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MURIEL GLENN (Abt 1917-2012)

Died in Waterloo on May 3. Predeceased by her twin sister, Mildred, and her brothers, James and Bill. She was buried in Glenwood Cemetery.

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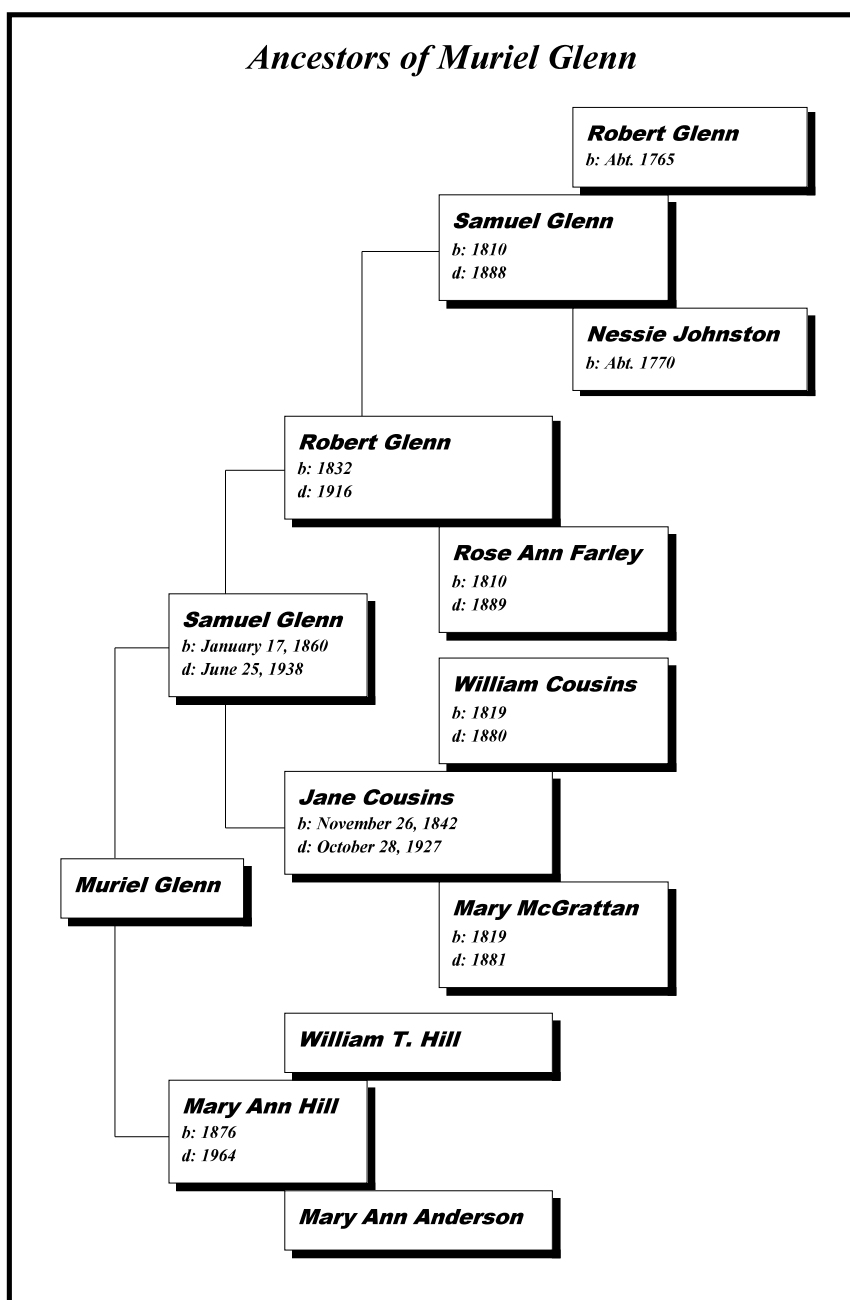
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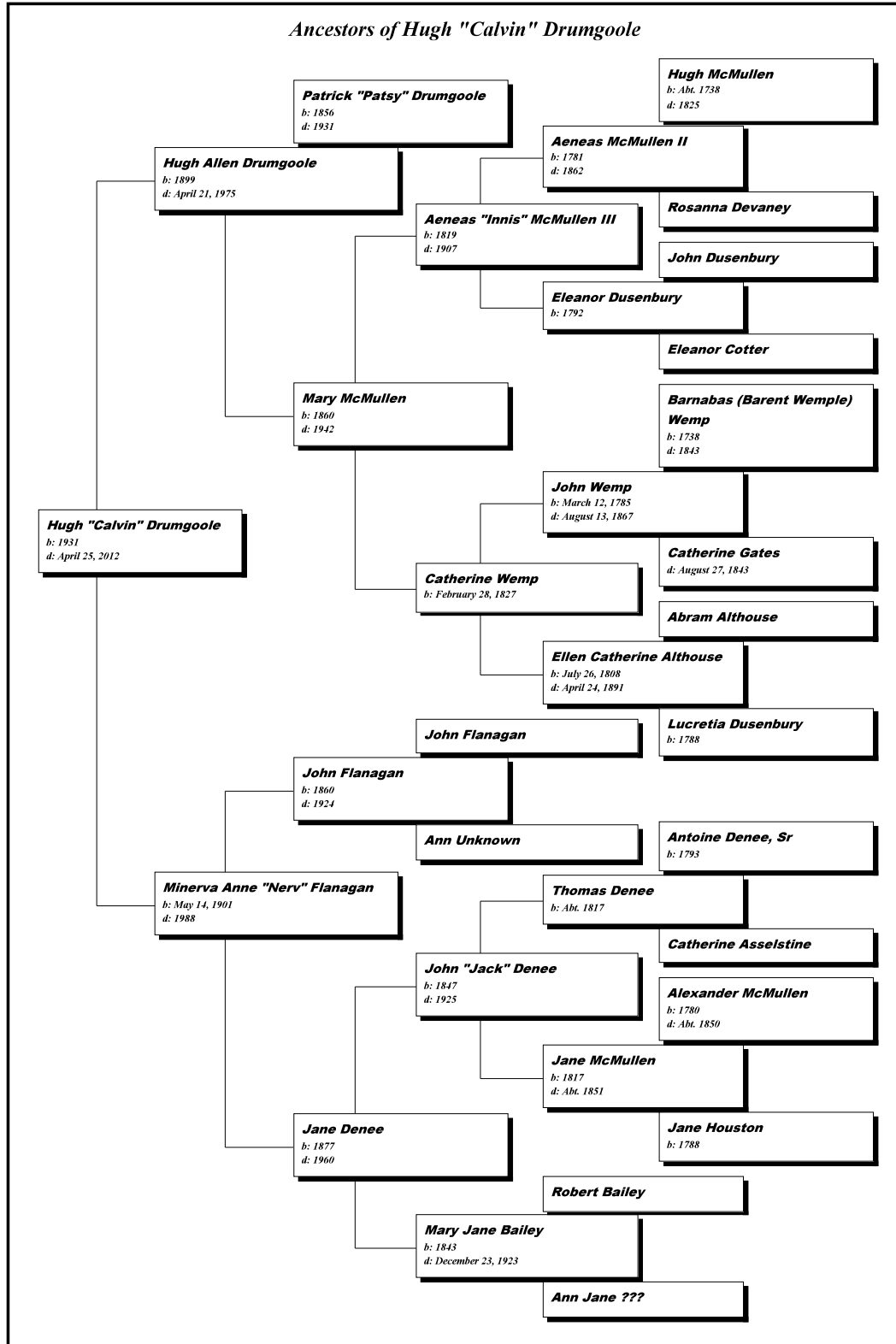
Ancestors of Muriel Glenn



