

# Amherst Island Beacon



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## THIS ISSUE

-Ian Murray

The credit for the minutes of the AIMS July meeting reported in the Beacon should go to David Pickering, not Anders.

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The Beacon staff appreciates the death notices, eulogies and photos provided by surviving family members. We realize that it is often difficult to get us this material so we are glad to get the information whenever we can – even several months after the funeral.

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**VERA ELAINE MILLER HOGEBOOM (1911-2015)**

Amherst Island lost its oldest resident with the passing of Vera Hogeboom on July 17, 2015.

Vera was born Feb. 20, 1911, the 7<sup>th</sup> of Hannah and Sam Miller's 8 children. She was predeceased by all 7 of her siblings; Kenneth, Arline, Wilfred, John, Dorothy, Douglas and Donald.

After completing high school on the Island, she was accepted into the nursing program at Ottawa General Hospital. However, after only 2 months in training Vera fell ill with rheumatic fever and after a long period in isolation, returned home to

recuperate.



**Vera and Maurice with  
the Neilson's Store  
Truck about 1937**

**(3 photos courtesy of  
Carol Glenn)**

## On their wedding day.



Vera married Maurice Hogeboom on August 26, 1939. They purchased the house on McDonalds Lane at that time and Vera resided there until shortly before her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. There they raised their son Kerry and always had an open door and a treat at hand for any of the many nieces and nephews who loved to visit.

Vera was a life-long member of St. Paul's church and was always actively involved in church life as long as her health permitted.

She was famous for her homemade fudge and ran a candy table at the Garden Party until her late 80's. Vera was also an avid reader and was still looking forward to the arrival of her newspaper just days before she passed away.



**Vera at one and a half years old.**

Vera leaves behind her son Kerry and his wife Liz, 2 grandsons Jason (Danielle) and Jamie (Melanie) and her very special great-granddaughter Jolene.

She also will be sadly missed by over 100 nieces and nephews now spanning 3 generations.

We have lost a great link to both our Island and family history but are blessed to have had Vera in our community for so long.

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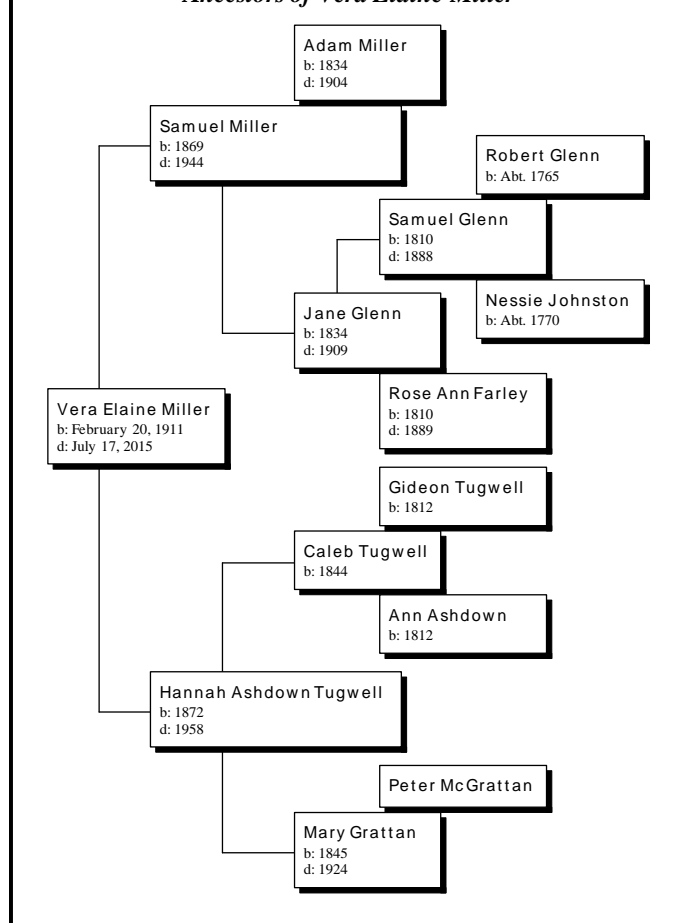
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#### **You are invited to check out the new Beacon page.**

Our webpage, on Alex Scott's Amherst Island site, has been expanded to include every Beacon since January 2000. We hope you find it useful. Thank you to the editors and the museum for helping to find missing issues.

#### *Ancestors of Vera Elaine Miller*



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The Women's Institute will host an all-candidates meeting on Tuesday Sept 15 at 7:00 pm at the Al Public School. Diane Pearce has graciously agreed to moderate the session.

Questions must be submitted in advance. Kindly send your queries to Marilyn Pilon at [apilon70@yahoo.ca](mailto:apilon70@yahoo.ca).

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## MARIAN RUTH GEORGIA REID GLENN (1928-2015)

Marian died peacefully at the Kingston General Hospital on Sunday July 19th 2015 in her 88th year.

Beloved wife of the late Marshall Glenn. Marian enjoyed baking, gardening, knitting and quilting. Predeceased by her brother Stratton Reid, her sister Elsie and her husband Eldon Willard. Dear sister-in-law of Barbara Reid.



**Elsie Willard, Marshall Glenn, Marian Glenn and Eldon Willard on the occasion of the 60th wedding anniversary of Harold and Nellie Marshall - courtesy Janice McGinn**

Marian will be sadly missed and fondly remembered by Janice (Eric) McGinn, Bob (Val) Howard, Doug (Gail) Willard, Jim (Sandra) Reid, Francis (Lucy) Glenn, Juanita Glenn, predeceased by Murray Glenn, affectionately thought of by her many great and great-great nieces and nephews and their extended families, friends and neighbours.

The funeral service was held in St. Paul's with Rev. Dr. Z. Dunn officiating. Interment Glenwood Cemetery.

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## EULOGY for MARIAN GLENN

Good morning, I am Janice McGinn and I am Marian's niece. We are gathered here today to

celebrate and dispatch a lady very special to me and to many of you. I am sure you are wondering why I used the word dispatch. That was Aunt Marian's wording, "I was baptized, married, and I will be dispatched from St. Paul's Presbyterian Church." I am sure she will be granted a direct route to heaven.

Marian was born at home in the back bedroom to Gordon and Georgia Reid March 17, 1928, assisted by a nurse Ruth Glenn, whom she was named after - Marian Ruth Georgia. She was always very proud of her St Patrick's Day birthday and told people she had a lot of Irish in her.

She arrived only eleven months after her older brother Stratton and said her mother commented it was like having twins. Ten years later came along her sister Elsie. She was so excited to have a sister and couldn't wait to get to school to tell everyone.

**Gordon Reid and his daughter Marian - about 1938 at their farm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Concession. Photo courtesy of Janice McGinn**



Aunt Marian (seen left as a teenager) attended school in Emerald up to grade eight and then went to high school in the village at the red brick.

She has always been very independent and challenges never deterred her. Growing up, the family could only afford one bicycle and, of course, it was quite large. She remembered dragging the bicycle and a box out to the road and never gave up until she was on her way.



Aunt Marian met Uncle Mart at a dance in Victoria Hall. They were married here at St. Paul's in 1947 and lived on the farm on the 3rd Concession. They milked around 25 cows, had pigs, chickens, laying hens, cats, and always a house dog, as well as a large vegetable garden. Together they enjoyed a very prosperous and happy life farming from 1947-1983 when they retired. After retirement they were able to enjoy some traveling and were always able to stay busy. They had the vegetable garden on the hill and always kept everything in pristine condition. Aunt Marian was never without a knitting, crocheting, or quilting project on the go.

