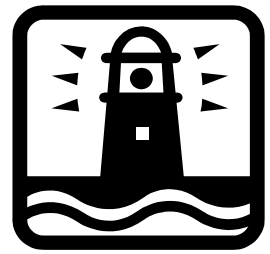


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THIS ISSUE

-Ian Murray, Editor

This issue and all future issues will be a maximum of 20 pages. Issues of 24 or 28 pages cost considerably more than revenue from subscriptions. (Charging for advertisements is just too much hassle.) Full and half page advertisements will be replaced by notices – unless there is room within the 20 page format.

NEIGHBOURHOOD

- Lynn Fleming

Get Well this month to Ida Gavlas.

Condolences to Jim VanAlstyne (Brenda) following the passing of Jim's dad, Bill.

John & Petrie Gavlas and family visited from Nova Scotia, spending a week with John's mom Leslie Gavlas and visiting brother George and family, before moving on to Ottawa to meet their first grandchild, a girl, born to daughter Robin & her husband Julian Braet. Another great-grandchild for Leslie.

Also, visiting Leslie from Seattle, were her grandson Ray and his wife Carol, and their children Francis and Adrian.

More than a hundred family members and 5 generations attended the Miller family reunion on August 2nd at the home of Gord and Lynn Miller, North Shore.

Dayle and Elloise Gowan travelled to Guelph to attend their son Matt's wedding in August. From all accounts, it was a beautiful day and celebration – from start to finish!

The 4th annual 3-day Emerald Music Festival was held the second weekend in August. The weather couldn't have been more perfect. Weekend campers and day-trippers enjoyed a wide variety of music and good times. Well done Dan and Joan!

St. Paul's Church held their annual Garden Party the last weekend in July. On the last weekend in August, they held their annual Fish Fry. Both were well attended and enjoyed by all.

It's hard to believe that the summer is winding down and by the time the Beacon goes to press, the kids will be back to school and we will be just a few days away from the official start of Fall! It has been a comfortable summer, with no real heat waves this year. By all accounts, it looks like we are in store for another old fashioned winter.



A.I. Women's Institute Outing, August 2014

AMHERST ISLAND WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

-Judy Greer

In lieu of an August Meeting, the group had an outing on August 20. Twelve women carpoled to Napanee where there were tours arranged at the Piano Museum and at McPherson House. We had lunch on the patio of The Waterfront Pub and Terrace. The weather was beautiful, the tours interesting, and the company excellent.

The next meeting is Wednesday Sept. 17; visitors and guests always welcome.

JANET'S JOTTINGS:

"DRESSED TO THE NINES"

- Janet Scott

If you had to pick the best dressed bird in a Fashion Pageant, who would you pick? Hands down I would have to pick the lovely and dapper MR. CEDAR WAXWING! Looking like he just stepped out of a bandbox, the well-dressed Cedar Waxwing appears in our yards and gardens during every month of the year. Not a feather is out of place, his sleek sculpted body is covered in soft, warm, brown feathers and his crest appears to be smoothed back as if held in place with brylcream. "A little dab'll do it, you'll look so debonair". The black mask around the eye is outlined with black like an Egyptian Princess and each wing feather is completed with a tiny red droplet that looks like the drip from sealing wax in the days of making a wax seal on a document or letter, hence its name "Waxwing".

Waxwings weigh about 32 grams or 1.1 ounces and are about 7 inches long. They can be recognized

by their constant zee zee sound but as Dayle and I have discovered this is getting beyond our hearing range as it is very high pitched. They are gregarious and feed on berry bearing trees like junipers and cedars only separating into pairs at nesting time. They are late nesters and have been found in the Kingston area to still have nestlings on September 14th. Recently Gordie Forbes discovered a Cedar Waxwing nest in their locust tree about ten feet from the ground. He was able to observe the mother feeding the young and identify the hungry little nestlings. Berries and wild grapes were in abundance along their lane and Bonnie reports that the family has fledged and joined the flock again.

On Wednesday, August 20th while guiding a group led by the Kendalls down to see these nestlings, we were able to see at least 50 Cedar Waxwings gathered in a dead tree not far from the shore near Long Point. They do migrate during September and August and pass through Prince Edward Point in large numbers. Some also stay and have been recorded on Christmas Counts in the Kingston area for 44 years out of 50 counts. One interesting migration story reports that a Cedar Waxwing, banded on August 3rd, 1980 at Prince Edward Point was found shot in Morelia, Mexico on Feb. 13, 1981. That's 4,241 km SSW from Kingston. Another helpful bit of data tells us that a Cedar Waxwing banded at Prince Edward on Aug. 6th, 1979 was re-trapped at Long Point on Lake Erie 5 days later. It had shown that migration does travel along the Great Lakes and probably would cross at Point Pelee the most southernly point in Ontario.

Another aspect of their social behaviour was

reported by Ron Weir in his book , “Birds of the Kingston Region”, as having observed them passing a berry from one bird to the next down a row of birds sitting on a wire. They share and as Sally has seen as soon as one scout finds berries ready, it sends out its high pitched call and a flock appears to eat voraciously on Mountain Ash or Juniper berries. Sharing is one of their learned behaviours to keep the species alive.

Cedar Waxwings are only found only in the New World and nest right across Canada and the United States. They will see, seek out food, eat and talk in their high-pitched zee zees and then just as quickly move on, so watch for these great-looking birds. Our Motley Crew has seen them at the school, Poplar Dell, Owl Woods, Long Point and Planks’ farm so don’t be surprised if they visit a tree in your neighbourhood!

