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THIS ISSUE

- Ian Murray, editor

The August edition contained some material from August Beacons of many years ago. I intend to make it a regular practice to go back and pick out material from Beacons of the same month. I plan to choose articles that, I hope, are interesting to our current readership.

Don has agreed to use a different font on the old material to avoid confusion..

NEIGHBOURHOOD

- Lyn Fleming

Condolences to Susan McGinn, her husband Terry, and daughter Jessica on the death of her father Jim MacRow.

Get well wishes to Tom Ivison and Ross Haines. Belated get well wishes to John Harris and Elsie Willard.

Congratulations to Tabytha Trotter, daughter of Helen Trotter (Doug Shurtliffe) and John Trotter, who married Tyler Zsapora this summer in Tamworth.

Congratulations to Sarah Pollock, daughter of Dianne Pollock, who was married on the lawn at her family's farm on the 3rd concession, followed by a reception at her mom's across the road. Sarah and her new husband live and work in Ottawa

Congratulations to Mindy Fleming who recently became engaged to Stuart Burnside, of Scotland.

Welcome "home" to Amherst Island to Jeff Forester (son of Jack & Beth), who recently moved into Jack and Beth's former home in the village with his wife Susan and young sons Devon and Colton.

Good-bye to Rosemary Richmond and kids Ciara and Barry, who have left the the Island to move to Enterprise.

Duncan and Kim Ashley and family travelled to Alabama earlier in the summer to visit Duncan's family.

Alex and Debbie Scott and girls spent a week on

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Photo by Judy Bierma

A new record for dinners served by guest chefs was set at Stella's Cafe on August 26th. Terry Culbert, host of the Friday Morning Show and Brian Little, host of Breakfast with Brian sent 65-dinners out of the kitchen to diners both inside and out on the patio. Calling it 'A Night in Tuscany', the lads prepared a gourmet Italian dinner of Fettucini Alfredo Carbonara with grilled garlic shrimp, Caesar salad and garlic bread.



Dorothy McGinn of 8550 Second Concession talks to Hydro One and Bell crews after a mini-hurricane toppled one of her shoreline willows snapping off a hydro post on August 13th

Photo by Terry Culbert

those who love it, but almost unbearable for those that don't! We have also had more than usual severe, and sometimes lingering, thunder storms make their way over the Island with strong winds and lightening.

There has been some road re-building and "make-overs" on the Front Road, east and west of the Village.

It hardly seems possible, but the start of the new school year is just a week away!

Prince Edward Island.

Keith and Shirley visited their family in Alberta and took in the Calgary Stampede while they were there.

Brian and Eva Little and family, spent the better part of the summer touring Europe.

Janet Scott travelled with her sister and brother-in-law to Alberta to visit her daughter and then on to Yellowknife to visit her brother.

My mom, Kay Wolfreys is here for her annual 2 month visit to escape some of the summer heat in Orlando - although the first month here, we some days when the temperatures and humidity even beat Orlando!!

John and Petrie Gavlas and family spent a couple of weeks with John's mother, Leslie on the Island.

George Gavlas' cousin Sophie and her granddaughter Morgan, from Saskatchewan, spent a week with George and Ida.

Congratulations to Dan and Joan Simpson and their team of volunteers on the success of the first annual Emerald Music Festival. All of their hard work paid off as attendees enjoyed a variety of music, open mic and socializing, and even the weather held for most of the weekend.

The annual CJA I book sale was very successful again this year - both sides of the road were packed with cars while folks looked for good deals on books, while supporting our Island radio station.

For the first time in almost 60 years, the St. Paul's Garden Party was held a week earlier than the last weekend in July, as it conflicted with the Napanee Fair for those who wanted to attend both.

We have had a very busy summer on the Island weather wise. July's heat and humidity was great for

REINSURANCE ANNUAL MEETING

-Susan Caughey

In late August, The Farm Mutual Reinsurance Plan Inc. met in Kingston and on Amherst Island. This annual event is held in the area of the Board Chairman's home district. The three day meeting is an opportunity for FMRP to interact with business partners in Canada and from Europe.

This year's event concluded with a dinner for over 100 and a Barn Dance at the Caughey Farm (Poplar Dell). Participants also had Island tours, horse drawn rides, visits to Island shops, gallery and museum.

All guests were so impressed with the Island friendliness, helpfulness and history. A feature of the dinner was a huge array of homemade pies baked by the spouses of the Directors of the Amherst Island Mutual Insurance Company.

[Editor: Hosting such a large group must have taken a lot of time and effort by the Caughey family, directors and their spouses of Amherst Mutual, and various neighbours. Bruce's chairmanship of this Canada-wide organization is a significant honour.]

POEM

-Sharen English

Hawks floating overhead.

Red, yellow and orange sunsets.

Purple, pink sunsets.

Different blues at sunset.

Many birds singing many different songs.

Water. The lake by my side.

The stars so clear and many. The planets twinkle and the constellations are so clear. A plane, a satellite.

