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THIS ISSUE

- Ian Murray, editor

A lot of our material this issue comes from Terry Culbert. The Beacon staff are very grateful for his efforts – and also for the material from our regular contributors. However, there are events and subjects that Terry doesn't cover. There are family and other events that never make it into the Beacon which would be on interest to our readers, many of whom are former residents of this beautiful Island.

The Beacon depends solely on contributions from its readers. We do not have the resources to send someone to report on your event. We would welcome a photo or two with a brief description. Phone Sally or me at 613-389-3802 if you have any questions.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

- Mary Kay Steel

We held our July meeting the afternoon of July 20th, on the shady deck of President Liz Harrison's home. Ten members and our guest Jean Tugwell enjoyed the afternoon and fine refreshments. The meeting got underway with a program devised and led by Claire Jenney and Mary Kay:- the topic was Tales of Youthful Romance, and all present took turns telling personal stories of love gained or love lost in earlier times. The lure of the offer of prizes, for the story with the happiest ending and for the saddest one,

emboldened the participants. All the stories were interesting, offering many laughs and occasionally a moment of serious reflection. Some tales went back to the age of 6; one member offered a story going back to when she was a youthful 40! A good way to get to know each other better. By a strange turn of events, both

prizes were garnered by Sharen English! All the while we enjoyed cool tumblers of lemonade and iced tea.

Then we enjoyed wonderful strawberry shortcake with whipped cream or ice cream. A short business meeting, led by the president, followed the refreshments. Minutes and Treasurer's report were studied and approved. Anne Henderson has taken



Photo by Terry Culbert

Island artist Shirley Miller painted the new Quinte Community Pasture sign on Second Concession Road.

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over the Treasurer's job from Marilyn Pilon and Nancy Pearson, and she was commended for ably giving her first report and for taking on a sometimes difficult responsibility. Various committees reported in. Plans were made to provide a sweets table at the upcoming Emerald Music Festival. It was agreed that we would sponsor another All Candidates Meeting in October, in advance of the provincial election.

We noted that the turnout of walkers for our Monday strolls in the Glenwood Cemetery have drawn little interest, unlike with our winter program. Liz reminded us that we are sponsoring a meeting the evening of July 26th at the Community Centre on the subject of library

services for the Island. And finally Claire Jenney elaborated on our outing to the Tamworth area for our August gathering (on the 17th); we will have a fine lunch and tour the grounds of Spindletree Gardens, then, as time permits, check out the village of Tamworth. Claire and Mary Kay (Education/Program conveners) will be phoning members to arrange drives, etc. By the way, we welcome guests; just phone a WI member.

JANET'S JOTTINGS

- Janet Scott

We have reached the heart of the summer, with warm days and the smell of fresh hay on the air. The cicadas are calling in the hot afternoons and most male bird songs of courtship have stilled. The lazy, hazy days of summer have reached southern Ontario and it is now time for our late nester the American Goldfinch to settle down into family responsibilities.

Through the month of June the Goldfinches have happily chattered away at the Niger seed in the hanging tube feeder and bounced happily across the



Photo by Terry Culbert
Part-time ferry crew members Will Reed and Paul Cuyler painting atop the bridge of the Frontenac II.

green lawns like dandelions caught in an eddy or small whirlwind. Peggy Coulter thought her Forsythia Bush had done so well this spring, until a whole flock of Goldfinches took off and exposed the bare branches. They have entertained us through winter and spring with happy sounds, gymnastic tricks and acrobatic manoeuvres while feeding either upside down or right side up, it just didn't matter!

Now begin the courtship flights, a rolling roller coaster flight across the field or a flat, stalling flight with an explosive warbling accompanied by the songs of the cicadas. The female Goldfinch collects materials and builds the nest of woven plant fibres with a soft

lining of cattail or thistle down. Nesting seems to be correlated with the maturing thistles as the down lines the nest and the seeds are used for food. The female incubates her 4 to 6 pale bluish-white eggs for 12 to 14 days and the male feeds her. The young will stay in the nest for another couple of weeks and are fed regurgitated seeds by both parents, something like a grainy pabulum. They grow quickly and once fledged follow father around as he continues to feed them and mother has begun a second nesting. Goldfinch nests can be found from the last week of July into September.

In fall the Goldfinches will go through a complete molt and the males will look like the females without the distinctive black cap. There is some seasonal movement of Goldfinches in the late fall but they are year round residents in most of North America. The fledgling call che-wee of the summer is no longer heard but in family flocks they gather at feeding stations and you will hear their swe-eet call as they squabble over feeding rights.

Known as Wild Canaries by the early settlers, Goldfinches have been a familiar and common bird

recorded in the Kingston Area since 1864. Watch your garden for this friendly little yellow resident.

COUNCIL GLEANINGS

- Ian Murray

From the 13th Session – June 27

“NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Ministry of Natural Resources be advised that Loyalist Township supports and authorizes Sunday Gun Hunting in Loyalist Township; Motion Carried.”

“Moved by Deputy Mayor Bresee and seconded by Councillor Ashley that the correspondence from Janet Grace, President, The Association for the Protection of Amherst Island re: Request for Meeting - Algonquin Wind Turbine Project be received and that The Association, through Mrs. Grace, direct her concerns to the Ministry of Environment, as the Renewable Energy Approval agency, and that the request for a meeting be denied as the Township has no approval authority in this matter. Motion carried.”