In 1997 they sold the farm and moved to Bath. Unfortunately they did not get a lot of time to enjoy the new house in Bath together as Uncle Mart passed away in 1998.

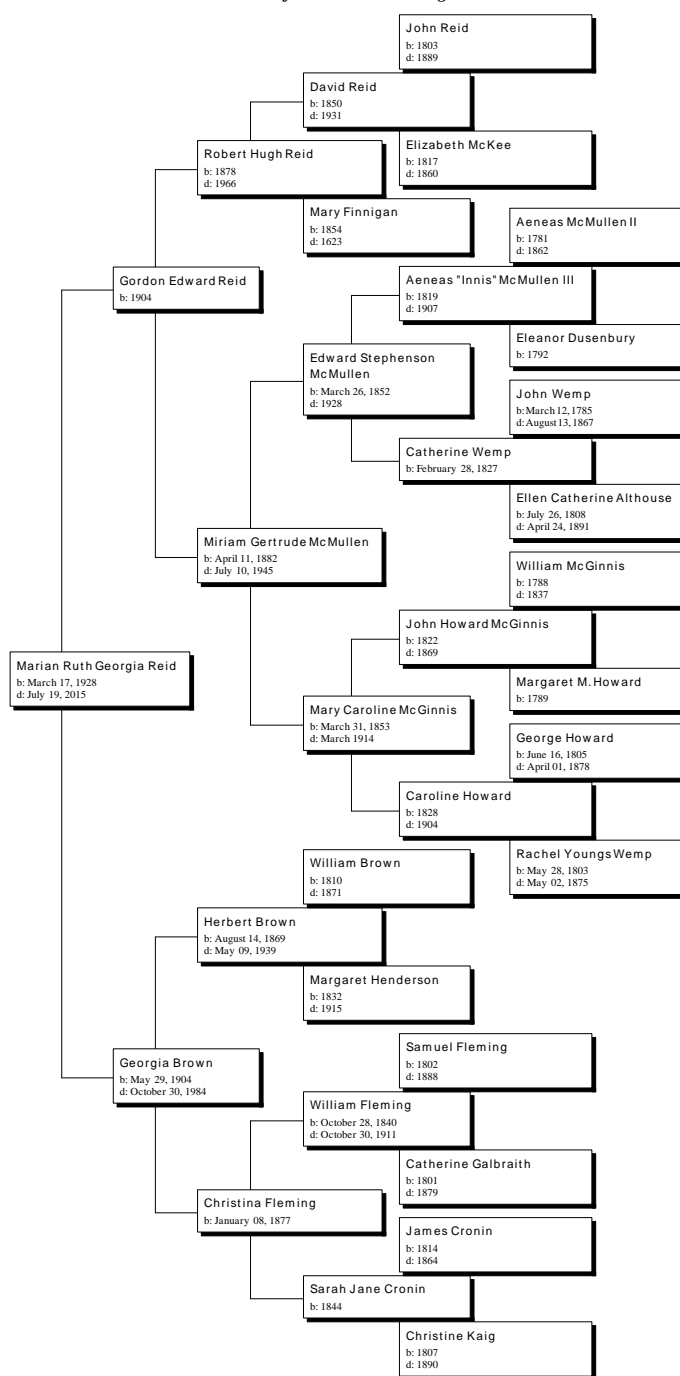
Aunt Marian living in Bath made many friends and they were very good to her as she was to them. She paid many debts for odd jobs with homemade pies and buns. The Viau's told me they got many pies with one piece out, which she had kept for herself. Living in Bath, she never lost any of her ties with Amherst Island. She came every Sunday for church, belonged to Women's Institute since 1948, and PCW since she was married in 1947. Like many of us, she was not long into conversation before she had told them she was from Amherst Island. A few years ago, the ferry was not running the day of Garden Party and she had the little green cavalier full of pies, tarts, and buns, so she just sold them on Millhaven ferry dock.

Just one year ago, due to failing health, she was forced to give up her home in Bath and move to Helen Henderson retirement home where she was very happy. She made new friends quickly and called it her home away from home. She made the most of retirement living, participating in all activities - music, bingos, etc.



Playing truck and trailer with Doris Henderson

#### Ancestors of Marian Ruth Georgia Reid



She has been Aunt Memie to me since I was able to talk, and to all our family. She was Memie to many others as well, especially little ones. I have fond memories of times spent on the farm with Aunt Memie and Uncle Mart. When my brother Doug was born, I went to stay with them and when they brought me home to meet the new baby, I had a quick peek at him and was ready to go back to the farm. She always liked to tell the story about taking teeth out of baby pigs and of course they would squeal. I would pet them and say "all better now."

I spent many summers helping with the hay - I did the raking. We always enjoyed picnic lunches under a tree made from all homemade goodies. Aunt Memie made the best tapioca pudding in the world. Since she was in hospital, she wanted tapioca pudding so I was given step-by-step instructions and took her in her pudding. She commented it was very good but a little too thick, next time I should add another cup of milk. I always enjoyed gathering the eggs, but was a little nervous reaching under the hens because they pecked at you and I was never sure what was under there.

Aunt Memie has been such an inspiration to me, her motto being where there is a will there is a way. She was fortunate to have friends who would pick her up and bring her to church. Not long ago, she was unable to get a ride. I talked to her in the afternoon and she told me, "if that little green car had been in the parking lot, I would have been there." She faced everything with courage, determination, and a positive attitude, overcoming many broken bones and surgeries. I called her the energizer bunny.

Even during her recent admission to hospital, she faced every day with courage and prayer, never giving up. In closing, I am going to read this verse familiar to many, which I feel sums up her last days.

God looked around His garden  
And found an empty space.  
He then looked down upon His earth  
And saw your tired face.  
He put His arms around you  
And lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful,  
He only takes the best.  
He knew that you were suffering,  
He knew you were in pain.  
He knew that you would never  
Get well on this earth again.  
He saw the road was getting rough,  
And the hills were hard to climb.  
So he closed your wearying eyelids,  
And whispered 'peace be thine.'  
It broke our hearts to lose you,  
But you never went alone.  
For part of us went with you,  
The day God called you home."

Rest in peace Aunt Memie, we love you to heaven and back.

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## MY MOTHER'S ALZHEIMER'S.

- Charles W. Plank (author and photographer)

(This is a letter that was written for all my relatives, just before my mother passed away. I hope it is useful to see a person's journey through Alzheimer's.)

We, my father my sister and I, first noticed that Mother was losing her ability to do common tasks when she could not do some common tasks without having to be told. We would find that there were times when Mother would have to be told to go to the bathroom or go to bed. Her response would be...."oh...you are right." And off she would go.



**My parents, Charles and Margaret Plank**

As things got worse, Mother would get out of bed in the middle of the night and get dressed thinking it was time to get up. When told that it was two a.m. and she needed to go back in bed to sleep, Mother would once again say "oh...okay." Looking back, I would have to say that Mother's Alzheimer's started 15 years ago.

In the beginning, before Mother was diagnosed with Alzheimer's, we noticed that Mother would go up to people she has never met and start up a conversation as if they had been friends for life. Not knowing that it could be Alzheimer's we accepted it as friendliness. I am trying to remember why we had Mother's memory tested and for the life of me I can't figure out the reason. Once tested and confirmed that it indeed was Alzheimer's Mother was put on a strict diet of drugs to slow down the progression.

