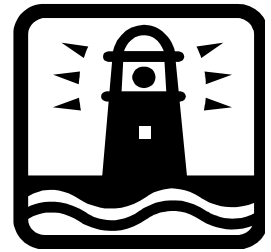


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HENDERSON, DORIS ELIZABETH (NEE MCDONALD) - Died on Sunday, April 24, 2016, at Kingston General Hospital at 91 years of age.

She was the daughter of Florence and Edwin McDonald of Amherst Island. Doris was the loved and loving wife of W. D. (Bill) Henderson (deceased) formerly of Amherst Island; friend and travel companion James Morrison (deceased), also loving mother of two sons Richard (Doris Salter) of Odessa, and Anthony (deceased).

She is also survived by five grandchildren and six great grandchildren all of whom she loved dearly; Grandchildren, Kerri Skene-Ashurst, Ryan Henderson, Lindsay (Dan) Cunningham, Jeffrey (Ashleigh) Henderson, Matthew Paul Henderson (Christie), and Great-grandchildren, Tanner Ashurst, Owen Henderson- Hahn, Ty Cunningham, Ethan Henderson, Zander Henderson and Finn Henderson.

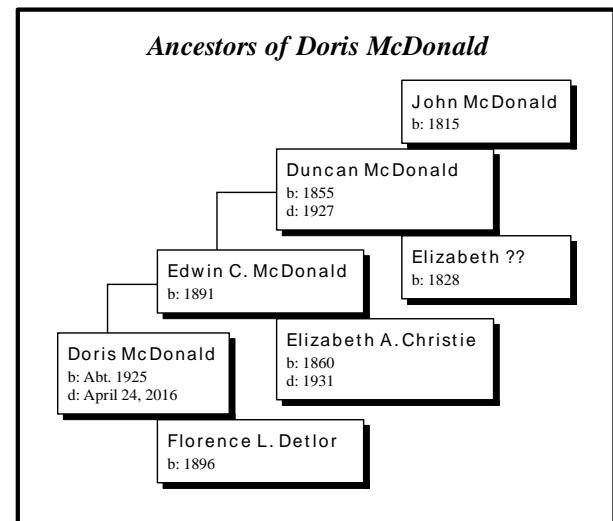
Doris was the younger sister of Garnet and Roger McDonald (both deceased). Sister-in-law of Marion McDonald, dear aunt of Douglas and Bruce

McDonald, Alison (deceased) (Peter)Williams and Sarah and Geoffrey Williams, all of Ottawa. Also survived by niece, Carol (Herman) Langwald, and great aunt of Joe (Sabrina) Langwald and Mika of China, Tammie (Wally) Stanton and Emma, Damien, Lillian, and Molly, of Kingston.

Also surviving are Sally Skene (Filson) Kerri's mother, Gayle (Percy) Ryan's mother and Lynne Henderson (Stanton) mother of Lindsay, Jeffrey and Matthew Paul.

Doris taught school for 35 years plus, thirty of those were spent in R. Gordon Sinclair Public School in Reddendale. She was a member of Kingston Meistersingers, Domino Theatre, Kingston Senior Centre, Interesting Years Senior card playing Group, Creative Writing group and Toastmasters. She enjoyed attending theatre as well as acting in some shows at the Grand, Domino and Selby Theatres. Playing cards, oil painting, woodcarving and visiting were other activities that Doris enjoyed.

Loved and remembered by family, other relatives and friends. She always loved meeting former pupils to hear about their family and where they had chosen to work.



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## NEIGHBOURHOOD

- Lynn Fleming

Get well wishes to Susan Filson, Valerie Howard, Barb Reid, Father Don Bailey

Our sympathy to Richard Henderson (Doris Salter), on the recent passing of his mother, Doris Henderson.

Congratulations to Patsy and Jerry deHaan on the arrival of their 3<sup>rd</sup> grandchild – and first granddaughter. Bristol was born March 28<sup>th</sup>, to son Sean and his wife Brooke. Proud big brother James is said to be quite taken with his new sister. A great grandchild for Dreta Sudds and Hazel deHaan.

Congratulations to Keith McGinn and Alicia Wolfreys and big brother Drew, on their newest addition to their family. Archer Ronald was born on Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, weighing in at 8lb.4oz. A new grandson for Dan and Val Wolfreys and Russell and Jane McGinn. Another great grandchild for Ray and Zelma Koenders, Ellis and Marylou Wolfreys, Dreta Sudds, and Hazel deHaan.



**Archer Ronald McGinn, b. April 13, 8.4 lbs**

Congratulations to Dayle and Eloise Gown on the arrival of their first grandchild. Alexandra was born 7 May to Vicky Weiler and Matt Gowan.

Happy 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Bob Filson, who celebrated recently at a party with family and friends.

Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Noel McCormick, who celebrated with family and friends at the Legion in Millhaven.

Happy 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Wayne and Karen Fleming.

Congratulations on your recent retirements Suzanne Wemp and Karen Miller.



**Alexandra Elizabeth Gowan, born May 7**

.....and more congratulations - to CJAI, 92.1 FM Island Radio on their 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Close to 180 people came out to the video dance at the community centre, to celebrate the 100% volunteer run radio station's 10<sup>th</sup> year of non-stop broadcasting.

Early April saw some cold, snowy, wet weather, as snow birds started to return to the Island in anticipation of some spring like weather. Not to be disappointed, it arrived by mid-April with temperatures hitting the double digits and lots of sunshine. There are new calves in the fields, but still a little early for the lambs, and Ida has already seen some goslings on the South Shore.

Our school Osprey returned on April 12<sup>th</sup>, right on schedule.

May is a busy month on the Island with the annual Spring Dance and Fish Fry, the opening of the Market, Museum and Weasel and Easel, and the much anticipated opening of the Back Kitchen once again.

Bruce Sudd's company has won an ACE Award from the [The Canadian Public Relations Society \(CPRS\)](#) for his firm's initial campaign for the Bay of Quinte.

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### WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

- M K Steel

It was a warm and gentle April evening when we gathered at the home of longtime member Leslie Gavlas for our monthly meeting and Annual General Meeting, at 7pm.

Fourteen members were in attendance with president Joyce Haines in the chair.

We approved last month's minutes and financial report. Some highlights from our Standing Committee Reports: We are invited May 6 to an afternoon tea at the Lennox and Addington Hospital in honour of those individuals and organizations (including ours) which have recently made donations.

Our district Annual Meeting will take place May 17, and our Area Annual will be held next October.

For Advocacy, Anne Henderson presented us with a resolution to endorse on behalf of our branch,

promoting the notion of a Guaranteed Annual Income. She has done a great deal of research on this topic, and met with other groups in the Kingston area to ascertain what other support there is. Our resolution would go to our provincial body, the FWIO, with copies to appropriate government and other officials. The members endorsed the initiative.

Then it was on to Old and New Business. We made a donation towards equipment for the renewed Back Kitchen. With the help of a grant from Sherri Jensen's former employer, we are pleased to present a new bench for our Centennial park, and a picnic table for Lane's End park. Both items were made by Loyalist Township staff.

Jackie Sylvester reported on the progress made towards completing the work at the Sand Beach. We then voted to give a significant donation towards the citizen fund for this project.

After much discussion, we have decided to reduce our summer bake sales to two - before the long weekends of May and July.

We then planned our beautification (flower-planting) on the Island for the season, and what equipment is needed for our Saturday market cart. Joyce Haines will lead a team of members to do the spring clean-up of our section of County Road 4. This latter is part of a District-level WI initiative in which each branch adopts a section of a county road and tries to keep it free of litter. (You may have noticed the plaque on the right-hand side of County Road 4 which names our branch, just up from Millhaven.)

Members were asked to renew their memberships for the coming year. The meeting was then adjourned and it was time for our Annual General Meeting.

Jackie Sylvester took the chair. All executive positions were declared vacant, and a list of nominations for a new executive was tabled by Liz Harrison, head of the nominating committee. The new executive was voted in unanimously. Joyce Haines has offered her time and energy as president again, and Sherri Jensen as treasurer; Liz Harrison will take on the job of secretary.

This meeting was duly adjourned, and we then were treated to a fine evening lunch and social hour.

Our next meeting will be held on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, at the home of Kirsten Bennick; guests are welcome.

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## AIMS

- William Barrett

The April meeting for the Amherst Island Men's Society took place on April 9<sup>th</sup> at St Paul's church hall. A breakfast was served, followed by an information session, as is our norm.

This month, Anthony Gifford spoke about self-publishing. A summary of his points can be seen below:

Self-publishing used to be difficult and involved, but it has become much easier and can be cost effective. Anthony started with an e-book using Amazon.ca. Doug Green and Alena Schram are islanders with success publishing their own books and have a wealth of knowledge. Stanley Burke published his brother's journal, "A Life Lived Large: Cornelius Burke". This type of limited print run can easily cost more than \$100 per copy. The example was passed around to view. Create Space is the Amazon app which will lead one through putting out a book. Unfortunately, about 3000 books per day are 'put out there'. They risk just sitting there unless you also have some sort of plan to promote your e-book.

Publishers get 2-300 submissions per day. This means it can be difficult for a new author to get one interested. You can also do it yourself. First, you buy an ISBN, which costs about \$30-40. You then then decide on format, and how much you can do yourself. Many companies will handle everything else. One such book was 6"x9" (a standard size) and 100 pages long. For \$1000, you get the electronic version sitting on the Amazon servers. It is searchable, offered for sale, and is printed 'on demand' as sales occur. (The customer therefore pays for printing.) Another package only does an e-book version. But the book is still not in public view. Promoting a book can be as expensive as you want. You can start at \$1000, but \$10K is a more reasonable starting spot for a serious book.

Practically you don't need to worry about grammar or spelling; the process is largely automated in word processing. The book can / should be reviewed by an editor who works with the layout and corrects grammar and spelling errors. The more work you (or your friends) do, the less the editor has to do. An editor and layout person costs about \$1000.

A couple of people on the island have expressed interest in self-publishing. Anthony's advice is to just start.

Search the internet for an e-book on how to write an

e-book. As soon as the word gets out that you're working on it, you will be flooded with promotions. Many different packages are available. Print on demand is a \$6-8 cost, which you can sell for \$15-20, potentially a \$10 per book difference.

Conversely, you can order hardcopies in bulk. 500 copies ordered from India cost about \$5 per copy. A printing house in Quebec is also cost effective. In response to a question, Anthony said he doesn't know the financials for audio books.

It became apparent there are many factors and lots of choices. If someone is interested in self-publishing, then give Anthony a call, and he'll try to help you through it.

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Following the presentation, normal Society business was conducted. Last month's minutes were approved, David Pickering gave the financials and transportation report, and we got reports on the CFL light bulb disposal site.

Larry Jensen proposed a lunch at Day's on Front, but this didn't happen due to lack of participation.

Additional speakers were discussed. Brian Little offered to tell about his New Orleans trip.

Anthony gave more information on the progress in The Back Kitchen. As a sign of support, AIMS approved a direct grant of \$1000 to help The Back Kitchen get up and running. Discussion on the VIA (Volunteer Improvement Area) was deferred until more of the people involved had returned from vacations.

