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NORTH AMERICAN SHEEP SHEARING RECORD SET



On September 28, 2010, a new North American record was set for sheep shearing at Foot Flats Farm. At Mark Ritchie and Cherry Allen's farm, 1124 sheep were shorn in an eight hour period by three shearers. The previous record of shearing just over 900 sheep was set in the State of Oregon a few years ago. Leading shearer Don Metheral of Creemore, Ontario brought professional shearers from the United States to work with him. Alex Moser of Iowa sheared 423, Nolan Abel also from Iowa sheared 374, with Canadian Don Metheral Shearing 327. Kevin Hickman, a shearing contractor from Missouri organized the American shearers. Extra help collecting sheep and bagging wool was provided by Dan Simpson, Cherry's daughter Tagget Bonham-Carter and Cherry's grandson David Bonham-Carter.

The North American Championship Team are left to right: Alex Moser and Nolan Abel of Iowa, Don Metheral of Creemore, David Bonham-Carter, Dan Simpson, Kevin Hickman of Missouri, Cherry Allen, Mark Ritchie and Tagget Bonham-Carter.

PHOTO BY TERRY CULBERT

NEIGHBOUR HOOD

-Lynn Fleming

Get Well wishes this month to Nancy Dunn, Emily Tugwell, Marion Glenn, Vera Hogeboom and Sharon English.

Condolences to Gayel Willard, son David and daughters Sandra and Diana and families, following the passing of their husband and father, Wilbert Willard. Condolences also to

Wilbert's brother Earl (Donna) Willard and sister Dorothy McGinn.

Condolences to Doug Shurtliffe and family, following the recent passing of his father.

Congratulations to Ross and Sally Wilson, who recently celebrated their 50th anniversary with a family dinner and weekend at their Island home.

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Congratulations to Dan and Mary Claus, on the birth of their newest grandson, born to son Wayne and his wife Jody.

Congratulations to Jeff Pearce and wife Kat, following the birth of their first child, a son, Charlie Antero. Congratulations also to the thrilled grandmas, Diane Pearce and Michelle Lelay.

Congratulations to 1st time grandparents, Heather Young and Rob Wemp on the birth of their 1st grandson, born to son Nate Maleska and his partner Tiffany. 1st time great grandparents are David and Betty Wemp.

Mark Ritchie and Cherry Allen visited family in England recently, (then came home to set some sheep shearing records)!

Chris Kennedy and Dianne Marshall also visited family in England.

Marjorie Tooke spent a week and a half on the Island with her sister, Jean Tugwell.

About 40 people enjoyed an evening at the Lodge with the John Wort Hannam Trio. John is a favourite of Islanders and has performed here several times in the past.

It was a perfect Fall day for this year's Harvest Festival. A record crowd enjoyed a day of great exhibits, good food, good music and lots of fun and games for all ages.

Fall is settling in on Amherst Island, the leaves are changing colour and there is a chill in the air but the weather forecast looks like it could be a perfect holiday weekend. Happy Thanksgiving.

MEMORIES OF MY FATHER

-David Willard

On October 16, 1930, and now entering her third day of labour in a South Shore farmhouse with no hydro or indoor plumbing, Gertrude Willard (Corke) finally gave birth to her first child, Wilbert George, who weighed in at more than 10 lbs. Amazingly both survived. And there would be no hydro or plumbing for the entire time Wilbert and his five siblings grew up there - not completely uncommon on Amherst Island in that time period. School was reached by foot of course and was a solid mile to the east near the Caughey farm. The Willard, Wemp and Sudds children walked together. TB was still common then and cost my father an entire year away from school, but being a keen learner he was advanced a grade on at least one occasion and made up the lost year. By age 14 he was working for his great uncle, Sam Reid, for \$.50 a day, and the money was sent home to his mother. A bit later in life he also did a stint on the wooden Amherst Islander and trapped muskrats in the Big Marsh.

Eventually Dad boarded off the island in order to complete high school at Napanee where he first met my mother, but they did not date until later on. He seriously considered a teaching position at this point but the post World War II industrial boom was in full swing and he chose a career with Alcan in the early fifties instead.

Having been an excellent ballplayer and always athletic, he had a chance to play amateur hardball during this period and these were probably some of his happiest days. By now my parents were dating and Mom was about to visit Amherst Island for the first time. Although raised on a farm herself, she thought she had returned to the 'horse and buggy' era when first stepping foot on Amherst. In fact Gordon and Georgia Reid were still travelling by horse and buggy well into the 1950's!

In April 1954, my parents were married and bought a 100 acre farm near Wilton but Alcan was the economic mainstay. By the fall of 1961 they had decided to move to the Island with their three kids and purchased the 300 acre property belonging to Charlie and Maye McMullin. The price was \$11,000 and included 2000 ft. of waterfront.

This proved to be my Dad's best decade in terms of 'empire building'. Shortly after his return to the Island he left Alcan and was milking a dairy herd and had 100 head of beef cattle. He quickly acquired more land purchasing the Coulson property where Janet Scott now lives and the Jimmy Gibson property (house and barn included) on the 2nd Concession 0where Morgans now live. The farm he grew up on plus the one immediately east of it were also rented for the beef herd. Not bad for starting from scratch. Many successful Island farms had been in the family for more than one generation. It may be hard to believe now but nearly every hundred acres was an operational farm then and dad drew milk for several of the farmers east of

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Stella. I can recall working the land in the spring with my father and looking westward and seeing fields being worked all the way to the village - the farmers in order being Clifford Glenn, Twig Kilpatrick, Wally Hefford, (hockey star Jayna's grandfather), Piet Witteveen, Lorne Veech and Art Drumgoole.

So Dad was extremely busy in the sixties, exhibiting a strong work ethic, raised his family and often had a 'hired man' living with us. Following are some memories from that period which stand out for me.

Dad owned several (now classic) cars during this period - a Dodge, a Belair and an Oldsmobile, all with large tail fins. He seemed on the move constantly but did take time off to watch his beloved Leafs and Perry Mason and Sundays were a slower day - but of course the cows had to be milked.

One day I happened to be in Stella with my Dad and lo and behold there was an Orange Parade marching through the town. He explained to me what it was about and since



my Dad was Protestant I asked him why he wasn't participating. He said he didn't believe in it. I honestly think that was the most profound thing he ever said to me, reflecting his thought that such events had no place in the community.

Although somewhat quick-tempered and never afraid of a confrontation and having done a little amateur boxing, he was no braggart. In the 1960's Junior Gibson was unquestionably the most feared man on Amherst Island. I remember asking my Dad if he thought he could best Junior in a fight and he replied "Oh, probably not". Newcomers to Amherst must appreciate that the Island was considerably different then and physical altercations were quite common at community dances and in the schoolyard.

