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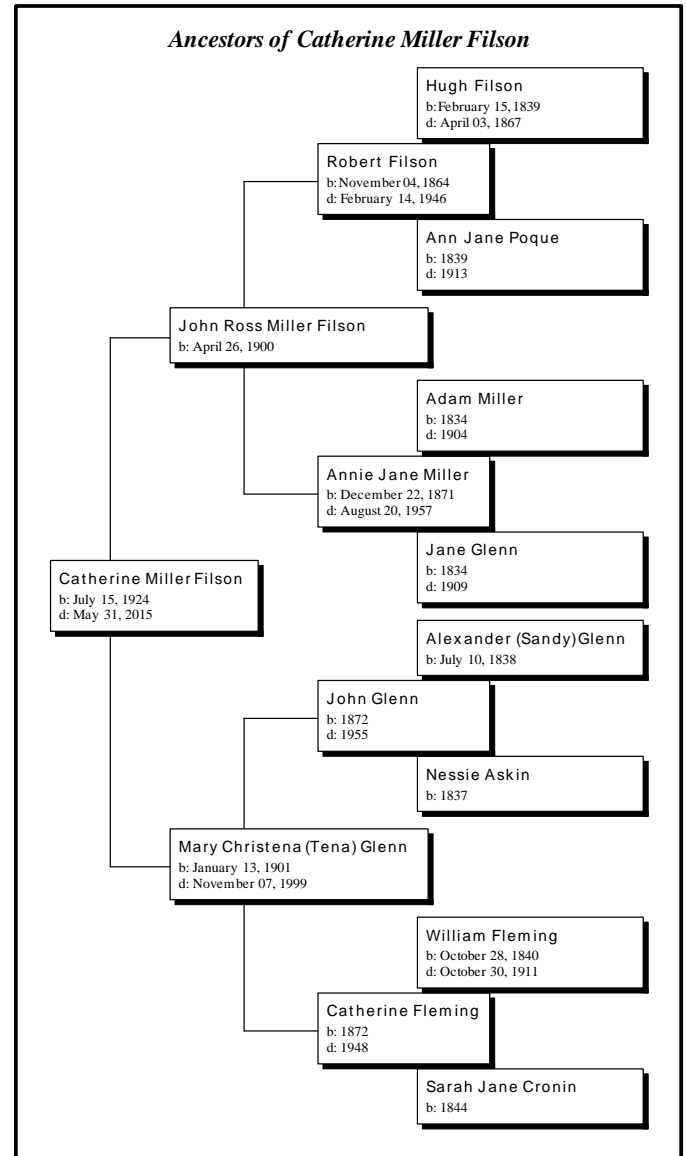
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CATHERINE MILLER FILSON
(July 15, 1924 to May 31, 2015)



Catherine was predeceased by her parents John Ross Miller Filson and Mary Christena Glenn, her husband Wallace Wemp and her brother Harry Filson. She is survived by her children Peter Wemp and Ann Browne, her nephew Garry, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

[A more complete tribute to Catherine will be published in next month's edition of the Beacon.]



(LtoR) Gail Mack,
Judy, Joyce, Joan
Bierma,
Ed & Phil Silvers,
Wilfred Mack
Photo courtesy of
Judy Bierma

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A boatload of Beardies.

Brenna, Ellie, Briagha, McGinn, Stella

Photo by Sheree Girty taken during visit to
Amherst Island



NEIGHBOURHOOD

- Lynn Fleming

Get Well wishes to Susan McGinn and Brian Little.

Dianne Marshall spent a couple of weeks in B.C., visiting her daughter Bonnie (& her husband Neil) and Dianne's first grandchild, Annabelle.

Cliff Swallows returned to the school the first week of May. Unfortunately some of the nests at the front have been knocked down.

Amherst Island Public School students put on a production of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" on May 20th. Every student had a part in the play, from SK to grade 8! All costumes and sets were designed and created by staff and students.

The AIMS Market, Weasel and Easel and the Museum all opened for the season on the May long weekend.

The annual A.I. Rec Association's Spring Dance and Fish Fry was also held on the May long weekend. The sold out dinner was enjoyed by all, followed by the dance. A good time was had by everyone!!

Stella's Cafe has re-opened for the season, with an updated menu, under the new management of Sandra Reid.

CJAI held their annual fund raiser and managed to once again exceed past fundraisers, this year breaking the \$10,000 mark! Well done!

Congratulations to A.I.P.S. students, who also set a fund raising record for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Their Jump Rope for Heart event raised \$2000.00 this year!!

Slowly but surely, Spring has arrived on Amherst Island. The lilacs are in bloom, there are lambs and calves and colts in the fields and goslings in the lake and ponds, and everything is green and lush. However, I don't know how long it will stay green, as it has been quite dry, and we already could use some rain.

We are coping with the Quinte Loyalist and long line ups and wait times. It's hard to predict which days and trips will be busy, so it has become good practice to line up a half to full hour before the ferry you need to be on - and even that is iffy some days.

We have seen several days - weekends and weekdays - where full loads were loaded and another full load was left over for the next ferry - and that was before the cattle trucks and trailers started coming!!

Still no word on how long we will have this ferry, rumours have said anywhere from July 1st to Labour Day. I guess we will just have to wait and see.

LES & IRENE

-Lynn Fleming

Thanks so much to Paul Glenn for the article about his parents, Les and Irene Glenn. Les and Irene were two of the first people I met when I moved to the Island. I grew to love them dearly.

They were true Islanders, and always there when anyone needed them. I spent a couple of late nights drinking tea with Irene while the men were fighting fires several nights in a row.

My kids loved to go to the store to see them and they were always happy to see the kids. As a neighbor, more than once I called Irene or took one of the kids to her for advice or help when they were sick or hurt. Her daughter, Anne, told me they jokingly called her "Dr. Glenn".

Summer evenings we would sit with them and other neighbours, all in a row, visiting and watching Irene's evening primrose flowers open at dusk. I'm not going to lie - I got teary when I saw Shirley's picture of them!

Also in April Beacon, seeing the pictures of Alice Compeau and Dave Willard and their homes at the ferry dock brought back memories too. So much history gone with these people. :(

Thanks to Shirley Miller for capturing so much "people" history and memories on film over the years.

[Editor: This article should also have gone into the May Beacon but I missed it.]

INTERNET CAFÉ

For the summer people who missed it; the Internet Café is a drop-in help service offered by volunteers and supported by the Neilson Store Museum and Cultural Centre. We provide assistance through tutorial, fault-finding, and advice. We have done virus removal, computer upgrades, software instruction and a bunch of other stuff. We've even been known to do house calls to help set up networks.

The Café is open from 9-2 on Tuesdays. (Watch for the big red and yellow sign in front of the museum.)

While open, we can be reached using the Museum phone. Off hours, feel free to call David Pickering at 384-6535.



DONATIONS TO HAITI

-Lynn Fleming

Earlier this year, a Limestone school board employee contacted schools to say he and his son would be travelling to Haiti in late February. They were looking for donations of used sports equipment to give out to the children they were helping to feed via the OLA Children's Project. The project is designed to help visionary Dominican's and Haitians develop projects to support those in need in their own countries.

The specific project Tom and his son Jake (a Frontenac Secondary student) were working on was "Mobile Meals for Kids". Since 2010, this project has fed over 5000 meals to children and teaches parents and young adults of those needy children the food skills needed to support themselves.

In keeping with their own beliefs, and an identified need, they planned to take down some gently used sports equipment, so "the little bellies they were filling would now have things to do with their new found energy and nutrition".

Amherst Island Public School had just ordered some new phys-ed equipment and were in the process of sorting out used and outdated items in our equipment cupboard when we got Tom's request. We had way too many skipping ropes (apparently a hot commodity in Haiti), as well as some used balls and badminton rackets. We were able to donate 3 boxes of equipment to Tom's cause, and upon his return, he sent us pictures of the kids enjoying their new items!

[Editor: This article should have gone into the May Beacon but I missed it.]

To the right : Two happy little Haitian boys playing with donated sports equipment. AIPS is proud to have been able to donate some skipping ropes, balls and badminton rackets to this cause, and is happy to see photos of a couple of the children enjoying them.



UPDATE ON WATERSIDE SUMMER SERIES AND LOYALIST TOWNSHIP

-Diane Pearce (for the Waterside Committee)

The “Council Gleanings” section of the April 2015 Beacon included a Council Resolution dated March 9, 2015, as follows: (that) “Loyalist Township staff continue to support Waterside Summer Series during 2015 with the understanding that Waterside Summer Series members will demonstrate their intent to become self sufficient by applying for their own charitable organization status, opening their own bank account, obtaining their own insurance coverage and providing for all other business needs to become independent from the Township by the end of 2015. Motion carried.”

The purpose of this letter is to provide some background information.

In 2004, Council passed a resolution that brought Waterside under the Township’s ‘umbrella’. That decision recognized the value of the Waterside music festival to the larger Loyalist community and hugely benefitted Waterside by giving it charitable status as a Township organization. Although the Township did not support Waterside by direct financial assistance, Township staff processed payments, deposits and issued charitable tax receipts to donors. In November of 2014, staff advised the volunteer Waterside Committee that its intent was to “transition Waterside to an independent entity” by the end of 2014. The timing of this totally unexpected news put Waterside in an untenable situation – without the Township’s coverage, Waterside is a small group of volunteers with no legal or business status and no ability to operate as an organization that could provide charitable donation receipts to Waterside’s generous and essential sponsors. The Waterside Committee’s appeals to Council to maintain the longstanding relationship with the Township were not successful. The March 9th resolution passed by Council gives Waterside until the end of 2015 to become independent.

Where are we now?

The Waterside Committee has begun the process to incorporate as a non-profit organization and to obtain charitable status. Approximately 50% of Waterside’s revenue comes from sponsors and maintaining charitable status is essential for the future of Waterside. As Waterside has done for the past 10 years, the 2015 operating budget has been provided

to the Township. It should be noted that Waterside has been able to operate within its budget each year and maintains a small ongoing surplus balance (currently held by the Township).