The moon big, orange or white.
 Swans in November, 114, and one in July. Hello beauties.
 Millions of May flies in April and May. Swarms.
 Unbelievable numbers,
 Loud buzzing sounds. They get on your face and in your clothes.
 Spiders and snakes.
 Owls in January and February.
 The smell of manure.
 Goose poop on my lawn.
 Spider webs on and in my house.
 Honking geese in the morning, barking geese at night.
 An infestation of lady bugs in May.
 Hornets in June.
 Deer in the field and on the road. A white tail bounces away. Drive carefully at night or you will hit one. We did.
 My white swan outside my back window.
 Bunny rabbits.
 I saw a black weasel.
 Hawks floating in the air, swooping downwards
 Seagulls dive for fish.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

- Nancy Dunn

Twelve members of the Women's Institute and a guest spent the morning and afternoon of August 17th on their yearly summer excursion. Leaving on the 9 a.m. ferry and picking up the mainland contingent of three members, four vehicles made their way up County Road 4 to Tamworth where we had an interesting stop at BON ECO Design Shop at 706 Addington St. Tamworth.

Hans Honegger and Carolyn Butts are the co-creators of this business which concentrates on recycling and sustainable design. Their work is "a response to the current world conditions of pollution, limited resources and dwindling energy supplies". Carolyn has created many attractive art and utilitarian pieces (e.g. bright sunflowers, mirrors and stools) from old tires. Her son Jake makes belts from bicycle tires. They have won many awards and currently their travelling display is at home - worth a trip to Tamworth to see at the above address! Call first for

hours of business.

Our little troupe then made a short trip south again to # 6248 County Road 4: Spindle Tree Gardens. Signs coming from the north were not very visible but approaching from the south this lovely property is well marked. Tom Brown and his wife Susan Meisner have taken an old farm house, renovated and added to it and surrounded it with an impressive number of gardens featuring different plants. There is a croquet field with intriguing wooden wickets; there are ponds and waterfalls, bridges, a walled kitchen garden, a lovely old green house with former church windows and a new green house under construction, and much more. The name comes from a number of spindle trees which are near the house. These will shortly (September and October) be covered with pink and orange seed pods - quite a remarkable sight. The facility is open from May (tulip and daffodil displays at that time of year) to October every day except Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 4:30



Photo by Donnie Miller

A photo of the Junior mite A finalists for 2011... Pictured are coaches Steve Kennedy and Sherry Miller as well as players Liam Kennedy and Sam Miller. After having a very challenging year the team pulled it together for the final tourney and were able to finish as the A finalist's....great season Liam and Sam.

p.m. Tours can be arranged for 11 a.m.

It was a sunny and very warm day and the grounds are quite extensive - because of the heat and the lengthy walk some of our group did not get to see everything that Tom, a retired architect, had to show us on our tour. Meanwhile back at the house Susan was preparing lunch for us, using ingredients from her garden in some of the tasty dishes. We ate a very



Photo by Bill Harris

Bev Harris (right) going over music and notes with Director Noel Edison (left) and staff at lunch before the Waterside's 4th concert.

leisurely meal on the shaded porch and returned to Millhaven, with a quick stop in Wilton at a farm outlet and the cheese factory, in time for the 4:30 ferry.

A fine time was had by all.

COUNCIL GLEANINGS

- Ian Murray

Regular Council Meeting on August 8th

The "Miscellaneous Fees By-law" has been changed in response to new provincial legislation which prohibits municipalities from charging livestock evaluation charges when a predator kills a domestic animal. "The list of predators has increased and now includes the following: "Coyote, wolf, bear, fisher, fox, cougar, lynx, bobcat, raven, eagle, hawk, crow, turkey vulture, weasel, raccoon, mink and elk.

"The list of livestock has also been expanded upon and includes many more species (examples: bison, rabbit, deer, elk, alpaca, llama, ostrich, emu, donkey, etc.)."

The Province will now pay \$30 to Loyalist Township for each predation event as compensation for Township labour.

A public meeting was held on the Island to consider the future of library services here. The Township's Recreation Director is to prepare a report for Council outlining library service options.

Council has awarded a contract to Westone Aggregates Limited "for the supply of drilling, blasting, crushing and stockpiling services at the

Amherst Island Quarry . . . for the total tendered amount of \$229,390.

Council passed a resolution "to have collection bins for returnable containers at the Amherst Island Landfill site, with a sign indicating that proceeds will support the Neilson Store Museum, be approved and further, that the use be monitored by staff."

A WATERSIDE EVENING TO REMEMBER

-Bill Harris

On Wednesday August 3rd Noel Edison led his Elora Festival Singers in a memorable evening for a sold out and extremely appreciative audience.

Baritone Rich Hrytzak summed it up: "The audience at the church was incredibly sensitive and attentive, and each warm glance from them made me sing even more passionately. What really blew me away was the hospitality shown afterward at the lodge. The welcome and generosity of all those involved are rare treats."

The After Concert Supper at the Lodge he refers to was highlighted by a spontaneous magical rendition of Healey Willan's "Rise Up, My Love" from choir members and several Islanders who joined in.

Most of the twenty-one person choir was hosted overnight in homes on the Island and so enjoyed themselves that they want to come to Amherst Island again.

The Elora Festival Singers (EFS), a Grammy- and Juno-nominated chamber choir, was founded in 1980



Photo by Bill Harris

The 21 member Elora Festival Choir filled the space with their presence and their sound at St Paul's Church for Waterside's 4th concert of their Summer Season

by Noel Edison as the principal choral ensemble of the Elora Festival. Since 1997, the choir has been the core of the Toronto Mendelssohn Choir and the Toronto Mendelssohn Singers, and is the choral ensemble-in-residence of the Elora Festival.