We are still looking at increasing turnout to the meetings. E-mail has been sent to all previous members reminding them that we're still here and would love to see them again. Other initiatives were discussed and approval was granted to print up info post cards for handing out at island events.

The road cleanup was supported by the membership, and a sign up sheet will be circulated at the next meeting. The funding for the village flower baskets has been received from the Township, and Dayle will arrange for supplies and a work plan.

Marc has the Market Wagon sign up sheet. It was circulated, and he says we can e-mail him if we want our name included.

Next meeting will be Saturday 14 May at 8 AM.

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## COUNCIL GLEANINGS

- Ian Murray

From the 7<sup>th</sup> Session, April 25

Fred Stephenson was appointed as Fire Chief of the Loyalist Township Fire Department

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## HONEY BEES

Honey Bees will soon be swarming. If you see a 'football' shaped mass of bees on a tree branch, please let me know as these swarms will likely not survive on their own. Dave Meikle, 613-328-8892

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You may remember that Dave has been collecting paint for bees. We thought you might want to see the results of your donations.



Bee Supers painted by Dave Meikle - photo by Dave Meikle





**Fox in Spring**  
**Photo by Judy Bierma**

## BACK KITCHEN MENU REPORT

-Judy Bierma

This report was prepared by The Primary Class at Amherst Island Public School. I was invited to their classroom to receive their project presentation because of my background with Stella's Café. The students that participated in this project were: Nathan Archibald, Maeve Berman, Piper Godden, Riley McGinn, Devin Forester, Mairi Kennedy, Drew McGinn, Anna Walhout, Colton Forester, Nicole McGinn, Julia Kennedy, Graeme McKee, Elyssa Wronski, Mike Murray and Lily Berman.

One example was the menu made by Drew McGinn.

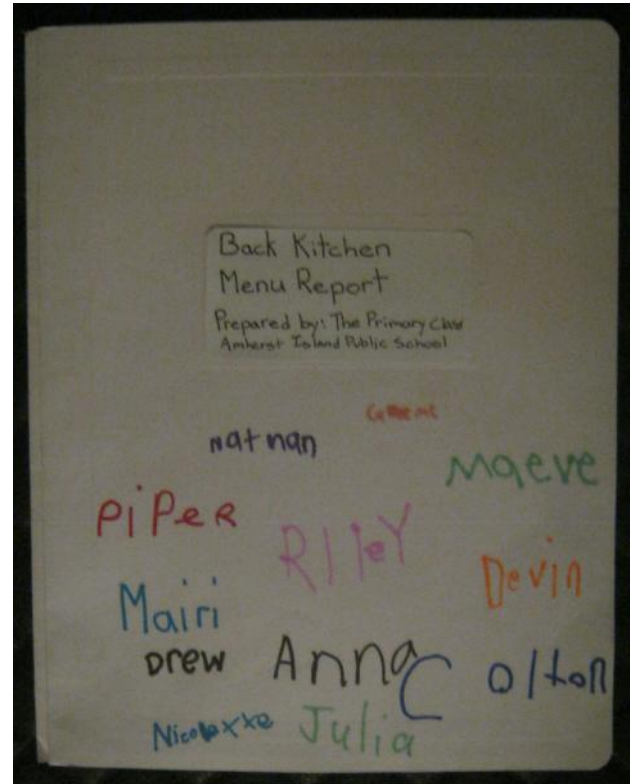
"Kids Menu: pop, front ribs, back ribs, burgers, brownies, OJ, AJ, cheeseburgers, BLT, bacon, subs, ice cream, pudding.

Adults Menu: pop, pie, brownies back ribs, front ribs, cheeseburgers, BLT, bacon, burgers, coffee, tea, ice-cream, pudding, oatmeal, eggs."

The students surveyed adults and children and made up their menus based on the results of their surveys. The presentation was very well done. I hope to be presenting to the Steering committee for the Back Kitchen with some of the students, in the near future.

Many thanks to the students and Mrs. Theone Cooper and Mrs. Brenda Van Alstyne for their

support of the new Back Kitchen and for sharing their findings with us.



Further:

## THE BACK KITCHEN MENU

The Back Kitchen has now finalized their menu and provided a copy to us. Prices have yet to be determined, but what we have is on the final pages of this Beacon. Feel free to print it off and keep it by your phone. They will be taking both text and e-mail takeout orders, or you can 'pre-order' and have a sit-in meal ready when you arrive. Perfect if you want to squeeze in a meal before catching the boat, or if you want pick up something to take home as you roll off the ferry at the end of a busy day.



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## BLACK-LEGGED TICKS AND LYME DISEASE -Sally Bowen

The government and medical authorities now admit what the veterinarians have known for some time – Black-legged ticks exist in Canada. Their numbers are rapidly increasing, and their territory expanding, especially in the moderate climate areas near Lake Ontario.

Some, but not all, Black-legged ticks carry the bacteria for Lyme Disease.



**Lyme Ticks - Photo from the web.**

They are most prevalent in long grasses, bushy and woodsy areas. However, they might be anywhere, very much including hitching a ride on the family pet.

When hiking, it is best to wear long pants and pull socks up over cuffs and wear a hat. The little blighters can drop from tree branches.

They'll travel around on a person's skin for awhile, seeking the ideal spot to dig in, so the best prevention is to check your body daily. Carefully.



**Tick with lifter.**

I strongly recommend you go to a nearby vet and

purchase a tick lifter. They are now available (in 2 sizes) in a variety of locations, including I believe, in some medical health centres. They are shaped like a tiny fork.

If you find a tick embedded in yourself or a loved one, don't panic. Don't try to burn. Don't use tweezers (that action squeezes the mouth parts, releasing bacteria). Use the tick lifter to slide under the body; rotate steadily, then lift as the tick releases. **SAVE THE TICK** in a clean bottle. If you don't have a lifter, check with Topsy Farms or others who may have one. Or go to hospital emergency or a medical clinic to have it removed. Take the tick and request it be tested and the report sent to you. (That can take weeks or months. Do not wait for test result for treatment if you and your doctor feel it is indicated.)

The common wisdom is that within 48 hours of a tick being embedded, the toxins have not yet been released into a person's system, so a single, oral dose of antibiotic is sufficient as preventative. Please, insist on this. Do not accept the advice to wait until symptoms occur. Not everyone gets every symptom such as the bull's eye rash. By then the toxins have time to spread throughout your system.

Even then, don't panic. But be assertive. I don't like drugs, but am convinced that so far, a two week course of antibiotics is the most effective response, if caught early. Make sure that you take a probiotic (which replaces the digestive bacteria necessary for digestive function) to help balance.

The Black-legged tick is a part of our lives. Don't avoid nature – just take a tick lifter with you and be aware.

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### SCHOOL PHOTOS INFO

- Mary Claus

I am pretty sure that Jack White is the one between Larry Hefford and Grant Wemp. The unknown student, is the one between Allan Veech and Larry Hefford whom I believe is Peter Brewster. Harold Brewster and family lived in the house just west of where Johnny McGinn lives now.

I am thinking about 1953. Looks like it was what we called the Junior Room grades 1 to 4. In those days, grades 5 to 8 was the Senior Room. When I was in Public School we only had 2 teachers Miss Christian for the juniors and Mr Kerr for the seniors...cute bunch weren't we?

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-Lynn Fleming

The unknown student in the 1960 school photo in March Beacon, was Bobby Gibson, (not Bobby Wemp)

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## LOAVES AND FISHES

- Judy Bierma and Janet Scott



**Photo by Judy Bierma**

Our time with Loaves and Fishes has come to an end and April 27th was the final lunch for this year.

We have served about 225 lunches to members of our community. On March 16th we added 19 members of the Church Camp and, thanks to Carol Glenn, we enjoyed delicious Macaroni and cheese and tasty ham.

At this time, I need to specifically thank Karen Fleming, Beth Forester, Maryanne Mercer, Val Wolfreys, Norma Lyn Cole, Bonnie Baker, Hazel deHaan, Brian Deacon, Cathy Filson, Gardner McBride, Cathy Wemp, Bonnie Livingstone, Linda Welbanks, William Barrett, David Pickering, Sharen English, Nancy Hall, Joanne Watts, Sylvia Archibald, John and Tessa Mayman for their frequent and generous contributions of food to these lunches.

We also need to thank those drivers who made sure that our guests were delivered to our various locations: Anthony Gifford, Judy Bierma, Judith Harrower, Beth Forester, David Pickering, Hazel deHaan and Leslie Gavlas.

Thank-you to St. Paul's for the use of their kitchen and hall during January and for the March 16th luncheon which included the campers.

Thirty-five people for lunch would have stretched the accommodations at 350 Third Concession just a little.

Loaves and Fishes would not have been possible without the wonderful support of Tessa Mayman and Mary White who gave so generously of their time and energy to see that lunch was served hot and on time.

Thank-you to everyone for your participation and encouragement and your help as you served, poured drinks, washed dishes and made everyone comfortable. I need to say thank-you too to all of you who slipped me monetary donations and to the Women's Institute as well, for their generous assistance in covering the costs.

It seems to be unanimous that we will try, God willing, to continue another year so, when the snow starts to blow and you feel shut in, watch for the announcement as to the start-up date.

As Doug Lamb said so beautifully; "Thank you God for the food that has been provided, for the love in the hands that prepared it and for the love in the walls that surround us." Now you can't say it any better than that.

God Bless You.

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## LOVING SPOONFUL

- Sally Bowen



Amherst Island will again send fresh food in season to the hungry folks in the Kingston region. Mary White and Cary Allen make it easy, providing their front porch (5750 Front Rd) for weekly dropoffs and immediate delivery to town. PLEASE PLANT EXTRA for this purpose. Sally Bowen 613 389-3444

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## CHEESEMAKERS'S DAUGHTER

-Judy Bierma

### Maple Syrup Time on Amherst Island

Shirley Miller reminisced about Maple Syrup Time on Amherst Island. She said that Howard Pearce was the instigator: he wanted to make syrup. "We started out in the field just north of the sugar bush behind the Millers' Bush on the Third. We tapped the trees and dragged the sap out behind the snow machine. I don't know who all helped. It was all of us. Whoever turned up and was interested.



**Shirley Miller by the evaporator.**

"The first setup was two steel barrels and fence posts between them and corrugated steel roofing over it and the pans on top of that. We put the barrels on either side and the tin on top and the pan on top of that and we put the wood in. We had the chimney and put a pail over the chimney. You want to control the fire so you need a draft so all the heat doesn't go up the chimney.



**This is the shack the first year in the woods.  
photo by Shirley Miller**

"The next year we were still using the steel drum but added a milk strainer so when we poured the sap into this pan it strained it. We had a little shack Keith made. We had a table and stove in there to keep warm and a gas stove to cook - all the comforts of home. A main part of making maple syrup is cutting wood. You have to boil the sap soon before it goes sour or it will make terrible syrup.



**Keith built a biffy for the woods  
Donald, Keith and Tom Miller  
photo by Shirley Miller**

"We always had lots of company. Keith got busy and made an outside toilet that was really good. Eventually we got the Eves' old evaporator from the commune, which was a lot larger so we could make a lot more syrup. It was like a big stove. You would put the wood in the box and shut the doors.



