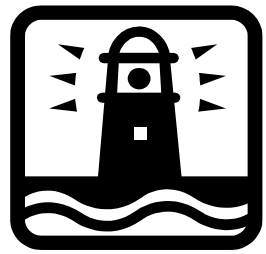


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EULOGY for KEITH MCGINN

-Janice McGinn

We are gathered here this morning to say farewell and to celebrate the life of someone who has touched us all in some special way. To one of us a dear husband, a Dad, A Pop or Poppa, brother, brother in law, uncle or friend.

Keith McGinn was born September 19, 1932 to Edward and Ellen McGinn, the seventh of eight children. They lived on the family farm in a house long gone where Kaye and Dorothy lived. Keith leaves behind his only living siblings Hilda and Edna.

Pop went to public school on the Emerald Forty Foot and told us many times how much he liked school and did very well in fact he completed grade 7 and 8 in one year. He attended high school in Stella in the brick building that later became Ross and Tina Filson's coffee shop. While there he was awarded a silver dollar for excellence which he treasured dearly.

On October 31, 1953 he wed his bride Cora Gibson and they lived with his parents until 1957 when they purchased the present McGinn family home on the Third Concession. Keith and Cora had 6 children Terry, Larry, Eric, Yvonne, Leon and Kelly. They were very privileged to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary last October with family and friends.



Nan & Pop (Corra and Keith) by the big tree
Photo by Terry McGinn

Keith went to work for Irving and Harding Roofing in the late 1950's and worked for the Harding family until his retirement the end of October 2002 at the age of 70. He was very proud of his work and was fortunate to have worked his whole career with family. He was a mentor to many including his 5 boys. Until his passing you never had a conversation with him that he didn't mention work - always interested in what was happening and where the guys were working. I am sure there was never a morning he didn't check the weather forecast because of course in the roofing industry that indicates if it will be a work day or not.

Pop's bucket list was short. His entire life revolved

around his family, his home on Amherst Island and his work.

I can never remember in the 35 years that I have been part of the McGinn family ever missing celebrating a special occasion. Pop always welcomed everyone, commented on how fortunate we were to have everyone home and might I add everyone put forth a great effort to attend as it was important to us all. He would say his Grace and open up the floor for comments. Many would respond with how happy they were to be there.

He loved the Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren dearly. He would read to them, they climbed over him, combed his beautiful white hair, ate off his plate and he was always smiling when they were around. He was the proud Pop of 9 Grandchildren and 6 Great-Grandchildren.

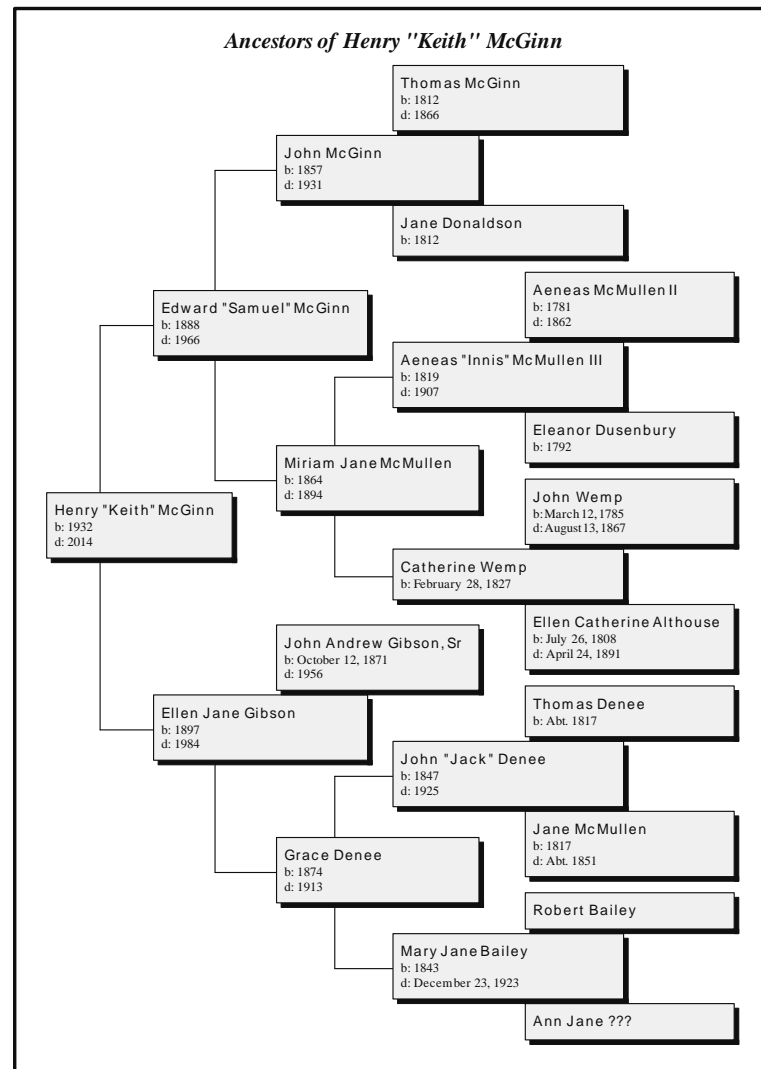
Keith had a book he wrote in daily. He kept track of everything weather, deaths, births how many people at Thanksgiving dinner etc. Nan said he wrote in that until about 2 weeks ago when his health had deteriorated to the point he was no longer able.

I was fortunate to have the opportunity over the last year and a half to take him his lunch while he was getting his transfusion at KGH. He was so easy to visit with we would talk about everything weather, news, sports, kids, farming, garden, maple syrup the list endless. He usually managed to spill something on his shirt but said that was a good thing because Nan would know that he had eaten.

I would give him a ride home and of course by that time of day he was very anxious to get there. I remember one Wednesday in particular it was very stormy and I drove hard to catch the ferry he was tired. Luckily the ferry had to wait a few minutes for the school bus so we made it I could see him breathe a sigh of relief. When we reached the end of their driveway there was a lot of snow but he assured me if I backed up and giver we would be fine so of course I did I would have never doubted his word. Well it didn't work out all that well for us. We were stuck solid but of course at our end of the Third help is always close by.

It is very hard for me to close. I have so many memories. I could go on and on. As the circle of life goes, this month we were blessed with the birth of a new little babe which Pop was fortunate to meet and hold in his arms and now we say farewell to our much loved Husband, Dad, Pop, Brother, Uncle, Friend.

Rest in peace Pop you will live within our hearts forever.



NEIGHBOURHOOD

- Lynn Fleming

Get Well wishes to Elsie Willard.

Congratulations to Anne Marie and Harry Klassen, who recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Congratulations to Andrew and Chelsea McDonald, who welcomed their new son on Friday, May 23rd; a new brother for Rosie. Congratulations also to grandparents Lesley and Gary McDonald and great-grandparents Joyce and Peter Morgan.

Amherst Island Public School's senior class held a well attended Italian Dinner night, as part of their fund raising efforts for their 2 day, year-end trip to Toronto.

The following week, the school held a Talent Show, with students of all ages performing a variety of talents. The two M.C.'s introduced hula hoop and dance routines, comedians, skits, music and songs. Behind the scenes, there were sound and light crews and stage hands. So many talented students at A.I.P.S.!



Alan Miller at Talent Show
Photo by Brian Little



Anna Walhout at Talent Show
Photo by Brian Little

The Amherst Island Recreation Association hosted their popular Fish Fry and Spring Dance on the May long weekend. It was another sold out event!

CJAI held their annual week long fund raiser, kicking it off with a concert at The Mansion in Kingston. The following week, it was live radio from the barn, all day every day. Lots of prizes were donated and awarded, but more importantly, CJAI exceeded their fund raising expectations! Congratulations!

It was opening weekend on the Island May 17th - The Market, Weasel and Easel, the Café and Museum all opened for the season.

Spring has been a long time coming, but temperatures are finally nearing or meeting the 20c mark. We have had some terrific thunder storms already, even hail this past weekend. Mid-May saw storms 3 nights in a row. The ferry has been busy for a couple of weeks as cattle are moved onto the Island to the Community Pasture and hay has been moved

off by the wagon loads. On top of that a lot of farm machinery has been in transit to the Island, as the former Aitken's farm comes back to life.

