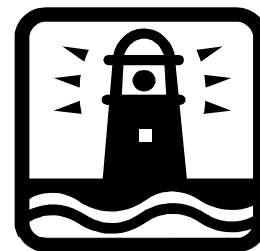


Amherst Island Beacon



Issue 470 There's always another boat. June 2019

Notes from Jude

First, I have an apology to make. We make a mistake in the May 2019 issue of The Beacon by publishing an article on Kirk Dunn by Ayesha Barmania. She had actually produced this work for Broadview Magazine, and we reprinted it without the permission of either Ms Barmania or the magazine. That issue has since been corrected to no longer contain that content. It was an oversight on our part which we regret. Our sincere apologies to Ms Barmania.

Well the water is still rising and I think is going to reach a record high. Trees, buildings, shore wells, etc are under water. Please send pictures of this for the next Beacon.

I still need some submissions, stories, poems, minutes of your club meetings, what is happening on the Island, what happened on the Island in the past.

I don't have a lot to say. I'm looking forward to the Dance with Shylo. You all were a great help with the CJAI fund raising. I'm looking forward to the new transmitter and a new location.

I sold my motorcycle last fall and I'm really missing it right now. There are lots of bikes around Kingston. I keep looking for mine.

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A blast from the Past from Jackie Baxter

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Agricultural Society

April 2019

Dear Amherst Island Resident:

The Amherst Island Agricultural Society (A.I.A.S.) is open for business.

The Society is organized as a Corporation under the authority of the Agricultural and Horticultural Organization Act of the Province of Ontario, has its own Constitution and a Board of nine Directors including a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Society's business is guided by the 'objects' as stated in the *Agricultural and Horticultural Organizations Act* which read as follows:

The objects of an agricultural society are to encourage an awareness of agriculture and to promote improvements in the quality of life of persons living in an agricultural community by,

- a) researching the needs of the agricultural community and developing programs to meet those needs;*
- b) holding agricultural exhibitions featuring competitions for which prizes may be awarded;*
- c) encouraging the beautification of the agricultural community;*
- d) supporting and providing facilities to encourage activities intended to enrich rural life; and*
- e) conducting or promoting horse races when authorized to do so by a By-Law of the Society.*

Before we can begin with Object a), we would like more Islanders to join the Society.

This letter is an invitation for Islanders to join (or renew) your Society membership (Membership \$20) by applying to Dayle Gowan-Secretary, Amherst Island Society (613-217-3815)

Steps after this will include a request to all Members, and the community at large, for their suggestions regarding the needs of the Island's Agricultural Community.

If you would like to participate in a committee to review and recommend activities and projects, please advise the President or Secretary.

Mark Ritchie, President,
April, 2019.



Hugh Jenney – AIMS Secretary

AIMS Minutes

Hugh Jenney

Ten community minded men enjoyed a delicious, full, hot breakfast thanks to ISLE volunteers TJ and Ainslie Wronski and her daughter, Alisa.

Dave McGinn thanked them with a round of applause from us all.

Kirk Corkery was also showered with a round of applause for having taken over Hugh Jenney's secretarial duties while he was enjoying Mexico's soft summer breezes for four months.

Treasurer's Report by Dave Pickering: We are running low on funds which will hopefully be replenished from our AI Auction which is being held August 31. In light of the above Allen Caughey moved seconded by Hubert Groot that we pass on giving money to the Waterside Summer Series and the Emerald Music Festival. Carried unanimously.

A full discussion was held regarding the Recreation Committee's decision to quit hosting the July 1 celebration.

We hope somebody else will take on the AI tradition.

Now that John Harrison has moved to the mainland, Mark Raymond and Anders Bennick have agreed to water, prune and weed the garden at our AI Museum. Thank you, gentlemen.

The flower baskets are being prepared by Richard Lapointe and Dave McGinn. They will call for help when needed later.

Allen Caughey mentioned that a lot of our resaleable goods were stored in his barn. Marc Raymond, Richard and Dave volunteered to work on setting up our AIMS cart on Saturday, May 18 for our first of the season debut. Other volunteers are welcome. Please wear your blue T shirt.

AI Auction Saturday, August 31: Donators are encouraged to bring their valuable donations to Centennial Park early that Saturday. Call Dave McGinn 613 453 8399 for help.

Marc Raymond volunteered his tarp.

Our first mailout should be going out soon.

Don Pepper's memorial tree was discussed. Marc recommended that we plant a native red maple and that we should order it now for early Spring planting. Locations were discussed and many supported planting it down by the dock. Moved by Marc and seconded by Hugh that Dave should ask Loyalist for permission to do so. Carried.

Another idea was to ask our school board for a memorial corner of their grounds for AIMS members (we have given so much to the school). A tree and a plaque of remembrance would be very welcome.

Speakers: Hugh Jenney proposed having the federal candidates, one at a time, to tell us what they plan to do for AI. Dave Pickering reminded us that we are a

non-partisan group who wish to be informed about everything that affects us all here on AI.

Dave McGinn has a couple of potential members who may join and tell us about how they arrived on AI. It was agreed that if he could get an Island speaker within two weeks that they would be our speakers for our June 8 meeting; otherwise, we would get a candidate.



Amherst Island 4 H Tea Party



Left: Diane Pollock's horse



Right
Beau is a new arrival at Tara and Dave Meikles's



By Woody Woodiwiss



By Shirley Miller



By Terry Culbert

Township Information Gathering Session

by David Pickering

On Wednesday 29 May, the townships conducted an information gathering session at the Amherst Island municipal offices to determine concerns and priorities for Islanders. Invitations had been sent to a variety of people representing various island organizations or interests. Included were representatives from the WI, AIMS, the Agricultural Society, small business, and the AICI. The session was introduced by our Mayor, Ric Bresee and the CAO Syd Silver. It was moderated by Erik Lockhart from Queen's University (Business) and our Councillor, Nathan Townend, was also in attendance.

