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THIS ISSUE

-Ian Murray, Editor

This is the last issue of the Beacon that Sally and I will be responsible for.

I had planned to continue until we'd published 500 issues but we are spread too thin with family and farm commitments. We have started making too many mistakes and being a volunteer is no excuse for sloppy work.

Thanks to Amherst Islanders – here and on the mainland – for encouragement over the years.

Sincere best wishes (and gratitude) to our new editor: Terry McGinn, the younger.

NEXT ISSUE

-Terry McGinn, Editor

First and foremost I want to thank Ian and Sally, and the rest of the Beacon crew, for the opportunity to keep the Beacon alive. The Beacon already has a great, long history and I am confident it can have a great, long future as well. But I need your help; we need your help. I hope as many of the contributors to the Beacon who have helped to make it so excellent through its history will continue to do so into the future; I also know that some are ready for a break. And that's okay.

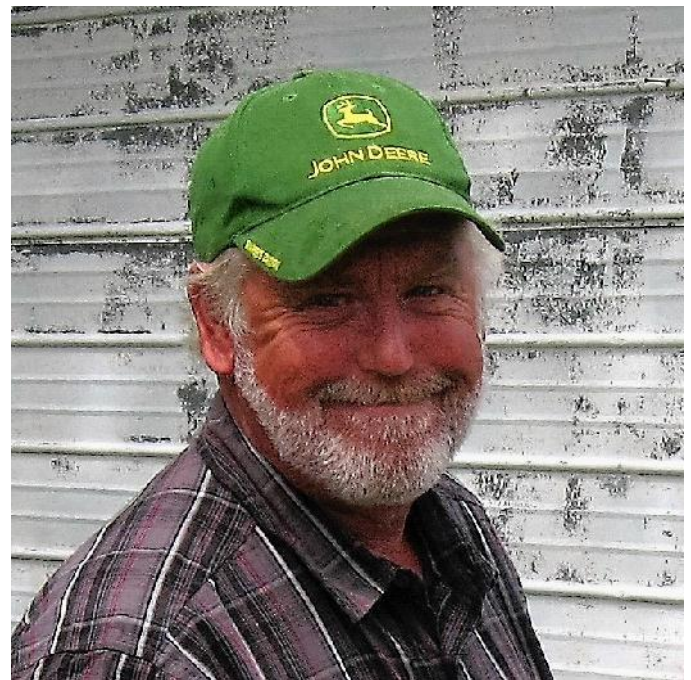
The future of the Beacon is dependent on more than just its editor to thrive. It needs contributors who will write and photograph, and share their experiences of Island life so that the rest of us may be enriched by the sharing. If that sounds like something that you're interested in being a part of, please contact me. It is still early days and it will become more clear what needs to be done after the dust settles, but any help from anyone will be greatly appreciated.

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JOHN EDWARD TERENCE "TERRY" MCGINN (1954 – 2016)



Obituary:

Longtime employee of Amherst Roofing and Sheet Metal (42 yrs.).

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of a dear husband, father, grandfather,

brother and uncle after a battle with cancer.

Loving husband to Susan (nee MacRow). Dear father of Jessica McGinn (George).

Caring grandfather of Lincon.

Cherished son of Cora, and predeceased by his Dad, Keith.

Predeceased by sister Yvonne and nephew Troy.

Dear brother of Larry (Trudy), Eric (Janice), Leon (Joanne) and Kelly (Maureen).

Amazing uncle to Terry, Tricia (Andy), Ryan (Angela), Bill (Lindsay), Kendra, Brent (Caitlin), Ashley, James (Ashley), J.P. and Karley and Special great uncle to Mariah, Clayton, Riley, Jayden, Charlee, Shay, Keegan and Grace.

Eulogy: (delivered by Eric McGinn)

Terry was born on May 5, 1954, the first child to Cora and Keith McGinn. Terry attended Amherst Island Public School through grade 8. He then went to Napanee Secondary School. It was at Napanee Secondary School that Terry realized there was more to going to school than attending classes.



Terry and his mother Cora McGinn

Our parents learned of his skipping school in his grade 10 year and that is when his roofing and sheet metal career began, at the age of 16. In our family if you didn't go to school you went to work; there was no sitting around. I remember his first hard hat: on one side the roofers had written in bold black letters "Keith's little man" and on the other side was written "Cora's little sneak". When mother found out Terry was skipping school she had called him a little sneak.

Terry and Susan were married on April 25, 1981 and their only daughter Jessica was born November 11th, 1982. Terry's pride and joy, his little grandson, Lincon, was born November 13, 2015.

Terry and Susan lived in Emerald for the first years of their marriage and in 1999 they purchased

the farm on the Third Concession where they now live. Terry always had a passion for farming. He spent many hours pondering over his herd of approximately 18 beef cows and their calves. He was very proud of his farm.

With Terry living next door to us he spent a fair bit of time at our house. He and I would often be working on a project or repairing something. Terry loved to visit. If he saw our kids and their families pull into the driveway it wasn't long before Terry would arrive for a visit to see how everyone was doing. Janice hosts a few work parties at our house and Terry never failed to come by, introduce himself, and have a visit. It wouldn't be long after his arrival that he would have a crowd around him and he could be passing on a little Island history, farming stories and, of course, some McGinn history.

Everyone enjoyed Terry's company.

Terry was a true Island icon: he was honest and sincere and full of patience. Terry waved at every single car that passed by. It ticked him off if he missed seeing someone and didn't get a chance to wave.

I heard a cute little story about Terry's honesty last night. When Terry was younger he was pulled over by the police in the city. The officer asked him if he had been drinking and he replied "yes, sir. I had 4 beers." Then thought a minute and said, "no, I am sorry, I'm wrong. I've had 5 beers." The officer replied, "that's alright son, we will follow you to the boat to make sure you get there okay." Honesty will take you a long way.

As I said earlier, Terry started his roofing and sheet metal career at the age of 16 and retired at age 58 after working for 42 years; something he was very proud of.

There are lots of fond memories and stories we will talk about for years to come.

In closing I just want to say thank you for everything you have shared with us and rest in peace. You owe me a cold one, brother.

Remembrance: (delivered by Ryan McGinn)

For those of you that don't know me, my name is Ryan and I am one of Uncle Terry's nephews and friends. I would like to share with you a few of my memories of Uncle Terry.

I always knew Uncle Terry pretty well because Aunt Susan looked after us before and after school

and over the summer holidays. It was a great spot and there was always a lot to do, but the big day of the week for me was always Friday and Uncle Terry stayed home from work.