Lambs, calves, goslings are all in abundance around the Island. The lilacs are beginning to bloom. The landscape is a lush green.

Life is good on Amherst Island.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

-Judy Greer

Twelve members of the AIWI met May 21 at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. The meeting was chaired by incoming President Joyce Haines. Members were reminded to remit their annual dues to Treasurer Deb Barrett. Minutes and Financial Reports were approved.

Good Cheer coordinator Elsie Willard sent 6 cards this month to community members and a wish for a speedy recovery went out to Elsie.

Claire, Leslie and Joyce will attend our District Annual WI meeting in Napanee next week. There are other upcoming meetings: the Associated Country Women of the World meets in June in Camrose, Alberta, and the FWIO holds a conference at U. of Guelph/ Ridgetown July 10-13.

The market cart is up and running summer Saturday mornings. Amherst Island aprons (\$15) can be purchased at the cart or from Joyce (613-634-7894).

Jackie has taken on the planting of flower boxes at the ferry and Joyce will plant the barrels in the village.

The May 16th Bake Sale was very successful and members were thanked for their generous donations. The next Bake Sale will be June 27th, 3:45pm in front of the Post Office.

The Ards, Ireland Twinning Project is progressing with positive response from the schools and the Board of Education. A donation was approved towards Jacob Murray's trip to Ireland to explore the further development of a Dry Stone Wall project on our Island. Members expressed support related to past AIWI activities rebuilding stone fences and the Heritage Designation of a number of Island fences.

The program for upcoming months was presented by Program Coordinator Sherri Jensen.

The July Picnic meeting is at Barrett's and in August there will be an outing. Our WI will be involved in the County Rd.#4 Spring Roadside Cleanup, in the Island Canada Day Parade, in the Emerald Music Festival, and in organizing a Kids Day at the market on August 2nd.

The members thanked Carol Kolga and Sharen English for providing refreshments for the social hour.

The next meeting will be held June 18th at 7pm at Jenny's where Sharen English will present her trip to Peru.

New members and guests are always welcome.

JANET'S JOTTINGS

- Janet Scott

Flycatchers

Flycatchers are not the long sticky strips that Irene at Glenn's Store would sell you in days gone by when the cluster flies buzzed incessantly at the window as the warm rays of spring heated out the damp cold walls of the old farmhouse. These are not the electric zappers that spark out on a summer's night on the patio as an errant bug flies into range. These low-maintenance, efficient fly catchers live in your

neighbourhood at no cost to you and work tirelessly to rid our environment of some of the pesky insects that we wish had never gotten off the ark.

Flycatchers, family Tyrannidae, are a genus of birds that are found in brushy habitat and feed mainly on insects captured in flight. Flight is strong, buoyant and agile with quick turns and abrupt movements as they pursue their prey. (Sibley Guide to Birds)

Perhaps the most familiar to you is the black and white fellow we see on our fences and telephone wires. The Eastern Kingbird and I love his Latin name, *Tyrannus tyrannus*, which brings a dinosaur to mind but is really this 8.5 inch flycatcher with such an aggressive behaviour. His back is black entirely with a narrow white edge to his tail and the belly is all white. Seldom seen is the narrow red stripe on the top of its head. One performed beautifully for our Motley Crew by strutting his stuff on the fence along the Stella Forty-foot and displaying this red strip. He is so aggressive that even a hawk daring to fly across his chosen field will be chased relentlessly by two or three Kingbirds. I think the other grassland birds like to nest in his pasture because they know he will put the run on anything bigger than him! One day last month a slow-flying Great Blue Heron crossed Wayne Fleming's field and was promptly mobbed by three Kingbirds. No danger to either combatant but part of its aggressive behaviour.

Just slightly larger but far more mild in temperament is the Great Crested Flycatcher. You would more likely see him in the Owl Woods than out in the open. He has a rich, red-brown tail and wings, greyish head and breast but a gloriously lemon coloured belly. They hunt flying insects in the hardwood section of the Owl Woods and can be usually heard before seen. Watch the open spaces and you may see this fellow cross a glade or hear his *krreeep, krreeep*.

The Eastern Phoebe seems to prefer company. He's only 7 inches in length, dark head and tail and an all-over dusky colour to its back without wing-bars. The belly and breast are light with a smudge on the sides. The phoebe says its name with a husky rough sound to it and sits on a clothesline or fine branch and wags its tail. They choose a perch, fly out from that perch, grab an insect and return. I don't know whether the outdoor yard lights attract the insects and in turn attract them but they will build their nests of fine rootlets and grasses plastered to beams under your deck or tucked under an eave quite close to houses and buildings.

Sometimes confused with the Phoebe is the smaller,

dusky Eastern Wood-pewee. He says his name more clearly and perhaps you might confuse the call with the two-note pee-wee call of the Chickadee but the peewee's call rises at the end. Another distinguishing mark is light wing-bars.

There are four smaller flycatchers that you might see along Amherst Island's roads and hedgerows. These are called Empidonax flycatchers and are all so similar that the only way to tell them apart is by call. The most familiar is the Least that says chebek and the Willow that says fitz-bew. The Alder and Acadian are also seen. They are small, only 5 and 1/4 inch, greenish-brown birds with eye-rings and wing-bars. Good luck telling them apart!

In more exotic places you may have seen beautiful Scissor-tailed Flycatchers, or more colourful Kiskadees or Becards but our dull, little home-grown flycatchers just keep doing their thing catching and eating those insect pests.

COUNCIL GLEANINGS

- Ian Murray

From 7th Session of Council, April 14

Annual report & monitoring of Amherst Island Landfill Site

From 9th Session of Council, May 12

Employee Service Presentations to Jane McGinn, 15 years, and to Doug Shurtliffe, 25 years.

"Moved by Councillor Ashley and seconded by Councillor Daniliunas that Council does hereby receive the presentation of Peter Large, of the APAI concerning the report of Mr. Peter Whiting with regard to the Algonquin Power Economic Benefit Study for the Amherst Island Wind Energy Proposal. Motion carried"

"Moved by Councillor Ibey and seconded by Councillor Hegadorn that Council bring forward a Motion of Committee from Closed Session, AND that Council receive the May 6, 2014 report from the Director of Planning and Development Services entitled "Big Marsh/Sand Beach Advisory Committee" AND

1. That the following people be appointed to the Big Marsh/ Sand Beach Committee:

- a) Property representative – Dennis Baxter
- b) Council representative – to be appointed by Council
- c) Island representatives (2) - Keith Miller and Diane Pearce

d) Andrew Schmidt – Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority

e) Andree Ferris - Director of Recreation Services

f) Gary Filson - Amherst Island Roads Supervisor

g) Representatives from Ducks Unlimited and Kingston Field Naturalists if they wish to serve on the Committee.

2. And further, that the mandate of the Big Marsh/Sand Beach Advisory Committee be:

a) To provide feedback to the Ecologist about the attributes of, and the species found on the Sand Beach property and surrounding lands so that these can be taken into consideration in the Baseline Documentation Report (BDR) and Stewardship Plan.

b) To discuss possible uses of the land and where these should occur (and not), and management measures that need to be in place to ensure the ecological features on the site are conserved.

c) To provide feedback on the draft BDR and the Stewardship Plan before these documents are provided to Council and the Ontario Heritage Trust.

3. That the Committee be deemed a Committee of Council and is therefore covered by the Township's liability insurance.

Motion carried"

Here is the "Concluding Comment" from a letter by Peter Whiting, Senior Consultant (retired) of "The Outspan Group Inc." criticising the CCS report quoted in the May issue of the Beacon.

"Overall, this report is a useful compilation of information but a limited analysis that attempts to achieve something it could not do with the information used. It is NOT an economic benefits study and it is not a good economic impact study. Its only real value lies in the presentation of reasonably detailed expenditure data that could have been used to prepare a decent economic impact analysis. This would have provided members of the community and the municipality with useful (and reliable) information and would have added credibility to the proponent. The report prepared by CCS could be characterized as a hearsay analysis, and does little to enhance the credibility of the proponent."