Removing free “large item” days at the landfill sites is being considered. What to do about the Stella Library is still being considered.

AIMS MEETING, JULY 9th

- Hugh Jenney

Twenty-three men enjoyed a full breakfast at Stella’s Café thanks to Anthony, Judy and Janet Scott.

Greg Latiak reported on the presentation of our newly-named Jim Whitton Award which goes to the student with the highest academic standing in the graduating class won this year by Riely Lambert and presented by Ben Whitton. It was agreed that future AIMS awards such as the Jim Whitton Award be in the amount of \$100. Terry Culbert agreed to update the academic excellence plaque.

New Year’s Dinner & Dance is being headed up by

Neil Johnston who needs a back-up person because of his health. Please call Neil if you can help him 389-5389. “The Running Kind Band” has six members who will perform for the same fee as previously. Bruce Burnett has acquired the caterer, Jim Madden, who has sold his business but who will come out of retirement just this one last time to help us with another of his delicious dinners.

Woody & Marc sent around the AIMS Market Wagon sign-up sheet and asked volunteers to market the goods as best they can. The Vendors’ Liability Waiver was discussed and we agreed to subsidize a vendor’s \$25 home insurance fee.

Terry Culbert will contact Mayor Bill Lowry regarding drainage for the very wet Market area. The AIMS Market Wagon anchors the whole Market idea of having a place to socialize on Saturday mornings. It is a great way to make our community stronger by recycling donations. (NO appliances please.) Dick Dodds gave a farewell and thank-you talk as he has sold his house and is leaving the Island after 34 very happy and rewarding years.

Photo by Terry Culbert



FRONT ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Noel McCormick in his excavator, with the assistance of dump truck driver Larry Fleming, prepare a trench for galvanized culverts along Front Road. Loyalist Township is rebuilding, resurfacing and digging drainage ditches from the Emerald 40 Foot east to the Reid Farm

Good luck with your future operations, Dick. We will miss your biting remarks and good humour. Marc Raymond suggested we think about

giving more perks to our volunteers. Free coffee and muffin to get the boys going in the early morning; New Year’s workers should get in free and the breakfast should be only five dollars. All this will be discussed at the August 13 meeting at the Church. Our guest speaker will be Charles Plank Sr. He will talk about some aspects of world affairs.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35.

NOTE – The August and September meetings will be held in the usual location rather than at the Café. We are happy for Anthony and Judy that the Café has been so busy that they are no longer able to accommodate us.

CJAI – CANADA DAY PARADE IN BATH

A small contingent of Island Radio volunteers promoted CJAI on the mainland for the first time as part of the Bath Canada Day Parade. At the lead and carrying the banner was Ula Stief and Barb Hogenauer, followed by radio President Michele Lalay driving her bright red VW convertible. With Michele were two on air personalities; Cathy Christmas of the Cats Show and Up Steve's Sleeves host Steve Kennedy. Working the crowds as they handed out 400 program schedules was John Schutzbach and Ron Rochester. Singer-songwriter Steve Kennedy with vocal assistance from Tom MacIntosh, created catchy promotional tunes getting hundreds of parade watchers singing along with them.

FROM THE ARCHIVES:

Issue 55, August 15, 1982

A Memory

reprinted from the original newspaper article in 1958.

AMHERST ISLAND CEMETERY RECALLS FAMILY CHRONICLES

By Nanetta Glenn

Stella - At a recent funeral in Pentland Cemetery, on Amherst Island, some of the younger generation of Amherst Islanders saw for the first time the graves of their ancestors.

The latest dates to be seen are William H. Preston, 1931; Margaret Preston Scott, 1945, and Rev. Arthur P. Scott, 1954. These graves are near the entrance and so were

accessible at that time. But from the time the Glenwood Cemetery was begun in 1886, with the burial of one named Sandy Glenn, on the hill by the Presbyterian Church, the older cemetery gradually became neglected. By 1950 it was a brave person who would try to get far into the dense underbrush to locate family graves.

About that time, Rev. Arthur Scott decided to restore this historic site. He interested the Township Council and since his death in 1954 the Council has seen that the project was carried on. Ernest Wolfreys and Sheridan Patterson have done most of the work.

Many stones were broken, and on some the lettering could not be deciphered. As many as possible have been repaired and placed as near their original positions as possible.

The oldest stone is in memory of a Pendleton child who died in 1831. Some say the cemetery was meant to be named "Pendleton". But there is another early grave marked "Mary J. Pentland, died September 16, 1837, aged 39 years," which seems to explain why the name "Pentland Cemetery" is used.

The old stones are full of interest. So many of them tell a story. Or give you a clue to a story so you want to find out the rest of it. So many died young. You wonder why. It couldn't have been car accidents in those days. Two stones tell of sailing accidents: One reads: "Robert Stanley Burleigh, died August 18, 1865, by a fall from the topmast of the schooner, Star of Hope, aged 24 years." Another in the same plot reads "John Lyndhurst Burleigh, who



Photo by Terry Culbert
Ula Stief and Barb Hogenauer lead the CJAI Radio gang through downtown Bath on Canada Day.



