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From the Editor's Desk

- Terry McGinn

The response to last month's issue was amazing and I appreciate all the accolades I received. But I must protest some of that praise as misplaced. If it weren't for the contributors who take time from their busy lives to write about and photograph the events that take place each month, who seek out the stories of their fellow islanders for highlighting, and who showcase the very best of Island life, there would be no Beacon. No one person can create this. No one person can do it all. It takes a team, and the

Beacon has a great one.

When you're out and about and you see someone whose name you've read on their Beacon byline, let them know you appreciate their contribution; they make this thing happen.

This is where I come up with a clever segue into asking for more contributions. *Ahem.*

But the Beacon needs more: it needs you.

Everyone has a story to tell, a memory to share, a creative idea to realize, and the Beacon can be the place for them all.

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Neighbourhood

- Lynn Fleming

Get well wishes to Erna Redakopp. Continuing get well/good health wishes to Debbie Scott, Janet Scott and Laird Leeder.

From the end of July to the end of August was a busy month for island weddings and family reunions. Some weekends had several weddings and reunions all going on at once. These are the weekends to say a special thanks to our ferry crews for all that they do - and put up with.

David Fleming and Laurie Snider travelled to Alberta in late August for the marriage of David's son, Tom to Brittany Daniels. Tom and Brittany will visit the Island in September to celebrate their recent marriage with their Ontario family and friends.

The 3 day Emerald Music Festival (hosted on Dan and Joan Simpson's farm) was a huge success this year. Close to 50 RVs spent the weekend with many more tent camping and attending on a day to day basis. There was some great entertainment and lots of new and old vendors. This was also the weekend our 2 month drought ended. Even the much needed rain couldn't put a damper on the festivities as people continued enjoying the entertainment under the tents, or for many, by dancing in the rain. Well done Dan and Joan!

The long awaited re-opening of the sand beach at the end of the 3rd concession happened in late August. After more than 30 years of locked gates and blocked beach access the public can once again enjoy our most beautiful island beach.

With the end of summer comes the closing of the Back Kitchen. Thanks to all involved with operation this summer. Speaking on behalf of the school staff, we do wish you could have stayed open into the fall.

Speaking of school, by the time the Beacon goes to press, the kids will be back in school. Please watch for kids, bikes, and buses once again.

Our island has been burnt brown and crisp for most of the summer after a summer long, hot drought. We have had some sporadic rain since mid August, which has brought back some green to fields and lawns. However, it seems too late for many trees, which have already lost their leaves and in some cases died. Unfortunately, it's not going to be as colourful this fall. Farmers have been kept busy feeding and watering their livestock on the pastures. Some forecasts are calling for a colder, snowier winter - I'm hoping we don't go too far to the opposite extreme!



Beartracks, and Bruce Caughey play dueling banjos, by Joan Simpson

Reflections on the Emerald Music Festival

- Anthony Gifford

What a great weekend it was. I'm still high on it. Judy and I were in charge of the AIMS tent which was just two down from the stage, so we had a good view of all that happened. I recall on Saturday, during one of the showers, watching a dozen or so kids dancing on the dance floor, a-kicking and a-splashing up as much water on each other as they could, just having crazy-fun like those unicorns. My main thought was what a holy time it was. Good folks, good friends, open strangers, listening to great music, sharing food, watching kids dancing in the rain that finally broke a record-making drought. As far as worship services went, it was hard to beat. God, however named, was there.

I've had people ask me, "But weren't you rained out? We were going to come but changed our minds because of the weather."

Boy, did they ever miss out. Any who would have inquired would have known that there were tents enough for anyone. Nobody got wet unless they wanted to. (It turned out that even adults didn't mind dancing in the rain.) Joan and Dan made sure that there were plenty of tents to ensure that none are in need of shelter from rain or sun. I remember seeing one lone gentleman, sitting alone in the open area in front of the stage, even in the worst downpour, enjoying himself as he had the best of all worlds, the best 'sound spot', keeping a firm hold on a large umbrella, making certain he, his food, and his beer were dry.

I'm not sure as to the number of trailers and tents there were, but they would have sheltered several more hundred under their awnings, if needed.

Judy and I had a great time at our tent. We had invited any and all Islanders to display their wares for sale or show. Dan and Joan had supplied a 20 X 10 tent for our use, with a canvas

back. We had put construction wire on the back wall on which to hang stuff. It worked well. On one end we had the sweet corn set-up, with cooker and service table. The other end was anchored by Lorie LeBlue and her kids, with their wonderful homemade candies – the most popular part of the tent.

In the tent were pottery by Pat Frontini and Mayo Underwood; books by Tom Sylvester and Anthony Gifford; books, art, mugs and hastinotes by Judy Bierma; photography poster and hastinotes by Woody Woodiwiss; photography by Judy Wambera; silk scarves and paintings by Rosy Findlay; fairy babies by Danny Sparks; posters and historical booklet (for Pentland Cemetery) by Judith Harrower; Island Gold Honey from Perry and Mia McDonald; reading material from Janet Grace; flyers and material from Dave & Diane Hieatt; Music Festival stuff (T-shirts, cooler holders, hats); a great selection of wool items from Topsy Farms.

This was the first time we had had an all-island tent. The biggest problem was that the response to our invitation was bigger than the tent. Suggestions for next year? Lorie and tribe are planning on having a 'kids' tent' and perhaps the corn thing will be separate. That will leave about a third more room for island stuff. This year there just wasn't enough room to properly display things. It was overwhelming.

But still, it was wonderful. People would come in, 'islanders' or 'off', and be amazed at the selection and variety of what folks here were doing; such a combination of talents and interests. It was a great 'first time' event. Next year it will be even better. Judy and I will get our act together earlier and many more will participate. Let's remind ourselves that we're all volunteers.

A huge thanks to Joan and Dan Simpson for encouraging and enabling it all to happen. This is, beyond all doubt, the biggest celebration of life on our island. It's a joy to participate in it.



Kyle Dunn at the Emerald Music Festival, by Joan Simpson



Quite a crowd at the EMF, by Joan Simpson



Anthony Gifford, Keith Miller, and Keld Jensen



Dan Simpson, Charlie King, and Rick Henderson



Emerald Music Festival goes, by Terry McGinn

Poetry

- Bruce Sudds

I believe the subject and tone of this poem are something that all of us on Amherst Island can relate to in our own ways. Namely: the change of season that we can't ignore in the countryside. I also like how this poem plays with the idea of how our songs, our culture is born from natural cycles that we share with the generations that preceded us.