AIMS Meeting, April 12 at 8am

Breakfast: A big thank you to Debbie Scott, Tagget Bonham Carter and crew for an excellent breakfast

Attendance: 16 members.

Chair: Bill Barrett

Agenda

1. Minutes of the last meeting

Approval of the minutes of March meeting was deferred to the May meeting.

2. Upcoming tour of wineries in Prince Edward County.

Anders Bennick briefed the membership on the plans for the AIMS sponsored tour of wineries in Prince Edward County May 24. The tour will be by chartered bus and we will visit four wineries (choice of Lacey or Hubb's Creek, Old Third, choice of Lighthall or Exultet, Long Dog). Tastings are included and wines can be purchased. There will be a lunch stop in Wellington. The cost is \$65 per person (not including lunch), \$86 (lunch included). A poster advertising this event will be sent to all members of AIMS.

3. Gardner McBride reported on a recent Haskap meeting where Curtis Braaten, a grower of Haskap berries from Saskatchewan shared his experiences in growing this crop with the audience and discussed the special problems that growers on the island will have to face. The meeting also gave an opportunity to taste various Haskap products.

4. Spring cleaning of the Island roads.

Bruce Burnet will bring sign up sheets to the next meeting.

5. Flower Baskets for Stella.

Dayle Gowan reported that AIMS had received a grant from the township to cover the cost of the baskets. He will purchase the flowers and asked for volunteers to help planting the baskets. Various members indicated their willingness and also to help with the watering.

6. Flowers at Neilson Museum.

Marc Raymond will organize the planting after the next AIMS meeting. Various members volunteered their help.

7. Arrangements for the market for 2014.

Marc Raymond will look after the schedule of volunteers to man the AIMS wagon.

8. Financial Report.

Kevin Archibald reported on AIMS finances. A \$700 grant has been received from the Township to cover the cost of the flower baskets in Stella and the flowers in front of the Neilson store. The Presbyterian Church has been paid for the use of the hall for our monthly meetings last year. Two donations have been made: \$500 to the Ameriks Fund and \$250 to the Island school. Further donations will be decided at the May meeting.

9. For information.

Larry Jensen announced an Island Radio's Benefit Rock Concert to take place at The Mansion in

downtown Kingston on Friday May 16th. Proceeds are going to the island radio.

10. Presentation.

This was in the form of an interview by Zander Dunn of Ian Murray of Topsy Farm. [See April Beacon for this interview.]

11. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at ~10am.

AIMS Meeting May 19 at 8am

- Anders Bennick

Breakfast: A big thank you to the Little family for a hearty breakfast

Attendance: 21 members.

Chair: Bill Barrett

Agenda

1. Presentation

The speaker was Bill Barrett who reported on a recent birding-safari trip to Keya and Tanzania. Together with his wife Debbie they were part of a small group of people traveling together. The trip was a great success with excellent accommodations and experienced guides although the roads could do with some upgrading, being in worse shape (if that is possible) than the Amherst Island roads. They saw a total of 370 different birds and 46 species of mammals.

They flew to Nairobi where they stayed at the Safari Park Hotel and already in Nairobi they saw a wide variety of birds and 5 species of monkeys.

Travelling by road they arrived in spring-like weather at Samburu Intrepids, a tented hotel at the Samburu National Reserve. Many birds were observed including Fish Eagle, many species of Starlings, the colourful National Bird of Kenya, 3 types of Hornbills and Bee Eaters. Many mammals were also seen including Zebras, Deer, Dik-Diks, Elephants, Lions and Leopards.

A visit to a nearby Maasai village and school gave an opportunity to become acquainted with the local population.

From there it was on to Sweetwaters Game Reserve situated on the plains across from Mount Kenya. A waterhole, floodlit by night offered an excellent opportunity for game watching. Storks, Spoonbills and Sunbirds were observed as well as many mammals including Jackals, Black Rhinoceros, Zebras, Waterbuck, Impala, Baboons, Cheetas and Lions, including a Lion chasing and killing a Warthog! In an interesting display of interspecies collaboration they watched birds cleaning the wounds on a Zebra.

The Rift Valley Lakes which include some of the oldest, largest and deepest lakes in the world such as Lake Elmenteita was the next stop and it offered the opportunity to observe birds such as the Cape Rook, Storks, Weaver Bird, Cordon Bleu Bird, Cranes, Fish Eagle, and Giant Kingfisher.

The trip continued to Masai Mara National Reserve which is contiguous with Serengeti National Park in Tanzania. Many birds and other animals were seen including a Crowned Heron, Secretary Bird, Chameleons, Mongoose, a 1-year-old Elephant, Impalas and Crocodiles. A particular exciting moment was when the car became stuck next to a pride of Lions, but everybody including the lions escaped unharmed.

Crossing the border into the Serengeti National Park in Tanzania was a complicated affair involving close customs inspection. At the Serena Lodge where they stayed, a group of tourists was attacked by a Water Buffalo. The tourists escaped unharmed, but it took the guard 5 shots to distract the animal, and while he saved the tourists he was subsequently reprimanded for being a poor shot. As at the other places they visited, many animals were seen, including a Leopard with its kill in a tree. A spectacular sight was that of 6000 Wildebeests crossing the road.

A trip to a Masai enclosure gave an opportunity to observe local customs.

The trip was a great success. Of all the many animals seen the top bird was the Grey Crowned Crane. Clearly income from safaris is very important to the economy of these East African countries, but poaching is a huge problem, so poachers are now being prosecuted.

Hopefully the wildlife in Africa will be preserved for future generations.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the April meeting as circulated were approved.

3. Upcoming tour of wineries in Prince Edward County, May 24.

Marc Raymond reported that there are now 19 participants. Twenty are needed to break even. The bus will take 26 people, so there are 7 spots available

4. Gardner McBride reported on the Island cooperative. Two acres of Haskap berry bushes will be planted this spring and there are plans for planting another 5 acres.

5. Spring cleaning of the island roads.

Bruce Burnet provided sheets and maps for signing up to clean island roads. A number of members

signed up for this task.

6. Flower Baskets for Stella.

Plans are proceeding as reported at the last meeting.

7. Flowers at Neilson Museum.

Marc Raymond will meet with volunteers at the museum after the meeting to plan the flower beds.

8. Arrangements for the market for 2014.

A number of volunteers have signed up for market attendance, but many market dates still need to be filled. Please contact Marc Raymond.

9. Suggestions for other speakers at future meetings.

Please submit suggestions to the steering committee or the secretary.

10. Financial Report.

David Pickering reported the bank balance on behalf of the treasurer. The Presbyterian Church has been paid for the use of the hall for our monthly meetings to the end of 2014.

A request was submitted by Andrea Cross on behalf of Jacob Murray for support to participate in the meeting of the Irish Stone Wall Association in Ireland. Since the knowledge that Jacob will obtain at this meeting will be of benefit to the Amherst Island community-at-large in a non-commercial manner it was decided to donate \$750 to this endeavour.

Kevin Archibald, the treasurer wishes to retire by the end of June, so a new treasurer has to be found.

11. An inquiry was received from Sally Bowen about making Deer tick removers available at the market.

Deer ticks are a serious problem on the Island since they are vectors for the bacterium that cause Lyme's disease. Sally can obtain the removers at cost from her veterinarian. Some members pointed out that the removers can be obtained free from the health unit. It was agreed that AIMS would resell the removers obtained from Sally at cost at the market, unless a number of removers could be obtained for free from the health unit (a subsequent inquiry at the health unit revealed that they will only give out removers on an individual basis).

12. Other business. There was no other business.

14. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at ~10am.

SLAVERY AGAIN

-Zander of DUNN INN

I think it was on the radio that I heard that some members of the Tea Party (the right wing of the Republican Party in the U.S.) are in favour of slavery. I was shocked. I cannot believe anybody, anywhere, is in favour of slavery today.

That news started me thinking about slavery, especially slavery today. We hear that men and women are enslaved in other parts of the world. Men are forced to work for little or no pay. Women are forced into sexual slavery. Even children are enslaved for sexual purposes. But those instances of slavery are foreign to us here in Canada.

In Canada we are proud that we helped free African American slaves prior to the American Civil War. Canada was the destination for all those slaves who were helped by Abolitionists to take the Underground Railroad to freedom. We conveniently forget how slavery continued in parts of Canada and of how racism reared its ugly head among us. We cannot imagine any of that among us today.