One Friday I remember is the one he taught me how to ride a motorcycle. It was a nice summer day and we thought we should get his old motorcycle out for a ride. So he got it out and I jumped on the back and he took me for a ride down the road a little ways, far enough Aunt Susan couldn't see us, and he stopped and asked me if I wanted to drive. So we switched spots and after a couple of stalls, we were off. Everything was going good until he took his hand off the handle bars and I started to steer. I mean I really started to steer. I steered it from one side of the road to the other and right down into the ditch with him holding on the back saying, "wo, wo, wo!" Anyways, we got it stopped before we really crashed and he got it back out on the road. I remember being pretty embarrassed and just wanting to ride on the back, but after a little coaxing from Uncle Terry and a little coaching about leaning not steering a motor bike I tried it again and did fine. Well, we made it home anyways.

Another thing I like to think about when thinking back about Uncle Terry is chickens. Uncle Terry and Aunt Susan raised chicken and it was always a big deal when it was time to get them cleaned up. It was usually about 100 degrees outside and everybody had something they would rather be doing instead of cleaning chickens. We would all get together over at the barn around 10 and everybody had their job, even the meet inspector (Uncle Kelly), and me and Uncle Terry always worked together. Once we got into it everything usually went pretty good and it didn't take too long to get the job done. Uncle Terry always had a cold beer and a chicken for you at the end of the day so it was all worthwhile. I don't think Uncle Terry ever really cared much about the chickens; he just liked that everybody was together working as a family.

Last year my wife and I built a new house and Uncle Terry helped us a lot. He was there a couple times a week to keep an eye on things when we were at work and he was always looking out for us. One of the major parts of the house that we worked on together was the wood furnace. It was Uncle Terry's idea that we could do it ourselves and save some money, so me being a cheap-skate was all for it. As time went on and the job got closer I started

to get cold feet and thought we might be in over our heads. I went to talk to him about it but he assured me we could do it and we could do it right. I trusted him and with help from my other uncles and friends we got it done and it works perfect. Ange always says it's the best part of the house.

I always trusted Uncle Terry and I would have followed him to the moon and back. He was a great friend, and Uncle, and I'll miss him very much. I'll always remember the things he taught me and the time we spent together.

TERRY

-Ian Murray



Terry was one of the first Islanders that I met when I moved to the Island in 1970. Randi and I had just moved into the manse and Terry was cutting the cemetery grass.

I remember offering him a beer – I must have forgotten to check his id – and he accepted. I doubt that was his first beer.

Like all his family, Terry was always a pleasure to talk with. His interest in everything to do with the Island, his family or his job was immense.

Terry's friendliness, honesty and integrity will, I am sure, be missed by all who knew him.

STAN BURKE

From the Beacon some years ago: Stanley's

recollections at an AIMS meeting:

Stanley began by thanking members and other Islanders for the prayers and moral support they had offered during his recent heart operation. He and his wife Peggie Coulter had discovered Amherst Island, he said, when they had come down from Toronto to visit Stanley's old friends, Eleanor and Peter Trueman, on a New Year's Eve some years ago.

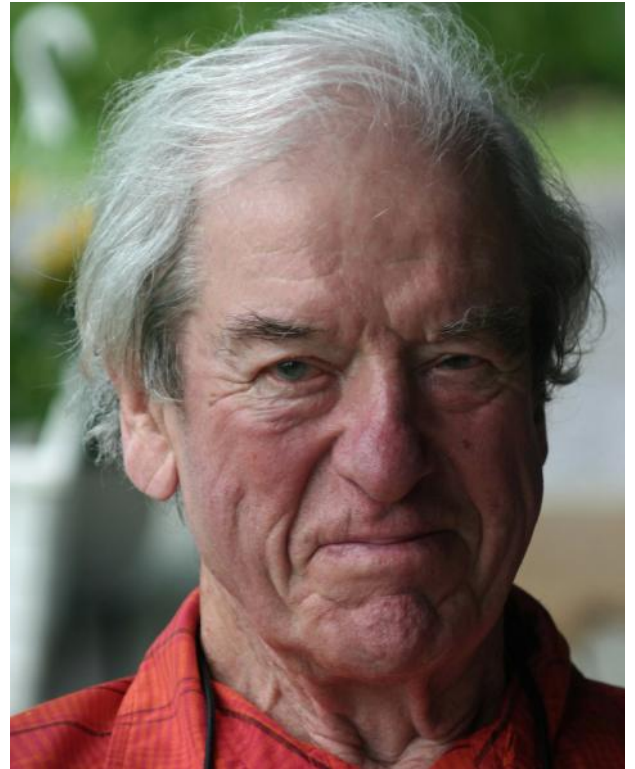
His path to the Island had been a long one. Before going into the Navy in 1943, Stanley had worked for six months at the Vancouver Province newspaper and was "rather taken by it". He decided at that point that he would return to journalism after the war.



He served in a Fairmile class anti-submarine ship in the western Atlantic until late in the war when he transferred to Motor Torpedo boats in the English Channel. Stanley asked AIMS members to imagine putting 5,000 horsepower and a three-quarters of a ton of explosives under "a bunch of kids". In the channel, he learned something of the strange nature of war. He couldn't recall anyone having uttered a single patriotic word, or a word against the enemy, who were "bloody good", as Stanley put it. The German boats, which would do 47 knots fully loaded, were much better than the Allied equivalent.

After the war he did return to the newspaper business, and he soon won a scholarship to the UN, which gave him a one-month internship in New York. He credits the scholarship with prompting The Vancouver Sun to send him to Ottawa and the Parliamentary Press Gallery.

Early in his career, Stanley was captivated by a pamphlet that came across his desk by a man named Marshall McLuhan, and he wrote a column about it. He got to know Prof. McLuhan very well after that



and became a convert to his thinking.

The reason he'd been unable to join AIMS earlier, Stanley said, was that until quite recently he had been working on a book which is really a continuation of McLuhan's thinking.

It was in New York, at the UN, that Stanley first met Peter and Eleanor.

He recalled his most memorable experience as a UN correspondent for the CBC. Stanley chuckled wryly as he told how he was improperly cued by a floor director and wound up cursing, on air, coast to coast. It happened during the beginning of the war in the Congo when they were broadcasting live into the news and news specials, and there was a lot of pressure. On one occasion, when he was given the signal to start speaking, he could hear James M. Minifie speaking from Washington in his ear piece. Startled by what he was certain was the wrong instruction, he blurted something like "Christ Almighty, don't cue me!" into a live mike.