Photo by Terry Culbert
CJAI in Bath: Michele Lelay behind the wheel with Cathy Christmas, Steve Kennedy on uke and Tom MacIntosh walking alongside.

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CJAI - 5TH ANNIVERSARY FOR THE WOLF'S DEN

Ellis Wolfreys and his very popular Wolf's Den
celebrated five years of broadcasting with a live concert on Island Radio in late June.



Photo by Terry Culbert

Bill Lemke, host Ellis Wolfreys and Del Campbell.



Photo by Terry Culbert

First cousins Dan and Brent Wolfreys, Ellis' nephews.



Photo by Terry Culbert

Gord Struthers has been regular guest since 2006.

was drowned in Lake Michigan, August 29, 1870, aged 34 years.” From family stories we know he was washed overboard in a storm.

Many verses on the stones are intriguing. One I studied for a long time and got all but one line: “Pause, stranger, pause, nor lightly read,

----- shed

The severed bough the withered leaf

Here shrouded in perennial grief For moistened with the orphan’s tear

The Widower’s hope lies buried here.”

Another, erected to Hugh Polley in 1857, who died at the age of 40, reads:

“A ransomed sinner rests beneath,
Who surely triumphed over death;
Wash’d in a Saviour’s precious blood,
Stamp’d with the Image of his God,
Clothed with the saints all glorious dress,
A Saviour’s spotless righteousness.”

In the centre of the cemetery in a plot marked off by metal railings are the graves of Daniel Fowler and his family.



Photo by Cathy Christmas
Jim Elyot, retired morning host for THE DRIVE 98.9 FM in Kingston and Greg Hunter, presently the morning man with COOL 100 in Belleville, were guests of Cathy Christmas on her Island Radio Cat Show in July. Jim and Greg worked together at CKLC AM from the mid 1970’s until 1985. (photo

The story of Richard Rothwell beside Mrs Christie’s would be unusual among those of today. It reads “Called suddenly All Saints’ Eve, 1874.”

Other plots enclosed by chains or railings are Howards, Hitchins, Morrows, Wellers and Macintoshes.

In walking through the cemetery the number of children’s graves strikes you. And from comments made by older residents it seems there are many children buried there whose graves were never marked. Most of the stones tell the child’s age in years, months, and days, and many have touching verses. One beautifully shaped little stone is an example:

“Annie V. Kirk
Died, October 17, 1879.

Aged 1 Yr., 7 Mos. and 1 Day
The little one but tasted
The cup of pain and woe;
And then away she hasted
Where joys unceasing flow.”

A stone in one of the Glenn plots bears the names of five children who died in 1882. There is no

explanation there, but many islanders know the story of the family that was almost wiped out with diphtheria. This story and many others come to mind, and many family relationships are figured out, when time is taken to study the old stones.

As so many people commented after Mr. Gibson’s funeral, a wonderful renovation job has been done. Neglected

much longer, it would not have been possible, and much local history would have been lost.

To quote Lady Tweedsmuir: “After all, it is the history of humanity which is continually interesting to us, and village histories will be the basis of accurate facts much valued by historians of the future.”



Photo by Terry Culbert
Time for intermission at pianist Serouj Kradjian’s concert, July 8th. This is the 18th season for the Waterside Summer Series.

He was a Canadian artist who chose a quiet life on Amherst Island rather than the life he might have had as head of the Art Gallery in Toronto. Near him lies his son, Reginald Fowler, 1845-1923, who became a member of parliament. And in the same group, Annie Rothwell Christie, 1837-1927 whose poetry gained her a place in the book “Important Men and Women of Our Time,” published in 1890.

GOD IS NOT A CHRISTIAN

- Zander of DUNN INN

Many years ago I said, in a sermon, that Jesus was not a Christian. How could he be a Christian? At his time the word "Christian" had not been coined. Jesus died and rose long before the church came into being. Jesus was a Jew. After the service a woman came to me to confess that she'd never heard before that Jesus was not a Christian. She had never heard that Jesus was a Jew.

I was reminded of that encounter when I read Bishop Desmond Tutu's latest book which is entitled, "God Is Not A Christian, And Other Provocations."

Tutu begins his book by reminding us that when Jesus was asked by a lawyer what he should do to inherit eternal life, Jesus didn't tell him, but asked him another question: "What's written in the law?" The lawyer, who knew the law, responded, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself." The lawyer then asked who his neighbour was. Jesus didn't tell him, but told a story - the parable of the Good Samaritan. A Jew, robbed, beaten up and left to die was avoided by two Jewish religious leaders. A Samaritan (one of those people hated by "good" Jews) stopped, tended to his wounds, took him to a hospital and paid for all his medical expenses. Jesus then asked the lawyer which of the three was a neighbour to the wounded man. The lawyer couldn't bring himself to say "The Samaritan" but he did say, "The one who showed him mercy."

The story showed that the love of God works through many different people, not only "The Chosen People."

In other words, God is not limited to Christianity or even to Christ. By an accident of birth I am a Christian. But if I'd been born in Pakistan I'd be a Muslim; if I'd been born in India I'd be a Hindu; if I'd been born in Japan I'd be a Shintoist. God loves the people of every country, religion and race. God (in the Christian tradition) created us all (not only Christians) in God's image. Therefore we all have infinite worth.