**Sarah MacDonald, Diane Pearce, Keith Miller(L)  
Chris Kennedy, Randi and Leah Murray (R)  
Photo courtesy Shirley Miller**

"We took first prize for flavour at the Perth Competition. Eventually, when we really got into production, someone had to be there all night to



keep the fire going. We had a generator that needed gas. The men put a small milk tank up high and would pump the sap into it and gravity feed the back tank."

"What was the generator for?"

"So we could have light at night. Annie, my dog, used to sleep in the bunk with me. If I got up and didn't put my coat on to put wood on the fire, Annie would stay in bed. If I put my coat on she would get up with me because I was going to put gas in the generator and wood in the fire. You could put wood in the fire every 15 minutes if you wanted to. You had to make sure the sap was coming into the back pan. There were floats so that when the sap got down too far it would open the tap and let the sap in. You couldn't let the pans burn. That wrecked everything. If the fire went out at night, it took a long time to get it going in the morning. Then the syrup had to be filtered and bottled. You had to make sure the syrup was sweet enough. Then you had to have different bottles with syrup of different colours in it. As the season goes on the syrup gets darker. Amber syrup is the best for cooking. When I was a kid I didn't think I liked maple syrup.

"It was very strong. Donald's sugar bush had especially good flavour. Different Sugar bushes have different flavours depending on the soil. Ian Murray gave us a book one time about making maple syrup written in the 1800's and in it, the writer said the best time to tap out was the middle of March. If you tap out too early things freeze up. The holes freeze and the syrup doesn't run too well. If it gets too warm the sap stops running. It has to be cold at night and warm in the day so that you can catch the sap going up and down the tree."



**Shirley, canning the syrup**

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Julie and Laird Leeder wrote, "We started tapping trees at our cottage on Charleston Lake about 12 years ago - we would gather sap on the weekends and boil it down on our BBQ with the kids. It was a laborious endeavour, but we discovered we loved it, and when we moved to the Island we wanted to continue - but only had a few trees on our property.

"For several years, the Barrs - who live out on the old Marshall farm (where my grandmother was born) let us tap a number of their trees. In addition, Jill and Mike let us tap their maples, as well as Rita Brown and Warren Kilpatrick. We would drive to the South Shore and over to the Third collecting sap in small buckets. Eventually, Laird connected with the owner of the old Charlie Howard farm, who offered to us the use of her maple bush to tap. We eagerly and appreciatively accepted.



**Laird and Julie's tapping on the Emerald 40 Foot  
Photo by Judy Bierma**

"Laird and Kevin Varette (below) last year hooked up a system

whereby we collected the sap from the buckets in the trees and poured into 5 gallon pails, which we carried to a large reservoir in the bush. The reservoir is attached to a hose that



spans about 800 feet and feeds into a 300-gallon tote on the back of Laird's truck.

"For the past several years we have been using a

small evaporator which was in our garage and staying up day and night with the help of many friends to boil the sap down into syrup. This year we invested in a much larger evaporator that takes much less time to boil down the sap. It's located in the old house on our property down at the water (where my great, great, great grandparents lived when they emigrated from Ireland).

"Over the years many have been involved in the process. Our main crew this year was Kevin Varette (taskmaster, fire-splitter, crazy sap collector), Finn Varette (expert on splitting wood), Nathan and Anna Townsend (in all aspects). All sorts of people helped - from offering wood from their bush to burn in the evaporator (Uncle Bruce and Mike Walhout), to helping us cut trees and block wood (Jeff Forester, Rick Welbanks, Finn and Kevin Varette) to helping us tend the fire (John and Dylan Mayman, Andrew McDonald).

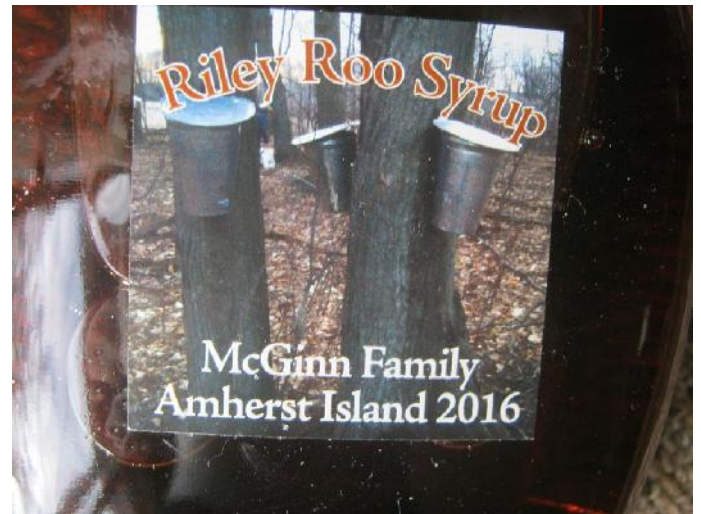
"The new evaporator has allowed us to expand the operation to have syrup to sell in addition to syrup for our own use. We will have produced almost 200 litres this year and will have syrup for sale at our farm stand all summer or until we run out. Our plan is to have a new sugar shack and farm stand this fall as a permanent home on our farm.



"The group picture is of the following people, from left to right: Jeff and Devin Forester, Kevin and Finn Varette, JP Leeder, Julie and Laird Leeder, Susan Forester, Nathan and Anna Townsend and Colton Forester on Nathan's shoulders.

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Janice McGinn described their maple syrup operation to me.



**Photo by Judy Bierma**

"It was Ryan and Eric that started it. They bought the whole set up, the boiler and the pails and bottles and spiles on Kijiji, so we were ready to start. We called our syrup 'Riley Roo Syrup'. We did syrup the first year Riley was born. She was back there as a baby, only 3 months old, right where we were boiling. It was a slow time of the year and everyone could be involved. She just turned four at Christmas so we've been making it for four years.

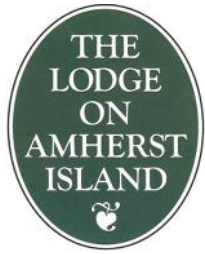
"We tapped the trees on Kelly's farm; the sugar bush behind his farm. We tapped the trees back in the bush, about 85 taps and Terry (McGinn) taps the trees at Cora's. He didn't do that before, until he started going to the Market in Stella. We carry it all. We have nothing very modern. We collect in five-gallon pails and we do the boiling back by the bush. We bring it out with the four-wheeler and the wagon with wheels on it or by snowmobiles. The buckets are on the trees and we dump them into five-gallon pails and put it in the evaporator to cook. We have a little shed. It's a lot of work.

"We usually stay there until 9 or 10 at night, and then we fill the fire nice and full. It continues to evaporate. We did four batches this year. They are twelve-hour days. Shay was back there this year. We had a family day on Easter Sunday. It was a beautiful day. Nana McGinn came back, Doug and Gale were over, we had quite a gathering. Last year we made maple taffy for the kids. We drizzled maple syrup on the snow and wound it on a stick but we couldn't do that this year because there wasn't enough snow. Ange pushed the baby Keegan through the bush in the stroller."



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## FROM THE LODGE



### We are changing the way we do things at Art Shows!

For years we operated on a **“first come first basis”**. The show opened at 2:00 and the sales table opened at 2:30. That created a difficult problem for several people. So we are trying a new method beginning with the May 21st Art Show.

#### New Policy

We will now be offering **online bidding** for the items at the show. This will only be available during the opening reception from 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm. You will need to be ready to pay for your item at the end of the bidding by e-transfer or credit card.

#### Part One: One of a Kind Items

For all one of kind items, we will use a **“silent auction”** model. There will be a **minimum bid** established by the artist. If you wish to purchase this item for the asking price you will sign your name on the accompanying sheet with your offering bid (which must be equal to the asking price or greater). If someone else wishes to bid higher for the item they will need to sign the sheet with their name and bid. You may or may not choose to make a higher bid. The bidding will be closed one half hour before the end of the show: 4:30. The highest bid will win.

All bidding, including the online bids, will be transparent and visible to all bidders.

The bidder must be able to pay in full for the piece (plus HST) at the end of the show or it will go to the next highest bidder.

#### Part Two: Multiple versions of the same piece

For items where there are multiples versions of the same piece, we will continue with the first come first serve basis.

We must add HST to all sales. Sales must be accompanied by full payment. All sales are final.

### May 21st Show only

You will be able to take home your purchased items the day of the sale. Delivery can be arranged.

The current schedule from THE LODGE can be seen on page 15 of this issue.

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## THANK YOU

The Students, Staff and Parents of Amherst Island Public School would like to thank the community for the wonderful support of the recent fund-raiser at the school. That generous Island spirit makes it a wonderful place for our kids to grow up.



The crew seen above worked hard on the roof of Amherst Island Public School, helping our kids have a dry cosy future. We see Ron McGinn, Cory Hutchings, Jerry de Haan, Duncan Ashley, Jason Martini, Matt Martini, Nick de Haan. Photo was taken by the foreman emeritus, Tom de Haan.



Amherst Island Roofing redoing A.I. P.S. roof.  
Photo by Vicki Keith

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### SPRING DANCE & FISH FRY

**\*\*Please Note \*\***

#### DATE CHANGE FOR THIS YEAR

The annual Spring Dance and Fish Fry will be held on Saturday, May 14th this year. Tickets are \$13.00 per person. Children under 10, \$6.00. Please reserve your tickets from:

Rick Bedford, 389-8434 or  
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From Amherst Island Public School:

We have decided to support the Sandy Pines Wildlife center.

Donating items to the shelter will really help the animals and volunteers! You can help us by donating:

**Bleach, hand and dish soap,  
soft blankets, toques, stuffies,  
paper towels, and stamps.**

**If you are interested in donating  
any of these items, please drop them off in  
the collection bins at the front porch of the  
school by June 10th.**

**Thank you.**





# Spring Concert

"Hits of the '50s and '60s"



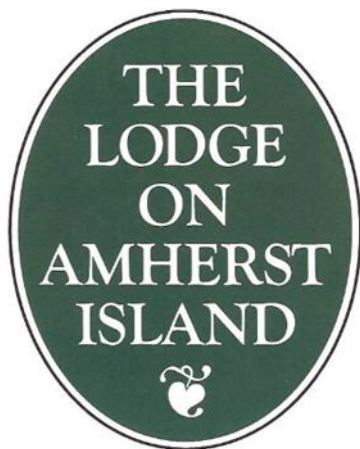
Director: **Lynda Stoness**  
 Accompanist: **Kate van Allen**  
 and a mixed choir of 90+ voices

**Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 pm**  
**Kingston Gospel Temple**  
**2295 Princess St., Kingston**

*Tickets: In advance from  
 choir members or at the door  
 Or Contact: 613-767-0673  
 Adults: \$15 • Children \$5 (under 13)*

Come out and enjoy the Spring Concert at the Kingston Gospel Temple.

Note that this choir includes the voices of Beth Forester, Joan Martin, Madeline Kerr and Judy Bierma.