Forty years ago, Canadians weren't as sophisticated as they are now, and Stanley's outburst became a national sensation. He was surprised to receive a letter bearing the imprimatur of the Moderator of the United Church of Canada, and he opened it fearing the worst. But he needn't have worried. The Rev. James Ralph Mutchmor was a man of the world, and he apparently concluded that Stanley had suffered enough

criticism. In any event, the letter merely stated how much he admired Stanley's work.

Stanley also recalled how, as President of UNCA (the United Nations Correspondents Association), he had been present at a dinner given for heads of state. The Soviet leader, Nikita Khrushchev was humiliated because he couldn't understand what British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan was saying over cocktails. This led to the famous incident in the General Assembly in which Mr. Khrushchev pulled off a shoe and banged it on the desk at his place in the Soviet delegation while Mr. Macmillan was speaking.

The Prime Minister stopped, and merely looked as if he was thinking "that's rather barbaric, isn't it?"

Then he went on with his speech. When Mr. Khrushchev pounded the desk again, Mr. Macmillan brought the house down by asking for a translation. It was "wit triumphing over pugnacity" in Stanley's view.

Stanley's next move was to Paris, as CBC correspondent there. He covered the war of independence in Algeria and came very close to losing his life. He and his crew had just filmed the massacre of 79 unarmed civilians, when one of the killers jammed an assault rifle in Stanley's ribs and demanded the film. Stanley hung on to the film and somehow survived. A Battle of Britain pilot who was a witness to this event later told Stanley that he had seen a lot of men die in his time and he had never been more sure that he was about to see another one.

Eventually, Stanley was appointed to anchor the CBC National News in Toronto, the first real journalist to be given the job. But a weak management had given in to the announcers' and newsmen's unions, and Stanley wasn't allowed to use his journalistic expertise and judgement. He could only read what the unionized news writers put in front of him.

Stanley said that one of his greatest accomplishments as a journalist had to do with the way drivers' licenses were issued in Alberta. Under the existing regulations at that time, Stanley had managed to obtain drivers' licenses for a dog, a goat and a dead duck, and he trumpeted this accomplishment in his newspaper at that time, the Edmonton Bulletin. As a result, the law was changed.

Stanley closed with his recollection of covering a Vatican Council in Rome. He had the camera tilt up to the top of Michelangelo's dome on top of St. Peters to the crucifix. Stanley was amused to note that above the crucifix workmen had affixed a lightening rod, "not really an act of faith", he concluded, "but reflecting the church's acceptance of realities that had kept it alive for 2000 years".

Stanley witnessed history many times but one of the most memorable reports was the construction of the Berlin Wall in 1961. From the CBC archives: <http://www.cbc.ca/archi.../entry/berlin-wall-cuts-city-in-half>

Bravo Stanley!

NEIGHBOURHOOD

- Lynn Fleming

Our sympathy to Susan McGinn and daughter Jessica (George) and grandson Lincon, following the passing of their husband, father and grandfather, Terry McGinn. Condolences also to his mom, Cora and brothers; Larry (Trudy); Eric (Janice); Leon (Joanne); and Kelly (Maureen) and his many nieces, and nephews. Terry will be missed by many extended family, friends and neighbours also. He was predeceased by father Keith, sister Yvonne and nephew Troy.

Congratulations to Whitney Fleming and Jamie Arsenault, who were married in an outdoor ceremony in Belleville in late June. Whitney is the daughter of Wayne and Karen Fleming.

School is out for the summer!

Congratulations to A.I.P.S. Grade 8 graduates Jacob Welbanks and Ben Cuyler, who are both off to Ernestown Secondary School in September.

This year's high school grads, Rachel Scott (good luck at Trent), Alec Welbanks and Shyanne Shurtliffe, all graduated from ESS.

Congratulations to Katherine Little who recently received her Masters of History at Nipissing University; Daniel Little, who finished his degree at Carlton University; and Doug Gavlas who graduated from St. Lawrence College.

Congratulations to Gordon and Lynn Miller, who celebrated 50 years of marriage on June 18th. They celebrated with a trip down east with their family.

Peter and Suzanne Wemp spent several weeks down east and touring Newfoundland.

It was another great celebration on Amherst Island for Canada Day. Islanders and visitors alike, enjoyed the parade, strawberry social, and entertainment. The rain held off, and even tho' the wind picked up by dusk, the fireworks went off on schedule and everyone enjoyed another spectacular display.



Topsy 'float' Ayrionna, Elissa, Grace, Jaqueline, Sally, Chris, Velvet and Purl



**Garry Filson and Al Caughey
Photos by Brian Little**

The Back Kitchen is now open 7 days a week, as is the Neilson Store Museum and Weasel and Easel.

We were starting to get dry here on the Island and there wasn't much rain in the forecast. The evening of the summer solstice saw thunderstorms like we haven't seen here in a few years - temporarily blocking out the full moon.

The evening saw strong, gusty winds, and by 8:30 p.m. or so, the rain started, with increasing winds, thunder and near constant lightning, marble size hail and horizontal rain continuing for an hour or so. By the time it passed, there were power outages around the Island, phones were down, and the west end and centre of the Island saw massive trees uprooted,

huge limbs down on the roads, yards and docks.

The Front Road, from Emerald to the west end looked like a war zone. Luckily no one was hurt in this storm, and by 11:00 p.m., all was calm again and the full moon shone brightly in a clear sky.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

- Judy Greer



WI Handcart at Canada Day

On June 15, 2016 AIWI hosted a public meeting at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church on the subject of a Basic Income Guarantee (BIG) for all Canadians. Approximately 30 people turned out to hear a timely presentation by 2 members of the Kingston Action Group For A Basic Income Guarantee, Pamela Cornell and William Cooper.

The proposed program would build on the successful Canadian programs: Old Age Security and the Guaranteed Income Supplement and the Canadian Child Benefit Program. It would complement our broad social support system and would include affordable housing, education, dental and pharmacare.

Access would be unconditional and similar to universal health care. It is believed that the program would reduce the rate of poverty and by doing so, would improve health and nutrition, reducing health care costs. It would reduce the child poverty rate which stands at about 25%.

Other benefits might include encouragement of entrepreneurship and creativity, and support of care-giving, currently unpaid, by friends and family. Canadian farmers who experience income insecurity due to globalization, climate change, and the seasonal nature of farm work would benefit from a guaranteed income.