HUGH CALVIN DRUMGOOLE

(1931-2012)

Died at KGH on April 25. Predeceased by: his parents, Hugh and Minerva; his sisters, Kathleen and Nina; and, his brother, John. Survived by his partner, Joan Locke, and his daughters, Patsy and Debbie. His ashes were interred in St. Bartholomew's Cemetery.



NEIGHBOURHOOD

- Lyn Fleming

Get well wishes to Cassy Mayman

First time grandparents, George and Ida Gavlas are tickled pink with the arrival of granddaughter Victoria Leigh. Victoria was born on the May long weekend, and is the first child for daughter Jessica and her husband Byron Rybka.

Congratulations to Mindy (Fleming) and Stewart Burnside, who celebrated their recent marriage (in Scotland, in April) with a marriage blessing and reception for family and friends here on the Island. They will reside in Scotland.

Past and present Amherst Island P.S. staff celebrated Janet Scott's upcoming retirement, after 50 years as a teacher, with a dinner at the Loyalist Country Club.

Summer has arrived on the Island, the lilacs, tulips and daffodils are done and peonies are just in bloom. Already, we are needing rain - hope that isn't a sign of the summer weather to come.

The Quinte Loyalist ferry is still here and the tidbits of information we have say it could be well into June before we have the Frontenac II back in service. I suppose we will know when we see it.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

- Liz Harrison

Flowers are blooming in the planters on the ferry dock and in the streets of Stella thanks to the efforts of several members and some very welcome "man"power. Thank you Tom! Hopefully their bright colours have helped make the long waits for the small ferry a little less boring.

The May meeting was held in the hall of St. Paul's Church on May 16. The business part of the evening was short but effective. Loyalist Township Council was thanked for its financial contribution for the purchase of the flowers for the ferry dock and Stella and for two new planters that will soon be installed in front of the Neilson Store Museum.

Programming for the coming year is well in hand. Bake Sales will take place on holiday weekends and coffee and muffins will be available as usual at the Saturday market. Mary Kay Steele, President for the evening, brought the meeting to an early close and gave a warm welcome to the audience who had come to hear Island resident and well-known Kingston business man Marc Raymond talk on all aspects of tree planting and care. Marc made a notable entrance with hard-hat,

spade, pruning shears, saw and trees. (Yes, really!).

He then proceeded to talk about how he became such an "amateur expert". Growing up in Pembroke, woods in the area were his playground and as a cub scout he was introduced one year to re-forestation as part of the cub programme. That sparked his interest and enthusiasm for trees in all their stages. He described how to germinate seeds and the necessity of simulating "winter conditions" if they are to grow. This was followed by a demonstration of how to use a shovel to cut into the earth to plant a new tree. He emphasized that the main root must be straight and pointing down for successful growth. If necessary trim off the tip of the root to ensure this. Marc gave us all kinds of tips about planting, watering, mulching and staking (which is very important). But, as we know, the wild life of Amherst Island watch all this activity with great interest, and are ready to sample these new and tasty delights provided

just for them. There are ways to thwart their fun depending on the size of the newly planted tree(s). "Scoot" works well against deer, plastic spiral wrap can often deter voles and planting tubes are excellent for protecting "whips" and small seedlings, though

they must be staked. Tin cans are effective too but care must be taken not to let either the cans or the tubes get too tight around the trunk because of fungal infection and earwigs. Marc brought his lively talk to a close with a demonstration of pruning and suggestions for necessary tools including a "hard" baseball cap (available at Princess Auto), safety glasses and a pole pruner. He was thanked by Marilyn Pilon and everyone present enjoyed a social time with delicious refreshments provided by Sharen and Claire.

As a footnote, A.I.W.I. has various varieties of Rainforest organic coffee for sale at the Saturday morning market. Packaged in 225 gr. bags it costs \$7.50 and is medium ground to suit drip percolators. This is a new project for us and we welcome your feedback and suggestions.



Photo courtesy of Mary Kay Steel
Spring cleanup of County Road 4 by 8 members of the W.I. was done in late April as part of the Adopt-A-Highway program. Pictured are Mary Kay Steel and Leslie Gavlas.

JANET'S JOTTINGS

- Janet Scott

Bubble Birds

As I write this article I'm able to hit play on my copy of Backyard Birdsong Guide and listen to the tinkling sound of the *Dolichonyx oryzivorus*, better known as the Bobolink. About thirty years ago, my children hearing the songs of the Bobolinks in the fields behind our house, named them the Bubble Birds and in our family that name has stuck. As they bounce across grasslands and grazing pastures trilling and bubbling with song, one is reminded of a bubbling brook or a tiny stream dancing over the rocks on its journey to bigger and better things.

In bird records written by Macoun and Macoun in 1909 the bird was common in the Kingston region, particularly on Wolfe, Simcoe and Amherst islands. During migration you might see as many as 300 birds in a flock on Amherst. By the first week of May the males have arrived and are singing with a dawn chorus of their bubbly music. They are so happy to be home after a long and arduous trip from the South American countries of Bolivia, Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay. In the south they are not as welcome as here in Canada as they are known as Rice Birds and eat farmers' grain crops. While here they feed on insects and get rid of a lot of agricultural pests as they feed and raise their young.

The male struts about on his territory dressed in a flashy backwards tuxedo of black, white and yellow. The showy yellow spot on his nape will gradually fade over the summer to pale brown. As soon as he starts to sing his wings flutter rapidly, his head rises and tail drops to display the white shoulders and rump. He's a handsome fellow and he knows it! The female is buffy overall with dark streaks on her back, rump and sides. Her head is streaked with dark brown so that she blends perfectly with



Photo by Brian Little

An Osprey taking a break after a day of fishing.

twigs, stubble and dried grasses in her nesting site. She cleverly runs through the grass when approaching or leaving her nest so that she is not flushed from her nest and therefore revealing her position. The female alone incubates her 4-7 cinnamon coloured eggs blotched with brown for 13 days.

