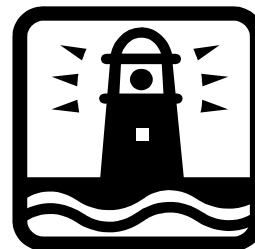


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MARY L. EVES

Died at St. Mary's of the Lake Hospital on Wed, June 17, 2015, in her 84th year. Mary Eves was the beloved wife and best friend of 44 years to Art Fleming who predeceased her in 1999. Both Mary and Art were natives of Amherst Island.

She is survived by her children Jack (Wendy) and Lianne Regan (Brian). Adored grandma to Tanya (John) and Mike.



ROSS ARTHUR HAINES

Died at Kingston General Hospital in his 76th year.

Cherished husband of Joyce Haines. Beloved father of Kerry (Ed), Scott (Cheryl) and Joanne (Jim). Grandpa to Samantha, Michael, Ashley and Christopher.



EDGAR MOONEY

Died peacefully on Sunday, July 5th, 2015 at St. Mary's of the Lake Hospital, Kingston in his 87th year.

Cherished husband of Margaret MacKay. Beloved father of David (m. Emily) and Sheila Mooney.

Adored grandpa of Clara. Survived by his sister Elizabeth Stevenson and predeceased by Jack, Ferris Mooney and sister Mary Darling. Fondly remembered by family friend Brenda Piasetzki.

A retired teacher of many years with Ernestown Secondary School, he was an avid camper and lifelong member of the Presbyterian Church.

NEIGHBOURHOOD

- Lynn Fleming

Get Well wishes to Lloyd Wolfreys, Ellis Wolfreys, Braden Fleming

Our sympathy to Peter Wemp (Suzanne) and Ann Browne (Robert) and families, on the passing of their mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Katherine Wemp.

Condolences also to her extended family and friends on and off the Island.

Our sympathy also to the family of Clinton Kilpatrick.

Our sympathy to the family of Ed Mooney, a long-time summer resident.

Amherst Island Public School's graduation and awards assembly was held on June 23rd.



Congratulations to this year's A.I.P.S. graduates: (L to R) Stephan McGinn, Quentin Scott, Rebecca Scott, Megan Ashley and Barry Richmond. Best of luck in high school!

Congratulations to Dakota Wolfreys, who graduated from Ernestown Secondary this year – with honours and as an Ontario Scholar.

Congratulations to Gary and Lesley McDonald, on the birth of their newest granddaughter. Evelyn Joyce was born to their daughter Alison and her husband Steve Hewitt, in Newfoundland in early June. Another great-granddaughter for Peter and Joyce Morgan.

The A.I.P.S. Senior Class returned from a busy 3 days in Niagara Falls, exhausted, but happy. From all accounts it was a great trip, which included an evening dinner theatre ("Oh Canada Eh?"), a trip behind the falls, a boat ride to the base of the falls, IMAX theatre, water park, and of course, what trip to Niagara Falls - with kids - would be complete without a stop on Clifton Hill.

The Primary Class at A.I.P.S. went to Upper Canada Village for their year-end trip.

Summer has arrived, not too hot or humid yet, but lots of rain in mid-June – which we were already needing, as lawns were already turning brown. I love this time of year, with all of the new life in the fields – calves, colts, lambs, fawns, goslings, fox kits etc. as well as new crops coming up and hay being cut.

Ferry line ups have once again become a way of life. We hear that the Frontenac may not be back now until late July. Seasoned Islanders won't be surprised if it's not back until late August – or later.



**Captain Saskia Wagemans first day on the job
photo by Helen Trotter**

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

- Mary Kay Steel

The regular monthly meeting of the Amherst Island Women's Institute was held on June 17th, as a sort of afternoon summer picnic on the lovely lawn of "Fowler House", the home of member Claire Jenney. The meeting began at 2pm, on a wonderful summer day, with members sipping punch while attending to the business on the agenda. The president, Joyce Haines, was in the chair, with 13 members in attendance.

Among the issues and items dealt with were: further preparations for our guest speaker afternoon at the Lodge on the 28th – author Sandra Joyce on British Home Children; our participation in the annual Canada Day Parade – we are celebrating 2015 as our 115th anniversary as a branch; and our ongoing presence at the Saturday Island Markets. At the latter we have a wagon from which we sell coffee, cold drinks and treats, island phone directories, and the few aprons we have left from last year. We will present a new item at our wagon on July 4th: handsome cloth bags, \$20 each, depicting our Island Irish heritage with an image of the dry stone walls, a design created by Terry Culbert, artist and former Island resident.



Photo by Tom McWhinnie

Our next meeting will actually be an all-day outing on August 19th; this time it will be a trip to Westport.

Guests, as always, will be welcome.

COUNCIL GLEANINGS

- Ian Murray

From the 12th Session of Council, June 8

The following private citizens have been appointed to the Sand Beach Advisory: Diane Pearce; Gwen Lauret; Terry McGinn; Jacob Murray; Kurt Hennige; Jacqueline Sylvester; and Allen Caughey.

AIMS Meeting, June 13

- Anders Bennick

Chair: David Pickering

Attendance: 18 members

Breakfast: No breakfast was provided this morning
Presentation.

The speaker was Andrea Cross who provided an orientation about the upcoming Dry Stone Wall Festival on Amherst Island September 25-27 sponsored by the Dry Stone Walling Association of Canada (Dry Stone Canada) in collaboration with the Dry Stone Walling Association of Ireland. With support from the Ontario government, Kingston Economic Development Corporation, Amherst Island Women's Institute, Neilson Store Museum Cultural Centre, and other sponsors, the Festival is the official launch of a long-term Dry Stone Canada Amherst Island Dry Stone Tourism Development Initiative.

Many events are planned for the Festival including:

- A 2-day traditional Irish dry stone workshop
- Children's Workshops
- Two new stone structures will be built
- Dry Stone structure displays at the community centre
- Participation of world renowned Irish stone-wallers, and also the waller responsible for maintaining the Queen's Balmoral Estate's dry stone walls
- Stone carvers will demonstrate their craft
- Exhibits at the museum & guided interpretive tours of the Village of Stella
- Irish entertainment at the Emerald Music Festival site – including Cyril O'Donohue and Blackie O'Connell from Ireland, the award-winning O'Shraves, Mark McGreevy, and others
- VIPs include: The Irish Ambassador and his wife and Canadian author Jane Urquhart (who wrote "Stone Carvers")

Greeters will meet visitors at the mainland dock and storytellers will be on the ferry to tell people about Irish immigrants coming to Amherst Island.

Andrea and other volunteers are organizing this huge event. 1200 visitors are expected over the 3-day

period. Needless to say a lot of help is needed, including greeters at the mainland dock and storytellers, as well as help in setup and take down at the various event sites. Moreover housing is needed for the dry stone participants (please contact Bonnie Livingston if you can accommodate visitors).

