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THIS ISSUE

- Ian Murray, editor

There is a belief that I have been editor of this newsletter for over 30 years. This is not true. Don Tubb was editor for a significant time when I was involved in local politics and Jacob and Kyle were young.

Don has always been involved with the Beacon, quietly contributing while leaving all the glory for me.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

- Mary Kay Steel

We held our May meeting on the 18th at St. Paul's Church Hall, starting at 6pm. We started early in order to address our business and then welcome our guest speaker, Mike Hill, at 7. President Liz Harrison was in the chair and some fifteen members were in attendance. We approved our Treasurer's monthly financial report, and heard from various committee heads. Some highlights are here reported. Joyce Haines brought us up-to-date on various dates and plans at the district and higher levels of the organization. The annual provincial WI conference will take place in June in Ridgetown, ON. Our provincial organization (FWIO) is advocating the importance of addressing community needs for information on Women's Heart Health. FWIO is also suggesting that branches,



Photo by Terry Culbert

Stella's Café owners Judy Bierma and Anthony Gifford open their restaurant for the season.

through their Advocacy officer, show support for protection of the smaller abattoirs in our province, which are facing impediments to their survival. The Triennial Conference of our international organization, Associated Country Women of the World, is to be held in India in 2013 - wish we all could go!

We are still looking at options for a summer walking program, following on from the success of our winter program at the community centre. We discussed briefly the plans our Program/Education Committee, ably led by Claire Jenney, is making for

our meetings this new fiscal year. A new initiative is to set up a large box (a “drop-off box” of sorts) at a central location in Stella, so that Island dwellers can leave a package for a friend to pick up as necessary – rather than making a special trip around to the recipient’s home. We will let you know when it is set up, and where. Joyce Haines reported that the repair of the stone fences at the Pentland Cemetery is again underway, and should be completed this spring; volunteers are welcome. And finally, May 25 is the date for our members to do a spring clean up of our adopted highway section, on County Road 4, just up from Millhaven.

Nancy Pearson introduced our guest speaker, Mr. Mike Hill, of the volunteer organization Preserve Our Wrecks, Kingston. Quite a few members of the Island community joined us in this ROSE education program (Rural Ontario Sharing Education), and found Mr. Hill’s presentation on and pictures of wrecks of ships in the Kingston and Amherst Island area bays most fascinating. Also enjoyable was his overview of the City of Kingston in the past as an industrial and shipbuilding centre, with a very busy port. Mike pointed out that several interesting wrecks can be seen in shallow waters in the area, right through winter ice, or when you are swimming on the surface. Otherwise, one must dive of course. The cold, fresh water of the lake contributes to many of the wrecks being very well preserved. The Preserve Our Wrecks group works to promote their preservation by educating divers and others who might try to disturb this underwater heritage. We closed our evening with our refreshment and social hour.

AIPS

- Janet Scott

Kingston Regional Heritage Fair

The 2011 Regional Heritage Fair was held at McArthur College on Thursday, May 12th in the evening and on Friday, May 13th from 9 until 2. This



Photo by Terry Culbert

Proprietor of the new Village Gallery, Caroline Ackerman with her first customer Lynan Whifton. The gallery is located at 5620 Front Road in Stella next door to Stella’s Café

is the largest of the 100 fairs held across Canada with thousands of students participating in the programme. Some take part in the poster and postcard competitions, or visit as a class to see all the projects but 500-700 students compete each year by presenting projects on a variety of Canadian and local History themes. Amherst Island sent ten very interesting and excellent projects to the fair. Three judges visit, assess and talk to the students at each station. Although about 50 awards are presented to the students only twelve medals are handed out. This year Amherst Island Public School is proud to announce that Jack Little won the Grade 5 Bronze medal for his project on The Amherst Island Militia and Alec Welbanks won the Bronze medal for his project on The History of the Welbanks Family and Fishing on Lake Ontario. All the projects were exceptionally well done but these

two young men wowed the judges with their knowledge of the subject chosen and their comfort and ease in speaking about the projects.

CONGRATULATIONS JACK AND ALEC!

JANET’S JOTTINGS

- Janet Scott

Nursery Time

Everywhere on the Island young are being hatched, fed and raised in an amazingly short span of time. There is no long time of anticipation and expectation as there is with our human babies nor do feathered parents have long to prepare their youngsters for life in the big, bad, wonderful world waiting out there for them! In many cases it’s a matter of days.