Earlier mowing with modern cutting and haying equipment has destroyed much of the preferred habitat in Eastern Ontario but here on Amherst Island with the delaying effect of the cold lake water our Bobolinks seem to be able to raise their single brood in time. Older mowers used to pass right over the nests or leave a few tufts in which to hide. Now the non-flying young cannot run fast enough to escape the

high powered machines. Just ten days difference in haying times can give this familiar bird of pastures and meadows a chance to survive. Climate change, loss of habitat, violent weather patterns during migration and increase in feral cats have taken their toll on bird numbers. Grassland birds such as the Bobolink, Eastern Meadowlark and Uplands Sandpiper are down by 80% in the last two decades. Thank goodness that meadows like the Quinte Pastures still exist so that our merry Bobolinks will still bubble across the fields and enthrall generations to come!

FOLLOWING UP ON JANET'S ARTICLE

- Ian Murray

The demand for corn for ethanol in particular, and the demand for more grain and soybeans in general, has greatly reduced Bobolink habitat in Southern and Eastern Ontario.

However, there is probably more Bobolink habitat on Amherst Island today than there was 50 years ago, 100 years ago, or 150 years ago,



Photo by Paul Cuyler

"I have watched this family for a couple of weeks now and can't imagine how busy the parents are!"

when much more farm land was plowed each year than now with so much of our Island in sheep and beef pasture. Before Amherst Island was pretty much cleared of trees, there would have been very little Bobolink habitat.

Bobolinks, like virtually every other species, responds to increased habitat by expanding numbers and decreasing numbers when habitat decreases.

SOME EARLY ISLAND RESIDENTS

- Eric Bowler

JOHN HOWARD AND NANCY JACKSON

John Howard Jr. and his wife were among the first settlers on Amherst Island. They lived in a setting that was so vastly different from to-days well-settled and prosperous community it is worthwhile to attempt to tell of their lives and to

describe the difficulties and pleasures of their times. Luckily there has been much written on the settlements along the Bay of Quinte and that combined with family memories combine to give an interesting story of how they lived.

John Howard Jr. was born in Colonial America, probably near the site of present day Washington about 1766. His father, also named John Howard, was an Irishman, of English background, a soldier in the British Army who had served at the Battle of the Plains of Abraham and who, at the end of the French and Indian Wars had decided to stay in the New World. He had married a young Quaker girl named Mary Hall and settled down to a life of farming.

Both his father and his mother were highly literate (unusual in those days) and they were determined that their children would be well-educated. Believing that Europe would give young John more opportunity of learning than the backwoods of America, they entrusted his education to the care of the Howard family in Ireland.

Unfortunately, their timing was bad. Young John was sent to Ireland about 1773 or 1774 and the American Revolution broke out in 1775. Funds from America for his education slowed up and by 1777, due to the chaos

of war, had ceased completely. The Howards in Ireland were not in a good position either politically or financially to continue the education of a ward. Unrest was always simmering in Ireland and English Anglicans were not popular in the Dublin area. The only logical step to take was to re-unite John with his American family. Luckily Edward Howard, John Howard junior's uncle was then a sergeant in the British Army, destined for the American front.

So, as soon as John turned twelve (the legal age for British Army recruits), Edward had him enrolled in his regiment, the 65th Regiment of Foot, (later known as the York and Lancaster Regiment), who were then quartered in Ireland. John Howard Junior was signed on for active service on the American Continent for the duration of the Revolution and he and his uncle, Edward were sent across the Atlantic to the war.

Meanwhile young John's father had joined the armed

forces in America and was serving in the King's Royal Regiment of New York under Sir John Johnson. John's mother Mary Hall Howard, had escaped from the Revolutionary forces and had fled to Canada with her children.

The rest of the war is silence; we have never been able to trace young John's progress throughout the conflict nor to discover how or where the family was

finally re-united. John and his uncle Edward seem to have joined John Howard senior in Fredericksburg prior to 1785.

It was in Fredericksburg where John junior met his future wife, Anne "Nancy" Jackson, daughter of James and Ann Jackson. They were married by the Rev. John Langhorn at Bath on 2 October 1788. The Jackson family, who were also United Empire Loyalists, lived 'down the road'. 'Road' is not an apt description for the wild trail that straggled along the front of Lake Ontario at Fredericksburg. There were no roads worthy of the name anywhere in the province and there was little point in owning a wheeled vehicle. Carts, wagons and barrows were rare and expensive items along the Bay of Quinte and few farmers owned them. Any goods that needed transportation were taken by boat in summer or by sled in winter. In most cases an item that needed transportation was picked up by hand and walked away.



Photo by Terry Culbert

Cottagers Return: At the Millhaven Dock, Keld Jensen drives his 1975 Chrysler Newport with a vintage cedar strip canoe to his summer place at the Head of Amherst Island.

Shortly after his marriage, John moved to Amherst Island. We cannot give any definite date for this move but we believe that he, with a group of young men (almost certainly including Thomas Jackson, his brother-in-law) started clearing land on the Island during the winter of 1791-92. The records of Rev. John Langhorn show that he was a settled resident of the Island in August 1792. He farmed as a tenant of Sir John Johnson, his father's old commanding officer during the late war. Sir John had been granted the lion's share of Amherst Island due to his huge losses during the American Revolution.

John Howard's staple crops for many years were corn (maize) and wheat. Corn was a popular grain as it could (with a little effort) be ground into meal at home and mixed with pumpkin made delicious bread. Wheat was taken by boat to the mill on the Cataraqui River for grinding into flour. The seed grains were sown in the spring, cast by hand into land that had been roughly cleared and harrowed by hand. Following the old tradition, the planter would encourage the grain with the invocation: "One for the pigeon; one for the crow. One to rot and one to grow."

The new settlers on Amherst Island ate almost everything. The salmon, sturgeon, whitefish, ducks, turkeys, pigeons, deer, squirrels and rabbits all suffered from the appetites of the newcomers. Wild herbs, roots, bark and berries were harvested. There was an attempt by the British government to supply foodstuffs to the Loyalist immigrants and a great deal of salted pork and wheat was delivered to Kingston and distributed to the population but government supplies were too little and too late (and often too rancid) to be relied on.

Amherst Island never did suffer as severely from hunger as other parts of Upper Canada. The land John Howard leased was of good quality and gave fine crops; fish and game were abundant and passenger pigeons common. They ate well. John, Nancy and their family lived a hard-working but rather tranquil life in a relatively well-settled and pleasant community.

Probably the harshest note in their life on Amherst Island was the savage and brutal murder in 1817 of their friend, neighbor and kinsman, Thomas Jackson. This murder was never solved.

Nancy Jackson had been born about 1773, near Skeenesborough (now Whitehall), New York. Her family had been financially comfortable and had owned several slaves before the revolution. The Montreal Herald carried her death notice, 10 June 1820, "Died at Amherst Island, UC, on May 20th, Ann, consort of John Howard, in her 48th year."