AIMS members were urged to spread the word about the festival through their contacts and social media – especially to encourage people to sign up for the 2-day workshop. Following a number of questions for Andrea, David Pickering thanked her for organizing this event that is without precedent in island history.

Agenda

1. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the May meeting were approved as circulated.

2. Treasurer's report

Kevin Archibald reported on the bank balance and income from the Saturday market.

A request for \$47 from the committee investigating the feasibility of building a suite of retirement apartments on the Island to cover expenses related to the recent presentation of projects at the community centre was approved by the members.

Hugh Groot agreed to take over as treasurer from Kevin Archibald.

3. Next meeting

It was agreed to hold the next meeting on July 4 to avoid conflict with the Fantastic Island Festival. Bill Barrett agreed to provide a continental breakfast.

4. Market and annual auction

Marc Raymond indicated that volunteers are still needed for the wagon at the Saturday market and also for the auction. Items for the auction are welcome.

5. Transportation Report

There has been one request for transportation in the past month.

6. Flu vaccination clinic

Bruce Burnett reported that VON is willing to set up a vaccination clinic at a cost of \$13.50 per person. After some discussion it was agreed to approve in principle that AIMS would sponsor the cost of the clinic provided that there is a need on the island.

7. Water sampling.

Brian Grace agreed to organize delivery of water samples for bacterial testing. Sample bottles should be left at the post office between noon June 27 and

11am, June 28.

8. For Information.

Allen Caughey announced that he had volunteered to sit on a committee advising the township regarding the sand beach property.

9. The meeting was adjourned at ~9:30am. Following the meeting some members proceeded to Stella's Café for breakfast.

Call Don Pepper 634-7859 or Hugh Jenney 384-7830 if you cannot deliver the items to Dayle's storage shed found to the right of the lane to our radio station.



AIMS Market Cart
Photo by Judy Bierma

CHEESEMAKERS DAUGHTER July 2015
-Judy Bierma

Tidbits from Allen Caughey

I visited with Allen Caughey the other day and we started to talk about making cheese on the Island. My mom and dad made cheese on the Island from 1962 to 1969 and we lived in the Cheesemaker's House in the village in front of the Stella Cheese factory. The house and factory are still there. It's across from where Geoff Forester lives, where Beth and Jack used to live. I was asking Allen about the farmers and if each individual farmer brought their milk into the factory. There were about 50 dairy farmers at that time. He said that three farms would go together and there would be a milk truck that picked up the cans, the big cans, 30 gallons of milk.

"The farmers didn't have any refrigeration so they cooled the milk in the wells. For the large 30 gallon cans they would use a mast and swung it out over the well, picked up the can and with a block and tackle

would lower it into the well for overnight. Then when they milked in the morning they would take the morning milk and the evening milk to the factory.

“Caughey’s on the Third Concession and the farmers to the west would take their milk to Emerald Cheese Factory. Seaver Wemp was the milkman on the South shore. Eves had a milk truck too. Their farm was where Vincent Eaves farm is now. A milk truck was just a flat bed truck that held milk cans.

“Everyone on the Island that had dairy cattle had Holsteins, oh there were some Ayrshires and even some Jersey. The Jersey cows brought the butter fat up and then you would get more money for your milk.

“When your Dad was weighing the milk at the factory he would take a little sample and test for cream content. The cream was sent to the Kingston Creamery. Whey cream was sent too to make whey butter. Whey was also used to feed the pigs.

“My Dad (Bruce Caughey Sr.) at one time could name 110 people who milked cows in the early 1900’s. About 65 people had milk cows when I (Allen Caughey) was a kid and probably 50 when George Bierma came to the Island. Then came the bulk milk trucks and everyone had to have bulk tanks in their milk rooms. There were still a dozen milk farmers, Wayne Fleming, Clinton Kilpatrick, Marshall Glenn, Albert Henderson, Donald Miller, Caugheys, Bob Brown, Ernest Fleming, Wilfred Miller, Frank Fleming, Harris Beaubien, Earl Tugwell, Mr. Americk, that was 7 on the 3rd Concession. Some used bulk tanks and the ones that didn’t use them quit milking cows. There were a lot of changes within five years. The mixed farms were gone.

“Dairy farming, any farming is an all-day job, 7 days a week. When the factory closed you dried up your cows. Gestation was nine months so the cows were bred so that they would have their calves sometime in March. The Factory would run until mid-November and close until March. Your Dad was the first cheese maker to run the factory through the winter.

“The main thing that kept the factory going was the boiler. Before electricity they stirred the milk and narrow paddles and stirred the curds with large forks and rakes. When electricity came they used an agitator to stir the milk and curds. I remember them doing it by hand before the agitators. The agitator

took the place of one man. Stirring went on continuously. Steam from the boiler warmed the vats up to heat the milk. They would add rennet to make the milk into curds. The whey cream was separated for butter and the leftover whey was put in a big tank at the back of the factory for the farmers to get to feed their pigs.

“Farmers had their own separators too. Before the factory opened during the year you had to do something with the milk so you separated that milk and mom (Helen Caughey) used to make butter. We got a freezer in 1950 and mom would make butter and put it in the freezer. The separator that the farmers had was smaller than the one in the factory. People tended to keep the separator in the back kitchen. Dad (Bruce Caughey Sr.) was the first to build a separator room. He fed the skim milk to the calves and pigs and made butter out of the cream.

“In the summer he fed the pigs and calves whey. The Kingston Creamery would have come over and picked up the cream. Edward McCarey did that for years. He’s married to Janie Brown who was the daughter of the Blacksmith. Wes Brown ran the Blacksmith Shop. He made horseshoes, anything steel that was used on the farm, steel rims for the wheels and the spokes. Wood was used but it wore out quickly so the wheels were covered with steel. They had four boys and two girls. The oldest boy and the third boy live in Brockville. On our trip to Florida Earl McCarey was on the bus trip too.

“Nothing has changed in the Blacksmith Shop since they used to take horses in there. The reason for the Dog House was to give you a place to sit while your horses were shod. Later it was a place to drink whiskey, smoke cigars and play cards. Don’t know why it was called the Dog House. Every place on the Island had its nickname.”



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Here are just a few of the many delightful pictures submitted by our friends and readers.