Demonstration pilot projects are expected to

appear in the coming months. The proposal already has the support of the Canadian Medical Association, the Ontario Public Health Association and a number of other health care professions and religious groups. While the idea has many positives, it may take some time before any implementation is seen.

AIWI wishes to thank member Anne Henderson for organizing the event, her ongoing commitment to the subject, and for her leadership.

The next AIWI gathering will be a noon picnic on August 17th at the home of Lily Horner.

COUNCIL GLEANINGS

- Ian Murray

From 10th Session of Council, June 13th:

Professional Services for Amherst Island Wind Energy Project:

Moved by Councillor Ashley and Seconded by Councillor Gordon that the Public Works Manager's report, June 6, 2016, re: Professional Services for Amherst Island Wind Energy Report be received and the following be adopted:

1. That Council authorize the execution of the Amending Agreement to the Client-Consultant Agreement For Municipal Works Short Form, dated November 10, 2015, between AECOM and Loyalist Township; and,
2. That the MEO-CEO Agreement be executed between G.D. Jewell Engineering Inc. and Loyalist Township to allow for the provision of engineering services with respect to:
 - a. Peer review of all technical reports and studies outlined in the Road Use Agreement between Loyalist Township and Windlectric; and,
 - b. Providing full time on-site inspection during the construction phase of the renewable energy project.

Motion carried

Waterside Summer Series Music Festival:

Moved by Councillor Ashley and Seconded by Councillor Hegadorn that the report from the Director of Finance, June 6, 2016 re: Waterside Summer Series Music Festival, be received and that Council approve the transfer of the Waterside funds, approximately \$27,750, to the new charitable organization: Waterside Summer Series Music Festival.

Motion carried.

By-law 2016-041 - Results of Tender 2016-04 - Sand Beach Stewardship Projects

Moved by Deputy Mayor Bresee and Seconded by Councillor Porter that the report from the Director of Recreation Services, June 8, 2016 re: Results of Tender 2016-04: Sand Beach Stewardship Projects, be received and the following be adopted:

1. That Council award Tender #2016-04 to Wemp & Smith Construction Ltd. for the total price of \$158,313.00 including HST;
2. That Council approve By-law 2016-041, being a By-law to authorize the Mayor and CAO to execute an agreement on behalf of Loyalist Township, with Wemp & Smith Construction Ltd., upon receipt of documentation and securities, and, in accordance with the 2016-04 tender documents;
3. That funds in the amount of \$38,000 be transferred from the Loyalist Parkland Reserve Account (1.1.008.8903) to the Sand Beach Conservation budget (160042) to cover the budgetary shortfall; and,
4. That funds in the amount of \$14,000 be transferred from the Sand Beach Property purchase budget (130955) to the Sand Beach Conservation budget (160042) to cover the budgetary shortfall.

By-law 2016-042 - Results of RFP 2016-010 - Architectural Services for Amherst Island Firehall Training Room Addition:

Moved by Councillor Ashley and Seconded by Councillor Hegadorn that the Project Supervisor's report, June 6, 2016 re: RFP #2016-10 Amherst Island Firehall Training Room Addition, be received and the following be adopted:

1. That Groundwork Engineering be awarded Loyalist Township RFP 2016-10 Amherst Island Firehall Training Room Addition at a cost of \$43,982.99 including HST; and
2. That By-law 2016-042, being a by-law to authorize an agreement with Groundwork Engineering for the design and critical point inspection of the upgrades to the existing Firehall and the new addition, be approved.

AIMS

- William Barrett

AIMS met, on the 2nd Saturday of Jun, as per their norm at St Paul's church hall for a breakfast, lecture, and business meeting. The following minutes were produced.

Nineteen members, including the speaker attended. We were well fed, (profits to the school) then had the chance to view pictures and hear stories from Brian Little's New Orleans trip. His historical overview was appreciated, and it certainly helping in understanding why the city is the way it is today.

Reports were received from the Treasurer and the Transportation Coordinator. Richard LaPointe was welcomed. Progress on the road cleanup was reviewed. The flower baskets have been built and hung. Thank yous were extended to all those involved. The AIMS wagon signup sheet was circulated and support is good.



AIMS cart at the Saturday Market
Good friends – better prices, by Judy Bierma

It was recommended that financial support be extended to the Emerald Music Festival. This was approved.

Next meeting will be Sat 16 July, delayed a week so as not to conflict with the art tour. See you there.



AIMS provides security during Canada Day parade. Photo by Brian Little



Taggett Bonham-Carter by Brian Little

“IT’S THE 60TH CROP I’VE PLANTED”

Keith Miller as related to Judy Bierma



Keith stands this spring in the recently planted cornfield – his 60th crop.

“I built that trailer,” said Keith. “I hauled cows and heifers back and forth from one barn to the other with it. I had another truck before that and a tree fell on it. It crushed it.

Keith said, “One night I took Adam with me while Mom (Shirley) was away. He was on the seat beside me and when I got to the barn, Adam was gone. He had fallen out on the way.”

Shirley said, “Keith used to drive to the barn in the morning so slowly that one day I said why don’t you let me out and I’ll run on ahead and get started.”

“He restored an old-fashioned manure spreader.” Shirley said. “Keith has done things that he doesn’t remember doing. He has fixed lots of things. When it’s spring you do spring work, when it’s summer you do haying, in the fall you do fall work and in the winter get ready for next year.”

Keith said, “I gave ploughing lessons to Paul Gilmore, the first Reeve of Loyalist Township. It was Diane Pearce that got me to do it. I did it so he could plough in the ploughing contest at the fair in Napanee that year.”



Keith Miller by his John Deere tractor.

Both photos by Judy Bierma

“Keith how did you get those certificates, about 50 years’ production, on the wall there?”

One reads: “Province of Ontario, On behalf of the people of Hastings-Frontenac-Lennox and Addington I am very pleased to congratulate Keith Miller as you celebrate 50 Years as a Milk Producer. You are to be commended for your hard work and tireless commitment to this demanding industry. I wish you all the best in your future endeavors. Signed by Leona Dombrowski MPP Feb. 2, 2002.”

They phoned him up and said to come to the annual Meeting of the Milk Producers but he didn’t go. Somebody brought the certificates to him.

Keith said: “Not many people live long enough to get 50 years of dairy producing in. The meeting would probably have been in Napanee. They have them all over the place. I can’t remember where. Oh they had a dance so it had to be at the Lion’s or South Fred Hall because there was a dance and a banquet. I could still go now because I’m a retired Dairy Farmer. There’s hardly any milk producers in the county anymore.”