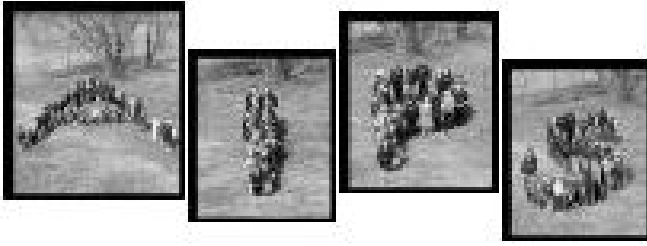
Dad also had a great sense of Island family history and often recited examples of the interconnectedness that existed on the Island, as it was then. He often sang old tunes in the car and seemed fairly happy. It was not uncommon to see him kissing my Mom.

By the 1970's the cheese factory was about to close and Dad seemed to lose interest in large-scale farming. He was racing standard bred horses by then and put little time into the farm or buildings. Soon thereafter he returned to the workforce, this time with Corrections and then sold out on the Island and moved to Harrowsmith with the horses and his new career at the Quinte Detention Centre. In the early 80's for the sake of Mom's bronchial health they moved further north to the Denbigh area. They had some good years there before returning to the Island in 2001 where they quickly became re-included in Island community and church life. Dad invested in my sheep flock and was a very active participant until June of this year. He handled square hay bales until he was 78 years of age and could still keep pace with many of the 20 year olds I would hire from the Bayridge area to help with the summer haying.

More recent Island residents would have known a mellow, kinder, gentler Wilbert than the one I grew up with - a common phenomenon of aging. He greatly enjoyed his grandchildren, his church, music, euchre parties, visiting old friends, and still remembered the glory days of the Toronto Maple Leafs. I'm sure he was greatly anticipating this winter's hockey season now having a big screen in his house for the first time.

There were signs that Dad's health was failing and he did not feel as well but it was still a shock to see someone as tough and rugged as he was finally succumb to various health issues. We are all grateful there was no prolonged, debilitating illness.

Before leaving the funeral home my Mom leaned over and kissed my Dad farewell. What a great tribute to a lasting love of 56 years.



-Lynn Fleming

Amherst Island Public School got off to a great start this year. There has been a lot of changes in staff, as well as some students leaving and others coming in.

We have already been busy this Fall with the Terry Fox Run, Open House, Cross Country, Science field trips, all in addition to the regular curriculum.

Last year's grade 8 grads, Kyle Aitkenhead, Gavin Ashley and Brandon Reid, have all settled in at NDSS. Starting their school years in Junior Kindergarten this year at A.I.P.S., are Drew McGinn and Mairi Kennedy, who join 3 Senior Kindergarten students to round out the Kindergarten class. In the Primary class, we have 2 first grade, 2 second grade, 3 third grade and 4 fourth grade students. In the Senior classroom, there are 4 fifth grade, 0 sixth grade, 4 seventh grade and 1 eighth grade students.

Staff this year is as follows: Mr. Lang returns as Primary Class teacher, as well as head teacher. New to A.I.P.S. this year is Cindy Marshall, who is the Senior Class teacher and Hilary Gale, our core French teacher. Mrs. Scott returns as .50 planning time teacher and Ms. Cooper is back half time as the A.I. Science School teacher. Unfortunately, Ms. Cooper has taken a .50 Kindergarten position at Lundy's Lane this year, so our students won't have the benefit of having her for science classes. Mrs. West has returned as our Kindergarten and student support Educational Assistant. I, (Lynn Fleming) continue as secretary and Jacob Murray as caretaker. Melanie Allport is our returning vice-principal. As Ms. Potter retired this past June as principal, we were thrilled to welcome Mrs. Joanne Stinson as our new principal. Mrs. Stinson is excited about coming to the Island and is well on her way to getting to know the students, their parents and the Island school.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

- Sharen English

On a sunny, warm Wednesday, August 18, 13 members of the Women's Institute of Amherst Island and 3 guests went on our annual outing. This year we went to Prince Edward County.

Our first stop was a lavender farm in Hillier. We were educated about lavender and it's growing as we toured the farm. Lavender is used in culinary dishes, essential oils, soaps, tea, for aromatherapy, and many other uses. Their lavender is used in sea salt, sugar, chocolate, vinegar, sachets, infusers, pillows and more. We had a snack of lavender shortbread cookies and lavender infused lemonade. They were delicious. The farm also produces herbs de Provence for cooking. Each lady received her own year-old lavender plant. We enjoyed our visit very much.

We proceeded to the Grange Winery, down the same road, and had our lunch in the winery building. The winery's wood lobby has 40 foot high ceilings. The property was very pretty. Some members sampled and bought wine.

Our last stop was the Bay of Quinte Branch of the United Empire Loyalists Association of Canada, located in Adolphustown. The property contains a camp ground, homestead built in the late 1700's, a memorial cemetery and park. We received a guided tour of the home, which is now a museum. It contains archives, and anyone can research their ancestry or educate themselves on the area. The exhibit in the house details Loyalist life from 1784 on.

We all had an enjoyable time socializing and seeing the sights.

ALL-CANDIDATES MEETING

-Ian Murray

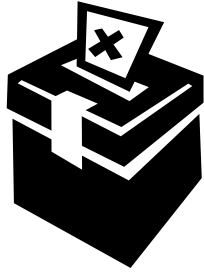
Congratulations to AIMS and the Women's Institute for hosting this successful event. The 100-plus audience members were treated to a well-run and unexpectedly good-natured exhibition of what municipal politics should be like. We, the voters, got to hear from the people who would like to represent us at the Limestone School Board and Loyalist Township.

It has been quite a while since people have come forward to challenge incumbent members of Council. This time every elected position is being contested by 2 or more people and those successful will at least know that someone else wanted the job.

So, a big thank you to all the candidates for having the courage of their convictions. And also to Woody Woodiwiss for organizing the event and to Dick Dodds for moderating cheerfully and fairly.

Bill Lowry had, I think, the best sound bite of the evening: "Rumour is easy; education is difficult". I think this goes to the heart of what some believe is a lack of communication from Council. Very few people reading this have ever sat through a whole Council meeting. Not many people read the published agendas and minutes. It's so much easier to listen to someone's opinion and then pass it on perhaps with a change or two added for interest.

It disturbs me that a person can graduate from high school, or even have a PhD, and not have a clue how municipal government works.



COUNCIL GLEANINGS

- Ian Murray

From 24th Session, September 13

"The Reeve and Council presented a plaque to Susanne Robinson (Susie's Swim for Shrine Kids) recognizing her swim of Lake Ontario."

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"Mr. Chippendale, the gentleman who owns property next to Pentland Cemetery, has agreed to donate three feet of land on the north and east side of the Cemetery stone walls, to the Township."

Council passed a motion accepting this donation pending a report from staff regarding any legal considerations that may arise.