MONARCH BUTTERFLIES

- Sally Bowen

Excerpts from "Monarch Watch Updates", summer, written by Jim Lovatt, University of Kansas

"The monarch population has been declining for the last 10 years with significant drops in the population each of the last three years. The number of trees and total area occupied by monarchs in the oyamel fir forests in Mexico was at an all time low last winter - a mere 0.67 hectares. This decline has given rise to a great deal of concern about the future of the monarch migration.

These concerns have resulted in many meetings and plans. We have addressed this issue through our Monarch Waystation, Bring Back the Monarchs and Milkweed Market programs. These programs are growing but they need to become much, much larger to sustain the monarch migration. Large-scale habitat restoration, particularly in the upper Midwest, also needs to become a priority.

Factors I've researched indicate that there will be more monarchs migrating this fall and at the overwintering locations by mid-December when the colonies are measured. Reports throughout the breeding range indicate a modest increase in monarchs. At a minimum, I expect the population to be twice as large as last year or roughly 1.4 hectares. Conditions during the migration will likely determine how many of the migrants reach the overwintering sites.

For a more detailed discussion of the current

monarch population status please visit

<http://monarchwatch.org/blog/> “

Topsy Farms has experienced a modest increase of butterflies this late summer/early fall, including joyfully, more monarchs. Please allow a few milkweed, the "host" plants, to thrive in your yard. Accept free seeds from Topsy of the "nectar plants" needed by the monarchs when they first hatch and build strength. Create your own oasis.

AIMS MEETING

August 9 at 8:00am

- Anders Bennick

Breakfast: Many thanks to David Pickering for a tasty continental breakfast

Attendance: 14 members and one guest.

Chair: Bill Barrett

Agenda

David Pickering reported that there have been 4 requests since the last meeting. If he cannot do it himself he is handing over the request to members on the list of potential drivers.

Flower baskets for Stella. Bill Barrett reported that the baskets are doing well.

Flower beds at Neilson Museum. John Harrison has been weeding the bed.

Anders Bennick reported that the speaker at the September meeting is Neil McMullen who will speak on the McMullen family on Amherst Island. Fall speakers will include Jacob Murray on stone fences and Carl McCrosky on sailing across the North Atlantic.

Kevin reported a healthy bank balance.

The secretary reported that a note of thanks had been received from Jacob Murray, thanking AIMS’s for supporting his recent participation in a dry stone wall convention in Ireland.

The meeting was adjourned at ~9am.

ARNOLD SMITH

- Sally as scribe to various Islanders

I have here are a few more tidbits about Arnold, but I'm hoping this isn't the last of them. Please give me a call to add a few more anecdotes for next month's Beacon.

Karen (McGinn) Miller says that Arnold was over at their place a lot of the time. He'd help with haying just for the company and for a meal. Whenever they



ate he would always say exactly the same thing: "I'm a great hand for the salt. I can do without the pepper but I have to have my salt...though I have to have pepper on my fried eggs." Every meal.

Karen remembers him bicycling in almost all weathers to the store at Emerald, or sometimes in Stella. She said he was pretty thrifty. If he wore out the knees of his pants, he'd just wear them turned backwards.

His parents owned the farm where Amy Caughey and Marcus Berman have their place, as well as part of Steve Hart's and Ron Hartling's and others. The old barn foundation was their barn and the family house was just across the road. His parents built the house where Arnold lived, right by the shore on what became Steve Hart's property. Steve made it legal that Arnold had a 'life estate' - the right to live there for life.

Steve says Arnold really liked apples so he always tried to have some on hand for him. He'd take him to town for a hot dog, or sometimes to one of the church suppers.

Steve says every single time he saw Arnold, Arnold would say "You know, I was told that water doesn't run uphill and you know Steve, he was right."

HIDDEN BEFORE YOUR EYES

- Zander of DUNN INN

At my latest trip to the Dump or the Reclamation Area run by Dr. Love, alias Keith Miller, I beheld a sight I had never seen before. There, to the right of the entrance, was a large machine - a tractor? - being reclaimed for the Island by a canopy of branches and leaves. Perhaps I had never noticed it before because when I stop to check in with Dr. Love, I am always facing left. I proceed to put my plastic and metal

waste into the dumpster on the left and then go to the dumpster beyond it on my left to deposit my cardboard and paper refuse. If I have a bag of miscellaneous garbage I go on further west to deposit it. I then exit through the gate to the south.

When I asked Keith about the overgrown tractor he told me that it has been there for about six years. When it was parked there it was operational but the owner never came to claim it. Keith said the tires were in good shape as was the seat, but there it sits, out of sight and out of mind.

It is amazing to me that something that large and valuable can be hidden so well and remain unseen, even when we look at it. While the camouflage works very well there are parts of that machine which stick out demanding to be recognized. How can it languish there in the dump with nobody to rescue it or resuscitate it?

It struck me that the tractor, all overgrown and unseen by most of us, is saying something to us about ourselves and about God.



First, that piece of machinery may represent those of us who are rejected in life. There are many people who feel put aside or put away because nobody pays attention to them. Many of us are quiet and withdrawn because nobody welcomes us or listens to us. Some of us are rejected because of the colour of our skin, because of the failures we've become in school, because of the stupid things we've done to hurt other people.

Second, that old tractor may represent those of us who are forgotten. Many feel forgotten because they are old and belong to another era, because they do not speak out and make a great noise about their rights or position in life, because they are unable to make use of the modern communication materials such as computers, smart phones or Face Book.

Third, that rusting piece of machinery may

represent those of us who are worn out and past our prime. Several elderly people complain that nobody comes to visit them because they cannot keep up with the conversations or the ideas their visitors foist upon them. As a result the visits fall off, the conversations dwindle away, the fun in life seems to disappear.

