

Amherst Island Beacon



Issue 473 There's always another boat. December 2019

Note from the Editor

By Judy Bierma

Now that I have put the Beacon in some sort of order I'm about to send it off to David. Thank you David for finishing it up and putting it on line and editing it and adding to it. Thankyou to the people who sent in minutes, poems, stories, etc. It really helps to fill the Beacon.

It's been a rough 2 months. Mom has been very ill. Aunt Laura, Philip Silver's mom died, and that was mom's older sister. Mom went into the hospital that week and has been there since. She is starting to improve but it looks like lots of rehab ahead. We thought we were going to lose her.

I'm enjoying the snow and the winter so far. I still haven't got out skiing but hope to in the near future.

I don't really know what an editor is suppose to write. Merry Christmad and Happy Holidays. Enjoy your friends and family. Love to you all.

Passings

REEVES, Ted Charles

from the Kingston Whig Standard

Passed away after a courageous battle with cancer on October 29, 2019 with his family by his side at the age of 73. Devoted father of Barbara Harper (Kevin) of Kingston, Trevor Reeves (Kristie) of Kingston and Cheryl Reeves (Theresa Malenfant) of Halifax. He will be sadly missed by his grandsons Zachary and Jared Harper, Zachary, Greg (great grandson Ryder), Brendan and Matthew Reeves. Special Friend and partner of Helen Latimer-Hanah. Loving brother of Carol Belch (Ken) of Arizona, David Reeves (Brenda) of Bancroft, Jim Reeves (Janis) of Oshawa, and Brian Gunding (Sandra) of Bancroft. Predeceased by his parents (2015) Sheldon and Luella Reeves of Bancroft. Dad retired from Ministry of Environment in 1996, after 30 years of service. He was a snowbird, hunter, fisherman, pilot and musician in the bluegrass circuit. Thank you to the staff of the Kingston Cancer Clinic that gracefully helped in this transition. What a beautiful community we live in. We are grateful to the Palliative team of doctors and nurses, staff of Paramed (especially Wendy Orr), and all who supported our family.

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Ted Reeves (1946-2019)

Sympathy is extended to Bonnie Livingston on the recent passing of her mother.

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Brian Shawn Deacon

Obituary: In Loving Memory

A Celebration of his Life with Interment at Glenwood Cemetery will be held in the spring of 2020. For those desiring, memorial donations to the Kingston Humane Society will be remembered with appreciation by the family.

A Thank You for sharing your wonderful music. Honouring Keld Jensen who has passed away two years ago. We miss you at the Emerald Music Festival.

<https://www.facebook.com/53Years/videos/339689823410840/>

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Eric Tremblay, Sharen English, ED Ronda Candy, Goeff Henning and David Pickering

CJAI pays it forward

by Sharen English

On Friday evening, about a month ago, you may have noticed something different about Eric Tremblay's evening radio show on CJAI. There was a short fundraiser going on for Martha's Table, a 'soup kitchen' in Kingston. Seems that someone burglarized the trunk of a car - one of their workers' - and made off with a day's donations including cash and cheques. You might have read about it in the Whig Standard.

Anyway, Geoff Henning called into Eric at the station near the start of the show and suggested that maybe the station could do something about the loss. In fact, he was willing to put up a great donation of matching funds. Well, it was ON.

First up was our friends at Autohouse Kingston, with a very generous donation. Others came quickly and by the end of the hour we were delighted that could make up for the theft.

On the following Monday, Geoff, Eric, David and I went down to Martha's Table and made a presentation to the Executive Director of Martha's Table, Ronda Candy, of more than \$2500 dollars. Thank you, from Martha's table, to all our listeners.

We also want to acknowledge that other agencies and individuals in Kingston responded to the theft in a similar manner; with an outpouring of support. Thank you to them as well.

Amherst Islander II Progress



The ‘first float’ of the Amherst Islander II, our new all-electric ferry. Expect it in the spring!

The video of this launching, taken 20 Nov 2019 at Damen Galati in Romania, can be seen at:
<https://www.facebook.com/amherstislandferry/>



A better view of the deck surface.

Further information on our new ferry can be seen at the document
Product_Sheet_Damen_Road_Ferry_6819_E3.pdf. This is available at the Damen website. Copyright
restrictions prevent us from reproducing it here.

Holiday activities

Christmas is a busy time on the island. Here are some of the activities you may have already missed.



Advance orders for **Christmas Baking** were taken by The Back Kitchen in November, for delivery on December 16th. Everything from pies and Tourtieres to Lasagna and dog cookies.

Trying to make your holidays a little easier.

The Christmas shopping event comprised **St. Paul's Bazaar**, the **Weasel & Easel**, Topsy Farms **Wool Shed**, Mayo's **Claypen**, Christopher **Laffin's Studio**, Woody's **Island Gallery**, Brian's **Little Gallery** and Shirley **Miller's Studio**.

For St. Paul's, the following was provided:

Christmas Bazaar St. Paul's Presbyterian Church

Committee: Carol Glenn, Judy Miller, Linda Welbanks, Joyce Haines, Janet Scott. At least twenty-five others who donated, lugged, set up, sold, cooked and cleaned up. It was put on by St.

Paul's and friends. There were ten community vendors who displayed their wares at the Bazaar as well this year. Thank you so much for the great bazaar. I know I really enjoyed it. It's a great service to the people on Amherst Island and their friends and family.

We also saw the opening of a new gallery, **Rossland Studios**, showcasing **Ross's musical instruments and Darlene's jewelry** on the second, just after Stella 40ft. Check it out by private appointment.



ISLE's 4th Annual

Christmas Tree Extravaganza



Order By
Nov 27th

- Nova Scotia Balsam Fir Tree: \$45
- Decorated Wreath: \$35
- Plain Wreath: \$25

The decorative wreaths are made by the K-8 students from Amherst Island Public School. Decorative wreaths are limited in quantity; be sure to order early.

Sorry - the holiday planters are not available this year, but there will be several new decorative items available.

Pick-Up or Delivery
Saturday, December 7th
10:00 - 12:00
Amherst Island Public School

Come join us for some festive treats and hot apple cider while picking out your tree.

Christmas Tree Extravaganza

The Public School and ISLE once again sold trees and wreaths. These should make the island a little brighter during the cold winter months.

If you missed it, Dec 6th was a **Jingle Bell Run** day in the village.

A.I.P.S. Students were carolling in the village. They brought in an item for the food bank, in exchange for a bell for their jacket, then took a "fit break", walking and carolling down to the ferry.

The **Senior Christmas Dinner** took place on the 8th at the Community Centre. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped to make this happen.



On the 5th and 8th of December, the Kingston Senior Choristers presented their **Christmas concert** at the Salvation Army Citadel. The show, entitled “Christmas Hope” featured a hundred voice choir under the direction of Lynda Stoness and accompanied by Kate van Allen. They provide concerts twice a year and do a marvelous job. For those interested, the next concerts are on May 29th and May 31st; an evening and a matinee show respectively.

If you would like tickets, approach any of the familiar faces you might see in the pictures on this page.



For those who want want even more singing in support of the festive season, St Alban's has the answer.

THE ANNUAL TRADITION CONTINUES

St. Alban Anglican Church is pleased to host this year's

Island Wide Carol Service

Come and enjoy an hour filled with Christmas Carols and Special Music.

IT PROMISES TO BE A SPECIAL ISLAND EVENT SO DON'T MISS IT.

WHERE? ST. ALBAN ANGLICAN CHURCH ON FRONT ROAD

WHEN? Friday DECEMBER 20TH, 2019 AT 7 P.M

Invite your family, friends and neighbours.

Refreshments following the carol service. SEE YOU ALL THERE!

St. Alban Anglican Church schedule for December 2019:

December 1 Advent Service at 10:30 A.M.

December 8 Advent Service at 10:30 A.M.

December 15 Advent Service at 10:30 A.M.

December 20 Carol Service at 7.00 P.M.

December 22 Advent Service at 10:30 A.M.

December 24 Children's Christmas Eve Celebration at 4:30 P.M.

December 24 Christmas Eve Service at 7:30 P.M.

December 31 New Years Eve. Service at 10:30 A.M.



Your Amherst Island Recreation Committee Presents

THE PARADE OF LIGHTS

From the Museum to the Community Centre.
Join us in the gym afterwards for hot chocolate,
cookies from the Amherst Island 4-H Club,
and photos with Santa Claus!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2019 6:10 PM

All floats & participants welcome.
Meet at the Museum at 5:50 PM.

And don't forget the **Island New Year's dance.**

And, for those who didn't party TOO hard on the 31st, you are welcome to the **New Year's Day Levee**

Wednesday January 1, 2020 at The Lodge
Happy New Year!

1:00 to 4:00 pm New Year's Day Levee
Drop in! Join friends and neighbours to welcome the new year!

Still to come, as of this writing, hope to see you all at the **Parade of Lights**.
Thank you to the Recreation Committee for bringing it back.



YOUR AMHERST ISLAND REC COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO

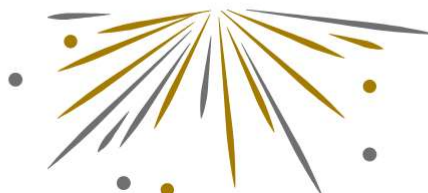
NEW YEAR'S 2020 WITH SHYLO

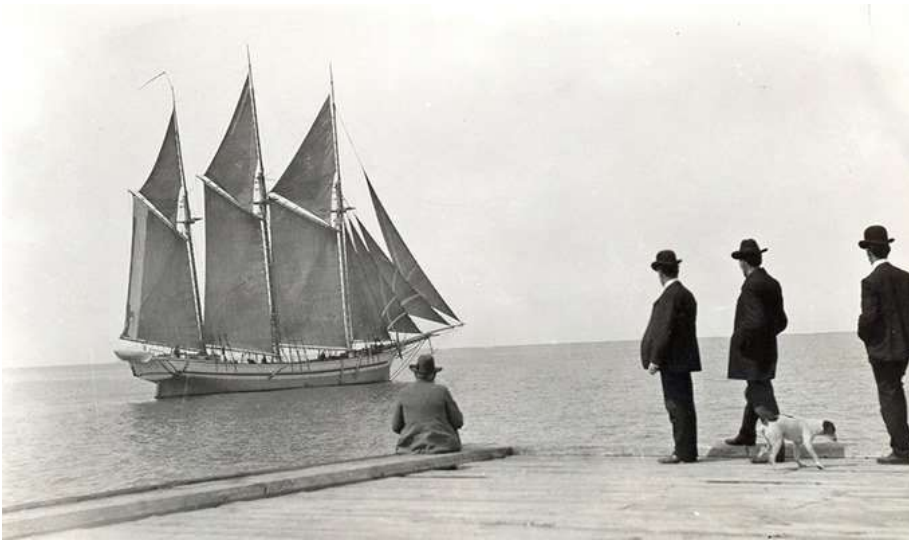
Come ring in the new year with your
friends & neighbours the Amherst Island way!

