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EDITOR'S NOTE

-Ian Murray

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CLINTON GRYCE KILPATRICK

November 5, 1934 – July 3, 2015

Warren & Laurie Kilpatrick



John Kilpatrick and Clinton



Clinton Kilpatrick

We are honored to celebrate Clinton on behalf of the Kilpatrick and McKee families.

Clinton Gryce Kilpatrick was born on November 5, 1934. As Bert Glenn said to Irwin Henderson while plowing the nearby fields, "There's a new package at John's".

Clinton was the only child of John Kilpatrick and Annie Kilpatrick (McKee) whose Scots-Irish ancestors had immigrated to Amherst Island from County Down Ireland between 1830 and 1860.

Clinton grew up at the Kilpatrick homestead on the Third Concession and lived on the Island until his later years. And he wouldn't have had it any other way.

Clinton, by his own admission, was a bit of a rascal and enjoyed telling us about some of his

exploits as a child.

Having done something to displease his mother Annie, Clinton climbed up onto the roof of the house and sat straddling the peak, all the while taunting her. This would not have been amusing to Aunt Annie, as you well know.

But Aunt Annie had the upper hand...what goes up must come down and she would be waiting for him.

We believe that when they meet in heaven... Annie will forgive him for his shenanigans and Clinton will forgive her for once putting him in a milk can to deal with his tricks.

Clinton attended No. 5 School for grades 1-4 and the school at Carr's for grades 5-8. His school mates included Keith Miller, Tom Miller, Nina Wemp, Grace Wemp (Bailey), to mention a few.

He was one of the first students to attend the new Amherst Island Consolidated School when it opened in 1947 where he completed his grade nine. He had a great curiosity for how things worked and he loved books. Clinton did very well in school and spoke very highly of his teachers.

His high school days ended when his father John was seriously injured in a farm accident. By the age of 15, Clinton was running the farm.

Although Clinton was an only child, he was blessed by having many aunts and uncles in the McKee and Kilpatrick families. This meant that there was a wealth of first cousins whom Clinton kept in contact with throughout his life.

Clinton also had good neighbors and many lifelong friends. The Island families relied on one another and helped each other when help was needed.

Our dad, Bill Kilpatrick and Clinton were first cousins and close friends who shared many of the same interests. Madlyn Kerr (Kilpatrick), Merle, Ralph and Wayne McKee, are also first cousins of Clinton.

Clinton loved to visit. He loved playing cards and he enjoyed the dances and movies at Victoria Hall. He was good-natured and very social and could often be found at the local stores on a Saturday night.

He and Aunt Annie would frequently come to our store in Emerald and then up to the house after. The

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evening often led to what we call 'extreme' euchre with much table thumping, hooting and laughter often until two o'clock in the morning.

Clinton had a mechanical mind and a true gift for fixing things. Out of necessity, he repaired the family tractors, farm machinery and trucks.

Islanders were calling on Clinton for vehicle repairs and he was becoming very popular as an Island mechanic. With encouragement from Stirling Glenn, he made up his mind to get his mechanic's

papers and open a garage. He accomplished this in short order.

As the only mechanic on Amherst Island at the time and a full-time farmer, Clinton was very busy. He serviced the Island school buses, the roads' equipment, and kept most of the Island cars and trucks on the road. Later he got a license to set up a Vehicle Inspection Station and his business increased even more.

Clinton always made time in his busy life for St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. He was Chairman of the Board of Managers for fourteen years and he served as an Elder. When the Annual Garden Party was held at the Manse, the event lasted well into the evening. A bingo was one of the highlights and Clinton would set it up and call the numbers.

In the late 1960s, Clinton was a Councillor on Amherst Island Township Council. In the words of Ian Murray, a former reeve of the Township, Clinton was a quiet Councillor, but he was sure listened to when he spoke.

In 2003 at the age of sixty-nine Clinton decided to retire from farming and the shop. He sold his beef cattle and held a large auction at the farm. After 55 years of working, he was looking forward to a slower pace and having more time for travel, reading and socializing with family and friends.

Clinton went on a Caribbean cruise with Warren and Laurene's family and Gary & Lesley McDonald's family. He also visited the site of the Indianapolis 500 with Gordon Thompson - something that Clinton always wanted to do.

When his health began to fail, Clinton moved into Fairfield West Seniors Home in Kingston. He roomed with his cousin Lyle Kilpatrick. In 2008 he moved into Fairmount Nursing Home and was well cared for by the fine staff of Fairmount, who liked to kid with him and referred to him as their favourite.

As mentioned earlier, Clinton was well loved by his neighbors and many friends. Keith Miller, one of Clinton's school and farm buddies had this to say about Clinton:

"Clinton was to me a lifelong friend and neighbor. He was a good person, a good farmer and a good mechanic. He did farm chores his entire life helping his parents through very difficult times.

"Clinton was a bit of an innovator when it came to farming and making things work. He loved the challenge of it all. If new farming ideas came along

he was anxious to try them out.

"I vividly remember Clinton and myself trying to build and make work a field sprayer when herbicides first appeared on farms.

"Clinton had this old steel-wheeled tractor we were working with. I explained to him we had to have a constant, uniform land speed. He then took off like a rocket, ran over a stone and the whole apparatus upset on the ground.

"Clinton never got upset. He didn't say anything for a long time. He simply said, 'I think we need to rethink this'.

"Clinton was an important part of this community for a long time and I know we will all miss him."

Clinton's story is a story of hard work; of hardship overcome; and of devoted service to family, friends, church and community.

Clinton made a difference in the lives of many. He will be fondly remembered and greatly missed.

[Staff: #5 School was located where Paul and Carol Glenn now live – 3475 3rd Concession. Carr School was where Johnny McGinn now lives – 7720 Front Road.]

A FEW WORDS FROM A LIFELONG NEIGHBOUR

-Allan Glenn

Having lived next door to the Kilpatricks since childhood, I knew Clinton well, the boy in his early teens who became the man of the house after his father's accident and confinement to a wheelchair. How Clinton would rise early, milk the cows and do other farm chores all day long, and carry his father up to bed at night. The one thing we both looked forward to was the Friday night movie in the Orange Hall sponsored by Maurice Hogeboom with a visit to Max Beaubien's Ice Cream store afterwards.

We worked together for haying and harvesting and I marveled at 3 things about Clinton: Firstly, his physical strength. He could pitch a 60 pound square bale six tiers high with the greatest of ease. I did well to get it up 4. Secondly, his mechanical skills. He could repair anything and did so for many Island people. Thirdly, his pleasant demeanor. I never heard Clinton lose his temper or use foul words, even when machinery would break down or a load of bales would upset.

Laurene recently told me "some people can

brighten your spirits just by entering the room, others by leaving it.” Clinton was one of the former.

So, if Heaven is in need of a good farmer, an excellent mechanic, a loyal son, and a most pleasant man, let me assure you, one is on the way.

The band “Bear Tracks” (seen to the right) not only provided fabulous shows both Saturday evening and Sunday at the festival, but they also did an impromptu jam session on the ferry the next day as they were heading home. This short concert was greatly enjoyed by the crew and passengers who shared the crossing. For those who missed it, a part of it can be viewed on their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/beartracksband.

(A Facebook account is not required to view this 2 minute video.)



EMERALD MUSIC FESTIVAL

Dan and Joan Simpson express their thanks for the support and generosity which made the Emerald Music Festival on our Island a great success. “This is what makes us proud to be an Amherst Islander.”



Island favourites, Anthony Gifford and Keith Miller were also part of the impressive programme of artists who entertained in Emerald this past weekend.

Both Photos by Rosy Findlay

An aerial shot of the festival site.
Photo courtesy of Joan Simpson



ROSS HAINES

-Amherst Island Women's Institute remembers Ross Haines with gratitude.



Members of AIWI once unofficially adopted Ross as an honorary member. In his memory we would like to acknowledge and thank him for our coffee cart. Ross made and painted the wooden structure (not the moving parts) and painted our name on it.

He made the standing board on which we post the price list.

He supplied and mounted the magnets we use for fastening the banner to the shed.

For many years he watered our planters by the dock and in Stella.

He made and donated the pick-up sticks used by the W.I. County Road 4 clean-up crew.

He acted as "gopher" and support for the clean-up crew.

Ross made magnificent professional-standard signs and banners for W.I. Area, District and Local Conventions.

Recently, deteriorating health prevented him from contributing but he remained a constant supporter of AIWI activities.

Thank you, Ross.

FLORA

-Barbara Mammen

Flora Macdonald died on Sunday morning at 89 years of age.

I wonder how many Island residents remember her as our Member of Parliament for Kingston and the Islands for several years and do they recall when she would be invited to the New Years Eve dances on the Island?

When my partner and I were attending, there were two dances that I recall when she wore a full length Macdonald tartan skirt with a dressy white blouse and she circulated talking to many Islanders as well

as dancing and having a wonderful time.

Here's a different memory of Flora Macdonald, from my sister, Holly McCormick :

"I mostly remember her from attending the turkey dinners at the school when we used to go and take Helen ... lovely lady"

I wonder how many other Beacon readers would have memories to share?



**Ross Haines aka Mr. Squirt
Canada Day Parade**

EDGAR MOONEY

-Judy Bierma

I talked to Margaret Mooney, Ed's wife and she relayed this story about Ed to me.

Edgar was born on July 27th in the year of 1928. He was born in Vankleek Hill, Ontario, which is near Hawkesbury. He went to school in a one room school and then on to Vankleek Hill Collegiate Institute. After graduating he worked at the Canadian International Paper in Hawkesbury as a clerk. He was very active in the Knox Presbyterian Young Peoples. The Young Peoples had a convention in Vankleek Hill and Margaret (his wife) came from Montreal to attend the convention. That is where she met Ed. She was 23 at the time.