Why does this matter?

2015 marks Waterside’s 23rd season of bringing world-class, primarily classical, musical entertainment to Amherst Island, Loyalist Township and the broader community. More than half of the concert audience comes from the mainland. Concert-goers and performers support local businesses when possible. Waterside hires Island people and donates a set amount each year to St. Paul’s Presbyterian Church in return for use of its beautiful performance space. In addition, the Waterside performers have graciously provided pro bono music to enhance the regular St. Paul’s Sunday services when they are on the Island.

What’s next?

The 2015 season is “business as usual” so this change should not discourage Waterside supporters to continue to attend concerts and provide sponsorship.

Waterside operates with a four person volunteer committee consisting of Beverley Harris, Ula Stief, Peggy Edwards and Diane Pearce. When Waterside (hopefully) becomes a charitable organization, we will be looking for additional volunteers for the Board (exact number to be determined) and for other administrative and operational tasks. If you are interested, please contact any of the Committee members or send a note to Waterside, c/o Beverley Harris, Artistic Director, 4 Front Road, Stella, ON K0H 2S0.

Please check www.watersidemusic.ca for the outstanding 2015 season – and we’ll see you at the concerts!

[Editor’s note: This should have been in last month’s Beacon – our apologies.]

WOMEN’S INSTITUTE

- Judy Greer

On Wed. May 20th the AIWI met at the Public School after attending the annual School Concert. Thirteen members were present. Joyce Haines and Liz Harrison attended the Federation of Women’s Institutes of Ontario (FWIO) District Meeting on

May 19th and gave a report which included the following: our branch reported approx. 1400 volunteer hours in the past year. FWIO is providing funds for groups starting new branches of which there are several. FWIO made a large contribution to the Associated Country Women of the World, a group we support through a collection each meeting. The District is beginning partial funding for the L&A Seniors Outreach Services. We have previously covered the cost of their January newsletter. SOS will be moving to a new location near the L&A Hospital.

Andrea Cross reported on the progress made to date on the Dry Stone Wall Festival scheduled for Sept. 25-27 on Amherst Island. As many visitors are anticipated, anyone interested in billeting guests should contact Bonnie Livingstone. Andrea is working on Funding assistance by preparing grant applications and by meeting with possible supporters. The program sounds very exciting. A grant from the Community Foundation will support the establishment of a permanent Interpretive Panel at the site, a Time Capsule, a Self-Guided Tour pamphlet and Workshops for children. Individuals wishing to support the festival can make a donation to the charitable organization, Dry Stone Walling Association of Canada. AIWI will make a donation to support the festival and individuals will be involved as volunteers.

On Sunday afternoon, June 28th, AIWI is holding a public event at the Lodge on Amherst Island. Author Sandra Joyce will speak about British Home Children who were brought to Canada between 1869 and 1948. Ms. Joyce wrote the book, "The Street Arab". The event starts at 1:30 p.m. and there will be refreshments. It is free but donations would be gratefully accepted. Residents who may be descendants of the Home Children are encouraged to come and bring memorabilia to add to a display table.

The AIWI is developing a new article for sale this summer. A canvas tote bag with a logo of Dry Stone Walls was approved and will soon be available.

Price Lists for baked items for the cart and Bake sales were updated. Island Beautification activities will continue this summer. The tulip plantings were well received.

Advocacy coordinator Anne Henderson led a discussion about Public Health management of Lyme

Disease. Several residents have recently sought help about ticks and had differing responses from health officials. Residents were reminded they need to be well-informed and pro-active about their own care. There doesn't seem to be a protocol followed by all health professionals. Anne also discussed problems with accurate food labeling using bar codes, especially canned goods. Anne will investigate further. Judy let members know that hearing assessments are free to all adults in Ontario and include the hearing test and followed by a consultation.

Next meeting will be June 17, 2015 at Claire Jenney's house at 2pm and will be a picnic. New members and guests are always welcome.

JANET'S JOTTINGS

- Janet Scott

A Beaver's Joyful Return to Amherst Island

We all love getting home to our Island especially while we are dealing with the small boat. I'm sure you have felt that big sigh of relief when you make it on and can now lean back and relax while the ferry crew brings you safely home. Sometimes you've been away only a few short hours or maybe you are a Snowbird and have been travelling or vacationing for several months. You arrive at the dock and spot those silos at C.J.A.I. radio station or see the star shining on the barn if your return is in winter. Home, what a blessed sound that has!



A homecoming beaver

Photo by Judy Bierma

Last month Judy Bierma and I had the privilege of returning a rehabilitated Beaver to his home on the Art McGinn Road. He was nervous to leave the carrying cage as he had been away for three and one half months living at Sandy Pines Wildlife Centre. This was a very unusual season at Sandy Pines because four Beavers were admitted and cared for in Napanee last winter.

How did our Amherst Island Beaver end up in a rehab centre? How did this story of hope and healing begin? Way back in February, if you remember we had constant minus degree weather for weeks and weeks. During that time three other young beavers had been admitted to Sandy Pines and then one day I got the call from Sue Meech. Please go to 1605 Third Concession to pick up an injured beaver.

I knew the address and Judy and I headed there to meet Jocelyn Feran and Codey Mayman who had rescued a young beaver; last year's kit who was in a very bad way. He was muddy, emaciated, bur-covered and shivering. The beaver was sitting on the ice covered pile of rubble in the dyke area on Art McGinn Road.

When we arrived, Sue Meech informed us that Codey and Jocelyn had contacted her in the nick of time as he was in a very bad way and would have died shortly. We were allowed to watch quietly as she gently washed him over and over again with a warm spray as caked-on mud washed away. When the water appeared somewhat less brown, Sue put in the plug and the little fellow began to drink thirstily. Right away he had his temperature taken and received antibiotics. The bath is neat as it is a tub on a raised platform so that Sue does not bend way over when washing this little fellow. He was given a few branches and made an attempt to eat and then wrapped and dried in warm towels and placed in a darkened, quiet area. At this point we left and felt very discouraged about his chances.

I phoned to check after a few days and found out that he was bruised and had broken front teeth but that he was holding his own, although very weak. Sue wondered if he might have been dug out of his burrow and unknowingly moved by machinery because usually the beaver family winters safely underground with sufficient food to carry them through. From their pens the other three beavers were moved to heavy plastic pools with good food and a shelter made from sticks but still our little Beaver #4 was too weak and stayed in the hospital. Sue found as the beavers improved they chewed their pools and she got metal tanks made for livestock to keep them in. Eventually our beaver recovered and one evening I got the call. "Your beaver wants to go home." The very next morning, a sunny morning in May we picked up a fat, smoothly groomed beaver who grunted and showed some objections to a car ride in a large cat carrier. As Judy and I left Sandy

Pines we turned to Sue and said "Does he have a name?" and she replied, "We just call him Beaver#4." We took him home to Amherst Island where he was born. They always look like they are scowling but when he got to swim down the pond, nibble some bulrushes and feel and smell home, I think he smiled and when he made a wide circle and swam back to us I like to think he came back to say THANK-YOU!



Janet Scott releasing Beaver #4 back into the wild after his stay at Sandy Pines.

Photos by Judy Bierma

Thank-you Codey and Jocelyn for caring about wildlife. Thank-you Sue Meech and all your volunteers for running a shelter that accepts all ailing wildlife and thank-you to Jane and Russell McGinn for allowing me to enter their property to release Beaver#4 and thank-you Judy for keeping me company on my wildlife runs to Napanee.

[Bonnie Livingstone saw a Monarch Butterfly on May 28th.]

COUNCIL GLEANINGS

- Ian Murray

From the 10th Session of Council, May 11

From the Annual Report & Monitoring – Amherst Island Landfill Site

“The site was surveyed in December of 2014, and the rate of fill was measured at 140 m³ per year. This is less than the previous year, and lower than predicted. The average annual rate of fill over the past sixteen years has been 300 m³ per year. AECOM considers long term averages to be a better indicator of site usage than single-year measurements.

“Although single-year measurements can fluctuate significantly from year to year, usage at Amherst Island Waste Disposal Site has been trending downward and has averaged only 225 m³ per year over the past five years, much lower than the predicted rate of 400 m³ per year. If site usage continues at current levels, site lifespan calculations should be revisited. At the recent rates of fill the site can last for 60 more years, until 2075.

“Records indicate 4,576 bags of refuse were deposited at the site. This figure includes all bags of waste, tagged or otherwise, disposed of Amherst Island Waste Disposal Site. The number of bags in 2014 continues a downward trend in site usage that has been evident since 2009.”

AIMS Meeting, May 9th at 8am

- Anders Bennick

Chair: David Pickering

Attendance: 13 members

Breakfast: A big thank you to Debbie Scott, Jane McGinn and the senior class for an outstanding breakfast.

Agenda

1. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the April meeting were approved as circulated.

2. Future speakers

The speaker at the June meeting is Andrea Cross who will orient us on the upcoming stone wall festival. Other future speakers suggested by members are Kurt Henninge, President of the Kingston Field Naturalists and a spokesperson for the Napanee gas

fired generating station now under construction (Ken Albertan to contact)

3. Treasurer's report

Kevin Archibald reported a healthy bank balance. He reminded members that the market starts next week-end and that the wagon needs to be cleaned up. He also announced that he is stepping down as treasurer. The secretary proposed to contact Hugh Groot to ask if he is willing to be treasurer.

4. Transportation Report

There have been two requests for transportation in the past month.

5. Road clean up.

Bruce Burnett urged members to sign up for cleaning of remaining segments of the island roads.

6. New Business

a) Recycling of light bulbs. Ken Albertan will approach the Township about the possibility of setting up a light bulb recycling facility connected with the landfill site.

b). Support for Emerald Music festival. Anthony Gifford proposed that AIMS donate \$350 in support of the Emerald Music Festival. There was a discussion of the merits of this suggestion including the implication such support would have for support of similar events. The secretary reminded members that AIMS had recently approved guidelines for granting donations (part of the minutes of the December 2014 meeting) and that a decision by the members present at this meeting, including the proponent, did not conform to the guidelines.