One set of parents that have a year-long, baby-raising experience are the Great Horned Owls. They begin in January while the snows of winter are whipping around the rocks and hillocks of the Island creating snow sculptures and frozen ponds. Their mating chorus is distinctive with the male’s lower and softer five hoots and the females answering seven hoots. About twenty years ago Alex was able

to locate about twenty pairs of courting owls but we seem to be down to about four or five pairs that we know of, thanks to people who report their nightly serenades.

The Great Horned Owl is a New World species found nesting from the tree-line in the Canadian Arctic south to Tierra del Fuego in Argentina.

Its diet is varied as it eats many small mammals, including skunks! Now that's an aromatic dining specialty! Fortunately it hasn't got a sense of smell. This common owl is most easily recognized by the long feather tufts on each side of its head. These are not ears but only adaptations to increase the size and make it look more ferocious. Owl's ears are actually slits behind the facial disc which are positioned at different places on each side to assist with depth perception which is so accurate when hunting at night for that squeaking mouse or vole scurrying across a forest floor or over the snow.

Great Horned Owls do not build their own nests but must reuse an abandoned Hawk's nest or even a Heron's nest. They lay eggs in February or March and the mother sits on the nest keeping those eggs warm through sleet, snow, rain and any combination of the above for 28 long days. Two or three owlets hatch and Mother continues to keep them warm while Father hunts longer and longer to find food for the growing family. Now he is putting in overtime and this usually nocturnal bird may be seen more often as his nights stretch into early mornings to get enough food.

Raymond Wemp, in the village, is an expert on baby Great Horned Owls. For many years a pair raised their young in a cavity in a broken stump between his house and Madeline Glenn's. The ice storm of '98 took care of demolishing that nest site but for many years he could watch daily developments as the two or three young owlets would grow into fat, furry looking owls, too big for the nesting site. As they begin to grow feathers they scramble out of the nests and cling to nearby

branches waiting to be fed. At night their cries for food sound like a screeching cat that's just had its tail stepped on. I came across one in Stoker's woods one summer and it was still unable to fly but walked on the forest floor. It hissed at me and pulled one wing in an awkward position in front of itself. It was trying to look more threatening but actually made me think of a toddler hiding its face and thinking "I can't see you so you can't see Me!"

At present there is a downy owlet sitting on the nest on the Stella Forty-foot. The old Hawk's nest is west of the Forty-Foot and south of the Third Conc. where Wayne Fleming's land meets Rita Brown's fields, in a small grove of rather large deciduous trees. He looks just about ready to climb into the tree branches but doesn't seem to have any siblings.

These constant rains have been hard on the feathered families. The parents will be close by as they are never far from their young but unless a crow comes upon a roosting owl and calls all his family and neighbours in to harass the owl you don't usually find the adults. Their care and raising of this owlet will be a year long experience as they prepare him for the coming winter of life on the edge but oh for the freedom to fly on silent wings through dim-lit forests and quiet glades.



Photo by Terry Culbert

Brandon Reid gets last minute instructions from his supervisor Bruce Burnett at the Neilson Store Museum & Cultural Centre. Brandon, along with Shyanne Shurtliffe and Rachel Scott are the three new Museum Hosts for this year.

COUNCIL GLEANINGS

- Ian Murray

From the 9th Session of Council – April 26th

The land fill site is in good shape and should last another 30 years or so. David Thompson appended this note to the official report: "The investment by the Township , a few years ago, to improve the recycling material receiving area appears to be having a positive impact. This facility was designed by" [Township employees] Ed Adams and Garry Filson, "based on some sites they had observed in the area."

From the 10th Session – May 9th

Long term service awards were presented to the following Islanders: Barb Laing & Alex Scott, 10 years; Garry Filson and Don Miller, 20 years; and, Darrell Miller, 30 years.

From the 11th Session – May 24th

A letter was received from CJAI, thanking Council for the \$500 grant.

No building permits for new houses or other buildings have been issued so far this year.

AIMS May 14th Meeting

- Hugh Jenney

A delicious, full, hot breakfast was prepared for us by the AIPS Trip Committee: Doug and Shyanne Shurtliffe, Lucie Amson, Tagget Bonham-Carter and Cindy Marshall. They are planning a three day trip to Niagara Falls. What Fun!