## Events at The Lodge May – June 2016



### May

#### DOUG GIBSON

Book Reading

May 1, 7-9 pm

#### PAUL CUYLER

Art Show

Sat, May 21 2pm-5pm

PRIVATE BOOKING

Fri-Sun, May 27 to 29

#### DOUG MAYS

Painting Class

Sun-Thur, May 29 to June 2



### June

PRIVATE BOOKING

Thurs-Sun, June 2 to 4

PRIVATE BOOKING

Fri-Sun, June 10 to 12

PRIVATE BOOKING

Fri-Sun, June 24 to 26

#### MARGOT MILLER

Floor Cloth Class

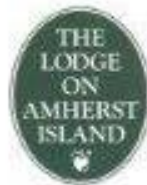
Sun- Thurs, June 26 to 30

# CJAI - Your Island Radio

## Prime Time Schedule

6AM-Midnight

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
6AM	CLASSICAL	ISLAND FOLK	ISLAND FOLK	RON'S HOUR	ISLAND FOLK	ISLAND FOLK	ISLAND FOLK
7AM		UDDER MORNING SHOW (LIVE)	BREAKFAST WITH BRIAN (REPEAT)	UP STEVE'S SLEEVES (REPEAT)	ISLAND SUNRISE SHOW (LIVE)	FRIDAY MORNING SHOW (LIVE)	
8AM							SALLY'S BOOKS
9AM	BROADWAY SOUNDTRACK		SPIRAL GROOVE (REPEAT)	GREEN MAJORITY	SKEPTICALLY SPEAKING		JACK'S COUNTRY MUSIC
10AM	SALLY'S BOOKS	DOWN MEMORY LANE		BLUEGRASS FROM THE BARN	MIXED TAPE (REPEAT)	WOLF'S DEN (REPEAT)	DENNY FERRELL'S ORIGINAL BIG BAND SHOW
11AM	CANADIAN JAZZ JIM'S VAULT		JAZZ JIM'S VAULT	JAZZ JIM'S VAULT			
12PM							CANADIAN JAZZ JIM'S VAULT
1PM	CANADIAN BLUES	BREAKFAST WITH BRIAN (LIVE)	OTR GEORGE BEACON	BELIEVE (LIVE)	RENDEZVOUS FRANCOPHONIE	JAZZ JIM'S VAULT	
2PM			CELTIC	WOLF'S DEN (LIVE)	TICKLING IVORIES	FRIDAY MORNING SHOW (REPEAT)	BIRDING
3PM	BELIEVE (REPEAT)	UDDER MORNING SHOW (REPEAT)	SALLY'S BOOKS		ISLAND SUNRISE SHOW (REPEAT)		DECONSTRUCTING DINNER
4PM			SHERRI'S PICKS				SHERRI'S PICKS
5PM	WOLF'S DEN (REPEAT)		DENNY FARRELL'S ORIGINAL BIG BAND SHOW	CELTIC	BLUEGRASS FROM THE BARN	EASTERN ONTARIO PLAYLIST	SPIRAL GROOVE (LIVE)
6PM		CLASSICAL LIBRIVOIX		SKEPTICALLY SPEAKING	CLASSICAL LIBRIVOIX	BEACON LIBRIVOIX	
7PM	CELTIC	ADS, FADS AND ROCK & ROLL (LIVE)	UP STEVE'S SLEEVES (LIVE)	MIXED TAPE (LIVE)	CHEESEMAKER'S DAUGHTER (LIVE)	FRIDAY NIGHT SHOW (LIVE)	FRIDAY NIGHT SHOW (REPEAT)
8PM	BOUND FOR GLORY		JACK'S COUNTRY MUSIC				
9PM		EASTERN ONTARIO PLAYLIST			CLASSICAL		
10PM		RADIO MOO CANADIAN	RADIO MOO CANADIAN	RADIO MOO CANADIAN	RADIO MOO CANADIAN	CANADIAN BLUES	RADIO MOO CANADIAN
11PM	RADIO MOO CANADIAN						



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• NAVAL ARTILLERY SCHOOL



### SATURDAY EVENTS

HISTORIC SAILORS ENCAMPMENT • CAPT OWENS TANKARD RACE  
LE COUTEUR CUP • 8:30PM DUSK NAVAL TACTICAL • SUTLERS – ARTISANS  
SATURDAY EVENING ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCE • LOYALIST BEER COMPETITION



### SUNDAY EVENTS

HISTORIC SAILORS ENCAMPMENT • NAVAL RE-ENACTMENT /  
BURNING OF TWO BROTHERS • SUTLERS – ARTISANS

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## FROM THE ARCHIVES

From Amherst Island Beacon: May 15, 1986 -

Volume 4 Issue 100

COUNCIL REPORT for May 6, 1986

-C J Kennedy

Council met for its regular meeting. Before the council meeting there was a Ferry Committee meeting. The minutes of the previous month's meetings were adopted.

First Council heard from Jim Kimmett, Clerk/treasurer of Richmond Township, who is in charge of dog control in Lennox and Addington. Seven municipalities in L & A have joined together and have the same dog control by-law, have built a pound and employ a dog catcher, who also attended the meeting. A per capita levy is charged as well as fines and license fees, to pay for this service. Last year 545 dogs were picked up, but only 21 were redeemed. Jim Kimmett suggested we could contract for the whole service, or just use their pound and use our own dog catcher. Later in the meeting Chester Tugwell and Beth Forester were appointed to form a committee to bring recommendations to Council on what would suit Amherst Island. Council felt that some action on dogs was necessary, as the majority at the open meeting on April 21st had asked for a dog by-law. Any dog control by-law should be effective and enforced as well.

The Building Inspector and the Road Superintendent made their reports. The road crew has been hauling gravel and grading, prior to spreading calcium. The tender for the new dump truck is to be sent out. There is a disagreement with Bruce Caughey {the younger} over exchanging land to open the new by-pass at the quarry.

There were 7 building permits issued in April: Wm. Stoker, \$40,000, dwelling addition; Art Ackerman, \$6,000, dwelling addition; Clint Kilpatrick, \$3,000, grain silo; Syke Fleming, \$15,000, dwelling addition; E. Apps, \$80,000, new residence; Phil Silver, swimming pool, \$1,500; and, Tom Sylvester, addition - sun deck, \$1,000.

The Reeve had attended a very short County Council meeting, at which the Gypsy Moth control programme was discussed.

The Ferry Committee recommendations were considered. These included reducing the ferry crew to four. A quick turnaround schedule will be tried for the morning and evening rush hour periods. The Reeve will be on the ferry the first few days to see how it works. We are unlikely to get the Charlevoix on a regular basis in the summer as the docks are

not strong enough to take the heavier boat. The ferry union negotiations come up later this month. Letters from Ed Chadband, Kelvin and Sandra Thornhill, Glenn Miller and Caroline Yull about the study on the future of the ferry were forwarded to the steering committee.

There will be no street dance to help the fire department this year because of the problem of liability insurance. Council suggested a dance be held instead at the school.

The Board of Education finally produced its budget request for this year.

Morven Construction has finished the last cleanup around the drain. A. Ameriks and Clinton Kilpatrick had queries about the drain assessments, but Council felt the time for these had passed.

The Township received the bill for the insurance premium this year. In 1984 it was \$4,400, but has gone up to \$9,029 this year. Keith Miller will talk to Bickerton's, the insurance agent, to see if this can be reduced by raising the deductibles. Only one other firm supplies municipal insurance in Ontario, and Council felt little was to be gained by changing firms.

Council then adjourned.

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I attended a meeting on May 8th between, Doug Shurtliff (ferry crew union rep.), other crew members, and all members of Council except Chester Tugwell. They discussed the proposed reduction of the ferry crew to four by eliminating the position of deckhand. It appears the legal minimum crew is three, captain, mate and engineer. Doug Shurtliff argued persuasively that, although four might be adequate for normal running, in any emergency, the fifth crew member could easily make the difference between an accident and a disaster. He said in bad weather, storms and fog, the extra member was essential. He was particularly concerned about being short-handed if there was a fire on board, as at least two people are needed to handle a fire hose, the captain and engineer have to remain at their posts and one person is needed to look after the passengers. Other crew members and Captain Bulch pointed out that they have the responsibility for the safety of the ferry.

Council agreed to reconsider reducing the crew to four, and the Reeve said he would consult with the Coast Guard.

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## BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET

- Ian Murray

The 1986 budget is up 2.88% (\$802,292) from 1985. This consists of \$15,019,824 for elementary and \$13,615,581 for secondary. Amherst Island's share of the elementary requisition is \$56,222 and \$56,301 for the secondary requisition.

The strike by the secondary school teachers resulted in an overall saving of \$110,273 (\$1,257 for Amherst Island).

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Mary Kay Steel had unexpected visitors - Topsy sheep decided the grass was greener on her lawn

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## THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

- Annette

My apologies for two oversights right off the bat this month. First to Margaret Blenkinsop, whom I neglected to mention was the late Reg Robinson's sister.

Second, in last month's current listing of the famous and infamous couples preparing to enter the untamed world of marital bliss, I slighted one of our former residents. Many congratulations to Kevin Kilpatrick and Suzanne Gosselin. Kevin and Suzanne will be married August 23 at St. Joseph's in Kingston. And as I am so late writing about this wedding, I would be most happy to supplement the readers with any further details Kevin sees fit to confide.

Congratulations also to Myers, Cheryl, Jason and Tyler Hutchings on their new baby boy. Cory was born about three weeks ago.

Welcome to Ernest and Paulette Apps, our newest permanent residents. Mr. and Mrs. Apps are staying at Farnham until construction of their new home is completed. Welcome also to Marc Clancy, who apparently has moved into Steve and Lorna Spence's home.

Steve and Lorna have moved to Kingston. They will be missed by many friends and neighbours.

Internment ceremonies were held recently at Glenwood Cemetery for Jim Couvell. Lunch was served for friends and family by Barbara Filson.

A reminder that the Recreation Committee's Spring Dance is this Saturday (May 17). There are still a few tickets available - contact Annette or Betty. Music by Houston. Tickets \$15.00 per couple.

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## ANNUAL ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR 1985

- Ian Murray

Some statistics:

Area of Municipality: 16,675 acres.

Population: 388 in 1985 (347 in 1982).

Properties: 378.

Households: 236.

Assessable units: 407 in 1985 (397 in 1984).

Severances: 14 (5 in 1984).

Valid Sales: 39 (42 in 1984).

Resident electors: 281.

Non-resident electors: 234.

Population aged:

0 to 4 years, 27

5 to 19 years, 77

20 to 65 years, 224

over 66 years, 60.

Estimate of 1984 market value of assessable property; \$12.6 million.

Taxpayers attending assessment open house, Dec. 6, 1985: 4.

This report is available at the Municipal Office.

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## AMHERST ISLAND WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

- Diane Gavlus

Thank you for your support of the Mother's Day Ham Dinner again this year. Support from the community keeps Amherst Island W.I. a going concern.

The Cancer Fund Canvass was very successful with a total of \$667 collected. Thank you for your generous donations.

May is Family Unity Month.

Our next meeting is May 21st at 8:00 p.m. at Mrs. Marion Glenn's. We will be having a guest speaker, Mr. Timmons, to talk about communication in the family and foster parenting.

April was our election month and we have a new shuffle of officers, President, Mrs. Anna Hitchins, Secretary, Mrs. Marion Glenn, Treasurer, Mrs. Phyllis Strain and convenors for numerous programmes.

The June meeting will be June 18th at 8:00 p.m. at Mrs. Leslie Gavlus' with the Dairy Princess as our guest for this month.