(Above)
CJAI Traffic Division with Keith Miller
Canada Day Parade
photo by Brian Little

(Left)
Mark McGreevy
Part of WI Canada Day celebration
photo by Tom McWhinnie



(Below)
Paul Cuyler's creation
With his family
Canada Day Parade
photo by Brian Little





**Cherry Allen with the Foot Flats Farm Float
photo by Brian Little**



**Mike Murray and Devin Forrester
in First Response truck.
Canada Day Parade
photo by Tom McWhinnie**

**Dana McGinn
and Tabby
Gibson
holding
Topsy Farms
banner, with
Wee Lassie
and Littlefoot
on leashes.**

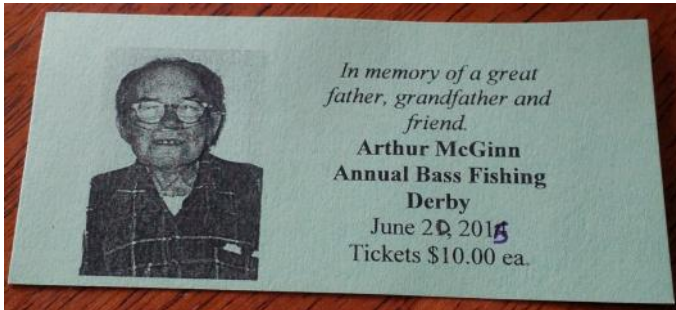
**photo by
Tom
McWhinnie**



ART MCGINN FISH DERBY

-Tessa Mayman

On June 20 the annual Art McGinn fishing derby was held at the McGinn homestead. It was started 18 years ago in memory of our grandfather Art McGinn.



There were fishermen of all ages from John McGinn being the oldest to Kassy McGinn being the youngest and many more to start as soon as they are old enough to hold a rod.

This year's winner was Justin Hutchings with his fish weighing in at 6 lbs. He won the trophy and his choice of prizes.



Justin Hutchins with prize catch.



Alicia, Keith and Drew McGinn



**Lawrence, Luc, Sierra, and
Lawrence's wife Tammy**

Thanks go to Luc and Lance McGinn for getting the prizes (job well done boys) and Ron McGinn for being the MC this year and Tom DeHann for weighing all the fish and Gord Douglas for recording them.



Lance, Haden, Hank, Sierra, Andy and Luc

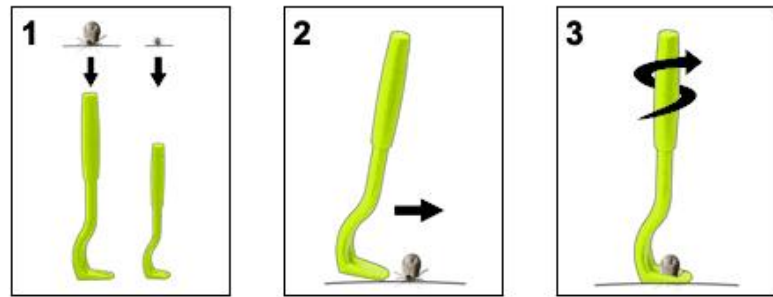
It was great to have family and friends together. People came on Friday, pulling boats or trailers to camp in the front yard for the weekend. It was a great time had by all.

SAFELY REMOVING TICKS

-Ron Hartling

A weekend stay at our Amherst Island house was disrupted by a guest discovering an embedded deer tick in her leg when she woke on Sunday morning. Apart from one walk down to the lake and back, we hadn't ventured further than the house, garden and clearing. Since deer have long been welcome visitors to our clearing, we've adapted to the tick hazard by doing thorough tick checks before settling down for the night. As I'm 100% certain the offending tick wasn't there the previous evening, it could only have been brought in on our clothing and gotten into her bed during the night.

Given another friend's recent unhappy experience catching Lyme disease when a tick broke in the course of her partner removing it with tweezers, thereby infecting the wound, I decided not to try removing it myself. Instead, we opted to catch the next ferry and had the tick removed at Hotel Dieu Urgent Care. The doctor who saw my friend was not only excellent but was also happy to demonstrate how to safely remove the tick. He also gifted me the "tick twister" tool shown below. The technique is really simple. Having watched him do it, I'm confident that with a little care anyone can do it just as well.



The manufacturer's instructions are as follows:

1. Select the correct sized tool according to the size of the tick - the large hook for medium and large ticks or the small hook for small and very small ticks [our A.I deer ticks require the small tool].
2. Hold the handle between your thumb and index finger and slide the fork end of the tool toward the tick until it is caught between the prongs.
3. Lift the tool very lightly and rotate in either direction several (2-3) turns. You will feel when the tick has released its mouth-parts and it is safe to pull up on the tick and Tick Twister®.

By way of explanation:

1. The tick's body is not compressed while detaching it from the skin.

Squeezing or crushing the body of the tick (as happens using tweezers) may force infective body fluids through the mouthparts and into the wound site.

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When ticks bite, they insert their long, central mouth-part (called the hypostome) into the skin. The hypostome is covered with sharp, backward-facing barbs (similar to a harpoon) which help keep the tick firmly attached while feeding. The twisting motion of the Tick Twister® removes the tick while keeping the tick's mouth-parts intact. Pulling on a tick with ordinary tweezers can leave the mouth-parts embedded in the skin.

For more information and a video, see <http://www.ticktwister.com/info.html>.

You can buy the Tick Twister at most pet stores and veterinary offices in Kingston. After this experience, we will be adding a morning tick check to our customary pre-bed one unless all outdoor clothes have been removed after any outdoor activity and sealed in a plastic bag. The US Center for Disease Control notes that ticks can survive a cycle in the washing machine. Rather, run them in the dryer at

high for 30 minutes – the heat and dehydration kill them.

HERE & THERE

- Ian Murray

Sad to hear of Clinton's death. I remember him as a kind, generous man with a great mechanical skill.

Farmers depended on him to patch up equipment just as we now rely on George.

2015 WOOLY BULLY RACES

Joe duVall

The 2015 "Wooly Bully Races" will be held on Sunday, August 16th from Dave Williard's farm, 600 South Shore Road. The first event, 9:15 a.m. is the 1K fun run for children 12 years and under followed by the 10/5K races at 9:30 a.m.

Once again, net proceeds will be directed to Amherst Island Public School to be used for extracurricular activities.

All details, including race registration information, can be found at www.amherstisland.on.ca or contact event coordinator Joe Du Vall, joe@runottawa.ca

JUNE ON AMHERST ISLAND

-Sharen English

Joyce is chasing the geese with her car again. It never gets old.

I walked 5.6 km on Thurs. Goodness, a new record! It was drizzly and 20 degrees, nice walking weather. Really.

I said "Hi" to the two horses and marveled at all the ewes and baby lambs.

The babies do "boing". Of course they say "baa".

There are many kinds of green on Amherst Island.

There is wild asparagus in the field.

The lilacs are dying but the peonies are blooming.

The purple irises smell "devoon".

Janet, Judy and I do a morning show on the radio station once a week.

They are great women, so kind, intelligent and generous.

I am lucky to know them and call them my friends.

We have been birding up a storm and having lots of fun.

Kurt is a great guide and an endless source of

knowledge.

It's hot again.

The gnats are leaving soon, I hope.

I am waiting for the flies to come.

The mallards that live in my front yard are still around but have produced no chicks.

The barn swallows that nest on my porch have not laid eggs yet.

The geese are now pooping on my lawn.

I worked on the Women's Institute Market Cart two weeks ago, Saturday from 9 am to 12 noon. It was a comfortable temperature out but the attendance was low.

Not much else new here.

What's new with you?



