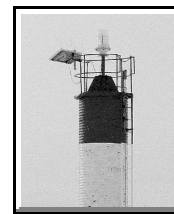


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## THIS ISSUE

- Ian Murray, editor

Thank you to those who have subscribed to our newsletter. Every mail delivery seems to have a few cheques in it; some have used the Topsy web page to pay by credit card. It is good to know that many of our readers are deciding to stay with us.

Our commitment is to continue to publish the Beacon monthly for the foreseeable future.

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## NEIGHBOURHOOD

- Lyn Fleming

Get well wishes to Paul Glenn and Carol Glenn.

Condolences to the family of the late Madeleine Glenn, who passed away recently.

Summer resident Frank Brady passed away in the late fall. Our thoughts are with his children Barb, Rick, Holly (Paul McCormick) and Collin, and their families.

Our sympathy also to Jackie Sylvester (Tom), who sadly lost her mother and father over the past month.

Congratulations to Andrew and Chelsea McDonald, who got an early Christmas present when their first child, a daughter, was born in mid-December.

Congratulations also to first time grandparents Lesley and

Gary McDonald and to great-grandparents Peter and Joyce Morgan.

A.I. Emergency Services hosted the annual Lights Parade again this year. There were lots of interesting and imaginative floats, well lit for the parade!

St. Paul's Church hosted their annual bazaar and luncheon in November. The same weekend, the Weasel and Easel, and the Wool Shed were open for last minute Island shopping.

A small but festive crowd celebrated New Year's Eve at the community centre at the annual New Year's Eve dinner and dance.

It has been a mild and grey and muddy Fall, and Christmas was shaping up to be dreary as well. However, we did get a dusting of snow on the 25th, followed a couple of days later by a real snow storm, which left 8-10 inches of the white stuff on the ground. We have had several small snow falls since and it is actually looking like a Canadian winter on the Island!

The last update I had from the Amherst Islander, was on December 20th. They had left Port Hawkesbury, N.S., on December 7<sup>th</sup>



Santa and his (very) merry elves made an appearance at the Parade of Lights.

Photo by Terry Culbert

and as of the 20th, were approaching Newport News, Virginia, to refuel and hopefully be off again by the 21st. Unfortunately, they wouldn't have made it home for Christmas at this rate. One of the young crew members will be glad to see solid land, as he has been seasick since hitting open water at the mouth of the St. Lawrence! Captain Tobie has asked that Don let me know that the Amherst Islander was "made for open seas, not a river or channel - she is quite seaworthy!" - after I had mentioned my concerns about the old ferry in the open seas! They are hopefully nearing the end of their long and eventful journey.

Happy New Year to all of our Beacon readers.  
Wishing you a prosperous and healthy 2013!

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## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

- Liz Harrison

Like many other islanders, A.I.W.I members have been felled by this seasonal bug that is making the rounds. The Wednesday following the 2012 Seniors' Dinner just twelve members and one guest gathered at my house for the annual Christmas Pot-luck celebration. As usual good food and drink plus the feeling of camaraderie that results from the combined effort of having pulled off yet another successful event (as well as being still in good health) resulted in an enjoyable evening of sharing and relaxation. Mary Kay who chaired the business portion of the evening, made sure to keep it short but we did decide to participate in the Parade of Lights once again and to make arrangements with the school to start up the indoor



Photo by Liz Harrison

Teacher, Mrs. Joanne Mace watches with Mairi as Finn uses the smart board in the primary classroom. A.I.W.I recently donated a new laptop computer to be used by students in conjunction with the smart board. Previously they had used one belonging to Mrs. Mace.

walking programme, probably commencing on Monday, January 14. Islanders will receive full information beforehand.