Unfortunately some Christians claim that nobody can come to God except through Jesus and there is no other name under heaven that is given for salvation. It's right there in our Bibles (John 14:6 and Acts 4:12) I don't believe that is the mind of Jesus; it became the belief of some churches. But the Bible also says other things which show God is not tied to

Christianity. In John's Gospel we're told that Jesus is the light who enlightens everyone, not just Christians. Paul makes it clear God loves all people. And, by the way, the Jews had already been told of God's love in the Torah and considered themselves God's Chosen People. When Paul spoke to non-Christians he told them they were all God's offspring.

Long before there were Christians (and the label "Christian" was a derogatory term) there were people who established religious systems in response to what they saw of God in the world. Some of the systems were weird and wrong but that didn't stop God from loving the people involved.

God is clearly not a Christian. One of the most helpful stories I ever heard came, not from the Bible, but from a Jewish rabbi. God led the Israelites through the Red Sea to freedom from slavery in Egypt. After the Israelites had crossed the sea on dry ground the water came back, caught the pursuing Egyptians and they all drowned. The Israelites celebrated with great joy. God accosted them and demanded, "How can you rejoice when my children have drowned?"

If you think God is a Christian your god is too small. God is far bigger than Christianity. The whole of the Old Testament reminds us that God worked through Jews long before Christians came on the scene. Our New Testament is built upon the Old Testament so we cannot understand Christianity apart from the Old Testament.

If God revealed the divine purpose to the Jews long before Christianity was founded, then it follows that God can have revealed something of the divine to all people of other religions. We Christians cannot make exclusive claims for Christianity. God cares for more than Christians only. God has to care for everybody, if only for the simple reason that Christians are quite late arrivals on the world scene.

What about those who don't believe in God? God cares for them too, because they also are God's people. And some of them may have been put off by Christians who have said or implied that God is a Christian, cares only for Christians, saves only Christians.

My purpose, as a Christian, is not to tell people they're lost if they don't become Christians, but to tell them the Good News that God loves all people, including them, especially them.

CANADA DAY IN STELLA

The annual Canada Day parade in Stella saw as many participants in the parade as those watching. With perfect weather the parade began at 7pm from St. Alban's Anglican Church making its way through the village to the public school / community centre. At this point one was able to attend a strawberry social whilst waiting for the fireworks display.



Photo by Terry Culbert
Amherst Island Canada Day flag bearers, Ciara Richmond, Rachel Scott and Abby Godden.



Photo by Zander Dunn
Honorary W.I member for the day, Inka Brockhausen chauffeured Marion Glenn and Coralie Marshall (backseat driver) in her yellow VW.



Photo by Terry Culbert
The Caughey children enjoy watching Russell McGinn on his quarter horse LeRoy and his niece Krystal deHaan riding mixed breed Brooklyn.



Photo by Zander Dunn
l to r: Kirsten Bennick, Marilyn Pilon, Joyce Reid, Sharen English, Claire Jenney, Joyce Haines, Liz Harrison, Anne Henderson, Nancy Dunn, Jackie Sylvester



Photo by Terry Culbert
'Mr. Squirt', played by AIMS "water-the-village-plants-boy" Ross Haines.



Photo by Terry Culbert
Ted Welbanks and Karen Miller with their impressive team of Belgian draught horses Blake and Bailey.



Photo by Terry Culbert
Foot Flats Farm Float.



Photo by Terry Culbert
The Filson Family wagon ride.



Photo by Terry Culbert
The Canada Day strawberry social was put on by the Presbyterian Church Women.

MUSEUM FUNDRAISING CAR RALLY

With the leadership of Gord Miller, the support of AIMS, the many museum volunteers and of course all the participants of the fun-filled car rally, over \$1200. was raised for the Neilson Store Museum & Cultural Centre.

A FOND FAREWELL and a PLEA

-Dick Dodds

For the faint-of-heart, 24 years seems like a very long time but for the Dodds it has been much too short - barely blink in a lifetime. We are leaving with fond memories of our time on the "jewel of Lake Ontario" and the many friendships we have been fortunate to embrace. Over the years the Island has changed and although those things that brought us to the Island in 1977 no longer exist, for better or for worse they have been replaced by new happenings, new priorities, some new values and certainly, new people.

Regardless of the changes, we are pleased that many of those "old Islanders" who, through commitment and hard work, laid a firm foundation for all the "new Islanders" and many have chosen to continue to influence and make a difference.

Have we had frustrations and disappointments? To paraphrase Paul Anka, we've had a few but only one I will mention! In my opinion, my disappointment has the potential to turn our happy, caring abode into a sea of conflict. Over the past few years, why is it we cannot have differences of opinions and argue issues without attacking one another personally? Personal attacks are hurtful, immature and achieve absolutely nothing. We are like a family in our small

community and although families do have disagreements most still love one another.

There, I have said it, and now I feel somewhat liberated, especially if it makes us stop and think – me included.

Thank you for being our friends over the years and we never say goodbye, just so long for now.