The members chose to ignore the guidelines. A motion to make a donation to the Emerald Festival was passed with 11 for, 1 against and 1 abstention.

7. For Information.

David Pickering reported on a recent meeting at the Community Centre where students from Ryerson University presented their conceptual designs for Amherst Island retirement suites.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 10am.



Helena, Robert, Judy, George, Joan and Joyce
Photo courtesy of Jucy Bierma

THE CHEESE MAKER'S DAUGHTER

-Judy Bierma

..Tidbits from Mom, Helena Bierma

Tell me about what you remember about making cheese on the Island.

"George went out early in the morning to be there for when the farmers came with their milk. The farmers would start to come at 6 and had to be in by 9. I remember that George stirred the milk with big milk paddles.

"I would feed you kids breakfast and send Joyce and Judy off to school and take Robert and Joan out to the factory. We didn't have any running water in the house so we didn't have showers in the morning. We had a small pump on the kitchen sink that brought water from the cistern."

Where would Joan and Robert play in the factory?

"I would put them in the extra vat. We made cheese in the two big vats and there was a small vat we never used. I put a blanket and toys in it for them to play with while George and I worked."

What did Dad use the little pipettes for?

.. "Testing. Testing the milk to see if it was time to put the Rennet in for thickening the milk. George had got the milk to a certain temperature and we mixed it with a big wooden paddle."

"We had to cut the curd into pieces and then put the big slabs in the shredder.

"We stirred the curds with steel paddles - an agitator that was run by electricity".

What did Dad do with the cream?

"The cream went into cream cans and was sent to

the Kingston Creamery." The cheese went to Black Diamond.

Tell me about selling the cheese.

"We sold a lot of ten pounders - ten pound wheels to the boaters. Robert turned them in the curing room. We sold the cheese in wedges and sometimes they came in and bought a whole 30 pounder. The farmers would buy the whole 30 pounder. Your Dad made wheels that were 90 pounds and then he would cut them in thirds and the cut wedges off the third and wrap it in brown paper. Cheese was around 50 cents a pound then.

"The big wheels would also be sold to Black Diamond."

What did you wear in the factory?

"I just wore a white apron over house dresses. I had worked in the Erinsville factory and also the Trent River Cheese Factory."

Did you ever get paid?

"No, I never got paid. I worked every day on Amherst Island. I washed aprons and the cheese cloth."

Tell me about bathing us in the boiler room.

"Your Dad made a little bathroom in the boiler room, he put curtains up. I brought out your pyjamas and bathed you in the tanks that held warm water then I would bring you into the house in your pyjamas. When it got warmer I bathed you in Stella Bay. We didn't worry about germs in the water then. I used to swim in the water right down from the cows on the farm when I was a kid."

What do you remember about the smells in the factory?

"I got used to it, it's just like farming. The smell in the factory was very strong and it was really, really hot all day long.

What did you like about living on the Island?

"You knew where the children were all the time. Robert would play with Freddy Neilson and Michael McCormick. They would wander around the village all day long. Joanie played with Patt-Jo Neilson. Joycie played with the Wemp girls. You played with Gay Eves, Laurie Kilpatrick and Joyce Glenn."

"One day there was a school trip planned to Ottawa. You and Joyce got expelled for talking too much. I made you go to school and sit there but there was no trip to Ottawa for you. Mrs. McKee didn't like you. That was just her make up."

Tell me about the factory house.

“No running water; used a hand pump on the kitchen sink. The water came from the cistern. I had to heat the water on the stove. That’s why I bathed you kids in the boiler room. We had an outhouse. Then we got a burning toilet but it didn’t work. We had oil burners. Grandpa Hessel Bierma lived with us. He never worked in the factory, just walked around and gardened. He sat in his bedroom singing his hymns.”

“George had a good voice but he never sang. When we were first married he played the guitar, violin and sang. When we moved to Toronto someone stole his violin from our storage unit. Grandpa Hessel gave his guitar to George’s brother John, his sister Mary got the accordion and George got the piano but after that he just gave up music. Grandma Bierma taught piano for the Toronto Conservatory in Toronto and also in Saskatchewan when they moved there. Her name was Maude Sanderson.”

Who did you hang out with on the Island?

“We were good friends with Ross and Tena (Filson), Gayel and Wilbert (Willard), Jan and Earnest Fleming. We played cards with them a lot. We went down through the States with Jan and Earnest (Fleming), and to a Cheese Maker’s Competition in Ottawa. George got a trophy from the British Cheese Making Association.”



“Can I have some unprocessed cheese, please?”

Photo by Sheree Girty

GUTSY WALK EVENT

You may have noticed an extra table at the market for the past few weeks. Norma Lynn Cole and Melanie Eves have been working at raising funds in support of the “Gutsy Walk” for the Crohn’s & Colitis Society.

The event took place on Sunday the 7th of June at Lemoine Point. It was successful in raising over \$50K for the cause – well in excess of its \$35K goal.

The local ladies (seen below) also helped in organizing, worked at walk-day registration, and helped to gather a wide variety of corporate donations in support of the walkers.

Speaking of walkers, find below a familiar face who joined them on walk day. Way to go Jude!



**Above: Melanie Eves and Norma Lynn Cole
Below: Judy Bierma at the end of 5 Km of walking**

Photos by each other



HONOURING OUR LIFEblood

- David Pickering

On May 26th, I had the pleasure of attending an appreciation night for donors and volunteers given by Canadian Blood Services.

Occurring annually, this event recognizes those persons who have attained significant milestones

during the previous year. For donors, this could be 50, 75, 100, etc donations. For volunteers, it could be for 5 or 10 years service – or for other significant achievements. It also recognizes organizations who partner with CBS to help promote the blood system.

One of the most powerful elements of the evening is always the Recipient Speaker: someone who has needed the blood supply, and wants to say thank you. For this night, it was Francine Turnbull (seen below), a mother of two whose second pregnancy went terribly wrong. Complications after the birth resulted in severe hemorrhaging, and without massive amounts of replacement blood, she would most certainly have been dead today.

Today, she continues to enjoy her life, her family and her career. For this she is deeply grateful, and she encourages those people involved to continue to provide lifeblood to those in need.



Half of all Canadians will either need blood for themselves or one of their family members during their lives. In many cases – either the blood is there – or the person dies. Donating blood is easy, safe, quick, pain free, and convenient. By doing it, you save lives. If anyone wants to talk about donating blood – please give me a call.



My collection of donor pins

All photos by Robert Ouellette

THE VICTORIA HALL

-Shirley Miller

The Victoria Hall once the hub of the Island is now the home of Bernice Gould and Neil Johnson. It was owned by the Burleigh Loyal Orange Lodge no. 482 and was built about 1860. It still sits quietly in the center of Stella and seems to gaze forlornly down MacDonald Lane.

This is where the community gathered before the



addition to the school took its place, to dance, play cards, watch movies, hold Christmas concerts, even Santa came. Oyster Dinners and Horse Race Dance and Suppers were way before my time but I have heard stories.

This poem was given to me to be included in the Presbyterian Church cookbook. It appeared in the first edition but some found it inappropriate so it was excluded from further editions. I would like to add it here as it is a look at past times in the hall written by someone who was obviously there at the time.

THE HORSE RACE DANCE

The races are over, the evening has come
And many have gathered for an evening of fun.
The hall is open, the lamps are lit
And on the benches the dancers sit.
'Tis Wednesday night we are on our way
Many sleepy folks there will be the next day.
We go inside for the music is here
And nearly every car holds a case of beer.
All dance wild when the liquor kicks,
The music we have is Circle Six;
Round and round everyone goes,
There's such a crowd they step on your toes.
At suppertime they all sit down

And large soup plates are passed around,
The hall is filled 'tis nothing new
As cups are scarce there's none for you.
The jockeys with trays pass every seat
You've got to yell if you want to eat.
From soup plates you can coffee drink
It's not so hard as you would think.
Out in the kitchen Royal is fed
With his arms around Mary Ann and Fred;
Oh, how I love you, Fred, he cries,
And Mary Ann's wrath goes up to the skies.
Of sandwiches there should be no lack
If they ever intend to fill Big Jack,
But rumour says they are running low,
And the jockeys report that 'tis so.
To Kingston they went for ham that night
But they forgot the ham and came back tight.
In automobiles across the way
Those laid out are left to stay.
On the steps of the platform straight up from the door
Some dancers try and fall flat on the floor,
Some don't care and others do
In a crowd like this 'tis nothing new.
Partners for a square is the orchestra's cry
And to their best girls the dancers fly.
The music is fast, the dancers keep time
And the caller off sings off in a rhyme.
One little error Sir Royal makes
And for a partner Charlie Howard he takes,
Then back to his place he nimbly hops
He's just in time, the music stops.
In one of the squares goes Mr. Royal
To dance to such music is quite a toil,
The caller off you scarce can hear
But Royal just swings his honey dear.
In another square some young folk stood
Doing everything but what they should,
To watch them you would think them tight
But they are just happy and enjoying the night.
The money received down at the door
Was taken from those upon the floor.
If times are tough 'tis hard to see
It seems like a fortune to you and me.
When the dance is over and cars move away,
Out on the ice and across the Bay.
We had quite a crowd from over there
To patronize them is only fair.

Author Unknown

There was a kitchen where the ladies produced at the appointed hour a great quantity of food and drink, no alcohol of course. The coats were piled upstairs and little ones who were too tired to stay awake curled up until their parents carried them home. There was a two hole biffy for women and kids to use. Being it was on the second floor kids were sometimes fearful of dropping through.



This is a view of the back of the hall with its upstairs biffy. There is or was a creek behind the hall so after spring run-off all evidence was gone.