It was because of Margaret that Ed went to Queen's University to get his Bachelor's of Art degree and then he went to Teacher's College in Ottawa. Ed was in Teacher's College with Allen Caughey. When he first got into teaching he taught elementary school at Strathcona Park Elementary. Later he taught Math at Ernestown Secondary School in Odessa. Ed also taught Special Education at Ernestown.

Ed and Margaret were married in 1956 on the

same day as Beulah and Ralph Woods. They lived in Kingston because Margaret had a job teaching Business Courses at QECVI. Margaret took her teacher's education at Acadia. She was offered a job in Vankleek Hill right after she graduated and taught there at the High School until they moved to Kingston.

Their son David was born in 1966 and their daughter Sheila was born in 1969. Ed retired in 1989 from Ernestown Secondary School. He and Margaret bought a motor home and became very active in a Camping Group. They camped in many places, in Nova Scotia, east of Toronto, in the States and all around.

His hobby was being a Presbyterian. He interested John Schram in the ins and outs of Presbyterianism. He loved the meetings and the conventions and the conversations at the Presbyterian meetings. He was a wonderful man.

NEIGHBOURHOOD

- Lynn Fleming

Get Well wishes to Barb Filson and Stanley Burke

It has been a sad month on Amherst Island, with too many of our community passing away.

Condolences to Margaret Mooney and family, following the passing of her husband Ed.

Condolences to Joyce Haines and family on the loss of her husband, father and grandfather, Ross, following a lengthy illness.

Our sympathy to Victoria Cuyler and family, who lost their grandfather and great-grandfather.

The Island lost a huge part of its history with the loss of 3 lifetime Islanders.

Our sympathy to Kerry and Liz Hogeboom and family, on the passing of their mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Vera. She was in her 105th year.

Condolences to the extended Kilpatrick family, both on and off the Island, following the loss of their uncle, Clinton Kilpatrick this month.

Finally, our sympathy to the nieces and nephews and extended family of Marion Glenn.

Welcome to the Island to the Sudds family, who recently moved into the Finlay house at the west end of Front Road.

Congratulations to Steve and Danielle Kennedy,

on the (early) arrival of their new daughter in early July. A new sister for Krystalin, Liam, Mairi and Julia.

Bonnie Marshall visited from B.C. with her infant daughter Annabelle, to spend time with her mom Dianne Marshall and family and friends on the Island. Bonnie's brother Scott Marshall and his wife Connie from Florida were also home for a visit.

We kicked off the month of July with our annual Canada Day Celebrations! As July 1st fell mid-week, the attendance was down, but no less enthusiastic. Following the parade, people enjoyed the St. Paul's Strawberry Social, music by Dan Simpson and Friends, a free hotdog and drink from the A.I. Rec Association and topped the evening off with another spectacular fireworks display by Canazon.

The Museum held their "Fabulous Island Fiesta" for a second year with various activities around the Island.

The Women's Institute hosted a presentation about the British Home children that were sent to Canada during the late 1800's and early 1900's - some of whom came to Amherst Island.

St. Paul's held their annual summer bible school for a week in July, which was well attended.

The Wolfreys family held their reunion on the Island in July, with 114 descendants of Bert and Mabel Wolfreys attending.



L-R Front: Lloyd, Howard, Leonard, Ellis Wolfries

L-R Rear: Elaine, Darline, Doreen, Marylou

Photo by Whitney Fleming

Capping off the month was the annual St. Paul's Garden Party which was hampered this year by the rain.

Well, July has been a beautiful month on the Island, with enough rain to keep things green, lots of sun and even some heat warnings. Of course many Island functions and events have been affected by the extended service of the Quinte Loyalist as our ferry. It looks like mid-September is the new E.T.A. for the return of the Frontenac II. My guess is it will be closer to, if not actually, October before we see the Frontenac II. Then you can bet it will return with maintenance issues and more disrupted service. Once again, thank the ferry crews when you can – it's been a long summer for them more than any of us.

CARDBOARD WARS!



Queen Eva – supervising the battle

Angus Little started the Cardboard Wars a couple of years ago to help celebrate his mom's birthday. This year, an expanded version was held in the village for Daniel's 21st. The 'parade of warriors' started from Lorna Willis new home in the village, marching (sort of) to the school sports field, where the mayhem commenced.



Lower Left: We see Angus Little and Ben Cuyler attacking. One of the enemy combatants was Saskia Wagemans. Below, Peggy Coulter holds sustenance for some of the contenders.

All photos by Brian Little



JANET'S JOTTINGS

- Ian Murray

Janet is taking a break from her jottings. We hope that she'll be back in the fall.

OBSERVATIONS AT LANE'S END PARK

This beautiful recreational area has become a toilet for someone's dog. Judging from the evidence, it's a small creature with a substantial output, sent out to do its business there many, many times. The carpet of you-know-whats now littering the grass is a deterrent to a meal on the picnic table provided. Need one say more? Alena Schram

COUNCIL GLEANINGS

- Ian Murray

From 13th Session, June 22nd

“Moved by Councillor Daniliunas and Seconded by Councillor Ashley that the Director of Planning and Development Services' report, June 12, 2015 re: Algonquin - Comments on Proposed Dock and Submarine Locations, be received and as outlined in the staff report, that staff be authorized to submit a letter to Algonquin outlining the concerns related to dock and cabling placements that affect municipal property and the INVISTA intake.”

Motion carried.

“Moved by Councillor Hegadorn and Seconded by Councillor Daniliunas that the Director of Planning and Development Services' report, June 12, 2015 re: Algonquin Power - Modification Report #4, be received and that the following comments be made:

1. That the Township requests confirmation that the revised Noise Assessment Report is being reviewed by the Ministry to confirm the new higher output turbines proposed do not create site specific adverse affects on residences or vacant lots.

2. The proposal continues to be premature consistent with the comments the Township made in April 2013 (municipal consultation form) due to the lack of detail, in particular, in relation to impact on municipal infrastructure.

Motion carried.”

“Moved by Councillor Ashley and Seconded by Councillor Porter that the Director of Planning and



Deer on the Run
Photo by Brian Little

Development Services' report, June 12, 2015 re: Limestone District School Board - Rooftop Solar Projects, be received and that the motion be deferred to allow staff the time to investigate the technical concerns expressed by the Fire Department.

Motion carried.”

“Moved by Councillor Ashley and Seconded by Councillor Daniliunas that Council directs that staff reopen a dialogue with the Federal Government to acquire the Long Point docks on Amherst Island.

Motion carried.”

From the 14th Session, July 13th

“Moved by Councillor Ashley and Seconded by Councillor Daniliunas that the presentation from Andrea Cross - re: Amherst Island Dry Stone Festival, be received and that the CAO be the designated point of contact to coordinate the staff/Council response to this event.

Motion carried.”

There is an 8 page report in the Agenda of the 15th Session responding to Andrea's requests. The

biggest problem is getting the 200 tons of stone from Tweed to Amherst Island. The Glenora ferry limits loads to 4 tons, according to the report, so that means 50 trips required. Most other issues are probably doable - with compromises.

The Mayor made a suggestion that the rock be stockpiled at the public works depot on County Road 6. The rock could then be brought to the Island in ferry-compatible loads.

“Moved by Councillor Ashley and Seconded by Councillor Daniliunas that Council receive the verbal and written presentation from John Harrison on behalf of the Association to Protect Amherst Island regarding Traffic Noise - Windlectric, and that staff be directed to require that Algonquin Power/Windlectric submit another modification report pertaining to traffic noise before the approval process advances further.

Motion carried.”

AIMS Meeting
4 July, 2015 at 08:00 – St Paul’s Church
- Anders Bennick

Chair: Bill Barrett

Secretary: David Pickering (below)



AIMS is a professional organization.
Photo by Judy Bierma

Attending: 17 members: Kevin Archibald, Bill Barrett, Bruce Burnett, Bruce Findlay, Dayle Gowan, Brian Grace, Hubert Groot, John Harrison, Hugh Jenney, Peter Large, Brian Little, Gardner McBride, Neil McMullen, Don Pepper, David Pickering, Mark Raymond, Michael Steves, and Bruce Sudds (guest).

Breakfast: Bill Barrett provided an excellent continental breakfast which all the members enjoyed. Thank you Bill.

Treasurer’s report: Hubert Groot stated that the transfer of treasurer from Kevin to himself was complete. The entire membership expressed thanks to Kevin for his years fulfilling this role. We’re in good shape. Discussions followed regarding movement of the cashbox to and from the market. Hugh will deliver it with a \$50 float at the start of the sales day. Hugh also requested that the person on the cart count the money at the end of sales and leave a note of the new total in the box.

Auction: Items for auction are being collected by Mark Raymond and his team of roustabouts, assisted by Hugh Jenny’s truck. More of the same will be needed and Mark has the memberships list to call for assistance as required.



Gathering assistance at the Kids’ Day market
Photo by Woody Woodiweis

Bruce Caughey has agreed to be the auctioneer. Mark is in the process of preparing an on-the-day-of plan which he will present at the meeting in August. (Members are encouraged to attend this meeting.)

There was no update on the proposed retirement facility.

AIMS has received a request from the organizing committee of the upcoming Dry Stone Festival for funding support. (Andrea Cross presented on this festival at the June meeting – emphasizing that this would be one of the largest events ever held on the Island, and the starting point for an ongoing tourist and development initiative.) After discussion, Hubert Groot recommended that AIMS match the WI's donation of \$1000. Brian Grace seconded this and it was passed.