It struck me that none of that can be said about God. God never rejects us or forgets us or neglects us because we are past our prime. God is always there for us and values us so highly that, no matter what our condition, God always accepts us and will do everything possible to restore us. I thought of the famous words of the great theologian, Paul Tillich, who declared, "You are accepted, accepted by that which is greater than you."

Tillich went on to urge us not to analyze or define it. He said, "Simply accept the fact that you are accepted! In that moment, grace conquers sin, and reconciliation bridges the gulf of estrangement. And nothing is demanded but acceptance." Each of us is to "accept oneself as accepted in spite of being unacceptable."

What about that old tractor hidden by the growth overtaking it? Is it of value to somebody - to the owner? Can that tractor be restored and put to good use again? I am not a good judge of such things, but it strikes me that the tractor is of value. It can be restored. It might cost much money and it might not be worth the expenditure in terms of dollars and cents, but does it not have such intrinsic value that it should be rescued from the junk heap of life and granted a new beginning?

I would like somebody to say, "That tractor is acceptable, no matter what its condition, and it deserves to know it is worth rescuing, restoring and renewing." I believe that's what God says about us.

SERIAL DONOR REACHES SIGNIFICANT MILESTONE

- Hollie Pratt-Campbell, reprinted from Frontenac Gazette

Every 56 days for the last 15 years, David Pickering has, quite literally, given a part of himself to his community.

On Aug. 5th, the 58-year-old retired military officer headed into the Kingston Blood Services office on Gardiners Road to give his 100th donation of blood.

"Everyone has an inherent responsibility to support their community in whatever ways they are capable of doing," Pickering said as he sat in the waiting room prior to the donation. "It's an elementary aspect of humanity. This is one of the ways that I support the community that I'm part of. It's a very personal way. It's a very significant way. And it's not like there's any other choice. People need it."

Pickering first started giving blood when he joined the military at the age of 17.

"The military has always had a support for blood donations for obvious reasons. They got you in the habit of it right when you were doing your initial training. I did that a lot when I was in my late teens early 20s, but then I got out of the habit."

Eventually, Pickering was posted back to Kingston after a number of stints in very rural areas and started donating again regularly.

"It's something that I've been proud of," he says. "I've known how the donations are racking up and so for more of a decade I've known [the 100th donation] was coming. It's one of the life goals that I set out for myself and now it's here."

Pickering explains that for every one donation of blood, it is estimated that three people in need will benefit.

"That's 300 people who potentially could have had their lives saved by me spending an hour here every couple of months. It's not that much to do but it has a potentially life changing impact on other people."

"The mere fact that I've met 100 in no way changes the fact that there's as much of a requirement next week as there is this week. The need doesn't change just because I've hit a big round number, so I'll continue to give blood for as long as my health allows me to."



BUSTER UNBUSTED

- Story and photo by Terry McGinn, the younger

Being born by Caesarean-section is a rough way to start life for a young calf. Being born by Caesarean-section after a four-hour wait in the birth canal because all the vets are out on calls just adds insult to injury. Oh, and for good measure, let's make the injury a doozy: two broken legs.

This doesn't sound like the beginning of a happy story, and it probably wouldn't be in most cases; but Buster - as he became known because he was a bit busted - isn't a most-cases kind of calf.

It was on my Uncle Kelly and Aunt Maureen's farm, in mid-April, while I was there alone (of course) that I noticed his mother was in labour and having trouble. I immediately knew I was in over my head and sought help from my Uncle Terry and Mike, who'd helped us pull another calf just a few days before. We couldn't pull him.

He got his two broken legs from the unsuccessful attempt to pull him with a calf-puller. He was just way too big to ever be delivered that way. Even when the vet was performing the Caesarean-section on his mother, he had to stop and make the incision larger in order to get Buster out.

We never expected him to be alive; not after the time it had taken for the vet to arrive. But as the vet held the amniotic sac open, and I pulled him out, I could feel him moving.

We had to act quickly, his tongue had swollen to fill his entire mouth, and then some. But he breathed; he was a fighter from the first. He even stood, although it took some time, and he was very

wobbly. It was when he stood that it first became clear that there was something wrong with his left-front leg. And it wasn't until after it was splinted and bandaged that we realized there was something wrong with the right-front leg (the one that he had been walking on) too.

So he got a second splint on his other leg, too - a length of PVC pipe, split in half with cotton lining the inside, then wrapped with self-adhesive bandage, all wrapped with duct tape for water resistance. He was quite a sight!

It took a long time for the bones to show signs of healing, and we were starting to question whether or not it was ever going to happen. But after several weeks of faithful attention there was progress: the leg felt firmer, more stable. A little bit at first, and then, it seemed to happen quite quickly.

But, of course, nothing can ever be quite that simple. The bones were healed and he was doing great, when a pressure sore opened up on his left knee. It got infected, and then it got deeply infected. Eventually the infection went right into the joint.

It swelled, he limped, things looked more grim than they had when he had two broken legs.

But we kept on. He wasn't giving up, and nor were we!

Eventually the vet put in a drain, and that allowed the pockets of infection to clear. With the infection gone the ulcer closed and the bandages are off.

And that brings us to today; when Buster, now four months, one week and one day old, is officially unbusted.



BACKROOM TALKS

-Janet Scott

The Museum Backroom Talks are held on Friday evenings at 7PM in the meeting room at The Neilson Store Museum and Cultural Centre There is no charge but we always welcome donations and light refreshments follow the talks.

Friday, September 26th – Amy Caughey -"Life and Food in the Arctic"

A look at the diversity of Nunavut, landscape and food. This talk will highlight traditional Inuit foods, their nutrition and the changing food security situation in the eastern Arctic.