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2019
AMHERST ISLAND COMMUNITY CENTRE
DOORS: 7 PM
MUSIC: 8 PM
LIGHT LATE NIGHT BUFFET
CASH BAR

Tickets \$25
Island only ticket sales Nov 1-14. Open to all Nov 15.
Call Bonnie 613-214-0710

THIS IS AN AGE OF MAJORITY EVENT.





Swillin' Shanties

Saturday, December 21, 2019 at 6:30 PM – 9 PM

in **Monte's at Tir Nan Og**

200 Ontario Street, Kingston, Ontario
K7L 2Y9

Hosted by Tall Ship Expeditions
Canada

Join Andy Rush and a swarthy gaggle for a rousing evening of shantying in celebration of ships and the sea! This is a pass-the-hat event with proceeds in support of Tall Ship Expeditions Canada.

Add your raspy, out-of-tune, and grating voice to the uproar! Or just sit back and enjoy the songs and revelry!

Welcome back to the Café.

Pour a cup of coffee (bring your own) and sit and chat for a while.

Since no one complained about the format last month, I continue in the same vein. Tech tip, stories and security. I know it's boring sometimes, but it can be valuable.

Extend your understanding: Today I want to talk about extensions. No, nothing about hair. Those who know me realize I have no experience in that subject. This is about file extensions. That's those three (or four) little letters that go at the end of a filename; right after the dot. Typical extensions include: txt, doc, jpg, png, xls, gif, mp4, mov, htm and thousands more. They are VERY important in how your computer deals with the file.

First, a little exercise. I'll use a PC example because I'm on one right now. <right click> in the middle of your desktop and, when the menu pops up, select New (wait) / Text document.

It will create an empty text document on your desktop (no surprise there) called "New Text Document.txt". Note the extension – txt. If you <double click> on it, Windows will activate a program call 'Notepad' which is a very simple text editor. (Think of it as a stripped-down version of Word or Pages.) You can put some text in it, such as, "This is a test." Save it and close it. Look at the icon. <right click> on it and select 'Rename.' Note that the extension IS NOT highlighted. It doesn't want you to change that part. Rename to 'test1.txt'

The icon is still a white lined page. If you <double click> on it, Notepad reopens, and it shows you the contents of the file. You can edit it again if you choose. The extension tells Windows that this file 'belongs' to Notepad, and if the user wants to open the file, it should be sent to that program.

Now we're going to do something ill-advised. Just because Windows doesn't WANT you to change the extension, that doesn't mean you CAN'T. <right click> Rename to Test.jpg It will give you a warning but do it anyway. (We're being brave.)

Notice that the icon CHANGES. The extension is what tells Windows which icon to display. Now, <double click> to open it. Windows will open whichever program has charge of the extension 'jpg'. (On my machine, it's 'Paint.') That program will try to open Test.jpg as a graphics file and find that it can't. It's not formatted the right way. Error error error. Rename the file BACK to test.txt and try again. All is well.

So, what have we learned?

- 1) Different types of files are formatted in different ways.
- 2) The extension tells the operating system (Windows) what format the file is in.
- 3) The OS (operating system – Windows in my case) then opens the correct program to allow the file to be viewed and (sometimes) edited.

- 4) You can modify the extension if you want, but this does not change the underlying file format. It just confuses the OS.

Two more short things before we end this lesson. Often people have more than one graphic program (for instance) on their computer. <right click> on any picture file. Select 'Open With.' What you see here is a list of all the installed programs that CAN handle a jpg. One is the 'default' program: the one that will be used if you <double click>. If you want to use one of the OTHER programs, you can select from here. Second, you can select WHICH is the default in setup. If you always use Photoshop, you can say to the OS, "Photo shop will now be my default with jpg gif png jpeg and mov" If you want to do that, stop by the Café and we will show you how. Cheers for this month.

Support Stories

Good records vs bad

It's not unusual to get repeat calls to a home. If someone has the problem resolved the first time, they're more likely to call again. We don't mind at all; it's called a relationship. These can go very fast and easy if there are good records.

"So, you have a new computer to replace the old one? Okay. What would you like help with? Log it on your WiFi? Get it to connect to your e-mail and facebook and skype? Sure, I can help with that. Do you have your records?" The thing is, all the stuff above would take about 10 minutes, if the records are complete. We try to encourage this. One file folder. Always the same drawer of the desk. Every change is recorded in it. Password changes. Network setup. Security type. Password for the wireless printer. Netflix password. Even the layout of the wiring if used.

If we don't – then we get things like: "What's the Wifi password? Don't know? Then we must reset and make a new one. That means, yes, it will have to be reset on all the phones and iPads and the other laptop, yes. She has the phone with her on the mainland? We might have to come back later."

"Now, the e-mail. What's the password? Don't know? We can ask for a reset. Oh – it's sent a text to the phone with a confirmation number. Where's the phone? Right ... she has it on the mainland."

Or, "The new router is plugged in, but where does this cable go? Why is it here? Is it important? And why is the smart tv upstairs not working now?"

Please please please – write it down and keep it safe in one KNOWN location. Thank you.



Hardware fixes

My wife hates it, but I don't throw a lot of things away. I have boxes and bins and cupboards of spare parts in the basement. In many cases, this means I can replace parts that are broken. A harddrive can be replaced. A keyboard can be replaced. A monitor can be replaced. This can be done even on a laptop. Broke your screen? A new one is about \$100 (your cost); arrives in the mail inside of a week; and can be installed most times in a few hours. Same with keyboards. Same with batteries and power supplies. Also, if we already have the parts, you're welcome to them for free. All we ask is a voluntary donation to the museum.

Cloud Computing considerations

In this case, 'cloud' simply means "I don't know where." I connect to the Internet and it goes somewhere.

'Cloud' can mean one of two things. Cloud Storage or Cloud Computing. Both can be useful.

Cloud storage means you have a hard drive, somewhere, with your name on it. You can use it like any other hard

drive or memory stick. You can save things to it and recall them later. It has a few advantages to it though. 1) You can share it with other people. The Beacon's editor (Judy) and I share a cloud drive. She puts all the files (pictures and articles) onto the drive as they come in over the month, then I harvest them after deadline and use the parts to form The Beacon issue. 2) You can share them between machines. My iPad and my Computer both share the same cloud drive. I can take a picture with the iPad (like the one from my basement above) and then pull it into this machine when I build the article. 3) It's more secure. Someone can steal the computer or iPad. If the backups are in the Cloud, I get a replacement machine and restore the data. Everything is back the way it was.

In 'Cloud Computing,' it isn't just the storage that is 'off loaded' to the cloud. Much of the actual WORK done by the machine is also passed to some unknown device. When you use 'speech to text,' it's normally done by cloud computing. The task of interpreting voice is difficult and requires a high-power computer. So, the voice is sent to it (via the internet) and the interpreted text is sent back. Most phones use a lot of cloud computing (because they're not as powerful as larger computers.) Many games use cloud computing, to interconnect and keep track of millions of players. Google docs uses cloud computing; you don't OWN software; you lease services in the cloud. The Google Chromebook is DEPENDANT on cloud computing and can do very little without a continuous connection to the Internet.

So, is the cloud a good idea? If you have a fast, reliable, permanent Internet connection then cloud computing works. If it's intermittent or slow, it can be problematic. On the island, it works in most places. If you're out in northern Ontario, it could be useless – like a cell phone outside the coverage area.

If you choose to use cloud STORAGE, this can sometimes cause problems too. Depends on how you use it. Many people choose to automatically back up their documents to the cloud. Any time they make a local save (on their C: drive – usually in 'Documents'), the computer will send a copy into the cloud to make sure there is a recent backup. But sending is up to the cloud takes time and capacity for the computer. Things slow down. Sometimes, they slow down a lot. For me, I don't have backup running constantly. I turn it on at the end of the day, when I'm done with my machine, then walk away as it happily makes the copies and sends them away. (Just make sure not to turn the computer off.)

A second point is that cloud storage can cost. If you fill up what you have (20 GB 'free' is normal), they'll charge you for additional storage. If you back up all your pictures, videos, documents and configurations to the cloud you can fill up hundreds of Gigabytes of storage and they'll charge you up to \$155 a year for each 2000 GB more. Also, if you're on a metered plan, just passing the data can cost. Some ISPs have unlimited plans, but others will charge you for anything above your normal monthly limit.

Do I recommend cloud storage? Yes, but be aware of its costs and impact, and set it up accordingly.

Security tip: Phishing via computer or phone

Phishing refers to someone trying to get access to your computer, or information, by pretending to be a friend or business associate. It can take a variety of forms and uses a variety of mechanisms.

Phishing can actually start as a phone call. "This is the Microsoft Security Centre (there is NO such place) and we are getting alarms from your computer." (Hang up) Same if they say they are from Google or Amazon or a mythical Internet Security Association. The easiest way is to just hang up. If you stay on, they will try to scare you to either buy software, (which will do more harm than good), use their 'clean up' service (which will do more harm than good) or "Follow these instructions and we will fix it for you" which will do more harm than good. In many cases, they will also charge you for the 'service' while they put malware (malicious software) onto your machine. This will further allow them to steal your identity, pretend they are you, take out credit cards in your name, contact your friends asking for 'help' after you've been pickpocketed in the airport and need money for a ticket home, and many other scams.

Another type of phishing can use e-mail as the hook. The 'bait' can be either attractive or scary. Examples can include, "You have won ..." or "I have an interesting business proposition" or "This is your Aunt Martha, and I've found this wonderful new investment strategy." (Note: In many forms, 'Aunt Martha' can be someone they pick from a contact list – like Beth.)