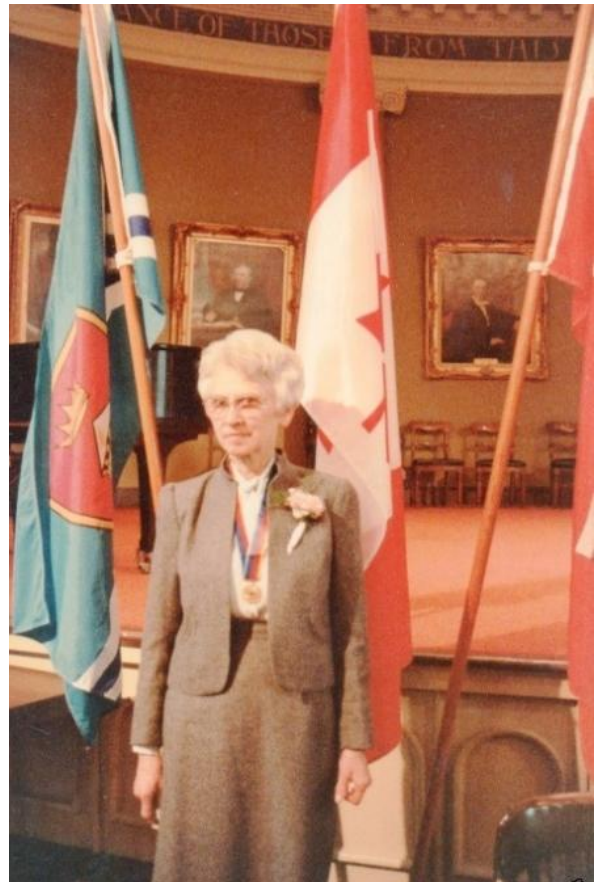
The hanging baskets are up in the village. Thank you was expressed to Dayle Gowan for all his work in this. He said he had a lot of volunteer help from Kyle Murray, which he really appreciated. It was requested that the secretary send a note of appreciation – which has been taken care of. Bill Barrett stated that he will be coordinating the watering, and would welcome anyone who wants to help. Tractor training is provided. Just contact him. Mark Raymond and his 'hired hand' John Harrison continue to work on the Museum flower garden. It's looking very good and their work is appreciated.

The water testing went well, thanks to Brian Grace. Bill Barrett lead a discussion on organizational roles and responsibilities, expressing his opinion that the current, largely ad-hoc structure was not working well. Various members agreed, and there was a proposal to appoint executive members who could ensure the on-going work of AIMS. Hugh Jenny volunteered to take the role of president with dual vice presidents of Anthony Gifford and Don Pepper. Hugh Groot and David Pickering will take the role of treasurer in Summer / Winter respectively since Hugh goes south for the winter. Anders Bennick will continue to act as Secretary with assistance from David Pickering as required. Bill Barrett will be the meeting facilitator, arranging for food and producing the upcoming agenda. This structure was moved by Dayle Gowan and seconded by Don Pepper. The membership passed the motion.

New Business. Peter Large suggested that it's time that AIMS did a strategic review of its purpose and role. (This has partly been done when the charitable guidelines were reiterated a few months ago.) It was suggested that Peter Large, David Pickering and Bruce Sudds could form a working group for this purpose. The suggestion was tabled until next

meeting to give members a chance to review the existing AIMS website and the documents thereon. It was noted that the AIMS market cart required thorough review. Some of the material will never sell, and should be reallocated to a 'free to a good home' table or to the dump. It was suggested that August 8th, after the next meeting, would be a good time to do this.

The meeting was adjourned at approx 10 AM.



Irene Glenn at her award ceremony

Paul Glenn wrote about the "Glenn's Store" in the Beacon then Lynn Fleming added her memories of Irene. Everyone who knew her had good things to say about Irene. I am proud to say I was one of the people who nominated her for the Bicentennial Award in 1984. Although she passed away in 1997 her example was and is a hard act to follow.

Shirley Miller

ISLAND FOOD

Compiled by Sally Bowen

Visitors to our island may not realize that an empty pantry does not always demand a trip to the

mainland. There is actually quite a selection of places where one can get things for the larder. For a sit-down meal, there is Stella's Café, but if you prefer to prepare your own, the following sources can be considered:

The Allen Farm (right by the ferry)

Contact: Laird Leeder - 613-985-4865,
laird.leeder@me.com
www.theallenfarm.ca

Providing seasonal vegetables, eggs, whole roasting chickens, stew chickens, beef, beal and maple syrup

Sylvia Archibald (at Sat. Market in Stella or at home - 10245 Front Road)

Contact: 613-384-8207

Providing some garden vegetables and eggs

JJM Chinchillas (7720 Front Rd)

Contact: Bonnie McGinn - 613-531-1579
or John McGinn - 613-634-0999

Homemade bread, Pies (frozen or by order),
Butter, Wilton Cheese

Lynn Fleming

Contact: 613-634-2509

Special occasion cakes; one week notice required

Godden's Whole Hog Sausage (Poplar Dell B&B - 3190 Front Rd)

thewholehogblog.blogspot.com

Contact: Susie Caughey - 613-389-2012

A wide variety of flavour choices.

Maplemarsh Farm (at Sat. Market in Stella)

Contact: Terry McGinn - 613-888-3702,
613-389-4570, terry@maplemarsh.ca
www.maplemarsh.ca

Fresh produce and baked goods to order

Reidview Farms (at Sat. Market in Stella)

Contact: Barbara Reid - 613-389-0675

Baking, preserves, fresh produce

Topsy Farms (14775 Front Rd at the Wool Shed)

Contact: Ian or Sally at 613-389-3444
www.topsyfarms.com

Fresh frozen lamb cuts, Garlic, Bouquets in season

Betty Wemp

Contact: 613-389-7907

Meals or desserts to order, with a few days notice

The Amherst Island Women's Institute

Has a bake table in front of the Post Office

3:45 pm on Friday afternoons of long weekends.

NATURE CAMP

July 13 To 17 At St. Paul's Presbyterian Church
-Janet Scott

Monday- The Camp visited Lane's End Park – Moulting geese had left an assortment of feathers behind and white Gull feathers lay on the beach. Water turned up different kinds of stones. There were a variety of Minnows swimming in the shallows. Wild flowers such as: Purple Vetch, Trefoil and Daisies dotted the verges of the park. Clam shells could be found along the shore and clusters of Zebra mussel shells stuck to rocks and debris. A swimming Water Snake found his way through a maze of swimming children, dodging the frolicking splashing children. The children built Inukshuks and hunted for rocks. A few Barn Swallows continued to visit nests in the shed at the church as we played outside.



Colton Forester

Photo by Judy Bierma

Tuesday- One of the resident Garter or Ribbon Snakes at the church shed his skin and we added it

to the science table. We discovered that Carol Glenn is an excellent snake catcher. A Chipmunk dashed through the yard, Chickadees, Eastern Phoebe and Warbling Vireo sang repeatedly. Gulls followed Wayne Fleming's baler across the road. Judy B. found an owl feather in the cemetery. The children brought in maple keys and we looked at these items with a microscope. Lorie used antler pieces and feathers to create aboriginal necklaces.

Wednesday- At the school we played in the sand and felt its texture. The resident Osprey yelled at the children if they got too close to her pole. Cliff Swallows dived in and out of their nests. A Killdeer complained loudly about the invasion. The senior campers went to the museum and Barry Richmond gave them an excellent tour of the museum. They found the oldest thing in the museum was a 600 million year-old fossil. Down on the dock we disturbed a sunning Water Snake who slithered off into the bay.

Thursday- The Seniors visited Laurett's beautiful property and found lots of fossils along the shore. Later the older campers set up tents with Barb's help and gathered wood for a campfire. Magnifying glasses, originally part of the insect kit, became fire starters in the late afternoon sun and a Dragonfly found its way into the boy's tent to be carefully helped out again. Thursday night the hungry mosquitoes discovered the campers and as dusk fell the bats in the belfry could be seen diving above our campfire. A canopy of stars arched over our camp and dancing fireflies sparkled in the encircling darkness.



Reily McGinn by Judy Beirma

Friday- Lots more snakes and flies and fascinating

insects. The children found out how to use sandpaper to colour a T-shirt. They made stone necklaces with string and small stones. It was a sand, stone, earth and water week.

Carol Glenn and I wish to extend our many thanks to those in the community who made our vision of a Church Day Camp possible. Our nature theme craft programme was spear-headed by Tessa Mayman and Mary White. If your child or grandchild attended this camp then you saw many of the interesting projects and ideas that these two wonderful ladies created.

Our amazing Junior leaders: Mitchell Morgan-Bursey, Rebecca Scott, Krystalin Kennedy, Dana McGinn, Stephan McGinn and Hanna Norton made the camp possible as they had the young legs to keep up with our enthusiastic campers.

Rachel Scott with Life-guard qualifications volunteered her time on our swimming day. Jay Brennan our new minister dug right in and joined the fun and his enthusiastic son John was an excellent camper.

Anthony Gifford, Hubert Groot and Judy Bierma brought their sailing experience with knots to share with the campers. Once again Lorie LeBlue was there to teach an Aboriginal Craft and to be a steady, ready pair of hands whenever needed. Our newer Island resident Elena Zanetti proved to be an amazing lady in the kitchen to prepare everything for a sub lunch at the school and, as my energy lagged, Jean Perry brought her expertise to the kitchen to supervise Friday's lunch.



Knot tying for Liam Kennedy, John Brennan and J.P. Leeder

Photo by Judy Bierma

Our thanks goes out to Lynn Fleming who went out of her way to help us arrange to use the school for Wednesday's programme. Linda Welbanks brought treats and helped with lunch. Jill Walhout made cookies on a nature theme and helped the campers ice them. Joyce Brown delivered Rice-Krispie treats and sliced watermelon on a hot Tuesday afternoon. Chad Miller was an amazing group leader and Judy Miller, Amy Caghey and Janice McGinn were there to help as often as they

could.

Barb MacLeod-Miller brought her scout leader training and supervised many of the camping activities. Debbie Scott made an emergency run for juice as the hot weather depleted our supply.

It may take a village to raise a child but it took a community like ours to run a successful camp.