September Tomatoes

by Karina Borowicz

*The whiskey stink of rot has settled
in the garden, and a burst of fruit flies rises
when I touch the dying tomato plants.*

*Still, the claws of tiny yellow blossoms
flail in the air as I pull the vines up by the roots
and toss them in the compost.*

*It feels cruel. Something in me isn't ready
to let go of summer so easily. To destroy
what I've carefully cultivated all these months.
Those pale flowers might still have time to fruit.*

*My great-grandmother sang with the girls of her
village
as they pulled the flax. Songs so old
and so tied to the season that the very sound
seemed to turn the weather.*



Photo by Brian Little

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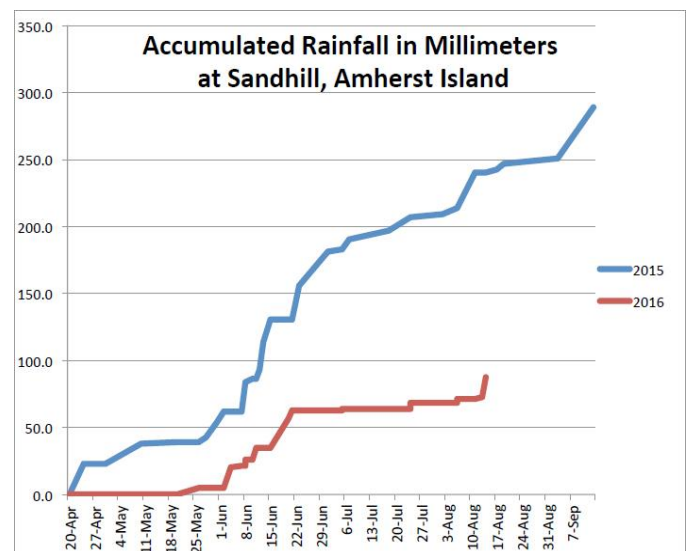
Judy Bierma does her best Vanna White,
by Terry McGinn

The Weather

- Terry McGinn, with Carl McCrosky

On his farm Carl collects precipitation data and has offered that data to the Beacon. Given the severe drought we've had this year – which we are still technically in - it seemed obvious that islanders would be interested to see just how much precipitation we're not getting.

Environment Canada forecasts a warmer than average September for the island, with near-average precipitation, which is itself good news.



September 2016

Memorial Baseball Game

-Terry McGinn

On the 12th of August the folks from Gibson Family Health Care, along with the staff of Helen Henderson Care Centre of Amherstview and their sister home, Carveth Care Centre in Gananoque, put on a memorial baseball game for my aunt, Yvonne McGinn.

Aunt Yvonne loved baseball – she was the pitcher when she used to play – so it was a very appropriate tribute to her. The whole family attended the event. Some of the residents of Helen Henderson were there to watch, as well.

It was a hot day, but there was a breeze that made the heat bearable. Carveth was up to bat first, and from the first pitch it was clear that they knew what they were doing. When our team (the Helen Henderson/McGinn family team) took our first turn at bat it was my grandmother, Cora McGinn, who lead the way.

The picture on the front page of the Beacon shows the result: first pitch, first hit. She had a runner despite my assurance that there wasn't a single person on the field who would have tagged her out. Her hit may not have scored a run, but it received the most enthusiastic applause of the day bar none.

It was no regulation softball game, at one point there were about a dozen outfielders from our team on the field at one time, but the Carveth team made no protest and the fun of the day was undeniable. Despite being greatly outnumbered by McGinns and the staff of Helen Henderson the team from Carveth carried the day 15-4.

Next year we're going to practice – or at the very least give them a few McGinns to even things out.

After the game we were all invited back to Helen Henderson for a bar-b-que of hotdogs and sliders (mini hamburgers that Aunt Yvonne loved so much). As well as a beverage or two she was known to favour.

Another of the purposes of the day was to unveil the plaque renaming the retirement home at Helen Henderson Care Centre to the **Yvonne McGinn Lodge**. The management at Helen Henderson spoke of her time there, its impact and her legacy. My father spoke about what the gesture means to our family, what the home meant to Aunt Yvonne, and how much we all enjoyed the day.

All agreed that the baseball game should become an annual event.



Cora McGinn at the Bat, by Terry McGinn



The McGinn family at the Yvonne McGinn Memorial Baseball Game, by Terry McGinn

Council Gleanings

- Ian Murray

From 14th Meeting of Council, August 8th

“Moved by Councillor Hegadorn and Seconded by Councillor Ashley that the Supervisor, Planning Services' report dated July 26, 2016 re: Loyalist Township Official Plan Comprehensive Review, be received and that staff be authorized to commence a review of the Loyalist Township Official Plan in accordance with Sections 26 and 27 of the Ontario Planning Act.”

Motion carried.

“Dave Thompson advised Council that the MTO Committee for the refurbishment of the Amherst Island Ferry docks has extended the due date for proposal submissions from June of 2016 until August 10, 2016.”

“Deputy Mayor Bresee advised Council of the decision of the ERT denying the appeal of the

APAI. It was requested that Notice of this decision be posted to the Township website.”

“The CAO advised Council that a meeting has been scheduled with the Township Engineers for the Algonquin project oversight. Algonquin has been invited to attend this meeting.”

From 15th Meeting of Council, August 22

“The total remuneration paid to Council in 2015 was \$178,500

Mayor	\$37,600
Deputy Mayor	\$26,100
Council (average)	\$23,000

This represented approximately 1.5% of the tax levy collected in 2015.”

Bruce Caughey challenged Loyalist Township's proposed new road widening sections in the Township's revised Official Plan at an Ontario Municipal Board hearing in July. The OMB

sided with the Township. Interested readers can find the details on the Township's website.

APAI's appeal to the Environmental Review Tribunal was not successful. No costs were awarded against APAI. Interested readers can find the details on the Township's website."