Then I remember hearing about what happened in The Presbyterian Church in Kerrisdale, Vancouver. A few years ago, when the church was vacant, the congregational leaders decided to rent the manse until they got a minister. They rented the manse to an Oriental group, to discover later that the Oriental men were using the manse as a brothel for women they had enslaved in foreign lands and whom they had smuggled into Canada for the purposes of prostitution. Not only was that discovery embarrassing to the church, it was a reminder to us that slavery continues in many parts of the world, including Canada.

Recently we have heard from the R.C.M.P. that over 1,000 Native Canadian women, most of whom were forced to become prostitutes, have been murdered. Slavery is not foreign to Canada after all. We may believe slavery is wrong and we may not want to have it in our land, but the truth is that slavery flourishes here.

Sometimes slavery is tied to immigration. We allow foreign workers to labour in our country and in some cases we pay them less than the minimum wage. Some of the nannies our richer neighbours employ are enslaved - they are forced to work seven days a week and are underpaid or not paid at all. These slaves put up with that treatment without complaining, because they fear that if they do expose those who mistreat them, they will be expelled from our country.

Nannies, farmhands or young women thinking they are going to be domestic workers but forced into the sex trade all have one thing in common: loss of control and fear of being deported. They are willing to do what they have to do to become permanent residents.

The slavery we see today, in Canada and in almost every other country, involves men, women and children and most of it involves sexual exploitation. Slavery is more difficult to discover in Canada because of our large geography and diverse culture. The R.C.M.P. has set up a national human trafficking co-ordination centre because Canada is a source, transit and destination country.

One church report quotes Isaiah 42:22 to describe the terrible conditions of the victims of slavery: "This is a people robbed and plundered, all of them are trapped in holes and hidden in prisons; they have become a prey with no one to rescue, a spoil with no one to say, 'Restore.'" As one church worker, concerned about the slavery issue in Canada, put it, "I've been on the streets and between Twitter, Facebook and Blackberries, it all happens behind closed doors." No wonder we don't see the slavery that prevails.

Every Canadian, not only religious people, must recognize the problem and be prepared to stop slavery in our country.

The police officers from Toronto, Hamilton and Peel Region participated in a ride to raise money for victims of slavery. Now the ride for Refuge is an annual event.

One suggestion made was that there should be a victims' bill of rights. Those who are enslaved in Canada should know that they are entitled to dignity, to safety, to freedom from oppression and to help to rebuild their lives.

All Canadians are responsible to see that those who live in our country are respected, supported and given access to all the rights and privileges of this nation.

God is with those who are mistreated or enslaved, not with those who maltreat or enslave others. We must not condone slavery in any form because God does not tolerate slavery but wants us all to be free and loved.

We think we can turn a blind eye to this issue because we don't see trafficking, exploitation or enslavement on Amherst Island. But if we look closer we might find that slavery is far closer than we imagined. Remember the mistreatment of the Bernardo boys sent from England to Island farms. While some of them were well treated others were treated like slaves and did not receive the love and support they were promised.

If all this makes us uncomfortable, we can be sure it does not please God. Now is the time for us to eradicate every form of slavery in Canada.

SPRING ON AMHERST ISLAND

-Sharen English

"Birding is not a fashion show" says Janet Scott, as The Motley Crew walks in a field on a drizzly Wednesday morning, looking for Long Tailed Shrikes. Janet is referring to tucking our pants into our socks to avoid ticks from landing on us.

Doug is riding his bike.

I visited Sally today and we had a delightful visit, as always. We watched the Oriole from her front room window.

The Fish Fry is tonight. The Weasel and Easel, Stella's Café and the Museum have opened. So has The Saturday Market. The Amherst Island Men's Society and the Women's Institute are at their respective carts selling their wares. People gather to chat in the sun after a brutally windy and cold winter. Barb Reid is selling her delicious vegetables, baked goods and preserves. Shirley Miller is at the market too, showing her paintings and pen and ink sketches in a large binder.

I meet a few people when I go to the dump and say a neighbourly hello.

Back at 20 Front Rd.

Simcha, the long haired Chihuahua, lies out in the sun on the porch for an hour. Newsflash: He has finally gone for a walk with me. I worry about him when he won't go for a walk. He is 12 years old. I want him to exercise to keep his 7.2 pound body healthy.

Maxine, the female, grey house cat, wants to be rubbed as she enjoys the warmth of the sunny, outside deck. She also rolls on the stone sidewalk. Back and forth Maxine rolls asking to be petted. In the winter I comb her every day and she loves it. Puss, the female black and white house cat rubs up against me, meowing. Her coat is as soft as a "Gund" plush toy. Thanks to Sue Morgan for that simile. Puss will not allow herself to be combed. She meows in anger and runs away after I send the comb once through her fur. I like to see her reaction, I tease her. The walk to the South Shore and back is as lovely as it always is. A few days ago, I walked it for the first time this year.

The barn swallows, with their beautiful iridescent blue backs, fly around me.

It is cool for this time of year.

Climate change?

So goes life on Amherst Island. It is year number nine for us.

CONGRATULATIONS

-Janet Scott

The Neilson Store Museum and Cultural Centre wishes to congratulate the following students on their results at Kingston Historica Fair held May 1st at Queen's: Finbar Varette who took the silver medal for Grades 4 and 5 with his project on "The Fossils of Amherst Island"; Wyatt Scott and Stephan McGinn won The Ontario History and Social Science Teachers' Award for their project entitled "Back In The Day" about earlier farming times; Aryionna Wronsky who won the O.H.F.A. Black History Award for her project about "Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railway".

Congratulations also to Matthew Moss, with Drumgoole family connections, who won the gold medal for Grade 6 with his project about Amherst Island.

We are thrilled here at the Museum to see that interest in heritage is still alive and strong among our young people.

N.S.M.C.C. also wishes to congratulate a former interpreter at the museum, Miss Shyanne Shurtliffe for her award from the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration honouring her hours of volunteer service at Martha's Table.

It is always wonderful to hear how well our students are doing.

CJAI

-Michelle Lelay

This year, CJAI's major fundraising campaign was held from May 19- 25. It was the 6th Annual Fund Drive and again, it was a tremendous success!!!! The regular live programming was enhanced with extended hours of live broadcasting, more live music and performance from Island and off-Island musicians. The presence of live artists in the studio boosted the interest of regular listeners and attracted new ones from as far away as Wales!

The numerous donations that were generously given included pieces of art, services, prepared food, gift certificates for several restaurants and activities, etc. Prizes were given away each day and at the end of the week. Also, during the entire week, listeners could bid on close to 20 items in a silent auction. The generosity of both the donors and listeners who pledged allowed the radio station to raise close to \$12,000!!! This is an overwhelming vote of support from the listeners. The members of team of volunteers at the Amherst Island radio station are amazed by the incredible generosity from our



Jim Smith, Ellis Wolfreys & Gord Struthers jam away in musical support of the CJAI fundraising drive.

Amherst Island community and CJAI's friends on the mainland.

CJAI is also thrilled that during the week of the Fund Drive, the Canadian Radio Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) issued a decision renewing CJAI's license for another 7 years. The community is proud of Amherst Island community radio station's history and it has shown incredible support.

CJAI is very grateful to all for the financial support. The generosity of our listeners is a great motivation to continue improving our service to the community. CJAI also recognizes that the tremendous work of all its volunteers is the key to its success. Over the years, many volunteers gave their time, energy, knowledge and creativity to allow our station to continue to grow.

Special thanks to the coordinating committee of the 6th Annual Fund Drive: Susan Filson, Dayle Gowan, Eric Tremblay, Dan Simpson and Ellis Wolfreys. Thank you for an amazing week! [Michelle modestly did not thank herself. Thanks Michelle.]

THANK YOU

We would like to express our deepest gratitude and heartfelt thanks for the beautiful cards, flowers, and the many phone calls with expressions of sympathy we received after Keith's passing. A special thanks for the many gifts of food we received which made the days following much simpler. For the delicious food provided by the A.C.W. on the day of the

funeral, and to Molly for the use of The Lodge, we are very grateful.