Sally Bowen, walking lambs on leashes
Photo by Brian Little

"Brave New World: Canada"- BBC Ireland

-Laurie Kilpatrick

If you were out and about on the Island in early June, you may have come across a camera crew busy at work filming the sights and sounds of Amherst Island.

The British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) is making a documentary that explores Irish (Ulster)

immigration to Canada. William Crawley, one of the BBC's most versatile and well known broadcasters has teamed up with DoubleBand Films of Belfast, Ireland and Toronto producer Sally Karam to tell the story of Irish immigration to Canada. Amherst Island was one of the stops as the film crew travelled the country from Nova Scotia to Saskatchewan.

The Bruce Caughey family, whose ancestors arrived on Amherst Island in 1851 from Ballymullen, County Down, Ireland was featured along with the many Irish heritage buildings and the Irish dry stone walls that characterize Amherst Island.

This film will be the third in a BBC series that began with a documentary on Scottish immigration to Northern Ireland, followed by a film about Irish immigration to New Zealand. Here is a synopsis of the film:

Having explored Ulster's relationship with New Zealand, William Crawley sets off on a new journey, to reveal the lives of men and women who also departed these shores but travelled in the opposite direction – across the Atlantic Ocean to Canada. As William will reveal, the Ulster-Canada story can be traced back to the mid-eighteenth century and right through to the present day – from those very first Ulster migrants who followed Scottish settlers to Nova Scotia (Latin for 'New Scotland') to the pioneers of the wild Saskatchewan frontier; from the Prime Ministers of Ulster descent to the Presbyterians of Montreal; and from the man who saved Quebec's historic walls to the businessmen who built the thriving city of Toronto. As in *Brave New World: New Zealand*, this series will take the form of a journey for William – starting in Nova Scotia, and travelling inland to Toronto, Amherst Island, Ottawa, Montreal and finally westwards as far as Saskatchewan. The depth and breadth of Ulster's connections with Canada is, as William will discover, not only reflected in many of the places he will encounter – Belfast (in Ontario), Coleraine (in Quebec), Enniskillen (in Ontario) and Londonderry (in Nova Scotia) - but found in the estimated 2.5 million of today's Canadians who are of Ulster heritage.

Between 1820 and 1860, one hundred and five Irish families immigrated to Amherst Island from County Down, Ireland in search of a better life. The Caugheys are one of these original families along with the Filsons, Flemings, Glenns, Hendersons, Kilpatrick, McCormicks, McGinns, Millers, Strains,

Gibsons and Reids, to mention a few.

Stay tuned...the film will air on the BBC and on Amherst Island sometime in the fall.



Amy Bermann (Caughey), William Crawley, Sally Karam (Toronto producer) Bruce Caughey, Jill Walhout (Caughey) with son Nolan

ADVERTISEMENTS

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Fall hours

Saturday: 10 to 4, Sunday: 1 to 4, Holiday Mondays 1 to 4

Occasionally, the Neilson Store Museum and Cultural Centre requires extra hands for an event. A list called "Friends of the Museum" has been initiated for those who are willing to help with setting up, baking, cooking, serving food, clean up etc. If you would be able to make yourself available, please contact Bonnie Livingstone at 613-389-8516 or by email: bonnie.livingstone@gmail.com.

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Summer hours (1 July to 1 September)

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

Fall hours

Saturday: 10 to 4, Sunday: 1 to 4, Holiday Mondays 1 to 4

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Fri. and Sat. 9 - 7

Sunday 9 - 6

Holiday Mondays 9 - 6

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613-888-3702, or terry@maplemarsh.ca



Barbara Reid and Leslie Gavlas at the market
Photo by Judy Bierma

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

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COUNCIL REPORT for July 2, 1985

- Christopher Kennedy

All members of Council were present. There was only the regular meeting in June. The minutes were approved.

The only building permit was for a machine shed for Fleming's farm. Ed Chadband has commented on how little building is going on at the moment. There have been only six permits issued in this year.

The road crew has been ditching and working on the curve at Caughey's quarry. As soon as the tender for the bridge on the third is accepted the road crew will start putting in the by-pass. Tenders have been called for the bridge on the Third. Tenders are to be opened July 15. The O.M.B. has approved postponing half the cost until next year.

The Reeve reported that he had been to few extra meetings last month, in part, because the Provincial Government has been changing hands. Presumably the bureaucracy will get busy again soon.

The Procedural By-law received its third and final reading. It gives the orders for running Council meetings, limits the business that Council can consider in secret, and lays down what information is available to the public. It is, in effect, the Township's Freedom of Information Act.

The drain is being dug, and should be finished on time. Council considered, in camera, letters of complaint from Mr. Feraday and Geoff Matthews about the lack of an impoundment area in the drain. Council asked that the township's lawyer write a letter to them stating that in Council's view no action should be taken.

This was one of the shortest meetings this council has held.

COMMENTS

- A. Bruce Caughey

We are now in the first week of July, haying operations among the few remaining Island farmers is well in progress - the haylage has been safely stored in silos and the first crop alfalfa, trefoil and other clovers having been cut in excellent time, now

the fields are showing tremendous lush toward a second crop, either for purposes of hay or else to be harvested for seed. Farmers, down through the years, have consistently and laughingly been criticized by our urban cousins for persistently grumbling as to the weather conditions if it rains, "it rains too much", if dry conditions prevail, "everything is burned to a crisp", in other words who can satisfy a farmer? If you have been a farmer all your life, you have acquired an uncanny ability to predict the weather and thereby govern your farm operations accordingly. . . .

As we view our crops today, what at one point of time looked like a rather sparse crop of hay has developed into a bountiful one, not in years have we had such favourable prospects of a wonderful grain crop, most of the grain fields are out in head and with the moisture level prevailing, we look for those heads to fill with a good quality of grain before harvest time in a month's time. The lush growth of the corn crop is so evident, and we hope and pray that favourable, weather conditions may result in its development into another bounteous crop of both silage and grain corn. These crop conditions recall to my mind the old adage of Island farmers - "A dry May and a leaky June make the farmers whistle a merry tune."

Weather conditions affect many aspects of our lives. Many folk grumble of the constant growth necessitating continuous "grass cutting", the weed growth requires constant care and in spite of all this, I am delighted with the condition of our Cemeteries maintenance which is so conscientiously taken care of by Vaughan McMullen.

I am also noticing the excellent results of our road department's "dust control program", which, in my opinion, is proving itself particularly effective, due to the frequent showers since the application of the calcium treatment. I hope we soon see evidence of a start on the bridge spanning "Fleming's Creek", which I understand has received Ministry approval and appropriation of the necessary funds. In my opinion, an excellent time for construction is right now, when, due to the digging of the "Miller Drain", the creek bed is dry and such conditions, I understand, will be maintained by pumping operation, until completion of the drain - these conditions would lend themselves excellently to the provision, temporarily, of a detour, while actual construction of the new bridge is carried out. My

childhood memories are of our driving through the creek bed, while the present bridge was constructed - I think some 70 years ago.