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## COMMENTS

- A. Bruce Caughey

It was interesting to me that such a representative gathering of residents were present at the Public Meeting, held in the Amherst Island School on Monday evening, April 21st, last, sponsored and arranged by the Reeve and Council of the Island.

Furthermore, it was very gratifying to hear the well expressed opinions concerning the various matters brought before this meeting for discussion in which a great diversity of opinions existed. From some of these opinions expressed and questions asked, I found myself formulating different thoughts concerning what has already gone on regarding an improvement in transportation. In many of these matters I was inclined to feel that, like so many other cases, we are putting the "cart before the horse" due to a lack of communications. I realize that it may be many months, in fact years before anything of a major nature may develop to solve our problems. Since the initiation of Ferry service in 1929, I have seen so many instances where a lack of co-ordination has resulted in the implementation of certain progress which could have well been redirected with longer and greater benefits resulting.

The most recent of these, as I mentioned at the meeting, was the laying of the "Bubble System" some ten years ago. A serious consideration by our Provincial Government of establishing a new docking facility at the end of Kerr's Point, would have resulted in several things; (1) a much reduced cost of installation due to the substantial reduction of distance (I contend a reduction of one third, as per my measurements, made some years ago, in my truck, by ice.). (2) A very substantial reduction in costs relating to the necessary installation, of a 3 phase electrical service between the under-water cable at the shore end of Kerr's Forty-foot and the Island dock in Stella, in order to serve the compressors there. (3) The reduction of the length of crossing time could have led to a revised time table, particularly at peak seasons of traffic, morning and afternoon, and especially week-end schedules, with the return run being accomplished at half hour intervals, rather than at present.

I can immediately hear the criticisms raised and the questions asked - How could you get a right of way down, through the Point? What would the cost of a new docking facility be? In answer to the first question, I have, in past, discussed this proposal with my friend Dennis Cadman and his response to

my questions certainly was that he would have been co-operative and I am sure receptive to such consideration. To the second question, I would only ask you to turn back your memories to our sister Island Wolfe, when their council I was struggling to gain all year round ferry crossing and such was effected by establishing a shorter crossing point at Griffith's Point and the original docking facility used by the Wolfe Islander II was an unused Barge, filled with stone and sunk to serve as a dock. (There are still some such barges in the now closed Canadian Dredge and Dock Kingston which will no doubt be cut up and shipped to overseas scrap yards along with the continuing flow of ships from our Great Lakes Fleets.) What came through to me very strongly at the meeting was the composition of the referred to "Steering Committee", a pitifully small representation of Island residents and recommendations conjured up by a highly paid consulting firm of engineers. Much better that these studies should have been made with input from people who have lived their life-times on Amherst Island and have had first-hand experiences with many different situations and problems.

The presentation of Mr. Chadband was made after countless hours of research and much study of proposals, his sincerity of intention was praise-worthy, whether any of his proposals receive serious consideration, by those dealing with this matter, is questionable. Mr. Chadband's projections of a "Dying Island" without any vestige of farm operation by 1995 were very depressing - the farming industry is, as he said, rapidly disappearing as urban sprawl gobbles up our rural areas and the clout of the Agricultural vote is not seriously considered by our various levels of government anymore, in spite of some of the gestures made.

May I quote from one of the farm papers that we receive: under the heading of "Farmer Victim of Urban Justice"? "Two years ago the food conglomerate McCain's Food Ltd. was hauled before a New Brunswick court for polluting the Saint John river. It was found guilty on eight counts and fined \$1. For each offence, a total of \$8. Then last November, New Brunswick hog producer Terry Sullivan was found guilty on a nuisance charge of polluting the air near his livestock enterprise! The case was brought by non-farming neighbours, and Mr. Justice Ronald Stevenson ordered Sullivan to pay his neighbours \$33,875. in compensation."

"No Gas Tax Pushed" "Permitting the use of tax-free gasoline in farm commercial vehicles will be the purpose of a private member's bill in the coming Provincial Legislature System. Stormont,

Dundas and Glengary M.P.P. Noble Villeneuve intends to argue that lower farm input costs will benefit producer and consumer alike by allowing farmers to be more competitive with cheap imports."

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### ENTERTAINING THE GRANDPARENTS

- Louise Seaman

On Thursday, May 1st, at 12:30 p.m. in the Amherst Island Public School, the students of the school entertained their grandparents and many of the Island seniors at a delicious luncheon and program. It was an outstanding success - a splendid part of Education Week in Ontario.

As we came in to the school building a line-up of younger boys politely offered to take our coats and in efficient assembly-line style said coats were passed from boy to boy until they reached the coat rack where they were carefully hung up.

In the auditorium where tables were attractively set-up, we were ushered to our places by several of the intermediate and senior students. In a very short time we were served a splendid meal of roast turkey with all the "fixings" accompanied by tomato juice and followed by a delicious dessert of cake and ice cream with tea or coffee. Our young waiters were most attentive and polite - very prompt in their service. Both boys and girls served.

After this thoroughly enjoyed meal we were invited to move into the rows of chairs placed facing the platform. The school principal, Mr. Flanigan, gave us a cordial welcome and

introduced the first item on the program. The youngest student started it by reading to us from small placards a few of their ideas about grandparents etc. This was much appreciated as evidenced by frequent chuckles from the grandparents present. Following this we heard the intermediates give their views individually and finally in choral statement they summed up what grandfathers and grandmothers are really like. Again bursts of laughter showed how some of the statements really "hit home"! Chad Miller gave his award winning speech which won him first place in the local public speaking competition. This was well-done and well-received. The senior students next gave us a skit on the schools of eighty years ago with dunce-caps, "pointers" and a severe-looking teacher who used her pointer for ways other than pointing to a blackboard.

Finally we heard choruses from the whole school who sang about grandparents and their place in the scheme of things. The audience was much pleased with this.

All in all it was a thoroughly enjoyed occasion and a credit to the children and their teachers - and parents. Mr. Flanigan, Mrs. Forester and Miss MacRae are to be greatly commended for the training they are giving our grandchildren and for the gracious way in which they spoke to us and conducted the whole affair.

Mr. Bruce Caughey expressed for us all our appreciation and thanks for the delicious luncheon and excellent entertainment.



Bird Houses with swallows and Purple Martins at Gwen and Paul Lauret home - photo by Sally Bowen



## FURTHER COMMENTS

- A. Bruce Caughey

As an Amherst Island "Senior" as well as a grandparent, who enjoyed the hospitality of the pupils of the Amherst Island School on May 1st last, I would like to express appreciation and a few words of commendation to the staff and pupils of the school who served such a delicious dinner in such a fine way on Thursday last.

As everyone is aware, last week was "Education Week" in the Province of Ontario and in recognition of this, each school arranged special events of a great variety. Our pupils of the Amherst Island School chose, as one of their programmes, the entertaining of their Grandparents and the Island's Seniors at a full course dinner, followed by entertainment, wherein they paid tribute to their guests in poetry and song.

Under the supervision of their teachers and assisted by some of their parents, the children prepared much of the food which was served. In my observation it was most impressive and such a joy to see such a well-organized group of children, carrying out their various duties with such dignity and ability.

From the moment of arrival at the school when you were met and welcomed by the children, escorted to your table and so well taken care of by the pupils designated to serve the food, made to feel very comfortable throughout the meal and the entertainment, until we left for home, the whole afternoon was a great joy.

Let's keep up the good work teachers and children, you are our pride and joy.

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## RETURN TO THE ISLAND

- Louise Seaman

As a comparatively recent resident of Amherst Island (since 1976) I would like to say through the Island Beacon how pleased I am to be returning as a full -time Island dweller. The friends made here during the past ten years are very much valued and their hospitality and friendship greatly appreciated.

The fine Women's Institute, the church women's groups, ISLE, the Amherst Island Beacon, the Youth organizations with their hard-working leaders, the young people themselves, the school, the churches and interdenominational Sunday School and many other facets of Island life, all indicate the quality of the people who live here. We have an active township council and township officers who do their work efficiently and well. All in all my family here at Prospect House consider ourselves fortunate and

privileged to be a part of the Amherst Island community.

Long may the community flourish!

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## CANCER CAMPAIGN

- Mrs. Phyllis Strain

The ladies of the Women's Institute have now completed their canvass and wish to express our thanks to all who contributed most generously. We collected \$666.50 all of which will stay in the Kingston area for research and the work at the Cancer Clinic.

Many thanks to all who helped with the canvass.

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## 4-H NEWS

- Mrs. Phyllis Strain

We have finished another successful club with 6 girls completing. Special congratulations to Julie Forester and Trudy Strain for obtaining their County Honours. Our thanks to Julie and Leah for a very well done skit. Marion and I look forward to seeing you in the fall for "Etiquette for the 80's" club.

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## SPECIAL INVITATION FROM ST. PAUL'S

- Susie Caughey

On Sunday, June 8 at 2:30 p.m. the Trinity Theatre Company of Toronto will be coming to St. Paul's Presbyterian Church for a special performance. The entire community and friends are welcomed to attend. Please circle June 8 on your calendar.

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## SWIMSUIT ALERT

- Kitsy McMullen

Aerobic Exercise is continuing on a month to month basis depending on interest. We have a core group attending from 8 to 9 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays at the school gym. You can't beat \$8/month for such an enjoyable workout... so try it!

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## THANK YOU LETTER

We wish to express our sincere gratitude to Stratton, and Barbara Reid, Dr Scott, neighbours and friends for their help, floral tributes, cards, charitable donations and visitations during our recent sad bereavement.

Thank you all.

Mary Robinsoin, Margaret Blenkinsop and family

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## CONGRATULATIONS

Keith, Shirley and Adam Miller went to the Perth Festival of the Maple for the 4-H maple syrup competition. Mapledene Farms, Keith and Don

Miller and families, entered the light and medium syrup classes, in which they received a 4th and 2nd respectively, with 35 organizations competing.

All the other finalists were large producers who tapped over 2000 trees with pipe line and electricity.

Well done!

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#### EDITORIAL

- Ian Murray

After reading through the above articles concerning our life here on Amherst Island, I wish to challenge the viewpoint that this is a dying community.

This is a small community but it has vitality. I think that an off-islander reading this issue, especially the two articles by Louise Seaman and "Further Comments" by Bruce Caughey, would conclude that this was a pretty good community to live in.

Driving around the Township and seeing the extent of the spring field work, I find it impossible to accept the opinion that all farming activity on this Island will disappear in the next decade -- or in succeeding decades.

There will certainly be many changes in the next decade, just as there are in every decade, but that does not mean that all the changes will be bad for this community. People of all ages will, I believe, continue to find this a good place to live. This will include parents who are willing to tolerate the inconveniences of Island life as a small price to pay for raising their children in a small, friendly community.

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This is the one hundredth edition of the Beacon since it was reactivated. I am grateful that the community has continued to support this little paper. Each month about 140 issues are bought (more in the summer). Each month enough people contribute articles and effort to help keep the Beacon going.

I hereby thank everyone who has contributed to the first 100 issues; the contributors, without their articles there would be nothing to print; Lulu Strain, Lyn Fleming and Les Gavlus who have looked after the money and the subscriptions; and Glenn's Store for providing space for the paper.