Frontenac II at sunset, by Andrea Cross

The Cheesemaker's Daughter

- Judy Bierma

An interview with Bronwyn Godden and Lori Caughey

Bronwyn was saying, "I started 4Hing when I was 5. I lived on a Dairy farm so there were lots of calves. I was in pre 4H so when I was 9 I could go into 4H. In pre-4H it's just the same; you get a participant ribbon. My first calf was Spot. It was a Holstein. I took her to the Campbellford Fair. That's where I first started showing. I showed Spot the Second. It was a Holstein too. I showed it at the Campbellford Fair too. This year was the first year I showed in Napanee my calf's name was Poplar Dorman Billy. He was a Holstein too. The one this year I got from my Grandpa Bruce and Uncle Mike on the Island.

"I joined 4H because my mom and dad and my older sisters were in 4H. My whole family was in it. I like 4H because I meet new friends. It is interesting to show calves. I have to participate

in 6 different meetings before the show. This dairy club had about 40 kids all over the county. We met at 6 different farms. Lily was at the meeting where they dissected the udder. A little girl fainted. It was at the Napanee Vet Clinic.

"I want to be a mechanic or an engineer when I grow up.

"I don't sleep over at the fair, the calves do. We leave late and show up early. You have to wash the calf on the day of the fair. It's good to keep her clean so you wash her lots before the fair. You have to clip them. You clip the calf so you can see the spots better but don't clip the belly it makes them look fuller.

"Next year I'll be in 4H again. I'll get a different calf because my calf will be too old. I'm going to show at Napanee again and I'll get the calf from the Island. We hope to invite other 4Her's to the Island next year. We'll go to Mike's farm and then have a potluck at Poplar Dell."

Lori was saying that not even half the kids are from farms. You can borrow a calf. Half don't



Anna Walhout prepares her calf Beyoncé

live on a farm. A lot of people think you have to be from a farm to have a calf in 4H but you don't. It ends when you're 21. For the Open Show anyone can show a calf that night. Lily and Bronwyn showed in the Lennox and Addington Open Holstein Show and then the 4H event goes all day Sunday and Monday.

Bronwyn said that kids should join 4H, it gets them involved in their community and you learn by doing. She finds it interesting.

An Interview with Lily Bermann and Amy Caughey

Lily started out by saying, "Bronwyn, my cousin, and I were in 4H this year. I wanted to do 4H too because Mommy was in 4H and my aunts. I would like to be a vet or vet's helper.

"My calf's name was Belle: Poplardell Mario Basil Belle. The first name is the farm name, the second name is the name of the dad and the third name starts with a B because the mom's name started with a B so you get Belle.

"I didn't know the mom and dad of Basil Belle. My calf was born on March 1, 2016. She had lots of brothers and sisters, 6 sisters and brothers. If



Lily Bermann and Bronwyn Godden, by Lori Caughey

it's a bull it gets sold. They keep the girls. Then they can milk more cows every year. Eventually a cow can't milk anymore and they sell it at eight to ten years."

The 4H dairy club learned about the physiology and the care of dairy cows. Lily said, "We learned all about udders on the cows. A vet came to our 4H meeting and we learned how to deworm the cows and dehorn; how to keep care of cows. I liked looking after Belle."

Amy (Lily's mother) said, "They looked at udders that were from deceased cows. Each udder weighed about 75 pounds. The vet from Napanee, who was a specialist in dairy cows, showed the kids how the mammary glands work, and how to practice stitching an udder. I actually stayed for that meeting, it was fascinating!"

Lily said, "It was fun to meet some kids around our county in 4H. I went to the Napanee Fair and looked after my calf. At one meeting our club saw a farm that uses robot milkers. The cow goes to the robot and gives milk. There's a robot that puts the suction cups on the cows, the cow learns that that's where it goes to get



Lily Bermann and her 4-H calf Belle

milked. It's all hooked up to the farmer's cell phone and if the cow gets caught in the stall the farmer is contacted on the phone."

Amy said, "Lily learned a lot from the older kids. The older members really helped the younger members."

There are many different 4H clubs, including animal clubs (horse, sheep, and veterinarian clubs) and other topics such as music, sewing, and food clubs. The Amherst Island Women's Institute has been very supportive of 4H on the island.

Lily said "I had a lot of help from my Grandpa (Bruce Caughey) and Uncle Mike (Mike Walhout). They trucked the calves and he showed me how to wash a calf and lead a calf on a halter. If you get water in their ears they droop and that's not good.

"I had a lot of fun. I'll see the same kids next year. When you're 15 you can go to the Royal Winter Fair. My cousin Anna showed in a pre-4H class. She was brave."

I asked, "Will you visit Belle next year?"

Lily said, "You have to remember the number on her ear to find her. Belle is 846. I'll visit her. My mom lived on a farm, and I love farming."



English Tea and Picnic, courtesy Judy Greer

Stone Walls

- Andrea Cross

A smaller sized lunky allows lambs through and retains the ewes; this is a way of enabling lambs to graze fresh, young grass. Lunkies may be closed with a boulder or slab when not in use. Technically, "lunky" holes consist of two low wallheads crossed by a single large flag or by two touching lintel stones; the wall above is completed in the normal way.



Lunky, by Andrea Cross

AIWI Report

- Judy Greer

The AIWI gathered on August 17th for a summer English Tea and Picnic on the patio at Lily Horner's house. It was a beautiful hot sunny afternoon and 15 members and 5 guests in their finery of dresses, hats and gloves were present. Lily and Victoria served lovely refreshments with scones and jam, small sandwiches and tea. We especially enjoyed having Life Member Anna Hitchins with us. Too much fun!

The next meeting will be September 21st at 7pm at the home of Judy Bierma. It will be a Brown Bag Auction and a business meeting. Guests always welcome.

Book Review

- Anthony Gifford

A Most Wanted Man by John Le Carre, 2008, Viking Canada

At the outset, I must declare that I'm a Le Carre, fan. I have been so for years. He's eleven years older than I am and writing better than ever; a fabulous model for all ages. His novels of spy and intrigue never disappoint.

A Most Wanted Man takes place in Germany, modern times and deals with the realities of Europe, Islamic terrorism, immigration, ignorance and the intricacies of the many layers of officialdom in between nations. It has much to teach the reader of the mechanics of the hidden world behind the questions and answers that have come to be part of our world. It is not a pretty or simple picture.

All of this is brought home by great writing so that in only a few pages I cared for the characters in this evolving and yet, easily followed story. I felt for these people, even is some with perhaps suspicion and fear. They were all very alive and believable.

This is a quick read. Not that it's short (340 pages), but because I didn't want to put it down. As a novel for our times, informative and engaging, this is one that was worth the time for me.