Daily life at home consisted of serving tea and breakfast, and turning on the television to those programs that Mother found fun. In the beginning

Mother would like to watch and laugh at almost any subject. Television became Mother's visual reminder to the world of what she was starting to forget. As the Alzheimer's progressed, Mother became more childlike. Television needed to be more childlike, cartoons and kiddy programs, and more of the programs seemed to make Mother laugh. In fact, Mother found the strangest things funny. I often said that if Mother was presented to the queen, she would be doubled over with uncontrollable laughter.

Breakfast lunch and dinner were easy for us because Mother loved good food properly cooked. She would tell us how she loved the flavor and aroma as if her sense of taste and smell were becoming more pronounced, or maybe more important.

We were glad Mother was happy. What I noticed with meals was that Mother acted at dinner as if she had not had lunch or breakfast. Every meal was a new and wonderful experience for her. Bright eyed and a smile as she looked at the food with joy. What I am thinking is that food was something that she loved and was familiar.

After lunch Mother would go back to watching television with more cups of tea or coffee all the while having to be reminded to go to the bathroom. On one of Mother's birthdays we asked Mother if she would like to go to Red Lobster. She always loved fish and found Red Lobster to be her favorite restaurant. Grinning from ear to ear she responded as if she had won a billion dollars. I have never seen anyone so full of joy. This was part of the regression to a more childlike state.

As the Alzheimer's progressed, Mother became more and more restless. Ten minutes was as long as Mother could concentrate on anyone one thing. Then she would be up and walking around the house doing whatever she could think of in the moment. This may have included going into the kitchen and turning on the stove under the kettle that was empty. I would smell burning and find the stove on with the handle of the kettle on fire. Sometimes Mother would go into the kitchen and come back eating something that we did not know what it was. Father says he found Mother trying to eat a cake of dishwasher soap. At that point it took every effort of every day to watch over Mother and the strain on dad's health was apparent. In spite of this, Mother would get up and walk to the key board where she

would read and play music for hours.

Once we admitted that we could not watch Mother every second of every day we had to admit that Mother needed to go to an old folk's home. At first I felt that I had failed. Maybe sending Mother to an old folk's home was a sign that I could not do my job as her son. The thought hurt me.

Once Mother was living at the home, we had to admit that the house felt very quiet and lonely. How were we going to cope without Mother, laughing, singing, playing jazz from the 20s, 30s, 40s, and repeating every word we said. Now we did not have Mother to cook for.

As time passes, we have learnt to accept Mother for who she is and was, not who she isn't. Now she is 93 and could die any second of any day. We will learn to live without Mother as we think back on all the good times we had together. Yes when a loved one who wasn't suffering dies, life is cruel. That is my selfish way of looking at life.

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## NEIGHBOURHOOD

- Lynn Fleming

Get Well to David Fleming, Steve Street

Condolences to the family of the late Marybeth Hall. Mary grew up on the Island and was a sister to Les Glenn. Our sympathy also to her extended Island family and friends.



### Country Rhythm

Rick Henderson, Dan Simpson,  
Shelia Bedard and Jake Carl

Photos by Judy Bierma

The 3-day Emerald Music Festival was held the second weekend in August, and despite our ongoing ferry woes - which prohibited many campers and trailers from coming - it was a great success. Islanders were strong supporters, with some mainlanders attending for a day or two as well. It was a weekend of great weather, music and good times.





**Ann & Bob Browne, with Laura Welbanks**

Congratulations to Ryan and Angela McGinn, who earlier this summer moved into their new home on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Concession, just in time to welcome their 3<sup>rd</sup> daughter, Keegan, into the family on August 20<sup>th</sup>. Keegan joins big sisters Riley and Shae, and is another granddaughter for Eric and Janice McGinn, and another great grandchild for Cora McGinn.

Congratulations to Brittany Sneep and Geoffrey McDonald, who were married at an outdoor ceremony at Geoff's parents, Gary and Lesley McDonald's north shore home.

School will be back in session by the time the Beacon goes to print. Please be aware of kids on their way to and from school or waiting for the bus, and the bus on the road, as you make your dash to the ferry.

It has been a good summer weather-wise on the Island. Comfortably warm, not too much rain and some extra heat thrown in here and there.

It has been a long, almost 6 months for commuters and anyone travelling on the ferry with the Quinte Loyalist STILL in service. While the township has hired "dock cops" for Millhaven to protect cars parked there overnight, they have not been trained in ferry line up protocol, or traffic control and have themselves caused some serious, very dangerous conditions in Millhaven when traffic has been heavy.

Hopefully we get through this without someone being seriously injured or worse.

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## **COUNCIL GLEANINGS**

- Ian Murray

From the 15<sup>th</sup> Session of Council – July 27<sup>th</sup>

"Councillor Ashley expressed condolences to the families of Marian Glenn, Vera Hogeboom, Leta May Richards, Clinton Kilpatrick and Ross Haines

on their recent passing.

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## **WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

- Judy Greer



**AIWI Annual Outing**

**Photo by Woody Woodiweiss**

Seven members of the Amherst Island Women's Institute spent an enjoyable day together August 19<sup>th</sup> in Westport. A delicious lunch was had on the deck at The Cove followed by a store crawl in Westport and in Newboro. A lovely day spent in the excellent company of friends.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. It is a business meeting with a Brown Bag Auction. Guests and visitors are always welcome.

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**Birding outing at Dan and Joan's**

**Judy Bierma, Sherri Jensen**

**Sharen English, Janet Scott**

**Courtesy Judy Bierma**

## AMHERST ISLAND MENS' SOCIETY

- Bill Barrett

Minutes for 8 Aug 2015

Hugh Jenney – Chair

### 1. Approve minutes

Moved by Don Pepper; 2nd-Gardner McBride –  
(Approved)

### 2. Circulate volunteer signup sheet

Marc circulated the volunteer sign-up list for the market and for 8 am on the 5th of Sep.

### 3. Presentation – Kurt Hennige

Anders introduced Kurt, speaker for today, president of the KFN, tour leader and field-researcher naturalist. Today's talk was about a trip for 8 KFN members in 2014 Sep/Oct led by Kurt and a local Brazilian guide as part of Owls and Feathers Birding Tours.

The areas toured included the Pantanal, the Atlantic rain forest in southern Brazil, north of Sao Paulo and the northwest of Argentina covering part of Patagonia and the western Andes adjacent. Kurt has a number of criteria for tours - always use local guides, include local landowners, villages and people in providing services in addition to eco-friendly preserves and lodges. Focusing on safety and security, the client portion (usually 10d-2w) is followed by Kurt and local guides testing, seeing and evaluating new areas to expand the variety and complexity of sites visited by clients on future trips. Kurt's photos were stunningly clear and beautifully colourful including rare, endemic and typically South American species of bird, stork, jaguar, caymen, catfish, McCaw, fish hawks, screamers, Karabara (largest rodent) and woodpeckers. The beauty and variety of the habitats was a bonus and provided the backdrop for Kurt to describe the natural history in appropriate detail for a naturalist traveller.

After the Pantanal came Itatiaia (oldest national park in Brazil) then Salta, the Abpa Pauda Villages and the Calileguua National Park near St Martins Town. In Trelew, north Patagonia at Porto Tombo, Kurt satisfied a 50 year desire to see the magelelanic penguin.