Director Noel Edison was so impressed with the audience and atmosphere in St Paul's Presbyterian Church that he is already talking with Waterside Artistic Director Beverley Harris about the possibility of returning in 2013.

AIMS Meeting August 13th

- Hugh Jenney

Nineteen men sat down to a delicious full breakfast thanks to Ken Albertan on the fried eggs, Anne on the toast, Anthony & Judy on the sausages and Don Pepper brought other goodies.

Our guest speaker, Mr. Charles Plank Sr., was introduced by Hugh Jenney who called him a world-renowned railway builder who has worked from The Great Slave Lake Railway in the Northwest Territories to South Africa and the Congo. Asked where the name Slave Lake came from he replied that the Indians in the area are known as Slavey Indians possibly slaves of another dominant tribe.

Charles gave us quick history of the Congo because he was sent there by the United Nations to prepare an estimate of costs to reactivate the Belgian railway used to by-pass Stanley Falls and the barge system on the Congo River (second biggest after the Amazon). He had a map of the area plus his pictures from his 2005 trip when he was 81 years old. They used front-end loading ferries!

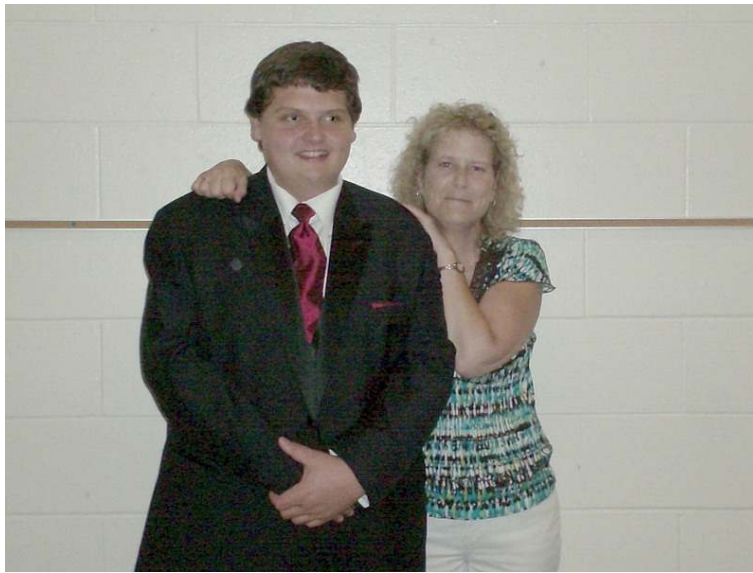


Photo by Roxanne Wolfreys
A photo of Dakota and Mrs Margo Virtue. Margo was the EA for the kindergarten class when Dakota entered AIPS. Since she saw him enter on his first day we asked her to attend to see him leave AIPS.

Charles informed us that Dr. David Livingston, a great explorer, was the first white man to cross Africa from the Indian Ocean to the Atlantic. Another great explorer who was looking for Dr. Livingston, Stanley, was the first man to go by dug-out canoe from the river port of Kindu to the Atlantic in 1876. He survived three hundred battles with the ferocious cannibals who controlled all of the North. The Democratic Republic of the Congo achieved its independence in 1960. Six

years later the cannibals took the city of Kindu and feasted on the residents before the cannibals were ousted three months later by Belgian paratroopers.

The Africans of the Eastern Congo do not speak the same language nor do they belong to the same tribe as the Congolese in government in Kinshasa. In the capital they are called rebels, but in the East they are tolerated and preferred to government troops.

The UN paid \$250,000 for Mr. Plank's report, but at the general report presentation meeting the UN department responsible for shipping aviation gas said that, instead of trying to bring them in by barge and train, gas would be flown from Kinshasa to Kindu, dry goods would be bought in nearby Kampala and potable water would be taken from an excellent spring in Kindu.

Charles next turned our attention to the war in Libya. He told us that the border between Tripolitanis and Cyrenaica was decided in 350 BC by having runners from Carthage and Alexandria start out at the same time and where they met was to be the border. The Philenes, who started from Carthage, were a lot faster than the Cyrenaicans from Alexandria, establishing a



Photo by Roxanne Wolfreys
Dakota Wolfreys and Riely Lambert at the AIPS graduation.

border much to the East and reducing Cyrenaican territory. The Philenes Arch, known to British troops as the Marble Arch, was destroyed by Gadhafi. Charles claimed, "That might be reason enough for removing Gadhafi from office."

Marc Raymond thanked Charles for a very informative and educational presentation.

Greg Latiak thanked Ken Albertan, Don Pepper, Anne Henderson, Anthony & Judy for an excellent effort in preparing our breakfast.

A brief Treasurer.s report was provided.

Marc Raymond reported that the AIMS Wagon was re-organized and that we should all try to keep it that way for better sales and clean-up.

It was agreed that donors of significant items to the AIMS fall auction would receive tax receipts from the NSMCC and those amounts would go to the Museum.

A new member, Rick Vanstone, (he and Sarah purchased the Trueman place) was warmly welcomed.

We need more members to help with all our worthwhile, community-building efforts. Many hands make light work.

Next Meeting will be September 10, 2011. Speaker is our own Brian Findlay on 'Climate Change'.