[Editor: in December 1969, Randi (Leah's mother) and I were moving from Toronto to Kingston. Randi was looking for a teaching job and it was Dick Dodds who hired her to replace an Island teacher who'd been seriously injured in a car accident.]



Photo by Terry Culbert
Museum director and car rally organizer Gord Miller explains the logistics to a group of participants.



Photo by Terry Culbert
Sitting in the shade of the rally hospitality tent are left to right: John Munro, Dick Dodds, Ross and Joyce Haines and Leslie Gavlas.

MAINTAINING TRADITIONS

-Sally Bowen

When Jacob was three years old, I took him out in my lovely canoe along the shore of Lake Ontario. He wore his life jacket and his hat, and was eager and interested and already showing his great knack for balance.

We went out a few times that summer, and he gained a sense of how to hold the paddle and the basic idea of paddling. The next summer, we'd barely launched when he pointed out with excitement that a huge hunk of the rock wall nearby had fallen over the winter. I carry lovely images of my son when he was older, out alone at sunset, peaceful with his fishing

rod.

When Kyle was three, he had his first experience in the canoe too. Also a natural athlete, his balance was easy, and both boys learned quickly to alternate sides, watching for fish or interesting lake bottom items. We tried fishing from the canoe that year and the next few - not entirely a success, as one or the other line constantly needed untangling. When Jacob hooked a big one, I insisted he was on bottom (wrong) and then we were all perilously leaning over the same side. He landed the fish safely and I learned another humble lesson.

When our dog, Lucky turned three, she'd calmed down enough to learn her canoe lessons too. She loved it, learned quickly to recognize the word (as distinct from bike, walk, car etc) but would insist on riding awhile, then running the shoreline for awhile, then riding again.

When grandson Nathan turned three, I wasn't in as good condition. However, it was important to me to do something special, just the two of us, so with help from my grown sons to launch, out we went. The Murray genes made it easy for him and he was intrigued by the strokes and the steering.

The summer Nathan was four, Kyle's pontoon boat was in the water, and he and I paddled out a couple of times, with my comfy chair as baggage, and had a picnic in the evening on the boat. The next summer he was allowed out on the end of a very long rope by himself, paddling and puttering and experimenting.

Now this summer, Nathan's brother Mike has had his first time in the canoe, again when he was thrrrrreeee. (He has practiced that lately.) He was not at all eager, but he wanted to do whatever Nathan and Nana were doing, and we were heading out. So, cautiously, he joined us at my feet, sitting on a life jacket on the floor, wearing his own, while Nathan did most of the paddling. Nathan was generously willing to trade his seat in the bow - they passed each other like dancers, so easily balanced. Mike reveled in his position up front, and declared himself quite eager for another outing.



Sally and Nathan (age 3) fishing off Topsy Farms.

All four boys, and our dog, celebrating new freedoms, age three.

HERE & THERE

- Ian Murray

The weather (enough moisture) and changes in agriculture (fewer annual crops grown) has, I'm sure, resulted in the largest hay and haylage crop ever harvested on Amherst Island. This is the 4th year in a row of green summers and that hasn't happened – if ever – in a very long time.

This has also been a bountiful growing season for milk weed and wild parsnip. And of course the weeds that sheep farmers hate – thistles and burdock – are doing quite well, as always.

TRI 'TILL YOU CRY

- Vicki Keith

The Tri Till You Cry was a huge endurance event in support of Easter Seals, The Child Development Centre and the Y Penguins.

I wasn't sure how my body would handle the running and cycling, but I felt confident in my ability to push past discomfort and achieve my goal of 72 hours. My favourite part of the Tri was that I was participating with a group of people with similar goals and mentality. It was totally different in this respect from what I normally do. I wasn't alone, and I loved it!!

The first 12 hours of the triathlon were great. We settled into the pattern of 2 hours swim, 2 hours bike, two hours run quite comfortably. As time passed each of the athletes faced their own personal challenges; mental and physical exhaustion, sleep deprivation, aches and pains, and stomach upset. It was interesting to see the mood changes as each fought through their latest challenge and when they realized that they could overcome it, a calm would set in. At 48 hours, I found myself the lone athlete. I was sad to see the last athletes move on. The relationships we had developed over the few hours that we had been

participating were really appreciated, and it was hard to move on, but I had my own personal goals to achieve, and I felt it was important to continue on.

My second last run, and I use the term run loosely, as it was closer to a slow stumble than a run, I was fortunate to be accompanied by a number of volunteers. I staggered along beside them. At each street corner, I would fall asleep and start to fall forward then catch myself. I stumbled along, certainly not awake, but not quite asleep, stuck somewhere in the middle. I continued on with my last swim and cycle, and then we headed out the door on the final run with a small entourage of volunteers as we made our way through the streets of Kingston. 11:30 approached, and I was close to my finish point at city hall where a small group had gathered to celebrate the completion of this event. What a great feeling it was to cross the finish line and celebrate with family, friends and supporters before I came home to Amherst Island for a good sleep!