Successfully capturing everyone's attention, Anders Bennick thanked Kurt on behalf of our AIMS members and presented him with a large jar of Dave Meikle's Island honey. Thank you Kurt.

### 4. Review list of those absent

Hugh listed members absent and asked who knew if they were all right. He asked members' help in encouraging participation.

### 5. Review next few speakers for upcoming meetings.

Sept. mtg- Markus Bermann

Oct. mtg- Michael Steeves

Nov. mtg- Bruce Sudds

Potential - Allen Grant (Agnes Etherington Art Gallery) or Alex Scott (1st response team)

### 6. Do we provide a token to speakers?

Moved by Anders that we should provide a token of appreciation in thank you to our meeting speakers who are not members. Suggsted- an owl photograph by Brian Llittle; or a jar of island honey. (Approved)

### 7. Update on preparations for the Sept 5th Auction

Send out information before the auction. Get inventory into the next issue of the Beacon. Will we have food? Little family has provided in the past. Will ask Sandra if she is interested. Need help for the clean-up. Barn cleanup Aug 22 before the auction so there is a place to put items after the auction.

Trucks who will help- Alan Glenn, Bruce Finlay, Anthony; Hubert.

Action items:

Bill will prepare a flyer.

Marc will find helpers for 8-9 am Sep 5.

Dave will coordinate an inventory for the Beacon.

Hubert will contact Sandra about the food.

Marc is coordinating the barn cleanup.

Hugh J is coordinating the trucks needed.

### 8. Provide a light bulb disposal bin at the dump.

Ken Albertan will approach the Township to see if anything can be done.

### 9. Do we continue to provide AIMS T-shirts to members?

Cost will be \$10 for members and free to new members. David P will poll members before the next meeting to determine numbers and sizes required.

### 10. Do we improve visibility of the lake from the bench by the ferry dock?

John Wright has a chain saw. There was general agreement. We will prepare site and then ask the Township for some sand. Township agrees. Don P, Anthony and Hugh J will help.



11. Update of status of the welcoming packet for new people living on the island.  
Anthony is preparing the package following the lead of the WI. He will report next month.

12. Provide name tags for members.  
Hugh proposed this item. He also proposed we get pictures of founding members. (No decision)

13. Do we contribute to the Ameriks scholarship fund for 2015?  
The Ameriks Scholarship Fund provides a contribution to Island children going into secondary education. Membership agreed to continue to support with a \$500 donation. Marc has agreed to prepare a piece on this initiative.

14. Will AIMS sell corn at the Emerald music festival?  
Anthony proposed to put an AIMS sign on the table where he sells corn at the Emerald Music Festival this year. (Approved by membership)

15. Provide breakfast for 12 Sept AIMS mtg.  
Bill Barrett will provide a continental breakfast.

16. Financial reports  
Market cart continues to provide useful revenue. More stock (laying out additional table) has shown to double intake. Wagon volunteers are encouraged to put out display tables. \$75 has been donated to the Ross Haines memorial fund. Additional financial reports can be gotten from the treasurer.

17. Move to adjourn – Approved

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#### **EVES' PEAR TREE**

Peachie and John Eves and their family lived and farmed at our home at Topsy Farms for many years. As the family grew and expanded, they built the bungalow next door, where Jake and his boys now live. John was the eager gardener of the family – the entire back yard at our place and at Jake's was under the plow for food. But Vince Eves reports that John found the time to plant the magnificent black spruce trees that stand proudly in our front yard. He also planted fruit trees. (Ask Vince about his youthful adventure with the Cherry tree).

This surviving pear tree is too close for comfort to the spruces. It's skinny. Chris Don and Ian believe its been the same size for over 40 years. It leans at a terrible angle. Its ancient. And it produces the most utterly remarkable crop of best-tasting Bosc type pears. Tribute to John and Peachie.



**Eves' Pear Tree**  
**Photo by Sally Bowen**

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#### **STELLA FERRY BEACH – A NEW VIEW** -Sherrill Wright

While we have the small ferry, Islanders must arrive well before departure time in order to be loaded.

About three weeks ago, having arrived early for the 10 am boat, John & I took the opportunity to sit on the bench near the launch ramp to watch for the boat and enjoy the scenery. However, we found we could see neither ferry nor much of the lake both were obscured by overhanging branches and leaves of waterside trees.

Thinking what a shame that this wonderful, peaceful view with sailboats cruising by, was obscured, I suggested to John that he round up some help from AIMS, get permission from the township, and trim back the tree growth to open up the view. After getting permission, John & Don Pepper sawed off overhanging tree branches and cut out saplings that were in the way. Then Hugh Jenney and Anthony Gifford helped haul the large heap of brush out of the way.

Thanks to these four hardy gents, who suffered only a couple of war wounds, we now have a delightful, unobstructed view of the lake and can see the ferry all the way to the mainland. The preferred plan for the pending new ferry docks leaves the launch ramp and the adjacent beach area undisturbed.

With a little more work, the present beach area can be extended to become a little “Stella-ferry” beach. Mainlanders with toddlers could treat them to boat trips to and from the island, some play time at the Stella ferry beach, lunch at Stella's Cafe, then a swing in the park, - all at no cost and without the hassle of a trip to the beaches at Picton.

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#### THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you to all the Island residents and participants that came through for us this very difficult year and helped support Emerald Music Festival. This is what makes us proud to be Amherst Islanders. We hope to see you all next year August 12, 13, 14 2016.

Thank you again from Dan & Joan Simpson



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AIMS thanks the entire community for your support of this year's amazing auction on Labour Day weekend. You donated a massive number of treasures, bought lots of stuff, and enjoyed a great day in the park.

Many people contributed to the success of the event: Bruce Caughey was an outstanding auctioneer who ensured that everyone paid great prices and left smiling. Victoria Cuyler and Amy Caughey stepped up to show items and watch for bids. Kyle Murray and Tom McWhinney did a lot of heavy lifting. Sherri Jensen and Joyce Haines very calmly and carefully kept track of all the numbers, winning bids

and payments on a very warm and busy day. Brian Little took outstanding picture and Bruce Burnett did his usual great job with the sound system.

Before the day CJA and Dayle Gowan promoted the auction and allowed AIMS to use the barn for storage. Allen Caughey made his wagon available for storage and transport of heavy items. Marc Raymond and the entire AIMS team worked for months to plan, pick-up items, and ensure that it all came together. The WI sold four pots of coffee, cold drinks and lots of muffins.

While the final tally is not available, the event was an outstanding community and financial success and you will see the proceeds invested back into the Island over the next year with everything from flower baskets to funding of the Ameriks scholarships.

To everyone who helped in so many ways, thank you!

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**We will ROCK you !  
Sept 25, 26, 27**



**The Beacon is into dry humour.**



## WOOLLY BULLY RACES

- Joe Duvall and Sally Bowen



**Woolly Bully Get Set** Photo by John Moolenbeck



Dave Willard was kind enough to host the 4th annual Woolly Bully Race. The location is perfect, with runners using the South Shore Road, at least somewhat cooled by the breeze.

This is one of several races in small communities initiated by Ottawa's race co-ordinator Joe Duvall. All proceeds after expenses go to benefit the local community. On Amherst Island it is our school that receives the financial support. In the past two years, between \$350, \$500 and \$750 have been donated. This year, the donation will be

a whopping \$1200. One participant pledged \$115 to the school as part of the donation.