How does this work and why? Well, if I infect Sharen's machine and I'm using it to distribute Malware on the Island, I don't want people to know it's her. She'll just unplug the machine until it's scrubbed. So instead, I

check her contact list and find <shrug> Beth. And then all of the e-mails sent out to everyone on Sharen's contact list, from Sharen's machine, SAY they're from Beth. Beth gets the phone calls, and Sharen's machine keeps working for the criminals.

The 'scary' kind of hooks say, "Your account will be deactivated ..." or "Your machine is infected ..." or "Your credit card has unusual charges ..." All of these are trying to get you to click a link or reply to an e-mail, that will connect you to someone who will try to set the hook and reel you in. (Delete without responding.)

Many of the 'scary' ones try to instill panic ... so that you will do something quick and ill-advised. They might have capitals, exclamation points and use wording designed to pull your strings. Some even have big red flashing lights. A few have loud klaxons, sirens and even talk to you. Ignore them all. If in doubt ... unplug the machine and phone us. I guarantee, no further harm can be done while the machine is unplugged.

Why do criminals phish? Because it is easy, and it works. Hacking is hard. It requires intense study and high levels of skill. It takes decades to make a competent hacker. But why hack the machine when you can just ask someone? This is 'social engineering' and is the heart of phishing. Fortunately, it's also fairly easy to defend against. Just take a moment to think about what is happening, and just say 'No.'

William (the resident Apple expert) has been kind enough to offer the following article on an area he has a particular interest and expertise in. I read it with interest and learned quite a bit. I hope you do too.

Today's effort is an exercise in writing (an unfamiliar skill) and an introduction to using your phone and tablet daily to note thoughts and to record quickly and digitally (any time you've got a charge) what you did and when. Paper note-taking was a habit for years for me and there are three shoe boxes full in my closet. One day a client requested an app to use on her phone in meetings (sometimes one after another) to record date-stamped minutes for her action-requirements. This set me to re-evaluate what I was doing (sequential written notes can be time-consuming to search for actions on a particular date and missed commitments are onerous). A Google search (2017 and 2019) for best journaling app came up with 'Day One', 'MacJournal', 'Journey' and 'Penzu' for Mac and 'DayOne', 'Darium', 'Glimpse', 'Journey' and 'Penzu' for Android/ PC in orders of preference. My evaluations of 'Day One' and 'MacJournal' led to a 'Day One' recommendation for:

- . Easy entry
- . Pleasant interface
- . Reminder integration
- . Exporting
- . Syncing (laptop, iPhone, iPad)
- . Password protection
- . Automatically add location and weather

While a small notebook is still used as a scratchpad, the journaling app is integrated, with some manual input occasionally, with 'Contacts', 'Calendar', 'Reminders', 'Notes', 'Outliner' and 'Photos'. In use continually (no day missed) for two years and integrating significant app updates later I'm very satisfied with the results including:

- . Events and actions during the day (what did I do today, where, when)
- . Lists of things to do and shop for (when going ashore infrequently, not forgetting is important)
- . Lists of things upcoming to be scheduled for action: commitments, appointments, events, things important to me for goals
- . No scraps of paper to keep and organize
- . Reflections and quotes of significance and satisfaction to probably only me. Sometimes they're funny.
- . At a higher level, I've more context on what's accomplished and where I want to go.

A recent letter from Toronto Parking Control a number of weeks after the event reported that a parking ticket on such and such a date with someone else's car was passed due. A check of my journal for where and what was happening on that date meant it wasn't me or my car and saved indecision and uncertainty - quite satisfying.

Anyone wishing to pursue digital journaling further can come visit us at the Internet Café.



**Stella Dock from the air – by Brian Little
Found on Amherst Island Ferry Facebook Page**

In the Past

Amherst Island Looking Back from Shirley Miller

It is nice to see that so many people enjoy the old pictures and yarns (stories that we weave with our memories, true as far as we can or wish to remember). We don't have the old folks to tell us the stories like Bruce Caughey, Seaver wemp and Francis Welbanks to name a few. Keith and Allen Caughey come to mind and probably every family has at least one yarner born before television was invented. Research is not my strong point, neither is spelling but I hope to keep the names and face alive for a time when interest in the past pops up again.

I hope everyone with memories of Amherst Island with post their pictures and "yarns" so we can save them for the future.



Quinte Community Pasture photo from Shirley Miller

Happenings at The Quinte Pasture in the Past from Shirley Miller

The cows are back in the Quinte Pasture in spite of the ground being terrible wet. My garden is closer to being a mud puddle than it is to being plantable. Of course, I bought my tomato plants too early, so I have them transplanted into big pots beside the back door.

We enjoy our summer neighbours and really enjoy watching the roundups especially when they use horses.

Nilomis bought up all the farms with a plan to build a subdivision but thankfully that didn't happen. Then ARDA (Agriculture Rural Development Agency) got the land about 1976. Bob Deyo was the ag rep. After Bob Deyo, Wilfred Shires was the ag rep and when he retired I was ask to do a painting as a gift for his retirement. I took pictures trying to get an idea. Here is a picture of some of the cattlemen. I'm not sure if all the names are right or in any order. Gary Shelly, Bernard Ashley, Harold Bateman or Bently, Jack Sexsmith and Russel Seals. You need a cane to herd cattle.



CJAI AGM Meeting dated 13 Nov 2019

#	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
	Starting Time: 07:04 pm Location: NSMCC Executive Attending: Eric Tremblay, Bill McKee, David Pickering, Anthony Gifford, Judy Bierma, Sue Dodds, Leah Murray, Liz McKee General Membership Attending: Ellis Wolfreys, Marylou Wolfreys, Keith Miller, Shirley Miller, Dana Bell, Janet Scott	
1	<u>Acceptance of Agenda</u> Proposed Agenda for November 2019 meeting <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approval of Agenda 2. Approval of Previous Minutes *attached 3. Station Manager's Report 4. President's Report 5. Treasurer's Report 6. Promotions Report 7. Nominations & Elections of Officials 8. Induction of Keith Miller onto the CJAI Wall of Fame 9. Sponsorship & Advertising Report 10. Other Business Moved by: Bill McKee Seconded by: Judy Bierma Approved	
2	<u>Acceptance of minutes for November 2018 meeting</u> Moved by: Bill McKee Seconded by: Keith Miller Approved	
3	<u>Technical & Station Manager's Report – Bill McKee</u> CJAI survived another year through major financial donations from the private sector, sponsorship, the fundraiser and the volunteers. Even with the costs of the transmitter and updated technology, the station managed to stay solvent. We now have over 60 hours of live broadcasters, more than any radio station in all of eastern Ontario of any size. Tiny fruit fly sized insects emanating from the compost toilet was an on and off problem throughout the year. The toilet itself needs to be attended to and that will be addressed in the	

	<p>very near future. I have purchased the proper sanitation clothing to deal with it myself. There will be an inventory conducted over the winter to determine our stock of merchandise and equipment, and some further tidying up. The filing cabinet has been purged of all things before 2010, to clear the floor thereby freeing up space for live studio performances. Other than the compost situation, it has been a pleasurable year for me as your station manager but I still have a lot to learn. I thank you for your confidence in me and I hope it has been satisfactory. I will endeavour to continue. Additionally, the volunteers on this team are a dedicated group of caring people that aim to bring amazing radio to the county and beyond and I thank each of them and the board members for their efforts.</p>	
4	<p><u>President's Report – Eric Tremblay</u></p> <p>CJAI had an extremely successful year. Remarkably, we made over \$26k during the fund drive in May. Eric acknowledged our single largest donation ever, from broadcaster Jay Smith, for \$6K. A change in messaging (spreading the drive out over a number of weeks, focusing on social media) was a huge part of success of its success.</p> <p>We have committed to our listeners to boost the signal power. We're already listening on the new transmitter, installed this year. Now we have to figure out where to put the antenna before we can get permission to turn up the signal. That's first piece; the second piece is moving the broadcast studios. There are 2 possible sites; behind St Paul's church on the manse grounds; and across from township garage with Dayle severing a piece of that property for us. After consulting with engineers, the current recommendation is a 130' tower. There are many steps to go through still; township approval; public consultation; CRTC permissions. We are hoping to decide on a site before Christmas so we can move forward with the permitting process. It will likely take a year. We will apply for a 4k watt signal, from 250. The estimated cost for the tower is \$75k, a figure the board believes to be achievable.</p> <p>We have 10 new live shows this year! We also have three new local prerecorded shows. That brings us to an unprecedented 68hrs of live shows each week, an extraordinary number. Eight years ago, we had only 21 hours, so a huge increase.</p> <p>Eric congratulated all broadcasters on doing an excellent job. He recognized that it's a difficult job, requiring a nimble mind to keep a lot of balls in the air at once.</p> <p>Broadcaster Ellis Wolfreys is being inducted into the Land o Lakes Traditional Music Hall of Fame for promoting local musicians and music. This is an honour, as there are fewer than 50 people in the hall. His ongoing work with CJAI is the reason for the nomination. It is a testament to Ellis' hard work & dedication. Congratulations Ellis!</p> <p>We are just about to launch Radio Free Stella, a separate product and income stream. RFS is a second station, parallel to CJAI but available only on the internet. There will be no live broadcasters, and it will play only local music. There is no other station playing that plays only local music. The idea is that businesses who already “eat/drink/shop local” can also “listen local”, and buy advertising on RFS. It's another potential income stream, and a way to further support local musicians. The messaging will be “RFS presented by CJAI” so they're always connected on the website and social media. The official launch will happen as soon as the listening app is ready.</p> <p>Social media report – in our area, we are #1 on Instagram and Twitter, a remarkable feat for a small station. We continue to be weak on FaceBook.</p>	
5	<p><u>Treasurer's Report – David Pickering</u></p> <p>\$26313 was raised during the fund drive.</p> <p>Last year's budget total was \$45k, which included the purchase and installation of the new transmitter. We spent \$43k, 96% of the total. This year's budget was reviewed in detail. The proposed operating budget is \$34k, not including the purchase and installation of the new antenna. Total assets \$50337 as of today. David is confident we'll be able to remain on target. He has talked with our credit union, and we can negotiate line of credit for the antenna. We're in excellent shape.</p> <p>Our total income for the past year was \$48k, with \$15k coming from sponsors. In the previous fiscal year, we made just over \$2k from sponsors so that's a significant improvement.</p> <p>Eric reminded everyone when you're at a sponsor's brick&mortar store, mention CJAI to help</p>	