When there was a dance everyone came, grandma bounced the baby on her knee and the young people learned to dance with mom or maybe grandpa. Some of the men folk would have to meet outside for a time to discuss the weather, the crops or perhaps the latest gossip. This would take place out of sight of the front door of course. Eventually the men folk would join in and the gals would not have to dance together.



This is Beth Forester as a scarecrow and Leslie Glenn who was probably one of the costume judges.

Halloween masquerade dances were held in the hall but the trip home could be fraught with difficulty when gates and outhouses etcetera took to appearing in unusual places.

The hall was instrumental in my meeting Keith for the first time when he brought the new sign he had built for the hall to me to paint the letters on.

MAY 2015 On AMHERST ISLAND
-Sharen English

The Snowbirds are back from the South.

A foal and her mother are in the pasture.

The cows have had calves.

The yearlings are so cute.

It has been hot and sunny for a few days but now the weather is seasonal.

The mornings and nights are cool in temperature.

The lilacs are out, white and purple. I exit my car, stop and smell them, as I do every year. They smell divine. Light purple is my favourite colour.

I went at 9 am to see the Painted Bunting, a rare bird to our area, and encountered 30 Québécois birders doing the same thing. They rolled off the Ferry in a caravan of 10 cars and vans. When they arrived at their destination they brought out cameras with telephoto lenses, tripods and binoculars. I hung around asking them questions, in my halting French, about what birds they were seeing. We saw the Indigo Bunting but not the Painted Bunting. "Oh well". We got a good view of an Oriole. What a gorgeous bird it was, yellow, black and orange.

We laughed at the sounds of the grunting pigs in a pen near the road.

I now know what a Red Breasted Grosbeak looks like. They are splendid.

We see 40 different birds now when we go out, The Motley Crew. We drive around the Island for at least 2 hours and take note of all the birds. It is a pleasant experience to be with friendly women, enjoying beautiful scenery.

I met a couple of new residents to the island, of the canine persuasion. They are puppies, a Chihuahua and a Golden Labrador.

My friend Sting, the Parson's Terrier, is showing his age but still greets me with an ecstatic bark and presents his shy self to me for a rub. Lily the very old Calico short haired and Murphy the white and black

short haired, both thin cats, come for a rub too.

The openings of the Neilson Museum, Stella's Café, The Weasel and Easel, The Saturday Market, The Fish Fry and the CJA Radio station Fundraiser all occur within the time span of May 14 to May 22. This is obviously a busy time for the Island. People are coming outdoors to enjoy the warmer weather.

People are planting their vegetables and flowers.

We gear up for tourist season and the return of the Cottagers.

I get up at 5:30 a.m. and I see a pink horizon over the water. I remember what Susan said to us when we moved here, "Welcome to paradise."

I put seed in our birdfeeders and sprinkle some sunflower seeds on the ground. Mourning Doves, Red Winged Blackbirds, Sparrows, Grackles and Goldfinches all come to feed. The Tree Swallows are flying around too.

We have a Mallard family nesting under our tree, taking advantage of the meal on the ground. Their chick is not yet born.

The Canada Geese now have chicks. One family has ten and one family has two.

I have seen them swimming in a neat row, what a delightful sight.

The trees are green, all different shades.

The thousands of sheep have been shorn.

We have the small Ferry now. I get in line at the half hour in Stella to ensure that I make it on. If I come any later there is a chance that I won't ride across. I have always made the Ferry in Stella, and for that I am grateful. So far I have been left behind twice in Millhaven. "Bummer."

Lately I have been giving the Ferry Crews cakes or pies to show my gratitude for their hard work managing the many tasks associated with the operation of The Quinte Loyalist.

We heard Anthony and Keith play guitar and harmonica at a sing-a-long at the Loyalist Grill. The food is great there and we sat with Helena, Judy and Janet.

I will visit The Saturday Market and then I will bird here on the Island for 3 hours with the experts from the Kingston Field Naturalists.

Tonight is The Fish Fry and Dance. It is always busy.

Sunday we see a play in Gananoque and later visit

an Island friend.

Monday, friends from the Mainland are coming here to play cards.

That is enough for me to report.

THANK YOU NOTES

Staff and students at Amherst Island Public School would like to thank our family, friends and the community for coming out to our production of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory".



The complete cast
Photo by Alex Scott

We have all worked for several months on our parts, sets and costumes and enjoyed presenting it to such a large audience!



The Oompa Loompas
Photo by Alex Scott

Special thanks to Beth Forester for playing the piano for us, and to Roxanne Wolfreys for coming in and helping with set painting!

WANTED:

If you have any unwanted but reusable seedling trays I would be glad to have them, please. I can pick them up or I am at the AIMS Farmers' Market on Saturdays. Thank you. Terry McGinn 613-888-3702, or terry@maplemarsh.ca

Judy and Anthony are seeking a mobile home trailer frame, a small utility trailer (to haul a rowboat) and a set of oars. 613 985-1029

GREETINGS

The Dunns moved to Stratford on May 28-29

The new address is:

Zander and Nancy Dunn

#10 59 Eagle Drive

Stratford On, N5A 7Z1

Phone Number: 519 305 0681

E-Mail addresses:

Nancy Dunn: nedunn@icloud.com

Zander Dunn: zanderdunn07@gmail.com

ADVERTISEMENTS

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Summer hours (1 July to 1 September)

Sunday through Friday: 1-4, Saturday: 10-4

Fall hours

Saturday: 10-4, Sunday: 1-4, Hol Mondays: 1-4

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Summer hours (1 July to 1 September)

Saturday: 10-4, Sunday - Friday: 1-4

Fall hours

Saturday: 10-4, Sunday: 1-4, Hol Mondays 1-4

STELLA'S CAFE

Thurs. 9 - 6

Fri. and Sat. 9 - 7

Sunday 9 - 6

Holiday Mondays 9 - 6

BEE SWARMS

June is the season when bees swarm. If you see a swarm and would like it taken care of please call David Meikle

613 328 8892

Amherst Island Women's Institute Medical Equipment Loan Cupboard (walkers, canes, bath seats, commodes, raised toilet seats). Donations of used equipment in good condition also welcome. Call Sharen English (613)384-6535.

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Mayo Underwood offers one-on-one sessions.

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Follow-up: 6 one hour sessions for \$150, clay, tools, glazes and firings included.

Loving Spoonfuls Pickup and Delivery: Mary White will be gathering all fresh food donations on her front porch (5750 Front Rd on the corner) on Sunday evenings, for delivery on Monday mornings.

Pantries, Food Programs and Shelters may be eating your gifts by noon. They are glad to accept rhubarb at this time of year, as well as all salad greens and whatever early produce you might have. If you are still planting please put in an extra row or plant for donation. Sally 613 389-3444

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

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GODDEN'S WHOLE HOG SAUSAGE We would like to thank our faithful sausage customers on

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HELP STILL NEEDED for the Lennox and Addington S.P.C.A. Used towels and linens, paper towels and cleaning supplies, pet food, kitty litter, dog and cat toys are always in demand; Canadian Tire coupons and pop cans. Leave items on my porch: put pop cans in large container and other items nearby. Thank you for helping to support our

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Island Beauty by Brian Little

FROM THE ARCHIVES:

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COUNCIL MEETING for JUNE 4

- Christopher Kennedy

All members of Council were present. The Minutes of last month's meetings were read. In addition to the regular meeting, there was a meeting on May 13 to discuss what action to take in response to the Petition to Cabinet on behalf of Grace Eves and others to overturn the Ontario Municipal Board's decision not to hold a public hearing on the Drainage Bylaw. There was also a Ferry Committee meeting on May 29th.

There were no building permits issued in May. Ed Chadband asked what could be done about an abandoned skidoo on the side of the road to Long Point. Anyone who knows anything about it should contact Ed.

Stuart Miller said the road crew will be cutting the roadsides and then will start ditching.

Alan Bickerton then reviewed the Council's insurance policy. In the last few years the courts have been awarding enormous amounts in damages in liability cases. He recommended that Council have \$10 million coverage, up from \$5 million. The rates have increased as well, resulting in an overall 42% increase in premiums.

Council dropped the coverage for spray damage, since it is years since they sprayed the roadsides. Mr. Bickerton suggested staying with the same insurance company, which is well established and funded. Premiums might be a little lower elsewhere, but several insurance companies are on shaky financial ground at the moment.

The Reeve reported he had been to 11 township and 5 county meetings last month. Some concerned the Petition to Cabinet about the Drain. The Petition was rejected and there will not be an O.M.B. hearing.

The digging of the Drain continues.

The requests for estimates for the plumbing in the Municipal Building have been sent to five contractors.

The new ferry union contract has been negotiated and was ratified by Council. It gives a 3% across the board increase, with a cash bonus, giving a total of about 4%.

Council considered the applications for temporary deckhand. John Glenn was selected.

Council decided to go ahead with the replacement of the bridge on the third. M.T.C. has offered to pay half this year and, subject to O.M.B. approval, the rest of the payment can be deferred to next year when, hopefully, M.T.C. will come up with the rest of the money. Council was worried that if they rejected the money offered this year, they would get none at all next year, and the bridge has needed to be replaced for years.

Council discussed the dump. On the whole it is working quite well, but some people are putting the wrong stuff in the dump. It was suggested that a by-law be passed to give some teeth to the dump regulations if the problem continues.

Larry Fleming raised the possibility of the fire department acquiring a vehicle extrication kit, but this was deferred until next year.

The non-union township employees, and council members were awarded a 4% pay increase, to match the union increase.

The Reeve is going west for a week to his son's wedding, and Ted Welbanks, as Chairman of the Finance Committee, will co-sign cheques in his absence.

An agreement has been reached between the Cemetery Committee and Council whereby the Clerk/treasurer will be responsible for keeping the financial records.

The Recreation Committee gave \$100 to 4-H.

Bert Nesbitt's severance was approved in principle, subject to a zoning change.

The Reeve will discuss with the O.P.P. whether we will be better covered by the Amherstview or the Napanee detachment.

Council then adjourned.