**Above**  
**Woolly Bully Run prep**

**Right**  
**Start of 1 km kid's race.**

**Both photos by**  
**Charles Plank**

Three races are offered: 1K for children 12 years and under; then 5 K and 10 K distances. There were 28 kids in the first race; 67 registrants for the 5 K and 61 runners in the 10 k – a total of 156 registrants, up from 123 last year.





Laurie Kilpatrick, Robin Fairfull-Smith and Elena Zanetti of Amherst Island completed the 5 k. Laurie won her category.

Event volunteers from Amherst Island included: Sally Bowen, Bruce Burnett, Andrea Cross, Peggy Edwards, Haley Gordon, Dana Le Blue, Patricia Lemay, Ali MacKeen, Laird Leeder- Emergency Response Team, Julie Leeder, Mitchell Morgan, Shyanne Shurtliffe, and Lorna Willis. Judy Bierma helped recruit volunteers

Special thanks to Dave Willard for preparing the pasture to house cars and event tents etc.

The tentative date for 2016 is August 14.

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#### ADVERTISEMENTS

Island Gold 100% Pure Raw Ontario Honey. Please call Perry at 613-371-8118 or email Islandgold@rogers.com.

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#### NEILSON STORE MUSEUM & CULTURAL CENTRE (Fall hours)

Saturday (10 - 4), Sunday (1 - 4)

Holiday Mondays (1 - 4)

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A list called "Friends of the Museum" has been initiated for those who are willing to help The Neilson's Store Museum with occasional special events, 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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#### WEASEL AND EASEL ARTS AND CRAFTS GALLERY (Fall hours)

Saturday (10 - 4), Sunday (1 - 4)

Holiday Mondays (1 - 4)

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#### STELLA'S CAFE

Café staff would like to thank everyone who has supported us over the course of the season. It is closed now after the Labour Day weekend.

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#### WANTED:

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

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

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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

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613-985-1029

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**Bronwen Godden**

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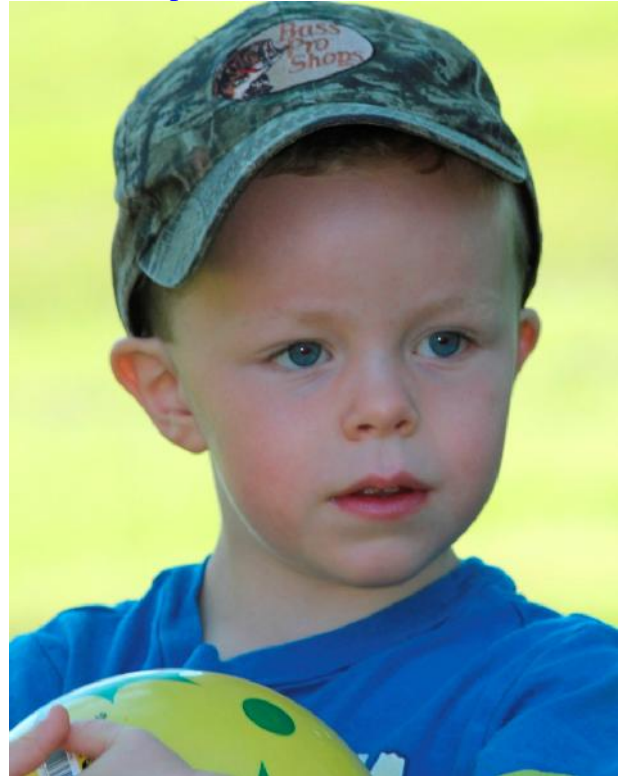
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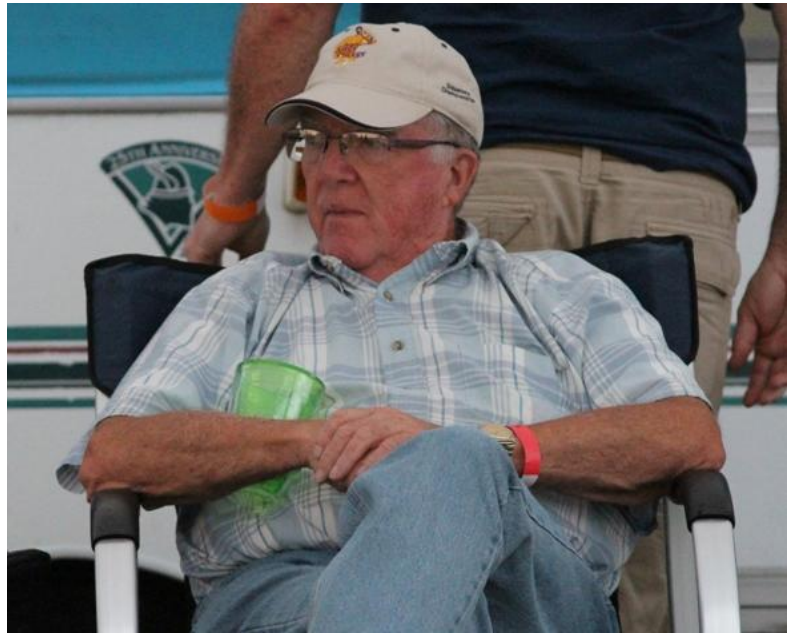
Wool and sheepskin products including yarn, blankets, crafts, and individual photos, books and booklets by Don Tubb. Open weekends and most weekday mornings.



**Their  
photographer  
Judy Bierma.**



Huh?



**Above, a sight to see: Allan Miller  
Al Caughey (UR ), Susie & Bruce Caughey (LR)  
and Victoria Cuyler (MR)**

Photos by Judy Beirma except Victoria by Brian Little



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## FROM THE ARCHIVES

*From AI Beacon: Sept 15, 1985 - Vol 4 Issue 92*

### *COUNCIL REPORT for 4 1985*

*- Christopher Kennedy*

*Before the regular meeting at 8:00 pm there were two extra meetings. The first was to consider a rezoning application by Bert and May Nesbitt to allow them to sever a lot. This was approved.*

*Then there was a closed meeting on vandalism.*

*The minutes of the previous month's meetings were adopted.*

*Six building permits were issued in August : - Ted Welbanks, for a sundeck, Donny Miller and Albert Henderson for grain silos, R. Brown and F. Bailey for house additions, and V. Ellis for a sundeck.*

*Stuart Miller reported that the bridge on the Third Concession is proceeding well, and that the road crew is working on the culvert on the Second. The Reeve attended four County meetings last month. The extension on the hospital in Napanee has been finally paid for, and they have a good new surgeon there. Amherst Island and Bath will now elect one trustee to the school board, rather than sharing five with Ernestown.*

*M.T.C. is still concerned about dangerous cargoes on the ferry, hence the 'No Smoking' signs. The Coast Guard has inspected the Amherst Islander for loading arrangements. Totten, Sims, Hubicki have been appointed as consultants to study future requirements for ferry service. They have been doing surveys on the ferry and will send questionnaires to all residents. The report is due in mid-January.*

*Ted Welbanks withdrew his draft brief on the proposed M.T.C. takeover of the ferry. He said it was only causing dissension on the Island and wasting taxpayers money. He proposed that there should be a question on the ballot at the municipal election on whether the island should request an M.T.C. takeover. The exact wording and details are to be sorted out. M.T.C. wants to start negotiating, and have selected Magda Majeska and Bill Blum to meet with Council. Council appointed Ted Welbanks, Ian Murray, the Reeve and Diane Pearce, as Clerk, to negotiate for the Township. The next Council, not this one, will finally sign the agreement with M.T.C. Tom Sylvester wrote to Council*