	<p>them perceive value in advertising with us. It was proposed that the budget be accepted. Moved by: Ellis Wolfreys Seconded by: Keith Miller Approved A listener proposed a one-night fundraiser for Martha's Table, a Kingston organization that provides meals and community support for marginalized populations. \$2513 was donated, with \$1k coming from Autohouse Kingston. David pulled up a map on the big screen, to show the possible transmitter locations.</p>	
6	<p><u>Promotions Update – Sue Dodds</u> We voted this year to increase the budget to \$1800, still doling it out in \$100 increments. Only \$100 actually collected this year, with most of the recipients generously putting the money back in the kitty. The focus this year is to increase social media involvement especially FaceBook. Broadcasters are encouraged to turn their promotions allotment into more, by (eg) having their sponsor match the amount. Eric reminded everyone to ensure their promotion is on the clipboard so everyone is aware of it. Eric also reminded everyone of the importance of social media followers. It creates a feedback loop of more listener engagement, which increases value for advertisers/sponsors.</p>	
7	<p><u>Nominations & Elections of Board Members and Officials</u> Most of the current board agreed to stay on. We need to check with Kathy Filson if she's remaining a member. Motion to reinstate current board not including Kathy Filson Moved by: Keith Miller Seconded by: Dana Bell Approved Motion to reinstate current executive Moved by: Anthony Gifford Seconded by: Ellis Wolfreys Approved</p>	
8	<p><u>Induction of Keith Miller onto the CJAI Wall of Fame – Eric Tremblay</u> It is with great pleasure that we induct Keith Miller into the CJAI Wall of Fame. His long-standing dedication to the radio station has been invaluable. Congratulations Keith, and thank you very much for your years of service. A plaque was presented to Keith and his name has been added to the one in the station.</p>	
9	<p><u>Other Business</u> Eric talked about the township's Community Vibrancy fund, money from the turbine company to be distributed to community organizations in the township. We have good shot at receiving some of the fund, as we have the advantage (as David pointed out) of being the only mechanism for serving the entire township. Keith inquired about plans for moving the broadcasting studios. Eric reiterated that we are working on a two part plan, with the first part being securing the antenna location. We're still considering using the old library building, possibly in partnership with the township. David brought up the house in the village next to the Back Kitchen, which was recently purchased by a group of islanders. Leah will see if they're open to renting to CJAI. Ellis asked who ultimately decides if we can increase to 4k watts. Eric explained that it's Industry Canada, and that we're already working with engineers to provide Industry Canada and all other stakeholders with the requisite information. We will definitely have to change our broadcast frequency from 92.1. The main takeaway from the AGM was that we are doing very well, and there are exciting times ahead for the station.</p>	
	Meeting adjourned: 08:18 pm	

The preceding three pages accurately reflect the discussions and decisions reached during this meeting.

At the conclusion, as per paragraph 7 above, the executive consisted of:

President: Eric Tremblay
Vice President: Dave Wreggitt
Treasurer: David Pickering
Secretary: Leah Murray
Full board also included:
Bill McKee
Liz McKee
Anthony Gifford
Judy Bierma
Sue Dodds
Kathy Filson

**To the right, find Keith Miller's
plaque celebrating his induction onto
the CJA Wall of Fame.
Thank you Keith, for everything you
have done for all these years.**



More from the past



Sally Bowen and Jacob Murray Photo by Shirley miller

This is about "women's campout". I know I have mentioned it before but I found pictures that I don't think I talked about. If you have heard it all before just chalk it up to my old age. It is embarrassing to think of all the times I have rolled my eyes as someone told the same old story again and again. But that is what makes the stories stick. That is how we learned about our family stories and remembered them. Sally and Jacob are sitting on a cot that I reworked in my macrame period when a roll of bailer twin was easy to smuggle out of the barn.

This picture was from 1983 and the reason I made it was to make it possible to sleep outdoors beside a fire which I kept going all night so I could cook breakfast on a rock.



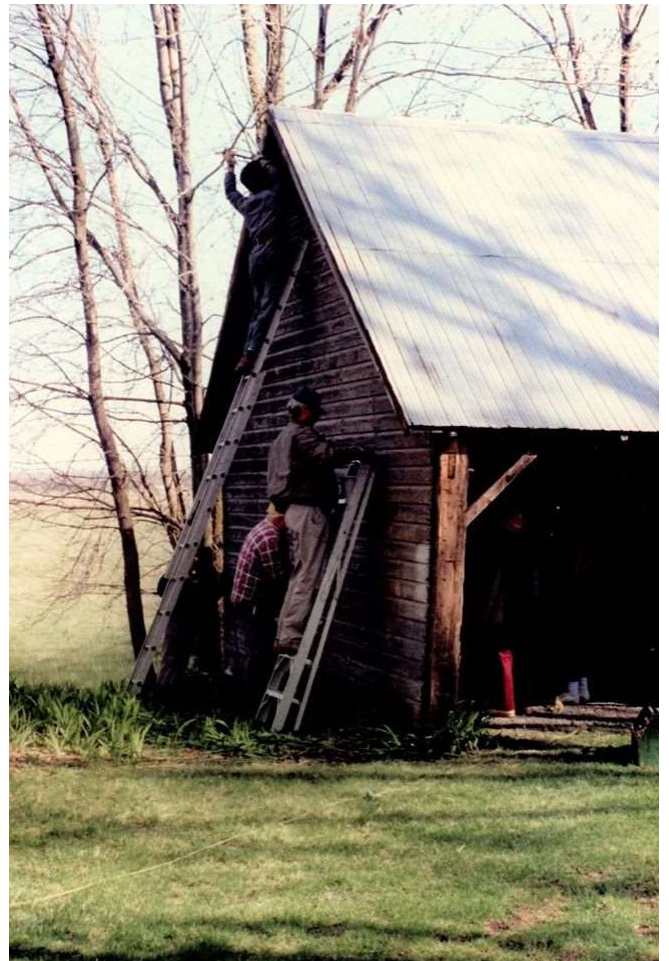
Darrel and Allan Miller were trying to catch a fish or two for their big yellow bucket.

When we were kids at Adolphutown about this time of year we would take our bamboo poles and worms down to the creek at the bottom of Roblin's hill to fish for mud cats. Getting an eel on your hook was great excitement.

I 'member when, so long ago Sucker Fishing Time

About the time the dandelions first bloomed
And you'd be let take off the hated woolen socks
And stub rubbers for the first time,
You'd see the men folk and the older boys
Start watchin' for the bilberries first flowers
On the far-off hills
That meant that it was sucker fishin' time.
Dad would take

off after supper time
Over to the neighbour's place
To make plans for that Saturday night.
He'd round up spear and lantern,
Some bread 'n butter, cold pork 'n tea
Done up in one of Ma's clean sugar sacks,
'N with the boys be waitin' by the gate
For team and wagon to come by.
We younger ones would never know when they'd get home
But next morning sure enough,
There'd be a bag or two of suckers for us to clean
A waitin' there, a hateful job as I recall,
But somehow together we made it fun.
The older boys would tell us 'bout
Who fell in first, 'n who speared the biggest fish
'N how old Gus would sit before the fire
With fryin' pan a poppin' full of grease
A fryin' fish 'n eatin' 'em
Fair fast as they'd be speared 'n cleaned.
"Why", they said, "that Gus can put fish
In one side his mouth 'n the bones come out the other".
written by Gene Brown



The Horse Sheds at St. Paul's

It must have been about this time of year in 1991 that a crew of helpers began removing the first bay of the stalls from the sheds behind the Presbyterian Church so the new addition could be started. The pictures are of the men getting started and the sheds before the first stall was removed.



Horse sheds behind St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Photo from Shirley Miller



Anna Hitchens won a prize. Photo from Shirley Miller



Horse Racing on the ice at Amherst Island ,Feb. 1973!
We crossed the ice on snowmobile from Millhaven on Sundays to the races.
Photo from Doreen Wolfreys

Island Families



New family buys property in Wolfreyville. Kate and Rich Murrell and their girls Loa, Hannah and Tilly, Welcome from everyone!

Bryce And Claire Szapira
My grandbabies from my eldest daughter Tabytha
The grandchildren are at Helen and Doug's wedding



Jacob, Nathan and Mike Murray
photo by Jacob Murray

Ma's first Ferry Selfie in two months. I bet the sermon today will be the Parable of the Lost Sheep. — with Margaret Mooney at Amherst Island Ferry



An American Thanksgiving on the Island

We are thankful to have mom with us for our first holiday dinner together in years! Highlight was checking out “Nanny Florida’s” stairlift.

From Ellis and Mary Low Wolfreys

Hello Friends and Neighbours. First I would like to thank those folks who were concerned about us. We had a few emails, and phone messages asking as to how we were. Well, I guess that was my fault, as we went away for about 12 days, and I didn't tell everyone. We sort of toured Western and Northern Ontario visiting relatives on Mary Lou's side and mine. We had a great time; the weather was also good. Only had rain on a couple of days.

Hope you all enjoyed the replays on the 20th and the 27th. This week we will have our Band, called The Melody Makers, live in our studio. They will play some on Mary Lou's program, and then mine. Most of the Band have other commitments that evening and have to leave on the 4 pm Ferry.

The Melody Makers Band consists of our fabulous piano player, Carol Faires, Lead and Harmony singer, and rhythm Guitar is Sharon Buffet, lead singer and rhythm guitar is Patrick Kennedy (Steve Kennedy's Uncle).

Also on rhythm and some lead Guitar is Jullian Young, Jim Riga on drums, and myself on lead guitar. We will be doing mostly Christmas tunes, of which will also be a few instrumentals. I'll spin CDs for the last hour, that also will likely be Christmas tunes. Thank You All, and God Bless. From Amherst Island Radio, and Mary Lou & Ellis Wolfreys.