When I speak to kids at schools, two of the most common questions I get are: "Wasn't it hard?" and "Weren't you tired?" I want everyone to know that it is OK to be tired, and it's suppose to be hard! Nothing is worth achieving if you don't have to push beyond your perceived limits. When you are done, you should be tired, you should be exhausted, you might even think that you have nothing left, but something I have learned, is that there is always something left. No matter how tired, no matter how sore or frustrated or hurt, there is always something left, and if you can dig down deep enough inside of you, you will find it.

CHINA

-Kitsy McMullen (from a recent longish e-mail)

I have been volunteering advice on environmental (and management) issues for an NGO that works out of Switzerland called Norlha Aid for Himalayan Populations. The bulk of their projects are located, at present, in NW Sechuan Province in China. Over the past year I have been helping them with their waste management project, specifically in the location of

landfill sites, and we are talking about setting up a wider Environmental Protection Programme (EPP).

So, here I am in Chengdu, capital of Sichuan Province in south/southwestern China. Chengdu is considered a 'second-tier' city: it has only 11 million inhabitants...about one third the population of Canada.

VILLAGE GALLERY

– Terry Culbert

A wonderful addition to the business district of downtown Stella opened this spring in the form of an art gallery. Situated at 5620 Front Road, Caroline Ackerman has transformed an 1890's frame home into a gorgeous venue for Island artists. She named it Village Gallery and it sits between her home and Stella's Cafe. The concept of having a gallery

dedicated to Islanders paintings and photography received the full support of all.

Walking through the magnificently groomed gardens which surround a green picket fence, you enter a house that in 1920 was the first Island location of the Royal Bank of Canada. The bank had two employees and only room for two customers at a time.

Opening the screen door, you'll discover three rooms filled with the works of artists Shirley Miller, Peter Large, Barb Hogenauer, Judi Gould, Joan Martin, Renée Desjardins, Clo Ostiguy, Rosy Findlay, Jean Campbell, Donald Woodiwiss, Lonnie Thomas, Eleanor Trueman, Terry Culbert and gallery owner Caroline Ackerman.

Village Gallery is open weekends throughout the summer, Saturday 10am to 4pm and Sunday 12-noon to 4pm or by appointment by calling 613-384-5606. The gallery will close for the season at the end of Thanksgiving weekend with a chance of a Christmas show in late November.

THANK YOU NOTES

Diane & Dave, this is a quick note of appreciation regarding your staff here on Amherst Island.

On Sunday, a bearing seized up on a rented round



Photo by Terry Culbert

Auction at Rita Brown's.

baler and a fire started in the loose hay that was left after a bale had just been ejected. The fire department got that fire out quickly.

Monday morning, as the road crew were getting ready for another day of improving our roads, they caught a whiff of smoke in the air. Looking around they saw that one of our hay bales in the field surrounding the Island school was smoking. We are pretty sure that the thunder storm that rolled through a few hours earlier started the fire. My son Jacob – a fire dept. member – was phoned. The storm that set fire to the bale also took out the Hydro so there was no water pressure to fill up the grass-fire-fighting backpack water tanks. The roads crew started up an electrical generator and got the tank filled and stayed until Jacob had the fire under control.

I know this is not a particularly big deal but it is indicative of the help that a lot of us have received over the years from our municipal workers on the ferry and on the road crew. Unfortunately, we too often complain and forget to thank.

Thanks.

Ian Murray for Topsy Farms

[Editor: this is an e-mail that I sent to Diane Pearce & Dave Thompson, Loyalist municipal employees.]

Doug and Mayo would like to thank the Volunteer Fire Department for the awesome job they did in putting out the tree fire caused by the lightning strike on their property. It was a big job - a huge tree in an awkward setting. They had to work from both land and the water to put it out.

They were especially concerned because of the drought and the possibility of its spreading to the surrounding properties

Thanks to George Gavlas for his calm willingness to help. How often do we interrupt his work to ask him to diagnose a light or a sound, and to give us free advice? He does so, kindly.

Very much appreciated, George.

Sally Bowen

NOTICE

CONDITIONS RE USE OF BACK BEACH

Loyalist Township advises that effective September 6th to December 31st Back Beach is prohibited for

public use. Violators will be prosecuted by Nut Island Farms Limited and/or Loyalist Township.

For information concerning this notice, please contact Cindy Lawson, Recreation Director, Loyalist Township. (613) 386-7351, ext. 131 or, clawson@loyalist.ca.

BEACON ADS

Hula Hooping workshop: Tues August 9 at 7pm

Enjoy the summer with a blast from the past. Yes, the hula hoop is back! Join Karen Walhout at the dock behind the museum to learn the pleasures of hula hooping. It's a low impact exercise that is fun, has many health benefits and helps maintain a youthful glow. All are welcome free of charge. Bring the kids. Hula hoops provided, or bring your own or buy one from Karen for 15 to 25 dollars at the Amherst Island Market.

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HELP STILL NEEDED. We need the following items for the Lennox and Addington S.P.C.A.. 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.

AMHERST ISLAND STORE

Monday - Friday: 9am - 1:30pm; 2:30pm - 5pm

Saturday: 9am - 1pm (Post Office closes at noon)

Sunday: closed

Holiday Mondays: 10am - 2pm.

[The Beacon sends apologies for printing incorrect times in last month's Beacon.]