NEWS FROM STELLA'S CAFÉ

-Judy Bierma

Thanks to everyone that supported us with our dream of opening and running Stella's Café in Stella this summer. We closed on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving and worked on some carpentry and plumbing around the Café and got ready to fly down to Grand Bahama Island and check on our boat. A special thank you to Ida Gavlas and Betty Wemp for the supply of pies through out the summer and to Elsie Willard and Barb Filson for their pies

We hope to be back at Christmas to celebrate the season with family and friends in Napanee/Toronto/Ottawa areas and celebrate New Years on the Island. We are really excited about continuing our friendships on the Island and opening the Café in May. Our hopes are to insulate the Café and build a one bedroom apartment attached to it and keep it open all year round. Thank you for your continued suggestions to help us be a better service to the Island. I loved seeing families come in and enjoy time together and friends meeting here for a meal and a time to chat without having to cook or do dishes.

The Sing-alongs were well attended this year and it was a lot of fun sharing songs with people and finding out what their favourite songs were and watching them make music together.

Some ideas we're playing around with for next year are: movie night, continuing the sing-alongs, performances by local musicians at the Café, mini croquet/golf in the backyard, supper specials and perhaps staying open until 7:30 or so.

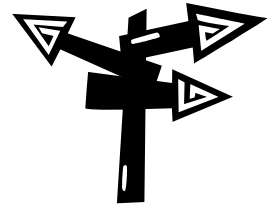
HERE & THERE

- Ian Murray

Does anyone remember 3 green summers in a row? This summer has been much appreciated by most farmers particularly after a very dry April and May. I know that we were wondering how many sheep we'd have to sell when it looked as if there would be very little for the sheep to eat. And then came the June rains turning the Island green and it is still green.

I finally found some mushrooms – Parasols – to put in the freezer. But no meadow mushrooms yet, except for a few in the barnyard. The past few years I have found very few edible mushrooms. As near as I can tell the mushrooms need the ground to be wet in late summer and we haven't had those conditions for awhile.

One of our fields has a lot of beautiful white mushrooms that are apparently quite tasty as reported by diners before dying a few hours later. **DO NOT EAT MUSHROOMS THAT YOU ARE NOT ABSOLUTELY SURE ARE SAFE.**



AIMS SEPTEMBER 11 MEETING

- Hugh Jenney

Twenty-one men sat down to a delicious full breakfast prepared by Brian, Eva and Daniel Little. Woody thanked the Littles for the large breakfast.

Terry Culbert introduced our guest speaker, Anthony Gifford. Anthony and his partner, Judy Bierma opened the Stella Cafe recently for which we are all very grateful. Judy is a daughter of a former Amherst Island cheese maker.

Anthony advised us that he has held many jobs in the past, the longest being for twenty years as a United Church minister. Putting his faith in God he bought a 43' steel boat from Jim Christie and went sailing with him and Judy across the ocean. About five days later he surmised that Jim was blind because he nearly ran into an ocean liner. They did manage to celebrate Captain Jim's 80th birthday on the high seas. They had terrible weather but enjoyed that fact that there was nothing to hit out there in the big wide sea. The waves are no problem as there are plenty of things to hang on to in the hold. They shared the watch by being on for two hours and off for four. Whoever felt like eating was the cook. It was the coldest Spring ever with only two days of sunshine. His book on the stars was never opened. At least his skin cancer was slowed down by the cloudy days. They did see dozens of dolphins and porpoises.

Anthony and Judy were very glad to have made the trip with Captain Jim as he died two months later in Scotland. They valued the experience but are really enjoying themselves now working at the Stella Cafe. Eventually they plan to build a house behind the restaurant.

A question period followed Anthony's presentation and Terry Culbert thanked him on behalf of the AIMS membership.

Doug Martin brought in an English thorn bush with black berries on it to demonstrate that this bush has wicked thorns and is hard to kill. The berries become intoxicating which has led to crows and other birds being unable to fly. Doug advised us not to chip these weeds because that will spread their seeds. Just cut them and pile them on the burn pile behind the Loyalist Township Fire Department on the Stella Forty Foot.

Ross Haines was given a round of applause for his work on the flower baskets.

Our annual Thanksgiving Auction will be held on Saturday, October 9 starting at 10 AM. Viewing starts at 9. If it rains we will hold it at the Radio Station sheds. Terry Culbert will put out two ads; the first, to ask for donations and the latter, to announce the event.



Bidders will be asked to sign up for a number to facilitate the ease of recognition and collection.

On Wednesday October 6 at 7 PM we will sponsor an All Candidates Meeting at the AI school. The municipal elections are being held on October 25, 2010.

Three people have agreed to be on our executive as members at large: Ross Haines, Dick Dodds and John Schutzbach. Brian Little has agreed to be our new Vice-President. Greg and Woody have agreed to continue as co-presidents. Paul Lauret will fill in as treasurer while awaiting a volunteer. Your scribe will continue as secretary.

The members showed their appreciation for the good work of our executive members with a round of applause.

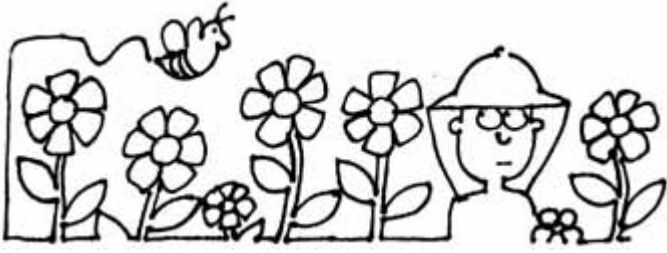


The crowd in Centennial Park wait for the next item to be auctioned off at the AIMS Annual Thanksgiving Weekend Auction. This was the fourth year the Amherst Island Men's Society held their fund raising auction.



Professional auctioneer Bruce Caughey hard at work.

PHOTOS BY TERRY CULBERT



'THE INCREDIBLE LIGHTNESS OF BEE-ING'

-Dave Meikle, the Bumbling Beekeeper

The anatomy of a bee is of only passing interest to most folks. Mostly we care about one end of the bee or the other. A bee can bring us a sweet experience, or a painful experience depending on which end of the bee's anatomy we are being introduced to.

For other groups of people the bee's anatomy is of interest for another reason. To scientists the fact that the bee can fly is of great interest. This is because a bee can fly when she shouldn't be able to.

The worker bee is basically a little cargo plane. When she has filled her cargo hold with nectar and prepares to fly back home she will have more than doubled her weight. To lift herself off the ground this loaded down with her tiny wings she needs to beat her wings at more than 200 times per second. Yet sure enough she can beat her wings this fast and sure enough she does fly home.

So what's the big deal then? The big deal is nerve and muscle shouldn't be able to move her wings that fast.