DOROTHY WEMP ANDERSON

- A. Bruce Caughey

Word has been received by Island relatives in the past weeks of the passing of another island native, at her home in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in the person of Dorothy Anderson, who passed away on June 13th last.

Dorothy was the youngest member of the John Wemp family and his wife Mary Quintell, born in 1903 and her mother passing away at the time of her birth leaving a son, 10 years of age and three daughters, 7, 4, and 2 years respectively. This was a tragic circumstance and Dorothy's aunt, her father's sister, Ellen, Mrs. Alex Reid, assumed responsibility for her up-bringing, she was raised in a good home, receiving tender and loving care, which in her adult years, she gave great appreciation of. Following her schooling in the Amherst Island School System, she entered the Kingston General Hospital School of Nursing from which she graduated as a Registered Nurse - like many other Canadian young people she sought employment in the U.S. at higher wage scales where she met and married her husband Walter in New Jersey. During vacation periods, each summer, the Andersons returned to the Island to visit friends and relatives and for many summers were residents of one of the "Cole Cottages" on Long Point.

Following Walter's retirement, they moved to Florida, locating at Fort Lauderdale from which they continued to drive back to Amherst Island, enjoying a month of holidaying here among friends. The untimely passing of their only daughter Marilyn was a severe and saddening blow to this fine couple.

Her husband Walter survives as well as one sister Marion, Mrs. Howard Richards who is confined to hospital in Kingston.

THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION, BRANCH 539

- Caroline Yull

At the regular Legion meeting held on May 16, the following officers were elected for a two-year term:

President ... Chester Tugwell

Vice President ... Irene Glenn

Secretary-Treas ... Earle Tugwell

Chaplain ... Norman Allison

Service Officer ... Audrey Miller

P. Relations Officer ... Caroline Yull.

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

- Annette

A cheer for the Fire Department, who put on another great street dance this weekend. It was not only run well, the firemen had the whole mess cleaned up by noon Sunday. Big prize winners were Ralph Wemp who won the gas barbeque and Marius Schuetz who won the floating arm chair.

Congratulations to another member of the Fire Department. Warren and Laurene Kilpatrick are parents for the second time - a baby girl weighing more than 9 lb. Both ladies are doing fine and expected home Tuesday.

Welcome home as well to Vera Hogeboom who has spent the last several weeks at St. Lawrence Place recovering from surgery.

Our sympathy to Mr. Sychra and his family on the loss of their wife and mother, Gisela, last week.

As a special note this month, many congratulations to Jeff Pierce who graduated grade 13 at Napanee District High School this June with the distinction of Ontario Scholar.

MATH CONTEST

A recent article in the Napanee Beaver described a math contest that was held in Lennox and Addington County. One hundred and forty students from Grades 7 and 8 participated.

We are proud to point out that Shannon Eves, Amherst Island Public School, won second place for grade 7 students. Congratulations!

BUSINESSES AND SERVICES ON AMHERST ISLAND

We thought a fairly complete listing might be of assistance to summer residents and new arrivals to the Island. Can anyone tell us of any services or businesses we are missing? We will include them in next month's Beacon.

Clint's Repair Shop - Clinton Kilpatrick repairs cars, tractors and farm equipment. Call 389-2375.

*Gavlas Farm Maintenance - any machine repaired.
Call George at 389-3199.*

Bert's Shell Station in Bath - A special service is offered to Islanders. Call Bert at home, 389-1731, or at the station, 352-3444. Bert can pick your car up at home and deliver it, repaired the same day. He can also take portable propane tanks to the station to be filled and returned.

Rick Bedford and Son Contracting - 389-8434.

Turvy General Contracting and Engineering Ltd - 389-3444.

Ed McCormick does back-hoe work, septic systems and gravel hauling - 389-5172.

Peter McCormick does bulldozer work - 389-8767.

Propane Appliances - Ellis Wolfreys - 389-2904.

Topsy Farms sells Speedrite Electric Fence - 389-3444.

Topsy Farms' fresh frozen lamb can now be ordered, either whole or half lambs, or gourmet packs of the most tender cuts. The lamb will be available from late August through Christmas. Delivery can be arranged to Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto as well as Kingston and Amherst Island. Call 389-0554 or 389-3444.

Glenn's Store is open 8 am to 6 pm Monday to Saturday. Fresh produce arrives on Thursday afternoons. Many unexpected items: if you don't see what you want, just ask. Call 389-0417.

Stella Post Office at Glenn's Store is open 8 am to 12 noon, 2 pm to 5 pm, Monday to Friday; 8 am to 12 noon Saturdays.

Anyone interested in subscribing to the Kingston Whig Standard? Please contact Jamie Miller at 389-8519. Free Delivery in the village or box pickup at Glenn's Store.

Amherst Island Mutual Fire Insurance Company serving the community since 1892. Your agent - W. Bruce Caughey, 389-2012.

Glenwood House is a warm and relaxing bed and breakfast house next door to the Township Hall. Rates \$24 single, \$34 double. Call Philip Wood at 389-5348.

"Poplar Dell" is a farm vacation home and bed and breakfast accommodation. Call 389-2012. Bruce and Susan Caughey and daughters.

"Mayflowers and Gifts", two miles west from the ferry on the Front Road, offers cards, gift wrap, gift items and plants. Special orders taken for flowers and plants.

Call May Nesbitt 389-1731 or visit the shop in the barn by the roadside.

Tina Tugwell does custom sewing - drapes, bedspreads, valences etc.

Free estimates. Call 389-5569.

Marion Glenn does quilting. Call 389-5769.

Liz Silver has been available to do house cleaning. Contact her at 389-8434 after July 21st.

Dr. Scott, G.P., has a medical practice on the Island. Call his answering service, 384-1337 or his home, 389-4609. He will do house calls. Services are available to Island residents or visitors.

Home baking, fancy sandwiches, cakes and special orders taken. Carmel Horth 389-2916.

Wendy Shurtliffe has now successfully completed extensive hairstyling and cosmetology training at Marvel Beauty School, Kingston. She is welcoming customers, both male and female of all ages. Cuts \$5.

For prices of perms, colouring etc. just call 389-5782.

Various ceramic items can be made to order.

Call Myrtle Veech at 389-5782.

Amherst Island Treasures Cookbook - copies are still available at Glenn's Store for \$9.50 each. A project of St. Paul's Presbytery Church Women.

St. Paul's Anglican Church in Stella holds services on the first Sunday of the month at 9 am, other Sundays at 11 am. Rev. C. Babcock.

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church on the Stella Forty Foot holds services at 11 am every Sunday. There will be communion service on July 21st. Rev. C.L. McIntyre.

The Stella Public Library is located in the Township Hall. It is open Tuesday evenings 7 - 9 pm, Wednesday and Saturdays, 1 - 3 pm.

Diane Gavlas and Donna Willard, librarians.

Township of Amherst Island office hours are 9 - noon, 1 - 4 pm, Monday to Friday. Township records are available, also applications for birth certificates etc. A xerox machine may be used.