Using a system of networked laptops with purpose-built software for collaborative planning, Erik guided the attendees in a process of generating goals and then prioritizing them into specific objectives that the Township can work towards in the next few years. We also examined the perceived strengths and weaknesses of the Island, the Township support to it, and how we can emphasize the former and reduce the latter.

Overwhelmingly, the highest priority for improvement was roads and drainage. Other points included support for seniors and establishing an attractive home for younger families. It was suggested that improved infrastructure in both telecommunications and transport could help both areas of our population.

A report will be forthcoming; from our session and similar sessions held in other areas of Township.

For those who want more information, the following people represented the Island: Julie Leeder, Hugh Filson, Alex Forrester, Andrew Forrester, Mike Walhout, Mark Ritchie, Beth Forrester, Sharen English, David Pickering, David McGinn, Terry McGinn, Joan Simpson and Lynn Fleming.

Birds



**Left: An Oriole in a Pear Tree
at Topsy Farms from Brian Little**



**Right: Cliff swallow nest at Judy Wambara's
and John Davergne's**



Baltimore Orioles are back from Terry Culbert



Baltimore Oriole and Rosebreasted Grosbeak

Back Kitchen



You might have noticed, but The Back Kitchen is open again for the season. The popular fish Frydays are back, then change the oil in the cookers to support the fresh donuts on Saturday mornings. (I'm glad the new manager, Elena Moffat, earned her pastry chef qualification.) There are lots of new menu items, with old favourites as well including a wonderful selection of ice cream. (Ask for any of the flavours in a milkshake but be aware the pralines clog the straws.) Watch the blackboard for special offers or events.



Left: Elena Moffat, Manager of The Back Kitchen

Below: Assistant Manager, Jack Little



Events

Canada Day Bike Decorating Event for the Kids!!!!

Attention Parents and Grandparents!

Are you looking for something to keep your kids busy on Canada Day while waiting for the parade to begin?

St Albans Anglican Church is holding a Free Bike Decorating event for children from 3-5pm on Canada Day. We will have lots of craft materials for bike decorating - but feel free to bring your own!

Coffee and Timbits will be available for the adults while they wait for their charges to create their rolling masterpieces!

After the bike decorating is complete the bikes can be left at St Albans churchyard until the parade begins.

We hope to see you there! - St Albans

Save the date!



Join us for the 71st Annual Garden Party

Saturday July 27, 2019 @ 11 am

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church
Stella 40 Foot Road, Amherst Island

Home Baking
Pie & Ice Cream
White Elephant - Books - Music
Quality Used Clothing - Silent Auction
BBQ & Lemonade ... and much more!



ALL WELCOME!

(no dogs, please)

Market opens for another season.



The AIMS cart was open for business, the Women's Institute was there, the vans were parked, and the tables were out. There was one spot open on the right side. No one wants to take it yet.

We miss you Barb.



Saturdays June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at Centennial Park
9:00 am to Noon Market
Ongoing on Saturdays until Thanksgiving. AIM's market cart, WI coffee and muffins, baking, plants and vegetables!

Sundays June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
10:30 am Worship at St. Alban's
11:00 am Worship at St. Paul's

Tuesdays
9:00 am to 2:00 pm Internet Cafe at the Museum
Bill and David invite you to bring your computer, iPad, tablet, PC, and connectivity challenges to the Internet Café. You decide what problem you would like to solve. Please donate a toonie to the Museum.

June 8 and 9 at The Lodge on Amherst Island
Rheni Tauchid Art Workshop. Rheni is very excited about her upcoming workshop on Amherst Island! She is going to be covering a lot of different techniques like Glazing, Extruded Linear elements, Pouring, Stencilling, Encaustic-like effects, Stucco and cement textures, printing, and more!
Visit <https://www.rhenitauchid.com/amherst-island-2019.html> for more information and to reserve your spot!

Wednesday June 19 at the home of Lily
2:00 pm Women's Institute Meeting
Guests and visitors welcome. Contact Lily if you would like to attend

Friday June 14 at the Neilson Store Museum and Cultural Centre
7:00 pm Back Room Talk Lynann Clapham and Chris Laffin explored Uganda. Hear about their important work and adventure! Free. Donations to the Museum invited. Refreshments following the talk.

Saturday June 15 at the "Stella Bay Dock Park"
10 am to Noon - Come Out and Play Trailer
The Come Out & Play trailer offers a variety of fun equipment for children. Whether it be giant Connect 4, Jenga or ladderball, everyone can enjoy this leisurely play time for FREE! Refer to page 19 of the Loyalist Township Spring and Summer Recreation Guide. The Come Out & Play Trailer is generously sponsored by the Loyalist Community Sharing Centre. The Township adds: Please be advised that children are to be supervised by their parent or caregiver at all times while participating with the Come Out and Play Trailer.

Sunday June 16 at Topsy Farms
9:00 am – 1:00 pm Dyeing Yarn Naturally
\$45/person, including yarn. Leader - Christopher Walker aka @cabinboyknits on Instagram. Learn to forage for early summer plants on our land to make natural dye baths. We will wash and prepare hanks of Topsy Farms yarn then will dye them over an open fire. Christopher will teach the basics of natural dyeing and their stages. Students will explore the environment for additional possible dyes and where their plants may be sourced. Each person will take their dyed hanks once dried. As the hanks dry, there will be time to use the coals to cook a lamb sausage or food you bring and to visit the Wool Shed.