Thank-you Amherst Island



**L-R: Tessa Mayman, Anna Walhout, Devin Forester, Krystalin Kennedy, Colton Forester
line behind L-R: Nathan Archibald, Mary White, Garson Miller, Cassie McGinn, Mikeyla Droppo,
line behind that L-R: April Allen, Maeve Berman, Piper Godden, Mairi Kennedy
Photo by Judy Bierma**



ROOFING AT MCMULLEN HOME

The McMullen house was re-roofed in early August. Rosemary McMullen writes, "This is the fourth in

my memory. While the house was being re-roofed in the 50s, Dad swam across the bay with Calvin Drumgoole rowing a boat beside him. Then Neil, who was about 10 swam it a few days later with Fred Gibson rowing beside him."

MONARCHS AND OTHERS

- Sally Bowen

Topsy Farms is an official Monarch Way Station. That basically means we have a sufficient number and range of both HOST plants (Asclepias or milkweed – several varieties) and NECTAR plants. The first are for the egg laying, and larvae. The second are necessary for the newly emerged butterflies to feed before their exhausting migration

south. Please plan to plant both host and nectar plants in your garden next year – they are beautiful and of course attract bees and other butterflies. I know of about 30 species of nectar plants that thrive in our climate. Topsy Farms gives away some nectar plant seeds free in the spring – many others are available by catalogue or in neighbouring nurseries.

Please note that whereas urban areas generally and the American Midwest especially are desperately in need of more milkweed, they tend to thrive on Amherst Island in the fields.

The following is reprinted from
Quarterly Monarch Watch communications:
MONARCH POPULATION STATUS

- Chip Taylor

The number of reports of sightings has increased over the last few weeks and there have been reports of eggs – lots of eggs – mostly in the regions previously identified as likely to have a good migration (Dakotas to Michigan). The number of eggs found and the distribution of these finds now leads me to suspect that the migration through the upper Midwest will be better than any migration seen since 2011. This is good news since the tagging, isotope and observational data suggest that more than 90% of the monarchs reaching Mexico originate in this region. You may recall that temperatures during the breeding seasons of 2012 and 2013 were less than ideal, resulting in population declines each year. Last year the conditions were more favorable and I predicted in May that the population would increase. It did, though not by the amount I expected. . . . For a more detailed discussion of the current monarch population status please visit <http://monarchwatch.org/blog/>



**Bill Christmas, cooling his feet, with mallards -
photo by Cathy Christmas**

WOLFREYS FAMILY REUNION

-Lynn Wolfreys

The Wolfreys Family Reunion was held on Saturday, July 18th for the descendants of Bert and Mabel Wolfreys. Bertie (Bert) Wolfreys came to Canada from England in 1906, from England as a Barnardo Home Boy. He was 8 years old, and went to work on a farm, where he was treated poorly, and left as soon as he was able, as a teenager. He went to work in Toronto, becoming a painter/decorator and eventually met and married Mabel Louise Shepherd. They went on to have 8 sons (Don, Art, Ernie, Lloyd, Howard, Henry, Leonard, & Ellis), and also raised a niece and nephew (John and Cathy Collins).

They lived in Thornhill when the family was young, later moving to the 3rd Concession on Amherst Island, following the tragic death their son Henry. While they may not have had much in those days, there was always lots of love. No one entered or left without a hug and a kiss! The Island became a special place for all, even after they left the Island in later years. Two sons built cottages here, which became the place for family gatherings over the summers and many special memories. Lloyd and Leonard eventually settled long term here, as did Ellis later on. At this point, there is one son, (Lloyd) and 3 grandchildren (Brent Wolfreys, Dan Wolfreys & Lynn Fleming), who live on the Island and have raised their families here.

When plans began for the reunion it was unanimous that it be on Amherst Island, where the last one was held 16 years ago. There are 4 surviving brothers, Lloyd, Howard, Leonard & Ellis as well as Cathy (Collins) Teasdale. From approximately 150 possible family members, 114 (ages 4 months to 84 years) were able to attend the reunion, from as far away as Montreal, Winnipeg and Orlando, and across Ontario. It was a great time catching up, reminiscing and taking Island tours.

There was, of course, no shortage of food or hugs!! It was great to see so many little ones playing and getting to know each other!

As we age, we hope the younger generations will keep the tradition alive.



The Wolfreys family held their reunion on the island in July, with 114 descendants of Bert and Mabel Wolfreys attending. Photo by Whitney Fleming

NEW ART GALLERIES

Our community has been enriched by two new art galleries, which opened this month. They add to viewing pleasure also offered by The Lodge. - Sally Bowen.



1. ISLAND GALLERY

Woody Woodiweis
125 McDonalds Lane
613-217-9326

I have opened an Art Gallery in our house displaying my photography and Mayo Underwood's ceramics. After the opening that happened this past Sat.

Aug 1, I plan on opening by

appointment. This means if anyone has guests visiting the Island or would like to visit themselves they can call me. If I am around, I am happy to share Mayo's and my art.

2. PAPER/SCISSORS/STONE

Elizabeth Barry and Don Newgren
12485 Front Rd
613 389-7782

Open when the sign is out or by appointment.

Included are works by Elizabeth and Don as well as Island residents including Peter Large, Brian Little, Margaret Maloney, John Vrooman, and Don Woodiwiss . . . with more to come.

Below: Opening of Paper, Scissors, Stone

Photo by John Muggenborg



JULY ON AMHERST ISLAND

-Sharen English

Waiting for the small ferry to arrive.

Not being left behind at either Stella or Millhaven.

A child filled with joy, bouncing on a trampoline.

Purple and orange flowers.

The flower baskets hanging in the village.

Stella's Café. Thanks Sandra Reid and family.

The ferry crews. You are awesome!

Tourists, friends and family leaving and arriving on the island.

A beloved Islander's beautiful funeral with Zander there to co-officiate. What a comfort so see Zander again. There is no Reverend better at speaking.

The beautiful purple and pink sunsets.

The stars.

The swallows eating midges. There are so many of these birds flying around my property.

The Osprey that I saw on a hydro pole by Highway 33.

The radio show on which Judy, Janet and I perform.

My beautiful two dogs and two cats.

My husband.

My life.

My health.

This beautiful Island

The kind, friendly and intelligent people on the Island.

My family.

For these people and things, I am grateful.

THANK YOU NOTES

Ross and I adopted Amherst Island as our home 16 years ago.

The past few weeks since his death has shown my family and I another example of how wonderful this community is.

Thank you to: our fabulous first response team for their help over the last three years; for the care given to Ross by CCAC, Helen Henderson, KGH; the many visitors he enjoyed; the offers of help, cards, donations and condolences from every part of the population; the food supplied by St Paul's women, and the WI on the day of the funeral.

Thank you to all.

Joyce Haines and family

On June 26 our daughter Meredith had driven four hours from Hamilton. Her tiny car was loaded up to and including the roof with supplies for the week. Her passengers were two sizeable Springer Spaniels and our 4 month old grandson. After she pulled into the ferry lineup at 3:25 that Friday afternoon Meredith let us know that she was number 18 in line. My heart sunk, knowing that she was probably in for an hour-long wait in the hot sun. Soon after, we received another message: "we got on the ferry!"

It turned out that the woman in front of her, who should have been the last on that ferry, saw the young mother with two dogs and decided to leave the line in order to make way. A little sleuthing revealed who that kind lady is. When I thanked her for her gracious act her response was: "that's just the Island way."

How fortunate we are to be in this special place.

Sarah and Rick Vanstone

Thank you to all my island friends for your cards and kind words...The hugs were greatly appreciated.

Papa's Funeral was held on Tuesday, July 21 in Whitby Ontario. He was 92 years old and left behind his wife, my Nana of 72 years of marriage.

He will be sadly missed by his 3 Children, 5 Grandchildren and 9 Great-Grandchildren.

Within us his memory will live on....

Victoria Cuyler



Frederick R. Parker

January 7, 1923 to July 19, 2015

Courtesy of granddaughter, Victoria Cuyler

Please Join us for the 13th annual Harvest Festival Saturday, September 26th at Reidview Farms, 10850 Front Rd.

Some of the activities include:

Pie Judging at 11:30 a.m.

Brown Bag Auction 12:30 - 1:00 p.m.

Followed by: Bale Rolling, Cross Cut Saw and Nail Driving Competitions

There will be machinery and livestock exhibits and much more.

Rec Association Canteen

SALLY'S BOOKS, CJAI

-Sally Bowen

We've reached almost 100 book excerpts now, recorded for CJAI, so I was guilty of coasting for some months.

Dayle Gowan has now received 5 new book excerpt recordings that should be running on air relatively soon (if I handled the new recorder properly). They are:

- The Stone Carvers by Jane Urquhart

- Night Stages by Jane Urquhart

- The Street Arab - Story of a British Home Child -

Sandra Joyce

- The Man Who Saved Henry Morgan – Robert Hough

- Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets – J.K. Rowling

If you tune in on Saturday at 8 am, Sunday at 10 am or Monday at 2 pm you'll hear the half hour excerpts.

STONE FESTIVAL KIDS' EVENT



We will be celebrating the Irish Canadian Dry Stone Festival on Amherst Island, September 25 – 27.

Almost all the events will be free, including the children's workshops which will teach the techniques of building with dry stone, but using lighter materials.

The Children's Workshops will be taught by John Shaw-Rimington, on both Saturday and Sunday, morning and afternoon at the Community Centre (AIPS). The workshops will run at various times throughout the day from 10 am to 4 pm - exact times yet to be determined.

And this year, the material of choice will be potatoes!

The WOOLY BULLY Race

see <http://www.amherstisland.on.ca/WoolyBully/>

Runners of all ages and abilities are invited to participate in the "Wooly Bully Run," set for Sunday morning, August 16, 2015 on Amherst Island. The race name is an acknowledgement of the many Island sheep farm operations.

Start location is Dave Willard's farm, 600 South Shore Road.

Start time 1K 9:15 am; 5 & 10 K, 9:30 am.

Runners have the choice of either a 5K or 10K

event along the waterfront. There is also a 1K run for youth 12 years and under.