Diane Pierce, Town Clerk, Judy Miller, Assistant Clerk.

Township Council meets the first Tuesday of every month in the Council chambers, Township Hall, starting at 8 pm.

Amherst Island Volunteer Fire Department - call 389-0417 or Harry Filson (Deputy Chief) 389-5871, or Fire Hall 384-3579, or Hans deHaan (Chief) 389-4327.

In Emergency, to contact the ferry, call 1-657-3147 (Cardinal Coast Guard Station).

ISLAND GRADUATES

These students successfully completed grade 8 in Amherst Island Public School: David Cunningham, Nickie McGinn, Donnie Miller, Trudy Strain, Penni Thornhill, Steven Ward, and Ricky Welbanks.

3rd CONCESSION CULVERT

- Ian Murray

Tenders for the replacement of the bridge on the 3rd Concession with an arch-culvert were opened on July 15. The lowest price was submitted by Charles Dietrich Const. Ltd. of RR2 Perth Road.

Peter Smith of Totten Sims Hubicki, the engineering consultants for the project, stated that there may be a delay in starting the job due to the difficulty of obtaining large culverts at this time of year. Once a firm delivery date is determined, it is expected that construction should be completed in approximately one month.

WOMAN'S INSTITUTE

- Diane Gavlas

The Amherst Island Woman's Institute would like to cordially invite the residents of Amherst Island to help them celebrate their 85th anniversary. A tea will be held at the Community Centre on Sept. 7 with opening comments at 2 pm.

Please mark on your calendar.

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Welcome to Rev. Christopher Davis, his wife Winsome, and children Johnathan and Lydia. He is the new minister at St. Alban's Anglican Church.

COUNCIL REPORT July 4, 1995

- Chris Kennedy

All Councillors were present, though the Reeve was late for the start of the meeting. Council first briefly discussed the announcement by the new Provincial government that Wolfe Island will continue with a free ferry, but we will continue to pay. The Reeve will talk to the appropriate politicians.

Stuart Miller, the Roads Superintendent, said he was pleased with the paving job. The road crew will be doing some ditching this month. The roadsides have been trimmed.

The muddle over the ownership of the land in the front of Ken Albertan's where the road was moved is being sorted out. The land the new road sits on has now been conveyed to the Township.

Lori Caughey has been hired as swimming instructor for this year and lessons have started at

Shurtleff's pool. Larry Fleming has been appointed to the Rec. Committee.

John McGinn has been appointed as Livestock Valuer for one year, at a salary of \$1000. This was a recorded vote, Scott and Whitton voting against.

Two building permits were issued last month, to John McGinn, and to Jill Greenaway, at Long Point, for renovations.

The Reeve proposed a motion that all emergency personnel, fire fighters and First Response people, who left the ferry to respond to an emergency would have their pay docked for the time they were away. In a recorded vote this was passed, Scott and Whitton voting against. As a result of this motion, the Fire Chief resigned on Friday.

The Council meeting finished just after 10:30 p.m. In an attempt to shorten the meeting the Reeve frequently closed discussion on motions after a few minutes, and at the end of the meeting Councillor Scott said that he felt this had been done in an uneven and arbitrary manner.

I did not find this a pleasant meeting to listen to.

Jim Whitton wished it to be known that he and Lyn Fleming voted against the new fire hall, because he felt that more discussion of other options was required.

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

- Annette

Congratulations to Amy Caughey who was recently rewarded for her contribution to 4-H with a trip to Winnipeg. Amy participated in a 4-H selection weekend last February in Orangeville. Over that weekend 49 4-H members from across Ontario were considered for a variety of inter-provincial trips as well as one trip to the U.K. Amy's trip was sponsored by the Royal Bank and hosted by 4-H families. (Keep working 4-Hrs and see what you can achieve).

Congratulations to new grandparents Lawrence and Bonnie Baker and new mom Tessa Fabian. Tessa's new baby boy, Cody, was born in early June.

Best wishes to Art Ackerman, Ernest Apps, Lance Eves, and Ernest Fleming who all underwent surgery of one type or another this month.

Our sympathy to Earle and Chester Tugwell on the death of their nephew this month. Bob Wing was

husband to Norma, the daughter of Gladys (Tugwell) Martin, Earle and Chester's sister.

In the "interesting people who visited the Island this month" file, anyone who remembers seeing Peter Trueman on Global probably also remembers his co-worker Jan Tennant. Jan spent a few days here last week at the Trueman's, sightseeing and enjoying the Island. She also visited the Burke's and attended the Ladies' Sewing Circle to work on her knitting. Jan is currently out west working on a program for seniors.

AMHERST ISLAND WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

- Freda Youell

The June 21st meeting at the home of Freda Youell opened with the Ode, Collect, National Anthem and reports. Both June events - the Tea and Dessert evening and the Country Fair - were enjoyed by all participants.

The Bake Sale table at the Fair was empty by noon and we are sure that Amherst Island's reputation for great baking was responsible for the fast sell-out. Thanks to our members who donated, we were able to put on a good showing for our small group.

Jackie Sylvester led our discussion regarding "Living Wills" and had obtained a Ministry of the Attorney General kit for each member present. Very informative and scary material when you realize its potential. This took up the rest of the meeting and it was time to finish off the evening in our usual way with a late lunch before heading for home.

Jackie Sylvester will be hosting the July 19th meeting at 8 p.m. in her home and we shall be welcoming Peggy Coulter and Stanley Burke. They will be telling us about their travels in the Far East. Why not join us for an enjoyable evening?

STUDENTS JOIN I.S.L.E.

- Wendy Fleming

This year for the first time A.I.P.S. students were welcomed on I.S.L.E. The Senior Class, when they received the invitation, elected two representatives, a boy and a girl, to attend the I.S.L.E. meetings. Nate Maleska and I were to represent the A.I.P.S. students. It was a good opportunity for us to express our own opinions and ideas as well as those of our friends from school.

Now that it is the end of the school year, Nate and I would like to thank both our class and I.S.L.E. for the

chance to be involved with some of the decisions about how our fund raising money is spent.

We would also like to thank our community members for supporting all of the various fund raising projects we have done this year. In addition, we would like to say good-bye to two longstanding members of I.S.L.E: Lesley McDonald and Susie Caughey. Their contributions over the years have been greatly appreciated. Thank you for all you have done.

We would like to say thank-you to Phyllis Henderson for picking up the cheese orders for us. The proceeds from the cheese orders went towards end of the year trips. The Senior Class went to Toronto and the Primary Class went to the Cataraqui Conservation Centre. It was greatly appreciated.

AMHERST ISLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL GRADE EIGHT GRADUATES

Congratulations and Good Luck to the following students: Stephanie Fleming, Wendy Fleming, Nate Maleska, Scott Marshall, Mark McCormick, and Jacob Murray.

THE JACK KERR AWARD

- Jacob Murray

In past years Mr. Kerr came to the school on his own time to help kids who were having problems with mathematics and spelling.