Friday June 28 at Topsy Farms
10am-noon, \$15/adult, \$5/child
Leader - Shirley French, Kingston Field Naturalists
Celebrate the end of classes by getting mucky. All ages are welcome; kids encouraged. We will use dip nets to explore the life in the pond, transferring our findings to containers where they may be best observed, then returning them safely to their home. Tadpoles, tiny fish, insects, leeches, worms, marsh plant life and other treasures may be discovered. Rubber boots are a must. We strongly recommend bringing a change of clothes just in case of a fall. This is not a groomed area. Prepare to get mucky.



Explore a marsh!

Monday July 1 Happy Canada Day!

6:30 pm Parade assembles at St. Alban's and heads to the Community Centre at 7. I'd be grateful if the new Recreation Committee could advise if other Canada Day events are planned.

Saturday, July 13 at St. Paul's

4:15 PM Waterside

True North Brass Tickets \$37

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/true-north-brass-tickets-55453535016>

Thursday, July 18 at St. Paul's

7:15 PM Waterside

Brazilian Guitar Quartet Tickets \$37

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/brazilian-guitar-quartet-tickets-55453690481>

Friday July 19 at St. Paul's

8:00 pm "Downward Facing Broad"

Deb Kimmett and Kim are doing a show Downward Facing Broad on Amherst Island at St. Paul's on July 19th with 5 dollars from each ticket going to the Back Kitchen. Sponsored by @Lorna Willis Lorna Willis-Sales Representative - Royal Lepage ProAlliance Realty. Tickets are on sale at the Back Kitchen. \$5 of each ticket goes to Back Kitchen. So it's a good thing.

Is 60 is the new 40? Deborah Kimmett in her CBC comedy special, Downward-Facing Broad, says no. Her show is a hilarious look at how life becomes a slippery slope once the seniors' discount kicks in.

How do we stay relevant past a certain age? Tune in as Deborah disses on doing combat at Aquafit, takes on a sexist Rotarian (pistols may have been involved) and plans for survival techniques as she becomes part of the largest aging population in Canadian history.

Saturday July 27 at St. Paul's

11:00 am 71st Annual Garden Party

THE Island event of the summer - Home Baking, Pie & Ice Cream

White Elephant - Books - Music Quality Used

Clothing - Silent Auction BBQ & Lemonade ... and much more!

Monday July 29 to August 2 Animal Planet

Loyalist Township Day Camp

Fee: \$150.00 Location: Amherstview Community Hall or Amherst Island

This program is for campers who love animals. Participants will learn about animals found in different parts of the world and what makes them

unique. Refer to Spring Summer Recreation Guide Page 17

<http://www.loyalisttownship.ca/index.cfm/residents/recreation/2019-spring-summer-recreation-program-guide/>

Friday to Sunday August 9 - 11 at the Simpson Farm
12675 Front Road

Emerald Music Festival. Friday \$15, Saturday \$30, Sunday \$15 Weekend pass including camping \$50. Children under 12 free. Contact Joan at 613-389-8297 for tickets. www.emeraldmusicfestival.com

Saturday, August 10 at St. Paul's

4:15 PM Waterside

Gryphon Trio Tickets \$37

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/gryphon-trio-tickets-55453875033>

Thursday, August 15 at St. Paul's

4:15 PM Waterside

Ensemble Made in Canada Tickets \$37

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/ensemble-made-in-canada-tickets-55454133807>

Sunday August 18 at the Willard Farm on South Shore

9:30 am 2019 Woolly Bully Races

The Woolly Bully is a terrific family event which has three different distances: 1K Kids Fun Run, 5K/10K races.

The 10K race counts for points towards the KRRRA members Race Series standings. The 10K is also the final event in the 'Tri-Island Series,' which also includes the "Howe Island Hustle" and the "Wolfe Island 5K." Go to www.krra.org for details on both 2019 series.

Races: 5/10K events held on a very scenic out and back route along the South Shore of Lake Ontario. There will be at least 2 aid stations, each kilometer will be marked.

1K Fun Run: A timed event for children 5-12 years of age on an out and back course. It will be timed but there will be no prizes for top runners. Parents can run with their children if they feel it necessary but not required to register. Each child will receive a souvenir ribbon at the finish line and refreshments. Location: The race site is at the farm of Dave Willard, Amherst Island, 600 South Shore Road. Signs will direct you to the site once you leave the ferry. There will be portable toilets and a baggage check will be provided.

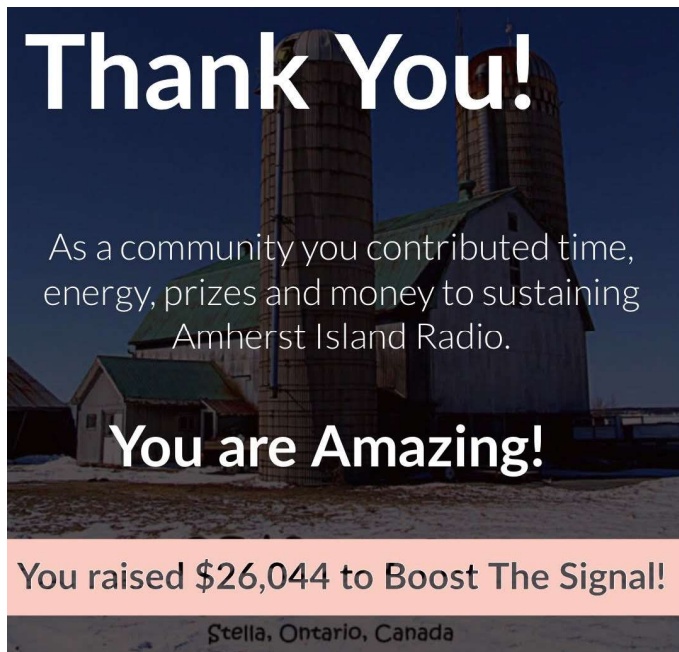
August 18 to 23 at The Lodge on Amherst Island
Fresh Strokes Artist Retreat. Enjoy a new horizon

of expression with Artist Sharlena Wood. For more information contact the Lodge
thelodgeonamherstisland@gmail.com

Friday to Sunday September 13 to 15
Dry Stone Festival on Amherst Island
Exciting time as wallers and carvers come from around the world. Billets needed! Please contact Bonnie Livingstone if you can offer a room or two.