There are prizes for the top three men and women in both races as well as in several age group categories. The 10K race is also part of the 'Kingston Road Runners Association's 2015 race series.

Runners can register on line at the Amherst Island website (above) or youth on the day of the race.

The race is supported by the Amherst Island Recreation Association and Island School Liaison Enthusiasts with the help of local volunteers. Net proceeds will be diverted to Amherst Island Public School for their extracurricular activities.

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Please donate saleable items that you no longer need to our AIMS Amherst Island Auction. We will sell your very valuable items for a 20% commission.

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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

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.

WEASEL AND EASEL ARTS AND CRAFTS GALLERY

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

STELLA'S CAFE

Thurs. 9 - 6

Fri. and Sat. 9 - 7

Sunday 9 - 6

Holiday Mondays 9 - 6

WANTED:

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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. Sally 613 389-3444

Judy and Anthony seek a mobile home trailer frame; and a small utility trailer (to haul a rowboat).

613 985-1029

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COUNCIL REPORT for August 6, 1985

- C. J. Kennedy

All members of Council were present. In addition to the regular July meeting there were two meetings connected with the contract for the culvert on the 3rd Concession, and a meeting concerning some fencing and a reduction in cost for the Drain. All the minutes were approved. There were no building permits issued in July. Ed Chadband will attend an afternoon seminar in Kingston.

Stuart Miller reported that Charles Dietrich Construction, who have been awarded the contract for the culvert on the Third, will start on August 7th and should be finished September 6th. The road crew have put in the by-pass. The road crew will continue ditching.

Jimmy Neilson, the previous Reeve, spoke to Council at Norman Allison's request. He was responsible for the last ferry agreement negotiations, five years ago. At that time he found the Ministry very tough, but fair, to negotiate with. The Ministry had not been interested in taking over the ferry.

The Reeve reported he had been to only one County meeting last month, the regular meeting. At that meeting the Welfare department reported they had cut off 30 Welfare recipients, and that 30 had appealed the ruling and that one had been reinstated.

John Uliana, the county planner, received a \$30,000 golden handshake when his department was closed. Thirteen municipalities in the County are to be given the basic "Jaws-of-Life" equipment by the province. The Reeve met with Napanee O.P.P. about some complaints received from the Island. The O.P.P. cannot bring charges unless formal complaints are lodged and people are prepared to be witnesses in court.

A consultant is being picked to study the long-term needs for the ferry systems. The report is to be presented in the fall. The Reeve announced that he will be standing again in the municipal election this fall.

Hans deHaan, the Fire Chief, asked about pumping water with the fire truck for filling cisterns. Council decided that no private cisterns will be filled by the fire truck.

Rick Bedford spoke to Council about obtaining the "Jaws-of- Life" for the township fire department.

New regulations are being brought in for moving hazardous materials on the ferry. Council discussed briefly Ted Welbanks' draft proposal for the ferry. It was decided to discuss the complicated subject at a committee-of-the-whole meeting on Wednesday, August 14.

Council requested that people not shoot the cats at the dump. They are very important for controlling the rats.

Council said they were pleased with the maintenance of the privies on the docks. The deadline for the completion of the drain was extended to allow time for the changes to be approved by the tribunal. Two rezoning applications were approved in principle, for Bert Nesbitt and for the land between John Hall's place and Stuart Miller's. The Municipal Office will have a bulletin board outside for posting notices. Three disaster fund appeals were turned down. They are open for private donations. Ian Murray asked for a "Municipal Campaign Primer", and Norman asked to borrow it.

It will be available in the Township Office.

Council then adjourned.

*COUNCIL MEETING, Wednesday August 14
- Chris Kennedy*

This was a committee-of-the whole meeting, open to the public, to consider the draft brief proposing that M.T.C. take over the ferry. About 45 Islanders attended. The Reeve said that the job of the committee was to consider three questions. How would a free ferry improve service, how would it benefit the users, and is it in the interest of all Islanders?

Ms. Magda Majeska, Municipal Policies and Procedures Engineer, M.T.C. Toronto, spoke. She said that it was not M.T.C. policy to run a ferry unless it connected with a King's highway, or possibly a county road, as with the Glenora and Wolfe Island ferries. Wm. E. Blum, District Municipal Engineer and Chairman of Amherst Island Ferry Service Review Steering Committee, M.T.C. Kingston, said that most other municipal ferries in the province were 80% funded by M.T.C. (We are 91 1/2% M.T.C. funded.) He also said that if M.T.C. took over our ferry there is no guarantee

that the present crews will be retained. Other M.T.C. employees could be used, and brought in from outside. Any Islanders hired could be required to work elsewhere in this district by M.T.C. management.

Lance Eves queried the figures Norman Allison had presented in reply to Ted Welbanks' draft brief. Norman and the Township Clerk explained that in recent years excess ferry revenue had been subsidizing the rest of the Township budget. Geoff Matthews wondered if members of council were going to make money out of keeping the ferry management in Island hands. The Ferry manager, at present Norman, is paid \$125 a month for his work, and council members receive a \$25 honorarium for each meeting they attend. Ian Murray told Geoff that he would still run for council without any honorarium.

John Hall asked for more financial information on the effects of an M.T.C. takeover. Ted Welbanks agreed it was needed. Ted said his main concern was that with rising costs the Township would not be able to afford the ferry without a substantial fare increase, but there were not enough figures available to decide this. The Council asked Diane to draw up budgets to show the effects on the Island finances of the ferry, and any possible savings. Bruce Caughey Sr. said how much the ferry service had improved over the years and how pleased he was with the present service. Ray Feraday asked why he had to pay for access to his house. Mr. Blum tried to explain to him what a King's highway was, and that Amherst Islanders receive a very high level of subsidy on their transportation needs already.

Council will reconsider the matter when Diane has produced the required figures.

LETTER TO BEACON

- A. Bruce Caughey

From time to time, especially during the summer months, folks from miles away, journey to the Island, in some cases to visit and re-establish friendships of long ago, in other cases to trace family backgrounds, search out our cemeteries to identify the burial locations of long-departed fore-fathers and in some cases just to enjoy the beauty of our Island and the friendships of our residents.

Recently, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blackburn of Streetsville, Ontario called at "Poplar Dell" for

lunch, while on a visit to the Island. They were accompanied by their two grandchildren and were directed to our home by my daughter-in-law, Susan, as they were in search of family history.

Mr. Blackburn introduced himself to us by saying that his wife was a daughter of Harry Gibson's and the visit that we enjoyed for the next hour or two was all too short. Certainly, mention of Harry Gibson sparked my memory into action as I recalled the late Royal A. Gibson referring to him as his cousin.

Henry (Harry) Gibson was a son born in 1878 of Alexander Gibson and his wife who lived on the 50 acre farm at the corner of the North Shore road and the lower forty-foot road. Evidence of the foundation of their residence still exists and I think the home was destroyed by fire. This 50 acre farm was later purchased by Robert Saunders and added to his 30 acre farm and is presently owned by Dr. George Scott. Harry Gibson taught in S.S.#1 in 1894 (Mrs. Gertrude Maude's property) prior to his entering Queen's School of Medicine, from which he graduated in 1903. Following the example of so many Island Young People, he "went west" to what was then the North West Territories, locating in Calgary. When he attempted to establish a medical practice there, he found that a registration fee of \$50 was required before doing so, and he did not have this much money, so reverted to a teacher's job until he was able to accumulate the necessary fee, after which he established a general practitioners medical practice, which he carried on well in to his 80's.

For many of these years, he and his family enjoyed close associations with the family of another Island native, Dr. Fred Girvin, also a graduate of Queen's in medicine, who moved his practice to Calgary. While at our home, Mrs. Blackburn was able to renew acquaintance, by telephone, with Evangeline Girvin Caster in Kingston and later, on their return to the mainland to meet with Evangeline and her husband at Millhaven for a visit and a promise that they would not again allow their lines of communication to lengthen so long and so far.

Dr. Harry Gibson died in 1978 at the advanced age of 100 and it is interesting to hear his son-in-law relate, that in the declining years of his life, one topic of conversation that never failed to arouse his interest was the mention of Amherst Island. His sister, Jennie Alexandria lived and died in Calgary at the age of 107 years.

Such is the undying and lifelong interest in their birthplace and family roots, of Islanders.

COMMENTS

- A. Bruce Caughey

Having received a number of complimentary expressions on my contribution to your last issue, under the heading of "Comments", I am tempted to try again, in the way of making expression of my personal feeling regarding things that go on around us in our everyday lives in our Island Community.

(1) I am a very infrequent visitor to our Township's dump, but when I do happen to go there I am so pleased with what I see and the tremendous improvement in the operation of the dump that has occurred over the past term of municipal council. The improvement has not come easily but rather a result of combined efforts. Our Township Council has been under constant pressure from the Ministry of the Environment toward improvement of "dump conditions" and those of us who attended the Public Meeting in the Amherst Island School at which a representative of that Ministry was present were pleased with that representative's attitude - as he stated he was not there to "exert force" but rather to assist and help in the solving of a recognized problem.

I think we have to give credit to the initiative of a few people who took the matter in hand and improvement that has resulted is so apparent. I recognize particularly the efforts of Councillor Chester Tugwell, who, having time to spare, has done a tremendous job and, along with the engaging of Vaughn McMullen as a part time caretaker, has resulted in a much more orderly handling of our garbage. Councillor Tugwell conceived the idea of creating "areas" for certain types of refuse, made signs identifying them, and along with our "Roads" dept. has succeeded in maintaining an excellent "turn around" entrance and parking area while one disposes of the never ending accumulation of garbage in today's way of life. I sincerely hope that the continued co-operation of our citizens and the bi-weekly burning of the flammable materials will continue to allow us a very necessary facility, without having to introduce a garbage pickup system, which would be both costly, as well as an inconvenience in many ways.