Marie Ward at the AIMS Farmers' Market,
by Brian Little



Escapes from the Pasture, by Brian Little

Hospice Lennox & Addington

- Judy Greer

Our hospice is located at the L&A Hospital with an office and hospice beds. A Palliative Care Course for new volunteer visitors will be held for 5 Thursday's 9-4 starting Thursday Sept. 29th. No charge. A new Bereavement Support Group starts Sept 27th. Participants meet once a week for 2 hours of conversation and support.

Referrals to Hospice can come from the person themselves, from family members, friends or medical professionals. The service is private and confidential. There is a resource library, a free equipment lending service including hospital beds for home, and individual consultations by phone or drop in.

For the first 2 weeks of September, Burt's Greenhouses is donating all their proceeds to Hospice L&A. Happy shopping!

Call Melanie, 613-354-3301 (205) or email her at melanie@landahospice.ca.

Wooly Bully Races

- Joe Du Vall

The 5th edition of the 'Wooly Bully Races' was held on Sunday, August 14, 2016 from the home of Dave Willard on the South Shore Road.

The much welcomed rain which fell overnight subsided before dawn on race day, which made way for overcast skies and warm temperatures.



Runners at the Woolly Bully, by Brian Little

The sun waited until late morning to break through, a welcome relief for those getting ready to run.

Twenty youngsters under the age of 12 ran the 1K, a great start to the day with all the spirit and enthusiasm this event generates from participants and adults alike. With a 9:15 a.m. start time, all were done when it was time to start the 5 and 10K races at 9:30 a.m.

The 5K event drew 67 participants, up slightly from 2015. We had an issue in the 5K as the volunteers at the designated turnaround location misjudged their marshal position, to guide runners back to the finish line. Everyone ran several hundred metres too far but all were gracious with this oversight. Yours truly wears the goat horns for this occurrence.

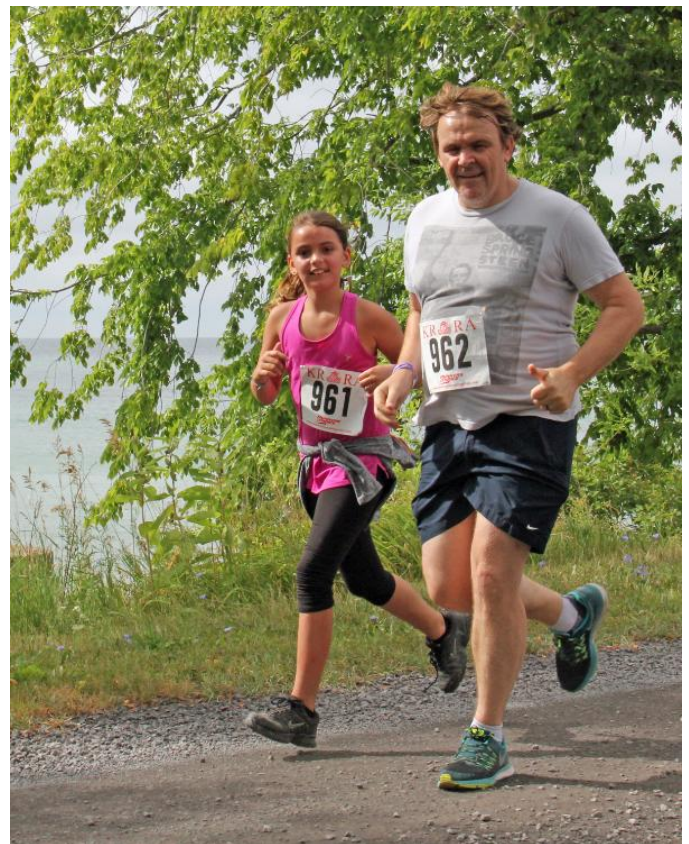
The 10K drew 81 runners, which matched 2015's total, always positive to remain in a status quo position from the previous year. The 10K was the final race in the Kingston Road Runners Association 'Tri-Island Series.' The first was on Howe Island back in May, Wolfe Island 10K in June and the Woolly Bully 10K. Fifty three runners ended up doing all three races and received a distinctive medal for their efforts. Next year we hope that number increases significantly.

Runners and volunteers were treated to a post-race bar-b-que prepared by members of the

Amherst Island Emergency Services Association, something added this year and well received by all. Members also assisted the event by serving as the medical crew, on hand to provide medical assistance if needed. The net revenue after expenses have yet to be determined but it will surpass the \$1200 directed to the Amherst Island Public School from 2015.

Special thanks to Judy Bierma who helped with preparations and rounded up some volunteers for race day as well as Julie and Laird Leeder for helping us with the contribution of the Amherst Island Emergency Services Association. Other volunteers are as follows:

Sally Bowen, Judy Harrower, Tessa Mayman, Kassy McGinn, April Allen. Peggy Edwards, Mary White, Andrea Cross, Bruce Burnett, Laurie Kilpatrick, Rick Vanstone, Inka Brockhausen, Noah Brockhausen, Anders Bennick.



Bruce Sudds and daughter Ellie, by Brian Little



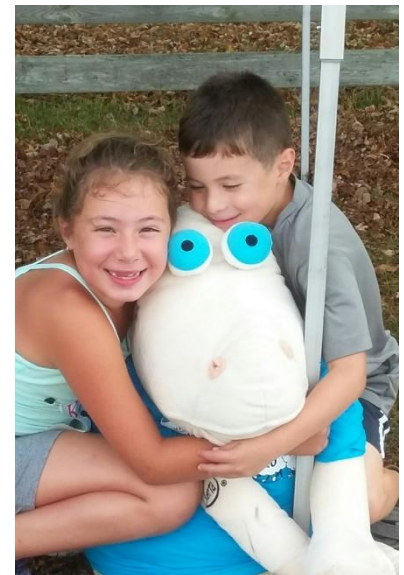
Staging Area on Dave Willard's farm, by Brian Little



*Race Organizer, Joe Du Vall,
courtesy Sally Bowen*



Gotta Stay Hydrated, by Brian Little



*Jessica and Josh Vega,
courtesy Sally Bowen*



Emergency Services Doing Double-Duty, by Brian Little

The Sand Beach

- Terry McGinn

Out near the end of the Third Concession is an easy to miss sand beach that had been, until recently, closed off to the public behind a gate, and a lock, and a chain.