Check with Lynn Wyminga about volleyball / baseball and ISLE Orders for Wilton Cheese! Pickleball is ongoing!

Congratulations



Thank You!

As a community you contributed time, energy, prizes and money to sustaining Amherst Island Radio.

You are Amazing!

You raised \$26,044 to Boost The Signal!

Stella, Ontario, Canada

Note from the Treasurer of CJAI radio

Thank you so much for your support for our fund raising. The latest figures (4 June) have us approaching \$26.5K pledged. We still have work to do to change that to money-in-the-bank. If anyone is wondering how to fulfill their pledge, the paypal and GoFundMe links are still active on our web page. You can mail us cheques at CJAI, 5830 Front Rd, Stella ON K0H 2S0. You can e-transfer money to treasurer@cjai.ca or you can drop off cash or cheques at the station. If you choose to e-transfer, please contact someone at the station to pass on the password for your transaction.



**Happy anniversary
Bruce and Carrie**



**Happy Mother's Day
Sandra Reid and Brooke**



**Congratulations to AI volunteers who were recognized at the Township Volunteer Appreciation Event.
Anders Bennick, Bruce Burnett, Carol Glenn, Bonnie Livingstone, and The Back Kitchen volunteers**



Happy Birthday Pam McCormick



Happy birthdays

Left, Monika Sychra

Right, Karen Miller





Above: Janet Scott's grandson Troy



**Right: Hailey.
Carol and Paul Glenn's great granddaughter, Annette's granddaughter, Tori's daughter**



Left: Jason Fleming with Lynn

Right: Happy Mother's Day to Ma Mooney from Mooney



Below: Happy Birthday Laurene Kilpatrick with Warren



Travels



from David McGinn

I had the opportunity on the weekend of June 29-31 to sail on the St Lawrence II as part of the spring shakedown/ alumni cruise.

I sailed with my daughter and granddaughter, both of whom are alumni. Three generations of alumni, a first for the Tall Ship Adventures.

I last sailed as a watch officer in the summer of 1969. In 2002 I sent my son Dan and daughter Kelsie from Edmonton to sail. It was their great adventure. My daughter took to it and finagled two cruises the next summer.

In recent years my granddaughter has been sailing on St. Lawrence II and her sister ship on Pathfinder.

On this cruise we spent a quiet Friday night anchored in the lee of Simco Island and I volunteered for the 6:00 am watch and was rewarded with a beautiful sunrise over the river. At 08:00 we hoisted sail and headed west “with a bone in our teeth”! We encountered a complete mixture of weather from almost hitting mast speed on a port reach having to heave to and douse all sail because of a disturbing looking cloud formation running from Bath to Kingston. (We later read about the wind damage in Kingston). Good call from our skipper.

We looked at the time and decided to motor into Stella Bay because I

convinced the crew that a good meal could be had at the Back Kitchen.

The picture below is me with the girls with the ferry in the background. And the other is the ship coming into home port with my lovely wife (Linda) and my dog (Chester) patiently waiting for sea fairing dad.

If anybody that has an interest in this ship, they can contact me at the store or contact: Tall Ship Expeditions Canada at their website.

Youth from 13 to 18 sail on this ship and for many it is the single most character forming event of their lives. There is also a foundation set up to financially assist interested parties that may not have the resources to get on board with this experience.



On the right,
Peggy
Coulter has
champagne
and caviar
during a
different type
of cruise.
From Diana
Coulter



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bruce.maccrimmon@hotmail.com

Amherst Island Women's Institute Medical Equipment Loan Cupboard (wheelchairs, walkers, canes, crutches, bath seats, grab rails, commodes, raised toilet seats). Donations of used equipment in good condition also welcome. Call Sharen English (613)384-6535.

Topsy Farms has fall lamb 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 14005
Front Rd. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. For appointments call 613 328-8892

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LOCAL WILTON CHEESE AT FACTORY PRICES FROM ISLE

Each month ISLE offers cheese from Wilton Cheese Factory for sale to Island residents. Cheese is ordered monthly, picked up fresh in the morning and delivered to the school for evening pickup. Look for a flyer this month which will include varieties and prices.

To order or for info, contact us at 613.888.5726 or by email at amherstislandisle@gmail.com



Cream Soda

One of the many soaps by Laurene Kilpatrick available at our General Store

June Jam



Shylo above at the June Jam from Judy Bierma

YOUR NEW ISLAND REC COMMITTEE PRESENTS

June Jam with SHYLO live

Saturday, June 1, 2019
Amherst Island Community Centre
Tickets \$15

Come for an evening of live music to help raise funds for future community events.

Doors open at 7 p.m.
Band at 8 p.m.
Light buffet at 10 p.m.

Tickets at The Back Kitchen (opening May 11) or call:
Jeff 613-453-2907 or Bonnie 613-389-5729

This is an age of majority event.