Strange but true, as John Munro was telling us about his trip to Plains, Georgia, the Globe & Mail published an article in today's paper on page A10 talking about the same meeting. The Whig published an article on the same meeting in Thursday's Forum, May 19th. The eighteen men in John's audience were lucky people indeed.

John explained that he had been invited to attend by Arthur Milnes, Queen's Fellow

in Political History at Queen's University Archives, book launching in Plains, Georgia along with about one hundred other Canadians. What better place to publicize his new book: Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter: A Canadian Tribute. Steve Paikin, TVO host of Agenda, moderated the event.

John got lucky because he had asked Arthur Milnes to speak at our AI Museum and they became friends. He was extremely impressed by President Carter (past U. S. presidents never lose their title) because

he entered the crowd of admirers saying that none was to leave without first talking with him. President Carter asked his Secret Service guards to stand back and let him talk with his admirers. John did have a talk with Jimmy. President Carter was so grateful to Canadians for saving his six hostages in Iran at great risk to their personal safety and for his experience at Chalk River where he helped dismantle a nuclear reactor. John led a standing ovation which followed two Queen's University students presenting Jimmy Carter with a Canadian flag from our parliament's Peace Tower.

Ross Haines was in Florida with Joyce bicycling down the coast. He put a pennant on his bike saying "Whoopie Canada!" When they entered a restaurant that had glass on all four sides they got a round of applause from the very grateful Americans for Ken Taylor's heroic actions in Iran.

Greg Latiak thanked John for his very moving talk and invited him to return with the video as soon as he obtained it.

Dayle Gowan reported that Loyalist Township has given us a grant of \$400 to go towards our Stella flower project.

Correspondence: Michele Le Lay, President of CJAI 92.1, wrote a thank you for our donation that helped them reach their financial goal during their fundraising campaign.

Gord Miller who supplies us with his

beautiful bird houses explained why they are not stained or painted in a letter, "I do not paint or stain them because it would be impossible to determine people's wants in relation to colour or finish or style of mounting so I leave that to the person making the purchase." Good idea, Gord and thanks a lot for all your winter works. They are selling like hotcakes.

Woody & Marc Raymond are our Market Coordinators. The Market Sign-Up sheet was passed around. Woody will talk with the vendors to get



Photo by Terry Culbert

The Weasel & Easel volunteers Joyce Reid and Barb Hogenauer on opening day.

them to sign-off on the Loyalist Township Market Agreement. Paul Lauret and Dayle Gowan are working on the Market Cart Preparation.

The Stella Flower Basket volunteers are Ross & Dayle so far.

Our Spring Road Cleanup volunteers were reminded by Ross that this an all year effort to keep Amherst Island roads clean. We usually make a special effort to get it done before the Victoria Day Week-end, but the ditches are full of water this year. The sign-up sheet with the accompanying maps was circulated.

Our BBQ is available free for student entrepreneurs and it is rentable for Island fundraisers. Katy and Daniel Little will be providing their services at the Market until they leave for Europe on July 3. They will resume their Market lunches on August 20th. If any other students wish to provide this money-making service during their absence, please call them at 613-389-3111.

THOSE PAIN IN THE BUTT MAYFLIES

-Terry Culbert

Whether you call them Lake Flies, Fish Flies or Midgies, the Mayflies can be a total nuisance, interfering with humans trying to garden, walk, jog or cycle. In my eight years of Island living, Saturday, May 21, was my worst experience with the Mayflies. On my 4.3 km daily walk along the Second Concession Road, funnels of non-biting Mayflies swarmed me, entering my ears, nostrils, eyes and mouth, forcing the walk to be cut short sending me home. I can deal with freezing rain, wind and blizzard conditions but that day the Mayflies beat me down.

Here are a few facts from the website www.mayfly.org:

Adult Mayflies have a very short life cycle. While the entire Mayfly life cycle lasts for around a year, their time as a winged adult can last for as little as a few



Photo by Terry Culbert
Mayflies on our second floor window @ 8:45pm, May 24, 2011.

hours. As a result of this cycle, it can be common for a very large swarm of Mayflies to appear all at once.