Thank you,

Cora McGinn & Family

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ISLAND YOGA *Call Taggett for more information at 613 888-5156

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Seeking to purchase (or borrow!) basic single or double kayak for weekenders to use during the summer season.

Contact Mary Kay 613.634.9772.

LOVING SPOONFUL

Food drop off will start on Thurs. June 12. Leave any produce at 5750 Front Road (Jean Tugwell's former home)

Neilson Store Museum & Cultural Centre Back Room Talk

Save the date!

Friday, June 20 at 7 pm

John Moolenbeek presents: "Newfoundland"

Light refreshments following the talk.

Neilson Store Museum & Cultural Centre

Spring and Fall hours: Saturday (10 am to 4 pm), Sunday (1 to 4 pm) Holiday Mondays (1 to 4 pm) Summer hours (1 July to 1 September): Sunday through Friday – 1 to 4

Weasel and Easel Arts and Crafts Gallery

Spring and Fall hours: Saturday (10 am to 4 pm), Sunday (1 to 4 pm) Holiday Mondays (1 to 4 pm) Summer hours (1 July to 1 September): Sunday through Friday – 1 to 4

Neilson Store Museum Internet Café

Museum 9-11 AM Tuesday

Museum 1-3 PM Wednesday

Stella's Café 9-11 AM Thursday

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Amherst Island Internet Cafe





Topsy Farms announces that foster lambs Fuzzy and Caramel will be staying with us for the summer, for the entertainment of your grandkids. Please give us a call to let us know you are coming. Even as the lambs grow, they are always delighted to visit and to suck on a bottle. The photo shows Erica and Jessie, David and Paula Pike's daughter and granddaughter, cuddling Fuzzy.

Hey Kids!!!

The 2nd Annual *Cardboard Wars* will be taking place on June 29th from 1:00—2:00 PM at The Littles' House at 1355—2nd Concession. Make some cardboard armour and join in the fun. Hot Dogs will be served.



For more information, contact Angus Little at 613-389-3111 or e-mail him at: angusplittle2000@gmail.com

FROM THE ARCHIVES:

*AMHERST ISLAND BEACON: June 15, 1984 -
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COUNCIL NEWS

- Lois Evans

All members of Council were in attendance. The meeting was called to order and the minutes of last month's meeting were adopted.

Our regular Council reporter was not available for the meeting and was replaced by a virtual "newcomer" Lois Evans. Should you require more detail please contact Diane Pearce at the Township Municipal Office.

Gordon Bell presented a proposal to have a Bicentennial Directory produced which would include pictures and telephone numbers of all Island residents. The proposed "Family Album" would prove a suitable gift for residents leaving the Island or new residents – to make them feel at home and welcome. As the Bicentennial committee is to meet to discuss a project, Council motioned that funds be made available to the committee for that purpose.

Alan Bickerton reported regarding a "Save and Hold Harmless" clause which could be incorporated in passengers ferry tickets relieving the Township and/or Ontario Ministry of Transportation and Communications from all liability of injury, loss, damage or expense to vehicles or passengers. It was suggested to contact a "scrap dealer" to remove large appliances from the dump. Details to follow at a later date.

UNION SETTLEMENT

- Ian Murray

The Ontario Public Service Employee Union and the Township of Amherst Island have ratified a one-year agreement, beginning June 1, 1984. Each unionized employee receives a 5% increase in wages plus a \$30 allowance toward the cost of purchasing safety boots.

The employee is now required to wear safety footwear. The full agreement may be read at the Township Office.

The signed agreement must be sent to the Inflation Restraint Board where it may or may not receive blessing.

ROADS REPORT

- Ian Murray

I hope that by the time you read this article that our order of calcium chloride solution has all been

applied and that the dust clouds have been greatly reduced. For effective application, the "calcium" should be applied to freshly graded moist gravel on a hot day. It is also important that the next few days be hot and dry. The past week has seen the only weather this spring during which there appeared to be a reasonable chance to apply the "calcium" effectively. Our four loads of "calcium" cost about \$8000 (yes \$8000) so Stuart is understandably cautious in placing the order.

Early last fall, tenders were sent out to supply the Township with 10,000 cu. yd. of gravel. Even though this seemed like a 'lot' of gravel to us, W. J. McKendry & Sons Ltd. was the only contractor to submit a bid. Council accepted McKendry's cu. yd. price of \$3.98 for 5/8" and \$3.78 for 2". The company's representative expected that work would commence either in December or late winter. We are still waiting with the most recent time mentioned being the second week in July. It is fortunate that 1300 Cu. yd. of gravel was available from Lloyd Clare's quarry or the roads would have been in even worse shape.

Council has adopted a new policy regarding excavations within the road allowance by private individuals. Permission to dig across a road to install a water line or to place a shore well within the road allowance must now be approved by the chairman of the Road's Committee (me, at this time). Each excavation must be properly backfilled, and if necessary the asphalt repaired at the excavator's expense. The previous policy of supplying a free load of gravel is inappropriate when one considers the excavation on paved road. It is the Council's expressed intent to treat all residents and ratepayers as equally as possible. In this case the intention is to insure that all costs relating to a private excavation of a public road be paid for by the person(s) benefitting from the work.

COUNCIL REPORT for May 1984

- Chris Kennedy

All the members of Council were present. Ron Heany, from Thorne Riddell and Co. presented the financial audit from last year. Details are available at the Township Office. In general, the Township is in good financial shape, and Council seems to keep a tight grip on the purse strings so that taxes stay as low as possible. The 1984 budget estimate was presented. This is also available at the Township Office for inspection, and gives the calculations for determining the mill rate for this year. \$42,644 is

required to be raised from taxes. In the budget, the ferry is the major expense, \$665,000, but \$611,600 comes as a subsidy from the, Provincial Government. Roads are the next biggest item, \$99,200, with a \$62,700 subsidy. The ferry revenue should bring in \$53,200. The rest of the revenue comes from smaller grants, fees, etc. Other expenditures are as follows: Council Honouraria \$4,700; Salaries \$5,300; Material and supplies \$3,500; Hydro Maintenance \$2,500; Travel allowances \$400; Insurance \$400; Professional Fees \$5,000; Interest and Bank Charges \$1,000; Fire \$5,300; Sanitation \$4,500; Street Lighting \$3,500; Planning \$1,000; Building Inspection \$1,500; Parks and Recreation \$500.

Then Billie Neill discussed the state of his building with Council. He will meet with the Building Inspector to find out what improvements are needed. The Building Inspector presented his report. D. and K. McGinn were given a permit for a residence, and have said that they intend to pull down their old house when the new one is ready.

Mr. Woods was given a permit for a residence on the South Shore near Welbanks.

The Reeve said that in the previous month he had attended five meetings on behalf of the Township, two for the County, and five on the Health Unit. He would be pleased to explain the details to anyone interested. The Reeve is to present a brief asking that the Island stay in the riding of Kingston and the Islands for Provincial elections, rather than be transferred to Prince Edward County.

Plans are continuing for improved docking facilities for the Charlevoix. Council finally decided to pay the long disputed berthage fees, as this may speed up dock improvements.

Council has expressed its gratitude to Howard Welbanks and Doug Wilson for assistance to the broken-down ferry on April 15th.

Negotiations for the gravel crushing are continuing. Meanwhile the Township managed to complete arrangements for purchasing Lloyd Clare's gravel. A sign will go up at the Dump saying what may not be dumped there. A fence will go up along the east side shortly.

After several other matters of routine business and a

discussion in the committees of the nominations for the bicentennial medal, Council adjourned.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCES NOMINEE FOR BICENTENNIAL AWARD

In response to the appeal in the Beacon, Council received two excellent nominations for the Bicentennial Medal which will be awarded by the Province in late summer.

Our congratulations are extended to the people honoured in the nominations, Irene Glenn (and Les Glenn posthumously) and Francis Welbanks. The winning nomination goes to Irene Glenn.

Both nominees were well-deserving of the award but, unfortunately, Council could choose only one recipient. However, as a tribute to both people, we are printing the nominations in their entirety.

To Irene - special congratulations and thanks for your many kindnesses through the years!!