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ST. PAUL'S GARDEN PARTY

Saturday, July 23rd was an absolutely gorgeous, hot day for the 63rd Annual Garden Party of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church on Amherst Island. With all the exciting venues to spend money on, St. Paul's raised just under \$12,000.



Photo by Terry Culbert

The St. Paul's Garden Party held its first event in 1948, sixty-three years ago.



Photo by Terry Culbert

Chefs Allen Caughey and Reverend Stephen Kendall serve silent auction co-ordinator Dayle Gowan his lunch.



Photo by Terry Culbert

The live auction staff include left to right: Doug Martin, auctioneer Bruce Caughey, Dick Dodds and Judy Miller.



Photo by Terry Culbert

"How much are we bid on this milking stool?" asks left to right: Don Miller, Gord Miller and Ted Welbanks.



Photo by Terry Culbert

Retired Captain Lloyd and Elaine Wolfreys.



Photo by Terry Culbert

Looking extremely dapper in his all-orange outfit is the Right Reverend Doctor Dunn.

More **FROM THE ARCHIVES:**

FROM Issue 18, August 15, 1979

Council Meeting August 7, 1979

-Ian Murray

1. The minutes of the last meeting were adopted as read.
 2. The Building Inspector, Bill Siple, presented his report for July. There were various discussions and resolutions related to severances and building permits.
 3. The Ferry Manager, Reeve James Neilson, is to arrange for the posting of "interruption of ferry service notices" with the ferry captains.
 4. The monthly financial accounts for the roads and ferry were scrutinized and approved.
 5. The "crushing" tender for the township road gravel was accepted.
 6. Council officially recognized the efforts of the Amherst Island Volunteer Firefighters' Association in making their street dance a success.
 7. The Liquor Vote By-Law was passed. The public vote will take place on October 22, 1979.
- Please note that the Council report appearing in the Beacon is a reporter's version of the meeting. The official minutes for each meeting may be seen at the Township Office during business hours.

HERE AND THERE

-Ian Murray

This summer has seen the worst outbreak of "pink eye" in Island livestock for many years. Our sheep flock has over a dozen severe cases. We treat them the same as cattle: medication in the eye followed by an eye patch. The eye patches that we have on hand were designed for calves, and they don't fit as well as we'd like, but they're better than nothing.

Last Wednesday several of us were out at the North West tip of the Island (Lot C, Con.1) removing old wire from abandoned fence rows, when we became distracted by a number of sail boats coming around by the lighthouse and heading for Kingston. We soon realized that it was a race. It was really beautiful to see the boats come round the corner of the Island and then hoist a big billowing sail from the front of the boat to catch the brisk wind. It was also kind of interesting when the raising of the sail was mis-timed and the sailboat lurched around to the dismayed shouts of the captain. I learned later that there were over a hundred boats involved in this race from Rochester to Kingston.

COMING EVENTS

Log House "Open House" & Art Exhibit

- R. Murray

An exhibition of paintings by Shirley Miller will be held on Saturday and Sunday, August 25 and 26, 2 to 10 p.m. at the log home of Geoff and Marnie Matthews. Shirley (as Sam) brought many humorous incidents to light with her cartoons in the original and new Beacon and has produced exceptionally skilled examples of craft and hand work. Her recent water colour paintings and pen-and-ink drawings of familiar and local scenes have created a great deal of interest.

We invite you to come and see her work and the log house together, as we think they compliment each other. The log house was built in 1977 by Peter Hutley of Huntsville as an energy saving dwelling. Peter will hopefully be available that weekend. He has built a number of other log houses and has considerable experience in the field. We hope you will be able to attend.

FROM August 15, 1980 - Volume 3 Issue 31 **BOYS GRASSHOPPER SOFTBALL:**

The Grasshopper Team would like to thank its sponsors for the years:

The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 539

The Amherst Island Conservation Club

We would also, like to thank Ed McCormick for letting us use his sweaters and to Raymond Wemp for helping round the sweaters up.

Doug Shurtliffe should also, get a vote of thanks for his effort in organizing all Island softball teams and getting us into the leagues.

The boys have been improving with each game and recently had two wins in a row so they should be ready for their play-offs.

The coaches would like to thank all the parents for their help in transporting the boys to and from the games.

From the coaches, Bob Horth, Gary Hitchins, Brian Ward.

HERE AND THERE

-Ian Murray

A hot dry spell in late spring caused many area farmers to hurriedly buy standing hay, but a wet July has produced a surplus of hay. A considerable quantity of hay has been shipped to the mainland -

much of it apparently headed for the drought-stricken Canadian West. After several dry summers, it is a pleasure to see the green fields and lush gardens.

NOTE:

Anyone having machinery, tools or other items made, or can be attributed to the Island Blacksmith Wes Brown, please contact Marlene Frohlich at 389-6160.

THANK YOU

We wish to thank everyone who helped in anyway in the search for us on the night of July 19, when the engine in our boat stopped. We deeply appreciated the concern for our safety and the efforts made to locate us, but are very sorry to have caused you all so much worry and trouble.

Sincerely,

Howard and Noreen Welbanks.

We would like to thank all of our friends, neighbours and relatives for your good wishes and all the lovely cards and gifts. All of you helped to make the celebration of our 25th anniversary a very special and happy day.

Tom and Audrey Miller.