INTRODUCING YOUR REC COMMITTEE:
Bob Browne, Jeff Forester, Steve Kennedy,
John Mayman, Sherry Miller, Mike Walhout,
Lorna Willis, Lynn Wyminga

JULY 1 CANADA DAY FIREWORKS ARE BOOKED!
DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

SOLD OUT

It was a wonderful event, attended by about 200 people.

Music was great, though the acoustics of the gym leave much to be desired. The food was excellent and everyone seemed to have a marvelous time.

Congratulations to Alex Scott who was the big winner of the night, walking away with the 50/50 draw and a significant boost to his wallet.

Thank you to the organizers, the musicians, and all who attended. See you next year!



Our sympathy to Lynn and Larry Fleming over their loss of Bentley

Museum Notes



Neilson Store Museum and Cultural Centre

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Present: Anders Bennick (President & Chair), Bruce Burnett, Carol Glenn (Treasurer), Bonnie Livingstone (Secretary), Karen Miller, Janet Scott and Thomas Sylvester

Guest: Andrea Cross

Regrets: Warren Kilpatrick and Terry McGinn

1. Welcome: Anders Bennick welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially thanking Andrea Cross for attending.
2. Dry Stone Wall Festival: Andrea Cross explained that Dry Stone Canada was organizing an International Dry Stone Festival from September 14 to 15, 2019 on Amherst Island. A number of projects are being planned: a wood-fired bread pizza oven, waterside seating area at The Lodge, finishing the curved retaining wall at The Lodge, restoration work at Poplar Dell and a stone-carving workshop. Andrea is expecting around 2,000 people to visit Amherst Island that weekend, with a variety of entertainment, tours and demonstrations to be part of the festival.
Volunteers are needed. At this time, Andrea requested a letter of support from the Museum. All agreed and Anders will write a letter of support on behalf of the Board of Directors. The Board also agreed that the Neilson Store Museum would be open to visitors that weekend and would be happy to help Andrea with her volunteer search.
3. Approval of Agenda: The Agenda was accepted.
4. Minutes of March 12, 2019 Thomas Sylvester indicated that on page 3 of the Minutes, P.A. Miller Surveying Ltd. of Stirling, Ontario had requested an electronic copy of the William Perceval map. It was moved, seconded and carried that the Minutes of March 12, 2019, be accepted as amended.
5. Business Arising from the Minutes
 - 5.1 – Historical Material – Thomas indicated that the Loyalist Township Office had requested the return of a box of historical material, to ascertain whether the material could be shared with the Museum or needed to remain at the Township Office.
 - 5.2 – Bottle Collection – Anders reminded the Board that the Laurets were retiring as volunteers with our bottle collection. After searching for new volunteers, Anders indicated that he had had little success, despite trying many different avenues. Carol Glenn suggested that she and Paul would be willing to help. She agreed to work with Anders to draw up a volunteer schedule. We will continue to solicit more assistance.
6. Treasurer's Report for March 2019
Carol Glenn distributed the Treasurer's Report for March 2019. This month's report was fairly straightforward, as there had been little activity since our last meeting. Carol confirmed that we are in compliance with Corporation Canada's requirements. It was moved, seconded and carried that the Treasurer's Report for March 2019 be approved.
7. Committee Reports
 - 7.1 – Building and Maintenance Committee – Bruce Burnett reported that the Township continues to search for a date for refinishing our floors. A furnace overhaul will be done on April 25, as the oil tank needs to be replaced. Bruce commented that he had received 2 applications for the summer interpreter roles at the Museum. He also noted that he had received confirmation from The Trophy House that medals for the Woolly Bully Races will remain at the same price as last year.
 - 7.2 – Exhibits Committee – Janet Scott explained that a group of volunteers had recently met with a view to organizing this year's exhibits. This year's photo gallery will have a maritime theme, while Warren Kilpatrick has agreed to organize the "What is it?" exhibit. Our feature exhibit will be the Wool Wreath from Miriam Jane McGinn Kearney. Andrea Cross has agreed to work on a dry stone wall exhibit, while transportation will include a photo of our new ferry. Janet asked Board members to think of a theme for the infrastructure exhibit. Carol suggested docks and wharves of the island.
 - 7.3 – Publicity Committee – Bonnie Livingstone reported on the great Back Room Talk with Suzanne Pasternak's audio presentation of the 1918 Halifax Explosion. After her presentation, Suzanne presented Bonnie with a number of her books and a c.d. for the Museum. Matt Ellerbeck and Save the Frogs is scheduled for April 19th, while Thomas has tentatively booked a talk on the Ham House in Bath, Ontario for Friday, May 17th.
 - 7.4 – Fund-Raising Committee – The Woolly Bully Run was discussed earlier.
It was moved, seconded and carried to accept the committee reports.
8. Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.
9. New Business: There was no new business.
10. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.
11. Next Board Meeting Tuesday, April 30th at 7 pm.

Anders Bennick
Chair & President

Bonnie Livingstone
Secretary



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Our People



Left: People Anthony and Judy's son-in-law Richard with our three grand daughters Loa, Hannah and Tilly

Below: Beautiful day spent with family and first outside dinner of the summer. Betty and David Wemp and family. from Tiffany Walker-Maleska



Right: Estie is getting extra support at the dentist. Thanks Kiki from Carrie Sudds



Left: Ida and George's grand daughter V

Right: Some unknown little fella from Jessica McGinn





Sébastien is EXCITED!
Eric Trembly is the president of CJAI.
This is his son, during the fundraiser week.



Peggy Coulter's three daughters



One black sheep in the family with another from Brian Little



Mind you, white ones don't seem to be much better, judging from the
reaction of Susan Filson.