John died on Amherst Island and was buried 9 March 1829. He would have been about 63 years old at the time of his death.

Children: (all baptized by Rev. John Langhorn)

1. Margaret Howard (1789-) m. William McGinnis.
2. James Howard. Baptized 12Aug1792. Buried 22Nov1793. The first white child born on Amherst Island. Rev. Langhorn later reported to his superiors "...on Amherst Island, where I

preached the first Sermon that was ever preached there since the Creation as far as Known".

3. Mary Anne Howard (1793-1856) m. John Anderson.
4. John Fairfield Howard (1798-1843) m. Jane Hopper.
5. Thomas Howard (1800-1862) m. his cousin, Mary Hall Howard.
6. Katy Howard (Baptized 21Aug 1803- Buried 16Jan1804).
7. George Howard (1805-1878) m. Rachel Youngs Wemp.
8. William James Jackson Howard (1809-1867) m. (1) Louisa Hitchens (2) Rachel Moore.
9. Jane Howard (1812-1884) m. William Martin.

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[Editor: Eric Bowler also sent articles on John Richards & Jane Howard and William George McGinnis & Eva Rachel Honour Howard which will appear in our next 2 issues. Referring to the 3 articles Mr. Bowler wrote: "They are from a book of mine, 'The Howards of Amherst Island' that may one day get published."]



Photo by Terry Culbert

Liz and John Harrison of Second Concession Road, take their grandchildren for a canoe ride on O'Drains Bay during Victoria holiday weekend.

2012 Art Tour

- Terry Culbert

Amherst Island's 2012 Open Studio Art Tour is a fund raiser for the Neilson Store Museum & Cultural Centre. The event takes place every two years and will be held this year on Saturday, July 14 from 11am to 4:30pm rain or shine. The tour begins at the Museum where you will have a chance to purchase an 8x8-inch original work donated by the participating artists. Pick up a map of scenic Amherst Island which will lead you to discover many of those artists in their own studios. For more information call Terry Culbert 613-634-8217.

COUNCIL GLEANINGS

- Ian Murray

More from the 11th Session of Council, April 23

Island residents: Janet Grace, John Harrison and Amy Caughey each made presentations to Council in opposition to the wind turbine project.

"Sean Fairfield was in attendance to assure Council and residents that Algonquin Power will continue to employ due diligence to minimize any impacts on the environment. He also indicated that Algonquin Power has presented Council with a voluntary contribution agreement (Community Vibrancy Fund Agreement) for consideration."

From the 12th Session (Special) of Council, April 30

"Moved by Councillor Ashley and seconded by Councillor Hegadorn that Council confirm decisions made in Closed Session to give direction to the CAO to prepare a letter to Windlectric and a press release indicating that Council is not opposed to discussing the draft agreements with the company but that such discussion should not be perceived as an endorsement of the project, should it proceed or not; and further, that Council propose entering into an indemnity agreement with the company to cover Township costs related to the project. Motion carried.

"Moved by Councillor Ibey and seconded by Councillor Ashley that Council confirm a decision made in Closed Session to receive the information and legal counsel regarding 'Amherst Island - Moratorium on Wind Turbines Opinion' and prepare the information for public release. Motion carried."

From the 13th Session of Council, May 14

Employee Service Presentations: ten years, Larry Fleming and Jack Forester; 20 years, Ida Gavlas,



Photo by Barb Hogenauer

The 2012 Open Studio Art Tour on July 14th is a fund raiser for the Neilson Store Museum & Cultural Centre.

Dianne Marshall, and Phil Silver; 25 years, Brent Wolfreys; 35 years, Warren Kilpatrick; and, 40 years, Garry Hitchins.

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John Harrison, representing APAI, made a presentation to Council in which he requested a by-law be passed to regulate shadow flicker from wind turbines.

"Moved by Deputy Mayor Bresee and seconded by Councillor Ashley that the presentation by John Harrison, Vice-president, Association to Protect Amherst Island and SaveAI re: Request for Shadow Flicker By-law be received and that staff draft a letter to the Minister of Energy and Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing requesting their input, information and response to the creation of a by-law restricting shadow flicker from wind turbines;

And further, that Algonquin Power also be asked for their opinion regarding this matter. Motion carried."

Peter Large, President of AIPI, presented a letter to Council opposing Algonquin Power's proposed "Community Vibrancy Fund".

Sean Fairfield, representing Algonquin Power, made a presentation to Council supporting his company's request to conduct an Archaeological Assessment in two sections of unopened road allowance between the North and South Shore Concessions.

Council received a legal opinion from the law firm of Cunningham Swan regarding APAI's request that Council pass a by-law placing a moratorium on wind turbine projects. "The opinion states, 'Relatively recent changes to the Planning Act prevent a municipality from implementing a moratorium on wind turbine projects.' It also states: "Therefore, in our opinion

impose or enforce any type of moratorium on wind turbine projects under the Planning Act, and it is unlikely that a moratorium under the Municipal Act would survive a challenge. Any attempt to establish a moratorium is likely to be challenged in the courts, where cost awards against the municipality are likely.”

Council received a copy of a letter that MaryAnn Underwood sent to Algonquin Power asking the company to not put wind turbines on the Island because of the danger of fire in summer.

Council received a letter from CJA I thanking it for providing a book of ferry tickets for the latest fund raising drive.

From the 14th Session of Council, May 28

Tim Gushue wrote a letter to Council requesting that Front Road be renamed Royal George Drive.

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The Waste Management Review Committee recommended that Council reduce the number of “free large item disposal days” and that “a per household limit of one half-ton pick-up truck load per free disposal opportunity be implemented in 2013.”

\$3500. CLIMATE CONTROL SYSTEM GRANT

- Terry Culbert

The Board of Directors of the Community Foundation for Kingston & Area presented a cheque for \$3500. to the Neilson Store Museum & Cultural Centre for the Museum’s climate control project. Thanks to Amherst



Photo by Terry Culbert

\$3500 Grant: Exterior of the Neilson Store Museum & Cultural Centre taken Saturday, May 19, 2012.

Island’s Andrea Cross for writing and submitting the documents required to obtain this grant. The presentation to our Museum and many other area organizations took place at the Kingston Yacht Club on May 16th.

AIMS Meeting, May 12

- Anders Bennick

Breakfast: Thank you to AIPS for preparing a hearty breakfast.

Present: 18 members.

Chair: Brian Little, President.

Speaker: Carl McCrosky. The title of Carl’s talk was “Sailing, sailing over the bounding Sea”.

Carl has had a long association with Amherst Island going back to the early seventies and he has been a full time resident of the Island for the last three years living on the farm that used to belong to Alan Kidd. Carl has been fascinated by water since he was a small child and he is now the owner of 40ft sailboat. He spent the past winter together with Leah Murray sailing in the Bahamas from the Great Abaco to the Great Inagua, back to Abaco and on to Daytona Beach and Virginia where they left the boat.