NOMINATION FOR THE BICENTENNIAL AWARD

The Bicentennial Medal has been earned by many people in our community. But in my mind, and I'm sure many others, there has never been a couple more deserving than Leslie and Irene Glenn. They have touched all of our lives at some time or another.

As a community, we mourned the passing of Les last November after a long battle with cancer. Even through that very trying time, they were able to laugh with us and continued to tend to business as usual with little evidence of the weight they carried and, in so doing, were an inspiration to all of us.

But if this medal can only be awarded to one person, I would like to nominate Irene Glenn, born Irene Welbanks at South Marysburgh Township, Prince Edward County in 1919 to Elburn and Beatrice Welbanks. The family moved to Amherst Island in 1924.

She attended S.S.No.2 and the Continuation School here.

Irene's father was an avid commercial fisherman. Her two brothers, Howard and Francis also fished commercially.

Les and Irene were married in 1940. They had two children, Paul and Leslie Ann. She has four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Raised in the United Church, she has attended the Presbyterian Church since her marriage and was the treasurer of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church for nineteen years. She joined the Presbyterian Church Women about 1940 and continues to be a valued member. In recent years, she joined the Women's

Institute. She is now our Post- Mistress after taking over from Les.

As long as I have lived here, Irene has always been the store-keeper at Glenn's Store - but that's not the only hat she wears. In case of emergency, fire, sickness, whatever, Irene is as near as the phone and she will dispatch whatever action is necessary. One day, years ago, I went into the store feeling under the weather. She grabbed her purse, told whoever was there to mind the store and then proceeded to take me to the hospital where I was admitted with pneumonia.

Her advice, if asked for, is always practical.

Her sympathy, sincere and bolstering.

Her criticism, when she cares enough to give it, is always to your face and bears paying attention to.

Her understanding of and compassion for the people she serves is beautiful. She will quietly gather clothing for a family that needs it and, if you happen to be the one in need, she'll make you feel you're doing her a favour by accepting her help.

Every community group has relied on Irene to spread word of up-coming events, sell tickets, order the supplies needed; she'll slice the meat - even cook the turkey at times. Then she'll turn up to help out and make it all work.

She collects for the heart fund and the C.N.I.B.

She carries grocery bills for many of us. They must, I'm sure, compare to the national debt by times.

I cannot count the number of times I have come out of that Store feeling so much better than when I went in- just by unloading my problems on her.

She is often taken for granted but I have never heard anyone say they didn't like and respect her.

I cannot imagine our community without Irene but, if that time should ever come, I hope God has another guardian angel ready to replace her.

Thank you, Irene, for letting us share life so closely with you.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Miller.

AMHERST ISLAND COUNCIL,

I suggest you consider Les (posthumously) and Irene Glenn for the Bicentennial Medal. Besides their involvement in church, school, Women's Institute, Legion etc. for many years, Les and Irene have given a helping hand to Islanders and visitors far above and beyond what one would expect in a store or post office. Their service to the people of this community never ceases to amaze me.

Gertrude Maude.

NOMINEE FOR BICENTENNIAL MEDAL

- Mr. Francis Welbanks

Francis Welbanks was born in Bright Ontario, August 10th, 1910 to Elburn and Beatrice Welbanks. (The Welbanks family leads back to an ancestor who emigrated to Canada with the United Loyalists under Sir John Johnston.)

He lived his early years at South Bay, Ontario with his summers being spent on Main Duck Islands. The family which now included sister Irene and brother Howard moved to Amherst Island in 1924. Francis then came into partnership with his father in the family Commercial Fishing business. Later, brother Howard joined this enterprise. In 1936 he went to Sudbury to work in the mines. On his return in 1937 he married Nessie Glenn.

The untimely death of Amherst Island Reeve, David Caughey in April 1938 saw Fred Neilson fill this chair. This created an opening on the Municipal Council and Francis Welbanks was nominated to assume this position, which he held until 1946. In December of 1944 the Clerk, John Filson announced that he wished to retire. On January 1st, 1945 Francis Welbanks became Township Clerk. Remuneration for the first year was \$150, of which \$50 was paid to the former Clerk for advice.

During the next three decades the Clerk's office operated from the Welbanks' home. With the able assistance of his wife, Nessie, regular Municipal business was kept up to date, tax forms were prepared, budgets struck, assessment rolls updated, jurors selected and elections conducted. Francis often became the liaison between the public and the various other Municipal offices, such as School Boards, County Council, and the Provincial Government. His long association with Fred Neilson, Treasurer, provided a team that created continuity for many years as countless Councillors and Reeves alike came and went from Office.

In 1943 a son Eric was born into the Welbanks family and in 1946, a son Ted was born. Ted is today a member of the Municipal Council. In 1949 Francis bought a farm on the South Shore of the Island and divided his efforts between farming and fishing.

In 1945, Francis was selected to travel to Newfoundland to view war surplus ships to replace the deteriorated wooden ferry that was then in service. Eventually one was acquired and served for several years. In the early 1950's Francis was part of a driving force of concerned citizens who pressured the provincial government into further upgrading the Island ferry system. In 1955 these efforts bore fruit

when a magnificent new ferry came into service. This vessel still operates exceptionally well today.

In April of 1974, Francis decided to retire from the expanding job of Clerk and on May 7th, 1974 Diane Pearce assumed the position of Clerk-Treasurer. Francis remained as an adviser to Diane until December 31st, 1974 and received a payment of \$1,000 during his last year in Office.

During the years Francis Welbanks still found time for friends and community alike. He is a member of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. His achievements in the Masonic fraternity are notable being a Past Master of aple Leaf Lodge and a Past Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of Canada. He is also a 32 Scottish Rite Mason and a Shriner. His vivid recollections and memories of early maritime life in the area have made him a valuable source of information to several historians and authors in recent years.

Francis is now enjoying semi-retirement at the family home on the South Shore of Amherst Island where he can still view the waters of Lake Ontario and the Main Duck Islands that he loves so much. He enjoys his life time hobby of reading and nothing makes him happier than to debate the most controversial issues of the day.

His family and friends would be pleased if he receives this Award.

Submitted by: Norman J. Allison

NOTICE:

Public Meeting Wednesday, July 11th, 1984 8:00 p.m.

Amherst Island public School

Proposed Agenda:

1. Royal Visit - effect on ferry service, traffic on Hwys. #33 and #133
- emergency service available during tie-up
2. Dump - proposals for specific dumping areas
3. Budget - presentation of 1984 figures with comparison of last year
4. Proposed Bicentennial Directory
5. Question and Answer period
6. Coffee and Doughnuts (or whatever)

REGARDING HUNTING AND FISHING LICENCES

Harry and Barbara Filson would like to thank our many customers in the past for purchasing hunting and fishing licences from us. Sorry, but we no longer handle these.



A different type of archive item.

Diane Pearce and Ellie Gowan

Can anyone (aside from the two ladies seen above) guess the year?

From AMHERST ISLAND SCHOOL

- Jamie Miller, David Brown

All the children at Amherst Island School are jumping for joy that this is the last month of school. But the scene here isn't too relaxed because on Wed. the 13th we started our exams.

Our Grade Eights are most eager to finish the exams and move on, but with moving on they leave behind memories and impressions on other students. The teachers also have their own impressions of these departing students, those of which we won't reveal, "all good, I assure you."

From the staff and students of Amherst Island school - Have a great summer!

AMHERST ISLAND WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

- Diane Gavlas

The W.I. held its Annual Meeting in April at the home of Mrs. Irene Glenn. The election and installation of officers was as follows:

President - Mrs. Jackie Sylvester
1st Vice-Pres. - Mrs. Ena Baker
2nd Vice-Pres. - Mrs. Jane Miller
Sec-Treas. - Mrs. Phyllis Strain
Public Relations Officer - Mrs. Diane Gavlas
District Director - Mrs. Marian Glenn
Alternate Dist. Director - Mrs. Irene Glenn
Good Cheer Convenor - Mrs. Thelma Howard
Pianist- Mrs. Georgie Allison
Auditors - Mrs. Leslie Gavlas, Mrs. Jane Miller
Agriculture & Can. Industries - Mrs. Caroline Yull
Citizenship & World Affairs - Mrs. Anna Hitchins
Education & Cultural Activities - Mrs. Ena Baker
Family & Consumer Affairs - Mrs. Diane Gavlas
Resolutions - Mrs. Irene Glenn
Tweedsmuir Curator - Mrs. Genevieve Fleming
In May the annual Officers Conference was held at Waterloo and I was given the opportunity to go. Three days of lectures all informative and full of enthusiasm for the W.I. to continue its way in the communities not just here but in the world. I gained a lot of knowledge about the W.I., about people, about community, and friendship and purpose to keep W.I. an active organization. It's not the blue rinse generation or a catering service or, any of a number of misunderstandings people have. W.I. is for Home & Country. W.I. is an organization to help communities through programs - 4H, or any number of educational means. Programs are provided at each monthly meeting on various subjects.