LYME DISEASE

- Sally Bowen

Deer Ticks abound on Amherst Island, carried by birds, house pets and people, not just deer.

Prevention is best. When you are walking in deeper grasses or in the woods, it is recommended that you tuck your pants into your socks, wear long sleeves - and check your body carefully each day. A black-legged tick is initially about the size of a poppy seed - extremely easy to miss. Once it burrows into your skin and becomes engorged, it is easier to detect.

If you find one, do **not** burn or use tweezers. All vets sell an inexpensive 'lifter' that removes the tick without squeezing the mouth parts (thus not releasing the bacteria). We have one here at Topsy Farms and I'm sure there are others now on the Island. I strongly recommend getting one on hand, especially if you have children or pets.

As soon as you find an engorged tick, treat it as an emergency, JUST IN CASE it carries the bacteria. See the following websites among others for further information on this before you go to ask for assistance.

The Lyme Disease Association of Ontario
www.lymeontario.org

The Canadian Lyme Disease Foundation
www.canlyme.com

It is my understanding that, within 48 hours of exposure, a single dose of antibiotics (specific type and amount as recommended by physicians) can be an effective preventive. Do not assume any physician will be knowledgeable about this. Go fast to a medical clinic, armed with information from the above sites. Just being offered the Eliza test is not sufficient. (It is notoriously inefficient.)

Here are a few 'facts' about Lyme Disease:

It is an infection with a bacteria called *Borrelia burgdorferi*, transmitted by the bite of a black-legged tick. (They don't all carry it.)

Symptoms of Lyme disease may occur within days or may not occur for many weeks after infection.

Lyme disease may involve any part of your body: skin, joints, muscles, the nervous system, the heart or the intestinal tract.

Laboratory tests for Lyme disease are imperfect and can be misleading.

Prompt treatment of early infection improves the likelihood of cure, but persistent chronic infection may occur and can take many forms whose



Photo by Terry Culbert

The Friday Morning show art reporter Peter Large interviews Picton artist Claudia McCabe about her book: *MUSINGS & FANTASY PAINTINGS*. Ms. McCabe was at The Lodge conducting a 5-day workshop for Loyalist College in August.

symptoms imitate other diseases. People can be debilitated, lifelong.

Amherst Island residents have tested positive this summer, after finding a tick in their skin. Others have found ticks and have been unable to receive treatment, although they are experiencing unusual symptoms. Please seek medical help, just in case, if you locate an engorged tick.

FROM THE ARCHIVES:

From Issue 20 Sept. 15, 1979.

CARD OF THANKS

Bruce Robinson would like to thank all his friends, church organizations, and the Island Institute, for the cards received while in K.G.H. It's thoughts like these that make you feel that you "belong". Thanks again.

THE GARDEN CENTRE AT AMHERST ISLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL

- B. Forester

We returned this September to a flourishing little productive garden spot! How gratifying it is to know that the hours we spent on June 1st, planting vegetables and flowers had not fallen to the hands of vandals - or animals or drought! We planted a wide variety of vegetables and I believe that we will have at least a sampling of each of those. Some students went above and beyond the call of duty during the summer months, and spent some time caring for the garden and preparing vegetables for the freezer. We were not able to enjoy too many radishes, as they grew very quickly and needed thinning before they were done. However yellow beans and vegetable marrow have been frozen, and

beets, carrots, zucchini, squash, some corn, watermelon and pumpkins await our attention. It is our hope to use our "bountiful harvest" for a Thanksgiving dinner. I hope the students have gained some insight, and I'm sure have all had a feeling of pride and accomplishment through this endeavour. Our thanks to Jim Neilson, who ploughed up our garden plot last fall, and to Jack Kerr, who patiently tilled the earth for us this spring.