A special thank you to Jack and Madlyn Kerr for the heroic efforts they made to publish the Beacon using an old typewriter and a cranky Gestetner. And a special thank you to my extended family here at the Head for the typing, proof-reading, printing, collating, stapling (Jacob and Kyle are

mighty staplers), and, above all for the encouragement.

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#### SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

- Don Tubb

April 18, 1996

A Special Council meeting was held to continue deliberations on the draft budget and to deal with some other matters that had arisen since the last Regular Council meeting. All members of Council were present along with two members of the interested public and this reporter.

The following items were dealt with by Council:  
The Auditor- A letter from our auditor suggested a couple of bookkeeping changes (one of which has already been instituted for this year) and that a reserve fund be set up for capital purchases. Otherwise the auditor seems satisfied with the 1995 Financial Statement. A representative of the auditor will appear at the next Regular Council Meeting and is being asked by Council to provide some advice on setting up a reserve for capital purchases.

Zoning By-Law Problem- A registered letter will be sent to the owner of the property to the east of the south end of the Stella 40'. It will warn against more equipment or vehicles being added there as that would make the owner in contravention of the Zoning By-law. Also the Public Works Superintendent will be fencing the road allowance in that area.

911 Levy- A special levy will be put on the tax bills to cover the cost of the 911 signs. This is necessary to get in on the County's bulk purchase. This amount was not included in the Fire Department's budget and should be less than \$20 per property.

Ferry Crew Reduction- A list of 12 concerns regarding ferry crew reduction was received from the Joint Health and Safety Committee. Also received was a letter from MTO which said that if the Coast Guard would approve the changes and upgrading to reduce the crew size that MTO would provide the funds necessary for those modifications. Previously the Coast Guard has said that it will not approve changes in advance. Council does not appear ready to fight government agencies to get a reduced crew.

More Ferry News- Council will not be making any more moves to reduce ferry operating costs because it has been informed by MTO that any savings will only be credited at 10%. So, the elimination of the last run saved roughly \$60,000



but we only see \$6,000 of that savings. When a new agreement with MTO is signed, Council will then look at what savings can be made.

Public Works Budget- Councillor Woods had, at a previous meeting, requested a breakdown of the 1995 expenditures into wages, machine costs and materials which the Public Works Superintendent (Stuart Miller) presented along with a draft of the 1996 budget. The bottom line is that, with average weather, the 1996 public work's budget should be sufficient to continue the present level of road maintenance. These basic operations include: culverts, grass mowing, brushing, ditching, hardtop patching, grading, dust control, winter control, signs and gravel. The total spent last year on these was \$107,436. The 1996 draft budget projects that this can be done for \$102,300. A 20% reduction in snow ploughing and a 15% reduction in gravel costs along with modest increases in many of the other items were noted.

No new construction was included for this year. Last year, the Public Works Department spent \$41,041 on four capital projects: paving on the Front and North Shore roads; building the paved shoulder down to the dock, work to the other end of the Stella 40'; and, getting the Shantz property legal problem cleaned up which was left over from the Front Road re-building. As requested, Stuart Miller broke down last year's Works budget into 4 categories, shown below:

Public Works - 1995 Actual Budget

1995 Actual Basic Service & New Construction

Labour \$41,903 \$4,374

Machine Time \$33,726 \$2,509

Material \$28,128 \$32,963

Miscellaneous \$3,679 \$1,195

Total \$107,436 \$41,041

Also included was a breakdown of the overhead which includes a rather incredible list of government and miscellaneous items like: UIC, CPP, group life insurance, GARAF, Employee's Health Tax, payroll burden, municipal insurance, Workers Compensation, radio licence, electricity, telephone, and Superintendent's salary totalling \$86,009 for last year.

This year the budgeted amount is \$88,000. You may be wondering what this payroll burden is... well, it's things like sick time, vacation pay, statutory holidays, clothing allowance, pay bonus and an RRSP.

Along with the budget presentation, the Public Works Super talked about meetings he has been attending at the County level. These are intended to find savings for individual municipalities by

sharing materials, equipment and services. Stuart came away feeling that we will not see any benefits from this as we are physically separated from the other municipalities.

He also touched on what should become a major concern in the coming years... the lack of funding from MTO for capital projects like equipment purchase, paving or new road construction.

A question from the audience (moi) tried to get a rough guess from him as to what yearly amount would be required so a reserve fund could cover these sorts of items. The Superintendent could not even hazard a guess but when asked for what we had spent over the last decade, he came up with a pretty substantial list of items: a grader, a dump truck, a loader and a significant amount of paving for a total of upwards of \$250,000. We could say that a contribution of \$25,000 a year to a reserve might have covered these. It is unlikely that this amount will be needed for the next 10 years but the old dump truck was to be replaced this year which it won't be now. And, the old tractor is seeing very limited use because of its age.

How to fund a reserve for capital projects is one of the most important items for this and future councils to wrestle with. Some advice will be sought from our auditor at the next Regular Meeting of council.

General Administration- The office staff had broken down the General Administration 1995 budget into a very detailed list of expenses. The following is a summary of that list:

1995 General Administration Budget

1995 Actual 1995 Budget

Payroll \$9,051 \$10,500

Group Insurance, etc \$864 \$1,200

Materials / Supplies \$3,405 \$3,600

Hydro, Heat, Maint \$570 \$1,000

Travel Allowance,

Fees

\$82 \$500

Insurance \$807 \$800

Professional Fees \$716 \$1,500

Capital

Expenditures

\$370 \$500

Total \$15,865 \$19,600

For these items, the office was run at 81% of the Budgeted amount. I have excluded two items from this list - Council Honoraria and Interest & Banking charges. Council has already reduced its honoraria by 20%. Interest and Banking charges are difficult to control at the best of times but now with the province paying slower, the Township has to

borrow more (but it a reduced rate this year) so who knows...

After going through this, Council is seeking to get more savings from the General Administration. Proposals ranged from having the office open 4 days a week but closed to the public one day, to having the office opened 5 days and closed to the public two days, to not having the office staff count the pursers' ferry receipts, to eliminating bulk tickets completely (saving the office staff from having to count them and justify that number against the car/truck log). The Clerk said that reducing hours would not allow enough time to do the work load. Council asked for a proposal from the Clerk to make further savings and to have those items identified which could not be reduced because they were beyond Council's control.

Council decided very little at this meeting but did get a detailed looked at both the Public Works and General Administration budgets. It will be seen whether Council intends to force a zero percent tax increase at the expense of unreasonable budget targets.

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#### SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

- Don Tubb

May 7, 1996

Before the Regular Council meeting, there was a Special Council meeting to talk with our auditor, Ms Genie Orton (Partner in KPMG Peat Marwick Thorne), to discuss the Township's 1995 Financial Statement. All members of Council were present except Councillor Fleming. No interested members of the public were present except this reporter. By the way, Chris will eventually return to his reporting duties but this is lambing time so he doesn't get out of the barn for the next month.

Ms Orton had no surprises or real criticisms of the Townships accounting procedures and generally seemed satisfied with the our balance sheet. She complimented the Island on its very low tax arrears (10% last year). Also she pointed out the very large increases over the last 6 years in the amounts transferred to the County and School Boards (see table below).

Island Taxes - Growth From 1990 - 1995

1990 1995 Increase

Township \$102,000 \$166,000 63%

County \$25,000 \$42,000 68%

School Boards

\$92,000 \$255,000 177%

Total Levy \$229,000 \$463,000 102%

Finally, Council asked Ms Orton about a capital reserve. She said that a 5 year plan of expected

capital purchases was necessary. These include not only big machinery like graders but also paving, culverts and basically anything that will last longer than a year. She had no amount to recommend but did think that more is better than less and that the quicker it is built up the better. Council did not give much indication of straying from its zero percent increase in mil rate to do this.

The meeting adjourned about 10 minutes to 8:00....

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#### REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

- Don Tubb

May 7, 1996

... and after a few minutes break, the Regular meeting was called to order with all members of Council present plus 5 members of the interested public.

Preliminaries- After a very quick run through of the first 9 agenda items (3 minutes flat) Council proceeded into Committee of the Whole. Public Works- The Public Works Superintendent was not available this evening and so there was no report from that department. Council did grumble a bit about the crusher being broken down so much which means that we have to pump the quarry more often (more \$\$). This will be reviewed again when the bills come in.

Ferry- Council has written to Harbours and Ports with supporting letters from M.P.'s Larry McCormick & Peter Milliken requesting designation of the docks as 'remote' ports. If accepted, this will leave the docks in federal jurisdiction.

Copies of letters to the Minister of Transportation, Al Palladini, from County Council, John Gerretsen and Gary Fox were received. These were in aid of Council's attempts to get a roll-back of the 'interim hold-back' on the ferry's subsidy.

While we're on the subject of the ferry... Ida Gavlus has written to Council with some information and a proposal. The proposal is to eliminate the bulk ticket system and establish a flat fee of \$2.50 per vehicle space occupied plus \$1.00 per passenger resulting in a revenue of \$175,000 (using 1995 figures). Last year's revenue was \$127,000 meaning that we might possibly be able to put the difference of \$48,000 towards offsetting our decreased subsidy. Fares would be increased to \$3.00 per vehicle space when the Frontenac II is in service to offset increased operating costs. Eliminating the bulk tickets, in her opinion, would also reduce time spent by the office staff administering tickets. The information she included with her submission was pretty



interesting... It compared ferry traffic for the first 4 months of this and last year. For the first two months (old fares), there were 496 cars more this year (a 3.6% increase). In the two months since the fares increased, car traffic is down 866 cars from last year (a 5% decrease). Council received this submission for future consideration.

**Fire Department-** Alex Scott submitted a draft bylaw to establish and regulate the fire department. Apparently the Fire Department and the Emergency First Response Team have been split into separate groups resulting in a problem with the equipment that is shared between the two - ie who is in control. Council asked the Fire Department and EFRT to resolve this before the next meeting. In other Fire Department news, Dick Shurtleff has been appointed Deputy Fire Chief.

**Recreation Committee-** Jane deHaan has been appointed to the Recreation Committee. Councillor Fleming reported that the Euchres and Bingo were very successful and will be repeated. The 797 Grant was received in February totalling \$3,390 leaving the total funds available at \$7,313.14. Many on-going Committee activities are in the planning stage plus new proposals are being looked into. The Recreation Committee requested an extra ferry run for their Spring Dance which was agreed to if they pay the crew's wages.

**Cemetery-** Councillor Woods reported that a Memorial Service will be held at St Paul's on July 21 assisted by St. Alban's and St. Bartholomew's. Advertising will appear in the Whig Standard, the Sunday Beaver and The Heritage. He also said that the tree trimming at the cemetery was complete and the wood left over would be disposed of by tender (no further details available at this time).

The Cemetery Committee passed a resolution to have the Committee's Secretary (A. Bruce Caughey) take the minutes instead of the Clerk/treasurer (Diane Pearce). Council requested that Councillor Woods have this resolution unpassed as the Clerk is an ex officio but non-voting member of that Committee (according to the Procedural By-law) and is there at the request of Council.

**Certificate Of Compliance-** The Clerk/treasurer (in her capacity as Zoning By-law administrator), at the recommendation of the Committee of Adjustment, requested Council to approve a Certificate Of Compliance which would show that all of the Zoning By-law requirements have been met before a building permit is issued. A cost of \$25 will be charged for this certificate. This was passed

by Council....