Carl’s talk was vividly illustrated by slides showing the various locations they visited and their activities such as fishing, lobster hunting, and a visit to Cumberland Island, known for its wild horses, Armadillos, and birds. More birds were seen in the low country of Virginia and all together they saw a total of 111 bird species on their trip. Next year’s ambitious plan is an 18 month cruise across the Atlantic, down the coast of Western Europe, and back across the Atlantic to the Caribbean. At the conclusion of his talk Carl was asked many questions such as how you avoid pirates!

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Saturday Market: A sheet was circulated for members to sign up to man the AIMS wagon. The wagon has been cleaned up and it was agreed that the displays should be made as attractive as possible leaving out unsellable items. Because of the requirement for vendors to have liability insurance it was agreed that AIMS will help regular vendors to pay the insurance as is done by the Women’s Institute.

Island spring cleanup: A sheet was circulated for members to sign on to the road section they will clear of debris. If possible the cleanup should be done before the Victoria Day week-end.

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Anthony Gifford alerted the members to a sandy beach property that is for sale. It would be ideal for a park and he asked if AIMS would be interested in exploring this possibility, for example by petitioning the Township to acquire the property and turning it into a park. It was agreed to strike a small committee consisting of Anthony, Zander Dunn and John Dauvergne to explore this possibility and report back at the next meeting.

. It was decided to move the date of the July meeting to July 7th in order to avoid conflict with the Art Tour.

EXPO '67

- Sally Bowen

Alena and John Schram and I just had the joyous adventure of going to Montreal for the Saturday morning session of a weekend reunion of the Ontario Pavillion staff from Expo '67.

When I mentioned it to Keith Miller he told me Amherst Island had a special link with Expo. A large number of Island Ash trees were dug up, carefully root balled, wrapped, and transported to Isle Ste. Hélène in the St. Lawrence and planted before Expo. They are probably all still happily growing there now.

They came from Bert Mulders' farm, now owned by the Planks.

AGAIN

- Sally Bowen

Ian and I between us have had 4 black-legged ticks on us, 3 of them embedded, since January.

On Sunday of the long weekend, I found one burrowed into my thigh. We did the now-familiar trip to Napanee, were treated courteously at the hospital, and I received a prescription for a single dose oral antibiotic, as a preventative. Doctors are now not sure that an antibiotic dose is indicated unless the tick is significantly engorged, or has been in for over 48 hours. However, I understand that the mouth parts carry the bacteria, and if the tick is removed improperly e.g. using tweezers which squeeze the mouth parts, the bacteria is released into the system, so I feel strongly that anyone finding an embedded tick should request at least the single dose.



Photo by Terry Culbert

AIMS Hanging Baskets: Amherst Island Men's Society (AIMS) is once again preparing to beautify the Village of Stella with hanging plants. Preparing the baskets are left to right AIMS members Anders Bennick, Ross Haines and Brian Little. Helping out are Brian's daughter Kate and Brian's sister Robin Little of Montreal.

They took the tick, which Ian removed using a tick lifter, for testing.

Lane Vet Services which Topsy uses, has agreed to provide a quantity of these tick lifters at cost for the Island residents. I'm going to approach various Island organizations for help to purchase these to make them available free, to Islanders.

When I found the tick I was dressed (inelegantly) in long pants with elastic waist and cuffs, rubber boots, long sleeves, a hat and coveralls - it is foster lamb feeding season. The ticks can get in anywhere.

This mild winter weather was kind to ticks and other pests. Do please check your body carefully and regularly for ticks.

MUSEUM AND WEASEL & EASEL

- Terry Culbert

Victoria Holiday Weekend saw the 2012 opening of the Neilson Store Museum & Cultural Centre along with the Weasel & Easel housed in the same building at 5220 Front Road in Stella. Marking its tenth anniversary, the Island museum has many new and exciting displays. The Weasel & Easel showcases the works of local artists and artisans' handmade crafts. The new hours for this year will be:
Month of June: Saturdays (10-4) and Sundays (1-4).
July and August hours: 7-days a week (1-4) except Saturdays (10-4)

AIPS TALENT SHOW



Photo by Brian Little

Alan Miller, Krystalin Kennedy, Jack Little, Rachel Scott, Nathan Murray, Rebecca Scott, Finn Varette, Shyanne Shurtliffe, Lucy Amson



Photo by Brian Little

Krystalin Kennedy



Photo by Brian Little

Alan Miller



Photo by Brian Little

Jack Little

THE MARKET IS BACK

Terry Culbert

The weather could not have been better for the 2012 opening of the Market in Centennial Park. With many vendors in attendance offering homemade muffins and freshly brewed coffee from the Women's Institute trolley, it became a meeting place for many full and part-time Islanders. The Market will remain open every Saturday from 9am until noon through to Thanksgiving weekend.



Photo by Terry Culbert

The Saturday Market in Stella's Centennial Park.

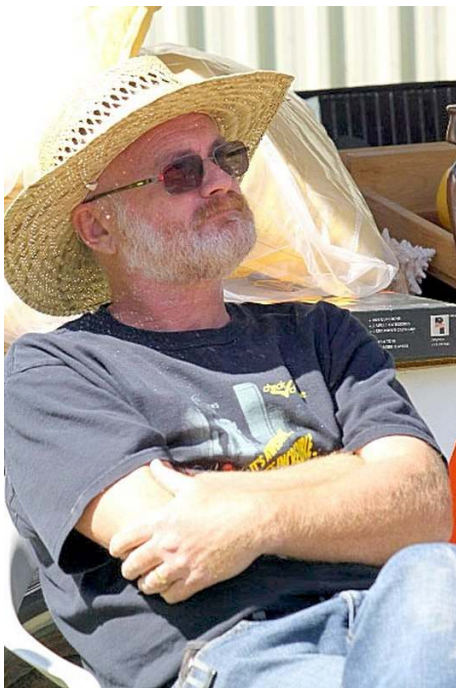


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Woody Woodiwiss



Photo by Terry Culbert

Farmer/baker Barbara Reid and Rawleigh Products Island representative Marie Ward display some of their wares.



Photo by Terry Culbert

Molly Stroyman, owner of The Lodge on Amherst Island, purchases a plant from AIMS member Woody Woodiwiss.

50 YEARS OF PREACHING HONOURED

- Terry Culbert

On the third of May, 1962, a young minister by the name of Zander Dunn was ordained and inducted into St. Paul's Presbyterian Church on Amherst Island. On April 29th of this year, a surprise church service was held in his honour. The Right Reverend Doctor Zander Dunn had no idea the surprise was to take place. In a packed church, guests and old friends sang and praised the third generation man of the cloth.



Photo by Terry Culbert
Nancy and Zander... Behind every great minister, is a great woman.