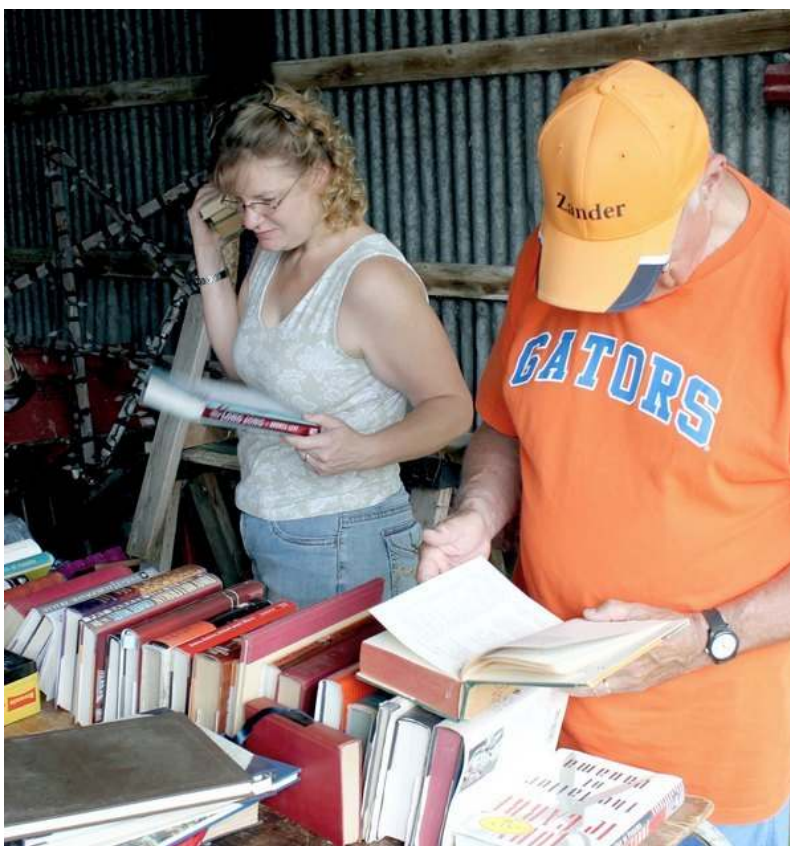


Photo by Terry Culbert

ISLAND RADIO ANNUAL USED BOOK SALE was a great success again this year thanks to CJAI's President Michele LeLay and her team of hard working volunteers. On Saturday, August 6th, Islanders and visiting Mainlanders were delighted with the great selection offered. Pictured here are Renee Mainville and The Right Reverend Doctor Zander Dunn who is perhaps searching for a sermon inspiration.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Township of Amherst Island

Notice to the Electors of the Township of Amherst Island qualified to vote at a Municipal Election.

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Municipal Act, The Municipal Elections Act and pursuant to by-law No. 7-79 passed August 7th, 1979, a poll is to be held upon the following question:

Are You In Favour Of The Sale Of Spirits, Beer, and Wine Under A Dining Lounge Licence For Consumption On Licensed Premises Where Food Is Available?

The day fixed for taking a poll shall be October 22, 1979. An advance poll will be held on October 13, 1979.

I, Diane Pearce, Clerk

of the Township of Amherst Island certify that the question set out herein is a correct statement as authorized in by-law No. 7-79.

AMHERST ISLAND RECREATION COMMITTEE EXPLAINS LIQUOR VOTE

- Howard Pearce, Chairman

For some time now, the Island Recreation Committee and the Municipal Council have been

negotiating with the County Board of Education in an effort to gain the approval to serve liquor at social functions in the new community hall. On three occasions we have attended Board meetings seeking their approval and each time we have failed.

The matter has become a real “chicken and egg” problem because we were asked on all three occasions, “Why are you asking for our approval when you are a “dry”

community and could not serve liquor anyway?” This question has always been difficult to answer and is our major reason for our lack of success at these meetings.

Our argument that there would not be any value in holding a plebiscite on the Island if we have no facility in which to exercise the results of that vote, have held little water with the Board.

Certainly the Board will get requests from other communities when and if they say yes to us, so maybe their position is correct and we should be prepared to act.

Because of this dilemma, our municipal council has agreed to hold a referendum to ask the voters of our community if indeed we do want liquor to be served at social functions. If this vote passes (a 60% majority is required), it will put us in a much stronger position for bargaining with the Board. At least they will have lost one of their points of argument.

There are many questions that can be asked when having a liquor vote. Only one will appear on the ballot, and it will be:

“Are you in favour of the sale of spirits, beer and wine under a dining lounge license for consumption on licensed premises where food is available?”

An affirmative vote will permit:

1) the licensing of a suitable facility under a “Special Occasion Permit” to sell beer, wine or spirits for a particular event such as a dance, wedding,



This is a picture of our nine year old granddaughter Erica Robinson. She just swam from our home to our old home at Nicholson's Point a distance of about 4.5km in one hour twenty six minutes and fifty eight seconds. She is the daughter of our daughter Susanne who swam both Lake Ontario and Lake Erie.

Photo courtesy of Eric Welbanks

anniversary etc. where food is available
2) the possible licensing of a dining room if the facility meets Liquor Licensing Board requirements; however, this possibility is remote because of zoning requirements and the tremendous investment involved.

It will not permit:
1) the establishment of a store for the retail sale of beer, wine or spirits.

2) the establishment of a public house or

liquor lounge for the sale of beer, wine or spirits.

It should be noted that Council would have preferred the ballot to read “Are you in favour of licensing for “Special Occasion Permits” for the sale of beer, wine or spirits?” However, such wording does not exist within the laws of the Liquor Licensing Act and, since a special occasion permit requires the availability of food, the result of the question being asked would be the same.

The date for the vote is October 22, 1979, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. with the Advance Poll being held on Saturday, October 13, 1979 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. It should be noted that, should the vote be negative, another referendum cannot be held for three years and our efforts to serve liquor at social events would be delayed for quite some time.

If anyone has any questions or would like further information about this matter, please call me or any member of the Recreation Committee and we will reply in the next issue of the Beacon, or you could direct your inquiries to the Municipal Office.

The Recreation Committee supports the liquor vote and hopes that it will pass. However we are concerned about the possibility that people who are in favour will assume that it will pass and won't make the effort to vote. Please do not take it for granted. We urge you to vote and make your feelings known on this important issue.

COUNCIL SUPPORTS AFFIRMATIVE LIQUOR VOTE

The Council of the Township of Amherst Island has voted to publicly go on record as fully supporting the Recreation Committee's endeavours to obtain an affirmative result in the upcoming liquor vote. Council encourages everyone to come out and exercise their franchise.

COUNCIL EXPRESSES APPRECIATION OF SERVICE

Sept. 12, 1979

*Mr. William Bulch,
Dear Bill,*

On behalf of Council, I am writing to express their appreciation for many years of dedicated service you have given to the Amherst Island Volunteer Fire Department.