All living things that move use muscle to do so. In creatures big enough to see this takes nerves carrying signals to the muscle to tell the muscle what to do. A nerve is like a telephone line plugging into the muscle telling the muscle 'tighten up this much now' and 'okay relax this much now'. To move something like a wing most creatures will have one set of muscles pulling the wing down and another set pulling it up. Whether bug, or person, or any other critter, all use the same basic muscle and nerve tissue. The part about bee flight that baffled the scientists is that nerves cannot carry messages fast enough to flap a wing 200 times per second, nor can muscle tighten and relax that fast. Long before a bee gets up to 200 beats per second the bee's nerves should over-load and send one long scream to the muscle putting the muscle into a cramp and the bee plummeting to the pavement like a nectar-filled water balloon. Fortunately for our sweet tooth, nature solved this anatomical puzzle about 100 million years ahead of the scientists. The clever little bee has been lumbering back and forth to flowers at least that long unconcerned with the impossibility of her flying.

In her short 6 week life time a bee will repeat this impossible feat over and over again. Her life's work

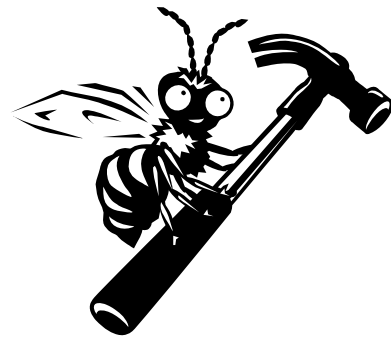
amounts to transporting a few teaspoons of nectar that processes down to a 1/10 teaspoon of honey. She will visit 1000's of flowers for that small yield and fly 100's of kilometres. She and her sisters will fly the equivalent of a lap of the planet to make 1 pound of honey.

Nature solved the puzzle of flight for the bee by building her like a little musical instrument. A bee, like all bugs, is built inside out compared to you and me. She has her skeleton on the outside and her muscles on the inside. Her chest is made up of two hard exterior plates. She has a front plate that interlocks with her back plate. Her wings are scissored into the join between the two plates. Her big flight muscles do not attach to her wings like they do in birds. Her flight muscles attach to the inside of the top and bottom chest plates. These muscles are stretched tight between the plates like guitar strings. It is this arrangement of muscles, plates and wings that allows the bee to fly.

When a musician plucks a guitar string it sets the string vibrating, tightening and relaxing over and over again. The more tension on the guitar string the more rapidly the string tightens and relaxes. At the right tension the string will tighten and relax at 200 times per second. The musician only needs to pluck the string every second or so to keep it vibrating along at 200 times per second.

If you think of the bee's flight muscle as a guitar string and the nerve signalling that muscle as the musician we have the explanation as to how the bee flies. With this arrangement a message from her nerve sets the muscle vibrating. The muscle is stretched so that it vibrates at the needed 200 times per second. That vibration in turn sets the bee's chest plates vibrating and that in turn sets the bee's wings that are wedged between the plates vibrating. Up and down her wings go at the magic number of beats per second. The nerve inside the bee just has to keep 'plucking' the muscle periodically to keep the whole system running, and off our bee flies. She is basically humming her way around flower to flower like a little guitar.

So next time you see a bee fly by, know that she sings a cheery tune on her way to do the impossible, and to bring us our sweet experience, or to bring us our painful experience, depending on which part of the bee's anatomy we are being introduced to.



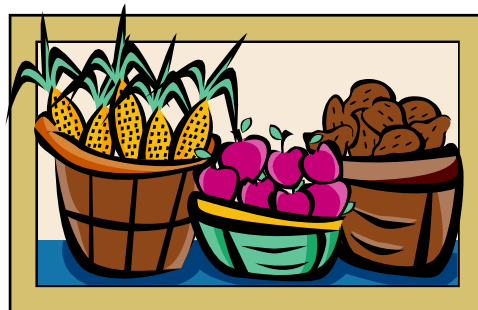
4H HARVEST FEST



Rebecca Scott attempts to take a bite of her apple.



(left to right) Victoria Cuyler, Nancy Dunn, Karen Fleming and David Willard were the winners of the delicious apple and pumpkin pie baking contest.



Drew McGinn finds interest with some of the sheep on display.

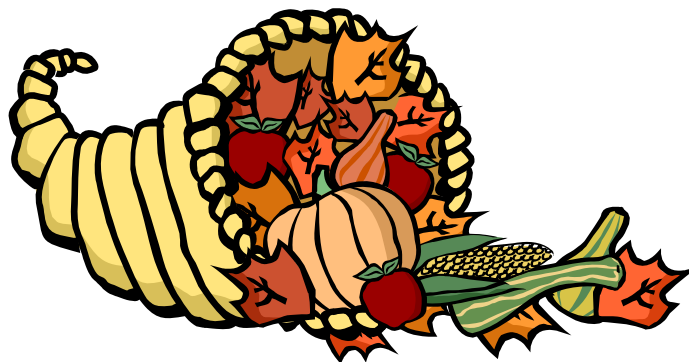


Jason Fleming and Jamie Arsenault take 1st place in the bale rolling contest.



Braden Fleming eagerly tries out some of the fire equipment on display during the festivities.

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Ben Cuyler tries his best to get a bite of his apple during the kids games.

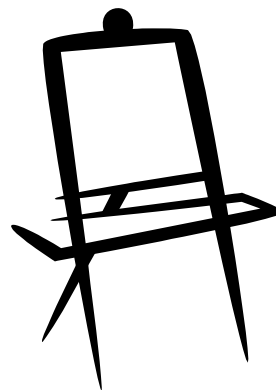
ALL-ISLAND ARTISTS SHOW AT THE LODGE



Patron of the arts and The Lodge owner Molly Stroyman enjoying the show with Elsie Willard, Neil Johnston and Linda Joll.



Doug Martin, Jim Gould, Michael Joll, and Bruce Findlay.



Island artists Judi Gould, Barb Hogenauer and Rosy Findlay.





Michele Lelay and Diane Pearce find humour in Terry Culbert's "Republic of Amherst Island".

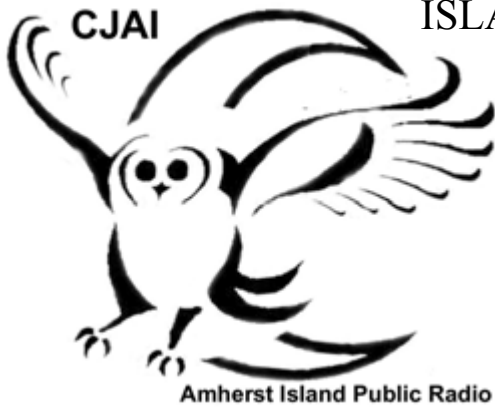


Islander Brian Grace with Claire and Bill Wornes of Kingston. Bill is running for city council in Portsmouth District.



Enjoying the artwork are Front Road cottagers left to right: Heather Van Laare and her 6-month old daughter Clohe, Tessa Van Laare and her daughter Nellie, along with Elaine Van Laare.