“Tell me about silage, Keith.”

“When we first had a silo Ian Murray had a notion, if you put unglazed crocks in the silo the silage would seep in to the crocks and make corn whiskey. We took them home when we got down to where they had been buried and we put them in the old fridge, what goes in the crocks can go out through the crocks. We called Ian to see what he thought it might be and it sure wasn’t Corn Whiskey. It spilled all over the old fridge and got everything sticky and messy. It sure wasn’t corn whiskey.”

“Why do farmers play radios in the barn?”
“The radio would play country and western for the cows. When any of the kids came they would change the station to rock so the radio eventually broke.”

Keith played Little Hobo on his piano for me. “It’s easy,” he said, “because it’s already set up and ready to play. You have to do it every night, to play, to know how to play a song. I play by ear. If I can hear it, I can play it.”

Keith said, “We had Mildred and Muriel. They were twin Holsteins. Tonti Lodge Wiswilma was the first purebred Holstein I owned. I got it for Don so he would have a 4H calf. Every farmer has a different prefix. Ernest Fleming’s prefix was Tonti Lodge. Amherst Holsteins was my prefix. Wayne Fleming’s was Fleming Dale. Mike Walhout and Bruce Caughey’s is Poplar Dell. Some of the older cows would still have Brucealbeth, from Bruce senior. Every Holstein producer has a prefix of their own, that’s how you identify the genetics. You have to register it and they have to be purebred Holsteins. You have to tag them and keep records on them and their daughters. Their daughters have tags too. The milk tester can come and scan the ear tag and can tell you how much milk that cow could produce and how much the daughters had produced, etc. You have meters installed in the milk line so when the Milk Tester comes he can take a sample out of the line. He would come once a month and do a night milking test and a morning milking test. They used to have to stay overnight because the boat stopped at 6:00pm. It was a complicated business, genetics and breeding of cows. We used artificial insemination - the better the bull the more expensive the sperm. Adam and Barb had purebred Jersey’s; Laird has them now.”

Keith said, “We milked about 70 cows. The hay you didn’t plant all the time, every year. We had 150 acres of crop, hay, corn, barley. Silage is hay or corn after you chop it and put it in the silo. I had a moisture tester. You can start to feed it to the cows right away. By the 5th day it’s changed to silage, it pickles itself. You blow it in and take it off the top. That old tractor of Dan Simpson’s has filled the silo a hundred times. It’s a Perkin’s. Mine was a ’63. The PTO went fast and that old tractor filled the silo better than the new one. PTO that’s power-take off. That’s the lifeline. I have had a tractor without that. I drew manure with Goliath; it was a

hand clutch. It’s the one I show at the fair (Harvest Fall Festival) every year. It has four cylinders; no electrical system whatever. When it was new you could start it with gasoline and run it with kerosene. Gordon Filson had a 2 cylinder.”

“Farming has been an interesting life.”

A SHORT NOTE

- Bet Wemp

OH! my goodness, how we get SO busy with our lives and SO unobservant.

A week and a half ago I remember saying to myself while driving down the road: “Holy Smokes these road side weeds are getting out of control.”

Then today I was calm and cool and heading home and looked around and thought: “WOW, what a wonderful clean job our road crew have done along our road sides with all the mowing and ditching.”

I came home and mentioned to David and he said: “BETTY, that was done a day and a half ago.”

I thought to myself: “LORD, here we are all ready to see the long weeds, but it took me two days to see all THE BEAUTY they worked for.”

A big thank you to the road crew for their tidy work.

[Editor: and the road crew did a great job dealing with the trees and branches that came down at the Island’s north-west area in late June’s high winds.]

CONNECTIONS

-Bruce Sudds

When I visited Amherst Island in March of 2015 to view a house for sale, I didn’t think I’d be soon moving into a home that a member of my family had built nearly 200 years ago.



We immediately fell in love with the house, property and the island and soon moved into the house. I met our local historian, Tom Sylvester, in the summer of 2015 who started connecting the dots. He asked my family names after I told him my family has lived in the area for many generations. He quickly emailed me to let me know that the Asselstine's of my mother's family were original owners of my home.



Kiki (with Jacob Murray) is part of the youngest generation of Sudds in the house.

Seven(!) generations ago (1830s), my great x5 aunt, Catherine Asselstine, built this house with her husband Antoine Denee. Her father, John, had moved his family out of their ancestral home just north of New York City as they were Loyalists to England during the American Revolutionary War. He married his 2nd wife in Quebec City, Marie Suzette Langlois. Catherine was their 8th (of 9!) children and they settled on the mainland near the Island. Catherine moved to the island with her husband and died here not long after that.

To honour this history and the wonderful community on Amherst Island that has welcomed all of us, we've named our newly arrived daughter after our new home: Estelle Catherine Sudds. It couldn't possibly feel more like home here on Amherst Island.



Amherst Island Public School was built in 1946.

The first classes were held in January 1947.

This photo was taken of the whole school in June 1947.

Next year Amherst Island Public School will be 70 years old

THANK YOU NOTES

The Amherst Island Recreation Association would like to thank everyone for supporting our Canada Day celebration on Amherst Island. While other fireworks in the area were cancelled, our professionals from Canazon Fireworks put on another spectacular display. We thank them once again for outdoing themselves this year.

This day wouldn't end like it does each year without the support and contributions of so many in our community. We would like to thank the Amherst Island Emergency Services for their help, by marshalling the parade and traffic control, and for being on standby for the fireworks. Thanks also

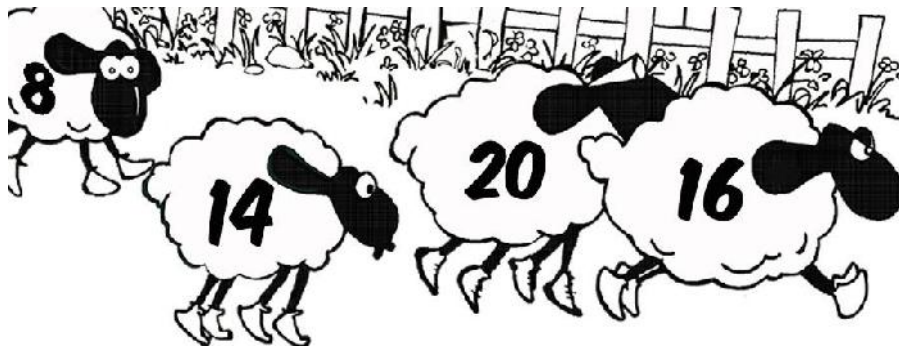
to Dan Simpson for organizing our Island musicians for some great entertainment each year following the parade; St. Paul's Church ladies for the Strawberry Social; parade participants (this was an especially good parade); and last, but certainly not least, Loyalist Township for their support.