Rossland: Three dog night

The parlour floor is two inches thick. Under the parlour floor is thirty inches of open space to the rock/earth interface. The parlour floor can get cold in winter time.

The parlour ceiling can get quite warm when the wood stove is on, in winter time.

At times, especially when the wind is blowing hard outside, the difference between the floor and the ceiling may be 20 degrees apart or more.

When Señor Chico, a Havanese breed of dog that belongs to the Bichon type - also known as the "Toy Group" - and who lives in Toronto, came to rossland for the first time, he leapt from the car and rushed about the property. Sniffing and staring, running, sniffing, staring, taking in the wide open space he declared it good.

He found out quickly that he likes to stand directly in the middle of the road. Eight acres of wild greenery and he took a stance in the middle of the Second Concession. So 'mano' that Chico! He stands like a bulldog but has the appearance of a walking teddy bear. Señor Chico stood in the middle of the road and declared ownership.

I get why he likes the road best though.

There has been some road kill on our stretch of the road such as a raccoon (not only torn apart but also with tire tracks running through the bloating, oozing body) and rabbit (coyote kill, eyes in the disembodied head staring without expression, liver poking through the separated abdomen, bitten in half) so I get the snow shovel and scoop the animal parts into the tall grass beside the road. The road must smell enticing to a dog.

Chico knows he's not supposed to like maggoty stinky body parts and he is a total gentleman about it. He acts like he doesn't care but left alone will gradually work his way over to the other side of the road. Like he's aimlessly wandering. Finally he will disappear from view into the tall grass and dog vine. When finally he emerges from the tall grass with rotting flesh and maggots in his fur, it is to shrieks of horror and disgust from the ladies.

Although the Señor will act guilty, you can just tell he thinks it's worth it and he comes over to show off his new 'do'.

We gave him an old antler found in the bush and he attacked it excitedly throwing it all around. He likes that antler a lot. It is old and has green moss stains

on it.

Chico tried to introduce himself to Gary's cows and stood in front of the fence. The cows gathered around and did their stern cow faces at this noisy beige fur ball then moved themselves far away across the field. This pleased Chico very much: these beasts were no match for The Señor!

That night it was bitterly cold out and not a breath of wind. The moon was coming up over the horizon as a huge orange ball, a dirty murky ball reflecting sunlight through atmospheric pollution. The moon appeared artificially large, looking as an alien planet on a collision course with our island.

D was sitting at the parlour table doing 'administrative'. Chico was upstairs in his bed having a nap, dry now from his bath and his belly full with dinner.

Chico gets a bit of mutton with his dinner when he comes to visit. He knows it is a special treat only to be had here and he asks for it. I do not disappoint. If there is nothing pre-made, I'll get a frozen Topsy something from the freezer and slice off some bits, chop it up, nuke it with a little salt and mix it into his biscuits. He loves it. After he has eaten his bikkies and mutton, he comes up and stares intently into my face. Then he gives a little belch and wags his tail. He is saying thank you. I say: 'you are welcome Cheeky.'

That night I was in the workshop for a few hours after dinner and as the full blood orange moon rose, it changed colour as photons from the sun, now shining probably over Asia, bounced off it through less atmospheric density and this moon became silver, a glowing spotlight. Full and shining, the moon lit up the stark winter landscape like a cold and silver sun.

Chico had woken up and was downstairs in the parlour with d. He wanted something and was staring intently at her. When I came in he switched to me and did a little dance. I looked over to his water dish. The water dish was off in a corner, by the stairs to the Hideaway room and from where I was standing I could see it had water in it. 'Well, his dish is full,' says I.

'Maybe it needs refreshing' says d and got up to go over to the water bowl. She picked it up. She turned it upside down. The water stayed in the bowl. It was frozen solid.

'Oh no!' we exclaimed together. The floor gets cold over there for sure.

It got to be around ten thirty in the parlour. The only sound was the ceiling fan circulating hot air rising from the wood stove. D was looking at her laptop, I was trying to make up a to-do list for the next day and we heard the bark.

It was from outside, to the north and it was close. Then there was a second loud howl type bark and we knew the coyotes were here, close, maybe a hundred feet away. Chico stood in the centre of the parlour floor staring at the wall, the north wall. His ears were perked and he gave that wall his full attention.

‘Coyotes are here’, says I,

‘They are close,’ says d.

‘I’m going out to look,’ says I.

Chico wanted out too but threw a quick glance at my face because he wasn’t going out there alone. ‘Not Chico’ says d and she sounded worried. ‘Be careful’.

I put on the black Carhartt cotton coat, held the dog at bay with my foot, opened the door and slid outside.

I am fascinated by the coyotes.

The first day I moved in here, I stood by the side of the house and watched the sun slowly sinking behind the woods. Colours of night in stealthy approach: twilight fading, purple and red to shadow and dark. There was an uneasiness about this waning twilight. As I stood there looking at the woods, the sun almost completely behind them, it seemed that two impossibly huge eyes were staring at me from out of them. My instincts yelled at me to go inside.

I stood there anyway, watching as shadow and dark crept closer up the hill.

It was as I was about to turn aside that lightning came out of a clear night sky and hit me right between the eyes.

It was a howl.

Deep throated, mournful and long; electric and primal it jolted me like touching live wires.

It seemed to be right beside me but I guessed it was about fifty feet away, around where a small outcrop of lilac bush hides the old peacock shed. I could see nothing. When the howl close to me died away, there was another howl, one to answer it, but much further away, north of Robbie’s place.

I backed slowly up the hill, not daring to take my eyes from the lingering silence of the howl until I rounded the edge of the house. I quickly turned and went in, pulling that big red door closed and dropping the old iron hook into the eye. It felt good

to be inside.