SEXUALLY UNBALANCED

- Zander of DUNN INN

I wasn't surprised to read about those U.S. Secret Service agents who took prostitutes to their hotel rooms in Catagena, Colombia. I wasn't surprised at the ruckus it caused in the U.S. and Canadian newspapers. True, those Secret Service agents should not have done that, but what they did was no big thing compared to the other things we in the West do to other people.

Sex really gets us excited - at least the news of it does. In the U.S. the Republicans get upset by abortion, contraception, promiscuity, prostitution, marital affairs, to the exclusion of almost everything else. The rest of the body and mind - parenting, health care, education, justice, scientific research, corporate ethics, social responsibility, international relations - all take second place.

It's O.K. to go to war in Afghanistan and watch our soldiers get killed, provided you don't make a sexual faux pas.

You can blow a well in the Gulf of Mexico, poison thousands of miles of coastline, put the world economy into a tail spin by manipulating financial

matters like housing loans, torture prisoners of war, hold terrorists in jail without a trial, put down women, foment hatred of gays and lesbians, blacks and Muslims and nobody gets too excited.

But if you get caught with your pants down, as did one French politician, it can end your career. In the U.S. politicians like Gary Hart, John Edwards and Ted Kennedy know that their sexual indiscretions ruined their chances to become president.

I don't approve of prostitution because it implies women are little more than bodies designed for male pleasure but it is a rather minor matter compared to the

bloodshed the U.S. is promoting in Colombia. Colombia is the most militarized nation in Latin America and it gets billions of dollars annually from the U.S. to fight their drug cartels. The U.S. wants to destroy the drugs which their own people demand and are willing to pay for. And so the killing goes on. We hear a bit about that but what makes the news is the sexy story about U.S. Secret Service men who get caught with prostitutes in their rooms.

The U.S. is not the only nation in the world which gets more excited about sexual matters than about issues of greater importance. But because the United States declares itself to be "a Christian nation" their theology of life is often blamed by other nations for their sexual imbalance.

Deep in our Christian history we came up with the idea that original sin had to do with sex. We read into the Bible that "eating the fruit of the tree" was a reference to sexual sin. Of course, men blamed women for all this because, in the story in Genesis, Eve tempted Adam to eat the forbidden fruit.

Nowhere in the Bible is it said that sex is sinful or that the original or basic sin was or is sexual. True, we often misuse sex, which is a gift of God. We use sex to get things or to



Photo by Terry Culbert
Zander shows off his bouquet of orange (his favourite colour) carrots to Anglican priest Father Don Bailey. The bouquet was a gift from Peggy Coulter and Stanley Burke.

punish people. We have twisted the sex act which is called "making love" into rape which is an act of violence, hatred and lust. But we have made too much of sex and have given sex far more power than it deserves.

In the meantime we've overlooked or applauded Nationalism which often leads to war and killing and destruction. Or we have downplayed Greed which has empowered a few people to get rich at the expense of others. Or we have neglected Apathy which has robbed us of our ability to stand up for what is right and good. Or we have forgotten how Fear forces us to mistrust our neighbours and shoot first and ask questions later.

I suggest we exaggerate the importance of sex because sexual acts are always interesting, always personal and always diverting. They divert us from giving attention to those issues which do far more harm to families and nations. If we gave more attention to the issues of education (including sex education) health care, ecology and ethical development we would have far less time to think about sex.

Unfortunately, many Christians continue to focus on sex as the major issue when the truth is that the pipelines we build, the aircraft we buy and the people we bring into our country from abroad are far more important. I suspect God must get rather frustrated watching us putting major emphasis on such comparatively minor matters and avoid the larger, graver and more important issues of life ... and death

WAR OF 1812 RE-ENACTMENT

- Sally Bowen [Reprinted from March 2012 Beacon]

June 29th, 30th and July 1st will see lots of activity in our area, as volunteers by the hundreds will be involved in the re-enactment of the engagements between British and American military and naval forces.

David Smith has written a website at www.villageofbath.com/RoyalGeorge/ for those of you wanting more background on the historical background of the activities.

On Friday, June 29th, the smallest of the tall ships, La Revenante, will be tied up at the Amherst Island



Photo courtesy of David Smith
LaRevenante will be part of the 'Flight of the Royal George' anniversary.

Government Dock for the public to visit. On the same day, there will be many activities in Bath and Kingston.

On Saturday morning the "British" military will be on the bluffs at Topsy Farms, with their cannon loaded with powder (but no shot). The public is invited to watch from a safe viewing area. About noon, the Royal George, the rebuilt British frigate, will race past through the Upper Gap, pursued by American ships, firing at her. The American fleet under

Isaac Chauncey will pursue the George past the Batteries on the bluffs at Amherst Island and Finkle's Park, exchanging fire with the shore batteries. The American ships will proceed to Bath and will re-enact the capture of the town. Among other activities, there will be a 'naval engagement' on the Bay off Centennial Park in Bath in the evening. Activities are also planned for Kingston on that day.

On Sunday, July 1st there will be significant naval and militia action in Bath and in Kingston, including the recapture of Bath.

[Spectators are welcome to see the action at the bluffs courtesy of Bryan & Carol Finlay and Topsy Farms.]

2012 GREAT CANADIAN BioBlitz

- Anne Robertson, Kingston Field Naturalists

[Reprinted from April 2012 Beacon]

This will be our 14th in the Kingston area! We would like to record over 400 species in 24 hours and hope that everyone, including our volunteers, will find it a fun and educational event.

The idea for the BioBlitz comes from the Canadian Biodiversity Institute. It's an inventory of as many living things as can be identified within a 24 hour period. Specialists and experts from a diverse set of disciplines will be grouped with interested volunteers to explore the area under investigation. The inventory and interaction of volunteers with the public are integral goals of this event.

The BioBlitz takes place from 3 p.m. on Friday, 15 June to 3 p.m. on Saturday, 16 June.

The event will run, rain or shine.

We are delighted for the opportunity to hold this BioBlitz on the property of Amy Caughey and Marcus Bermann and their neighbours. The 56 hectare property is located at the west end of Amherst Island and includes a variety of habitats including woodlands, ponds, a marsh, a small creek, some open areas and 100M Lake Ontario shoreline.

For more information contact Anne Robertson,
Coordinator n8ture.anne@sympatico.ca

NOTICES

St Paul's Presbyterian Church

Worship at 10 a.m. from July 1 to August 26.

Starting on September 2 our services begin at 11 a.m

THANK YOU NOTES

I am so grateful for the loving support shown to me by Islanders - not only in the past few months since my cancer diagnosis, but over the past year. What an

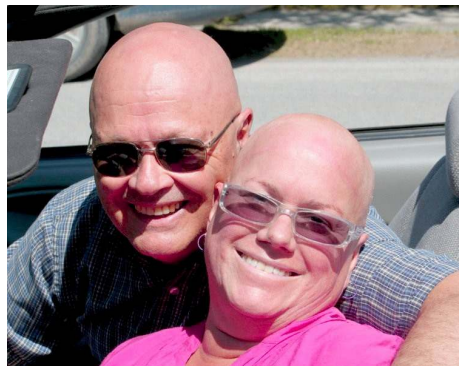


Photo by Brian Little

Doug Green and Deanne Mayall

incredible and healing place to be! I'm just through my third round of chemo and am feeling good; my prognosis remains unknown. I know that I couldn't have done this anywhere else. Friends and family who are "from away" are

also grateful for your support. Thank you.