Friday, October 17th – Janet Kellough- Murder Mysteries and Prince Edward County history. Janet is a storyteller, author and historian and she has woven her many interests into a series of detective stories that take place from Wellington in 1837 to the fever sheds of Kingston in 1847.

Friday, November 7th – Thomas Sylvester- Amherst Island and the Great War of 1914-1918. Our local author and historian will share some of his research and thoughts of one hundred years ago.

WOOLY BULLY RACE INVOLVES EVEN MORE ISLANDERS



Julie Forester-Leeder

The 3rd 'Wooly Bully Races' were held on Amherst Island on Sunday, 17th starting at Dave Willard's

and travelling east along the South Shore which was closed temporarily with official permission. It was a slightly overcast day with the breeze off the lake - perfect for running.



Julia Kennedy helping at Wooly Bully
Photo by Eva Little

Two years ago there were 28 runners but by this third year there were 96 finishers in the 5 and 10 k races; another 14 in the 1K for kids. We had a significant number of Amherst Islanders participate, either in running or providing volunteer support. Kids running included Finn Varette, JP Leeder, Mairi Kennedy, Kassy McGinn, Lily Berman, Graeme McKee & Krystalin Kennedy. Kassy's accomplishment of completing the course, and in the middle of the pack no less, was a huge accomplishment, given her long health struggles.

Thanks to Dave Willard for allowing the use of his site, to Andrea who organized marshalls and water stations, to Gary McDonald and crew who provided safety backup, to Judy and Judith who helped at registration and to many others.

All finances are not yet sorted, but this year another donation will be made to AIPS, for use in school outings and special events.

The planned date for 2015 is Sunday, August 16th.

LOVING SPOONFUL

- Fresh Food Delivery to Kingston
- Sally Bowen

Amherst Island has been sending shipments of fresh produce to Kingston weekly since early July. Mary White and Cary Allen, living in Jean Tugwell's former home in Stella, receive, weigh and list the produce and donors every Thursday evening on their front porch, and Mary delivers early Friday morning. The food is used or (in the case of too many

zucchini's) preserved the same day.

Several regular donors have been augmented by a couple of new participants, and the good growing season, and the generosity of Islanders, has ensured quality and quantity.

We'd be glad of even more. Please just drop off any excess fresh produce you have on the front porch of 5750 Front Rd on Thursdays, with your name attached. It is as simple as that.

Several shelters, Food and Pantry programs and the folks who seek their assistance, will be grateful.

www.loving Spoonful.org



Jean and Freda
Photo by Sally Bowen

Jean McIntyre lived in the Presbyterian manse for years with her minister husband, Lindsey. Since leaving 16 years ago, she had never toured around the Island though she'd visited the Garden Party. In early August Jean and her good friend Freda Youell had a thorough tour, visiting the Weasel and Easel and the Wool Shed, seeing many new homes, lots of changes and many familiar faces. She had a happy day.

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you Islanders for another rewarding and enjoyable summer season at Stella's Café.

Seeing the village kids and other groups getting together here makes our time worthwhile. It's a pleasure to be able to answer questions from off-Islanders who are discovering this wonderful place for the first time.

A special thanks to the "Guest Chefs": Nancy Dunn, Beth Forester, Judy Wambera, Ralph and Stephen Kendall, Sharen English and David Pickering, Diane Pearce and Michèle LeLay and

Linda Welbanks. A special thanks to all my kitchen helpers: Shirley Miller, Janet Scott, Sharen English, David Pickering, Joyce and Hubert Groot, Judy Wambera, Joan Simpson and everyone else who helped in the kitchen on those busy nights and thanks to those people who shared in song afterward. The Friday evening combination is certainly the high point of our week.

...We are so pleased that Sandra Reid and family has kept the Café open for another month, while we are fussing with a new grandchild.

Judy Bierma and Anthony Gifford

We wish to thank the First Response team for their prompt arrival in the middle of the night and their professional care of Hugh before he was taken off island by ambulance. We are so sorry that the First Response team and the fabulous ferry folk had to lose a night's sleep.

We are very grateful for you all.

Hugh and Claire Jenney

Correction. In the August Beacon, the thank you to the Women's Institute, St. Alban's Church and St. Paul's Church, for calls, cards and visits, should have been in the thank you from Larry following his accident, not included in our thank you for our anniversary.

Lynn Fleming

[Editor: sorry for sloppy editing]

The Amherst Island Recreation Association would like to thank everyone for their support of our Canada Day celebrations this summer.

Special thanks to the Amherst Island Emergency Services for their help marshalling the parade and being on call during the fireworks. We couldn't do it without you! Also, to Dan Simpson and Friends, for providing the entertainment and to Loyalist Township for their support. To everyone who participated in the parade, and joined us at the community centre - a huge thank you. Once again, Canazon Fireworks put on a fantastic display to cap off the night.

We would also like to thank everyone who comes out to the Fish Fry each Spring, or supports our canteen at the Emerald Music Festival or Harvest Festival, our bar at various functions - profits go to

the Canada Day Celebrations each year. Thank you!!
Hoping you have had a great summer!