It is seeing the community all come together to watch the "grande finale" that makes our work all year long worth it!

We will begin fund raising for next year with our canteen at the Emerald Music Festival - August 12, 13 & 14. Stop by for a bite to eat and a visit, while enjoying some more great entertainment.

Thanks everyone,

Rick, Larry & Lynn



**2016
Woolly
Bully
Race !**

Runners of all ages and abilities are invited to participate in the "Woolly Bully Races," set for Sunday morning, August 14, 2016 on Amherst Island. Start time is 9:30 a.m. The event location is at the home of Dave Willard, 600 South Shore Road.

RACES: 5/10K events held on a very scenic out and back route along the South Shore of Amherst Island, which is located just west of Kingston in Lake Ontario. There will be at least 2 aid stations, staffed by enthusiastic volunteers. Each kilometer will be marked. Happy residents will be cheering you on."

1K Fun Run: A timed event for children 5-12 years of age on an out and back course.

10K race is event # 10 in the 2016 Kingston Road Race Series

10K race is #3 in the "Tri-Island Race Series" (Howe Island/Wolfel Island/Amherst Island)

Go to www.krra.org for further details on both series.

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

POST RACE BAR-B-QUE: There will be a free, post-race bar-b-que serving hamburgers, hot dogs (vegetarian options will also be available) along with soft drinks and other snack items. For those who do not want to eat from the bar-b-que, there will be fruit and granola bars available also.

PRIZES: There are prizes for the top three men and women in the 5 and 10K races as well as in several age categories. There is also a 1K run for youth 12 years and under.

CONTACT: Joe Du Vall, joe@runottawa.ca or 613-292-7102

FURTHER INFORMATION: https://events.com/r/en_US/registration/wooly-bully-2016-stella-august-6151

(From where I copied the cool graphic.)



*In honour of the
60th Wedding Anniversary
of
Ralph and Beula Woods*

*their children & grandchildren
request the pleasure of your
company at an Open House
On Saturday August 13, 2016*