Deanne Mayall



Photo by Barb Hogenauer

Left to right: Dayle Gowan, Ron Rochester, Ula Stief, Shirley Miller, Terry Culbert, Susan Filson, Keith Miller and Jim Gould.

THREE SCORE & TEN

- Terry Culbert

Friday Morning Show host Terry Culbert was given a surprise 70th birthday party six days prior to his actual birth date. It was organized by Udder Morning Show co-hosts Susan Filson and Dayle Gowan. What a great surprise it was with many people showing up to congratulate Terry and to admire and taste Lyn Fleming's cake, a true masterpiece.



Photo by Terry Culbert

A masterpiece birthday cake baked and decorated by the talented 'cake lady of Amherst Island' Lyn Fleming.

BEACON ADS

3 NEW ADS FOR BEACON FOR JUNE ISSUE

FOR RENT

House in the village is available by the weekend or the week.

Contact - Jan Sydorko at 519-451-1197 or email to michael.sydorko@sympatico.ca

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We would like to thank our faithful sausage customers on Amherst Island for their continued support of our product.

Flavours now include: Salt & Pepper; Honey & Garlic; Sundried Tomato & Oregano; Hot Italian; Sweet Chilli & Lime; Maple Breakfast; and Salt & Pepper Breakfast.

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Lori Caughey & Family.

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For appointments call 613 328-8892

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

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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.

ISLAND YOGA

Call Taggett for more information 613 888-5156

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STELLA'S CAFÉ

During the season the Café will be open on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays and holiday Mondays from 8:30 am to 7:30 pm; open on Thursdays from 8:30 am to 6:30 pm. It will be closed on non-holiday Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

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Open weekends and most weekday mornings.

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We also have lamb patties, and our own sausage for sale. For those who enjoy organ meat, we have kidneys and liver available also.

THE VILLAGE GALLERY

The Gallery will open on weekends and holiday Mondays, starting May 26th - 27th, from 10 am - 4 pm.

WANTED:

Island residents interested in putting up a booth at the Emerald Music Festival. Aug. 10th, 11th and 12th. Call Dan and Joan at 613 389-8297.

WATERSIDE MUSIC FESTIVAL

The schedule of events for a most interesting series of five concerts is now available. For more information, call 613 384-2153 or visit www.watersidemusic.ca.

THE WEASEL & EASEL and**NEILSON STORE MUSEUM & CULTURAL CENTRE**

In June The Weasel and the Museum will be open on Saturdays, 10am - 4pm, and Sundays, 1 - 4pm. In July and August, they will be open 7 days a week, 1 - 4pm, except Saturdays, 10am - 4pm. Call 613 634-9512. There are many new and unusual items available.

FROM THE BEACON ARCHIVES:

June 15, 1982 - Volume 3 Issue 53

A MEMORY OF 54 YEARS AGO. {reprinted from the original newspaper article} April 1928

“Amherst Island Men Rescued As Boat Was Drifting Out Into Lake”

“Man at Lemoine’s Point Saw Distress signals – Police Despatch Rescue Boat - Quick Work”

Five men from Amherst Island, Arthur Drumgoole, Robert Reid, John Tugwell, Hugh Glenn and Edward Reid had a narrow escape from drowning on Saturday evening.

They had come to Kingston to remove a corpse to the Island for burial, and on the return trip the engine of the motor developed trouble and a driving wind from the west sent them drifting out into the lake.

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A call was sent into the Kingston Police station by Mr. H. R. Wartman of Portsmouth who noticed the boat drifting and the men making distress signals off Carruthers’ Point.

Detective Mullinger, who took the message, immediately notified Captain Pyke of the Pyke Salvage Co. It so happened that steam was up on the Salvage Prince and in less than five minutes from the time he received the call Capt. Pyke was on his way.

It was just outside the last buoy that the Salvage Prince overtook the drifting boat and the men and boat were brought safely to Kingston. On Sunday morning they continued their journey to the Island.

THE AMHERST ISLAND WOMEN’S INSTITUTE

- Thelma Howard

The Amherst Island Women’s Institute met at the home of Mrs. Marian Glenn on Wed. May 19 at 8 p.m.

The meeting opened by the new president Mrs. Georgie Allison with the Ode and Mary Stewart Collect followed by O Canada. The minutes of the last meeting and financial statement were given by the new secretary-treasurer Mrs. Phyllis Strain. Correspondence was read.

The roll call was “Your opinion on how the W.I. has contributed to the culture of our country”.

It was decided to have a benefit euchre in aid of the blind in October.

Mrs. Marian Glenn, Mrs. Anna Hitchins and Mrs. Phyllis Strain were chosen on a committee to prepare the Napanee Fair exhibit which is entitled “Pioneer Days”.

The ladies were asked for an item of programme for June 2 when the ladies were invited to visit the Hay Bay Branch.

Mrs. Jackie Sylvester gave her report on her trip to the conference at Waterloo and thanked everyone for sending her. She told us that each member of the W.I. is a public relations officer and talked about the challenge of the eighties. We also need all races in our Institute.

Mrs. Marian Glenn gave her report from the District Annual held in Napanee. Maple Ridge Branch will be the hostess for the Annual next year. The program was very interesting and enjoyed hearing the songsters from the Lenadco Home for the Aged in Napanee. Five hundred and thirty dollars was given to Arc Industries to help with their building. The Hawley Branch prepared the Memorial Service this year.

The president, Mrs. Georgie Allison presented life membership pins to Mrs. Genevieve Fleming and Mrs. Nellie Neilson, two of our oldest members, and who have been members the longest. Both ladies expressed their thanks.

THE ARCHIVES continued:

The programme on cultural affairs was given by Mrs. Phyllis Strain in the absence of Mrs. Lulu Strain who was ill. She gave an interesting reading by Edith Chapman on "Culture in the Kitchen", then closed with a singsong.

COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 1

- Ian Murray

Due to my own carelessness I didn't attend the meeting. Here are the highlights I have obtained from the unofficial minutes and from talking with the Township Clerk, Diane Pearce.

There were 10 applications for the vacant ferry deckhand job. David Fleming is the successful candidate.

Trailers, insurance, cemetery, Committee of Adjustment, road calcium, roads, fire department and so on were also discussed.

