraint Board, Council are required to give themselves a 5% pay raise as well, but Council thought they could manage without it.

Council had previously discussed the Tax Impact Study. This was a review to correct inequities in the property tax values that have crept in over twenty years since the last major review. They decided that the new assessment values should be accepted. This means that some people's taxes will go up and some will go down. There will be an opportunity to appeal

the new values at a special meeting in December, when the new tax rolls are out.

Council has retained a Toronto law firm to handle the drainage appeal, as Mr. Radley can't act in the Divisional Court.

Council then adjourned.

GLENN'S STORE AND POST OFFICE

We wish our loyal patrons to know that Glenn's Store will continue to carry on business as, usual. Irene Glenn has recently been appointed Amherst Island Postmistress and will maintain regular business hours.

We wish to thank all our Island and non-Island customers for their patronage in the past, and hope to continue doing business with you in future.

Thank you,

Irene Glenn, Dale Filson, Annette Phillips

CARDS OF THANKS

Irene Glenn and family wish to extend our sincere thanks to the people of Amherst Island for their kindness and support during the loss of a treasured husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather, John Leslie Glenn.

We are most grateful to each and every member of the Ferry Crew, not only for their help over the past few weeks, but over the past couple of years.

Many thanks as well to Mary Hall for the use of her home, and to Dale Filson for keeping the store running smoothly.

Special thanks also to Marion Glenn and the Presbyterian Church Women for donating their time to prepare and serve a meal after the funeral.

Finally, our many thanks to all our good friends and neighbours for their gifts, cards, donations, flowers and food. We appreciate and gratefully accept your kindness.

Sincerely, Irene Glenn and Family

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the expressions of sympathy and kindness of our friends and neighbours during our brother Leslie's illness and funeral.

For the delicious food sent to the apartment on Wednesday and for the service and food generously provided by the girls of the P.C.W. in our home on the day of the funeral, we are deeply grateful.

Thanks, Mary and John Hall

On behalf of the family and myself I wish to thank the people of Amherst Island for their many kindnesses when Ed. died. We are very grateful for the beautiful cards, the many expressions of sympathy, the offers of help, especially with cleaning, baby sitting, and accommodations for members. I would like to express special thanks for the many gifts of food which greatly simplified things during those hectic days.

Thanks also to those who sent flowers and made donations in memory of Ed.

I was most grateful to Rev. Mr. Babcock, the pallbearers, and the members of the Legion for their part in the funeral service, and to those who helped in the kitchen, especially the Eves ladies, Grace, Sheila and Marianne.

Ed and I both felt we were coming home when we moved back to the Island, and the tremendous response of all our friends and neighbours in this time of trouble has certainly shown that we were right.

Sincerely, Leslie Gavlas

We would like to express our appreciation to our many friends for their kindness and support in the loss of our father and grandpa.

A special thanks for all the delicious baked goods, cards, and help all Islanders always bring at such times showing how much they care.

Sincerely, George, Diane, Douglas and Jessica

GAOL NEWS - LENNOX & ADDINGTON CO. MUSEUM

War Exhibit Opens

The War Work of Lennox and Addington a display examining war-related events and activities in Lennox and Addington during 1914-18 and 1939-45, will be officially opened Sunday Nov. 6 at 2 p.m.

The largest floor exhibit room has been designed so that the display forms will create an atmosphere appropriate to the subject. Corrugated steel sections topped with sandbags are used to separate grey coloured panels and cases in the First War section.

Rough pine boards have been laid in this part. A model trench has been constructed so that the visitor can step onto the fire step and look over the

sandbags into 'no man's land'. Sound and lighting effects are also incorporated into the design. A section of the display space has been partitioned off and a small film theatre has been created using carpet covered tiered benches.

Through the use of actual World War I posters, photographs, uniforms and accessories, armouries sign, German machine gun, domestic costume, maps, flags, corvette bell, airfield plans and certificates of appreciation, the part Lennox and Addington played in two world wars is told.

In 1922, W.S. Herrington, K.C. and Rev. A.J. Wilson B.A., published a volume under the auspices of the Lennox and Addington Historical Society, "The War Work of Lennox and Addington". The purpose of the volume was to place on record 'the achievements of the people of Lennox and Addington in the Great War. No event in the history of the county stirred them to such depths or called forth such prolonged and united efforts'.