It's also worth noting that Mayflies are only able to live in areas with high water quality. This means that even though they can be a nuisance, it is nice to know that the lake you're spending so much time near isn't troubled by large amounts of pollution.

Even flies have their jobs in the bigger scheme of things, which would break down if just one of the elements in the loop was to die out. Frogs live off flies, other creatures live off frogs and so on up the food chain. Like other flies, the Mayfly has wings and the ability to fly, which makes it easy for them to collect food and do what they need to do to survive.

As annoying as the Mayflies are, it is good to remember they don't

bite. When we were down on Saint Simons Island, Georgia this past March we encountered a similar looking insect which bit everything in sight ... now that was a pain in the butt!

[Editor: I once had a botanist tell me that the female Mayfly emits a certain frequency sound when attracting a mate. He started whistling and he knew when he had the right note as about an inch of Mayflies settled all over him.]

FOSTER LAMBS

-Sally Bowen

When a foster lamb is first introduced to the warmed reconstituted 'milk' (called lamb-o or lamb-gro), it doesn't taste right; smell right; feel right. Usually the first reaction is either passive resistance, or ptoooey.

Their instinct is to go under a warm ewe's belly, to find a full but flexible nipple, to bunt hard if necessary to encourage the milk flow, and to sip often.

What they are offered is a powdered ewe milk substitute reconstituted with warmed water, a black rubber nipple, a beer bottle and people. (The beer bottle



Photo by Terry Culbert
Close up of a Mayfly

is used because we have a collection of old 'stubbies' which fit nicely in the microwave. Thanks to one Islander we have a lifetime supply.)

Here are our techniques to feed a reluctant lamb. Hold the lamb under an arm, snuggled closely to the body. (It is easier on the lamb to not have struggle options.) Use the same arm to support the chin, using the thumb to open the mouth gently, and support the chin in line with the neck. Insert nipple. Wait patiently. Sometimes, Kyle baaaas gently, trying to find the note that mama might use. When the first trickle slides down the lamb's throat, it may be all that is required for the lamb to start sucking eagerly. However, it often takes a lot of patience during the first feeding, occasionally squeezing the nipple to release a little more milk, just to get enough into the lamb to warm and encourage it. We are as gentle and comforting as we can, but it is obviously a foreign and scary experience. However, hunger is a great teacher, and most lambs are eager for the bottle (though still unskilled at finding it) by the next feeding. Ideally within a day or two, the lambs throng out of their night-time cage, thumping eagerly at the knees of the person holding the bottle, and stand on their own feet to suck a bottle dry in no time.

What a difference a week makes. We were all delighted to move the lamb operation out to the screened front verandah and wash the living room floor for the last time. We have two big dog cages on the porch; one for special needs. We change the newspaper bedding several times a day, and feed them four times a day - roughly every 5 - 6 hours. (Sally is up early; Kyle stays up late.) We also have a large outdoor pen for a ewe and twins, and a smaller fenced area for the fosters to romp on the grass.

Although we lost a few foster lambs to illness, five fosters have now gone to one good home, and five

more left yesterday. Some have been adopted back into the flock to a needy ewe, if Christopher can find one. Only one is at home at the moment, eagerly following the heels of anyone carrying a bottle, puppy-like.

A POEM From LONG AGO

[The following was received from Brian MacDonald, President of the Wolfe Island Historical Society: "The attached poem was recently sent to me by a Robert Matthews. It was apparently found in archives belonging to the Kirk family. I thought it might be of interest to Amherst Islanders.

It relates to this incident:

**'Toronto Herald,
Toronto, U.C.**

August 26, 1844

INQUEST

Treleven, Bray

An inquest was held last evening at Portsmouth, 2 miles from Kingston, on the bodies of Eliza Jane Treleven and Joseph Bray, who drowned the evening previous, when a skiff upset, while carrying a load of potatoes from Amherst Island. Miss Treleven was a sister of Walter Treleven. (Kingston Chronicle, 19th inst.)'

It seems another

Treleven from Amherst Island was drowned 11 years earlier:

'The Star, Cobourg, U.C.