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

- Annette

A warm welcome to newcomers Bill and Marianne Tonn & family (living at the former Gordon Reid place); to Mr. Downey (at the former Charles & Iva Eves place). Welcome back to David Willard who is moving to the former Silver's house with his wife. Also welcome to Jean Johnstone who is spending the summer at the old Fowler House.

Best wishes to Vera Hogeboom who, after surgery 2 weeks ago, is now recuperating at St. Lawrence Place in Kingston. She is expected home in a few weeks.

Condolences to Doug Wilson & Cora who are nursing baby Max. It seems an operation to trim his tail was not as successful as it could have been and resulted in Max losing a lot of blood. Max was expected to get home Thursday from hospital.

Congratulation to our friendly bankers. Both Janice and Darlene are expecting some time in November.

A happy first birthday to Ryan Nesbitt, grandson of Bert and May. His first birthday will be held Saturday in Toronto.

Liz, Jason and Janice Silver are off later this month for a few weeks in England. Hope it's not the rainy season.

Last but certainly not least, I would like to wish my parents, Paul & Carol Glenn, a very happy anniversary. They will be celebrating their 25th on July 1st.

SCHOOL NEWS

- Steve Ward, Tessa Fabien

The past month has been a busy one for the students and staff of A.I.P.S.

On June 3rd, the grade eight students went to Napanee District Secondary School for orientation. They spent the morning there and attended several grade nine classes.

On June 4th, the school had its annual track and field meet. The students competed against each other in several races and pit jumps.

On June 5th, some of the students went to Napanee to compete with other schools in the cross-country and relay races.

On Saturday, June 8th, the Student's Council held a highly successful Flea Market at the school. Jean Tugwell won the draw for the sheepskin rug, Beth Forrester won the Harrowsmith Magazine subscription and Steve Ward won the Equinox Magazine subscription. We would like to thank the community for supporting this highly profitable event for the school.

On June 24th, the Grade Eight and Kindergarten graduation will be held at the school. The ceremonies will begin at one o'clock, and will be followed by several plays being put on by the students, and refreshments. The Grade Eight graduates will be: Steve Ward, Penni Thornhill, Rick Welbanks, Donnie Miller, Trudy Strain, Nick McGinn and David Cunningham.

The Kindergarten graduates are Kelly Baker, Jason Hutchings, Jessica Gavlas and Angela Fleming.

June 25th will be the last day of school for this year. To end up the year, the students and teachers will travel to Pam McCormick's for the annual school picnic.

School will then be dismissed for the summer.

AMHERST ISLAND WOMEN'S INSTITUTE -I.M.P.

The June Meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Leslie Gavlas June 19th at 8:00 pm. The meeting will be to discuss our own branch of the Women's Institute. New members are invited to attend and hear what we will be doing in the future.

The W.I. is this month serving a dinner to the Blind Friendship Club on June 15th.

Hoping to see new faces for our meetings.

FAMILY NAMES

- Bert Glenn

"Family Surnames" who resided on Amherst Island over the years; some have moved away and many have passed away, leaving these Family names no longer on the Island.

Bilkey; Bray; Brooks; Bierma; Burleigh; Beaubien; Beggs; Coulson; Cooper; Chown; Cole; Cochrane; Connors; Clute; Corke; Cumberland; Cronkite; Dennee; Durham; Earls; Farrington; Fowler; Flanigan; Finlay; Finnigan; Gibson; Girvin;

Holden; Hefford; Hamilton; Hill; Hounslow; Instant;
Kearney; Kennedy; Kyle; Lawson; La Voie; Lowery;
Leavens; Mulders; Moutray; Morris; McKee;
Montgomery; Munroe; McMaster; McFern;
McQuoid; Mills; McGinnis; Morrow; McVeen;
McCaugherty; McGratton; McCormac; Mahood;
McHardy; McMath; Neilson; Nightingale;
O'Connor; Orchard; Peterson; Patterson; Preston;
Pringle; Polly; Press; Richards; Saunders; Speirs;
Stevenson; Sutherland; Sudds; Taite; Wilkinson;
White; Westwood; Wires

PUBLIC NOTICES

- Diane Pearce

Council has given First and Second Reading to the Procedural Bylaw, being a by-law to establish rules and procedures for the orderly conduct of meetings.

Because the by-law is quite lengthy, it is not being printed in the Beacon. However, copies are available on request from the Municipal office.

ILLEGAL DUMPING

Reg. 309 of the Environmental Protection Act prohibits the dumping of dead animals or parts thereof in a landfill site. Because such dumping creates a health hazard, please dispose of carcasses in the proper manner.

STREET DANCE - RESTRICTED TRAFFIC

The Amherst Island Volunteer Firefighters Association has received Council's approval to hold the Annual Street Dance on July 13th, 1985, on the main street in Stella.

Please be advised that Main Street will be closed to regular through traffic from 8 p.m. until 1 a.m.

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Election Results

How the Island voted...

Barnes... 112 P.C.

Dumfey... 2

Garretson... 78 Lib.

Pacheo... 3

Wilson... 44 N.D.P.

Total... 239

2 ballots spoilt

for a total of 241 votes

COUNCIL REPORT June 6, 1995

- Chris Kennedy

Council was busy in May, with the regular meeting, and then a meeting on May 9th with the insurance agent and auditor, along with some other business.

At a meeting on May 15th the Fire Hall tenders were opened. All the tenders were considerably over the budget, so Council decided to postpone the public meeting on the project until they had negotiated with the two lowest bidders to try to come up with a more realistic figure.

Council also decided that a fence should be put along the east boundary of the Stella Forty-foot at the south end from the travelled road to the high water mark, after the adjacent landowner had been asked to remove all his items from the Township road allowance.

There was also a Public Works Committee meeting on May 15th, when it was decided to draw up a long-term plan for the development of the former Clyde property near the ferry dock.

The Township heard that a hazardous waste disposal day would cost almost \$3000, so the public will be asked to store their hazardous waste until a better solution is found.

At a meeting on May 24th, the Fire Hall project was again discussed. The latest figures from the lowest tenderer, B. Haegele Enterprises Ltd. are much closer to the money available for the project. The Public Works Department are generously offering to do much of the site preparation work on their own time.

On May 29th council met to hear proposals on the Fire Hall from Ken Albertan and Llew MacArthur. Ken proposed to divide and reconstruct the existing barn on his property along the Front Road to make a Fire Hall. He would donate the land. Llew proposed to construct a frame fire hall on the proposed site by the Public Works Building, and he would take the old fire hall as the Township's share of the cost.

On May 31st council again met to discuss the fire hall project. They received revised quotes from B. Haegele, and planned a meeting with him.

Council also discussed the budget.

Council decided to get a new photocopier and a better printer for the Township office.

It was decided to offer John McGinn the combined jobs of animal control officer (dog catcher) and livestock valuer, at a fixed salary. The present livestock valuers are paid for each call. This item was a recorded vote, Whitton and Scott voting against. It was also proposed that the building inspector, John McGinn, be paid on a monthly retainer plus a portion of the building permit fees. At a later meeting this was approved, with a recorded vote, Scott voting nay. At the same meeting it was decided that the implementation of the decision on livestock valuers would be tabled until the July meeting to allow public input from those directly affected.

The regular meeting for June was on June 6th.

Caroline Yull spoke for Llew MacArthur on the proposed fence at the south end of the Stella Forty-foot. Caroline said that the decision to put up the fence was arbitrary, the fence was unnecessary, that it would create a road hazard, block Llew's access to his property, was in the wrong place and a waste of the taxpayers' money. The full text of his letter is available at the Township office. George Gavlas had also written to Council supporting Llew's arguments. Council later stated that it had the right to put up the fence and that it was designed to stop Llew's items encroaching on Township property.

Ken Albertan brought Council's attention to the problem of broken glass in the school playground, and enquired if a free dump day was planned this year (not likely according to Council).

Council had a vigorous discussion about the cost of a sign in the village that is to say "Thank you for visiting Amherst Island".

The Clerk is to try to find a lower quote.

Council then approved the tender from Dibblee Construction for \$60,733.20 for paving part of the Front Road west of the school. There may be enough money left to repair some of the road east of the village. The Road crew has started the ditching and culvert work needed before the paving can be done.

Council is concerned about reports of garbage and barrels being brought to the Island and ending up in the landfill site. No foreign garbage should be brought to the Island at all. The clerk will discuss the matter with the Ministry of the Environment.

Council then passed the budget for 1995. This had been discussed extensively in previous meetings. Full details are available at the Township Office, but

the bottom line is that there will be a decrease of 0.81% in the Mill Rate.

The ferry subsidy will be \$1,084,100 this year, with \$120,455 having to be raised from ticket sales.

The general roads subsidy from the province is \$85,400, apart from the extra for repaving part of the Front Road.

Dog Licences should bring in \$1,730, dump charges \$5,000, Lot levy fees \$2,600, and a \$7,760 transfer from reserves.

The Back Beach is budgeted at \$10,000 to finish the survey work and other legal expenses. Let us hope that this year will see the end of that.

The new Fire Hall is included in this budget, with no income from the sale of the old fire hall, so if it is sold this year that will be a bonus.

In May two building permits were issued, one to Stratton Reid and one to Earl and Donna Willard, and an occupancy permit was issued to Doug Shurtliffe.

Council decided to send letters to the appropriate authorities expressing concern about the pollution from the Celanese and Du Pont plants, which were recently listed as some of the top polluters locally.

For once Council actually managed to finish its business before 11 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary of Marjorie and Jack Sylvester, June 24, 1995. Tom and Jackie invite Islanders to help celebrate Marjorie and Jack's anniversary.

We are having an afternoon "at home" beside a water garden within sight of Marjorie's vegetable plot.

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING June 14, 1995

- Ian Murray

This meeting was held at the Fire Hall and was attended by about 30 members of the public. After considerable discussion the following decision was reached: B. Haegele Enterprises is to build a new Fire Hall beside the Public Works Building for a cost of \$80,456.