WOLFREYS FAMILY REUNION

-Lyn Fleming

Bert and Mabel Wolfreys left Amherst Island about 30 years ago, with a somewhat smaller family than they returned with on Sunday, July 27, 1980. When they left, the family consisted of 7 sons, 1 niece and 1 nephew.

The family (clan) has since swollen to 7 sons, 7 "daughters", 21 grandchildren, 8 "grandsons-in-law", 8 great grandchildren, 1 niece and nephew and their husband and wife, 1 great nephew and 2 great-nieces. Howard & Darlene & family came from Winnipeg, Manitoba; Ernie & Betty & fam. from Toronto; Art & Kay & fam. from Orlando, Florida; Don & Ethal & fam. from Fenelon Falls, Ellis & Mary Lou & fam. from Camden East; Leonard & Doreen & fam. from Millhaven and Lloyd & Elaine & Brent from Amherst Island.

Cathy Tearsdale & fam., Cobourg; John & Rose Collins, Toronto; Hettie Bunting & Joan & Guy

Proudlock all of Toronto. Other family members and special friends from Barrie, Harrowsmith and the island also attended.

The reunion was held at son Leonard's cottage on the North Shore of the Island. The weather was great and everyone enjoyed the sun (or shade), water skiing, swimming and a terrific bar-b-que - buffet. Just about everyone was armed with a camera of some sort. Grandma was thrilled to have all her boys and their families together again. Grandpa, as usual, had a great time with all the young grandchildren & great grandchildren.

The main event that made this weekend right for the reunion was granddaughter Darlene Wolfrey's marriage on Sat. July 26, to Bill Hogan. The last reunion was also put together around a wedding six years ago, when Larry & Lyn Fleming were married.

Only 2 granddaughters and their husbands, a great granddaughter & a "nephew" couldn't make it. The reunion was a success and we are all looking forward to the next time we can arrange our busy lives, to get together again. Maybe after another wedding!

AT HOME

The Allison's have moved and are now settled in to their new home on Stella Point. They will be "at home" on Sunday, August 24th, between 2:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., and hope all their friends will drop in to visit them at this time.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

-Tom Sylvester

Special Session July 11, 1980. Council met in special session and discussed fence viewers appointments and remuneration.

August 5, 1980. Every observers chair was filled at this short town council meeting. It was clarified that building permits were not required for grain storage structures. The progress of the development road was reported on - no obstacles at this time. The township dump will be bulldozed at the earliest convenience. The adequacy of Workman's Compensation Board coverage for the township volunteer fire fighters was discussed. Council will stress the importance of prompt repair service to our one public telephone to Bell Canada. There was further discussion covering the merits of a Bulls-at-large bylaw.

The Neilson Requisition Drain proposal has been respectfully withdrawn following receiving the

engineers estimate of \$25,000.

FROM August 15, 1981 - Volume 3 Issue 43
A SUNDAY SCHOOL PROJECT
ST. PAULS PRESBYTERIAN LIMESTONE
CHURCH

- Julie Forester, Age 10, Gr 6.

The first Presbyterian church families met in Glenwood Cemetery. It was open air services. They were directed by Rev. Mr. McLeise.

In 1849 regular services were held in a church on the present lot close to the road. Bob Tugwell now owns it.

The present church was built in 1883. The Stone was cut at Kingston Penitentiary. It was brought across the ice in winter by prisoners. In 1884 the church was complete costing \$8,000. Rev. James Cumberland was minister then.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AUG. 4TH

- Ian Murray

This was the shortest council meeting that I can recall attending. In three-quarters of an hour all business was satisfactorily attended to. There were no delegations, and nothing out of the ordinary was on the agenda.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank our family and friends for all the cards, flowers, gifts, visits and help during the time Larry was hospitalized for knee surgery, and then again when I was in hospital for the birth of our daughter.

Also a big thank-you to those "special friends" and family who helped make Jason's 3rd birthday a happy one, under somewhat hectic circumstances.

Again, thank you all.

Larry, Lyn, Jason and Stephanie Fleming

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ART WORK, QUILTS AND FARNHAM HOUSE A
BEAUTIFUL
EXPERIENCE

- A. Bruce Caughey

May I express my personal appreciation and commendation of the delightfully arranged and conducted Art Show and Quilt Display held this weekend in our Island community.

The display of some thirty paintings done by our good friend and neighbour Shirley A. Miller certainly were a credit to her tremendous talent and ability, and it was most gratifying to meet the tremendous numbers of people who visited and enjoyed the display. We certainly hope that Shirley's efforts were rewarded with many sales. I noted among many of the visitors expressions of interest in many of the displayed paintings as well as expressions of regret that many that they admired had already been sold.

It was a real treat to visit again the old Moutray home, Farnham, now owned by Syl and Molly Apps, who very graciously opened their beautifully restored home for this outstanding display.

Farnham is one of our "Island Heritage Treasures". As one who remembers the dignity with which it was lived in by the Moutray family in bygone years and witnessed its decline due to the frailties of advancing years by the members of this family, it was a real joy to see the results of countless hours of labour, accompanied by good tastes, in producing a beautiful home, which I am sure the original owners would be very proud of.

Again, thank you so much.