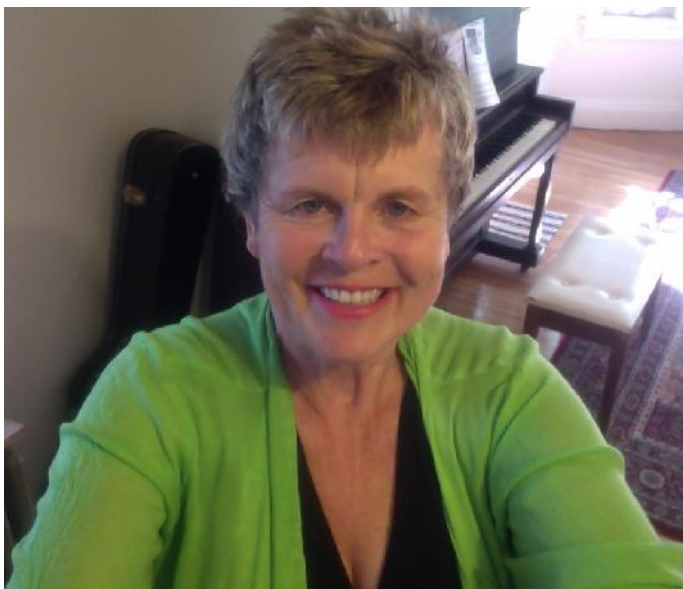
Rick, Larry and Lynn

Join Deborah Kimmett on Sunday Nov 2, 2014,
2:30 pm at 7- Earl Street, Kingston -Residence Inn
Marriott (loads of free parking) for the official
launch of her novel "Outrunning Crazy".

Deb says: "I thought I would make an afternoon of
it. Tell you some new stories, give you some laughs,
and preview the novel that I've have just launched.
A hilarious coming of age story that has been
receiving stellar reviews.

This 30 dollar ticket gives you a ticket to the
hilarious show PLUS your own autographed copy of
the novel and some good laughs."

Order tickets online at www.kimmett.ca or email
debkimmett@gmail.com to set aside your tickets
(and or novel)



The Terry Culbert & Barb Hogenauer Art Show
will be at The Lodge until September 30.



A quiet, gracious setting for individuals or groups
to meet, work, study or play.
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FROM THE ARCHIVES

From THE AMHERST ISLAND BEACON,
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COUNCIL REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 5, 1984
- Chris Kennedy

*The Queen is due in Amherstview on Sept. 27th.
The final arrangements are still being worked out.*

*The ferry has been a lot busier this year than last.
Up to the end of July last year 53,595 vehicles had
been carried. This year the total is 56,899. April was
low this year, otherwise there has been an increase
each month over the previous year. Tenders have
gone out for building toilets on the docks.*

*The road crew can do little to repair the roads
until there is gravel to put on them. McKendry's
report that they just blew the engine in their crusher
and that the equipment probably won't fit on the
Charlevoix anyway. The township has received an
extra subsidy to help pay for this famous gravel.*

*Council, as usual, discussed the dump. Some
progress is being made with the berm and the
fencing. There was a discussion on going to pickup
system, with the dump only being open a few days
each week.*

SCHOOL NEWS

- Penny Thornhill & Donnie Miller

*This school year has got off to a very good start.
Several new children have started school on the
Island and we'd like to welcome them and wish them
good luck at their new school. Amherst Island Public
School now has a grand total of 50 kids, soon to be
53.*

CARDS OF THANKS

*I would like to thank all my relatives, friends and
neighbours, also the church ladies for all their acts
of kindness during my recent illness. It was very
much appreciated.*

Barbara Filson

*The family of the late Ellen McGinn wish to
express their heartfelt thanks and sincere
appreciation for the many acts of kindness shown
during the loss of a dear mother and grandmother.
The floral tributes, food donations and cards of
sympathy are gratefully acknowledged.*

A special thanks to Donna Willard and Thelma Howard for preparing the tea at Kaye and Dorothy's home. Many thanks to all who helped in any way.

Voters (and others) of Amherst Island:

Thank you very much for your support in the recent election. I can well appreciate the electorate's desire to give the Progressive Conservatives a chance to govern.

Flora McDonald has been a hard-working MP and I wish her well.

Ian Murray

*From THE AMHERST ISLAND BEACON,
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EDITOR'S CORNER

-Don Tubb

Hey... take a look at the masthead... yes, that's number 200 up there!!! We never gave any thought to ever reaching a specific number when we took over the production of the Beacon at Issue #82 in November '84 but that is really something to think about - for the last 10 years we have been here to get an issue out.

We are - just in case anyone didn't know - Sally Bowen, Chris Kennedy, Dianne Marshall, Ian Murray and Don Tubb. Leslie Gavlas has taken care of the accounts and subscriptions for many years now and we have recently been blessed with Caroline Ackerman's word processing abilities. Many others have helped over the years collating.

Also there been many contributors for whom we are eternally grateful. With apologies to anyone we have forgotten, the following have contributed articles other than 'Thank You' notes, ads, etc (the list would be too long):

Caroline Ackerman, Ken Albertan, Georgie Allison, Norman Allison, Jean Baker, Kelly Baker, Head Banger, Nikki Banks, Crystal Bedford, Rick Bedford, Stanley Burke, A. Bruce Caughey, Amy Caughey, Bruce Caughey, Jill Caughey, Lori Caughey, Susie Caughey, Donna Chadband, Peggie Coulter, Gordon Crouse, David Cunningham, Michael Dawber, Elsie Densem, Shannon Eves, Connie Fabian, Tessa Fabian, Mary Ferar, Hugh Filson, Angela Fleming, David Fleming, Genevieve Fleming, Karen Fleming, Lyn Fleming, Stephanie Fleming, Wendy Fleming, Beth Forester, Jeff