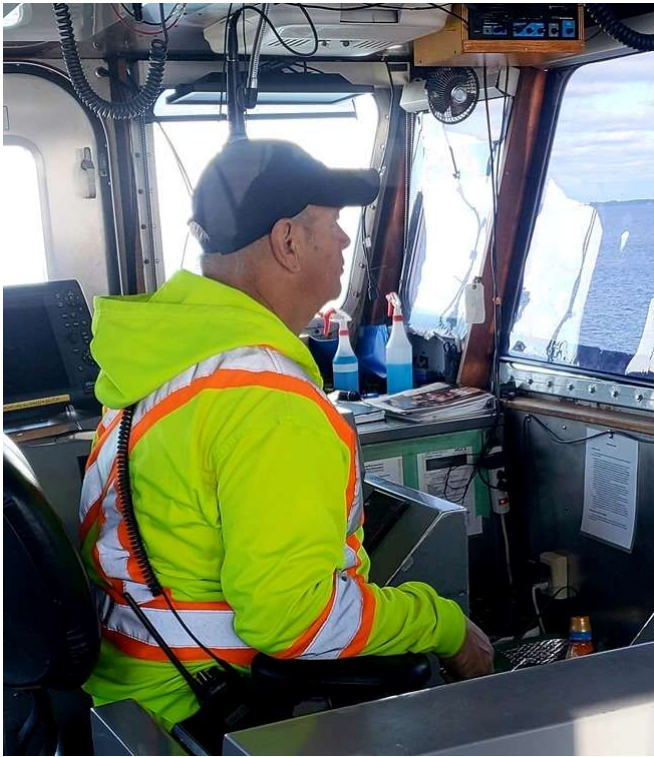


Left: Merry Christmas Ray Koenders, Patricia and Kraig Harris-Vincent with their daughter



Congratulations

Wayne and Karen Fleming are thrilled to welcome their first grandchild, a beautiful granddaughter. Braelynn Rae was born to Whitney and Jamie Arsenault on November 2, 2019 weighing 7 lbs 14 ½ oz.



Today is Darrell's last shift! After nearly 40 years working for the Amherst Island Ferry Service, First Mate Darrell Miller is retiring! Darrell's steadfast work ethic and great sense of humor will be greatly missed by the crew and passengers. Thanks for everything and enjoy your well-earned retirement Darrell!

Picture by Billy VanReeder



Congrats: Helen Trotter and Doug Shurtliff are married



Photo by Randi Kennedy



Enjoying the moments of connecting with and moving old stones on Amherst Island. Barbara McDonald. Photo by Vicki Keith



**Craig
Harris-Vincent's
Harvest**





Decorating at St Paul's

Announcements



PRESS RELEASE:

Kingston Region Gets New Radio Station: All Local, All The Time.

December 1st, 2019

STELLA, ON - Today, Amherst Island Radio 92.1 FM launched a second product: a streaming radio station called Radio Free Stella that plays 100% local music all the time! For years Eastern Ontario has been creating a wealth of musical talent. Events like Homegrown Music Festival, Wolfe Island Music Festival, Emerald Music Festival, Limestone City Blues Festival, Voodoo Rock Fest, The Napanee Country Jamboree, Blue Skies Music

Festival and McKinnon Brothers Back to the Farm are just some examples of how showcasing local music is a part of a long standing tradition here in the Kingston area. When Amherst Island Radio started broadcasting in 2006, it made a decision to focus on everything local, including music. “Every year we bring in over 100 musical acts live in-studio at the radio station and on average that adds up to over 300 musicians! It’s magical. The amount of talent in this region is just staggering. We are constantly charting local musicians on our Top 30 new release chart.”, says Eric Tremblay, President of Amherst Island Radio. Long standing volunteer broadcaster Ellis Wolfreys, host of the popular Wolf’s Den program of Wednesday afternoon, has personally brought into the radio station more than 1,000 musicians over the last 13 years. “I attend a lot of musical jams and events in the area, and people are always coming up to me asking if they can do a live in-studio performance for Amherst Island Radio. I’m usually booking about 2 or 3 months in advance onto my program”, Wolfreys says. In fact, in 2019 Wolfreys was recognized for his efforts promoting local music and was inducted into the Land O’Lakes Traditional Music Hall of Fame in the promoter category. “It’s a team effort.”, says Dave Wreggitt, Vice-President of Amherst Island Radio. “We are always looking for ways to showcase local music but in reality, it’s not too difficult. From Belleville to Brockville to North of Hwy 7, there’s so much great music being made here. So much so that we felt there was an opportunity to do more. So Amherst Island Radio created Radio Free Stella - a 100% local streaming radio station.”

Sue Dodds, popular Thursday night broadcaster on 92.1 FM explains that “When you flip around the radio dial in the region it’s not that easy to hear local music on the radio and I’m proud to volunteer at Amherst Island Radio where we play a lot of local stuff. Now we’ve created Radio Free Stella to break through the barrier even more. It’s a streaming radio station playing all local music all the time and it’s available for free 24hrs a day, 365 day a year. A team of volunteers has been growing the local music database for months and at the time of launch we have over 2,300 tracks. It’s pretty amazing! We know we will constantly be growing the size of the local music database because there’s always great new music being released in this region.”

Radio Free Stella won’t have any live DJs on it. It’s mainly great local music with short 15 second commercials from businesses and organizations that are especially interested in supporting everything local. Business like Autohouse Kingston, DM Boat Sales and Kingston Community Credit Union were some of the first to sign on to advertise on the new service. When asked why the decision was made to have no DJs on the new internet-only station, Eric Tremblay said “If you want quirky broadcasters and engagingly eclectic radio content then ‘Amherst Island Radio 92.1 FM’ has got that. But if you want something different, just great local music, then Radio Free Stella is for you. Think of it like Spotify or Apply Music but just for the Kingston and surrounding area. In fact, Radio Free Stella is perfect for playing inside business establishments. Businesses want customers who shop local, eat local and drink local.... and now the same customers can also listen local. I encourage every business in the area who is playing Spotify over their speakers to switch to Radio Free Stella. Send the right message to your local customers. Make sure they know you support all the fabulous local music being created in the area.”

Listen to Radio Free Stella right now by going to RadioFreeStella.com and a mobile app is also coming soon. Amherst Island Radio is staffed by over 50 volunteers. The 100% volunteer-run operation does amazing things with limited resources. If you want to get involved by donating, sponsoring, volunteering, or playing a live in-studio gig then they are looking forward to hearing from you. Check out the new Radio Free Stella today, it fills a growing need in our community - all local music, all the time.



Statistics About Amherst Island Radio

- Established in 2006
- 100% volunteer-run, 100% non-profit independent radio station
- Running 24/7/365, broadcasting on 92.1 FM and streaming on the Internet.
- Second product is Radio Free Stella broadcasting on the Internet only 100% local

music around the clock.

- Over 10,000+ FM listeners per month. Top 10 locations of listeners: Kingston (38%), Amherstview (8%), Napanee (7%), Bath (7%), Amherst Island (6%), Odessa (4%), Ottawa (3%), Belleville (2%), Toronto (2%), and Gananoque (2%). 21% of our listeners come from other regions such as Brockville, Perth, Picton, Seeley’s Bay, Newburgh, Sydenham, Battersea, Enterprise, Trenton, Verona, Glenburnie, and the USA.
- Popular listener age segments: Under 30 (19%), 31-40 (19%), 41-50 (20%), 51-60 (26%), Over 60 (16%)

- Our listeners love social media! 93% use Facebook, 65% use Instagram and 46% use Twitter.
- Our listeners love our diverse music! Music that they love on our station includes Rock & Roll (67%), Country (50%), Indie Rock (43%), Pop (42%), Singer/Songwriter (40%), Dance (27%), Blues (24%), Hard Rock (23%), Hip-Hop Rap (21%), Classical (19%), Bluegrass (18%), Jazz (16%), World Music (16%) and Electronica (10%)
- Over 11,100+ Twitter followers
- Over 4,600+ Instagram followers
- Over 4,200+ Facebook followers
- Over 125+ musical acts perform live in-studio for listeners in studio each year
- Over 50+ local businesses and organizations advertise with Amherst Island Radio (either on the air, on social media, or via text-message banner service)
- Federally licenced broadcaster with SOCAN, CMRRA and Re:Sound licences in good standing.

For more information, or for sponsorship enquiries, contact Eric Tremblay at 613-530-6238 or president@cjai.ca

Opening of Market Social!

The Neilson Store Museum and Cultural Centre has given permission to the W.I. and Andrea Cross to host a continuation of the **Summer Market at the Museum every second Saturday of the next four months (Jan/Feb/Mar/Apr) beginning on January 11th, 2020 from 2-4 pm.** This social event will include snacks and hot coffee or cider. Come see what our crafty vendors are working on over the winter months. Everyone is welcome to come for a visit and maybe buy something.

If you are interested in being a vendor, pls contact Norma-Lynn via phone 613 445 3456 or by email normalynnmmary@gmail.com

Loaves and Fishes

**Wednesdays starting January 8 to end of Apr
12:00 at Janet Scott's 350 Third Concession
Enjoy hot soup, sandwiches and convivial
company. Free. All welcome!**