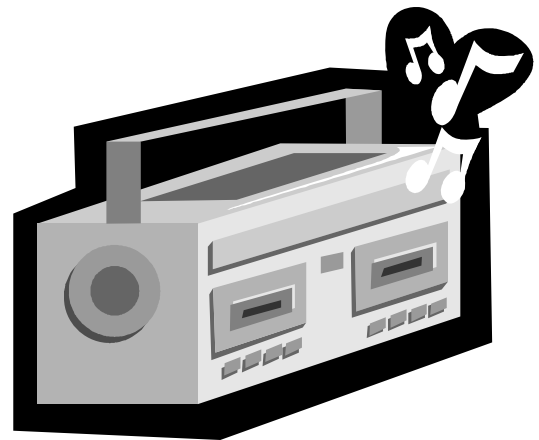
ISLAND RADIO NEWS



The Wolf's Den's host Ellis Wolfreys with guests Catherine Carbino, a fiddler from Chaffey's Lock, Ontario and Irish folk singer Liam MaGee from Westport, Ireland.



Ula Stief co-hosted the Friday Morning Show from 8 to 9am for over three months while Brian Little recuperated from major surgery.



CJAI 92.1 AGM will be held on Sunday, October 24th at 2pm. We are seeking to fill 3 positions on the Board of Directors. Refreshments will be served.



Left: Dayle Gowan, host of the Udder Morning Show and landlord of the property, also tends the lawns surrounding the smallest radio station in Canada.

Right: Wayne Gulden and Jim Gould spent a lot of time this summer sorting out, replacing and making the inner workings of CJAI 92.1 FM operate more efficiently.



Left: Jan Stick, on the left, from Whitehorse, Yukon, visited her sister Bonnie Jean Livingston and Gord Forbes on Amherst Island in August. The two sisters were guests on the Friday Morning Show. Ms. Stick, a former Whitehorse city councillor, owns the only used book store in the Yukon.

“AS THE YEARS GO BY”

For over two years Terry Culbert of the Friday Morning Show has been playing a tune titled “As The Years Go By” composed by Pierre Senecal of the 1960’s Montreal based rock group Mashmakhan. In September a call was recorded on Island Radio’s answering machine noting that a member of the band is living in Bath. Terry contacted the caller who turned out to be Mashmakhan’s drummer Jerry Mercer. “As the Years Go By”, recorded in 1970 went platinum in Canada, sold 500,000 copies in the United States and over a million copies in Japan. In 1973, Jerry Mercer joined April Wine and played with that band for the next 35 years. The co-hosts of the Friday Morning Show interviewed Jerry and his wife Marilyn on the October 1st broadcast.



Standing in front of the milkhouse radio station is Jerry Mercer, drummer with Mashmakhan and April Wine with Friday Morning co-hosts, Terry Culbert, on the left and Brian Little on the Right

PHOTO BY MARILYN MERCER



Jerry is second from the right on the April Wine album cover.



Marilyn Mercer sits in Island Radio’s on-air studio as Terry Culbert interviews her husband drummer Jerry Mercer.

PHOTO BY BRIAN LITTLE

AROUND THE ISLAND WITH TERRY CULBERT

Circumnavigating Amherst Island

On the 19th of August and the 20th of September, Bruce and Rosy Findlay of 780 Front Road, completed their circumnavigation of Amherst Island by canoe. On both dates, the Findlay's put their sixteen foot fibre glass Prospector canoe into O'Drains Bay at the Culbert-Hogenauer shoreline. On August 19th, with waves two feet high, the pair paddled around the head of the Island and then east along the North Channel battling a storm and strong winds. Total paddling time: five hours. Departing O'Drains Bay on the 20th of September, Bruce and Rosy went past Grape Island, paddling in much calmer waters along Lake Ontario to their home on Front Road. Total paddling time: five hours. The couple's plan for 2011 is to do it all again, but in a pair of kayaks.



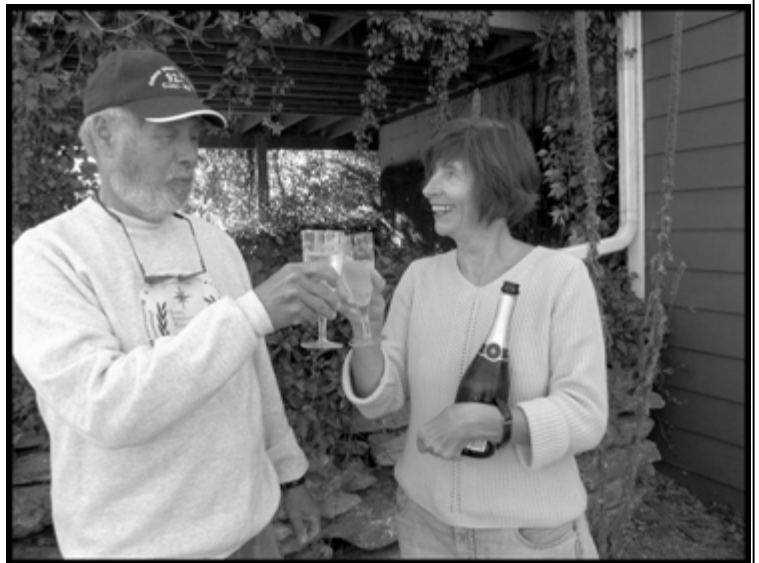
Top Right: Grape Island looms behind Bruce and Rosy as they battle 2-foot high waves on August 19th.

Above: The experienced canoeists ply the calm waters on September 20th.

Middle Right: With Casper McGinn leading the way, the Findlays begin the second part of their journey.

Right: Toasting the completion of their journey.

PHOTOS BY TERRY CULBERT



WOMEN'S INSTITUTE 110TH ANNIVERSARY

-Mary Kay Steel

This is the concluding article in a brief series highlighting the Amherst Island WI branch's 110th anniversary. The year 2010 marks the 110th year that our branch has been active; it was one of the earliest established, in the fall of 1900. By the time you read this, we will have had our party at the Lodge, honouring this impressive milestone. On behalf of the president Liz Harrison and all our members: thank you all for your support over the years, and thanks for celebrating with us.

VII Tweedsmuir History Books

In this chapter I will highlight the work of the Women's Institutes of Canada in documenting the local community and rural history of our country. It was the suggestion of Lady Tweedsmuir, wife of the Governor General Lord Tweedsmuir, also known to us as John Buchan the author, in the late 1930's that the WI branches might fill the need to record their community history as well as their accomplishments. It was in the 1950's that the Amherst Island branch turned its attention in a serious way to collecting local history. By the mid 1960's some 1100 branches in Ontario had gathered and recorded their local history in the form of Tweedsmuir Books. Typically, the books contain extensive information on the local WI branch, the earliest settlers of the area, local agricultural practices and industry, houses of worship and their history, local personalities, and the development of social institutions and public buildings.