Walking down the quiet beach road leads you past high sand banks grown over with vegetation on which you can spy leopard frogs, garter snakes, and even a turtle or two if your timing is just right.

There are vast swaths of wild grape vines, raspberry and thimbleberry canes, and in the spring wild roses bloom pink on the roadside. The birds flit and fly amongst the elderberries, nest in the cedars and the meadows, and bathe themselves in the dusty sand of the open dunes.

On one side of the beach road is Lake Ontario; on the other side is the Big Marsh – with its own Little Lake. In either lake you can find fowl, or herons, or other water birds flying, feeding, or floating in the sun.

The Big Marsh is the life's blood of the ecosystem around here. It's where the turtles emerge from when they come to dig their nests along the beach road, it's where the frogs go when the weather cools, it's where the birds find the bugs they hunger for. The narrow strip of the Sand Beach Wetlands Conservation Area, as it's formally known, serves to protect it all.



Attendees at the Beach opening, by Terry McGinn



*Barbara Reid at the AIMS Farmers' Market,
by Brian Little*

That narrow strip of sandy dune is what keeps the lake out and the marsh in. It's what keeps the forces of erosion at bay. It's what makes the habitat in which these species live, on which they rely for their survival, possible.

The beach, below the dunes alongside the lake, is beautiful. When the sun shines and the lake is calm the water in Amherst Bay turns a magnificent blue-green. The shore is pebbled as much as it's sandy, sometimes more, depending on the weather, but a few steps out into the water there is sand galore.

The effects of the bay, partially closed at its mouth by Nut Island, and rimmed by shallow waters to the south-east, make the water warm more quickly in the spring and stay warmer for longer in the fall – barring a north or east wind to foul it all up, of course.



Cutting the chain, by Michele LeLay

On the 26th of August the beach, which was purchased by the township, with funding from the Ontario Heritage Trust, a few years ago, was opened to the public.

The opening, which celebrated the completion of improvements intended to help the public enjoy the area, was well attended. There was a walking tour of the site, which took attendees down the beach road, across the dune at the boardwalk, and down the remainder of the beach before returning for speeches.

Amherst Island Women's Institute provided refreshments, and a cake was provided by Gwen Lauret (made by Lynn Fleming).

The Mayor of Loyalist Township, Bill Lowry, representatives of township staff who worked on the project, Murray Beckel and Andree Ferris, our local Councillor, Duncan Ashley, and Allen Caughey, a member of the public committee who was charged with prioritizing the improvements made to the site, spoke before a symbolic chain cutting – pictured above.

Now that the beach is open to the public it is being used daily. I have been down the beach several times and seen swimmers, and walkers, and sunbathers all enjoying the site alongside each other, and leaving no trace of themselves when they go.

Down the beach road there is an observation deck, one of the improvements intended to help the public enjoy the site. From if you can look out into the Big Marsh. Across from the observation deck is a boardwalk from which you can access the beach.

Though we're in the waning days of summer, the Sand Beach is beautiful year round. The beach road in winter is as striking for way the sun sparkles off the snow as the blue-green water of the bay is in summer.

When you visit, please be mindful of the signs; follow their direction and only travel where allowed.

This area is as sensitive as it is beautiful.

The Back Kitchen 101

- Elena Moffatt

Welcome to The Back Kitchen 101, the place where you'll find all you need to know about the best restaurant on beautiful Amherst Island. Just off the ferry dock on the island is a restaurant called The Back Kitchen, serving only the highest quality food to the community. From burgers, hot dogs, fries, desserts, and more, this hidden gem has it all. With the good company from staff, volunteers, and customers alike, The Back Kitchen is a great place to come for a coffee or bite to eat.

My experience as the manager of The Back Kitchen was great overall. The experience I've gained throughout the summer is absolutely invaluable and I'm excited to use it with my future career. Some of my responsibilities as manager included placing orders, coordinating suppliers and volunteers, making the schedule for student staff members, training, and being a support system for my fellow colleagues. Although challenging at first, I've become a lot more comfortable with all of these tasks as the summer has gone by.

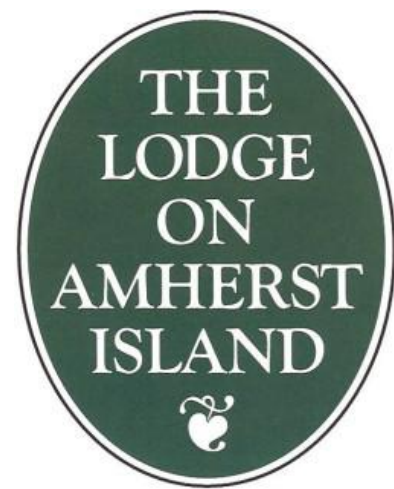
The community support that The Back Kitchen received was incredible. Whether people were coming in to volunteer or to grab a bite to eat, there was always someone to talk to. I loved having the Women's Institute come in every Thursday morning for their coffees and breakfast sandwiches, and hearing them laugh in the background as I do my prep gave me such a happy feeling. Customer feedback was also much appreciated - "This is the best burger I've ever eaten!"

I've recently arrived in the Netherlands to complete my fourth year of studies. I'm looking forward to learning more about how the food systems are transitioning around the world, and more about export management (my two

minors for the year). In February, I'll begin a five-month internship and I'm excited to put my skills from The Back Kitchen to good use! Next year I hope to start college for baking and pastries at George Brown College in Toronto.

Between working at The Back Kitchen and being in a food program, I think it's safe to say that I like food - a *lot*. I'm looking forward to writing about Dutch/European food and to include pictures (and recipes!) of some of the local cuisine. Maybe some of the recipes, like Dutch mustard soup, will be featured next year at The Back Kitchen!

Elena served as the manager of the Back Kitchen during the 2016 season. She is the Beacon's Foreign Correspondent.



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AIMS Report – July 2016

- William Barrett

Feeling appreciative after the generous, delicious breakfast provided by the Littles, 18 of us settled in to hear Judy Bierma speak about her braille experience, schooling students in using the equipment to read.