To honour his memory the Senior Class of 1995 decided to earn money by doing odd jobs for an award in his name. It will be presented to the student who shows the best improvement in basic maths skills over the year. We are well on our way to achieving our goal with almost \$200.00. If anybody has any work they need doing contact any member of the senior class. It's for a good cause.

ISLAND GARDENS

- Sally Bowen

Gardeners with good watering systems have a definite advantage this year. (Even the weeds are dying in gardens with no water.) I've seen a few different systems that work nicely. George Gavlas uses big diameter pipe to bring water near the gardens, the Sylvesters take a pipe right down the middle of theirs, then both have a system of taps and

hoses with sprayers. They have a much larger volume of water at higher pressure that way. My raised beds didn't grow root vegetables well until I buried a drizzle hose at planting time. This works well, keeping the lower layer moist, making the roots reach down and the potatoes multiply.

There is quite a variety of drizzle hoses on the market now, many made from recycled tires. (Some seem to cost as much as a new truck tire, so go figure.) For starting late plantings like my storage carrots and beets, I like the ones that are porous everywhere, and just ooze quietly. Less expensive are the ones that have water openings at certain intervals.

Patrick Grey has these laid out in his garden, and a timer attached to a switch so that this year, when the family is not here, the garden still gets watered. The additional advantage is that the weeds in between the rows quietly wither from drought.

Mrs. Maude showed me her garden and orchard. She has great quantities of fruit trees, carefully pruned and healthy. This year she is experimenting with hanging a bag of human hair in the trees as a deer deterrent. She told me coons not only raid corn, but are ravenous plum eaters. She has had a tree entirely stripped in a night. She uses an electric "pet fence" to protect her vegetables, and garden fruit, as well as netting to cover the strawberries and raspberries. That didn't protect her petunias from the rabbits. She prefers old nylons or pantyhose instead of string as ties for staked tomatoes. Her garden is meticulously kept, though she regrets it is so much smaller than it used to be. She emphasizes that a good garden needs constant care.

Tom and Jackie Sylvester are doing interesting landscaping. Their new water garden is beautifully done, the huge surround rocks looking entirely natural. (Tom and the tractor just missed tipping in, lugging one.) They are working on lots of roses. Tom has a whole section of the garden devoted to rooting cuttings from neighbours. Jackie explained to me that even Montrealers can grow some tea roses that we can't, because of our lack of snow cover and the wind. She's experimenting with lots that are beautiful and hardy. She said the bugs are particularly bad this year because of the mild winter. They have a system of glass "cloches" made simply from panes of glass and wood blocks with slits as holders. They had salad stuff much earlier than most, and many garden plants were very advanced.

Announcing an Island competition. The first real vine-ripened tomato grower gets - of course - a free Beacon in August. Chris Kennedy, Beacon staff, has graciously offered his services as taster.

Flash: Dorothy McGinn is eating her own full sized potatoes already.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Ian Murray

Following the resignation of Chief Phil Silver, Deputy Chief Christopher Kennedy called all fire fighters to a meeting on July 10.

The new executive members are: Fire Chief, Alex (Sandy) Scott; Deputy Chief, John Nixon; Training Officer, David Fleming; Assistant Training Officers, Christopher Kennedy and Fred Werthman; Maintenance Officer, but not a fire fighter, George Gavlas.

Chief Scott plans to have training sessions every 2 weeks. By having half the sessions on Saturday morning, he hopes to attract more fire fighters. He also expressed the desire that 4 or 5 people will take intensive training and thus form a core group of skilled personnel.

WATERSIDE SUMMER FESTIVAL - June 17

- Cathy Glenn

Another inspirational evening was enjoyed by all who attended the Waterside Festival at St. Alban's Anglican Church, Saturday, June 17. If you had been fortunate enough to hear Valerie Lloyd-Watts perform last year, then you were anticipating with great delight another evening of outstanding musical selections.

Caroline Yull gave Valerie probably one of the most uplifting introductions. When a performer's music can bring healing to the heart of a fellow man, then the performer feels that impact as well.

Last year Caroline's dad heard Valerie play and bought one of her tapes. Since then, he suffered a stroke and the one thing in life that seemed to bring him a great deal of joy was listening to the tape of Valerie Lloyd-Watts. . . .

As we left the beautifully decorated church that evening, we carried with us a deeper appreciation for the great composers and a sense of awe and amazement at such a developed musical skill. Some us even went home and tried to find a deeper sense of

emotion in our own playing, even if that meant holding onto the final notes of our music for a longer finale.

WATERSIDE SUMMER FESTIVAL - June 26

- Leslie Gavlas

The very popular "Wassermusik" program was presented on Sunday, June 25 at 3:00 p.m. This year the performers, organized by Inka Brockhausen, included Cathie Goldberg, violin, John Kruspe, piano, Ann van Egmont, violin, Denis Lehotay, viola, Ester Gartner, cello, Craig Vallom, base, and Inka, herself on piano.

Inka introduced the program stating that she hoped we were hungry as we would be served trout, however, the program would start with some hors d'oeuvres.

The hors d'oeuvres were, delightful, a well chosen selection of musical offerings comprising duets and solo numbers featuring the various artists, and concluding with the, Johann Sebastian Bach Piano Concerto in F Minor which employed all of the "Wassermusik" group with Inka as pianist. The excellence of the performers whetted the appetite of the large audience.

After intermission, The Schubert Trout Quintet in A Major, Opus 114 was a real delight. The musicians combined their skills in an excellent rendering of what is a general favourite for chamber music fans. As a member of the audience it was wonderful to watch the intensity of the musicians faced with the extreme heat of the afternoon. In particular I noticed Cathie and Esther, obviously under the spell of the music, as their facial movements and body language responded.

The enthusiastic audience responded with a drawn out standing ovation which the group had clearly earned.

MOIST NEWS

- Jacob Murray

Moist performed in NFLD on July 1st in front of 700 contest winners for the First Molson Canadian 'out there' weekend: Moist had the audience 'Moshing' (Crazy dancing) and singing along.

The single "Silver" is being played on approximately 21 stations across the United States.

THANK YOU NOTES

Debbie and Alex Scott would like to thank their family, friends and neighbours for cards, gifts, and best wishes received for the occasion of our wedding.

A Big Thank-you to Everyone!

I would like to thank my friends and neighbours for their get well wishes and gifts of fruit and candy after my short stay in the hospital, also I would like thank my family who are looking after me so well.

Ernest Fleming

Bill, Annette, John and Maureen would like to extend our sincere appreciation to those who helped make Mom and Dad's 35th Anniversary Party a wonderful success.

Thank you to all those who travelled the distance to be with us: Ron and Lillian; Ted and Heather; Eric and Linda; Keith and Shirley; and the rest of the Miller/Glenn/Filson/Cox crew.

Thanks to Doug Shurtliffe, Adam Miller and Helen Trotter for help prior to and during the event. You helped us create a truly memorable weekend Mon and Dad will treasure forever.