All other expenses are estimated to be \$8500.

EMERGENCY FIRST RESPONSE TEAM

- Annette Phillips

Our sincere thanks to everyone who has made donations to the "Defib Fund".

Private donations are now up over the \$2,000 mark.

Thanks to: Doug Wilson / Barry and Laura Gartner / Chris and Don Gregg / Piet Witteveen / David and Betty Wemp / Allan and Cathy Glenn / Gertrude Maude / Lloyd and Elaine Wolfreys / Royal Canadian Legion Branch #539/ Don and Rosaleen Emmons / Mary Robinson / Vera Hogeboom / Madlyn Kerr/ Dave Kerr / Suzanne Wemp.

Special thanks to Sally Bowen who has been selling plants at the store with proceeds to the "Defib". And thank-you to Jean Baker who is selling composting worms and donating her profits as well.

Thanks also to Dave Youell, for building the fundraising gauge you will soon see at Bob Marshall's.

And thanks to Bob Marshall for letting us use his lawn.

Please remember our Blood Pressure Clinics, the last Sunday of every month from 2-4 at the school. This month our clinic will be on Canada Day, in conjunction with the Rec Committee celebrations. Our first Corn Roast (really a corn boil but we didn't think it sounded very appealing) will be held Saturday, August 5. Dance following. Tickets on sale July 1 from Annette Phillips, Laurie Youell, Sue McGinn and at Glenn's Store. \$22.00 per couple.

Fred Werthman has kindly donated a set of his ferry paintings to raffle. Tickets will be on sale within the next couple of weeks.

We apologize for the delay in the Amherst Island phone directory. We are truly expecting it anytime soon. Price is \$3.50. The books will be on sale at the Store and at EFRT Blood Pressure Clinics.

Finally a brief but poignant note. ERFT members were called out at 4:30 this morning to a "suspected cardiac arrest", according to the 911 dispatcher. While everything turned out fine, those 11 volunteers raced from their homes at this early hour knowing full well that if it were a cardiac arrest there was very little they could do without a defibrillator. This patient was a neighbour and a friend, and a family member to many.

Please give generously to the "Defib Fund".

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

- Annette

Our sympathy to Marianne Eves and family on the loss of her mother this month.

Condolences also to the McGinn family on the death of Harry Westwood.

Island resident Lucile Brown also passed away this month.

Congratulations to Alex Scott and Debbie Fleming who will be married on the Island Saturday, June 24th.

For the third month in a row Susie Caughey is still not completely recovered after being kicked by a cow. The good news is that Susie is now seen out and about occasionally so her condition has improved somewhat.

Helen Caughey has also been suffering leg ailments the past few weeks.

Best wishes to Doug Gavlas who has been extremely ill from a bout of chicken pox.

Best wishes to Thelma Howard who is currently in hospital undergoing dialysis therapy.

And best wishes to the dozens who are suffering this cold/walking pneumonia thing that is going around.

After teaching in Italy this past school year, Julie Forester is expected home sometime this summer.

Although she spent a year studying in France she has come home to take a Canadian French course in order to teach here. Figure that out!

We had so much fun last year let's do it again.

FRONT ROAD GARAGE SALE

July 2 - starts at 10a.m.

Some locations include: McDonald's, Koender's, Kilpatrick's, Morgan's, Tom and Audrey Miller's and anyone else on the Front Road who gets organized.

AMHERST ISLAND WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

- Freda Youell

The monthly meeting was held on May 24th at the home of Helen Lamb and the members present were pleased to welcome a new member and a visitor.

After the Ode and Collect the National Anthem was sung and the usual reports were dealt with.

Participation in two June events was discussed, the first being the Women's Institute Country Fair being held on June 17th at the Napanee Fairgrounds to raise funds for the Provincial Office of the W.I. being built in Guelph.

It was decided that our contribution would be in the form of a bake sale table at the fair. The second was a Tea and Dessert evening being held by the Maple Ridge branch of the Associated Country Women of the World on June 22nd at the Selby Township Office at 7 pm. Jean Baker will be contacting members to arrange what promises to be an enjoyable evening.

Our hostess, Helen Lamb served a tasty late lunch and the evening ended with a "Plant Exchange" and everyone went home with some healthy additions for their gardens.

Debbie Fleming and Alex Scott invite our friends and neighbours to attend an Open Dance to share in the celebration of our marriage.

Saturday, June 24, 1995

8:15 pm - 12:30 a.m.

Amherst Island Community Centre

Best Wishes Only



"And STAY out!"
Barn Swallows
Photo by Sheree Girty

ISLE

*- Student reps: Wendy Fleming / Nate Maleska
Special School Representatives: Mrs. P. Rice & Mrs.
M. Farrar*

*On behalf of ISLE we would like to thank the
Amherst Island Community for supporting all our
endeavors this year.*

*As a community effort, you supported the
following:*

- a) Three muffin/cookie drives*
- b) Seven months of Wilton Cheese being offered*
- c) Ham Luncheon.*

*Because you supported the Amherst Island School
students they received the following:*

- a) Two Napanee swimming pool trips*
- b) Senior/Primary Napanee Museum trip – dinosaur
experience*
- c) Hot lunches - December - March*
- d) Milk available each day for students*
- e) Bottled drinking water supplied, container for
water bought by ISLE*
- f) Refreshments following school play*
- g) Library books*
- h) Senior and Primary - Agnes Etherington Art
Gallery Trip*
- i) Senior Class - Science Quest & Kensington
Market/Science Centre trip*
- j) Primary Class - Bog and Stream Experience -
Cataraqui Conservation Area*
- k) Senior/Primary QEVCI - Theatre 5 production*
- l) Mountain Ash tree bought and planted in front of
school*
- m) Picture frames bought for graduation pictures*
- n) Lunch supplied for each students last day of
school*
- o) Free milk for each student the week of June 19-23.*

Special thanks to:

*Val and Dan Wolfreys - donation of fridge
Lyn Fleming - donation of microwave
Elsie Densem - donation of bowls
Dorothy Scott - glasses and juice containers
Syke Fleming - complete place setting for 8 people
Ray and Zelma Koenders - monetary donation
Bath Legion - monetary donation towards Senior
Class end of year trip.*

*Thanks ever so much from your ISLE committee:
Ann Albertan / Karen Fleming / Leslie McDonald /
Karen J. Fleming / Jim Baker / Susan Caughey /
David Willard / Keitha Smith*

WEMP HERITAGE DAY

*- Leigh Wemp
Wemp United Empire Loyalist Descendants Will
Reunite Saturday July 29, 1995
For A Family Reunion
On Amherst Island
Wemp Farm Cairn
1 - 4:30
- God Save the King
- Plaque Dedication
- Town Crier
- Reeve's Speech
- Loyalist Shoot
- Prayers and Gospel Sing
- Old Time Fiddlers
- Get Acquainted / Family Photos
Amherst Island Public School
5 - 7 pm
- Dinner - tickets on sale
8 - Midnite
- Dance to music by the Haliman's*

ISLAND GARDENS

- Sally Bowen

*It has been a good month for planting: no
murdering frosts (yet?) and almost enough rain.
Some Island gardeners managed to plant everything
on the May 24th weekend, others (like me) are still
planting the occasional cold sensitive bedding plant,
and tucking seeds in leftover spaces.*

*Have you ever noticed that tomato plants will put
out small roots wherever they touch the ground? I
take advantage of that by burying my plants, either
on a slant or vertically, leaving only the top whorl of
leaves exposed. This protects them from wind and
chilly temperatures when small, and gives them a
much stronger base to obtain nutrients from the soil.
Ron and Darrell Miller do that too.*

*I'd always admired Ron's neat flower beds in the
village. He gave me a tour of his gardens to show
me his large number of iris. They multiply rapidly
for him. He'd be glad to trade rhizomes after
flowering season, with someone who has other
colours.*

*Daffodils multiply for me. I counted over 60 bulbs
I removed from part of one clump. It is ok to move
narcissus or tulips at this time of year, as long as you
immediately put them in earth somewhere, to let the*

leaves die slowly, sending nourishment back to the bulbs.

Duncan and Coralie Marshall just returned from a 5 week tour which included the Orkney Islands. Coralie described the miles of daffodils lining the long farm lanes and the hedgerows.

Irises are gorgeous now. Lloyd and Elain Wolfreys have a spectacular garden with a wide variety of colours, all huge, originally purchased from Cruikshanks. Keith and Shirley Miller have beauties too. Keith's tulips were particularly grand this year. Shirley says he sometimes cleans the tractor onto the bed, adding mulch and fertilizer.

I really like using mulch. Grass clippings are my favourite - Shirley showed me how to use that method years ago. It stops the weeds, and keeps hard to weed areas neat. Carmel Horth used grass clippings effectively around the school hedge last year.

Diane Pearce is experimenting with various ground covers this year, to help reduce maintenance. I used hay mulch to plant potatoes in a newly ploughed area a couple of years ago, placing the potato eye on top of the soil, but under the mulch. It worked very effectively for part of the garden, but provided an attractive home to the voles in their peak year. Result? A few potatoes in two of the rows and staggeringly fat voles. When I plant potatoes in the soil, I put them in a depression, not a hill. That helps more moisture get to them and makes it easier to fill in and hill later in the summer.

Others recommend trenching too. Marion Glenn always plants her beautiful gladioli in a trench, then gradually fills it in, providing much more support for the top heavy flowers. I do the same for sweet peas and for leeks.

Garnet McDonald says they used to eat lots of sugar mangles but he can't find the seed now. As a substitute, he plants lots of beets, too close, then harvests them very young, eating tops too. (He recommends butter and vinegar when serving.) He does successive plantings to maintain supply.

Caroline Ackerman invited me to tour her garden.

She and Art have done a wonderful job reclaiming the ugly lot next door, and creating great beauty. She emphasizes watching the plants to know if they are happy in a location, and if they are not, try them somewhere else. I like that perspective, learning from the plants. I know Shirley is always moving hers around for better effect.