Caroline Wipf's local network of blind contacts in the Bahamas led to the young and blind in need of support. A main motivation of blind people on the islands is to be able to read their bibles (kept under their beds) which are freely available from a religious organization in the US. The local story is also about community, giving and sharing to offset the massive depression apparently inevitable after receiving a blind diagnosis; unfortunately a depression that cycles annually for most blind. Heightened sense awareness makes smiling detectable in changes in a speaker's voice for the kids (shown in photographs using braille machines each with names of successive kids trained on the individual machines).

There are never enough braille machines. David Pickering repaired, cleaned and rebuilt braille machines sourced in Canada through Kijiji. Judy seeks donations wherever, whenever, however she can and packs suitcases to take on airlines to deliver to the Bahamas. Another nugget of information is that snail mail is free for blind.

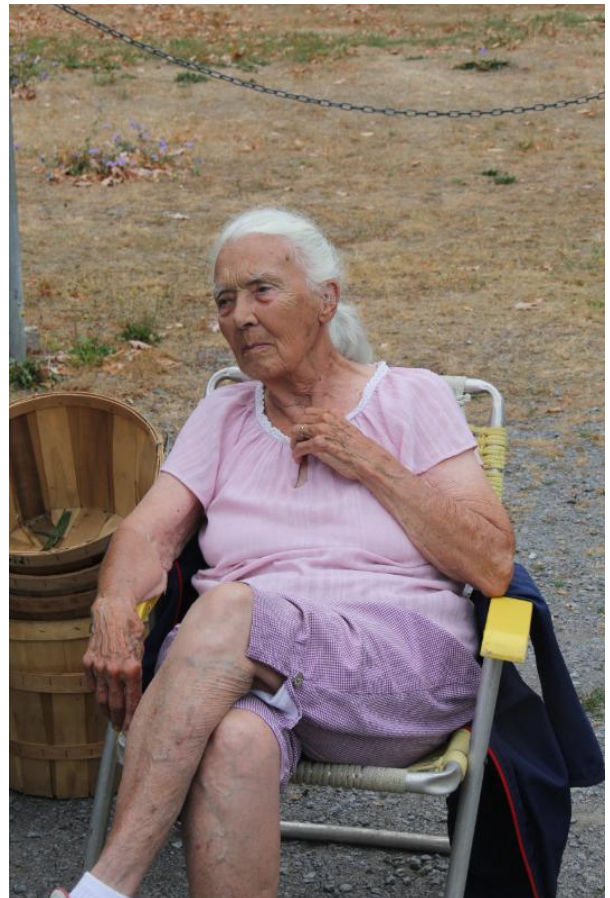
Judy requested blank tapes and tape recorders people may have at home, archaic they are still the most effective for training and they are disappearing everywhere. Judy also described a typical classroom lesson in the Bahamas teaching children to Braille the codes and how they are made up of the dots, dashes and spaces. White canes are taken south in November. Check out Judy's blog at "Swan of Tuonela" and the web site "Braille in the Bahamas".

Following updates for ongoing projects [minutes, financial, transportation, road cleanup, wagon sales] new business included an enthusiastic response for participating in the 2017 Canada Day parade; thanks for the plant watering; and, availability of a recent AIMS members' photo from Brian. Brian Little also notes his studio is now open and that items are needed for the Kijiji auction, let Mayo know.

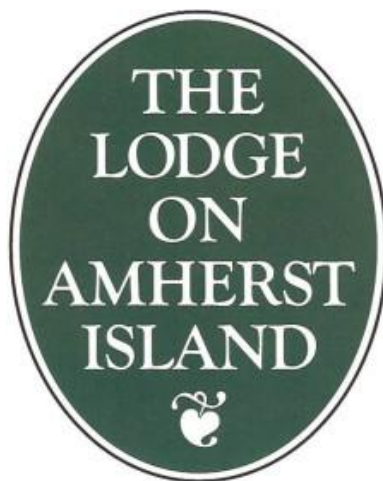
We closed the meeting saying that the next meeting is at the Back Kitchen with Elena Moffatt / Lorna Willis as speakers.

Thank You Notes

Dan and I would like to thank all the volunteers, performers, sponsors and the audience for making this year a great success. We couldn't do it without all of you. See you in 2017. Watch our website for new and upcoming information. www.emeraldmusicfestival.com



*Leslie Gavlas at the AIMS Farmers' Market
(or possibly in the desert), by Brian Little*



Island Art Show

October 8, 2016 2pm – 5 pm

Open to all residents of Amherst Island.

Up to 3 entries per participant.

Work can be two-dimensional: ready for hanging or Craft Related.

All works must be for sale.

The Lodge retains a 25% commission on sales.

This will be a lightly juried show

Entry Forms will be on the website or at the Post Office

**All pieces must be received at The Lodge on Amherst Island on
Friday, September 30, 2016.**

Amherst Island Beacon

Submit Now for October

The deadline for the October issue of the Beacon is September 25th
if you have contributions, ads, ideas, or suggestions
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The Tragically Hip

- Terry McGinn

On the 20th of August Bruce and Carrie Sudds hosted a viewing of the live CBC broadcast of the final concert of the Tragically Hip that was taking place in Kingston at the K-ROCK Centre.

The concert was broadcast on the side of the carriage house, with audio supplied by Jacob Murray. Bruce told me he had only bought the screen on which the concert was projected that very morning. A great purchase if ever I heard one!

I think it's safe to say that the concert was enjoyed by all who attended; the more fervent and the more casual fans alike.

The concert was broadcast in its entirety, with the CBC sacrificing its coverage of the Olympics in favour of this truly Canadian event.

It was sad; there were times when you could clearly see the awareness on Gord Downie's face that he was singing a favourite song the last time for an audience. But it was also exultant. It was a celebration of a long career and the expression of love for the art and the audience.

It was a nice evening with friends; an experience better shared than undertaken alone, I think.

I would like to say thank you to Bruce and Carrie for their hospitality, and to Jacob for the audio know-how and to everyone else who helped, or attended, because they made for a very special night that will be long remembered.



All eyes on Gord Downie, by Brian Little

Upcoming Events

Friday, September 2

Sing-a-long at The Back Kitchen

Starts at 7:00 pm

Come early for dinner and stay for the sing-a-long. All voices and instruments welcome. Talent appreciated but not necessary!

Sunday, September 4

5:30 to 7:00 pm St. Paul's Fish Fry

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Monday, September 5 (Labour Day)

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Saturday, September 10

8:00 am Amherst Island Men's Society meets at the Back Kitchen. Carl McCrosky will talk about living off the grid. Nominal charge for breakfast. Guests and those new to the Island are especially welcome!