Hopefully, some of you would like to hear these programs. Come to our meetings, learn what the W.I. is and does for the members, community, all the way to the 9 million world members.

The May Meeting of the W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. Marion Glenn. The reports for the Officers Conference and District Annual meeting were on the agenda for the night. Mrs. Cora Reid from the Historical Society also was at this meeting to give us guidelines on keeping records of our homes, farms, families. House logs to be started now and kept updated to provide historical records for future generations to know their past. If you are interested in any house log for your own home, give a W.I. member or Mrs. C. Reid a call, and we can give you an outline to start one too.

The next meeting of the W.I. will be on June 20th at 8 p.m. at Mrs. Jane Miller's with the Dairy Princess there to give a presentation. Feel free to join this meeting or any in the future. We are looking for new members with enthusiasm to carry on the W.I. What

can you do for your community, what can your community for you?

Following is a list of some of the things the Federated Women's Institute of Ontario were instrumental in helping to accomplish:

- *Having bread wrapped*
- *Having white lines painted on the centre of provincial highways*
- *Having red stripes removed from bacon wrapping*
- *Getting fluorescent paint used on sides of railway cars*
- *Getting garments labeled as to quality*
- *Putting music on the school curriculum*
- *"Stop" signs being placed at railway crossings*
- *Having fowl graded for sale*
- *Getting the legal marriage age sixteen years with parents' consent*
- *Requiring car owners to purchase liability insurance before getting a licence*
- *Making the law mandatory for traffic to stop when school bus is stopped (1962)*
- *Making available hot lunches in schools*
- *Establishing the International Peace Gardens on the border between Manitoba and North Dakota*
- *Requiring breathalyzer and blood tests for motorists*
- *Hospital benefits for all nursing homes*
- *Making it necessary for all persons handling food to have "T.B." tests*
- *Teaching sex education in schools*
- *Enacting legislation on dimming car light's when meeting*
- *Having staples abolished on packaged food products*
- *Having poison containers marked clearly*
- *Banning the sale of mineral-based detergents*
- *Establishing a course in household science at MacDonald Institute*
- *Requiring the pasteurization of milk*
- *Dental and medical inspections in schools*
- *Establishing the MacDonald Institute, University of Guelph (Adelaide Hoodless)*
- *Encouraging War Memorials and war services*

SOCIAL NOTICES

STREET DANCE

The sixth Annual Street Dance is coming soon, Saturday, July 14th, 8:00 p.m.

Disc Jockey

Food Wagon

Draws for Prizes

Dancing

Prizes for this year include

- 1. Fishing Rod and Reel from Roy's Bait and Tackle*
- 2. Tackle Box from Roy's Bait & Tackle*
- 3. Fire Extinguisher*
- 4. 40 oz. Fire Extinguisher*
- 5. 26 oz. Fire Extinguisher*

Lots of Fun for Everyone Sponsored by the Amherst Island Fire Department See You There

- Warren Kilpatrick

BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION PLANNED

A Bicentennial Committee has been formed and plans are being made to celebrate on Saturday, August

11th. We hope to include a parade, barbeque supper and dance. Please start thinking about attending the celebration and entering the parade now. Perhaps you

have a good idea for a float.

Anyone wishing further information please call Jackie Sylvester, Chairperson of the Committee at 389-1320.

AMHERST ISLAND BEACON: June 15, 1994 - Volume 4 Issue 197

BEACON NOTES

-Don Tubb

We start off this month with apologies for those items not printed last month - they got lost in a pile of bills. Sorry about that...

Secondly, we thank those who have offered help to do the Beacon. We have taken up Caroline Ackerman's offer to type the rough copy. Shhh... Don't tell her but we'll get her to do a little more each month so that in about a year she'll be doing it all - that's how I got caught about 11 years ago.

Seriously for a minute now... I don't know yet what we're going to do long term but we'll just see what happens in the coming few months.

So, on with the show... This is summer and we've got more going on than you can shake a stick at. There are celebrations, dinners, concerts, auctions, tours not to mention the nightly private parties. All of the above are detailed this month (except for the last item for which a small fee payable to Ms KIA is required). Let's not waste any more time and get on with it.

COUNCIL REPORT

June 7, 1994

- Chris Kennedy

In addition to the regular meeting last month there was a Public Works Committee meeting to discuss the Dump, a special budget meeting on the 16th of May and another budget meeting the next day. Then later in the month there was a meeting to discuss jurisdictional concerns regarding the operation of the Amherst Island ferry service with Council, Ferry Captains, the Coast Guard, the Ministry of Labour and the Ministry of Transportation. They discussed who is responsible for the safe operation of the ferry. Lastly there was a Cemetery Committee meeting.

All members of Council were present.

The Roads Superintendent reported that most of the calcium is on the roads and the price has actually gone down a little this year. The free dump day was a success. Council only lost about \$100 in revenue, and a lot of recyclable garbage was brought in.

The Township will cut the roadside again this summer as there are too many problems with snow build up in the winter if they do not. The Roads crew will also be doing some ditching this summer and building the helicopter pad.

Council will not negotiate a new Ferry Subsidy agreement with M.T.O. until the dispute with the Wolfe Island and Glenora ferries is resolved.

Harbours and Ports Canada has doubled fees for the ferry and Council has little option but to pay the increase.

The old fire truck has been sold for \$1,285 to an explosives company in Kingston. At 8 pm the big issue of the night came up. This was the change in school times caused by the introduction of double busing and the problems this causes with the ferry. The Council chamber was as full as I have seen it since The Drain.

The school board was represented by Bruce Caughey, our Trustee, John Ibey, the Chairperson, and two administrators, and Irene Backholm representing the Separate School Board. The School Board wants High School to start at 8:15 am. Ibey suggested that if the 7:50 ferry ran at 7:40 all would be well. Bruce and Ian Murray pointed out that this would cut timing too close, particularly in bad weather, and the ferry would have to be at 7:30 for safe travelling. Ms. Backholm pointed out some of the problems with the Separate School timing, as they are not going to be double busing. Then before anyone else had a chance to say how they would be affected the School Board delegation left the meeting.

Several commuters said how disrupting the changes would be to their schedules. Other people said that because they had only just heard the proposals they needed time to consider them so Council decided to hold a public meeting on June 20th at 7:00 pm at the school/community centre where all aspects of the problems could be discussed and, let us hope, a satisfactory compromise worked out.

The Council meeting was very quiet after that.

Union ferry negotiations are coming up.

Vroomans were given a building permit. Rumour has it this was for the Great Wall of Amherst Island (a.k.a. Dave and Rosemary's wood pile), but this is not true.

The lawyers are still working on the Back Beach agreement. The Reeve will bring up the problems with Areas of National and Scientific Interest (A.N.S.I.) at the meeting of the Association of the Municipalities of Ontario.

Then Council adjourned shortly after 9:00 pm.

BUDGET AND PROPERTY TAXES FOR 1994 - Chris Kennedy

At the regular council meeting in June. Council passed the Township budget for 1994. The major change from last year is the bill for the Back Beach, mainly lawyer's bills. This amounts to \$25,000 for this year, and there will be more to pay by the time the whole business is wrapped up. This covers the total rise over last year's Township budget, and amounts to a 14.73% increase.

Your township property taxes cover a lot more than the Township budget, however. Approximately 30% of your property taxes goes to the Township, about 20% to the County, and 50% to the school board, either Public or Separate, which are again divided between Elementary and Secondary. The County asked for a 0.45% increase, the Elementary Public for 7.41%, Secondary Public for 6.28%, Separate Elementary for 7.6%, and Secondary Separate for 33.9%.