Will anyone share their garden ideas, or recommend a neighbour's? Please call me.

Please remember the Partners in Mission Food Bank. They greatly appreciate fresh produce you might have extra. Duncan and Coralie have once again offered to transport your food. They usually leave on the 10 am ferry Thursdays.

Remember the soup kitchens are glad to accept last year's frozen produce. Just send it in a cooler with the Marshall's, and they'll leave your cooler at the store.

LETTERS TO THE BEACON

[Part of a letter from Mr. & Mrs. Holmes regarding repairs to Pentland Cemetery.]

We keep hoping that we would see a "progress report" on the work being done at Pentland Cemetery.

Almost a year ago my husband and I attended a fundraising event for Pentland and we were most interested in what was being planned. A couple of your local stone masons were to do the work, a Mr. David Nourry and a Mr. Bill Hedges. I am wondering if they would be willing to give you a report... I am sure that more than just my husband and I would have an interest in hearing about what is being done. (Some of my ancestors are buried in Pentland).

Staff: Bill Hedges reports that in the fall of 1994, David Nourry of Battersea worked on the gravestones in Pentland Cemetery. He worked with two students from Bill's class at QEVCI. David told Bill that about half of the work needing to be done was completed. Bill thought that most or all of the funds were spent.

WAITING FOR THE BEACON

- Linda Wemp

Each month around the 15th, I find myself asking if this month's Beacon is out yet. I just expect it to be there, like it has just dropped in from Heaven. It wasn't until recently during a conversation with one of the volunteer staff that it was inadvertently mentioned that the Beacon was not ready to be printed yet and Don had already spent 30 hours preparing it.

My first thought was surprise at the time involved in preparation, and this of course was only from one

volunteer. These hours were somehow shuffled at lambing, one of the busiest times of the year. My thoughts began to travel as to how much time, energy, and further consideration must be involved in preparing this. It seems that this little creation that I look forward to each month is a lot of work for a few people.

Few people on the Island, and many off it, are not willingly subjected to our little paper. We use it for announcements of all descriptions, advertising, etc., etc. So in recognition to all those who donate all those charitable hours to our Island Beacon just a simple thank-you for all your work in presenting us with a publication that I thoroughly enjoy.

[Staff: Thanks, Linda]

UFO ENCOUNTER

- Stan Burke and Peggy Coulter

The alien space craft came down in a field behind the Woods' house on the May 24th weekend. The visitors seemed friendly enough when approached by locals.

The aliens, in surprising English, produced an astonishing cover story: that they were the Ottawa Valley Balloon Company and that their craft was lifted by hot air. Their true intention soon became evident when they attempted to lure locals into their craft.

Islanders were not taken in by the ruse having learned that earlier victims had only been returned on payment of a \$150 ransom.

Having failed in their abduction attempt, the aliens left in the direction of Kingston saying that they would remain there through much of the summer.

Islanders who survived the close encounter were: Ralph and Beulah Woods, Caroline Yull, Helen Bell-Smith, Llew MacArthur, Stan Burke and Peggy Coulter.

WATERSIDE SUMMER FESTIVAL

- Eleanor Trueman

The Waterside Summer Festival at St. Alban's opened with a flourish of Renaissance music and dance.

Two local performing groups, Musick's Pleasures and Quinte Consort, delighted their audience. The members of these groups devote many of their leisure

hours to practice and performing the period music. They donated their time and rich talent to St. Alban's.

A strong group of musicians, singers and dancers in medieval costume captured their audience from the first madrigal. Their music, particularly the madrigals, are taken from the 13th to the 17th century. The singers, often unaccompanied, have a sparkling repertoire and some remarkable pure notes.

Music was played on replicas of old instruments and the Consort especially enjoys performing Renaissance music (c. 1450-1600). There was a haunting "Greensleeves" played on a harp made by the musician.

The dancers, despite space constraints were graceful and free. Experienced Islanders were pleased for all performers that their turn came in spring coolness, rather than in August.

Both groups, in their velvets, furs and silks took such possession of the chancel, glowing with candlelight and tulips; it was startling to look around at our own 20th century dress at the end of the program.

Yet another wonderful Island evening, to be enjoyed in memory for a long time.

WATERSIDE CONCERT

Saturday, June 10th

Piano And String Quartet

- Fern Willard

An incredible experience would best describe Saturday evening's concert offered by three members of the string section of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra and an internationally acclaimed guest pianist.

It was inspiring to see and hear individual talent blended together to produce such enjoyment for the audience.

I enjoyed watching the expressions of the performers as they were completely immersed in what they were doing. I consider it a treat to have been able to attend this concert. Thanks to all involved.

[The concert was taped by CBC and will be aired on July 9th at noon on "Music Around Us" and on "The Arts Tonight" July 31st, about 7:30 p.m.. Staff]

ST. GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL GIRL'S CHOIR

Sunday, June 11

- Laurene Kilpatrick

The St. George's Cathedral Girl's Choir treated us to a glorious display of singing Sunday morning. The rich harmonies made it a joy to be present.

Thanks for the experience.

SOME BIG MOIST NEWS

- Jacob Murray

The band will be performing at the "Molson Canadian Canada Outdoor Concert" in Newfoundland on July 1.

They will also be playing in the "Molson Ice Labour Day Show" where Moist will be on the bill with "Metallica", "Hole" and "Veruca Salt" in Tuktoyaktuk, NWT.

The song "Silver" has been played several times on 106.7, ZRock. (Finally).

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

Meets every Wednesday from 9:30 A.M. to 12:00 in our homes.

June: Helen Lamb 384-6521

July: Ann Albertan 389-2662

August: Cathy Glenn 389-0214

September: Coralie Marshall 389-5031

October 14: Karen Fleming 389-0210

Please feel welcome to come and join with us at any time.

OBITUARY

LUCILLE BROWN

- suddenly at Kingston General Hospital, on Saturday

May 27, 1995. Lucille Henderson, beloved wife of the late Robert J. Brown. Dear mother of John, Kingston; and William, Amherst Island; and brother Albert (Phyllis) of Amherst Island; also survived by sister-in-law Doris Henderson, Kingston. Dear aunt of Diane (John) Pollock, Lois (Kevin) Mullen, Jane Henderson, Richard and Anthony Henderson and their families.

HARRY WESTWOOD -

Peacefully at home, on Amherst Island, on Friday, May 26, 1995, in his 89th year. Harry Westwood,

beloved husband of the late Mary-Ellen (nee Flannigan), dear father of Dreta; lovingly remembered by eight grandchildren and twenty-two great-grandchildren.

Harry Westwood "Gramp" Born in Kingston on May 7, 1907. He moved to Amherst Island on May 18, 1918 to the home of the Glenn family. Gramp worked as a farm hand for island families, until he married Mary Ellen Flanagan on December 5, 1934. They had one daughter, Dreta Ellen Westwood.

Gramp ran his own farm on the Island until he retired in 1977. For the next few years, he would spend his winters in Amherstview and return to the Island for the summers.

Gramp came home to live with Jane & Russell in November of 1987. Here he stayed until he passed away on May 26, 1995.

Gramp is sadly missed, and will never be forgotten by his family.

(Ian adds) One day in the summer of 1976 or '77, Harry stopped Chris on his way to Kingston and asked Chris if he'd bring him back a bag of pig feed. Later that afternoon, Chris stopped at Harry's, opened the trunk of the old Pontiac and asked Harry if he, Chris, could carry it in for him. (This was before Trudeau's metrification program so the bag weighed 100 pounds.)

"Oh, that's OK," said Harry, as he reached into the trunk and hoisted the bag to his shoulder. Harry then stood talking to Chris for at least 10 minutes about haying and livestock and whatever. Then he ambled off, still carrying the pig feed. He must have been powerful when he was a young man.

Harry was a good neighbour and we're glad that he had a comfortable old age surrounded by his family.

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Amherst Island Friends, words could never express my thanks to all of you.

To the people in all three Island Churches who said prayers for me, along with congregations in Cataraqui, Orleans and Brockville.

Oh, the amazing power of prayer!

For the phone calls, beautiful cards and letters - many people who I have not been in touch with lately and have missed so much.

To the people who made arrangements so Laurene and Warren could be with me and finally my family. I am truly blessed.

Thank you all,

Dorothy Kilpatrick

Marshall and Marion wish to express their deep appreciation to their many friends, relatives and neighbours for their prayers, visits, and cards, and gifts of flowers and fruit and candy, especially the beautiful flowers from Marion's Loyal Friend, while Marshall was a patient in K.G.H. for a month.

A special thanks to our neices and nephews and to Elsie and Eldon for grass cutting and extra chores.

Also thank-you for gifts of food since coming home.

Marshall and Marion

We would like to thank everyone who helped out in our time of sorrow.

A special thank you for those who sent expressions of sympathy.

The gifts of food were wonderful and sincerely appreciated.

The Family of Harry Westwood

Thank-you to all the drivers and everyone who contributed to the Hotel Dieu Food Drive on May 31st.

We all appreciated the help we received.

Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders

I wish to thank Kay McGinn and the Response Team for their wonderful help.

Also all those who sent get well cards, and the Church ladies who called after my accident.

Geraldine (Jerry) Phillips

TRACK AND FIELD COMPETITION L & A COUNTY

The students from our tiny school are always at a disadvantage when competing at county level. We seldom have enough girls or boys at one age group

to form a relay team. However, two intermediates ran at the senior level, and lots of individuals competed. We even doubled our prizes from last year - two!

Jessica McGinn once again dominated the shot put, winning the Senior Girls competition by a significant margin with a throw of 9.63 m. She is just in grade 7, so has another year to compete.

Kyle Murray won 6th in the county in the Intermediate Boys hop, step, jump event.

MS KIA

Reduce - Reuse - Recycle

Municipalities urging their ratepayers to reduce-reuse-recycle: potty training for adults.