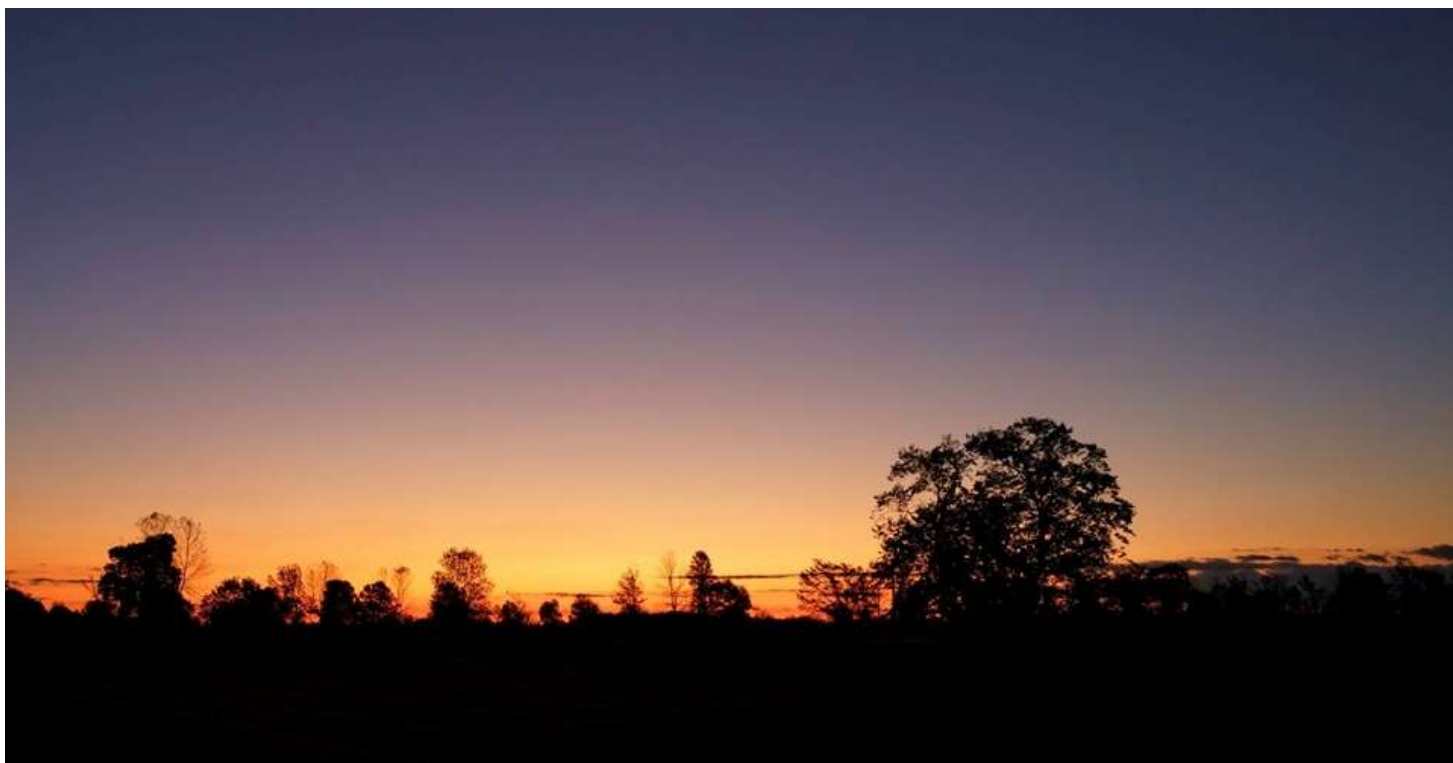
Island Art



Painting by Shirley Miller



Photo above by Helen Trotter, below 'Sunrise' by (Woody)-Don Woodiwiss





South Shore Foggy Dreams by Woody-Don Woodiwiss



**Flowers and Gardens
on A.I. from Andrea
Cross.**

Birthdays

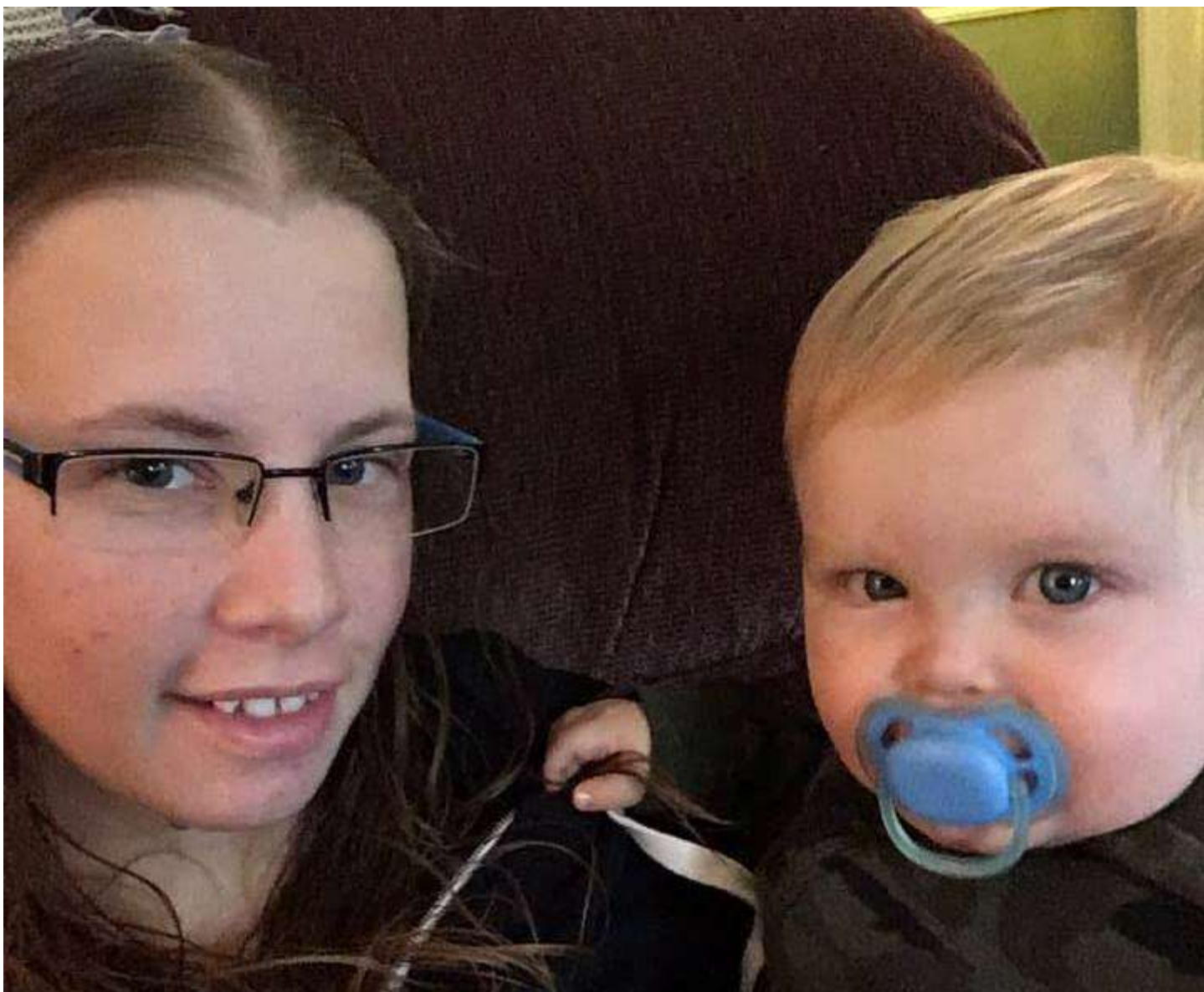


Bruce Sudds, celebrating with his family.

We postponed Bruce's birthday because he wasn't feeling well. Two days later and he's still sick so this year it's birthday picnic in bed dinner....and we loved it.



Happy Birthday Sam Miller



Happy Birthday Carter Brown, grandson to Joan and Dan Simpson, son to Leslie Madden



**Happy Birthday
Douglas Gavlas**



Above:
Happy Birthday Alicia Wolfreys with son Alexander

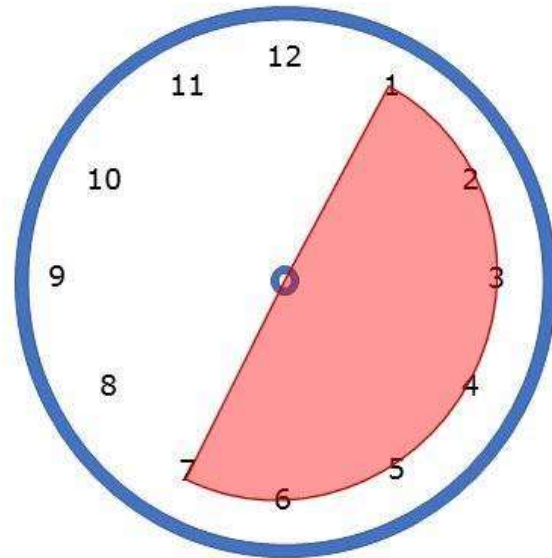
Right:
Happiest of Birthdays to the queen of our clan,
the mighty matriarch, mother of all who enter her home.
You may be the shortest of us all,
but you have the biggest heart
xolove you Mom.
Happy Birthday from Kathi Atamanuk



From December 1 to March 31, it is illegal to park on any road or street in Loyalist Township between 1 a.m. and 7 a.m., in accordance with Township and County by-laws.

This restriction is in effect **regardless of weather conditions**. The by-law is strictly enforced by Frontenac Municipal Law Enforcement. Vehicles in violation of the by-law will be ticketed.

If you have questions regarding the parking by-law, please contact the Municipal Clerk at 613-386-7351, ext. 121.



No Parking
1 a.m. to 7 a.m.

Good to know.

Advertisements

Handy Fairies by Phuong McNeil
If you are looking for an extra hand to do a good cleaning, call us. We offer a special rate for a first-time visit. We can clean an average family house for \$56 - \$84. Our work is guaranteed.

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Bath resident does on-island mobile carpet cleaning. Personal service using eco-friendly products. Fast drying, odor controlled, anti-allergenic carpet protection (613) 328 8300

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

SHIRLEY MILLER Paintings, Prints & Art Classes
613-389-2588

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

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.

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



**TUESDAY
MORNING
SHOW**

WE ARE GROWING AGAIN! AMHERST ISLAND RADIO IS LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER BROADCASTER TO TAKE THE LEAD ON TUESDAY MORNINGS. WE HAVE OVER 50 VOLUNTEERS THAT KEEP THIS STATION GOING. JOIN IN THE FUN! FIND OUT MORE BY CONTACTING ERIC.TREMBLAY23@GMAIL.COM

"Have you seen....?"

The Neilson Store Museum and Cultural Centre have an interesting display of a wreath made entirely of wool. The colours are vibrant, the flowers are varied and 3 dimensional and yet it was created in January of 1883 by Miriam J. McMullin in only a fortnight. If you are a McGinn, Kearney, or McMullin you can trace your roots back to this artist. Karen Miller has created a reference book to accompany this work of art and show the genealogy of this talented lady. She died in childbirth on April 17, 1894 but her Great, great Granddaughter Theresa Smith nee Mahoney brought it home to the Island in 2018 for safeguarding. We have been given a legacy. Why haven't YOU seen it?

Island Pets



Above: Brooke Reid's cat

Left: Photo by Laura Andersosn



**Little Lilah
Photo by Talia Fleming**



Lynn Fleming and her new pet a year ago



Did not particularly want a house chicken but here we are from Tara Kennedy



**Lola, Amber Simpson's 15 year old cat passes away.
Amber lives on the Front Road. We are thinking of you Amber**



This face teaches me something new every day. Photo from Tara Kennedy

ISLE

Island School Liaison Enthusiasts

Hi everyone. This month's cheese order will be due by this Friday, December 6th.

The order will come in on December 16th (Wilton is very busy this time of year, so we need to give them lots of lead time for the December orders).