While commenting on "garbage", how many are

concerned, as I am, with observing the carelessness that exists along our roadsides and many other areas with the disposal of beer and soft drink cans and bottles, the "litter" has only started and continuations of the present practice can result in costly methods of maintenance as well as the possibility of tragic injuries. Of course the density of "fast food outlets" is the great contributing factor, where their policy of packaging creates the eventual throw-away refuse. As I waited in the line-up at the Island dock recently, I was inclined to be critical of the lack of weed care in the much used parking area there, but further investigation showed me that the disposal of "junk refuse" made it almost impossible to maintain this area in a respectable condition.

Just like the operation of the dump, co-operative effort is necessary, so please let us all endeavour to correct our careless habits, in the interest of a finer Island.

(2) My highest compliments to our Road Supt. and his men for their establishing of such a fine "Detour Road" while construction of the new Third Concession Bridge is being carried out. All that is required is the exercise of common sense and caution while this project is under way and no accidents will occur. I also observe the very well timed finalization of the "Miller Drain" in this area, which makes available, on the spot, at least a portion of the necessary stone-fill for the much improved bridge, which I intend to comment further through your columns in future editions.

(3) My compliments to the Lennox and Addington County Board of Education, through the office of the Supervisor of Maintenance, for the excellent paint job which has been carried out on the Amherst Island Public School. The outside painting of the school, in which I have a long-time interest, has restored the building to its original beauty and when such improvements are made along with the undertaking of new projects, such as the extension to the parking area, one is less grudging of the ever increasing tax burden.

Recent news items in the Kingston paper indicate up-coming changes in the composition of the L. & A. County Board of Education. I am lead to comment that with the recognized and increasing friction and disagreement within our municipality over "some" issues such as "drainage" and "insurance coverages", it would only be wishful thinking to

hope for a successful candidature by an Island resident for a seat on the new "make-up" of the next County Board of Education.

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

- Annette

Welcome to our newest summer resident, Matthew Yarmoluk, born Friday, July 26 at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto. At 7 lbs. 12 ozs, Matthew is the first son for David and Marie Yarmoluk (nee Feraday), and the third grandson for Ray and Betty Feraday. Congratulations.

Sincerest Sympathy to Bill and Helen Bulch and family, and to Denny Bulch and her children on the loss of their son, father and brother, Dick Bulch. Funeral services were held at James Reid Funeral Home, Friday, August 9. Burial was on Amherst Island.

Our very best thoughts and wishes are with the Cadmans this month as well. Mr and Mrs. Cadman were forced to return to Texas earlier this summer due to Mrs. Cadman's illness and impending surgery.

On the lighter side, commendations are in order for my brother John who, risking life and limb (his legs in particular), helped with the successful rescue of Reta Miller, Florence McCormac and Ella Brown after an accident landed their car in the lake at the dock. John was first on the scene, completing a perfect dive from the dock, running through the water at top speed and helping rescue the ladies from the car. All three ladies are fine, although a bit shaken up at the time. As for John, judging by the injuries to his knees, he'll probably check the depth of the water next time - before he dives. Also helping in the rescue were Phil Silver, "A" Crew, and no doubt several others who haven't been mentioned.

An update on Doug Wilson's dogs has been requested, and I have found them both to be in extremely good health this month. They are, however, quite literally eating Doug out of house and home. Their favorite midnite snack is currently the living room furniture.

In closing this month, I would like to thank all those who helped make my parents' 25th Anniversary Party a success. In particular, thank you to everyone who donated food and who helped in the kitchen. Thanks to Doug Wilson, Phil Silver

and Debbie Bedford for taking care of the bar, and a special thanks to all the friends and relatives who came from near and far to help celebrate with them.

AMHERST ISLAND WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

- Diane Gavlas

Please remember to join us on Sept. 7 at 2.00 pm at the Community Centre to help us celebrate our 85th anniversary. Opening remarks are at 2.00 pm. The August Meeting is Agriculture at Mrs Reta Miller's, 175 Park Street, Apt #103. Roll Call: A funny story from your family past, related to farming.

THANK YOU

We wish to express our sincere thanks to all who helped us in any way, on July 27. We started up in the lineup for the boat when the accelerator in the car stuck, and we went over the embankment into the water.

Special thanks to the men who rescued us and who got the car out and looked after us.

Ella Brown, Florence McCormac and Reta Miller

APOLOGY

- Staff

Rick Bedford is the Deputy Fire-Chief not Harry Filson as we incorrectly stated in the July Beacon.

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DOG Wash

Bonnie Marshall and Sara Pollock are holding a dog wash on Sunday, August 27th from 10-4 at Bob Marshall's.

For \$5.00 your dog will be shampooed, towel dried and brushed.

Dogs must be wearing collar and must be friendly.

To make an appointment call Bonnie at 389-0554 or Sara at 389-9977.

Best Doggone Deal In Town!

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING July 18, 1995

- Chris Kennedy

This was a special Council meeting half way through July to deal with business that had come up. It started ten minutes late. At the start of most regular Council meetings Council votes to go into a "committee of the whole", which allows a less formal and freer discussion around the council table. The Reeve proposed that Council remained in formal session, where he has more opportunity to control who speaks, but in a recorded vote (4-1) Council decided to go into "committee of the whole".

The old fire hall has been declared surplus property, and Council is going ahead with the work necessary to sell it. Dave Hieatt will be the agent.

The head of the First Response Team, Lynann Clapham, and the deputy Fire Chief, John Nixon, have both written to Council deploring the decision not to pay Township workers when they are responding to an emergency. It was decided, in a recorded vote (Ashley against), that the matter would be discussed again at the September meeting, after more time for public input. Please write to Council to express your opinions on this, or any other matter.

The Fire Department has been reorganized. Alec Scott, Jr. is the new Fire Chief, with no honorarium as he is on Council. John Nixon is Deputy Chief, and David Fleming is Training Officer, with help from Fred Werthman and Chris Kennedy. Meetings will be every other Monday evening and on one Saturday morning a month. The new Fire Hall is proceeding, with a tentative occupancy date of October 1st. A revised Fire Department budget was discussed.

The Reeve has put forward the idea for discussion that the Ferry, Roads and Fire Committees be abolished and that their business be discussed by Council in committee of the whole. The idea will require changes to the procedural by-law, and will be further discussed at a later meeting.

It was decided that ferry workers will be required to give two weeks notice for vacation time, one week for Statutory holidays, and, for sick time they will require a doctor's note after the first day away. This again was a recorded vote with Scott voting nay.

The subject of part-time deck hands was discussed at some length, and it was decided to see if they could be put on contract.

Council then adjourned.

COUNCIL REPORT August 1, 1995

- Chris Kennedy

The Reeve was away in Cornwall, roofing, for this meeting. Jim Whitton was elected to the chair in his place. First, the minutes were discussed at some length. A vote taken at the Special Meeting of July 18th had been removed from the minutes at the request of the Reeve, and Council voted to re-instate this. Alec Scott declared conflict of interest on all matters relating to the remuneration of the Fire Chief. He takes no pay for the job.

The Roads Superintendent, Stuart Miller, reported that they had been busy ditching, and clearing up after the wind storms. The Road Crew have put in a lot of volunteer labour for site preparation for the new Fire Hall.

Council will advertise for new part-time deck hands. All part-time deck hands will be advised that Council is concerned about the number of shifts they turn down, as this affects their suitability for the job.

Council is organizing a WHMIS course on the handling of hazardous materials. This will be held on the Island for Ferry workers and Fire Fighters, and presumably anyone else interested.

Mike Harris has cut the supplementary roads subsidy in half. This includes the money for the new paving on the Front Road, so Council is out about \$33,000. (I didn't vote for him.) The situation is not completely clear, but it seems that we might be able to get the money next year if we can renegotiate with the paving contractor.

The new Fire Hall 7 is being built under Alec Scott's watchful eye, and he reports it is going well. The Dog Control Officer reported that four people have refused to pay dog tax. Council will proceed with the enforcement of the By-law.

The Parish of Bath and Amherst Island have bought the old township copier.

Under "any other business" Alec Scott proposed that the no smoking regulations of the ferry should be enforced, and that all smoking should be banned on the ferry. After a short discussion Council passed this. It will apparently be the Captain's job

to enforce this. Alec also proposed that the Captains should not leave the bridge unless replaced by another crew member with mate's papers. This motion failed for lack of a seconder.

This peaceful meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m. without a single recorded vote.

HAPPY 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY NOREEN AND HOWARD WELBANKS

The family of Noreen and Howard Welbanks wish to invite family and friends to share in an Open House celebration on September 1, 1995, from 7 to 10 p.m. at 7 Queen Victoria Road, Camden East, Ontario.

AMHERST ISLAND WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

- Freda Youell

The July 19th meeting was held at the home of Jackie Sylvester, and after the Ode, Collect, National Anthem and reports, the Roll Call response was "Report on Product from a Far East Country".

This lead into a presentation by Peggy Coulter and Stanley Burke of their travels in Borneo, Bali and Bangkok and we were given an interesting, and often humorous, account of the people, customs and climate complete with large boards covered with photographs.

This enjoyable evening closed with a tasty lunch provided by the hostess.

Although not a part of the meeting, an added pleasure was a look at Jackie and Tom's water garden and roses.

There is no meeting in August therefore no Beacon report but just a reminder to any members interested, "Marketing The Women's Institute" workshop is on September 16th in Roblin and on September 21st the Historical House tour in Adolphustown area to raise funds for the Cultural Centre in Adolphustown Park.

The September meeting will be on the 20th at 8 p.m. at the home of Jean McIntyre and we will be joined by Mr. Bruce Caughey Sr. who will be giving a talk on the history of transportation on Amherst Island and, as always, we would welcome any new members or visitors.