January 14, 1835

DEATH

Lang, Moyle, Treleven

A young man named John Lang, aged about 18 years, left town on December 31st to pay a New Year's visit to his parents on the Isle of Tanti, and has not been heard of since. Two of his cousins, Moyle and Treleven, were drowned when crossing the ice to the Isle of Tanti, in March of 1833. (Kingston Chronicle)''

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Note to Brian MacDonald from Robert Matthews:



Rawleigh Products representative Marie Ward at the Island Market.

Photo by Terry Culbert

“This manuscript was found with other short poems from Robert J. Kirk. He was a Doctor in Ontario at the time. We have several other short poems but maybe this was copied from a poem written by H. McMath or maybe it is McMath’s handwriting. Just not sure what the connection may be between the two men.

Note: The manuscript is one sheet of paper, folded and written on both sides.”]

ISLE OF TANTE 1ST OCTOBER 1844

*As nature binds me with laws divine
I hope my heart it shall be inclined
And be influenced by that Supreme
Whose only Son was for us slain.*

*For to say something awful grand
Concerning those that left his land
That was called forth in solemn haste
For to behold their Maker’s face.*

*They started here from of this Isle
Not thinking danger should them beguile
And they pressed on without dread or fear
For the thoughts of Kingston their hearts did cheer.*

*And still they pressed on their way
Not thinking death would on them prey
For all the wind and waves did rise
There was no fear before their eyes.*

*While they sailed near Portsmouth Pier
When young Miss Sinclar screamed out with fear
The waves they ran so very high
The thought that death was drawing nigh.*

*The night being dark and pretty late
The wind blew south and the waves were great
When these poor souls, sad news to tell
Run in too near the outward swell.*

*That bounded thence from of the Pier
And filled their boat as you shall hear
For she capsized all her load
Threw out those four that were on board,*



Photo by Terry Culbert
Beth Forester with a few of her items at her 3-day household content sale.

*Which makes me sad for to relate
Poor Joseph Bray met with his fate
And also Miss Treleven young
She met with death her time was come.*

*These two they perished in the deep
Which makes their Friends to mourn
and weep
Whereas the other two did rise
And manly struggled for their lives.*

*This girl she was a native fair
And young Treleven helped her there
He being a swimmer very grand
She smartly caught him by the hand;*

*And by his help she did regain
Their boat which floated on the main
And unto her they stuck quite fast
Until their cries was heard at last.*

*For Providence did interfere
And sent relief their lives to spare
For Thomas Polly and his crew
To their assistance quickly flew;*

*And by the help and aid he gave
He saved them from a watery grave
For he did pull them off their boat
That with her keel did upwards float.*

*And on the next day in the bay
The people gathered straightaway
And found their corpses it does appear
Close by the point of Portsmouth pier.

*Then they were both brought home once more
Unto their friends on Tanti's shore;
And Oh! How woeful was the scene
That did that evening intervene.*

*For their relations were all sad
Not one of them but what was bad
Now they both lie low in the tomb
For dust to dust is all our doom.*

[Editor: I left out a few verses. Brian MacDonald e-mailed us a copy of the hand-written manuscript which I will forward to anyone interested. The 2 people in the boat who didn’t drown were Miss

Sinclair – “a native fair” - and “young Treleven ... a swimmer very grand”.]

WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE...?

- Zander of DUNN INN

Nance and I spent two weeks travelling by ship through the canals and rivers of The Netherlands. It was a memorable and enjoyable trip, largely because of the water; or the lack of it.

We all know sea water is the enemy of “the low lands.” We know about the dams, dikes and kokers built to keep the sea water out of the land. We saw the horrific effects of the floods of 1953 which devastated so much of The Netherlands. We saw the amazing new flood gates, huge metal doors, which the country has provided at great expense to prevent another flood.

The Dutch have been ingenious in finding ways to get rid of water. They even drained a lake so that they could build on its floor their modern, international Schiphol airport, a sight to behold. On the other hand, we travelled through a large lake on a special excursion boat. The government thought that lake also should be drained so that more farm-land could be gained. But the people around the lake rebelled and argued convincingly that they needed the lake for the fish and for the sailing it provided.

One of the ironies of our trip was that not enough rain was falling in The Netherlands. We had two weeks of sunshine - perfect weather for tourists like ourselves, but not the weather the country needed. The Netherlands needed water. This country, which spends so much time, money and effort to get rid of water, to expel and repel the water, was pleading for water - fresh water. They were praying for rain to fill up their cisterns and their canals.