At 9:43 Council went into closed session to deal with a potential legal matter; to review performance evaluations for the temporary deckhands and full-time ferry employees; and, to rehire temporary deckhands.

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## RESTRUCTURING MEETING

- Don Tubb

May 9, 1996

A meeting of local political leaders chaired by the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Al Leach, was held at the Napanee Court House last night. The purpose of the meeting was for Mr Leach to get a progress report on restructuring in this area.

Mr Leach sat in the judge's chair and looked every inch a Minister. Directly in front of the bench was a trio of MPP's, John Gerretsen, Gary Fox and Bill Vankoughnet. In front of them were representatives of Kingston, Kingston Twp, Napanee, Pittsburg Twp, Frontenac County, L&A County, Bath, Ernestown, South Fredricksburg, Adolphustown and Amherst Island.

The first three rows of the audience were reserved for those heads of councils that could not be seated with the others. Behind that were three more rows of benches which seem to hold mainly other councillors and staff - this reporter among them.

The meeting was videotaped and played to more members of the public in another room. So, you get the picture.... there were more politicians in one place than you could shake a stick at.

I'll cut to the chase here.... Mr Leach served notice that the time for study was nearly over and he wanted to move on by June 15. Or... he would appoint a commissioner to do the job for us. Mr Leach's bottom line position seems to be that taxpayers want effective and efficient delivery of services and that they don't care who it is from. The commissioner would be mandated to do this for the counties of L&A and Frontenac. Restructuring, rationalization and amalgamation all would be options. After a short period of consultation, the commissioner would draw up a plan which would then be enacted without the possibility of appeal.

There was an audible catching of collective breath at this announcement. And... after a short, stunned pause attempts were made by the politicians to get him to extend the deadline, to find out more about the commissioner, to find out about how the commissioner would draw boundaries, etc, etc. Mr Leach would not be moved off his timetable and did not offer much information.

So, there you have it... the deadline is set and restructuring is a priority for Mr Leach. He seems fully intent on getting the process to the point by early next year so those wanting to run in the 1997 election will know what the municipal boundaries are. What this specifically means for Amherst Island is unclear. The general consensus at the meeting (with one exception) was that the deadline could not be met. The exception was L&A warden, Kelly Heineman, who said he would have a proposal for County Council that 'might solve everyone's problems'. We wait; but not with breath held.

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## THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

-Annette

Sympathy to Marg Stevenson and family on the death of Bath resident, Doug Stevenson. Doug and his family have had a summer residence on Amherst Island for many years.

Congratulations to Noel and Tamara McCormick on their new son. Zachary was born April 16 at a whopping 9 1/2 lbs.

Congratulations to Tracy Hitchins who is newly engaged to Craig Monk. They will be married next May in Centreville. Tracy also graduates this month from the law and security program at Loyalist College. Heidy, meanwhile, will attend Loyalist this fall in the Youth/Child Counselor program. Best of luck.

Best wishes to Dave Youell, recovering from knee surgery.

Reverend Lindsay McIntyre retires later this month, and he and Jean will be moving off the Island. Best of luck to both, and thanks for your many years of community service.

I might have written more this month, but as usual I am finishing this at the last moment, in a hurry, before the arrival of our new "Deadline Demon". (This being the person who reminds us that our copy is due). Note to the editor: may we please have Caroline back!

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## AMHERST ISLAND WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

- Freda Youell

The April 17th monthly meeting, followed by the Annual meeting was held at the home of Jean Baker and we started with the Ode, Collect and National Anthem. After the reports had been dealt with, plans were finalized for the May 11th Mother's Day Ham Dinner and the "Pitch In" road cleanup which we are helping with on May 9th.

At the Annual meeting, appreciation was expressed to the outgoing officers and the following members were elected for the coming year.

President... Jackie Sylvester

1st Vice President... Helen Miller

2nd Vice President... Audrey Miller

Secretary... Marion Glenn

Treasurer... Freda Youell

P.R. Officer... Freda Youell

Program Co-ordinator... Helen Lamb

District Director... Anna Hitchins

Alternate District Director... Jean Baker

Tweedsmuir History Curator... Leslie Gavlas

Auditors... Helen Lamb and Christine Quinn

Even though the meeting took longer than usual because of the Annual, we still found time to enjoy a late lunch served by our hostess.

There are many other duties to be covered during the year which members look after and we are grateful for them all especially our Good-will Person, Irene Glenn, and the Cancer Campaign Team Leader, Helen Lamb. All the ladies volunteer an enormous amount of hours and donate baked goods etc. so it is gratifying to know that our neighbours appreciate our efforts by the support we receive. That support is what makes it so worth-while and since we are on this subject -

Congratulations - you've done it again. Yes, the Cancer Campaign was a great success and we outdid last year's total. Thank you all for your generosity and the warm welcome extended to our members when they called.

The May 9th "Pitch In" road cleanup was also a success and the Public School pupils with their drivers and walkers cleaned the Village curbs and roadside shoulders outside of Stella. Hopefully their efforts will make folk think twice about throwing litter out of vehicles or dropping garbage on the roads.

Our May 22nd meeting and plant exchange is at the home of Helen Lamb at 8 pm. and the June 19th meeting will be at the home of Freda Youell at 8 pm. At this June evening we will have members of the First Response Team demonstrating and explaining the functions of the Cardiac Defibrillator and it will be interesting to see just what happens when it is put to use - especially as it could be any one of us that needs it someday. Join us and find out first-hand how this equipment can help you and members of your family.

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## ISLAND HISTORY

Kathleen Downey (Neilson) Wemp

[Ian: I requested this article from Jean Tugwell who also supplied her mother's photo.]

Kathleen Downey (Neilson) Wemp, born on Amherst Island June 21st 1893, daughter of James

and Ida Neilson, wife of Arnold Wemp, who was also born on Amherst Island in 1884. Kathleen one hundred and three years as of June 21, 1996 is still blessed with a keen memory and sense of humour, enjoys reminiscing of girlhood days in the Village of Stella where she lived with her parents, two sisters, three brothers and periodically two half-sisters and two half-brothers. Her father being a merchant, one of the exciting events was the arrival of the lake boats at the dock where their mother often took them to watch the unloading of freight - barrels of sugar, flour, bolts of cloth, footwear and much more.

Kathleen attended #1 Public School below the village. Music has always been her delight and twice weekly she travelled to Kingston to take piano and vocal lessons. While awaiting the opening of the first high school on Amherst Island, she visited her half sister Gertrude Thompson in Brooklyn, New York, where she continued studying piano and was privileged to attend the premiere performance of "The Merry Widow". On June 2, 1913, Kathleen and Arnold Wemp were married in St. Alban's Anglican Church, Stella, which was beautifully decorated with white lilacs. A small reception was held at the bride's home. At approximately 8:45 a.m., the bridal party boarded the steamboat "The North King" for Kingston. After touring and dining in Kingston, the bride and groom continued to Montreal on "The Alexandria", a sidewheeler. Upon their return, they lived at the west end of the Island where Arnold farmed.

Arnold was musically inclined and learned to play the cornet in the Amherst Island Band. Although life on the farm was a new experience for Kathleen, she could be found early in the morning baking many pies, kneading bread, churning cream to pack butter or gardening.

Kathleen and Arnold's two sons Neilson and Ralph, and three daughters Helen, Marjorie and Jean, who are still living, were also born on Amherst Island. Due to a long illness of cancer, Arnold died in 1936. Kathleen and her children are blessed with many happy memories, especially of sing-songs around the piano accompanied by Arnold playing the mandolin.

Sunday chores were planned to allow time to hitch the horses to either the sleigh or the two seated buggy so everyone could attend Christ Church in Emerald. Kathleen played the organ in Christ Church and also in St. Alban's before being married and during WWII years when she again resided in her original home in the village. Her son Neilson joined the Air Force and her son Ralph

joined the Army.

She was also active in the Anglican Guild, Women's Auxiliary and assisted A.Y.P.A. members in presenting plays.

In 1946 Kathleen was seriously injured in a car accident. She has been a resident of Lenadco Nursing Home, Napanee since 1983.

Kathleen has twelve grandchildren living, 2 deceased, twenty great grandchildren living, one deceased, and ten great-great grandchildren.

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## LETTERS TO THE BEACON

-Karen J. Fleming

I am very interested to know who the irresponsible hind-end-of-the-donkey is (are) who keep breaking beer bottles on school property.

If you want to drink, fine, if you feel the need to break or leave your beer bottles laying around, then throw them on you own lawn or break them on your own driveway. Then the next morning when you're picking up broken glass you'll know how our teachers feel when they are constantly picking up after you irresponsible bunch.

The last thing we need is to be spending our education dollars hiring teachers to clean up this mess, time and time again.

Obviously, the safety of the children in this school has failed to penetrate your brain. How about some respect for your school and the safety of our school children? After all, if you're old enough to drink, then you're old enough to pick up after yourself. Do it now before this dangerous situation escalates!!

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from Caroline Yull being her "annual plea" for increased awareness of children playing in the village by drivers...

Driver Alert

Jason, Tyler, Cory & Justin Hutchings

Kevin & Mark McCormick

Alicia & Danielle Wolfreys

Sarah & Ben Whitton

Jason & Stephanie Fleming

Shawna & Toni Phillips

Scott & Bonnie Marshall

Shannon & Candace Youell

Ashley Filson

Tabytha & Khrysta Trotter

Cole Barrette

Chris & William Reed

Ryan, Brent & Ashley McGinn

Cameron Grace

Sara & Samantha Pollock

Helen Bell-Smith & Fae MacArthur



Cody Fabian.

This is a list of children who either live in the village of Stella or spend significant amounts of time with family here, and if there were ever a list filled with hopes, expectation, possibilities and love, this is it.

Because Fae and I and our little blue wagon have had a few scary close calls with vehicles speeding through on their way to the boat, I thought it was time to re-do my annual request to drivers to exercise caution. The village isn't just an impediment to be passed through on the way to the dock, it is where these kids live and play, and now that the weather is (at last!) opening up at bit, they are out afoot or on bikes (or in little blue wagons!) for a lot more hours every day. With a couple of new businesses opening in the last few years, more cars are parked along the street, and it is hard to see ahead to where the kids are.

So please, Slow Down In Stella!

Watch For Children!

Thanks for your cooperation.

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## OBITUARY

### MORRISON FLEMING SCOTT

-Bruce Caughey, Sr.

Word has been received this morning of the passing last evening in Lennox and Addington County Hospital, of Morrison Fleming Scott, in his 95th year. He was a member of one of Amherst Island's oldest families, who pioneered in many phases of their farm operations.

His father Wm. Scott, who was a diligent hard working man, who with his family resided in the "Historic Mud House" on Scott's Point, just west of the Island dock.

Mr Scott was the first man to build other than a wooden stave corn silo on Amherst Island, which still stands, adjacent to the Eves barn. He was an inveterate grower of big corn crops, year after year, in spite of some very muddy experiences in harvesting same. They were the first to purchase a mechanical corn planter as well as the first side delivery rake that I knew of on Amherst Island.