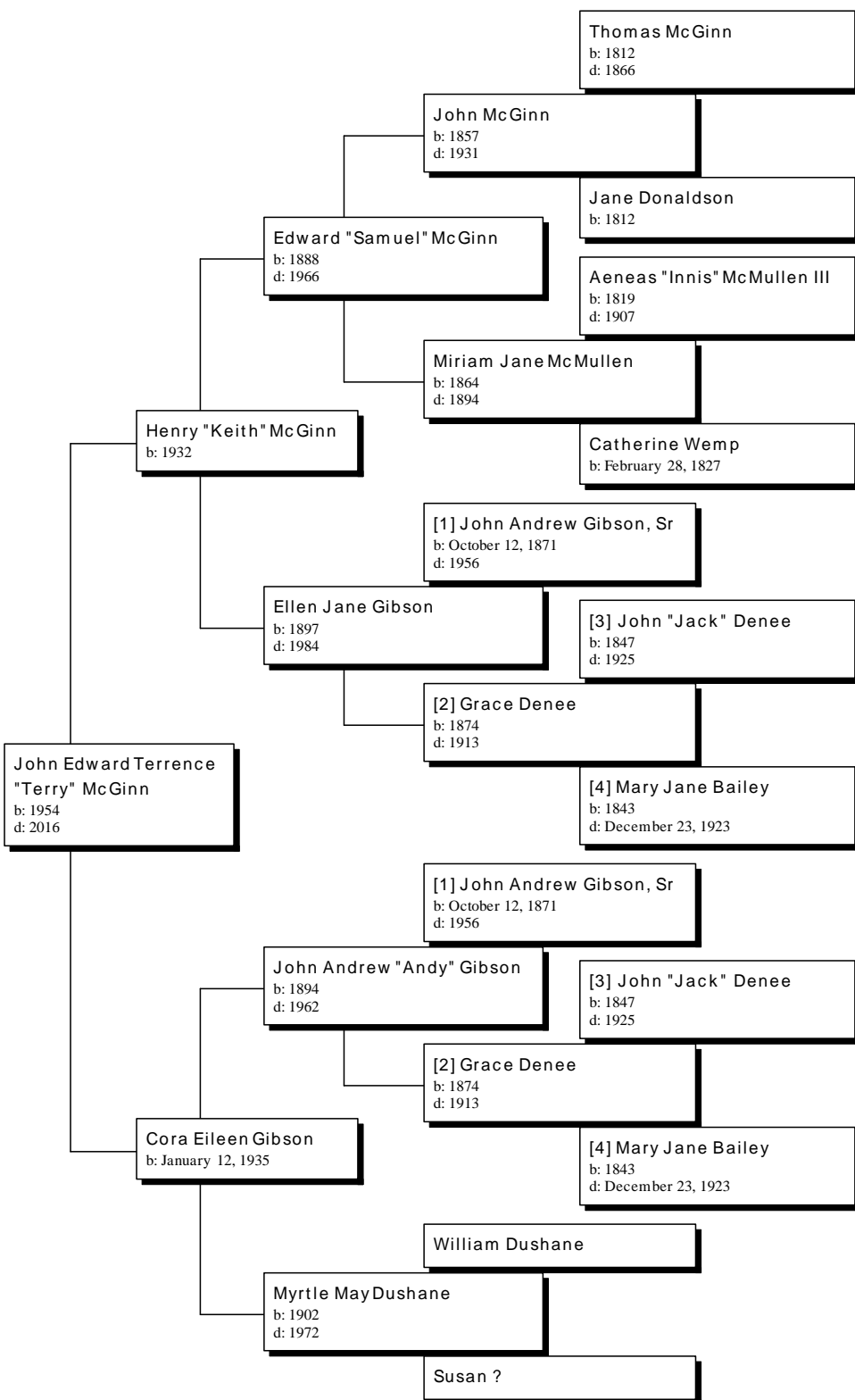
2:30 pm—4:30 pm

*At St. Paul's Presbyterian Church
Amherst Island*

**Please absolutely no gifts except your presence and
smiling faces.**



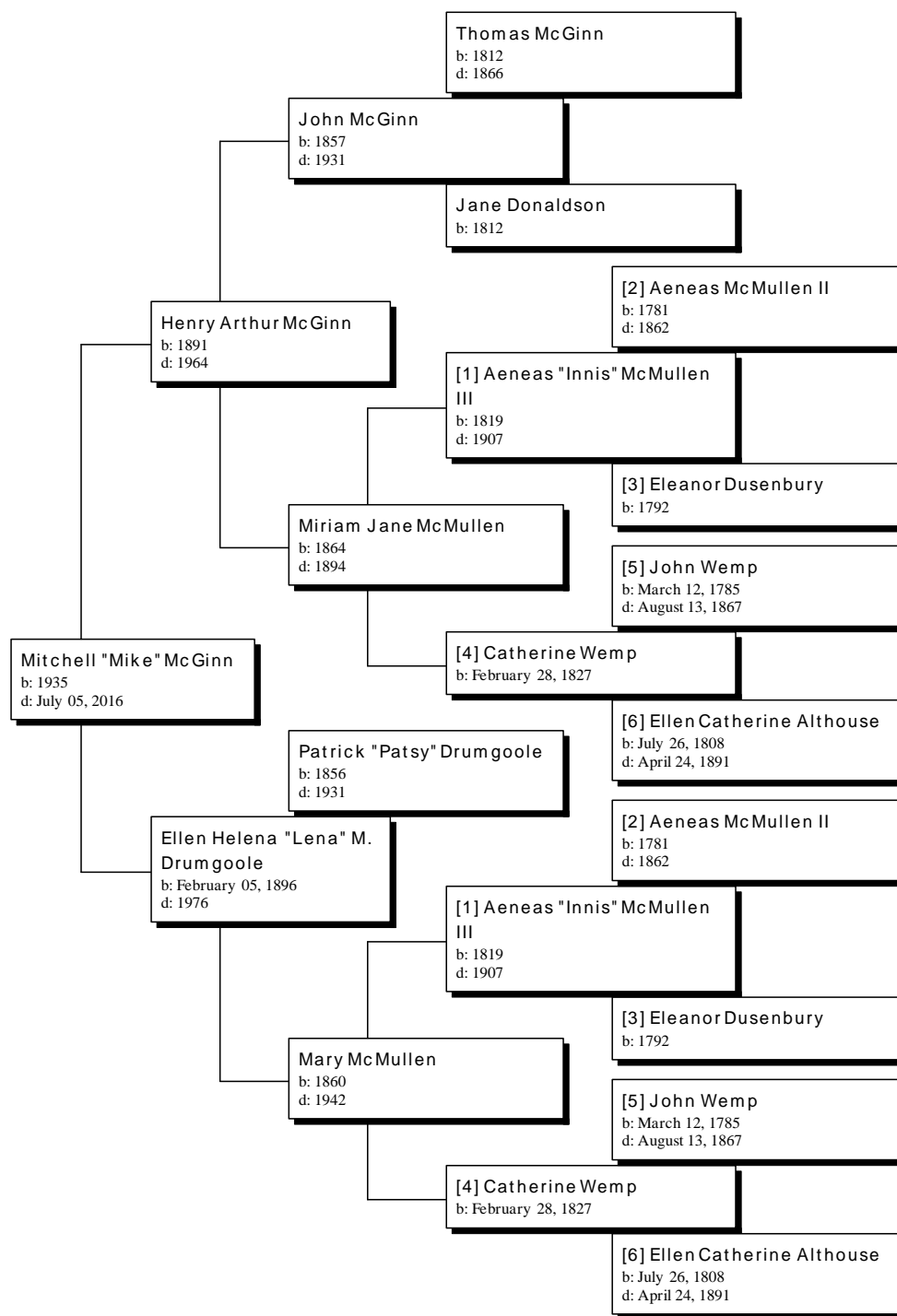
Ancestors of John Edward Terrence "Terry" McGinn



To the left, find the information we have on the Ancestors of Terry McGinn.

Our sincere sympathy to his family, and especially his namesake, nephew, and new editor, Terry McGinn.

Ancestors of Mitchell "Mike" McGinn



Another old Islander recently passed away. Mitchell “Mike” McGinn, on 5 July 2016.

He and Terry shared John McGinn as an ancestor.

ADVERTISEMENTS

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Annual

GARDEN PARTY

Saturday July 23rd, 2016 - 11 am - 3 pm

Home Baking, Pie & Ice Cream, Bar-B-Q, Clothing, White Elephant, Books & Tea, Post Office, Vintage Clothing Display and much more!

If you have questions, or wish to donate items, contact Carol (613-384-7480) or Amy (613-389-3545). See full ad later in this issue.

FRESH FOOD FOR LOVING SPOONFUL

Please drop off all extra produce for this organization that distributes to pantries, food programs and shelters in the Kingston area. Large or small donations welcome.

5750 Front Rd on porch (at Stop signs)

EVERY SUNDAY FOR MONDAY DELIVERY

LOST: Big blue plastic barrel for garbage or recyclables lately from behind Back Kitchen. It belongs to St. Paul's. Also lost a blue bin at the Stone Wall Festival in September belonging to Stella's Cafe'. Does anyone know anything about these two blue, plastic barrels? Call Judy Bierma

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

THE BACK KITCHEN

Summer Hours: Every day – 8 to 8.

NEILSON STORE MUSEUM & CULTURAL CENTRE &

WEASEL AND EASEL ARTS AND CRAFTS GALLERY

Summer hours (1 July to 1 September)

Saturday (10 am to 4 pm),

Sunday through Friday, 1 to 4 pm

ISLAND BOOKKEEPING

Simple bookkeeping, payroll, and tax preparation needs at very competitive prices. Call Renée for more information and free quotes at 613-929-4545.

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

HOUSE IN THE VILLAGE FOR RENT by the week or weekend. Contact Jan Sydorko at 519-451-1197 or email michael.sydorko@sympatico.ca

Amherst Island Women's Institute Medical Equipment Loan Cupboard (walkers, crutches, canes, bath seats, commodes, raised toilet seats, bath safety rails, wheelchairs). Equipment is a phone call away. Offered as free loan to any island resident. Donations of used equipment in good condition also welcome. Call Sharen English 613-384-6535.

AVAILABLE TO WORK: Gardening, yard work, cleaning, just ask! Ali McCormick, 613 621-9919.

COMPUTER REPAIR/UPGRADES, new installs, virus/Malware removal. Island References. Bruce MacCrimmon – 613 453-0505
bruce.maccrimmon@hotmail.com

Topsy Farms has spring frozen lamb cuts; great raw honey by bees (with help from Dave Meikle and Kyle Murray).