Wednesday, September 15

Deadline for submission of updates to the 2017 Women's Institute Telephone Directory. You can add a cell number, off-Island telephone number or email address. Submit your information to amherstislandwomensinstitute@gmail.com or fill out a form at the Post Office.

Wednesday, September 21

7:00 pm Women's Institute Meeting. Guests and new members welcome. Contact Joyce Haines 634-7894

Sundays, September 4, 11, 18, 25

10:30 am - Worship at St. Alban's

11:00 am - Worship at St. Paul's

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Send information about upcoming events to editor@amherstislandbeacon.com, or submit online.



Photo by Brian Little



THE CORPORATION OF LOYALIST TOWNSHIP

NOTICE

OF A PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING A CHANGE IN ROAD NAME

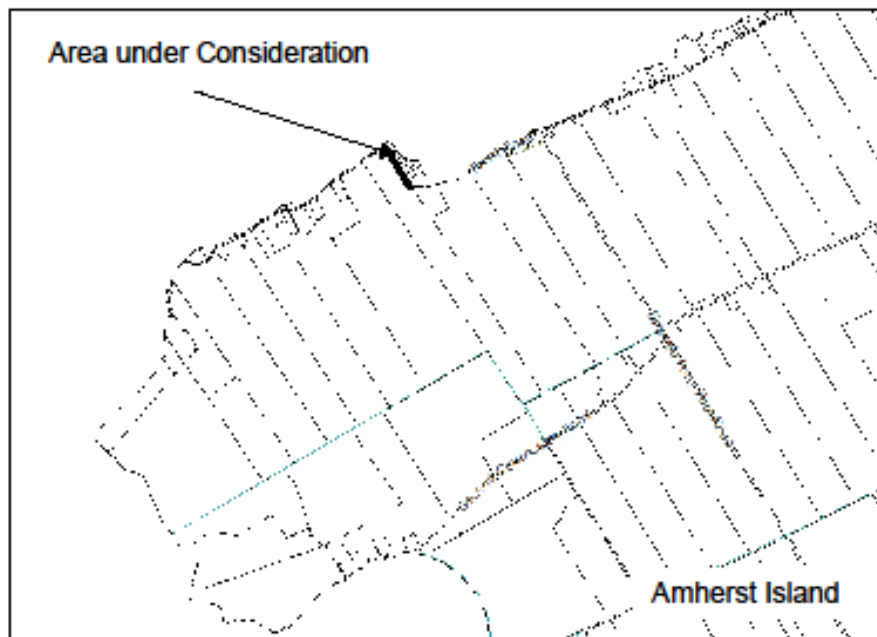
TAKE NOTICE that Council for The Corporation of Loyalist Township will be considering a by-law, pursuant to Sections 27 and 28 of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, at its meeting of Monday, September 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter in the Odessa Administration Building, 263 Main Street, Odessa to rename a portion of Front Road to Drumgoole Lane.

As part of the Front Road reconstruction project, it was necessary to realign Front Road and close a section of road, resulting in a remnant road allowance that requires a name.

Any questions or enquiries may be directed to David Casemore Planning Technician/ GIS Coordinator at (613) 386-7351, extension 129.

Dated at Loyalist Township this 18th day of August 2016.

Paul Snider, Township Clerk
Loyalist Township
263 Main Street, P.O. Box 70
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 between 8:15 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday to Thursday and 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Friday until September 2nd and after that date between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday or e-mail info@loyalist.ca

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Dave Meikle: 613-328-8892

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Last Month's Solution

Back Kitchen Menu

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 U B C N U B L E Z T E R P G E
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PORTOBELLO	GARDEN
MUSHROOM	HOTDOG
TOMATO	HAMBURGER
EGGS	FRENCH FRIES
SANDWICH	CLUBHOUSE
BLT	CHICKEN
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Presenter:

Dr. Christopher Cooper
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Date & Time:

Saturday, September 17, 2016
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location:

L&A County Museum & Archives
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Regular maintenance and recent refinishing of wood siding and trim on this turn of the century farmhouse near Conway means that the verandah looks much the same today as it did in the 1940s.

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In providing tips for the do-it-yourself homeowner, Dr. Cooper will illustrate how simple maintenance and effective repair techniques can create a comfortable older home that retains its vintage charm. Among the many topics to be covered will be the repair of original wood windows and doors to make them as efficient as modern replacements. How to refinish interior trim, stairs and flooring will be addressed, as well as how to manage roofs and foundations. Dealing with stone and brick and the repair of wood rot will be included, along with the repair and replication of wooden gingerbread and millwork elements.

The Symposium is free but space is limited. To reserve your seats please RSVP Susan Beckel at 613-354-3351, Ext. 2014 or sbeckel@greaternapanee.com.

From the Archives

September 1986 – Issue 104

Anniversary Celebration

– Sally Bowen

"One Hundred and fifty years of continuous worship on this site is an accomplishment to be proud of."

Archdeacon Caswell was addressing a capacity crowd in St. Alban's Anglican church on Sunday, September 14th. The congregation from Bath came to share the occasion. Guest organist Mr. Bill Caldwell and guest soloist Mr. Peter Schaub made the 150 year anniversary service beautiful with their music. Mr. Victor Simkins, Mr. Albert Simkins, Rev. Carne and Stephen Ward read to the congregation.

After the service, a delicious potluck luncheon in the community hall was ample for the crowd of perhaps 300 people. After lunch, the youth group performed a skit, telling the history of the Island churches and the many families involved. They were supported by songs from the Sunday School children. The groups then joined in a rousing version of "Celebrate, celebrate, the church's special day". Beth Forester and Judy Miller did a wonderful job writing skits and songs, and preparing the students.

The Salvation Army band arrived and filled the hall with its fine music, celebrating God and our continuing strong Island community.

Amherst Island Public School

– Primary Class

Our first week of school was:

- * Fun because we had a muffin day.
- * Fantastic because Mrs. Forester took it easy on us the first day!
- * Good because we played a muffin muncher game.
- * Wonderful because we made muffin man hats.
- * Super because we got to do lots of fun stuff?
- * Short because we were busy.

– Thoughts from the Junior Room

We started school on September 2nd. We received all our books the second day of school. We are already studying the gypsy moth. At recess, when we were playing football, Jill fell off of the bridge and broke her arm. But other than that, it was a good week!