In the case of Amherst Island, there are now five immense volumes compiled, addressing all the topics noted above and then some. The original volumes are on permanent loan to the Lennox and Addington County Museum and Archives in Napanee; copies of the books are kept here on the Island. You may have seen the copied volumes in the Neilson Store Museum here on the Island over the summer. Let me warn you that they are fascinating reading, especially the early volumes; it's hard to put them down if you're a history buff. Leslie Gavlas is our branch Tweedsmuir curator, and she has held the position for many years. At the provincial, area and district levels of the WI organization there are Tweedsmuir History curators (all volunteers), and courses and a handbook of "how-to" have been available over the years. It is held that these local histories were central to Canada's centennial celebrations in most rural communities in 1967. Their value has been recognized by university staffs and by the Ontario Genealogical Society and the Ontario Historical Society and their federal counterparts. In Ontario, many of the books have been microfilmed and there is currently an expensive endeavour underway to digitalize all the histories.

Now, let me introduce a few more of our past presidents. I have put longtime and well-known former Island resident Nellie Neilson in here because she got "missed" in the June issue somehow. And I will conclude with Irene Glenn and Georgina Allison. That brings us well into the 1980's in our list of past presidents. I will merely name the remaining presidents up to the present time, in the interests of brevity and respect for your patience.

***** Due to space constraints we were unable to fit in photos of listed past presidents. Photos will be included with next month's 110th Anniversary article.*****

1947-1948 Ellen Lilian "Nellie" (McDonald) Neilson

- born on the Island to Mary and Sylvester McDonald;
- trained as a teacher in Peterborough and taught on the Island;
- married Fred Neilson who was one of the owners of the Neilson Store;
- mother to three children;
- a long-time member of the WI and a devoted community volunteer all her life.

1980-1982 Irene (Welbanks) Glenn

- born in Prince Edward County to Beatrice and Elburn Welbanks;
- family moved to Amherst Island, where she received her schooling;
- married Leslie Glenn, an Islander, and had two children;
- Leslie and Irene took over Glenn's Store (now our general store). which had been run by Leslie's parents;
- Irene ran the store and post office for years after her husband's death;
- very active in the WI and the Presbyterian Church.

1982-1984 Georgina Allison

- born in Edmonton, Alberta;
- came to Kingston in 1970 with her husband the Reverend Norman Allison;
- Rev. Allison served two area churches, Strathcona Park Presbyterian and Amherst Island Presbyterian;
- Georgina worked in the secretarial section of Queen's University for many years;
- in 1975 they relocated to the manse next to St. Paul's on the Island and with the exception of a period of 18 months' service in Whitehorse, served the St. Paul's congregation until 1982.

Presidents since 1984: Jackie Sylvester – three times; Anna Hitchins – again; Ida Gavlas; Phyllis Strain – again; Jean Baker – twice; Audrey Miller; Nancy Henshaw; Joyce Haines; Mary Kay Steel; Kirsten Bennick and Claire Jenney; and now Liz Harrison.

PENTLAND CEMETERY AND STONE

FENCES

-Judith Harrower

The summer started off quite well with several people collecting field stones and special mention needs to go to Carol Langwald, Garnet McDonald's daughter, who donated a huge pile of stone. Bill Hedges approved the stone as suitable for fence building and he, along with David, Rosemary and John Vrooman, Kevin Archibald, John Adams, Susie Caughey, Joyce Haines, and Sharen English, hauled the stone on many occasions to the cemetery. Susie Caughey even encouraged two guests from the United States to break up the massive stone slabs for us. Thank you to all.

Then with trucks available including Jim and Judi Gould's truck we were able to collect more great stones from the Stella Forty-Foot Township site as this is where they dumped the extra soil/stone from the widening of the South Shore Road. And finally the powers that be graced us with another source as Jack and Beth Forrester decided to build a new home next to the ferry dock and gave us eight loads from there. Wayne and Betty Gulden made several trips as well as others joining in such as John Adams and Kevin Archibald. John Adams and Bill Hedges made four trips in one day and that folks is a heck of a lot of labour intensive work.

This was the year of available stone and transportation but alas not the year of Township involvement until the last day of August. Having requested that the massive lilac bushes be removed in 2009 and again in 2010 Bill Hedges took matters into his hands and spent hours with the Haine's chain saw removing them as well as brush. The ladies attempted to cut the bushes and as a result this pushed back the work on the fence into late June.

Despite the hottest and most humid summer on record we never gave up and were able to complete about 200 feet of stone fence, setting goals such as we'll just get to the big tree then just to that specific opening and finally we are past the big pine tree. We have about 75 feet to the fourth and final corner.

Special thanks goes to Joyce Haines, Sharen English, Judi Gould, Betty Kelly and Nancy Pearson for their commitment twice a week. Without the enticement of knowing that Elsie Willard on Tuesdays and Liz Harrison (John too) on Thursdays would be bring treaties and drinks I am not sure we would have stuck it out as long as we did. Thank you to both of you and Nancy Dunn too.

If you ever want to get a work crew organized ask Nancy Pearson to oversee, as when the Township crew of five arrived, she was there with husband Jim putting cap stones on the completed fence. Well those chaps

thought I was hard on them, Nancy whipped them into moving boulders, cutting limbs off two trees, clearing brush further back on Mr. Chippendale's property, weed eating, taking ancient pieces of old cement away, all with her charming smile and engaging comments! The lads finally had to sit down as they hadn't worked that hard in days.

Despite the setbacks this summer's work has gone much further than any of us imagined in June. We will work a few more times until the end of September perhaps and maybe into October only because the LAST corner is within sight.

Our project has become quite well known off Island and as Mr. Norman Chippendale donated a meter of his land on the north and east sides of the cemetery, as have the Laurets several years ago, Mr. Chippendale's property has to be surveyed. I talked to Mr. Cormier, one who has signs on the Island, and half way through my description, he stopped me and said that he had heard about the project and has wanted to make a contribution to this great project and would do the surveying for free. So now all the fences will be protected in the future and we can have the weeds removed showing the fences on all four sides.

Campbell Monuments from Belleville have returned again this summer and continued to restore more headstones. They did the Dempsters, father and son, the Wilson children John, Helen and Sophia, the large Hill headstone and the four stones surrounding the family plot, Clara Baker, and several others. Two of these were barely readable from the Girven family. The Flower Fence has now been straightened.

With John Wright's guidance and using his epoxy glue four large corner posts were re-erected with new eye hooks made by Paul Cuyler. Then with Bill Hedges' assistance John Wright put on the rods with chain links and hanging tassels. These rods were buried in the soil and now grace the family plot.

In 2011 Pentland Cemetery will be 180 years old and with the completion of the north fence this will be cause for celebrations. I would like to encourage everyone in the community to come out and appreciate while enjoying this pioneer cemetery which records the early history of Amherst Island.

JANET'S JOTTINGS

- Janet Scott

Autumn Sightings

This time of year it is such a joy to walk or stroll through the many wonderful birding sites on Amherst Island. The shorelines share a wealth of sandpipers, herons and Kingfishers while the marshes and wetlands are inhabited by rails, coots and ducks of an amazing variety. You can drive quiet roads (except at boat time) and scan hayfields and meadows for the migrating grassland birds such as: Meadowlarks, Starlings, a few late Bobolinks and flocks of mixed blackbirds. These same fields present the birder with a wonderful chance to view and compare the many raptors that visit our Island.