*expressing his views on the ferry. Plans are continuing to put 2- way radios in Township road vehicles, the fire truck and the school bus.*

*It was pointed out to the Beacon reporter that the Recreation Committee was responsible for the enlarged parking lot at the school. It raised the money and did a lot of work for this needed extension. The School Board merely gave permission for it to be done. I apologize for not giving the credit where it was due. The Recreation Committee has received a Municipal Recreation Grant from the province for \$1,475. This grant is designed to give financial assistance to smaller communities.*

*The Drainage Tribunal provisionally approved two changes to the Miller Municipal Drain, giving 14 days for appeals. Two letters were received: one from Grace Eves and family plus others and another from George Gavlas. These letters were forwarded to the Drainage Tribunal for its consideration. Plans were discussed for inspections at the drain in future years. The drain should be finished by Sept. 13th. It then has to be approved and inspected by the landowners and engineers.*

*Council considered an interim financial statement up to Aug. 31st. There were no problems evident.*

*After a few minor matters Council adjourned.*

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## THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

*- Irene Glenn and Staff*

*Bruce Caughey Sr. has suffered a very bad break of the femur. He is at Kingston General Hospital, Victory 392. He was in traction for about 3 weeks, and will be in the hospital for some time yet.*

*Leslie Gavlas is learning French on a 3 week educational holiday in France. Bonne chance!*

*George Mygind's sister and brother-in-law have been visiting from Denmark. After a week on the Island, they will visit relatives in the U. S. before returning home.*

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## AMHERST ISLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL

*- Adam*

*I'll tell you about what's new in the school this year. We have a new teacher for grades 4, 5, 6. Her name is Miss Connie McRae. Mrs. Donna Willard is our Teacher's Aid.*

*The school has 45 students.*

*The students are:*

*Kindergarten...*

*Tyler Hutchings, Jill Caughey, Daniel Cunningham*

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*Grade 1...*

*Kelly Baker, Angela Fleming, Jessica Gavlas, Jason Hutchings*

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*Grade 2 ...*

*Kevin McCormick, Douglas Gavlas, Sarah deHaan, Jason Fleming, Heidi Hitchins, Adam Studsrud*

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*Grade 3 ...*

*Ruth Scot, Jamie Silver, Gordon Thornhill, Billy Cunningham*

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*Grade 4 ...*

*Lori Caughey, Sarah Scott, Jason Silver*

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*Grade 5 ...*

*Amy Caughey, Tracey Hitchins, Chad Miller, Jesse Yull*

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*Grade 6 ...*

*Robert Eves, Jeffrey Forrester, Michael Horth, Sarah McDonald, Laura Wemp, Connie Fabian*

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*Grade 7...*

*Jeff deHaan, Hugh Filson, Reginald Hitchings, Peter Horth, Jamie Scott, Michael Strain, Karen Studsrud, Jamie Thornhill, Sherry Ward*

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*Grade 8 ...*

*Kirk Collins, Shannon Eves, Tessa Fabian, Adam Miller, Jamie Miller, Jake Lewis*

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**AMHERST ISLAND WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

**- Diane Gavlas**

*Thank you to those who turned out to help celebrate our 85th anniversary.*

*Mrs. Thelma Howard was given a life membership and badge for her 39 years in the W.I. Mrs Marion Glenn was absent but will receive her badge and life membership for 33 years service and Mrs. Anna Hitchins was also presented a badge and life membership for 27 years in the W.I.*

*Mrs. Knapp, a Board member from the Federated Women's Institute of Ontario, was there to present the badges and corsages. Mrs. Lyle Smith, the*



**Lily Bermann and Anna Walhout**

**Photo by Judy Bierma**

*District President, was also a guest. From the F.W.I.O. Miss Poole the 1st Vice was also there.*

*Other guests included Mr. Ken Keyes, MPP for Kingston and the Islands; Mr. Doug Stevenson, County Warden; and Mr. Norman Allison, Reeve of Amherst Island.*

*There is no meeting in September, but Mrs. Ena Baker is arranging a trip for educational program for those members who can go.*

*The October meeting is at Mrs Genevieve Fleming's on Oct. 30th, 8 pm. Program is Citizenship. Roll call: What makes a Good Citizen? Mrs Anna Hitchins is convenor.*

*New members are welcome to come and join.*

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*Does anyone have extra garden produce to share? Urban families on low incomes are often unable to stretch their limited budgets to include fresh fruit and vegetables, especially at the end of the month. The Community Support Program for Single Parents would appreciate food donations, if you have extra apples, tomatoes, squash or whatever, would you please deliver them to 157 Queen Street (at Montreal Street). If you prefer that people come and pick, please call Joanne at 549-7641 or Sally at 389-3444.*

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## THANK YOU NOTES

*We, the family of the late Richard Bulch would like to express our deepest appreciation to all relatives, friends and neighbours for their expressions of sympathy, floral tributes and donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.*

*Thanks for the contributions of food and a special thank you to Leslie Gavlas, Irene Glenn, Tena Tugwell, Lyn Fleming and Donna Willard for preparing and serving lunch after the service.*

*We'd like to thank everyone who helped in any way.*

*The warmth and kindness you showed to us on our sudden loss of a loving husband, father, son and brother was very supportive and will always be remembered.*

*Bill and Helen*

*Virginia, Kimberly, Jason, Jennifer*

*Chuck and Marie and family*

*Dorothy and Tony and family*

*Pauli and Rob*

*Dave and Louise*

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*We would like to thank all who sent cards, brought food and showed love and caring when we lost a dear brother and uncle. All the Island is too caring for words and we're glad to have such friends.*

*George, Diane, Douglas, Jessica*

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*I would like to thank the ladies of the churches, our friends, neighbours, and family for all their acts of kindness during my recent illness.*

*Barb Filson*



**Who let the sheep out? Baaa, Baaa**

**Photo by Brian Little**

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COUNCIL REPORT SEPTEMBER 1, 1995*

*- Chris Kennedy*

*Jim Whitton was away on holiday for this meeting.*

*Work on the Stella Ferry dock may start in October. Getting the tenders out has taken longer than expected, and some confusion seems to have existed about whether all the heavy work has to be done from barges. It does. One result of this is that we may keep the big ferry for longer than expected. Council has renegotiated the contract for paying for the new paving on the Front Road. Prompt action on the part of the township staff means that the province will also cover the increased interest costs. Council will send a letter protesting their retroactive cuts to the politicians involved.*

*Stuart Miller is preparing a new tender for crushing gravel. Council then discussed the ban on all smoking on the ferry. Doug Shurtliffe pointed out some of the problems of enforcing it, particularly on people in their own vehicles. There followed a long and acrimonious discussion of smoking policy, which seemed to generate much heat but very little light on the subject. Finally Alex Scott recommended that the motion be tabled until input was received from the Health Unit, Ministry of Transport, Coast Guard and Ministry of Labour on current regulations on Government owned ferries, and that consideration be shown by smokers to other employees who are nonsmokers. Council officially received a letter from Laurel Nixon requesting that the smoking regulations in existence since 1989 be enforced.*

*Council laid down a policy that ferry workers wishing to upgrade their skills will have their course fees paid, but not their incidental expenses. Council also decided to provide WHMIS training for all ferry workers, and to get some ferry workers certified to teach the course. This course is a Ministry of Labour requirement.*

*Alex Scott left the room for the discussions that followed. It was decided to send the Fire Chief, another Firefighter and the Chair of the Fire Committee to a Fire Chief Management Programme in November. The Training Officer (David Fleming) will attend a three day course in December to improve his training techniques. Volunteer Firefighters will be paid \$16/hr for the time they actually spend at a training course approved by*



Council, but no incidental expenses will be covered. This was passed by a recorded vote, Ashley voting against. Alex then returned to his chair.