Forester, Julie Forester, Douglas Gavlas, George Gavlas, Ida Gavlas, Jessica Gavlas, Leslie Gavlas, Mary Glen, Allan Glenn, Bert Glenn, Chris Glenn, Madeleine Glenn, Marian Glenn, Irene Glenn, Carly Grace, Janet Grace, Shirley Halferty, John Hall, Bill Hedges, Denise Kenny Hehn, Diane Hieatt, Anna Hitchins, Heidi Hitchins, Reg Hitchins, Tracy Hitchins, Edwin Hogeboom, Barbara Hopper, Bob Horth, Mike Horth, Peter Horth, Tyler Hutchings, Dale Jones, Randi Kennedy, Jack Kerr, Madlyn Kerr, Ms KIA, Laurene Kilpatrick, Meynard Laltin, Nathan Maleska, Bonnie Marshall, Coralie Marshall, Scott Marshall, Kevin McCormick, Pam McCormick, Garnet McDonald, Sarah McDonald, Jean McIntyre, Lindsay McIntyre, Mildred (the cow), Catherine McMullen, Kitsy McMullen, Adam Miller, Chad Miller, Judy Miller, Keith Miller, Shirley Miller, Tom Miller, Peter Morgan, Jacob Murray, Kyle Murray, Laurel Nixon, Annette Phillips, Barbara Reid, Floyd Rudmin, Barbara Salter, Elizabeth Schiller, Alex Scott, Jamie Scott, Janet Scott, Ruth Scott, Sandy Scott, Sarah Scott, Louise Seaman, Glenn Sheil, Jamie Silver, Jason Silver, Phil Silver, Mike Strain, Phyllis Strain, Tom Sylvester, Rick Tait, Penni Thonhill, Chester Tugwell, Earle Tugwell, Jean Tugwell, Tena Tugwell, Eleanor Trueman, Peter Trueman, Rosemary Vrooman, Brian Ward, Sheri Ward, Steven Ward, Jill Watson, Wayne Watson, Francis Welbanks, Ben Wemp, Betty Wemp, Laura Wemp, Linda Wemp, Jim Whitton, Lynann Whitton, Steven Willard, Cathy Wilson, Brent Wolfreys, Elaine Wolfreys, Caroline Yull, and Jessie Yull.

CRASH LANDING ON ISLAND!

Alan Kidd plus passengers Sally Bowen and her son Jacob Murray experienced a mechanical failure causing Alan's plane to flip onto its back while landing on his island air strip. The Fire Department and the First Response Team were called to the site plus an ambulance and eventually the air ambulance. No one suffered major injuries with Alan walking away with general soreness; Sally still has sore back and neck: and Jacob took 13 stitches to close a rather nasty cut to the forehead. All three had what is called 'seat belt trauma after being suspended upside down. Sally and Jacob were air lifted to KGH directly from the site in the air ambulance helicopter. They both returned to the Island around supper time. For an event which held such danger, it is rather amazing that nothing more

serious occurred.

Sally and Jacob were being given a sight seeing flight around the area by Alan that morning. After touching down, the front wheel rim came apart causing the tire to suddenly deflate causing the wheel to dig in a bit causing it to break off leaving a rather solid steer shaft sticking down from the plane. This ploughed into the ground slowing the plane very quickly and causing it to stand on its nose. It then fell onto its back.

Thankfully, the plane was going slowly or it would have skidded on its back more than the few feet it did; perhaps causing some more structural damage to the cabin which remained intact or damaging the fuel tank. Now all of the above is more or less pieced together from what evidence was available from the crash scene.

COUNCIL REPORT SEPTEMBER 6, 1994

- Don Tubb

Chris was out spreading fertilizer so I am taking over his duties tonight as Beacon reporter. All Council members were present for this Regular Meeting of Council which started a little late because the Special Meeting (Zoning By-law) ran late. There were some 10 or so interested members of the public in attendance.

After the usual preliminaries, Council asked for public input and they got a report from several interested members of the audience on how well the first day of the new ferry schedule worked with regard to school beginning - it didn't, to be blunt. Council heard that the students were late for home room. Council and Island residents had been told that school was to begin at 8:15 but were surprised to find out today that home room begins at 8:00 a.m. They were also surprised to find out that the children had been dropped off at the mainland dock when coming back in the afternoon despite assurances from school board administrators that they would not be left unsupervised or without shelter. To that end Council quickly decided to hold a Public Meeting on Thursday September 15th to discuss the situation. Council's starting position will be to alter the morning leaving times to on-the-hour so the children can get to school on time. And, to hold the 2:30 p.m. boat for their return (like they used to do with the 3:30 p.m.). Along with this, Council decided to fax a letter to the L&A Board of Education noting with displeasure the changed starting time and the

fact that the students were dropped off on the mainland dock. It was the general feeling of those present that there are no winners in this situation with the School Board being a power unto itself. It makes promises which are not kept and puts Council into the position that after following the Board's recommendations it finds out that the Board has changed the rules without notice. There was a lot of frustration moving around the room. Even the point about there being express buses to the high schools was thrown into doubt as they made stops other than at the Millhaven dock.

Public Works Superintendent, Stuart Miller, gave his monthly summary of the crew's doings plus planned work. Highlights are:

- the helicopter pad is virtually done with only the cones needed (Thursday September 13th is their scheduled installation date),*
- Charlie Howard's hill (between the Second and Third on the Emerald 40 foot) will be lowered to make it not so much of a blind hill,*
- signs will be posted on the dock as soon as they are available to reserve enough space for Township vehicles to both park and turn around plus keeping clear the space around the Fire Department's fire hydrant.*

A copy of the current draft of the Back Beach agreement was available and was discussed for some time. The general feeling was that, with changes, it would be an adequate agreement. Reeve Willard made some recommendations which were agreed to by Council and which now will be passed onto our lawyer. Council will try to expedite the matter to have, at least, a signed 'agreement in principal' before this Council leaves office.

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

- Annette

Best wishes to Emily Tugwell and Faye Wemp, both of whom have been ill this month.

In famous people news (for those who don't follow current music trends) Amherst Island's own Jeff Pearce has become an international famous rock star. Jeff is with the Vancouver Band "Moist". Their first album has sold more than 50,000 copies; they have a music video getting regular air play on MTV and Much Music and have recently been nominated for the Much Music "Music Video Award". Congratulations Jeff, and the best of luck!