Perhaps it is the cruising Northern Harrier with that white rump flash that catches your eye. They have nested successfully this year and an increase of young birds is swelling their ranks. The male Northern Harrier has pale grey wings and back with black wing tips and a longer tail. His under-parts are white and he is smaller than the female. The female Northern Harrier shows the same white rump patch but is brown above, white below with lots of brown streaking on the breast and flanks. The young are cinnamon brown below and resemble the female. They have streaking on the upper breast and will gradually fade to a creamy buff breast by spring. Harriers are low level hunters and cruise back and forth across a field in a leisurely manner, only to drop suddenly on unsuspecting prey. They are 43 to 58 cm (17 to 23 inches) in body length and have a wingspan of 97 to 122 cm. (38 to 48 inches) in length.

Here on the Island the farmers have allowed the hedgerows to remain and these are such a wealth of habitat for nesting and feeding birds as well as other wildlife. This time of year the hawthorns, scrub trees and Prickly Ash may be filled with twittering Kinglets, both Ruby-crowned and Golden-crowned. Kinglets are about 10-11 cm. (4 to 4 1/4 inches) in size and are busy feeding on late fall insects as they prepare to migrate on to warmer southern climates. A few have been known to stay into the winter. They will be heaviest in migrating numbers by the 20th of October. The Golden-crowned shows a black and orange striped head and two wing bars, the Ruby-crowned rarely shows its red head patch but does exhibit a prominent white eye-ring. Watch for these little fellows along the Marshall Forty-foot or in the brushy ravine on the west side of the



Lower Forty-foot.

Judy Bierma was surprised and delighted to come across an American Woodcock in the Owl Woods this month. They are a 12 inch (28cm) rather chunky bird with large eyes and a long beak. It is similar to a Common Snipe but has a larger head in proportion to its body. They are nocturnal and very secretive. You are usually lucky to see one in the daytime and usually because it's been flushed it flies quickly up in the air with a twittering sound to its wings. In spring their elaborate courtship flight allows one to see them against the setting sun as they rise high into the sky with quickly fluttering wings, then drop suddenly with the twittering sound followed by a loud 'peent' after they land. They nest in the Owl Woods and feed on insects, grubs etc. which they dig out of muddy soil with their long beaks.

Congratulations Judy! Good Sighting!

Not a new bird for me but an unusual behaviour spotted this month. Yesterday there was an influx of Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers going through my yard. They nest only slightly north of here in the Shield area but are often seen during migration at various sites on the Island. You will know they've been there either recently or in the past by the parallel markings of small holes on the trunks of trees. When they are hanging on the tree you see this white line down their sides. They have dark backs, with a white rump flash, and yellowish under-parts. The unusual behaviour was aggression in the fall.

I might have expected one to attack another during mating season but this bird took another Sapsucker right out of the tree and pinned it to the ground. With a lot of squeaking and squawking the tiff was settled and both flew off,



HELEN'S BENCH

-Nancy Dunn

[Part of a speech by Nancy Dunn at the St. Paul's Garden Party, July 31, 2010 to mark the gift of a bench in memory of Helen Caughey.]

I knew Helen Caughey for about fifty years. She always loved playing cards. Back in the nineteen fifties and early sixties Canasta was a favourite - but over the years there was Five Hundred, Euchre, Pinochle, Solitaire (in her last few years she played that on the computer) and always Bridge which she enjoyed with her brother Had and sister-in-law Nellie, and a fourth if they could find one - but if they couldn't that didn't stop them.

A few months after we moved back here in 1999, Lynann Whitton called me to say that her mother, Marilyn, was going to be visiting from Australia and would love to play bridge while she was here. She asked me if I could find two others to play. My first thought was Helen Caughey of course and the second was Nancy Henshaw who has since left the Island but is here at the Garden Party today. Bridge players were scarce on Amherst Island in those days but since then what the four of us started has grown into a group of sixteen to eighteen women who enjoy playing every Tues. afternoon. We have facetiously dubbed ourselves "The Amherst Island Royal Academy of Bridge".

Quite frequently we import a few from the mainland to make up our two or three tables. Helen was an important and vital part of that group until a few weeks before her death, at 95, just over two years ago. She sometimes questioned some of the new-fangled conventions but always with a twinkle in her eye. She played the game her way and often to the down-fall of those of us who have espoused modern bidding.

It has taken all this time for a such a large "committee" of women to agree on what we could do to honour Helen's memory. That's not likely a sur-

prise to anyone. After discarding many ideas we decided that at this year's Garden Party, an annual event at which Helen spent many hours for almost sixty years, we wanted to dedicate a bench made by Paul Cuyler, our local blacksmith. It has been placed beside the church near the hall door and facing Glenwood cemetery.

When I consider our final decision to place a bench in this place I find it very appropriate. Helen had many facets to her life - she was a great cook, a caring teacher, generous to a fault... but when I think of her I think there are three main things that were very important in her life - her family, her church and playing cards! I can envisage Helen sitting on this bench and looking out over the cemetery where lie all her generation - brothers, sisters, husband Bruce, in-laws, as well as aunts and uncles, parents and grand-parents, all so important in her life. And it is good to have it beside the church where she devoted much of her time and energy and which her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren still attend.

In my imagination she might be sitting there remembering, among other things, all the good times she had playing cards with relatives and friends.

It is our hope that this bench will be used by many to look out over the cemetery, to contemplate the good things in life, and the good people, to rest weary feet, to wait for the church service to begin (or end!) and especially to remember our bridge-playing friend, Helen Caughey



Members of the Amherst Island Royal Academy of Bridge are left to right: Joyce Reid, Nancy Dunn, Marilyn Boucher, Elaine McIlquhan, Margaret Maloney, Eloise Gowan, Ida Gavlas, Joyce Brown, Kirsten Bennick (academy convenor), Donna Riddell and Diane Kennedy. Seated on the bench, Beth Forester, daughter of Helen Caughey, and Puddy Dodds. Missing the day of the photograph were Liz Harrison, Jackie Sylvester, Bev Harris, Jane Verner, Brenda Barden and Sally Wilson.

Photos by Terry Culbert

THE CIRCLE OF COMMUNICATION

- Zander of DUNN INN

On Tuesday, September 28, The Presbytery of Kingston met in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. When the Presbytery meets in other churches the members sit in the pews of the sanctuary.

That has always bothered me because most of us end up looking at the backs of the heads of the people in front of us. Not only that but it is difficult for people at the back of the sanctuary to hear what is being said by people at the front who are facing forward. The people at the back of the sanctuary speak over the heads of the people in front of them - the people who are not looking at them (unless they turn around which is something nobody does in church).