Elsie Densem, Ian Murray, Bill Phillips, Syke Fleming and Caroline Yull all wrote letters to Council protesting about township employees being docked wages while on emergency calls. In discussions between the EFRT Chief, the Fire Chief and Councilor Fleming an agreement has been worked out. It was decided that all EFRT and Fire Department members working on the ferry at the time of an emergency call will not respond unless specifically requested to do so - at which time they will attend the emergency with full pay. Further, that Diane Pearce, as an EFRT member, will answer all EFRT calls with full pay during business hours. This agreement was ratified by the Council with a minimum of discussion.

The Recreation Committee is purchasing new (second hand) chairs for the school, at \$5 a piece.

Council then voted to go beyond the 11 pm curfew.

Building permits have been issued to Allen Caughey, Don Henderson, Bulest Agaoglu, and Grace Eves, and Phil Silver has an occupancy permit for his new house.

Council then discussed changes to the Township's procedural bylaw, which governs how the Township is run. The Standing Committees for the Ferry, Public Works and Fire Departments have been abolished, and their business will be covered by the full council, without the voting membership of the department heads. Ferry Captain Doug Shurtliffe pointed out some of the problems he thought might arise without the input from senior staff to their committees. In a recorded vote, Council unanimously passed the new arrangement. Capital budgeting for all departments will also be handled by all of the Council.

Representatives from Celanese and Du Pont will be invited to talk to Council about some of the pollution problems in the lake that have recently made the newspaper headlines.

Council finally adjourned at about 11:40 pm.

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## THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

- Annette

Congratulations to Howard and Noreen Welbanks and Henry and Anna Hitchins, both celebrating 50th Wedding Anniversaries this month.

Congratulations to Avery Brown who turns 70 this

month.

Freda Youell is a grandmother once again. Son Peter and daughter-in-law Nora have a new baby girl, Emma.

Best wishes to those who have been sick or in hospital: Keith Miller, Art McGinn, Barry Gartner and Marian Glenn.

For those fortunate enough to get the Arts and Entertainment Channel, Peter Trueman is writing and narrating a new series on National Parks. Over the past couple of months he has been to the east coast, and out west.

Ian, Sally, Jacob and Kyle visited the east coast in August, as did Bonnie and Lawrence Baker.

Welcome to our new Island residents, the Bowmans (new house at the foot) and Mr. and Mrs. Krauklis (Browns's - South Shore).

Very best wishes to Noel McCormick and Tamara Grant who will be married on the Island Saturday, September 16.

Jeff Pearce was home for a week long visit last week on a brief holiday from travelling the world with his band Moist. (For details please follow Jacob Murray's column "Moist News", which regularly appears in the Beacon).

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## 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.

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## AMHERST ISLAND WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

- Leslie Gavlas

Women's Institute 95th Anniversary Tea The Amherst Island Women's Institute invites all our friends and neighbours to our 95th Anniversary Tea at the Community Centre on Saturday, October 21, 1995, from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. The Amherst Island Women's Institute was organized between November 1900 and March 1901. Ours was the first to be organized in the district of Lennox and Addington, and the fourth in the Province of Ontario.

The first formal organization of a Women's Institute took place in Saltfleet Township, Wentworth County, as an outgrowth of Farmer's Institutes. The organizers were Erland Lee, and his

wife Janet, encouraged by Adelaide Hoodless. The date was February 19, 1897, and the object was stated as follows: "The object of this institute shall be to promote that knowledge of Household Science which shall lead to improvement in household architecture with special attention to home sanitation, to a better understanding of economic and hygienic value of food and fuels, and to a more scientific care of children with a view to raising the general standard of health of our people."

This branch is now known as the Stoney Creek Charter Women's Institute. On February 6, 1919, the various Branch Institutes were organized under the Federated Womens' Institutes of Ontario. This was followed by the Federated Womens\* Institutes of Canada in February 13, 1919. Clearly the initial Branch had started something of importance! In 1930, the Associated Country Women of the World was organized, joining the worldwide Women's Institutes and other women's organizations. The members of the Amherst Island Institute are proud to belong to this group.

To-day's aim is closely built on the aim of the original founders. We now live in a rapidly changing world, with diminishing distances. The problems of one nation have a bearing on many others, and all women everywhere are confronted by many of the same social and economic problems.

We are pleased to celebrate our long association with Womens' Institutes, and hope you will come and join us.

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### **QUILTS!, QUILTS!, QUILTS!**

The Womens' Institutes of Ontario have undertaken a project to assemble information on historical, and more recent, quilts.

Quilts formed an important part of the history of Canada and we feel it is important to make a record of this activity for the future. The information received will be compiled and preserved in the Tweedsmuir History Books maintained by each Branch of the Womens' Institute. I am writing on behalf of the Amherst Island Branch to ask for the help of readers of The Amherst Island Beacon. Are you the possessor, or do you know of, a quilt treasured in your family? If so, would you be willing to provide me with some information?

- Date of manufacture (approximate will do)
- The name of the person/people who made it
- The types of material used

- The quilt pattern used
  - The history of the quilt
  - Any other pertinent or interesting information
- If at all possible I would welcome a photograph of the quilt. I would be very grateful for any response to my request.

Leslie Gavlas

Stella, Ontario K0H 2S0

Tweedsmuir Curator, W.I.

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### **OUR NEW TEACHER**

- Sally Bowen

Warmest welcome to our new teacher at A.I.P.S., Miss Susan Sidorchuk. Susan teaches the primary grades to grade three.

Her father's family escaped from Russia when he was small. He became a dentist, married an Irish woman, then settled in the Prescott area. Susan attended French language public school and has lived and worked in Montreal, so is a very fluent French teacher.

She studied science for her B.Sc. then obtained her masters degree in Business. She combined those interests, working in the pharmaceutical industry in marketing and then sales. She discovered it was the people part she liked best, so has retrained for teaching. She loves science, and arts and crafts. (Her Dad is a photographer and bird carver so she grew up working with wood and with paints.) She plays the piano and enjoys nature. She welcomes volunteers in her class. She lives in Kingston and is enjoying the adventure and challenge of our school.

Please welcome her.

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### **ISLAND HISTORY**

#### **THE McMULLEN FAMILY OF AMHERST ISLAND**

- Thomas Sylvester

The readers of The Beacon were misled May 1994 when the imminent completion of this book was announced. There was always one more detail to pursue. Tom has attempted to compile the McMullen family history or genealogy of both male and female descendants to the present. It was a joy to document the incredible sense of family from grandmothers who did remember 30 birthdays.