Council accepts your resignation but your enthusiasm and support will be missed.

*Yours very truly,
(Mrs.) Diane Pearce Clerk-Treasurer*

WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED?

- Shirley Miller

Dr. Burleigh is writing a book about early "Island" history and his memories of the Island.

He would like a list of 500 people interested in such a book as printing costs are so high. If you would like to help encourage him, drop a line to Dr. H.C. Burleigh, Apt. 507, 33 Ontario St., Kingston.

VISITOR FINDS ISLAND ROOTS

- A. Bruce Caughey

From time to time, and particularly during the summer months, we have visitors to our Island who came here not only to experience Island beauty and hospitality but also with a specific purpose, namely, to "research" their ancestry. I am quite sure that I do not have the opportunity of meeting and talking with but a small percentage of people in this class, but when I do meet such visitors, it is always a pleasure and joy to talk with them and hopefully to assist them in identifying where their forefathers lived and location of their burial plots, etc.

About a week ago I had this very pleasant experience when quite by accident and during a stop at Glenn's Store, a couple, in the Senior Citizens'

group, were introduced to me by Irene {Glenn}. The name, Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs did not mean much to me, but when Mrs. Jacobs identified her maiden name as Wright, it immediately set "wheels in motion" and I was able to discuss with her the ancestors that she was so anxious to identify.

We visited both Glenwood and Pentland cemeteries and Mary Wright Jacobs was delighted with the information that she was able to glean. This was followed by a lengthy and interesting visit with this couple in our home, and when they had departed to attend the World Cup Games in Montreal, it was with reluctance to leave and certainly with the sincere promise that they will be back next year.

Mary Wright Jacobs is the daughter of Hugh Wright who was one of seven children of George Wright and his wife Sarah Polley. The late George Wright was a native of Perthshire, Scotland, coming to Amherst Island where his interests included a teacher, a merchant and a farmer. Hugh Wright as a young man in search of employment, went to North Bay where he worked on the railroad. Later he was persuaded by his older brother, George, to go to Dakota, previous to the time when Dakota was divided North and South. His first impressions were not the best and he returned to Amherst Island. However, he had second thoughts and decided to give it another try. Returning, he settled at Valley City where he obtained employment again in railroading with the "Soo Line" where he remained for the rest of his working life. His last visit to the Island would likely have been in 1928 when the Wright family had a reunion.

Hugh Wright married Nettle Rank and five children were born of this marriage, Mary Wright Jacobs being one of these. As a teacher, Mary went to the State of Washington in the extreme Northwestern part of the U.S. While here she answered an advertisement for a teaching position, which application was accepted after her return home to Dakota. Fate seemed to lead her to accept the position and she returned to Blain, Washington, where she met and married Hugh Jacobs, a graduate of Washington State University at Pullman.

Hugh became a successful Secondary School Principal and later a Superintendent until 1968 when he suffered a stroke followed by a serious heart problem which necessitated his retirement. On the advice of his doctor they made the decision to dispose of their home and seek a warmer climate in the State [continue on Page 11]

2011 EMERALD MUSIC FESTIVAL



Photo by Terry Culbert
Joan and Dan Simpson dancing.

The first of hopefully many Emerald Music Festivals was held on Amherst Island on August 5, 6 and 7th at the beef farm of Dan and Joan Simpson of Front Road. Over the three days, 350 music fans attended allowing the Simpsons to break even. Delighted with their first attempt, the couple have set a date for next year: August 10, 11 and 12th. Set up with rough camping, a canteen operated by the Amherst Island Recreation Committee, the Women's Institute dessert trolley, a CD vendor and a stall from Loyalist Music in Bath, the site took on a village atmosphere. The music was fantastic!



Emerald Music fans.

Photo by Terry Culbert



Photo by Terry Culbert

Women's Institute selling freshly baked pies.



Photo by Terry Culbert

Judy Bierma and Noel McCormick.

of Arizona, where they now reside at Mesa. The hot summer sun of Arizona is not conducive to pleasant living and so they return to the State of Washington to visit their relatives and friends each year. The idea of an exploratory trip to Amherst Island has long been in their minds and so with plans to attend the World Cup Games in 1979, they decided to combine the two. They had little hope that their visit to Amherst Island would be little more than a brief visit to the cemetery, plus a hope that they might meet someone who would remember the name Wright as former residents. They went home overjoyed at the reception they received and the amount of history that they had unearthed.

Mrs. Jacobs brought with her the diary of her father, Hugh Wright, written in the 1860's. This is the writing of a boy of 17 years of age, written in a ledger sized book with beautiful penmanship and such a great variety of descriptive and commentary content. Time did not permit my reading of these priceless gems of description of Island life in that era, in any degree of detail, but I am happy that Mrs. Jacobs returned home resolved that her number one project for the winter months ahead will be to have this diary copied. I will look forward, when I have received a copy of this, to sharing much of it with our readers of the Beacon.

ROD BARR ELECTED AS LAW SOCIETY BENCHER

Readers of the Island Beacon will be pleased to know of the election of J. Roderick Barr Q.C. as a Law Society Bencher of Upper Canada, the body which governs Ontario's Legal profession. Mr. Barr is well known on the Island where he spends frequent weekends as well as his annual holidays, along with his family at their farm here, which is his wife's home (the Robt. J. Marshall home). Being a ratepayer of

Amherst Island, he has at all times a deep affection and interest in our Island community.