LOCAL "RECORD OF THE PAST" PROJECT GETS UNDER WAY

- Jan & Cathy

Perhaps you've seen us driving by in a Plymouth Fury, at an auction sale or on the ferry. In any event you will be seeing more of Jan Milligan and Cathy Wilson from now until the first of September.

We are the supervisors of the Amherst Island Oral History Project (1982) that is being sponsored by the Summer Canada Student Employment Program. Working with us are two local girls, Pauli Bulch and Bev Wemp.

This summer we will be researching the history of the Island. The month of June will be spent digging through documents, old newspapers and other sources in order to get a good grounding. In July, we hope to supplement this material by talking with the Island's older residents about what life was like years ago. We'll be interested in church socials, cutter rides across the bay, agricultural practices and many other things that were regular events, but not recorded.

Our main goal is to collect and preserve a record of the past by interviewing Island seniors.

These interviews and other sources will be available to anyone interested. In particular, we will be preparing an historical walking tour of Stella for the Island's Public School and profiles of the individual family

farms around 1881. No books or other comprehensive documents will be written, but it is possible our collection of historical data may be of interest to local historical societies or individuals.

We are really enthusiastic about this job and hope our previous practical experience and skills will enrich the project.

Jan is a Masters student at Queen's University working in Canadian Social History and interested in researching the local area using oral evidence. She has been working on a Belleville project for her thesis.

Cathy is also a graduate student in History at Queen's and has spent the past two summers doing an oral history project in Huron County.

Pauli and Bev will invaluable for their practical skills and their Island heritage. The project has received \$8,925 from the Summer Canada Student Employment Program. Cathy and Jan's summer wages combined will be \$4,550. Pauli and Bev will receive a total of \$2,800. The remaining \$1,575 will be used for tape recording equipment, transportation, office supplies, etc.

Details of the project agreement are available upon request. As of June 28, our office will be located in the Public School's French Room. Until then, we are available at 389-4334.

Hoping to meet you soon, and many thanks to all those who have made us feel welcome already.

Dear Friends:

Did you grow up on Amherst Island? Did you dance to the Glenn Orchestra at an Island social? or attend school in Stella? Do you remember the cheese factories or did your dad fish in the bay?

If you lived on Amherst Island for any length of time between 1900-1935, Jan Milligan and Cathy Wilson, graduate students in the department of history, Queen's University at Kingston, would like to talk to you about your experiences. They are currently employed in the collection of an oral history of Amherst Island. The project will explore the daily events of island life.

You don't have to be a History buff to participate. These students are interested in recording the experiences which have been left out of History books, the sorts of things that everyone did or know about, like taking a trip across the ice in winter or a summer's picnic at Sand Beach, watching the cattle being loaded off the Stella wharf or visiting the general store in Emerald.

THE ARCHIVES continued:

CARDS OF THANKS

The family of the late John Edward McCormick (Jack) would like to take this opportunity to recall to you a card of thanks Jack wrote for the Island Beacon which read as follows:

“My sincere thanks to all my friends, and relatives for their kindness while I was hospitalized during this past winter. Each day as the many gifts arrived from friends and community groups my pride as an Islander swelled, this community has for me, as it has for so many others, proven there is still a sense of love and respect for one another on Amherst Island.

Sincerely, Jack McCormick”

We could not have worded our feelings any better to show the way we feel about the support we have received during this time. Jack will always be with us in our memories and may God bless him and each and everyone of you that have reached out to us in any way possible, with love, cards of sympathy, food brought to our homes, donations to the Cancer Society, and many other things too numerous to mention. During this time of sorrow we will always treasure the fact that Jack was so well liked and remembered as we hope he will be forever.

Lois McCormick and family

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to our relatives, friends and neighbours who shared in the loss of our dear nephew Jack. And for cards, phone calls and visits to our home with words of sympathy.

Special thanks to all.

Avery, Annie and Reta Brown.

We would like to thank our wonderful family, relatives, friends, neighbours who made our 25th Anniversary such a happy occasion. Thank you for the lovely gifts, money and cards.

A special thanks to those who were involved in all the arrangements. It was all deeply appreciated.

Thank you,

Ted & Faye Wemp,

Dear Island Friends & Kinfolk:

This is to thank those who have written notes and cards and phoned and came back to see me since Norah died and my present hospitalization - I hope to be better

soon but many hopes gang agise. I've had ten clergy and their wives in to see me - a real blessing.

This is an A1 hospital which is not to compare but simply state a fact. My brother-in-law, George Burton, is returning to Canada next week and will be up to see us. He'll miss Norah who used to be with him when he came to the Island. He'd fish all day long with his power boat up at the beach. Some of you will remember them.

Arline and I have our two stand by's, Dorothy and Vera, here for awhile. They're kind and considerate and we love them dearly, God bless and keep you all.

Rev. R. K. Earls.

SOFTBALL

- Brian Ward

The 1982 softball season for the children of the Island has started and on May 27th our Mite team travelled to Desoronto to play. They won a close seesaw game by 18 to 16 with all members of the team doing well. The team's second game was at home to South Fred. and the team won again with a strong effort from all 20 to 4. This is a very good start since the kids are playing in an age group of 9 & 10 but the oldest we have are 9 this year.

The Squirt team started their season at home to South Fred. and lost the game 13 to 8 but it was a very close match up until the end. These kids are also playing in an older grouping this year 11 & 12 but our team has only two 12 year olds.

Amherst Island 1982 Teams:

Mite: Jeff deHaan, Jeff Forester, Hugh Filson, Mike Horth, Peter Horth, Chad Miller, Sherry Ward, Amy Caughey, Mike Strain, Tracey Hitchins, Reg Hitchins, Jason Silver, Laura Wemp, Richard Dodds. Coaches: Brian Ward, Garry Hitchins & Bob Horth.

Squirt: Steven Willard, Trudy Strain, Nicky McGinn, Tessa Fabian, Kirk Collins, Donnie Miller, Steven Ward, Adam Miller, Julie Forester, Teddy Binas, Rick Welbanks, Sandra Wilson.

Coaches: Brian Ward, Earle Willard & Lloyd Strain.

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AROUND THE ISLAND



Photo by Don Tubb

While the moms get wormed, the lambs wait impatiently.



Photo by Brian Little

One of Dave Willard's ewes.



Photo by Terry Culbert

Phalacrocorax auritus is Latin for Double-breasted Cormorants. This foursome seem to be sunbathing on a rock just east of the Emerald 40-foot Road on the North Channel. This photo was taken on May 3, 2012.



Photo by Brian Little

Ross and Joyce Haine's daffodils

AROUND THE WORLD



Photo by Brian Little

This picture is “of Prince Harry who Daniel and I ran into in Jamaica in March while he was touring the country to celebrate the Queens 60 year reign.”



Photo courtesy of Bonnie Marshall

"Elijah Wood on the set of WILFRED, eagerly catching up on the Amherst Island news"



Photo courtesy of Bonnie Marshall

Elijah and Bonnie