We have attached an order sheet, just as a reminder of all the cheeses that they have. Email your order to amherstislandisle@gmail.com or text Chelsea at 613.888.5726

Although the gift baskets are available all year long, they are a nice option this time of year. Their contents and prices are on the bottom of the attached form. Thanks

PRODUCT	PRICE (\$ per pound approx.)
<u>Cheddars</u>	
Extra Mild (tastes like curd in cheese form!)	\$9.75/lb
Mild Cheddar	\$8.94/lb
Medium Cheddar (coloured or white)	\$11.15/lb
Old Cheddar (coloured or white)	\$12.00/lb
Extra Old Cheddar (coloured or white)	\$12.75/lb
<u>Variety Cheeses</u>	
Marble	\$10.95
Colby	\$9.75/lb
Mozzarella	\$9.75/lb
Mozzarella- Grated	\$10.25/lb
Grated Casserole (Cheddar and mozzarella)	\$9.75/lb
Onion and Garlic	\$10.95/lb
Hot Pepper	\$10.95/lb
<u>Specialty Cheeses</u>	
Swiss	\$11.65/lb
Havarti	\$13.90/lb
Slices	\$8.10/lb
<u>Gift Boxes (see description below)</u>	
Small	\$29.00/box
Medium	\$40.00/box
Large	\$55.00/box



Notice

Amherst Island Agricultural Society
Annual General Meeting
will be held
7:00 p.m., December 10, 2019
at the Amherst Island Fire Hall

Please plan to attend this meeting of Your Agricultural Society
for an update of this years activities and achievements

The agenda will include:

- Presidents Report of the activities and accomplishments of the Society since the last Annual General Meeting;
- Treasurers Report on the finances of the Society for the 2019 fiscal year
- Election of new Directors for 2020
- Appointment of auditors for the upcoming year;
- Approval of Board of Directors actions in 2019
- Any such further business as may properly come before an Annual General Meeting.

Building on 150 years of history

All is good

by Anthony Gifford

All is good at our new 'shared living' home at 118 Ford St. We are now full. (Sorry news to those who have inquired in the last month.)

Barbara Bater is the newest addition to our fun and crazy abode – a wonderful completion to our chosen family-style of living. What with good food, a warm home and good company, life is a joy.

We really don't spend much time together as a group. Over morning coffee is often the only time of day. Then we're off in many directions, and often just being alone to read, watch TV in our lounge or room. The days certainly go by swiftly.

We are still welcoming chances to speak to any and all about 'shared living', not because we are seeking to drum up new business, but because it is such a good fit for us that we want to tell others how easy and beneficial it is for all (and the earth) to live in a more sharing way.

Now that we are 'settled' there will be more energy and time to spend on sharing our story with others and challenging the system to be more accepting to a new and often better way of living.

To this end we will be trying to keep our web-site up-to-date (sharetolive.com) and invite any and all to log in and connect with us in any way.

Any new adventure or idea needs support and connection with like-minded people. If you are interested in any way, please keep us in your minds and habits. The world can be changed, but only if those who pray and hope for it actually start doing something, like sharing and encouraging others to share and grow in love.

Thanks for your time and thoughts.

St. Alban's



Can you spot the difference between the two pictures?



Bricks from the St. Alban's Chimney

Is there anyone on the Island who would like get some or all of the antique (from 1890) clay bricks which formed the St. Alban's Church's chimney They are laying in the flowerbed. Take a look and go ahead take what you want.

General Store from David McGinn

BIG NEWS!!!! For the first time since prohibition, alcohol will be legally sold on Amherst Island. The temperance act ran in Ontario from 1916 to 1927. That means that there were no sales for over 100 years. As a McGinn I am proud to be making this announcement. The whole deal is a little strange for me in particular because the last time I tied one on was Grey Cup day, 1995.

There may be some that don't like the idea and may fear that it will enable more drinking.

Consider the situation where a decision to have a few drinks on Friday night is made. Currently alcohol is purchased on the mainland. When the aforementioned

decision is being implemented with the purchase of beer, for example, the probability of buying a six pack is pretty low. A 24 is a much higher probability. You know, "just in case".

When the availability is a time consuming ferry ride, 'closer and you can get more on Saturday' means the decision may lean towards the six pack.

I could also point out some safety factors. There have been brags in the past where people have got off the boat on the mainland, made it to Bath, purchased their alcohol and made it back in time for the same boat. Hmmm!

Hours will be the same as the store;

7:30 to 5:00 weekdays

Except Thursday we stay open until 6:00

Saturday's will find us open from 8:00 to 4:00.

Hawks Soar Higher!!!

Rossland

Mother Mulberry

The mulberry tree grows out of the rock some fifty feet from the East side of the house. The rock on which it grows is covered by grass with a thin layer of topsoil - but it's rock. We call this tree Mother mulberry and have found out it is a white mulberry. The trunk is very thick and the tree looks old enough to have been here since the main house was built back in 1820, maybe earlier.

The roots of this tree descend through cracks in the shale rock, probing their way down to some level of subterranean aquifer possibly laying deep under the house. When rain did not fall on the Island from May to September a couple of years ago, when all the grass went crisp and brown as cocoanut fibers and the water wells were drying up, Mother Mulberry and the grass under her leaves, was green and lush as if drinking from a deep well of her own. Which I believe she does, bringing up enough water to feed the grass as well as herself.

One feels small beside her, she is old, wise and solid: sees all and says nothing. Impassive through the varying seasons and then when the fruit on her gnarled limbs is scarlet blood and then dark red, the tree is filled from sun-up to sundown with raucous squawking jabbering birds.



Today was one of those eternal days; in the humid late summer heat the berries on the tree ripened as they always have: first pale green then gooseberry white then cranberry pink and finally mulberry red. Big red clusters now hang from the branches, enticing the birds to come – and come they do: converging to gorge on the sweet fruit. This perfect dog day of summer! The birds sing, chuckle, gurgle and flutter from branch to branch as they stuff themselves on mulberries amid the rasping chorus of Cicadas buree-ing from hidden places. Fallen fruit lay on the ground, fermenting in the sun; the robins lie on the grass with their wings spread out like they are wounded but they are not. They are drunk and loving

it.

Mother Mulberry in Winter

d was crouched over, digging in the vegetable garden, facing the mulberry and I was just coming up the hill with the wheelbarrow to meet her, when Mother mulberry got hit by a missile.

The entire tree appeared to explode. Feasting birds screamed and hurled themselves out of the foliage in panic and terror. The hawk came down from the sky at a forty-five or fifty-degree angle and entered the dense green foliage mid tree like a brown blur. It entered the tree going so fast it was like a cartoon bird, all blur and hazy outline. Then the entire tree exploded and screamed, and I understood what was going on.

After a moment the raptor dropped out of the tree and spread its wings out on the ground like a drunk robin, only this time it was death incarnate and a bird was under it; which kind I could not tell. The Raptor looked about carefully, fearless, master of its prey, Lord of the Earth and Sky: dominant and deadly.

It looked straight at me and then tipped its head sideways to see me better.

Under its feathered breast I could see the head of a little bird. Two small black eyes, just black marks from where I was standing, gazed ahead fixedly, hopeless, perhaps already dead.

I was transfixed by that those tiny dead or dying eyes and in an instant I knew why.

I had seen something similar before...

For my ninth birthday Granny sent me five pounds from England. That's a lot of money for a boy living on a remote farm halfway up a mountain. When we went to town next, I went to the bank with my mother and we exchanged the pounds into Rands, the South African currency. It came to seven Rands. I already had two Rands saved up and was planning on buying a leather soccer ball, a much coveted - but expensive – item. I put the money into a large leather folding wallet, also a gift from Grannie from the year before. Gran never forgot our birthdays and always sent my sister and I something she thought we would like, poor as she was.

I put the wallet on the bookshelf in my room and every now and then I would open it and look at the multicoloured paper money. I needed twelve Rands for the soccer ball. So, the money sat there on the shelf and I would look at it until one day I went to open it and the money was gone. All of it. The wallet was empty.

I didn't know what to do, it was very confusing. I stood on the carpet in my room and looked at the empty wallet. I looked around at the walls and then out the window and then back at the wallet again. Then I looked out the bedroom door and our daytime house cleaner, Susan, was standing there in profile, pretending to shine

the doorframe: I looked at her without comprehension and then she spoke: 'It is too much money for a boy to have', she said carefully matter-of-fact in her rhythmic Bantu accent: 'it is too much money'. Then she looked straight at me until I looked away. I put the empty wallet back on the shelf and never said a word about the theft for forty- five years.

Susan lived in the Coloured shacks, just behind the long, low corrugated iron building that housed the horse and the tractor that we called the 'tin shed'. The building that she lived in was a mud brick two room shanty. It lay on the border line of our farm and the next farm, where there was another line of six Coloured shacks in row house form, of mud brick, in which the neighbouring farms' labourers lived with their wives and children. They had nothing to do with us and stayed on their side of the fence. Sometimes there was a lot of drinking and shouting from the neighbour's shacks.

Susan had big, shiny white perfect teeth, prominently displayed every time she smiled – which was often. One day as we were returning home from being in town, driving in the car along the dirt road that led to the house, we spotted her walking on the farm road. I called to her from the car window. She turned and smiled and every one of her teeth were gone. She said later that it was better to get rid of one's teeth now rather than risk big dental bills later. She never got the dentures though. Just big gums. I don't think she was more than thirty years of age.

Susan used to confide in me and tell me what was going on in the 'next door' housing. 'Rassie' she would say (the rest of the Coloureds and Bantu labourers and their children called me 'Klein Bass' which is Afrikaans for 'little Boss' but Susan called me by name); I just had to look at her and she would tell me gossip from the Coloured shacks.

I recall almost nothing except the day when she excitedly told me they had caught a man breaking into the 'Groot Bass's' house (Big Bosses) on the other side, the big German with the two Rottweilers, the man we called Varkie – Afrikaans for 'pig'. The local Coloureds had apparently caught a man breaking into Varkie's house – and as Varkie was a man of supreme arrogance they were falling over themselves to bring their captive to his attention. Only Varkie wasn't there so they had this offender tied up at the Coloured row houses along our property line: tied up and waiting for Varkie and the police.

I should go look. 'Rassie! Go see!' So, I did.