Mr. Barr is a member of the St. Catherines law firm of Harris, Barr, Hildebrand, Daniel and Wilson, and his candidacy for this prestigious post was sponsored by the Lincoln County Law Association of which he is a Past President. He ran eighth in a field of fifty candidates from across Ontario and he becomes the only lawyer from the Niagara Region to be a Bencher. In the contest, the top twenty vote-getters will serve as Benchors along with twenty others chosen by lawyers from Toronto. The term of office for the unpaid position is five years and necessitates on average of a day or two per week in fulfilment of the duties of the position. Among their many duties

benchers handle cases of professional misconduct, call new lawyers to the bar, run the legal aid plan, and take care of administrative matters.

Mr. Barr, in seeking election, had very definite concerns for the best interests of Ontario lawyers and states that he has long been a critic of the Law Society for its failure to take a more affirmative stand on a number of matters. One of his chief concerns is the prevention of Ontario from being flooded with

too many lawyers, and feels that the legal profession should be careful about permitting lawyers to go too far in "advertising" their specialties and fees for their services.

Mr. Barr points out that the province has some 12,000 lawyers with about 1000 new ones admitted to the bar each year, and feels that there is a definite responsibility to the students and the public to do something about this flood of new lawyers. Further he sees law schools as having, a vested interest in "building their empires", turning out hordes of bright expensively trained young people who end up in jobs which pay about half what a police officer gets or a person working in a factory. Finding themselves in this position, in a struggle to survive,



Photo by Terry Culbert
Julie Forester-Leeder enjoys a cup of coffee, dog walking in the Village of Stella

these people might “cut corners”, offer discount rates for their services and thus not provide clients with that to which they are entitled. He feels that this position is going to be challenging and realizes that it is an awful lot easier to say what should be done from the “outside”.

CONCERN RE: LIQUOR REFERENDUM

Island Beacon:

In your July 15 issue in the coverage of the Council meeting of July 3rd reference is made to the holding of a referendum in the Fall concerning availability of alcoholic beverages on Amherst Island.

I feel that this matter is one that should receive wide publicity before the ratepayers are asked to make a decision. I, for one, am not familiar with the requirements concerning sale of alcoholic beverages, in the past when other municipalities have conducted referendums, I seem to remember that there was a broad base for the questions upon which the ratepayers were asked to vote.

I have some strong feelings concerning this matter and the limits to which alcoholic beverages may be made available. If I might be permitted to make a proposal, I would hope that when members of Council have been fully acquainted with the terms of the L.C.B.O. that a public meeting could be arranged at which we would have the opportunity of having an explanation of the referendum as well as to ask questions that may be in our minds. Can we have some information in a reasonable time before the vote?

Sincerely,

A. Bruce Caughey

COUNCIL MEETING SEPT. 4 1979

1. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as submitted.

2. The Township Building Inspector, Bill Sipple, presented his monthly report.

3. The financial accounts were approved as submitted.

4. Bill Sipple has been appointed to the position of deck hand on the Amherst Islander.

5. Several resolutions were passed that appear elsewhere in this issue.

[end of ‘From The Archives’]

TRACES OF GOD IN READING

- Zander of DUNN INN

One thing leads to another. I am in the midst of reading James Carroll’s latest book, “Jerusalem, Jerusalem” and several items of interest jumped out at me and reminded me of other things and people.

For example, Carroll writes about an American

Christian denomination called “Friends of The Truth,” which followed the leadership of George Fox who preached in the mid 1600’s. Fox’s operative rule was “Simplify! Simplify!” and so they shorted their name to the “Friends.” Fox regularly opened sermons by calling his listeners to “tremble at the word of the Lord,” which led to their designation as “Quakers.” They were often arrested, condemned and beaten because they refused to fight or go to war.

Not only that, they refused to perpetrate violence against the Native peoples who lived in the territories they controlled. The Friends continued to generate an American countercurrent, marked by nonviolence and tolerance. Carroll says, “the most potent example” of Quaker theology was



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On Sunday, August 21st, The Reverend Dr. Judith Visser, minister of St. Andrew’s United Church in Sudbury, Ontario, was the special anniversary preacher with The Right Reverend Doctor Zander Dunn at St. Paul’s Presbyterian Church on Amherst Island.

expressed in their meeting in Philadelphia. It was there that they began the movement to abolish slavery in the United States.

As I read about the Quakers in the U.S. I recalled that Tom and Rosemary Richmond were Quakers and would often drive to Trenton to the meetings of The Friends there. Tom, who was our resident electrician and the principal mover and shaker of the Radio Station on the Island, left us to go to the U.S. several years ago. And now Rosemary and their children are moving to the mainland. The Richmond family contributed significantly to Amherst Island and we will miss them.

Later in the book Carroll deals with the invention of the printing press. He points out that Luther's German Bible was among the first books to be printed and it became a best seller. Without the printing press the Reformation might never have happened. Luther nailed his 95 arguments for reform of the Church to the door of his sanctuary and it was read by the locals (those who could read). But the printing press cast his arguments all around the world. And people learned to read so they could understand why Luther was excited and wanted change. And they learned to read in order to read his Bible from which he got his radical ideas.