The 1983 museum display re-examines the war work of the County in two wars. Through the use of films, the home front will be set in the context of world events. Four films will be used: "Canada in World War I"; "World War II"; "Fields of Sacrifice"; and, "For Your Tomorrow".

The exhibit will be open to the schools beginning November 1, 1983. It will be open to the public Nov. 6. The display will remain into 1984. 1984 celebrates 200 years of Ontario history, in particular the settlement of the United Empire Loyalists.

It is interesting that one of the main themes appearing in local newspapers of the war years was that 'the old County of Lennox and Addington, the home of the United Empire Loyalists, would do her share'. When the first world war broke, Lennox and Addington harked back to the theme of the Loyalists, 'Unity of the Empire'. Great Britain was at war. She needed sacrifice and support from her loyal subjects. It was the county's duty to respond. She sent her men to fight and die. Those remaining at home raised money and sent supplies to fight the war and care for the wounded. Thus this exhibition expresses Loyalist heritage and fits well within the framework of the Bicentennial of our County and of the Province.

AMHERST ISLAND WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

- Lulu Strain PRO

The Amherst Island Branch of the Women's Institute entertained Mrs. Maysell Morgan, District President and the Roblin Branch at a pot luck dinner on Oct. 14th.

Georgie Allison welcomed the visitor's who supplied the programme. Mrs. Morgan gave a very interesting talk, and readings and contests completed the entertainment.

Following the programme the business meeting was held. Phyllis Strain read the minutes of the previous meeting, gave the financial report and read letters and communications.

The members were very pleased to receive a letter offering a very generous donation to the Senior Citizens' Dinner from Burleigh Orange Lodge. Other items of business were discussed and the meeting closed with "The Queen"

The November meeting is to be held at the home of Lulu Strain on November 16th.

NEWS FROM A.I.P.S.

- Steven Willard, Julie Forester

November has arrived at A.I.P.S. along with every other place! The Seniors are into first term exams. At the end of October we had a Hallowe'en party. The "Haunted House" was a real treat.

We also put out our paper, "Hot Off The Press."

On Wednesday, we will be having a "Pizza Sale."

Recently we have been working on Remembrance Day poems and essays.

Here is a poem submitted by Jamie Miller:

"For those who fought and for those who died,
I wear a poppy to remind,
Sometimes I sit and think what it's like
To have left my home to go and fight.
My grandfather and uncles did this long ago,
So our country could be free and I could grow."

**ALL CARTONS ARE RECYCLABLE.
TOUS LES CARTONS SONT RECYCLABLES.**



Cartons – juice, milk, soup and others
Cartons – jus de fruits, lait, soupes et autres



Angus and Jack Little, Lucie Amson, Stephan McGinn, Finn Varette, J.P. Leeder. They all competed in the Cross Country meet at South Fredricksburg, then Lucie went on to compete at Fort Henry where she finished 18th out of 78 runners. Photo by Brian Little



Going Away Party at CJAI for Dayle and Ellie who are going to Florida for a couple months. From left to right: Bonnie Caughey, Susan Filson, Larry Jensen, Sherri Jensen, David Pickering, Sharen English, Paul Lauret, Judy Bierma, Gwen Lauret, Keith Miller, Janet Scott, Dayle Gowan, Ellie Gowan, Diane Pearce. Photo taken by Michelle Le Lay



Jackie Sylvester enjoying the
Market on Amherst Island.
Photo by Brian Little

Gardner McBride talking about an Island
Cooperative and Haskap Berries at the
Museum in the Back Room.
Photo by Brian Little





Leslie Gavlas and Coralie Marshall visiting. photo by Brian Little



Vicki Keith doing the Butterfly Stroke, photo by Brian Little



A new Inukshuk family has moved into the south shore near the Community Pasture. Photo by Brian Little



Taking in the hay. Photo by Brian Little



Kim Ashley working on the Frontenac II. Congratulations to the captains and crews who were able to keep the ferry running during a VERY windy November 1st. Photo by Brian Little



Photo by Brian Little

The WEASEL & EASEL Presents the 8th Annual
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Saturday & Sunday, November 16th and 17th, 2013



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Free Admission. Hot lunch \$5. (Children 12 and under \$3.)

Bake sale, book & treasure tables, crafts. Amherst Island clothing & caps.

Raffle & silent auction.

Open Sat ONLY in the Community Centre (AIPS) 10am – 1:30pm



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7:00 p.m.- Next Year
A.I. Community Centre
\$25.00 / Person
Music By; South of Seven
Cold Buffet served late evening



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