Readers are invited to consult the 121 page draft copy at Glenn's Store to eliminate obvious errors. The 18 page index lists everyone by maiden name to assist consultation. Approximately one quarter of the "Islanders" appear in the index. Many are not

aware of their maternal connection to the McMullens. The McMullen / McMullin surname was the second largest count at 115, second to McGinn at 120, Wemp 57, Gibson 45, Dennee 41, Richards 39, Reid 33, Kearney 31, Mills 21, deHaan 20, McCormac 20, and Kay 20. The John McMullen family was one of the largest groups of the early community of Amherst Isle. By 1794, John's family had settled on the Island frontier, Lots 2 to 6, Concession 1. His nine generations of descendants have demonstrated a remarkable legacy of kinship. Many of the successive generations of Islanders, particularly within the "west end" of the Island, can be traced to John McMullen. The historical Roman Catholic congregation of the Island, including a significant portion of French Canadians, were related by marriage to descendants of John McMullen. The McMullen family burial plot, circa 1802, located on their land developed into the Amherst Island Roman Catholic Cemetery circa 1871. The McMullen Islanders who chose to move on participated in the western migration to the American Midwest. Their destination was strongly influenced by kinship. Further, the "leavers" remembered they were Islanders and some McMullens returned to their community even generations later.

There are already extensive Island genealogies completed on the Wemps, Glenns, Howards, and Flemings. One of the observations of the Island is that everybody is inter-related, yet my research of the John McMullen descendants demonstrates distinct groups within the community. Recently, concerning the Island school, many denied there was a historical Roman Catholic component to the community. This was a continuum of the Loyal Orange Lodge sentiments.

Many of the McMullen descendants on the Island have worked with their hands and were the last of the Maxwell Estate tenants.

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#### MOIST NEWS

- Jacob Murray

The Moist concert at the CNE was stupendous! Nate, Leah, her friend Dan and I attended it with over 2000 screaming Moist fans. Nate and I were "moshing" (crazy dancing) and "body surfing". The two other bands, "Crash Vegas" and "Trebel Charger" suc... well they weren't as good. Graeme McDonald gave all four of us back stage passes, we

met and mingled with the whole band (Nate did enough schmoozing for all of us combined.) Moist just finished the long-awaited last of the Molson Ice Labour shows in Tuktoyaktuk. Jeff said "It was a great experience for me, "Metallica" rocked and so did "Hole".

The band is taking a six month break to recover from the road and do some more recording.

I would just like to thank Kyle for the best birthday present ever (the tickets to the CNE concert) and my darling sister for taking us there.

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#### THANK YOU NOTES

We wish to thank our daughter and family who hosted a 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration for us, September 1. Our sincere thanks to friends and relatives for sharing this evening with us and for all the best wishes, beautiful cards and gifts that we have received. A special thank-you to Reverend Chris Davis for his blessing, to Amherst Island Reeve, Duncan Ashley, for his words of greeting from the Township, to the A.C.W. for preparing the delicious lunch and to the ladies who served it, to our granddaughter Tracey and her grandMother Filson for making the beautiful Anniversary cake.

We shall always remember this evening as being very special.

Sincerely, Howard and Noreen Welbanks

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#### MS KIA

It is claimed that the tax payers of Ontario are paying for a public education system which is at the same time the most expensive and the least effective in the world. That may or may not be true but I believe - and there are extensive polls that agree - that our education system needs a lot of improvement. Our masters at Queens Park are seriously considering amalgamating school districts and thereby reducing the number of trustees.

Now, from the vantage point of 27 years as a public school teacher (plus 7 years in an elite girl's academy), I can state that of those involved in our education system, the trustees are the least to blame. (Not counting the custodians.)

Most at fault is the Ministry of Education: it keeps adding more and more to the curriculum while still expecting sound teaching of the basics - reading, writing and arithmetic. Its contradictory and faddish mandates during my teaching lifetime were enough to drive a less principled class room teacher to



*drink!*

*Next in the line of blame is the powerful teachers' unions who demand more and more for less and less. (Now that I am enjoying my excellent pension, I can afford to be critical.) Following closely in the blame parade are the administrators: a pack of self-serving bureaucrats in my experience. It has been said that by far the most meaningful act that a trustee ever gets to do is to choose a new executive director - and that's not often enough.*

*Let's not leave out the parents who send their ill-mannered children to school and are astounded that schools are not able to teach their children discipline.*

*I say to the government: leave the trustees alone! They represent us as best they can - probably better than we deserve - in a system that is stacked against both tax-payer and student.*

*Some amalgamation is a good idea. If Lennox & Addington County did not exist it would never occur to anyone to invent it. I can be in Toronto quicker than I can get to the north edge of this county. On some winter days, I could get to Detroit quicker than Denbigh. The northern parts of this county and the northern part of Frontenac County have a lot more in common than either have with the southern parts of their respective counties.*

*Lets get on with some amalgamations.*  
[Editor's note: I don't know what's got into our ace journalist but we're short on material for this issue so I'm letting her rant run on. See what happens when you don't send us enough stuff to print?]  
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#### **A LETTER HOME**

*After reading last month's Letter Home I'm sure you had a good laugh when you read "the feel of Fall is in the air." I know the days and nights were still sweltering when I wrote that but I was right after all. Summer ended one day late in August and Fall began the next. We've weaned the lambs and they're getting ready to send to market. Later this month 3 shearers are coming for 3 days to do the lambs and 200 ewes. What a process! There will probably be 8 to 10 people to organize and feed. Nothing like the old harvest gangs but it still keeps us moving at warp speed and we all collapse at the end. We don't get much for the wool but it still needs to be done.*

*The Big Ferry is still here. The tenders for the dock repairs have taken longer. So we all breathe a*

*sigh of relief leaving home or town knowing we'll get on the boat.*

*Last weekend was Allan Kidd and Judy Roberts' annual Pig Feast. There's always a wonderful cross section of Island people and off Island visitors. The food laden tables were happily relieved of their burden and we all went home with memories of Pig Feast '95.*

*David & Karen Fleming and Debbie Miller & Phil Silver have moved into their newly built homes. I imagine it's very satisfying and exciting to move into a home you helped build yourself.*

*We've been harvesting from the garden. Thanks to the work of our resident gardener we have two very large vegetable gardens to collect from. I only wish I had more time and energy to do the food justice. I always picture vegetables happily growing with no other purpose in life except to feed us and I hate to let them down.*

*The new Fire Hall frame work has gone up and the work is proceeding with hopes of moving in before the snow flies. We'll give you a tour when you get a chance to visit.*

*Seeing as the kids are back in school I finally have 10 minutes to quietly sit and let you know what has been happening in our little corner of the world.*

*Hope all is well in your little corner.*

*Until next month.*

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#### **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

*Sept 20... Women's Institute Meeting 8:00 p.m. at Jean McIntyre's home Sept 23*

*.. ACW Turkey Supper at the Community Centre from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Sept 29*

*... Henry & Anna Hitchins 50th Wedding Ann. Party 8 p.m. at A.I. Community Centre Sept 30*

*... First Response Charity Pool Tournament at K.T. Billiards at 5:00 p.m. (see ad for more) Oct 7*

*... Extra Waterside Concert at St Alban's Anglican Church at 7:00 p.m. Oct 21*

*... Oktoberfest Dinner & Dance at the Community Centre from 6:30 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Oct 21*

*... W.I.'s 95 Anniversary Tea at the Community Centre from 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. Oct 31*

*... Ameriks Scholarship Fund application deadline*  
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**The Auction went very well, with so very many people helping out to make this a truly community event.**

**Once again, thank you to all who participated.**

**See how many friends you can identify in these pictures provided by Brian Little.**