Warning Labels

I was looking at a new ATV the other day and was astounded by the number of warnings stuck to the machine. It seems that nearly everything one buys these days is covered with warning stickers more to protect the manufacturer from suits by the foolish than to protect the foolish.

It strikes me that it would be a good idea if some people came with warning labels: "Do not speak before I've had my first cup of coffee"; "This person lies and steals"; "Beware, I'm very boring"; and so on.

Congratulations To:

1) The Back Kitchen for hosting a very enjoyable "Community Yard and Craft Sale". Aerial photographs indicate that more than 1/3 of the Island residents attended this recycling extravaganza. The good weather - triumphing over a lousy weather forecast - certainly encouraged the large number of sellers and buyers.

The Back Kitchen hopes to make this an annual event. They expect that more advertising would attract more off-Islanders.

2) The EFRT Fund-raising Team for their great newsletter (an "A" for EFRT's effort). It was well-done and quite informative.

3) The Houston Rockets for their play in the NBA finals - especially Hakeem and Clyde. Those young whipper-snappers in Orlando are just going to have

to wait their turn 'cause the old men still have the juice.

4) The Canadian Rugby team for their incredible play at the World Championships. Just as an out-classed hockey team can sometimes carry the play through determined fore-checking, the Canadians aggressive ball-handling and running made the Australians and the South African teams really work for their victories. It also made for very entertaining rugby: running and tackling is a lot more interesting than kicking, jumping and pushing.

5) Gary Wilson for representing this riding at Queen's Park with considerable quiet dignity during, what must have been a very trying period.

6) The students and staff of AIPS for an imaginative and very enjoyable production of "Romeo and Juliet"

FARM REPORT

-Ian Murray

Many Islanders have been saddened this year by the passing of some old barns. Among those recently torn down are: the Veech barn; a Gavlas barn; and, several barns used for many years by Garnet McDonald.

Each of these barns had served its owners well for many years but the returns from agriculture were not enough to pay for the required maintenance.

It is a sad fact that each of the properties increased somewhat in value with the removal of buildings which had once been an asset vital to an operating farm.

New houses increase the tax base but many of us preferred those old barns.

This is a banner year for red clover. Many Island fields are blanketed by its dark luxuriant foliage. Unfortunately, it is not always easy to make good early hay from it as its very luxuriance makes it slow to cure properly.

BEACON FEES DEBATE

- staff

We have a dilemma. Now that we are having the Beacon professionally printed and collated in Kingston, it costs more than the 35 cents/copy we are now charging.

We have a few options, and need public response to help us decide what to do. We could:

- maintain status quo and go bankrupt in a few months

- return to printing on the cranky gestetner (that takes Chris a full evening), and collating on the dining room table (that takes 4 people about 1 hour). [At least one staff member refuses to return to a shoddier looking product produced by home printing.]

- or raise the price.

We are arguing amongst ourselves what price increase to propose.

If we print 300 copies or more, and only 10 pages, it costs us roughly 50 cents/copy. Unsold copies in the winter make this more costly. Would 75 cents/copy be feasible?

Other proposals:

1. that the price be put to \$1 per issue with the extra revenue generated going to the the EFRT or other worthy cause.

2. that the Rec. committee sponsor the Beacon by holding an annual Beacon dance or whatever. The Beacon could then be sent free to every house via householder mail.

We have been receiving more than 10 pages of copy lately (which pleases us and hopefully you) but that raises another dilemma, as mailing costs jump if we send over 10 pages. Subscription costs, are calculated for the lower postal rate. If we cut out the back page for mailing (usually the ads and calendar) that's not fair for the Islanders who have subscriptions.

Another concern is availability, as fewer people are using the store since the cutbacks of time and groceries, and the Back Kitchen is the only other sales outlet.

Thoughts on that?

DEADLINES

- staff

We know that people are very busy and that events happen at the last minute, and that people forget.

But...

The Beacon Deadline is before the 12th of each month. That's the day Caroline Ackerman types in all the rough copy. We will accept small notes the

next day dictated over the phone, or articles delivered to us that day.

Please help us get closer to our goal of “hitting the newsstands” on the 15th.

A LETTER HOME

-Christopher Kennedy

I wish you could see the Island at this time of the year. The lilac and apple blossoms are out and the grass and shrubs are a lush green. With all nature's beauty around, I'm so glad I live here.

In April I thought we wouldn't get enough rain for a good hay crop. Well, I was wrong. The spring rains have given us so much grass that the sheep can't possibly keep up with it. If only we could keep some for August or September. All we need now is some dry weather to get the hay off!

Our BIG lambing is done now for another year.

After the three week hustle and bustle, the barn has been put to bed until next May. It's always a mixture of relief and a let down when lambing is over. I miss the thrill of another lamb being born and working with the older ones. The work is hard but we also have fun. However, getting by on only a few hours sleep does wear me down.

You'll be sorry to hear that several of the old barns along the north shore have been torn down. Yes they were worn out and had outlived their usefulness. However, I can't help but think of the work,

excitement and pride that went into their construction.

A piece of good news. The Big Ferry is here! I no longer have to leave home 45 minutes early to make sure I get on the boat. What a sense of freedom.

Unfortunately, we won't be able to keep her as long this year as they are going to be fixing the Stella dock before there is no longer a Stella dock to dock at.

Summer is creeping up quickly. It's the busiest time on the farm and I wish we could squeeze two more months in between June and September. Summer also brings weddings, parties, yard sales, music festivals and plain old visiting. I sometimes feel that summer is all used up before it starts.

School will be out soon. Last week about half the Island turned up to watch all the kids in the school put on an updated version of Romeo and Juliet. What a performance! Over an hour of acting, singing and dancing all written by the kids and never a dull moment.

I wouldn't dare single out individual performances, but we have some real comedians on the Island, and in the upbeat Amherst Island version Romeo and Juliet live happily ever after. Who said you can't improve on Shakespeare?

Well I'd better go now. I'll be thinking of you and hope all is well in your little corner of the world.



**Willy Wonka
played by
Rebecca Scott
Photo by Alex Scott**



The Candy Man
Quentin Scott
Barry Richmond
Nicolette McGinn

Photo by Alex Scott

STELLA'S CAFÉ MENU

BREAKFAST (served 9:00 am-noon)

Egg McMuffin	5.00
Big Breakfast	
(2 eggs, bacon, homefries, toast, coffee)	7.00
Pack a Punch Breakfast	
(3 eggs, bacon, toast, homefries, coffee)	9.00
Bagel	1.50
w/cream cheese	2.50
Muffin & Coffee	3.00

SANDWICHES & BURGERS

All combos include small fries & coffee/tea/pop/water

Grilled Cheese	4.00
Combo	7.00
Grilled Cheese, (bac, tom & onion)	6.00
Combo	9.00
Toasted Western	5.00
Combo	8.00
BLT	5.00
Combo	8.00
Pulled Pork on a bun	6.00
Combo	9.00
Hot Roast Beef sandwich w/gravy	.00
Hot Hamburg sandwich w/gravy	6.00
Hot Turkey sandwich w/gravy	7.00
Hamburger	6.00
Combo	9.00
Cheeseburger	7.00
Comb	10.00
Bacon Cheeseburger	8.00
Combo	11.00
Chicken Burger	6.00
Combo	9.00
Chicken Breast on a bun	8.00
Combo	11.00

Veggie Burger	6.00
Combo	9.00
Sausage on a bun	6.00
Combo	9.00
Hot Dog	3.50
Combo	6.50

A LA CARTE

Soup & bun	5.00
Chili & bun	5.00
French Fries (sm)	2.50
(lrg)	3.50
w/gravy	.50

DINNERS

Roast Beef	
w/potatoes, gravy & vegetable	12.00
Hot Hamburg	
w/potatoes, gravy & vegetable	12.00
Turkey & cranberries	
w/potatoes, gravy & vegetable	12.00

DESSERTS

Homemade pie	3.50
w/ice cream	.50
Homemade tarts	2.00
Potato chips	1.00
Muffins	2.00

BEVERAGES

Tea, Coffee, Pop	1.50
Water	1.00
Juice, Milk	2.00

(All taxes included)

Fantastic Island Fiesta!

Saturday, July 11, 2015 9:30 am to 3 pm
at the Neilson Store Museum and around Amherst Island

This year's Museum fundraiser is an opportunity for Amherst Island families to learn something new through workshops offered by many willing and talented Islanders who have volunteered for this new venture. You will have options 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 a workshop (or 2) on a summer's day!

9 am: Registration and payment at the Neilson Store Museum (\$20 for the day)
Participants given workshop location information
Silent Auction begins

9:30-11:30: Morning workshops

Green Smoothie Concoctions

Kirsten Bennick

Venturing Out on your Bicycle

Robert & Judith McKenzie
(trip planning, tips and cycling)

Fun with Dough – Appetizers

Gwen Lauret

Technical Photography

Brian Little

Pottery

Mayo Underwood

Pie-Making from Scratch

Karen Fleming

Beginner Mah-jong

Diane Hieatt and friends

Making Plaster Hand Prints

Molly Stroyman

Wool Spinning:

Pat Frontini

Music-Making

Jeff Pearce

Beginner Watercolours

Shirley Miller

11:30 to 1: Lunch & Silent Auction at Museum. (Auction closes at 12:45)

Buy your lunch for \$5.

Listen to Dan Simpson & friends

Support your Island Museum by joining us on July 11th!

For more information, or to register:

Contact Ali MacKeen (613 634 8797)

admackeen@gmail.com

1-3: Afternoon workshops

Make Homemade Pizza!

Diane Pearce

D.J.'ing @ C.J.A.I.

Dayle Gowan

Beginner Watercolours

with Shirley Miller

Bee Keeping

Perry McDonald

Historical Walking Tour of Stella

Janet Scott

Technical Photography

Brian Little

Gentle Yoga

Tagget Bonham-Carter

Beginner Bridge

Carl McCrosky

Necklace Making with Antler

Lori LeBlue

Fabric Gift Bag Creation

Victoria Cuyler