Carroll goes on to point out that the Jews in Safed in Galilee "may have been the first people outside of Europe to make systematic use of Gutenberg's movable-type device, a technique that allowed them to make widely available texts of Torah." Among the Jews this promoted literacy and great advancements took place.

But Carroll also pointed out that the Muslims of that time refused to allow the printing press to produce copies of the Qur'an. Qur'an means "recite" and reminds the Muslims that God is present in the words as they are spoken. Therefore the words of the Qur'an cannot be rendered on the page mechanically. Recitation is the act of bringing God alive in the congregation. Moreover the spiritual power of the

Qur'an is also conveyed through Islamic calligraphy, very difficult to reproduce in print. As a result of the non-printing of the Qur'an the Muslims fell behind the Christians and the Jews in the pursuit of knowledge.

That got me thinking about the Sunday School Movement in the Christian churches of Britain and North America under the leadership of Robert Raikes. Because the children of the poor worked during the weekdays, Raikes set up schools for them on Sundays to teach them to read. The primary purpose, of course, was to help them read the Bible, which Christians considered the most important book in the world! The whole Sunday School Movement eventually led to the public education system which we enjoy in Canada today. We no longer read

primarily to get to know the Bible, we read to learn all the other subjects of value and importance among us. As a footnote, it is amusing to me that at a time when Christian Sunday Schools are fading, the Jews are getting their Hebrew education at what they call Sunday Schools, which go on for the whole day, a day most Jews, who worship on Saturday, have "free" to devote to study and other pursuits.

All that led me to think of Dick and Puddy Dodds

who have also left the Island after being with us for 34 years in the beautiful house they have built on Stella Point. Both Dick and Puddy were very much involved in education. Both began their careers as teachers. While generations of little children were blessed to have Puddy as their teacher, Dick went on to be a superintendent of schools and then a Director of Education in the Toronto area. Both have devoted their lives to helping young people learn and develop into Canadian citizens. On the Island Dick and Puddy have been involved in many community improvement issues and have given to us all many hours of their devotion and commitment. We will miss them both greatly.

From ancient history we're connected to people today who have, by their love and hard work,



Photo by Lori Caughey
Pictured at the The Farm Mutual Reinsurance Plan meeting are Susie & Bruce Caughey along with Victoria and Simon from London, England. They are friends through the insurance business.

changed our lives for good. That's how God works. One thing leads to another. One person makes a change - preaches and calls people to tremble at the word of God - and he or she passes on his or her interests and concerns to others. Or one man invents a machine that changes the world and those who use that machine and its products make further changes for good among us. Of course people and machines can be used for bad, not good, but when God leads, good will follow and people will grow in God's love.

THANK YOU NOTES EMERALD MUSIC FESTIVAL

We would like to thank all of the sponsors: Wylie Electric; Westendorf Demolition; Savage's Home Hardware; Al and Bonny Caughey; and Loyalist Music.

Thanks also to the Rec Committee for their donation.

A special thank you to all the volunteers and the people who attended the Festival. Without you the weekend would not have been such a great success.

Hope to see you all next year, August 10th, 11th, 12th, 2012.

Joan and Dan Simpson

THANKS

Thanks to the Lodge, the Island B&B's, Stella Café and neighbours who have encouraged Island visitors to explore the Wool Shed at Topsy Farms.

NOTICES

AMERIKS SCHOLARSHIP FUND - 2011

Applications for the Ameriks Scholarship Fund in memory of Reeve Frank Fleming, will be received by the Township until October 31, 2011.

Amherst Island residents who currently attend post-secondary institutions on a full time basis are eligible to apply. Application forms are available at the Ferry Office in Stella during office hours, Monday, Wednesday and Friday or on the Loyalist Township website at:

www.loyalist.ca. (under permits/applications at the side of the page)

Please forward completed applications to the attention of Pamela Barnard at:

The Corporation of Loyalist Township

263 Main Street, Odessa, K0H 2H0
or leave at the Ferry Office for delivery

Anyone interested in contributing to the Ameriks Scholarship Fund please contact Pamela Barnard at 613-386-7351, ext. 120. Loyalist Township accepts donations to the capital or yearly disbursement portion of the Ameriks Scholarship Fund. Income tax receipts are provided.

CONDITIONS RE USE OF THE 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.

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For appointments call 613 328-8892

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Saturday 10am – 4pm / Sunday noon – 4pm
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Dave Meikle's

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Raw honey is honey the way the bees made it with all of its flavour, nutrients and bioactive substances. Bees pack honey with anti-bacterial, anti-viral and anti-fungal agents. Raw honey is a pro-biotic, enhancing digestive function. The pollen in raw honey tunes your immune system to the local environment.

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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 - 2pm
Sunday: closed
Thanksgiving Weekend:
Saturday Oct 8: 9am - 2pm
Sunday Oct 9: closed
Monday Oct 10: closed

THE WEASEL AND EASEL

Hours:

Weekends (until Thanksgiving):

Saturdays, 10am - 4pm

Sundays, noon - 4pm

Holiday Mondays, check sign

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Hours:

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Friday, Saturday and Sunday: 8:30 to 7:30

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The Back Page



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Freshly weaned lambs (at the end of July) are being moved to the other end of the farm in the hope that they will not find there way back to the ewes.



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Caution on the roads... The hay is still coming home.