The canals on which we travelled were in danger of being closed because there was not enough water to keep the vessels afloat. Most of the freight ships were travelling with light loads to keep them from hitting the bottom of the canals. Our ship was able to pass

underneath many bridges without lowering its masts or sun roof, both of which were made so that they could be retracted and lowered when we approached a bridge.

All of us who travelled on the “Da Vinci”, a luxury ship, long, low and sleek, were amused when we were gathered for the life-saving drill every ship must provide for its passengers. The captain told us that if the ship encountered any trouble in the rivers or canals and seemed to be sinking we should all grab our life jackets and go to the top deck and sit there. The worst that could happen would be that the ship

would sink to the bottom - about two or three feet - and we would all be safe up there and never get our feet wet.

We returned to Canada to hear about too much water. There was too much water in Manitoba, Quebec and parts of British Columbia. We were shocked to see the flooding through many States along the path of the Mississippi River. Then we were shaken by the great fires which destroyed the entire Slave Lake community because a drought had turned the whole area into a tinderbox. The water bombers were unable to access the waters of Slave Lake because of the high waves caused by the strong winds.

Not enough water. Too much water. Water is our most precious commodity. We need water to live, to function, to move. We also need to be free of water to live, to function, to move.

Water is a gift of God which most of us have learned how to use wisely and well. But sometimes we don't get enough of it and sometimes we get too much of it. How to control it, to channel it, to live by and with it?

Our experiences these last few weeks have reminded us again of how important water is for all of us. We know there are many areas (especially in the United States) where underground water tables are dangerously low. We know we have a large percentage of the fresh water supply in the world. How will all those factors play out in the years ahead? Will the United States simply take our water?



Photo by Terry Culbert
Island farmer Allen Caughey shows off his mud laden wellies after coming from his barnyard.

Will we provide water to the United States to help them deal with their deficiencies? Will we fight over water or will we co-operate with each other to make sure the water is carefully invested?

Humans have fought over gold, oil, fish and forests - all gifts of God. Are we prepared to find new ways to share the gift of water for the good of all

HERE & THERE

- Ian Murray

The 4-wheeled all terrain vehicles – aka ATVs or 4-wheelers – that are used by most Island farmers are very useful machines. We use them for checking sheep, working on fences, feeding grain to sheep, herding sheep, getting firewood, and anytime that we want to get from one part of the farm to another without walking or starting the truck.

The 3 ATVs that we use everyday have travelled a total of almost 100,000 km helping with our farming operations.

We find the ATV to be a very safe machine despite the reports of accidents in the media. I suspect that there are very few ATV accidents that do not involve alcohol or showing off – or both.

One of my favourite things about this Island is lilac time. One can almost see the lilac perfume in Emerald right now.

This has certainly been a wet cold spring and gardeners, farmers, and just about everyone else wishes it was drier and warmer. We are, however, far better off than many other parts of this continent that are suffering from floods, droughts and tornadoes.

Every morning I look at the Weather Channel on the TV; check out the internet for world news on Al Jazeera, the Globe, and the New York Times; and read the Whig, delivered by Barb, for local news.

And every morning I feel good that I live on this beautiful Island (where there are a lot more cattle and sheep than people).

A GOOD MEMORY

-Wendy Leblanc

[From a recent e-mail. Ms. Leblanc is currently the mayor of Carleton Place, Ontario.]

I taught Kindergarten, Grades 1 and 2 (all in one room) on Amherst Island from September 1972 to June 1976; I have wonderful memories of the children at the school, and the strong and caring community was something I never experienced again in my teaching career which ended in 2001.

THANK YOU NOTES

I write to express the thanks of Margaret and myself to the First Response Team who answered so promptly our 911 call. The members of the team cared for young Charles with professionalism and competence which encouraged us. They also made sure we were cared for in the process. We are very grateful and realize how fortunate we Amherst Islanders are to have such dedicated and knowledgeable people who are willing to respond immediately to any crisis.

Very sincerely, Charles and Margaret Plank

We wish to thank all those who attended our "surprise" 25th Wedding Anniversary party on April 29 at The Lodge. Thank you to everyone who brought food, cards and gifts; and to Molly for the use of The Lodge.