When all this is added up, your property tax bill this year will increase an average of 8.96%.

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

Annette

Best wishes to those who have been ill or in hospital this month: Vera Hogeboom, Doug Lamb, Keith Miller, Zelma Koenders and Ruth Drumgoole. Vaughan McMullen is back home again following a brief stay at St. Mary's.

Kevin McCormick is recovering following a run-over with a lawnmower.

Congratulations to all the elementary, high school, college and university grads from the Island. I don't know who all of them are, but I can say that Trudy Strain is now employed as a physiotherapist in Bowmanville, and that Julie Forester has a teaching position in Italy. Best of luck to everyone.

I read a note in last month's Beacon from someone who was concerned about the speed of traffic around the village. I would like to add to that comment by imploring drivers to, if not stop fully, at least Slow Down at the Stop sign. You would not believe the number of people who fly through the village intersection at 30 or more kph - and I don't mean visitors or tourists. In a few short days, there will be children all over the village roads on foot and on bicycles - pay attention drivers, and get with the program!

Some late breaking news - Congratulations to Jessica McGinn who took first place in the intermediate shot put at the country track meet. Well done!



Joyce Groot with lamb

AMHERST ISLAND WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

- Jean E. S. McIntyre

On April 18th the Women's Institute hosted an open meeting with Mrs. Evelyn Greenwood as guest speaker.

Mrs. Greenwood's topic was "Osteoporosis"

25 YEARS

-Julie Forester

This summer Jack and Beth Forester will be celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary. In honour of this occasion, their family is hosting a party at Amherst Island Public School on July 2nd from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Entertainment will be to the sound of live music, and a late buffet will be served. Come one, come all and help Jack and Beth celebrate 25 years together. Best Wishes only, please.

ISLAND HISTORY

FUND RAISING TOUR OF HISTORIC HOMES

- Bill Hedges

A tour of some of the Island's most historic and beautiful stone houses is being organized for Saturday, July 9th. Proceeds from the tour will be used to repair grave markers at the Island's Pentland Cemetery this coming fall.

Those of you who have visited this cemetery recently have undoubtedly been shocked by the number of fallen over, broken and scattered grave markers. As well, some of the stone fence on the cemetery's west side is in dire need of repair.

Student volunteers from a stone masonry class at Kingston's Q.E.V.C.I. high school will assist local masons Bill Hedges and David Nourry in carrying out these repairs. No money has been solicited from Council for this project, although Council and its Cemetery Committee have sanctioned this event. To join the tour or simply make a donation to the Pentland Cemetery Repair Fund, contact Janet Grace (389-8166) on the Island or Bill Hedges (542-0002) in Kingston.

The tour begins at 12 noon.

Tickets: \$25.00 per person and include:

Tour five of Amherst Island's most historic and beautiful homes!

View historic churches, cemeteries and stone fences.

Strawberry Social at Farnham, summer home of Syl Apps and family.

Free Ferry Ticket, tour map and information pamphlet.

THANK YOU NOTES

Many thanks to the A.I. Women's Institute for their help in establishing sewing kits for all members of our Island 4-H club.

Lori Caughey for the 4-H Club

I would like to thank everyone for their sympathy, prayers, beautiful cards and many acts of kindness shown me at the passing of my dear little grandson, Brandon. The help with my mail route and visits from the P.C.W. and A.C.W. ladies were greatly appreciated.

Sincerely

Helen McCormick

We would like to thank the P.C.W. and the A.C.W. for their visits and baked goods. We would also like to thank Laureen Kilpatrick and Loraine Burton for cutting the grass and other deeds.

Thanks also to Val & Dan and the others for their kindness to us while I was recuperating after gall bladder surgery.

Sincerely

Ray & Zelma Koenders

CONGRATULATIONS

The Track and Field team from Amherst Island P.S. competed well at the county meet, June 14th. Jessica McGinn came first for the entire county in the Intermediate Girls shot-put, setting a new record of 8.24m. The previous best was 8.06m.

Congratulations to all.

A LETTER HOME

-Christopher Kennedy

I guess its been a while now since I last wrote. It got very hectic here and shows only the faintest sign of slowing up - that is slowing from total and complete chaos to just plain chaos. There are some up sides about which I won't complain so we'll leave it at a fair balance.

Has it been dry where you are? We're starting to wonder about the hay crop and pasture availability even with our soon-to-be-fenced new pastures. We also heard that the cold winter and cool spring has taken its toll on new seedlings.

Lambing ended well with a fine crop of healthy lambs this year. There must be near 1600 of the critters running around. The Feds still haven't fenced all their Crown land yet so we are back fighting coyotes again - it's no fun feeding the wildlife.

By the way, it's really hot and humid today – true summer weather that we be all been waiting for. And, you know, I've heard no complaints so far which is pretty amazing - last winter really made a lasting impression on people.

So, what else has happened since last time... We have the big boat and it came none too soon as we filled it many times during the May 24th holiday. It sure is nice to drive up to the boat at 3 minutes to and be able to get on with some assurance - sort of like the 'good old days' (that never were in my humble opinion). Passage isn't guaranteed however as I've seen the boat full on a 9 a.m. run during the week.

Well, I think its time to sign off so bye for now and we'll see what happens in the next month.



The next generation
Josh and Jacob on ATV
Photo by David Pike



Residents forward and back.
Pop and Nan
(Keith and Cora McGinn)
On their wedding day.
Photo by Terry McGinn



Ella, Noah and Wyatt visiting Fuzzy



Marie Ward sends us the following:

Seated in this picture are my grandparents David Reid and Edna Beaubien Reid. On the back on the left is my uncle Kenneth Reid, my mother Beatrice Reid Wemp and my uncle Edward Reid. My cousin Hugh Reid (Edward Reid's son) sent me this picture on Mother's Day and I was asked if it could be put in the Beacon. (We are happy to oblige. DAP) I am related to most of the old families on the island - Wemp, Reid, Beaubien and Neilson for example. When I was younger I didn't have time and wasn't really interested in my family history and now I find that I have nobody to ask questions about relatives since my parents passed.



(to the left)
2014 wool bags
Photo by Don Tubb

(below)
Keith McGinn
Alongside his company
truck.



Fantastic Island Fiesta!

Saturday, July 12, 2014

9:30 am to 3 pm

at the Neilson Store Museum
and around Amherst Island

Our 2014 Museum fundraiser will be an opportunity for Amherst Island families to partake in workshops, presented by many willing and talented islanders who have volunteered to help with this venture. You will have opportunities to learn new skills, brush up on talents you haven't used for a while or simply join your neighbours and friends in just doing something fun on a summer afternoon. On offer, you can try your hand at:

Pie-Making
Painting in Watercolour
Steeping Tea
Art Photography
Making a Pottery Piece
Be a CJA! Radio D.J.
Muffin and Scone-making
Making Felted Dryer Balls & Touring Topsy Farm
Walking an Historical Tour of Stella

Nature Walking in the Owl Woods
Making Rum Balls
Watching Blacksmithing
Spinning (part of the Weaving process)
Stretching through Yoga
Technical Photography
Making Music

Pre-registration for workshops will take place in mid-June. Sessions will be offered from 9:30 to 11:30 am and from 1:30 to 3 pm. So you can take 1, 2, 3 or 4 workshops on Saturday (a morning session [or 2] and/or an afternoon session [or 2]) by registering in advance at the Museum or emailing Ali at admackeen@gmail.com. Some workshops will last 1 hour, while others will be 2 hours in length. Cost for the workshops will be minimal – only \$20 per person for the day – to cover costs and organization. Lunch may be purchased at the Museum barbeque.

Funds raised on July 12th help pay our island student guides working during the summer months and help defray the costs of operating the Museum.

A silent auction will be held at the Museum (*donations gratefully accepted*), as well as a raffle. Additionally, between the morning and afternoon workshops, a barbeque lunch will be served at the Museum. A flyer with more info will be delivered to your mailbox in June.



Neilson Store Museum and Cultural Centre Inc.

Mark Saturday, July 12th
in your calendar today!