I pretended to be ambling by on my way to the tin shed. The apprehended apparent thief was lying on the ground, just on the other side of the barbed wire and was hogtied. He had on a black shirt and pants and was covered in dust. I remember thinking about how much dust was on him and how thirsty he must be. The offender was lying on his stomach with his arms behind him, wrists attached to his raised ankles. As I passed, he raised his head and looked at me. It was the look of despair, desperation and hopelessness. 'Klein Bass' his eyes pleaded. He looked at me like at the mirage of an Angel and as he did, so a man came from out of a doorway and kicked him hard in the side of his body and shouted something at him. His eyes followed me as I ambled past and then he gave up and put his head back down. I could not, and would not, help him.

I kept walking into the tin shed shaken by the mental and physical anguish of this man with one last chance of hope in me, caught in his eyes, transferred forever to my brain as I walked into the cool, still sanctuary of the tin shed and he remained outside, banished to his fate.

The Red-Tailed hawk looked me over critically and then was gone.

It took off sideways, pushing itself up off the ground and flew laterally straight through the tall lilac hedge, the hedge so dense it appeared dark inside, even in the bright mid day summer sun. The hawk flew sideways straight into the hedge and not a leaf moved, nor branch stirred as it vanished, taking the two tiny black eyes with it into the darkness.

We didn't see it leave the other side of the lilac hedge, but it was gone.

Mother Mulberry stayed quiet and somber as she silently absorbed the sudden death from above.

The party started up again as in an hour the birds came back to revel in the lush fruit and the Cicadas started up their song as the tree continued to suck up the water of life and everything flowed on as if nothing had happened.

Neilson Store AGM

Sunday January 12, 2020 at the Neilson Store Back Room

2:00 to 4:00 pm Back Kitchen Annual General Meeting

Come and learn about the fundraising status, plans for 2020 and financials.

All welcome!

Pickleball on Amherst Island

Mon, Tue, Thur at the AI Community Centre
6:30 pm Pickleball for the over 50 crowd continues until May. Registration essential per session (i.e. Mon, Oct to May \$10). See the Loyalist Recreation Guide or <http://www.loyalisttownship.ca/index.cfm/residents/recreation/online-registration/> or call 613.389.3648 or 613.634.5355 during business hours.

Poems

By Sharen E.

Some days are so cold,
others are mild and lovely.

The Island 's trees, branches and grasses are brown now.
I see a birder, hanging out of his car window, pointing his huge camera lens at something. I didn't ask what he was looking at this time. I often do.

When the sun starts to go down, the sky and water display two different blues. It is my favourite time of day on the island. So beautiful is the contrast of the two blues.

The potholes are numerous.

I saw a fox and I heard the coyotes crying.

A racoon scurried by last night. Gleaming eyes.

The deer are out.

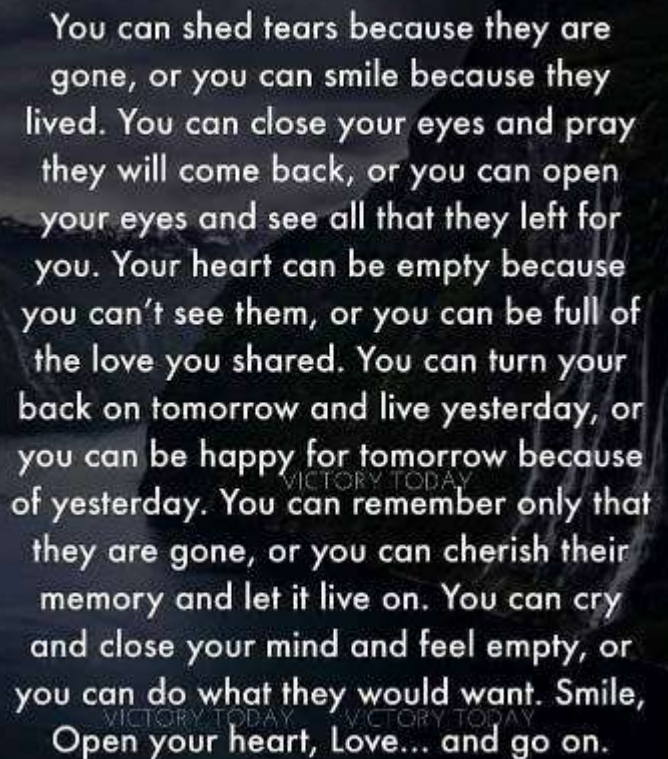
Cats run by the road day and night.

The Hunters are here with their trucks and ATV's.

I heard a gunshot.

I heard a bird call that I did not recognize, it was a "squwa".

Christmas is coming and the parties are here. What a confusing time Christmas is, there is love, adoration, joy, family, friends and stress.



You can shed tears because they are gone, or you can smile because they lived. You can close your eyes and pray they will come back, or you can open your eyes and see all that they left for you. Your heart can be empty because you can't see them, or you can be full of the love you shared. You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday, or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday. You can remember only that they are gone, or you can cherish their memory and let it live on. You can cry and close your mind and feel empty, or you can do what they would want. Smile, Open your heart, Love... and go on.

Shirley's Friday Art Classe

by Shirley Miller

We keep chugging along. Regulars are Joan Martin, Anne Henderson, Bonnie Livingstone. Joyce Groot. Cathy McCallister is coming again after hip surgery kept her house bound for most of the summer. Laird Leeder comes when the time permits and we have a new lady from Bath, Ruth Ann who is working in watercolours. Penny Kingsbury doesn't get to come very often as she would like but we all miss her and are glad to see her when she can get here.

Joyce and Joan are working in acrylics, Anne and Bonnie are doing a fine job with pencil crayons, Cathy and Laird are watercolourist while I have yet to finish my three children that I am working in oils.

Merry Christmas and all the best for the New Year from the Friday Afternoon Class

Special Meals

by Janet Scott

Ten years ago, at a Session Meeting at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, I heard a plea some of the elders presented that they did not have enough members to continue the Sunday Night Suppers. Both my parents had helped with those meals about ten years before so I went home feeling somewhat guilty that I couldn't help. At the next session meeting it was announced that Bev Woodcock had volunteered to co-ordinate the meals and they were calling it Special Meals.



Senior's Christmas Dinner

I contacted my good friend Lena and asked if this was the same Bev Woodcock that she knew from Queen's Library Service. It was and so I contacted Bev to see if I could be of any help. She put me in touch with Karen Fleming who was already making up a team. That year there were nine teams of 12 who came from 8 different denominations willing to prepare home cooked food for free meals for the less fortunate. Karen, Talia and Wayne Fleming, Cathy Wemp and her son Daniel, Nancy Pearson, Judy Bierma, Anthony Gifford, Judy Miller, Bonnie Livingstone, my friend Lena and her friends Judy Durocher and Susan Cockram, and myself formed a team called Island and Friends.

Lynanne Clapham was active in the Street Mission that kept people warm and clothed in the cold weather. That group moved into St. Andrew's as well and Lynanne and Chris now helped us on our team. Over the years Mitchell Morgan Bursey, Krystalin Kennedy, Rachel Scott, Angus Little, Rebecca Scott have provided the younger legs and enthusiasm to keep our team going. Susan Arsenault, Eleanor Porteous, Julie McKee- Grabell and Beth Forester have filled in several times as well to fill out our numbers.

Sunday was the night that Martha's Table did not provide a hot meal so it was important to fill that void. Special Meals began to have musical entertainment while the guests ate so Anthony and Judy moved over to that niche and are there almost every Sunday. Jon Mclurg has been a regular entertainer as well.

St. Andrew's continues to provide the place; food is donated by Costco, Loving Spoonfuls, local Islanders have given us squash and after the Stone Wall Festival we used potatoes that had been part of the children's workshop. We used to prepare food here at home but health regulations no longer allow that, so all food has to be prepared there in an inspected kitchen. We proudly wear our Amherst Island Aprons and Lena and Judy Durocher have added Wannabees to their apron logos.

The past ten years have seen changes. Most of us have taken Safe Food Handling and Mental Health First Aid Courses. Bev and her groups have raised thousands to renovate and upgrade the kitchen to meet health department regulations.

One team was so dedicated that when their church, The Church of the Good Thief, was closed they continued to take a turn by joining with St. Joseph's. If at any time you would like to try it out give one of us a call and join in. Our next turn is January 5 and I already know that several servers will be missing. We will need more hands on deck.



**Donated apples turned into pies frozen for sale at the Christmas Bazaar.
Thanks Wayne, Karen, Jenn, Chad, Lynn and sons. You helped magic happen. From Janet Scott**



**Thanks to AIMS for their beautiful hanging
baskets in the village of Stella.**

Photo by Lorna Willis

Volleyball on Amherst Island

Wednesdays December 4, 11, 18

7:00 Volleyball at the AI Community Centre

All Welcome!

Zumba on Amherst Island

Wednesdays December 6, 13, 20, 27

6:00 PM at the AI Community Centre

ZUMBA is coming back to the Island!....Your Amherst Island Recreation Committee has been contacted by a ZUMBA instructor from Bath to start classes. For anyone not familiar Zumba is an interval workout. . Cost to start will be \$8 for an introductory rate and if we can hold it at \$8 we will. Please keep in mind this will be weekly before our volleyball game that starts at 7:00. Contact Sherry sherry.miller@empire.ca for more info

The Waterfowl Bird Count

Hi folks - Janet and I would like to thank you for coming over to Amherst Island on such a cool, damp November morning to help us with the IBA waterfowl count. We have submitted the results to eBird and wished to share the results with all of you (whether on eBird or not).

Brant Goose: 1	Canada Goose: 31	Mute Swan: 5
Trumpeter Swan: 6	Tundra Swan: 29	Gadwall: 40
American Wigeon: 3	Mallard: 90	Northern Pintail: 4
Green-winged Teal: 40	Greater Scaup: 150	Long-tailed Duck: 22
Bufflehead: 10	Common Goldeneye: 8	Hooded Merganser: 7
Common Merganser: 80	Red-breasted Merganser: 1052	Horned Grebe: 15
	Common Loon: 102	

Let us know if you notice any glaring errors. We hope to see you at the Christmas Bird Count (advertised below) Cheers. Janet & Bonnie

The Christmas Bird Count

Friday January 3, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm at the AI Community Centre

Coffee and muffins upon arrival and soup and chili when the morning count is finished.

Please contact Janet (jiscott@kos.net or 613-389-4608) or Bonnie Livingstone

(bonnie.livingstone@gmail.com or 613-389-8516) if you'd like to participate.
No experience necessary - novice birders will be matched with experienced folks