As Morrison grew up, he developed an interest in purebred Holstein cattle and persuaded his father to purchase a purebred heifer, which Morrison led from their home farm down the North Shore road to Robert Saunders farm, thence across the ice to Lemoines Point down to the James Henderson Farm to have the heifer bred by a purebred bull (James Henderson was a well-known Holstein Breeder of that era) and home again. This was the start of development of a well-recognized Holstein

herd with the prefix of "Everest".

In my younger days of farming I purchased bull calves from the Scotts to improve our herd.

Morrison later became interested in Municipal politics, was elected to Council and later the Reeveship. I have heard ex-clerk, the late Francis Welbanks, extol his virtues and his steadfastness of purpose in Municipal affairs.

As Reeve he assumed the managership of the ferry, at no additional cost, where he had to deal with crew members who were his close relatives. I recall an instance where a dance had been arranged with a Kingston Orchestra engaged. The plan was to have the ferry, having completed her Friday trip to Emerald to go back to Millhaven to bring the orchestra over, this saving the expense of one special trip (which at that time was \$5.00). When the organizers of the dance arrived at the Victoria Hall it was to learn that the ferry was tied up at the Island dock for the night. The suggestion was to "go for Morrison", who later told me that he had just put the lather on his face to have a shave, when this delegation arrived. He immediately came down to the dock and ordered the Captain out, with the explicit command "If you don't go you are fired, right now!" He went and the dance proceeded as planned.

As the development of their Holstein herd increased, there was a market demand by buyers from the U.S. and Morrison was quick to realize that living as he did on Amherst Island, buyers could not be attracted over here, with the additional expense involved. It was a great shock to Island residents when the word was out that Morrison had purchased a well-known farm on Highway #2 and was leaving the Island. (I have lived to regret that more of us, then at a younger age, had not followed Morrison's example and moved to available farms - we had three different opportunities to buy good farms, where you had a paved road, no squabbling over ferry service, which now dictates the politics of the Island and spiraling costs are increasingly making it a very expensive place to live!).

Morrison is survived by his wife Isabelle, (an Island native, nee Hogeboom) one son Peter and two daughters, Jo-Anne Scott and Wilda Fitch. Five grandchildren, a sister, Mary Gunion of Kingston and a number of cousins survive, a brother, James predeceased him. Burial was in the Morven Cemetery with a memorial service in Morven United Church.

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## THANK YOU NOTES

I wish to thank everyone who came to my assistance the afternoon of my snowmobile accident, the members of the Emergency First Response Team, Fire Chief Alex Scott, Ambulance Attendants, Garry Filson, Irene Glenn and the Ferry Crews.

Also sincere thanks to friends, neighbours and relatives for the phone calls, visits, cards, flowers, candy, fruit and home baking that I received while in Hospital and after returning home, to the Ladies of the Women's Institute, and to the Ladies of the P.C.W. and the A.C.W. for their visits and treats.

A special thank you to Dr Scott, Dr Smythe and Reverend Davis, to Reg Hitchins, Jamie Scott, Bill Hogan and my family for all their help and support.

Everything was very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Howard Welbanks.

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Dear Island friends thank you for helping me raise money for the Special Olympics. Thanks to you I got to run in Napanee in the Torch Run. We are representing Amherst Island Public School.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,

Whitney Fleming

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Canadian Cancer Society

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the residents of Amherst Island who gave so generously to the April Cancer Canvas. Also a big "thank you" to the ladies of Amherst Island Women's Institute who, each year, willingly volunteer many hours to canvas the Island. We may be small in size but we're big in heart!

Again my sincere thanks.

Helen Lamb

Team Captain - Zone 14, Canadian Cancer Society

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Just so you know:

If your host is using firewood with one end stained red, he's the lazy thief who has been helping himself to our woodpile these last two winters

Ron Harting and Mary McCollam

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## A LETTER HOME

The greening of the grass has finally begun. The coming of spring has been quite a struggle. Much of the time it seems to be cold and raining. In two days we've had over two inches of rain. Last night they were calling for snow in Ottawa! May the 11th,

it has to get warmer soon, doesn't it?

We've begun the Big lambing. Seven hundred and fifty ewes all prepared to lamb in about three weeks. The day's work is long and tiring but oh so rewarding. The newborn lambs are cute, cuddly and friendly until Mom teaches them otherwise. After a long day I like to look out the window and watch the display of their sheer joy of life. White lambs running and leaping up and down fields of green grass always lifts my spirits. Perhaps we could learn from them and show more pleasure in the mere fact of being alive!

All the Island is hoping that the Frontenac II will be here for the long weekend. With so many vehicles coming and going we will all be glad to see the Big boat chugging up the Bay for it's summer stay.

I'm really excited about the new gallery which has opened up on the Island called the Weasel and Easel. It's only two houses down from the Back Kitchen in Stella. I stopped by the other day to see their display of local crafts. There's everything from paintings, pottery, photographs, woodworking, hand crafts, wool blankets and much more. Now you know where I'll be buying all your future presents. The best part is that it's one more reason not to go to town.

Working in the barn has made me especially sleepy tonight. As I head to my nice warm bed and drift off into delicious sleep I shall be thinking of you all.

Goodnight!

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# FOOD SOURCES

## ON AMHERST ISLAND

### **The Back Kitchen**

Eat-in or take out at 5660 Front Road in Stella; The Back Kitchen is a volunteer-led community restaurant run by a small staff of students. Check out the website to see the menu, including scheduled and upcoming specials.

Hours: May 20 to June 30: Thursday – Sunday: 8:00am to 8:00pm (inc. Victoria Day)  
 July 1 to Labour Day: 7 Days a Week: 8:00am to 8:00pm

[www.thebackkitchen.com](http://www.thebackkitchen.com)

#### **Sandra Reid**

Simple meals, pies, delivered. 5 days notice

613 389-4484

#### **Sylvia Archibald**

Some garden vegetables, eggs

At home -10245 Front Road;

613-384-8207

#### **Lynn Fleming**

Special occasion cakes; one week notice required

613-634-2509

#### **Betty Wemp**

Meals or desserts to order, with a few days notice

613-389-7907

### **Topsy Farms**

Fresh frozen lamb cuts, garlic, bouquets in season

Ian or Sally at 613-389-3444; 14775 Front Rd at the Wool Shed; open all day, usually 7 days/week.

[www.topsyfarms.com](http://www.topsyfarms.com)

#### **The Allen Farm** (right by the ferry)

Seasonal vegetables, eggs, whole roasting chickens, stew chickens, beef, veal and maple syrup

Laird Leeder - 613-985-4865;  
[laird.leeder@me.com](mailto:laird.leeder@me.com)

[www.theallenfarm.ca](http://www.theallenfarm.ca)

#### **Godden's Whole Hog Sausage**

A wide variety of flavour choices

Susie Caughey - 613-389-2012,  
 at Poplar Dell B&B - 3190 Front Road

[thewholehogblog.blogspot.com](http://thewholehogblog.blogspot.com)

#### **Reidview Farms**

Baking, preserves, fresh produce

At Sat. Market in Stella

Barbara Reid - 613-389-0675

#### **Maplemarsh Farm**

Fresh produce and baked goods to order

At Sat. Market in Stella

Terry McGinn - 613-389-4570; [terry@maplemarsh.ca](mailto:terry@maplemarsh.ca)

[www.maplemarsh.ca](http://www.maplemarsh.ca)

### **The Amherst Island Women's Institute**

A bake table in front of the Post Office 3:45 pm on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, and Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup>.



## Sweets

### **Little Sticky Pudding**

*Steamed pudding with sauce.*

### **Skillet Dessert**

*A daily rustic dessert prepared and served in a cast iron pan.*

### **Ice Cream**

*In a dish or a regular cone.  
- In waffle cone*

### **Muffin**

*A fresh baked muffin.*

### **Scone**

*A fresh baked scone.*

### **Also available**

*A daily selection of treats.*

*Full Skillet*

*Half Skillet*

*One Scoop*

*Two Scoops*

## Beverages

*Coffee, tea, pop, milk, chocolate milk, juice, and bottled water.*

## The Back Kitchen

5660 Front Road  
Stella, ON – K0H 2S0

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Special thanks to the Napanee Community Development Fund and our many supporters who have helped make The Back Kitchen a reality.

Prices and availability subject to change.

# The Back Kitchen

-- Amherst Island --

## Hours

May 20 – June 30:

*Thursday – Sunday: 8am – 8pm*

*Victoria Day: 8am – 8pm*

July 1 – Labour Day:

*Everyday: 8am – 8pm*



## Menu

Eat In or Take Out

Featured Dinner available Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

# Breakfast

(served until 11am)

## **Breakfast Platter**

2 eggs, sausage or bacon, Texas toast or English muffin, and home fries.

## **Breakfast Sandwich**

An egg with bacon, cheese, and tomato on English muffin.

## **Bacon, Lettuce & Tomato**

On white or whole wheat Texas toast.

## **Greek Yogourt**

Topped with granola and berries.

## **Add**

Baked beans

Home fries

Toast

Egg

# Sandwiches

## **Chicken Sandwich**

Grilled chicken with pesto mayo, roasted red peppers on a fresh baked ciabatta bun.

## **Grilled Cheese**

On white or whole wheat Texas toast.

## **Pulled Pork**

In a BBQ sauce; served with coleslaw on a pretzel bun.

## **Bacon, Lettuce & Tomato**

On white or whole wheat Texas toast.

## **Clubhouse**

Chicken, bacon, tomato, lettuce, and mayo on white or whole wheat Texas toast.

## **Sandwich additions**

Bacon

Wilton cheddar cheese

# Lunch & Dinner

## **Soup of the Day**

Homestyle soup.

## **Market Garden Salad**

A salad made from fresh seasonal ingredients.

## **Caesar Salad**

Romaine lettuce dressed with croutons, parmesan, bacon bits and traditional dressing.

## **Sausage on a Bun**

Godden's Whole Hog sausage served on a bun.

## **Hot Dog**

Ballpark hot dog on a bun.

## **Hamburger**

Schell's fresh hamburger on a pretzel bun dressed with lettuce, onion and tomato.

- Add patty

- Add bacon

- Add cheese

## **Portobello Mushroom Burger**

A portobello mushroom patty on a pretzel bun.

## **French Fries**

Fresh cut fries.

## **Poutine**

Fresh cut fries with gravy and Wilton cheese curds.

## **Add**

Side salad

Coleslaw

Fries

Gravy

Baked beans

Savoury Biscuit

## **Salad additions**

Chicken

Cheese

Sliced boiled egg

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Stella, Ontario  
(613) 384-8282 [www.cjai.ca](http://www.cjai.ca)



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dedicated to serving Loyalist Township and surrounding  
communities by promoting local businesses, events and local talent.

**Our annual CJAI Fund Drive is  
Monday May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday May 27<sup>th</sup>.**

**Live from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. every day**

We will have special guests, and free coffee and goodies.  
We offer daily prizes, auction items, and end of the week  
draws for all the donors.

**Call in or drop by to make pledge and join in the fun!**

Check the website, [www.cjai.ca](http://www.cjai.ca), for details and prizes.

If you could help us with the donation of products, promotional  
items or gift certificates, we would be most grateful.

If you would like to help, please contact:

Dayle Gowan - 613-634-3815 Volunteers

Leah Murray - 613-3894334 Gifts/Prizes/Goodies

cell- 613-484-5777