My first week at school was:

- * Exciting Great. Fun.
- * I enjoyed the first week of school because I was with all my friends
- * It was interesting
- * It was fun
- * It was exciting and went so fast
- * I enjoyed the first day of school because we had no homework.

Thanks Editor & Staff

– Chris Glenn

Once more we would like to pay tribute to the editor of the "Beacon" and his many helpers, for the perseverance and good work they do, in keeping our Island newspaper going.

I am sure none of us have any idea of the many hours that are put into getting this little paper out to all the interested readers.

But, as the editor says "It takes input from all of us, to make it interesting", so come on Islanders, with articles, criticism or whatever.

One thing I would like to comment on!!

Is there nothing that can be done about the weeds on the island farms that are not in use?

We drove down the Marshall 40 foot lately and were shocked to see the vast fields of wild carrot, that are being let go to seed and will eventually seed and pollute all the good farmland. The worst culprit is the Osborne property which was used last year and is now just thick with weeds. It is not only on the fields, but our roadsides are also being taken, over by this hard-to-kill weed. Is there no spraying programme that could be put into action by the council to overcome this threat to our good farmland?

We had some western farmers visiting us lately and they couldn't believe what they saw in this eastern farm area, where there seems to be no control as far as weeds are concerned.

Their land is so clean and well kept in the west, for the most part, it surely was an eye opener for them. Anyone else got anything to say on this question??

Island History

This is a copy of a letter submitted to the Beacon by Dave Willard.

Dear David,

Since you are interested in the Willard family tree I decided to send you some more information that has come to me recently. I have a cousin in Leamington who gave it to me. (Her grandfather & my grandfather were brothers.) Her name is Effie Woods (never married) The story goes - in England.

Jonathan Willard came to work for the Monroe family, who had several horses and carriages. Looking after these was his work. He became interested in their daughter Lydia and they got married. As they were rich people they disowned her. Jonathan and Lydia came to the U.S. and landed at Salisbury. This must have been in the early 1800's.

According to the book, Amherst Island Loyalist Links written by Russ Waller

- George A. was born in 1802 in U.S.

His children must have been

1- George M. born in 1824 in U.S. married to Jane born 1832 in Ireland.

2- Charles B. (my grandfather) born 1834 married Elizabeth Barry born 1835

3- Lidy born 1836

4- Jonathan born 1839

I must tell you, too, about my grandmother, Elizabeth Barry who was blind in her later years, never went for the cows without bringing an apron full of rocks for the foundation of the barn and the stone fence in front of the farm that was owned by Hugh Drumgoole. It stands there now. She carried most of the rock used in it.

There is nothing in the book about the Barrys but Barry's Point was part of their farm. Daniel Fowler sat on that point to do many of his paintings.

I hope that this is not too exhausting to read but thought you might be interested.

Sincerely

Jennie K. (Jennie (Willard) Kerr

Inspirational Thoughts

- *A Friend*

I can think of no lovelier season than harvest time, particularly for those of us who live in a rural area or who have a productive garden.

There can be few things more satisfying than eating something you have grown yourself - fresh lettuces, crisp runner beans and ripe tomatoes or picking a glorious coloured bunch of dahlias.

Wherever we live, we may be grateful for yet another harvest safely home, for those who have worked on the land to bring it about, and for the providence of God in giving us our daily bread:

For it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand this prayer (author unknown) expresses harvest thoughts beautifully.

For rosy apples, juicy plums,
And yellow pears so sweet,
For hips and haws on bush and hedge

And flowers at our feet:

For ears of corn all ripe and dry,
And coloured leaves on trees,
We thank you Heavenly Father God.
For such good gifts as these.

A Letter Home

- *Sally Bowen*

I'm writing this letter quickly as the "There's Nothing To Eat In This House" pair will be home from school soon. Doors will bang, the fridge will be repeatedly opened and shut and the television will come on. It always takes me a few moments to shift from the peaceful solitude of my days to the furious after school frenzy which descends. However, I wouldn't have it any other way.

Today, was one of those warm, sunny autumnal days. The water was sparkling, the crickets are doing their thing and the wasps are looking for winter nesting places. The torrential rainfall over the past few days has assured an extended pasture season. This means the sheep will be able to continue grazing as nature intended and we will not have to feed hay yet.

Unfortunately, during this rainfall we were trying to shear about 1500 lambs before sending them to market.

Seeing as we don't have enough places to keep them all under cover, we only got half done and the rest will be sheared this week. It all takes a great deal of organizing and Mother Nature usually has the last say.

While we on Amherst Island carry on our day to day lives, amalgamation talks have been going on. In many ways I feel helpless and don't understand how this will save money. Perhaps the powers that be know more than we do, but I doubt it.

I'm going to say goodbye now. Before the sun starts to set, I want to go outside and feel it's warmth on my face. We have too few warm days left to let this one go by unappreciated.

All our best.

September 2006 - Issue 342

UPDATE OF PROGRESS OF IRISH STONE FENCES AT PENTLAND CEMETERY
- Judith Harrower

Throughout June and the first two weeks of May this year, the east fence was excavated ready for Bill Hedges' working clinic on July 11-13. This was tackled by Joyce Haines, Stella O'Byrne and Judith Harrower and often we would lose one of the three in the trench. Bill was with many new and previous volunteers on two of the three days, (one was rained out) and the wall was extended nearly all the way to the north corner.

However, with very little stone to work with on this side many trips of donated stone were brought in

by volunteers, with Ross Haines as the driver, Allan Kidd, Gordon and Lynn Miller, Joyce Haines and her grandson, Michael and Judith Harrower. One of the best offers that was presented to the stone fence committee was that Jacob and Kyle Murray and crew made many trips bringing stone to the Cemetery. What a wonderful help and many thanks, gentlemen, for making such a generous contribution.

As quickly as we brought stone it was used in a day as Bill returned twice more in July and the east stone fence has turned the corner! Throughout August and September the fence will be completed to its proper height, but more stone is needed to do so.

Please if any of you that have field stone that you would like to get rid of please call Joyce Haines at 613-634-7894 and your stone will be part of history on the Island.

You are invited to come to Pentland and see what has been accomplished in the last two and a half years. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time and effort making this huge project a reality.

THANK YOU from the Stone Fence



Photo by Brian Little