Special thanks to our girls, Whitney and Talia, for all their hard work in pulling off such a wonderful party; also to Ange, Debbie, Lyn and Victoria for lending a helping hand when needed and to Lyn for the delicious cake.

Way to go Tia (who is 6) who spent the afternoon with us that



Photo by Terry Culbert

A seven tier robins nest located on Adam and Barb Miller's workshop-garage on Third Concession Road. The robins have returned seven years in a row building each year on top of the old one.

day and never once "spilled the beans".

Thank you to our family, friends and neighbors who have loved and supported us for the last 25 years and we are looking forward to the next 25 - and more.

Wayne and Karen Fleming

We appreciate the donation of towels to help dry off the lambs that needed help during 2 very wet, windy and cold days. This was a difficult time for the sheep flock but things quickly returned to normal despite more rain than usual during lambing time. Thanks for the help and good wishes.

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redandgarry@aol.com for bookings or

more information. Located on the very northeast end of the island with waterfront views from every window, very private and backs onto the Kingston Field Naturalists bird sanctuary. Open year round.

HELP STILL NEEDED. It has been a long time since I advertised for the things I collect for the

Lennox and Addington S.P.C.A., in fact, many newer Islanders may not even be aware of the items that can be donated. Needed are used towels and linens, paper towels and cleaning supplies, pet food, kitty litter, dog and cat toys are always in demand as are used stamps (any kind), Canadian Tire coupons and pop cans. There is a large container in my porch for the pop cans and any other items can be left in my porch as well. Thank you for helping to support our animal shelter. Further information needed? Call Freda Youell - 613 384-4135.



Photo by Terry Culbert

Victoria Cuyilar purchased a used motor scooter at the Market.

AMHERST ISLAND STORE Winter hours
continue into April and May:
Monday - Friday: 9 am - 11:30 am; 2:30 pm - 5 pm.
Saturday: 9 am - 1 pm (Post Office closes at noon)
Sunday: closed.

THE WEASEL AND EASEL will be opening
Victoria Day weekend, May 21st - 23rd. Hours: Sat.
10 - 4; Sun. noon - 4; Monday check the sign.
Weekends only until July.

FOOTFLATS FARM ACCOMMODATION:

www.footflats.com (613-634-1212)

Goodman House (waterfront)

- 4 bedrooms, 3 baths
- available year round

Waterfront Cabin

- 3 bedrooms, 1 bath
- May to October

STELLA'S CAFÉ

Hours: 8:30 to 6:30 Monday and Thursday; 8:30 to
7:30 Friday, Saturday and Sunday; closed Tuesday
and Wednesday.
Your Island dining and place to gather. Join us there.

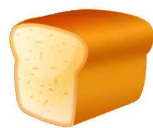
TOPSY FARMS WOOL SHED

Wool and sheepskin products including yarn,
blankets, and crafts.
Also Island honey, wild caught BC salmon, and
Topsy's frozen lamb cuts.

EMERALD MUSIC FESTIVAL

Friday 6:30 p.m. to Sunday 4 p.m., August 5-7
Local Entertainment
Weekend pass: \$20/person
Children under 12 free
Rough Camping Available
Contact Dan & Joan Simpson 613-389-8297.

**ISLE is again selling the Canadian Tire 10% Off
Coupon** (at Gardiners Rd store only)
Good for all live goods from the Garden Centre until
June 30, 2011. The \$10 per coupon includes a free
hanging basket. Contact Lynn at the school,
613 389-4582



BETTY'S HOME COOKING
Due to family commitments on weekends I will not
be doing market this summer;



However

MY MARKET GOODIES ARE AVAILABLE!!!
PLUS IF YOU WANT A FULL MEAL TO GO...

**A few days notice and your cooking for
company is over.....
Call Betty 389-7907**



The Back Page

Meanwhile, down on the farm... lambing is almost done (we're well into the second heat cycle) and, despite the cold, wet, windy weather a while ago, we seem to have a lot of lambs running around the fields.

Just a quick word about pictures... don't worry too much about the size of the picture as, for this kind of printing, three or 400kbs is good enough. That said, if you are scanning an old picture, a bigger file is better because I can sharpen or otherwise adjust the picture so it shows up well.



Photo by Don Tubb

'Come on up. I can see forever up here!'



Photo by Don Tubb

Who's the apple of her eye for this first-time lamber.