Our Thanks

Thank you for the cards and good wishes from the ACW and WI, after my stay in hospital. Thank you also to Leslie Gavlas for the rolls.

Arthur Ackerman

My many thanks to our family, friends and neighbours for their help and concern during my visit to emergency and after. A very special thanks to our Emergency First Response Team. Also thank you to the ACW for their visit and goodies.

Sincerely, Audrey Miller

Dear Family and Friends,

Only on Amherst Island could it be "almost" worth it to get kicked by a cow! During the past months I've been showered with kindness, wonderful visits, cards, letters, flowers, phone calls, books, goodies, casseroles and pies by the dozen... even volunteers to wash the dishes! I thank each and everyone of you for the love and cheer you have brought my way.

The family of the late Lucille Brown would like to thank the endless number of friends and relatives who helped in any way to make Lucille's life easier, and to make it possible for her to remain in her home where she was most comfortable with what she had to bear.

What touches us, is the joy that each and every one of you brought her during her years of rehabilitation and right to the end of her battle. What comforts us are the memories we will always share and what lasts, will be our love for her as always.

The Island community came together once again to make this loss easier for our family. We would like to thank a very special pair of ladies, Bonnie Baker and Margaret McMullin for their never ending patience and care of Lucille.

Thanks also to the VON home care, Bill Davis and the James Reid Funeral Home and the A.C.W. for their lunch after the service. All of the sympathy cards, food and donations in her name were greatly appreciated. We felt that the donations to the Bath Lion's Club was Lucille's way to thank them for all they have done to try to purchase and electric wheelchair for her so she could get around. We hope that this will help them to help someone else.

There are so many more people to thank over the years but little room to do it in. So accept this as our thanks to each and every one of you who touched her life and helped make it more full in any way.

John and Bill Brown and the Henderson Family

WEMP FAMILY

- Ian Murray

While cutting hay at the Wemp homestead, I took a break and had a good look at the Wemp Cairn. It is in good shape and a lasting tribute to Barnabas Wemp and his wife Catherine Gates. It's also a tribute to Moutray Wemp and to the recent work of Leigh Wemp.

I asked Leigh how he was related to Barnabas and this is the information that he gave me.

Barent Wemp of Holland begat Jan Barentsch Wemp: born 1620 in Holland and came to North America in 1643-45.

Jan Barentsch Wemp begat Barent Janse Wemp: born 1656 at Albany in what is now New York state.

Barent Janse Wemp begat Hendrick Wemp: born 1701.

Hendrick Wemp begat Barent, also known as Barnabas, Wemp: 1738 - 1843. Leigh told me that Barent Wemp also used the surnames Wemple, Wimble and Wemes. Loyalist times were a time of turmoil and changeable spellings and it was not uncommon for names to be somewhat confusing.

Barnabas moved to Amherst Island.

Barent (Barnabas) Wemp begat John Wemp: 1785-1865.

John Wemp begat William W. Wemp: 1848 - 1937.

William W. Wemp begat Benjamin Wemp: 1872 - 1948.

Benjamin Wemp begat William H. B. Wemp: 1899 - 1952.

William H. B. Wemp begat Leigh H. Wemp: 1938 -.

Leigh H. Wemp begat Herbert D. Wemp: 1962 -.

Herbert D. Wemp begat Kaily M. Wemp (1992 -) and Adam D. Wemp (1995 -).

That's 12 generations.

Leigh doesn't know if there will be 30 or 300 descendants of Barnabas and Catherine coming to the Island on July 29.

I hope that we can include more Wemp family – as well as other Island family - history in future Beacons.

*Heritage Day: July 29, 1995
United Empire Loyalist Wemp Families
Celebrate 211 Years In Canada*

MS KIA

I was eavesdropping on 2 farmers who were discussing the various tools and equipment parts that they'd lost over the years, when I had a flash of insight.

Was it in one of the old Tarzan movies where the bad guys are searching for the elephant graveyard? All old and sick elephants go to die at this graveyard - a vast store of ivory for the bad guys. Anyway, somewhere on the Island there must be a graveyard for tools and miscellaneous odd bits of farm equipment.

I can picture it now: Barnabas' missing scythe nestling contentedly with the 27 pairs of vice grips

that have wandered away from this neighbour's farm. In some thicket, there must be a small mountain of rusting metal and rotting harness leather growing larger year by year. I'll bet that thicket is made up of prickly ash, too.

A LETTER HOME

Sorry I haven't written since last month but we've been busy, busy, busy. The weather brings good news and bad news. The good news is that it has hardly rained and we have had a good run at the hay. With well over a thousand large round bales to be put away there is not much time to sit and daydream. The bad weather news is that we are experiencing a terrible drought. It's been over a month since any real rain. The pastures are drying up, the crops are burning and vegetables are dying on the vines.

Wish you could have been here for the Canada Day Celebrations. Everyone enjoyed the parade of bicycles and floats. The visiting piper provided the music and those who weren't in the parade lined the sidewalks to wave and applaud. A great evening to watch fireworks, visit, eat strawberries and complain about the weather. The mosquitoes weren't invited this year and nobody missed them.



The next time you visit, bring your rollerblades or rollerskates. We have the most wonderful strip of new pavement both east and west of the village. Every time I drive over it I'm grateful for having all the lumps and bumps and broken pavement removed.

You should see John McGinn's house, it was raised several feet in several days. A number of men and large equipment arrived one day and started jacking the house up. An interesting process. A foundation has been placed underneath and June and John can now look down on the Front Road traffic.

One last bit of news. The raccoons have taken over the Island. They are in people's houses, vegetable gardens, granaries and corn fields. I've always found it difficult to like anything that wears a mask and sneaks around at night (except Batman).

Well we're off to the Bluffs for a quick swim, to wash off the hay dust.

Stay cool!

Until next month.

P.S. The storm of early Saturday morning (July 15th) left the Island comparatively unscathed. Napanee and Prince Edward County really got whacked with trees and utility lines down plus damaged barns and houses.

The thunder and lightning were spectacular and there was a wicked wind which seemed to be just above the trees.

THE GREAT FEE DEBATE

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We have thought, pondered, talked, discussed, surveyed, weighed results, statistized, calculated, and even guessed about the rates with the following non-unanimous result.

Starting next month the following fee structure will come into effect:

Single Issue (Glenn's Store or Back Kitchen)... \$1.00

Subscription to Canada... \$19.00

Subscription to the U.S.A.... \$21.00

Subscription Overseas... \$24.00

We realize that this is a substantial jump but with postage going up and the fact that we have been losing money over the last few issues because of much higher printing costs, we feel that our readers will get their money's worth with this improved Beacon.



**Monica and Andy
At the Art McGinn
Fishing Derby**



Needle Felting Workshop for Beginners

Monday July 27th starting at 10 AM at Topsy Farms (14775 Front Rd)

Ages six and up

\$25 includes all supplies needed.



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Day
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