FOOD BANK

- Sally Bowen

The Partners in Mission Food Bank continues to be grateful for fresh food donations received, and to be hopeful for more. Times are still tough, and many families still need help to feed themselves decently. It doesn't matter whether you have large quantities to contribute. If you have just a little extra, please bring it to the 10 o'clock ferry for the Marshall's to pick up and deliver.

Thanks to Earl Tugwell who kindly filled in the transportation gap left by Duncan and Coralie's brief absence from the island this month.

THANK YOU NOTES

To The Presbyterian Church Women:

The Schrams deeply appreciate the friendship and fine send off provided by the Presbyterian Church Women.

During our years in Ghana we will miss our friends on Amherst Island and look forward to our visit back next summer.

Sincerely, John and Alena Schram

Many thanks to the First Response Team for their prompt and reassuring presence after the plane accident.

Thanks also to those who came the next day and turned the plane over. And thanks to God, or fate, or whoever it was up there who decided to let us all come of it basically OK. We're really very grateful.

Alan Kidd and Judy Roberts

What a warm and caring place we live in!

Jacob and I had no time to feel sorry for ourselves with all the cards and calls and visits we received. So many people helped us through those first shakey times as the realization of "what might have been" hit. The entire household sends thanks for the wonderful food.

The First Response Team puts in a lot of thankless training hours to prepare to help any of us who needed them - their calm competence and speed of response were great.

Our thanks.

Sally and Jacob

I would like to thank my family and friends for the lovely flowers, cards, visits and phone calls while I was in hospital and since returning home.

I would also like to thank the island Fire Insurance Company, the A.C.W. and P.C.W. and Garry's boat crew for the lovely goodies and visits.

A Special Thank-You to Garry and Reg, Tracy and Heidi for the T.L.C. and all the extra steps they have gone for me since I have been sick.

Thank-you again to everyone.

Anne-Marie Hitchins

A sincere thanks to my family, friends, relatives and neighbours for their many acts of kindness shown to me during my recent illness. The flowers, fruit baskets, delicious treats, cards and visits were greatly appreciated.

Many thanks to the A.C.W. members, Anna Hitchins and Maureen McGinn for their visit and pie.

Sincerely, Kaye McGinn

Thank you to the many friends, neighbours and relatives for their cards, gifts and best wishes after my illness.

Lillian Miller

I wish to thank all our friends who helped in so many ways during my recent very unexpected illness. We had exceptional help in the care of Sarah and Ben while Lynann stayed with me in Toronto, with transportation of Lynann from Bracebridge to Toronto and other acts of kindness too numerous to mention.

Our good neighbour even cut the grass! Your cards, phone calls and visits were much appreciated, however, in a real ecumenical sense, it was the arrival of Maureen McGinn (A.C.W.) on the doorstep with an "warm from the oven" peach pie that set me on the way to a truly rapid recovery.

Thanks, Jim Whitton

DINNER CLUB ENTERTAINED

- submitted by Catherine (Filson) Wemp

On August 30th the Diner's Club from Helen Henderson Care Centre in Amherstview was

entertained at the home of Yvonne McGinn's parents, Keith and Cora McGinn, on Amherst Island. Yvonne is the lodge manager at Helen Henderson Care Centre.

The courtesy bus from the centre drove the residents on a tour of the Island before enjoying a delicious dinner prepared by Yvonne and her mother.

Two former residents from the Island were among the dinners, Gordon Reid and Tina Filson.

The McGinn residence was the birth place of Tina Filson who will celebrate her 94th birthday in January 1995.

A delightful day was enjoyed by residents and staff.

Thanks to Yvonne and her family.

CONGRATULATIONS AND FAREWELL

To our very dear friends and neighbours, John and Alena Schram we wish to express first our congratulations to John on his recent appointment as the High Commissioner to the Republic of Ghana. We are very proud of you John. Upon receiving this appointment it brought about the task of saying farewell to them for at least two years.

It has only been two short years since they purchased the former Rick Martin house in Stella, but in those two years they have made many friends through their Church and always being present at all social events held on the Island. They definitely became "Islanders" as we welcomed them into our midst and into our hearts.

We will look forward to your return (next July for your holidays) but most of all as permanent residents "Islanders" in the not-too-distant future.

God Bless you both.

Eldon and Elsie and "All your Friends on Amherst Island".

FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

For those aspiring candidates to Council, our crack analytical staff has done some cyphering with the Preliminary Voters List (July 29th).

Eligible voters... 537

Residents... 305 (57% of total)

Non-residents... 232 (43% of total)

Public School Electors... 510

Separate School Electors... 27

Property Owners... 436 (79% of total)

Spouses... 44 (8% of total)

Tenants... 24 (5% of total)

Other... 43 (8% of total)

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING SEP 15, 1994

- Don Tubb

A Special Meeting of Council was held at the Community Centre to discuss the ferry schedule. All Councillors were present but Reeve Willard was not so the Chair was occupied by Councillor Allen Caughey. Over 50 interested members of the public attended. This was one of those rare meetings when everyone was interested in finding a solution. In previous meetings, people had vented their anger and frustration but at this one, people were looking for the best possible timetable.

Council presented a sample schedule which after considerable discussion was found to be adequate to meet the needs of most people present (or at least better than what we have now).

So, what we will have is: Stella Millhaven

6:00 a.m. 6:20 a.m.

7:00 a.m. 7:30 a.m.

In the afternoon, the ferry will wait for the high school kids coming on the 2:30 boat (expected leaving time seems to be 2:45 p.m. or a little later). Plus, the ferry will wait for the public school kids at 3:30 p.m. (not expected to be as long a delay).