The exhilaration stayed with me for some time.

We have heard them many times since but never that close.

Now they were right outside, almost three years later and I wanted more contact.

Dead of winter, brightness of the moonshine daring anything to move through it; I stood in shadow, out of the moonbeams, just under the porch roof. It is a good vantage point from there to see down the hill and around the perimeter of our lilac forest.

That they were there, there was no doubt. Just down the hill or somewhere in the lilac forest. Still, nothing moved in the brilliance.

Then it did.

An animal came out of the forest, exiting at the base of the old mulberry tree.

It trotted out swiftly but not running, coming straight towards me. My eyes darted to the narrow bladed trimming axe three feet past my arm, resting against the kindling pile, but I knew also there was no way I was going to reach for it. Then the animal stopped, about thirty feet from where I stood and turned its profile to me as it looked down the hill. I realized it was unaware of my presence. There was also something odd, this animal was not what I was expecting, it was wrong. This did not appear to be a coyote. Not one that I recognized anyway.

The head was delicate, refined, the snout long and thin. It seemed worried. It looked down the hill as it stood almost on top of our compost pile and did a little dance. I recognized the dance. It was the dance of indecision. The front paws went up and down. The head and shoulders swayed to the left and the right. The body was narrow, the size of a medium to large dog but not husky or muscular.

The coat did not appear to be fur but hair. The hair was long and hung under the belly like dreadlocks, snow was encrusted into the long hair. The colour appeared dark olive and black in the moonshine. I was somewhat in shock and found it hard to process the visual information quickly enough in the few seconds to realize that I may not be looking at a coyote at all.

Then a silver and tan figure slipped out of the woods further down the hill. It moved at a fast trot, coming up the hill towards me. The second animal was unmistakably a coyote. The animal in front of me, on sight of the coyote, made the decision to leave

the obscurity of the woods and move across open space. It wanted to hug the shadow of the house and came straight at me. In that instant d, who was watching through the parlour window called out a warning: 'There's many of them' she called out, fear in her voice, 'they're coming up the hill'

'I can see it' I replied as quietly as I could. From my vantage point I could see only the one coyote. My heart was racing. The spoken communication alerted the animals that we were watching and the one before me changed course and swiftly trotted around the corner of the house and was gone.

The coyote down the hill also heard and turned around. Like a darting silver and brown fish it turned back into the woods. The stillness returned to the silence and the deadly game continued unobserved.

At that instance I realized the animal before me could be prey. What it was, I do not know.

I stepped back inside to d, Chico and the fire.

The Outback Australians have a term for a very cold night. It is called a 'three dog night' because that is the number of dogs you bring into your tent to keep warm.

Minus eighteen is certainly a three dog night. I think that night qualified.



**People Welcome back on the Island Connie Free,
Bonnie Baker's daughter**



Above, we see a rock off shore from Patricia-Craig Harris-Vincent's place on 2nd concession. One week later, it looked like this below:



Still, it will probably sustain less damage than Judy Wambara's shed, seen below.





**Kristy Grange - Susan's daughter; Allison Dickson - Susan's niece; Tracey Dickson - Susan's niece
Carol Dickson - Susan's sister-in-law; Susan Filson**



From Steve Kennedy

This will be a lengthy post but I hope you can read through to the end.

8 years ago today our family said 'so long, for now' to Dad. He and mom can be seen to the left. He died too young from a disease for which there is still no cure- ALS or Lou Gehrig's disease. Dad faced his affliction with humour, patience and humility, becoming a powerful witness to his deep faith. He was happy to share (and over share) all of the challenges and problems that kept creeping up as the disease progressed through his body. Dad allowed his impending demise and the disease causing it, to define him, and as such, he faced death with a dignity that was inspiring to those around him, including his family, friends and the many health-care professionals who worked with him. In the process, he became, once again, my hero. I'd love to think that someday soon ALS will no longer

deprive families of their loved ones. Maybe you've done an ALS walk, or taken the ice bucket challenge or just simply donated at www.als.ca and if so, thanks.