TAMARA GRANT and NOEL MCCORMICK invite our friends and neighbours to attend an Open Dance to share in the celebration of our marriage: Sat, September 16, 1995 8:15 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

Amherst Island Community Centre

HISTORIC PLAQUE DEDICATION AT WEMP CAIRN ON AMHERST ISLAND

- Herbert Wemp

Oyez! Oyez! Oyez!...On Saturday, July 29 in fine Town Crier fashion the ceremonies started with the ringing of the Crier's bell and gathering of about 150 people around the plaque to be dedicated to the memory of loyalist settlers Barent and Catherine Wemp.

Most of those attending were descendants of the loyalist settlers. Two Kings Royal Regiment soldiers in period uniform (John Wannamaker and L.W. Joyner) stood at attention on either side of the plaque which was veiled with The British Union Jack.

The Town Crier (David McKee from Brantford and also a Wemp descendant) gave an inspiring introduction to the unveiling.

"All true to the memory of King George III and to his loyal subjects, hear ye now this proclamation: 'Whereas, United Empire Loyalists Barent and Catherine Wemp endured hardships of the American Revolutionary War and began a new life in the wilderness of this very island 211 years ago, and whereas, if it were not for their will to survive, we would not be standing here today. Now therefore, it is my pleasurable duty to proclaim the unveiling of this plaque upon this site in memory of our ancestry, Barent and Catherine Wemp.

'May this plaque remind us and our descendants of the heritage that caused our family and many other loyalist families to carve and build a strong, united Canada.' This proclamation cried this 29th day of July in the year of our Lord, 1995.

"God Bless all descended from this honourable parentage. God Bless Canada. God save the Queen."

The plaque was unveiled by Leigh Wemp, organizer of the ceremonies, and his son Herb, author of the plaque text. The plaque was then read by the Town Crier.

The American Revolutionary war was the setting

for their courtship and marriage. Barent was a soldier of foot in Colonel Guy Johnson's Loyal Foresters. As the war was drawing to a conclusion, Barent and Catherine remained loyal to the crown of England. They had to flee their home in the Mohawk Valley leaving everything they owned behind. They were with the Captain Mike Grass Company at Camp Cataraqui in the fall of 1784. In the late winter of 1785, while Barent was monitoring rebel movements south of Lake Ontario, Catherine gave birth to their first child John, who became known as the first child born in the new loyalist community.

Barent was enlisted in the King's Royal Regiment in 1786. By 1803 they settled here on Amherst Island on a 200 acre parcel of land. They raised seven children from whom some of today's Island residents are descended. Barent and Catherine both died in 1843 and are buried here on the site of their family farm.

The plaque was erected July 1995 by the descendants of Barent and Catherine with the assistance of the Ontario Heritage Foundation, and the Kingston and District Branch of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada. The Reeve of Amherst Island, Duncan Ashley, then said a few words of his personal encounters with some of the Wemp family. How he first came to the Island, the jobs he had and the people he worked with. He congratulated Leigh for organizing the day and told him he should be pleased with what he has done.

The president of the Kingston branch of the United Empire Loyalist Association of Canada, Terry Hicks, spoke next on the hardships the loyalist settlers faced during the Revolutionary War and their first years at Camp Cataraqui. He spoke of the first winter a group of 17 from Captain Grass Company spent at Fort Frontenac which Barent and Catherine Wemp were a part of. He suggested for those who want to know more about the hardships the loyalists faced to read the historically accurate book "Drums Along The Mohawk".

The ceremonies then moved to the Cairn as it is now. A large monument of stones topped with a wooden cross on a small rise along the fence line some distance from the road. The monument is enclosed with an iron chain and post in each of the four corners. With the regimental soldiers on either side of the Cairn, the Town Crier lead everyone in Canada's National anthem. The minister,

Christopher Davis lead everyone in prayer. There was a weak start to the gospel song Amazing Grace but a strong finish to How Great Thou Art. As the ceremonies came to an end the two regiment soldiers raised their rifles and shot into the sky to the surprise of everyone there.

Some of those in attendance were: Ryan Henderson from Igaluit, N.W.T.; Maureen Tasker from Winslow, P.E.I.; Jack and Peggy Wemp from Clinton Corner, N.Y.; Keith, Derek and J. Nelson Wemp from Kelowna, B.C.; Liz McKee from Whitehorse, Yukon; Tom and Jan Spowart from Madison, WI. Also in attendance were Peter Aykroyd and sister Judy Aykroyd Harvie. More attended the dinner and dance held at the school on the Island that night. The dinner was put on by the A.C.W. and music provided by the Haliman's. A little extra entertainment was provided when the Town Crier and his brother (Dave and Bifi McKee) each sang...very well I might add.

Leigh and Herb would like to thank Sharon Sands, Betty Ennis, Joyce Titley and Doris Wemp who were involved from the beginning as the W.F.G.F. Thanks to Cathy Richards for donating the gifts to hand out. Also thanks to Les Mills for helping out. A special thanks to Al Lawlor and the group for providing the entertainment in the hot sun. It's too bad the tent blew down in the storm.

The Wemp Family Genealogy Foundation would like to thank everyone for their support and generosity and to Tom and Jan Spowart, Emily Tugwell and Yvonne and Bob Hart for their extra support and generosity.

ANNIVERSARY

Henry and Anna Hitchins and family, invite friends and relatives to help celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary party at the Amherst Island Community Centre on Friday, September 29th, dancing starting at 8 p.m. Your presence and best wishes is all that is necessary to make this a memorable day.

EXPERIENCED BAKER will come to your home at your convenience. Home Made Bread - could not be any fresher. You provide the ingredients, I'll provide the muscle.

Al Houchen Leave a message with Sally Bowen at 389-3802.

COOK'S CORNER

- Dianne Marshall

Zucchini the Z word. What do I do with all the zucchini that always grows so well in the garden? Most of the time I can't bear to look at it and so I grate it and put one or two cups in a ziplock bag, freeze it and then when I am feeling strong in the winter I take it out of the freezer and make the usual loaves, cookies, cakes etc. The easiest thing to do with small zucchini is to slice it in 1/4" coins and gently fry it in butter and minced garlic.

The Harrowsmith Cookbook Vol 3 had a recipe for Carrot-Zucchini Squares which I have been wanting to try

2/3 cup firmly packed light brown sugar

1/2 cup butter

1 egg

1 teaspoon vanilla

1 1/2 cups flour

1 teaspoon baking powder

1/4 teasp salt

2/3 cup coarsely grated carrot

2/3 cup coarsely grated zucchini, drained

1/2 cup raisins

Beat sugar and butter together. Add egg and vanilla and beat thoroughly. Add remaining ingredients and stir together. Spoon into greased 9"x9" pan. Bake at 350 degrees F for 30 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.

The following is an easy Zucchini Cheese Casserole (from the same Harrowsmith Cookbook)

4 medium zucchini sliced

1/2 cup chopped onion

2 tbsp oil

1 lb cottage cheese

1 tsp basil

1/3 cup parmesan cheese

Saute zucchini and onion in oil. Whip cottage cheese with basil in blender. Place alternating layers of zucchini and cheese in 1 1/2 quart casserole dish; top with parmesan cheese. Bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees F for 25 to 30 minutes.

If the Beacon Editor's will allow it, I must include just one more recipe for 15 Minute Chili Sauce. I

cut this recipe out of the paper many years ago and it simplifies and encourages the making of chili sauce.

*6 lbs ripe tomatoes (3 quarts)
2 cups finely chopped onion
1/2 cup finely chopped sweet red pepper
1/4 cup coarse pickling salt
2 cups granulated sugar
1 cup white vinegar
1 tbsp celery seed
1 tbsp. mustard seed
pinch cayenne pepper*

Blanch and peel tomatoes. Chop finely. Mix tomatoes, onions, sweet pepper and salt. Let stand at room temperature for 3 1/2 hours. Drain off liquid. In a large, heavy saucepan combine drained vegetables and remaining ingredients. Bring to a boil uncovered for 15 minutes or until sauce reaches desired consistency. Pour into hot sterilized jars. Makes about 7 cups. This sauce has a very fresh flavour.

ISLAND GARDENS

- Sally Bowen

Can anyone top this for a "varmint damage" story? Garry Filson planted 68 tomato plants, and deer ate every decent sized tomato from every plant! The same deer (he's sure) ate most of his pepper plants too. I asked how he managed to have such a steady supply of young delicious corn for sale at the Back Kitchen. He orders his seed through Lois at Simmons Feed and Seed in Wilton. He gets 4 different varieties, then does three different plantings of each, 3 weeks apart. This year he sowed 4 acres, but has had some problems with the drought affecting the earliest variety; and the blackbirds are a hassle all the time. He says plastic owls will only scare them off a 10 foot area. Is anyone else finding vole damage? I hear they've chomped Heather Welbanks' Morning Glories, and I just gleefully picked my first melon to find it totally hollowed out by the wretches. Some of my early potatoes were gnawed too.

A different dilemma faces Sheila and Peter Whiting. (They built the brown house on the front road on Emo's former property.) They moved their perennials to the only real patch of soil on their property. An enthusiast hired to grade their hill found this nice patch of soil and spread it over their

acreage (not an island man).

Announcing; the grand prize winner! Tena Tugwell provided a luscious sample of vine ripened tomato to Beacon staff (a few days before ours were ready). Congratulations on winning one month's free copy of the Beacon.

Please remember the Food Bank if you have any extra garden produce. Coralie and Duncan Marshall regularly travel on the 10 am ferry on Thursdays, and are glad to deliver for us.

EMERGENCY FIRST RESPONSE TEAM

- Annette Phillips

Since we missed the deadline for last month's Beacon, we have a long, long list of people to thank for making donations to the Defib Fund: Mary Peason / Stewart & Kathy Reed / Amherst Island Mutual Fire Insurance Co. / Emily Tugwell / Leslie Gavlas / Stuart Miller / Amherst Island Women's Institute / Gian & Patricia Frontini / Sid & Myrna Alport / Stanley Burke & Peggie Coulter / John & Ann Luscombe / William Belsey / St. Paul's PCW / Rod & Rhoda Barr / Frank & Margie Bailey / Steve Hart / Richard & Donna Thompson / Jane Droppo / Leonard Langevin / Howard & Noreen Welbanks / William Morton / Jack Ellis / Ross & Sally Wilson / Dick & Wilma Dodds / Robin Gavlas / Dan & Valerie Wolfreys / Ray & Zehna Koenders / Roger & Jacqueline Porretti / Margaret Blenkinsop. The campaign stands at this moment at \$3,764.56.