2014 4H Harvestfest

27 September

11 am to 4 pm

Reidview Farms

10850 Front Rd

Admission: donations accepted to cover costs & for 4H fund raising.

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Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri: 9 am - 11:30 am; 2:30 pm - 5:00 pm
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GODDEN'S WHOLE HOG SAUSAGE We would like to thank our faithful sausage customers on Amherst Island for their continued support of our product. Flavours now include: Salt & Pepper; Honey & Garlic; Sundried Tomato & Oregano; Hot Italian; Sweet Chili & Lime; Maple Breakfast; and Salt & Pepper Breakfast. Now selling packages of 4 sausages!! See more at thewholehogblog.blogspot.com; Facebook, "Godden's Whole Hog Sausage"; or, follow us on "Twitter @Godden Farms". Please call ahead for large orders, 705-653-5984. With Sincere Thanks, Lori Caughey & Family.

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Summer hours (1 July to 1 September): Sunday through Friday – 1 to 4

Fall hours: Saturday (10 am to 4 pm), Sunday (1 to 4 pm) Holiday Mondays (1 to 4 pm)

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Fall hours: Saturday (10 am to 4 pm), Sunday (1 to 4 pm) Holiday Mondays (1 to 4 pm)

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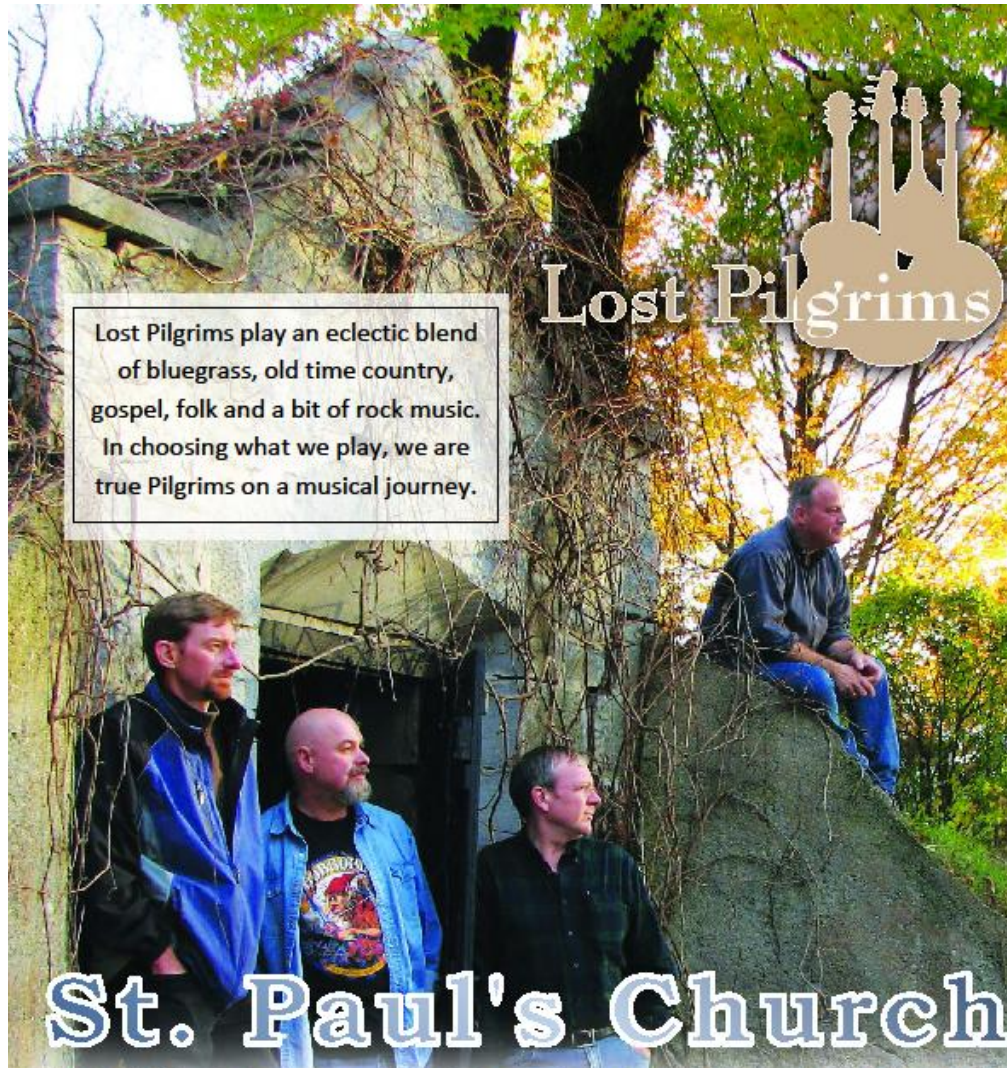
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Photo by Eva Little



Janice Sydorka, Betty Wemp,
Michèle LeLay & Diane Pearce
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Saturday September 27, 2014
10 am – 4 pm
Amherst Island, Ontario
REGISTRATION FEE: \$40/person

Tour historic homes... See 190 year old Irish dry stone walls...
Enjoy a hearty homemade lunch... Experience a slower pace!

The Heritage House Tour starts at "The Lodge" in the village of Stella (320 McDonald's Lane). Pick up your *Heritage House Tour Guidebook* at The Lodge, enjoy a cup of tea, bid on the Silent Auction... then set out to discover the rich history of our community. Lunch will also be served at The Lodge.



TO REGISTER: Payment is by cheque to APAI (PO Box 6, Stella, Ontario, K0H 2S0) or e-transfer payment to protectai@kos.net. Advanced registration appreciated!

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