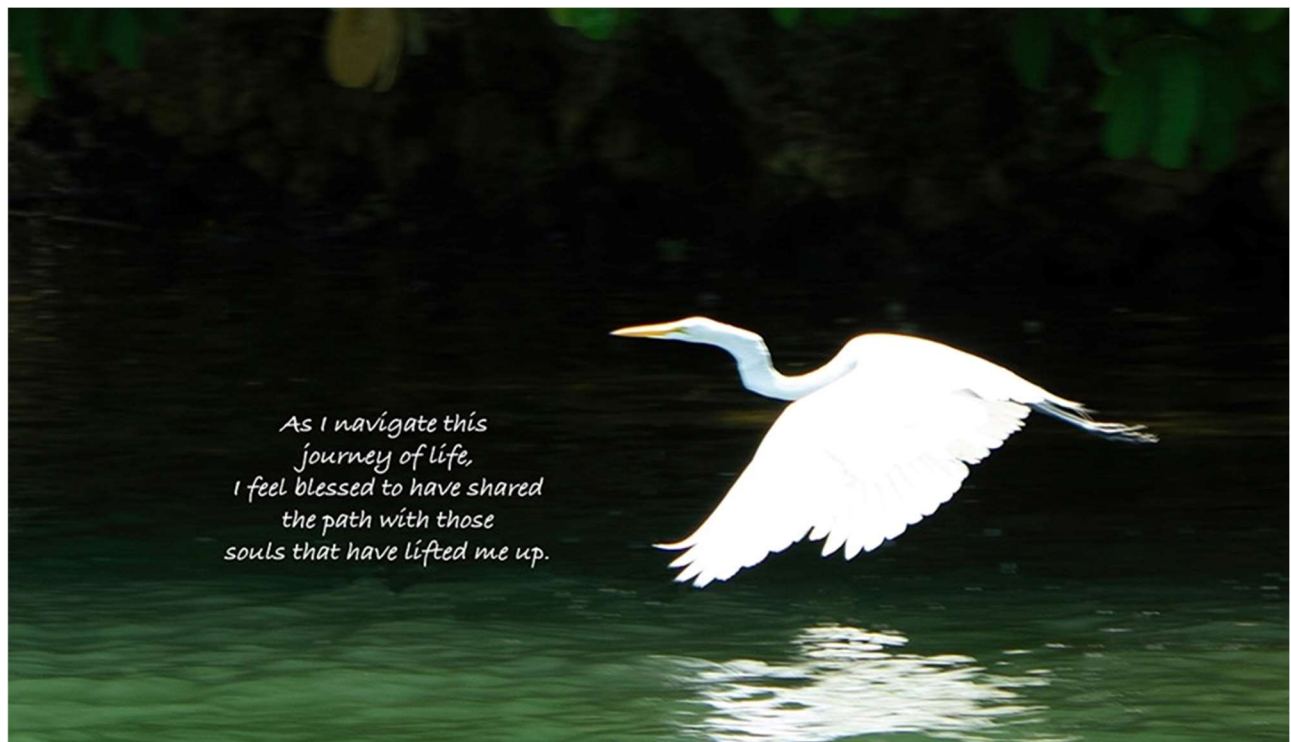
Yet, Dad was far more than just an inspiring person living out his faith in the face of an insidious disease. He was an incredible father. By the time he got around to me, son number 5, Dad was an expert, no longer prone to dumping three kids in diapers on my mom so he could go off hunting for 3 weeks. When I was a child, my Dad shared his love of the outdoors, music, family and faith with me, as we fished on Little Long Lake or hiked Watson's Trail. We listened to recordings of the Max Ferguson Show that Dad taped from the CBC each weekend, and laid on the floor of the basement at night with only the light of the stereo glowing in the room as we listened to Hank Snow reciting Robert Service poems. When there was a lunar eclipse or other celestial event,

we'd paddle out into the middle of the lake and lie on the bottom of the canoe, looking up at the stars. He'd stop the car (no matter where we were heading or how late we might be) to watch a fox hunting in a field, or deer grazing. He'd point out beautiful sunsets or delicate flowers and wonder aloud at the masterful strokes of the Great Artist's beautiful creation. By day, Dad worked as a Probation and Parole officer, a job that brought him into contact with lots of people who made mistakes and who often didn't get second chances. It also allowed him to interact with all different kinds of people. Dad was born with the gift of the gab, and had a willingness to talk to anyone, at any time. Most of all, he lived out his Catholic faith, not only as a daily communicant at Mass, but by the way he demonstrated a deep commitment to Christ's message of love and mercy. Dad was quick to forgive- frustratingly so, sometimes. As I grew into adulthood, this was an area where we frequently clashed- when I'd complain about someone wronging me, he would unfailingly talk about forgiveness, which sometimes made me feel as though he wasn't on my side. But I know now that he was always on my side, and that his advice about forgiveness and mercy, while difficult to enact, remains the right way to live.

When I became an adult, I finally had the kind of relationship with him that my older brothers always seemed to enjoy. He was my friend, and an amazing support. Dad came out to almost every concert or pub gig I ever played, frequently making notes about the set list, or asking about new songs I'd written. We even got to play ball together on the same team in a 3 pitch league one season. Dad was there to help when a pipe leaked, or the oil tank malfunctioned, or the car broke down. When my own kids arrived, Dad, already a grandfather many times over, was a superb Papa. He loved visiting or travelling with the kids. My kids loved him, and still do.

I wish Dani could have gotten to know Dad. He would have loved her incredible spirit, and he would have loved getting to know her sister and parents too. I know that he would dote on Ainsley and Rowan and remind us to wipe their sticky fingers at mealtimes. He would be so thrilled with Vaughn too, and would likely have given the bottom of his feet lots of whisker rubs.

So, if you've read this far, perhaps you could do something for me as a way to honour my Dad's memory? You don't need to offer condolences (but thanks, if you do). First the simple things: Why not call someone you've not heard from in a while? Call your brother or sister, or mom or dad. Say hi to a stranger- ask them about their car, or hat, or whatever. Go see live music. Pledge to CJAI's fundrive. Go to Mass. Marvel in the beauty of life around you. And now for the harder stuff- maybe try to bury the hatchet with someone you're feuding with, or holding a grudge against. Maybe even just try to think a positive thought about them. Forgive someone who has wronged you. You won't be alone in this- I'll be trying these too. I'll be trying to do them to honour the memory of my father.



Goodbye

The picture above is titled, “Thoughts of Cherry” from Woody Woodiwiss. I’m certain it applies just as well to Steve and his father.

On the 25th of May, there was a Celebration of Life for Cherry at the Goodman House near Footflat farms. It was very well attended by family and friends, despite the inclement weather. Many thanks to Dan Simpson who provided seven large tents to keep us all dry. The event was truly a celebration, with family and friends all recalling a kind, strong, supportive spirit and family matriarch. There were poems, music, stories and singing; all of it heartfelt though not always in tune. <smile> What do you expect when you surprise thirteen grandkids and press-gang them into a rendition of ‘Hallelujah’ by Leonard Cohen? It was wonderful and I’m certain that Cherry would have approved.



Talia Fleming and her boyfriend.

Happy Summer – George is back in bare feet.