SHIRLEY MILLER

Paintings, Prints & Art Classes

613-389-2588

AMHERST ISLAND CHIROPRACTIC 10650

Front Rd. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. For appointments call 613-328-8892

HARTIN'S PUMPING SERVICE: Septic Pumping & Inspection 613-379-5672

BETTY'S HOME COOKING My Market Goodies are available! Plus if you want a full meal to go... a few days notice and your cooking for company is over. Call Betty: 613-389-7907

CHILDCARE Looking for a local reliable childcare professional? Recent Early Childhood Education graduate; Brooke Reid is available to look after

your children whenever needed. Registered with the College of Early Childhood Education. First Aid/CPR certified. Contact Info: Home: 613-389-4484, Cell: 613-484-9046

GODDEN'S WHOLE HOG SAUSAGE We would like to thank our faithful sausage customers on Amherst Island for their continued support of our product. Flavours now include: Salt & Pepper; Honey & Garlic; Sundried Tomato & Oregano; Hot Italian; Sweet Chili & Lime; Maple Breakfast; and Salt & Pepper Breakfast. Now selling packages of 4 sausages!! See thewholehogblog@blogspot.com; Facebook, "Godden's Whole Hog Sausage"; or, follow us on "Twitter @Godden Farms". Please call ahead for large orders: 705-653-5984. With Sincere Thanks, Lori Caughey & Family.

FOOTFLATS FARM ACCOMMODATION:
www.footflats.com (613-634-1212) Goodman House (waterfront) - 4 bedrooms, 3 bath - available year round

HELP STILL NEEDED for the Lennox and Addington S.P.C.A. Used towels and linens, paper towels and cleaning supplies, pet food and toys, kitty litter, are always in demand; Canadian Tire coupons. We are glad to accept pop cans, beer and LCBO containers too. Thank you for helping to support our animal shelter. Further information needed? Call Freda Youell: 613-384-4135.

ISLAND YOGA *Call Taggett for more information at 613-888-5156

POPLAR DELL FARM BED & BREAKFAST
3190 FRONT ROAD, AMHERST ISLAND
Welcoming guests for over 30 years. Also, Cottage Rentals and Godden Sausage sales. Call Susie: 613-389-2012

RAWLEIGH PRODUCTS FOR SALE

Catalogues available. To place an order call Marie Ward at 613 389-5767 or email:

bandmward@xplornet.ca

TOPSY FARMS WOOL SHED 613-389-3444
Wool and sheepskin products including yarn, blankets, crafts, and individual photos, books and

booklets by Don Tubb. Open weekends and most weekday mornings.



Grace McMullen stands with a tower built by John Remington-Shaw (on the left) and her own tower (on the right)

Photo by her mom

Islanders, **THANK YOU** to those who have chosen to put an extra row in their garden for those in need. If you have extra produce, please drop it off every **Sunday on the porch at 5750 Front Rd.** This is the White/Allen home at the stop signs.

The **LOVING SPOONFUL** will distribute your gifts to pantries, food programs and shelters.

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church* Amherst Island
will hold the annual

Garden Party!

Saturday July 23rd, 2016
11am - 3pm

Home Baking - Pie & Ice Cream - Post office
Music - BBQ - White Elephant - Tea
Books - Clothing - Jewellery

Live Auction around 1pm



ALL WELCOME!

*Note: Ferry departs Millhaven on the half hour (ie.9:30,10:30)
Directions to St.Paul's: Once off the ferry, advance to stop sign.
Travel straight 1.5km. St.Paul's is on the left.

Questions?

Call Carol 613-384-7480 or Amy 613-389-3545



New this year!
Vintage clothing display

EMERALD MUSIC FESTIVAL

12675 FRONT ROAD
AMHERST ISLAND
ONTARIO, CANADA



Little Caesar and the Consuls
Since 1956



AMHERST ISLAND
Home of the 2015 Irish Stone Wall Festival



BEARTRACKS

August 12, 13, 14, 2016

Friday \$10 / Saturday \$25 / Sunday \$10 /
Weekend Pass \$35 includes rough camping (wristbands must be worn)
Children under 12 FREE (must be accompanied by adult)
MC- Gord Miller Sound by King Sound



Lynn Pilon
&
Beggar's Canyon



Don Cochrane & Neville Wells



Kyle Dunn



Easy Street

Friday August 12

Ron Jackson
& Jackson Country
Kyle Dunn
Run Away Cowboys
OPEN MIC

Saturday August 13

Nick Lloyd-Kuzik
Don Cochrane
& Neville Wells
Handsome Molly
Easy Street
Lynn Pilon
& Beggar's Canyon
Little Caesar & the Consuls
Beartracks

(Groups may change without notice)

Sunday August 14

Anthony Gifford
CR5 Bluegrass
Beartracks
Emerald Kitchen Party

Food Venues
And other Vendors

Washroom Facilities
On Site

For more information
call 613-389-8297
Email: emeraldfestival@gmail.com
Website: www.emeraldmusicfestival.com

Bring your lawn chairs and
cooler and enjoy a wide
variety of great music



HERITAGE DESIGNATION NOTICE OF PASSING OF BY-LAWS

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of Loyalist Township enacted a number of by-laws on June 27, 2016 to designate the following properties in Loyalist Township as being of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV subsection 29(1) of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O. 18:

- By-law 2016-044 – 15095 Front Road, Amherst Island
- By-law 2016-045 – 9000 Second Concession Road, Amherst Island
- By-law 2016-046 – 6345 Second Concession Road, Amherst Island
- By-law 2016-048 – 4000 Front Road, Amherst Island

The designations apply only to the specifically described stone walls on these properties.

For further information about these designated properties, please contact:

Andrea Furniss
Supervisor, Planning Services
Loyalist Township
(613) 386-7351 ext. 144
afurniss@loyalist.ca

DATED at Odessa this 7th day of July, 2016.

Paul Snider
Director of Administrative Services/Clerk
The Corporation of Loyalist Township
P.O. Box 70, 263 Main Street
Odessa, Ontario K0H 2H0

If you are a person with a disability and need Loyalist Township information in another format, please contact 613-386-7351, ext. 100, Mon-Thurs, 8:15 am – 4:30 pm, Fri, 8:15 am -12:15 pm or e-mail info@loyalist.ca.



**Solstice party sunset at the 'bluffs'.
Photo by Brian Little**

**Below: Storm damage at the McMullen's.
Photo by Brian Little**