I can remember my mother warning me not to turn around to look at people behind me in church. And, the only time, in my experience, when all the people in the church turned around to look behind them occurred when a man at the back fell asleep during my sermon and hit his head on the pew with a terrible "thunk." Strangely enough, that woke him up. He was so embarrassed he stayed awake until the service was over.

So, in our congregation, we resolved to change the format of the Presbytery meeting. We decided not to meet in the sanctuary. Instead, we decided to meet in the hall - a smaller venue.

Instead of sitting in rows, we sat in a circle. In that way we could see everybody and hear what everybody had to say. We thought it improved communication.

Big gatherings usually have to sit in rows in order to get everybody into the building. But small gatherings can sit in circles.

Think of the United Nations. When the members are all together in The General Assembly they sit behind one another and look only at the speaker. The front rows are reserved for the bigger nations or the more important members.

On the other hand, when the Security Council meets it is small enough that the members all sit in a circle. All are equal. All are on the same level. All can see the other participants in that meeting.

Preachers are often told that their form of presentation - a sermon from a pulpit to people sitting in rows - is one of the least effective means of communication. How better it would be to gather in a circle and speak looking at all the people who are sitting at the same level.

Most of us know that we learn more by sitting around a table with a few people who look at us while they share what they believe or doubt.

It's the eye contact that's important. It's the body language that speaks volumes. It's the position in the room that gives authority. If we are all at the same level and able to look the other participants in the eye then better communication results.

Another factor that brings better communication is the closeness in a circle. When we sit in a circle we are right beside another member and we can face one another across the circle.

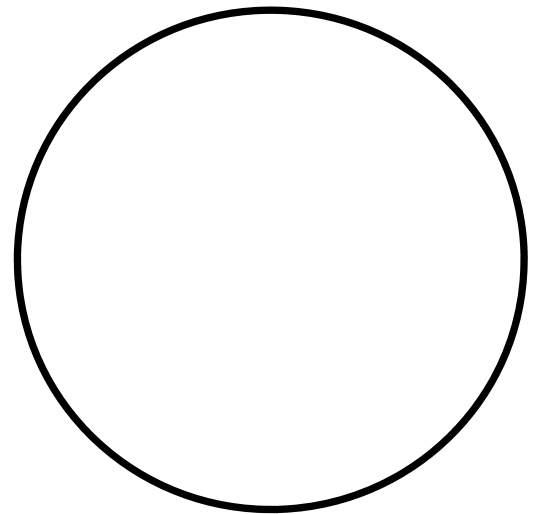
That doesn't happen when we sit in a sanctuary. When we sit in a sanctuary we sit apart from others, usually at the end of the pew so we can get out easily. We can't get close to one another and "feel" what others are thinking or experiencing. We end up with a group scattered all over the sanctuary, literally out of touch with each other.

I think our meeting on September 28 went quicker and better than usual because of our circular arrangement. Nobody had to be asked to speak up or repeat what he had said. Only a few felt they had to stand up to make a speech. Most of the people spoke while seated and did not take too much time.

As I observed the dynamics of that meeting it struck me that when the divine wants to speak to us most powerfully we are not gathered in a big group. Instead, God came in the man, Jesus, who called twelve people to be his closest followers. He shared food with them around a table; he talked to them in a circle; he taught them as they walked through the land.

I know Jesus also addressed big crowds, but the most effective communication he had was with a small group who could gather around him.

We seem to think that bigger is better. I am convinced fewer is finer. At least when it comes to communication - especially if we can sit in a circle.



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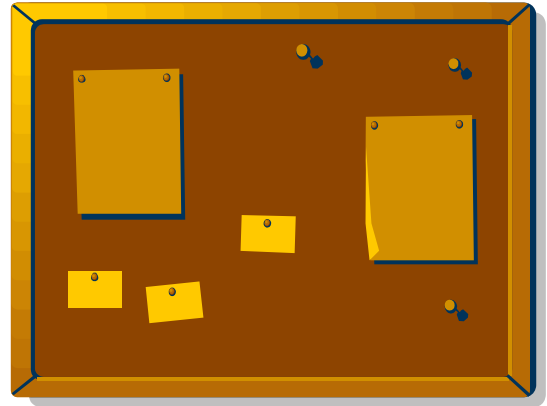
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NEWS FROM THE GENERAL STORE

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Sat 9am – 2pm

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Due to slower economic times we will be closing Sundays during the winter months. We will be back to summer hours in May. Thank you for your continued support during this time.

Laurie, Candace, & Freda.

THANK YOU



I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to family and friends for your constant support and encouragement during my illness. Your prayers, good wishes, gifts and visits lifted our spirits and lightened our load.

Thank you so much,
Laurie Kilpatrick

I would like to thank the First Responders of Amherst Island, who were so kind and helpful to me on Oct. 5. I am comforted to know we have a great staff of volunteers to help us. Thank you to Laird Leeder, Jacob Murray, Vicki Keith, Gary McDonald and Brennon Kilpatrick for helping me on Oct. 5. It is comforting to me that The First Responders of Amherst Island are such wonderful, caring, skilled and efficient volunteers. Thank you very much.

Also, thank you to all the Islanders who have asked about my health, showed concern, sent me good wishes and prayers. I live in a caring, kind and loving community. I am grateful.

Sincerely,
Sharen English.

I would like to thank the Reid family and all the organizers of the Harvest Days!

It was an enjoyable and pleasant day for all who attended. A special thank you for all those who brought machinery and horses, cows and sheep.

Keith Miller

On behalf of our entire family, we would like to thank everyone for the cards, condolences and kind words. They were all greatly appreciated and helped to comfort us. It is soothing to know that caring is a way of life on Amherst Island.

Doug, Helen and family





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AMHERST ISLAND WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

AMHERST ISLAND DIRECTORY - NEW EDITION

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Put these dates on your new calendar now and leave your sample bottles in the screened porch area of the General Store by 10:30 a.m. on the morning of the above dates.



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The Amherst Island landfill site will be open free of charge for residents to dispose of "Large Items" on the following dates. Regular charges apply for material not defined as "large item".

Saturday Disposal Days

10 a.m. to 12 noon

Sept: Saturday September 11

Nov: Saturday November 2



MODULAR HOME ARRIVES ON AMHERST ISLAND

Ontario's largest manufacturer of modular homes delivered a five section house to Jack and Beth Forester this month. With only minor delays to the ferry service, Guildcrest Homes of Morewood, just south of Ottawa along with our incredible Frontenac II crew delivered the modular pieces over a 2-day period. The home is being built on the Stella 40-Foot near the ferry dock.



Captain Doug Shurtliffe supervises from the bridge of the Frontenac II as crew members Brian Bella and Saskia Wage-mans help offload one of the five sections of the modular home.



Guildcrest Homes section #214 arrives safely on the Stella 40-Foot Road.

PHOTOS BY TERRY CULBERT