Our Corn Roast and Dance, held last weekend, was not a huge success. The net profit shown on the dinner/dance was \$722.11. Although we do not see this as a spectacular financial success, a lot of people had a really good time working together. Again, there were a huge number of people who contributed in many ways to help us make the profit that we did. Our sincere thanks to the following:

*The Back Kitchen - Gary, Susan and Kristy.
Thanks for donating all of the corn.*

*Mike Conlin and Cam Naish - National Grocers –
for donation of the ham and paper products.*

*Kim Redden / Glenn and Sandra Filson / Paul and Carol Glenn / Judy and Don Miller / Helen Miller –
for help in the kitchen and with setup.*

*Terry McGinn / Rob Wemp - for setting up the
cooking apparatus*

Heather Young - for invaluable assistance in

cooking the corn

Freda Youell / Lillian Miller / Helen Lamb / Roxanne Wolfreys / Charlotte Reid / Maureen McGinn / Karen Fleming / Judy Miller / Janet Scott / Diane Pearce / Tena Tugwell / Helen Miller - for the fabulous cheesecakes.

Caroline Ackerman / Helen Miller / Irene Glenn / Helen Trotter / Lynann Whitton and Diane Pearce – for helping cook the meal.

A&P / Coles Bookstore / The Shamporium / WalMart / K Mart / K.T. Billiards and Sports Lounge / Glenn's Store / Loeb's - for donation of door-prizes.

Amherst Roofing - for donating use of the burner and drum to cook in.

EFRT Members of helping with setup and cleanup.

EFRT Blood Pressure Clinic will be held the last Sunday in August from 1 to 3 pm. If you wish this service to continue, please attend the August clinic and let us know! Watch for a second issue of the EFRT newsletter in the upcoming weeks, and thanks to everyone who has contributed in any way to the campaign.

AMHERST ISLAND TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES

The brand-new, 1995 Phone Directories are now on sale at Glenn's Store for \$3.50. We only ordered 300 copies for sale, so be sure to pick yours up as soon as possible. If we have overlooked or forgotten a number, please let us know and we will publish it in the next issue of the Beacon.

EFRT POOL TOURNAMENT

The EFRT Fundraising Group, in conjunction with KT Billiards and Sports Lounge, is investigating the possibility of a charity pool tournament, probably in October or November. For our part, the EFRT needs to find 20 people who would be interested in playing in an amateur tournament. The Tournament would be held on a Saturday, late afternoon. If you are interested, please leave your name with Annette, Sue or Laurie by the end of August.

WATERSIDE SUMMER FESTIVAL - July 15

- Marion McDonald

An enthusiastic audience enjoyed the

presentation, "History of Jazz Piano", at St. Alban's Anglican Church on July 15, 1995, featuring George Thurgood. Mr. Thurgood has an excellent background for these lecture-recitals. He obtained a Master of Arts in Musicology, having studied piano with Reginald Godden and Antonin Kubalek and composition with Derek Holman and Talivaldis Kenins. In addition, he studied for two years in Boston at the Berklee College of Music - the leading jazz school in the U.S. After working in rock and jazz bands and studying science and philosophy at the University of Toronto, he entered the Faculty of Music at the U. of T. He worked as a solo pianist, organist, and teacher of both children and university students. Since 1990, he has been a member of the faculty of the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto where he is now Chairman of the Theory Department and teaches jazz and classical piano, and theoretical subjects.

Drawing on his experience as a composer, pianist and teacher, he took his audience on a musical tour of jazz piano as it has evolved from the late 19th century. He started with ragtime and the compositions of Scott Joplin, then moved through stride, swing, blues, boogie-woogie, gospel, Latin, modal, and beyond. He also discussed the relationship of jazz to classical music using examples from his own compositions. To top things off, he demonstrated the art of improvisation. It was a very enjoyable evening, as evidenced by the rapt response. May we hope to hear more from George Thurgood at future concerts?

THANK YOU NOTES

I want to take this opportunity to thank my family, neighbours and friends for their kindness shown to me with food, cards, phone calls and good deeds when I unfortunately dislocated my shoulder.

A very "special" thank-you to Martha Morton for relinquishing her Sunday to take me to the hospital.

Your help and concerns were very much appreciated.

Elsie Willard

Art Ackerman would like to thank both the A.C.W. and the P.C.W. for the goodies they brought over to him. There were much appreciated.

Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 539 wishes to extend a hearty Thank-You to all the people who helped make the Zone G1 Lob Ball Tournament in July a success.

A special thank-you to Donnie Miller and Brian Ward for putting teams together to represent this Branch, and finally to all those too numerous to mention, who helped by putting the ball diamond in shape by giving you time and equipment.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Tom Miller, Branch President

A LETTER HOME

We were just sitting having breakfast and realized that the feel of Fall is in the air. The light and shadows have begun to change and the wind is gently howling through the open window. Oh dear!

July 15th brought a jim dandy storm. Around 4 in the morning the wind picked up and it rained hard for a few minutes. The wind gusted up to gale force and I began to wonder how much worse it would get. Lightning danced all over the sky and the trees on the front lawn shook. Areas around us were hit hard but apart from a few trees down, some phones and hydro not working, we escaped the worst of the storm.

The hay bales have started their trek home. Bringing 1600 large round bales back to the home farm takes almost as much time as baling the stuff. With 2 tractors pulling 2 loaded wagons each, we hope to have all the hay home and under cover long before the Fall rains start. Having the hay done is like squirrels putting nuts away for the winter. So satisfying! We still haven't had much rain. Pastures are not re-growing and we may have to start feeding hay soon. However, we did get a good grain crop off and are pleased with that.

The Island was a busy little beehive the last weekend in July. On the Saturday, the Ferry hauled well over 500 cars back and forth. At one time the Ferry was full and there were still 21 vehicles left on the dock. All the traffic was created by the Wemp family reunion, Presbyterian Garden Party as well as several other parties and reunions (and you wonder if we ever get bored living here?). I can only imagine the chaos if the Amherst Islander had been here.

You remember me telling you about the First

Response Team trying to raise money to buy a defibrillator. Well, last weekend they had a dance and corn roast and I heard they raised around \$700. When Islanders pull together it's amazing what we can accomplish!

By the next time I write, the kids will be back in school, the leaves will be thinking about changing and I will be wondering where I put last year's long underwear.

Miss you and hope you can visit soon.

WHERE IS STELLA?

- Christine Quinn

Amherst Island resident Fredric Mahood was featured on the Max Ferguson Show on Saturday, August 12th (FM 93, 9-10:30 a.m.) when they played the Welsh folk song "The Ashgrove", a track from his tape "Fredrick Mahood Sings Out".

When I sent in the tape, I didn't mention Stella is on Amherst Island, and this has led to it being asked nationally, "Where is Stella, Ontario"? I wouldn't be a bit surprised to hear on future shows Fredric's voice and letters from others telling (nationally) that Stella is on beautiful Amherst Island.

'Meals On Wheels' order date is a week before the third Monday of each month. Call Audrey Miller (389- 0105) or Karen Fleming (389-0210).

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Aug 27... Dog Wash from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Bob Marshall's

Aug 27... Blood Pressure Clinic from 1-3 p.m. at A.I.P.S.

Sept 1... Noreen & Howard Welbanks Open House 7-10 p.m. - 7 Queen Victoria Rd, Camden East

Sept 5... Regular Council Meeting usually at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber

Sept 16... Open Dance for Tamara Grant & Noel McCormick at 8:15 p.m. at A.I. Community Centre

Sept 20... Women's Institute Meeting 8:00 p.m. at Jean McIntyre's home

Sept 29... Henry & Anna Hitchins 50th Wedding Ann.Party 8 p.m. at A.I. Community Centre

Oct 31... Ameriks Scholarship Fund application deadline

AIMS AUCTION



MARKET
CENTENNIAL
PARK
SATURDAY
SEPT 5, 2015
10:00 AM

Contribute the treasures from your cupboards and garage and deliver to the CJA I shed or contact Hugh Jenney at 613-384-7830 or Don Pepper at 613-634-7859 for pick-up. Thanks but NO JUNK please! Special items can be sold on consignment with 20% commission.

All proceeds benefit the Island community !

Just some of the many items:

12' Mistral Wind Surfer

Portable hydraulic wood splitter

Dining set: Six oak chairs and double
pedestal oval oak table

(42"x62" expands with 3 included extensions to 98")

Crib

(buyer accountable for checking today's safety
requirements)

Love seat (green)

(With matching pillows and ottoman)

Antique desk

1 bar stool

2 bar stools

3 more bar stools

Upright vacuum cleaner

Two casement windows

5 white chairs with red cushions

Blanket box

1 maple dresser

(With built-in jewelry box and walnut burl veneer finish)

Wooden rotating cassette holder

Teak chair and deck lounger

Bag of quilts

Press-back chair

Push lawnmower

Book shelves

Sewing machine

Huge blanket box on turned legs

(With an inside compartment and original paint)

Antique dresser. dovetail.

(As found condition)

Green two shelf pail bench

6 Peter Large pictures

Laudry tub with expensive faucet

Vanity cabinet with taps

Bathroom mirrored cabinet

Antique 6 bulb kerosene lamp

The following items are on consignment:

6 rock goblets in original package

Corner shelves

Magazine rack

2 antique chairs

Singer swing machine complete

Duck decoys

Brass candle maker

Scooby Doo telephone

And so much more!