By Saturday December 8 only 4 members were up to joining in the Parade of Lights. Garry Filson once again offered his services but with the idea that if the rain was pouring down he would pull the wagon with his truck instead of the horses. So we four set to work in the morning to decorate the wagon with dozens of lights and a "found" star which was in Dayle's drive shed and at one time was mounted on the silo but no longer. All Islanders were lucky that evening as the rain stopped, the wind dropped and the temperature seemed to rise. What is more Allen Caughey had his team of horses all ready to pull the wagon so we enjoyed a pleasant expedition. We were really proud to be part of the splendid parade as we preceded Santa through the village to the Community Centre. Thanks to all the Islanders who turned out to cheer us on. Thanks also to David Pickering (who became an honorary A.I.W.I. member for the outing) and Garry and Allen who made sure that our ride was comfortable and filled with seasonal music. We soon realized that there was nothing to identify us to on-lookers so we have contracted with our honorary member to make an illuminated A.I.W.I. sign for the 2013 festival.

Thanks are in order also to Noel McCormick and John Harrison who did sterling duty in pouring rain one Sunday morning to make sure that once again lights shine in the trees by the Stella dock.

A.I.W.I. sends warm greetings to all Island residents. We recognize that we are more fortunate than many branches in the support and encouragement we receive from our community. Ian Murray and his editorial staff are generous in their coverage in the Beacon and Marcia Gonzalez posts our news on Facebook. Our thanks to them and our very best wishes to all for the holiday season and a happy, HEALTHY New Year. [Editor: and the Beacon is grateful for the monthly updates from AIWI.]

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***Hi... the Production Department here. We are late in getting the Beacon to the printer this month; so, the department is going to invoke the dreaded 'PLAN B'!!! Instead of trying to place the bulk of the pictures in the body of Beacon, they will be shuffled to the end of the Beacon. No disrespect intended but time is marching on - we've got to get the Christmas presents open!!***

## JANET'S JOTTINGS

- Janet Scott

### Christmas Bird Count

In December of 1900, 27 early conservationists responding to the call of Frank Chapman, joined to count all the birds that they could see on Christmas Day rather than count all the game they could shoot. Thus began the Christmas Bird Count. These intrepid few went on to form the National Audubon Society wondering if they would ever have 100 counters. Today the Christmas Bird Count has over 60,000 participants taking part in 2,160 circle counts all over North America, the Caribbean, Bermuda, the Pacific Islands. It is the largest citizen-run data base research project in the world.

On December 28, 2000, the winds were from the Northwest about 10 to 20 kph and the temperature was -16 to -4 degrees with fields snow covered and still water frozen. 58 species were counted. Interestingly enough this year on December 28, 2012, the winds were again from the Northwest about 12 kph and temperatures although somewhat warmer hung around -10 to -5 and we counted 63 species. We always remember the particularly cold ones but this was a lovely day for a count. The partially cloudy day allowed for better spotting than glaring sun would have and the low winds made the weather quite bearable.

On Friday the birders coming from the mainland are met first by the ferry crew of that day and the crew then patiently helps those drivers who don't back up very often anymore to get safely on and off the ferry. We start at the Community Centre and make use of lunchroom, kitchen and washroom facilities. When I arrived at 6:45 to start the coffee I was unable to get in the parking lot due to

drifted snow. Judy Bierma did the major hauling of necessary food stuffs in through snow banks so we could get the coffee started. Other bird counts usually start at a restaurant but since that doesn't work here on the Island we are grateful for the school rental. Our

birders arrive about 7:50 and our knights in shining armour had arrived to clear the snow from the parking lot.

After refreshing our counters with muffins and coffee or juice we send them out in groups on 7 different routes on Amherst Island. We, for the first time, had a live radio broadcaster coming along to relay reports from the field back to the CJA radio host Terry Culbert. Larry Jensen, his good wife Sherri and daughters, Dawn and Jane with boyfriends in tow helped cover the Front Road west this year.

On their route led by Gaye and Betsy Beckwith with the help of Kevin Bleeks they found 31 species including an Immature

Bald Eagle which they photographed and another great bird the Northern Mockingbird.

The Second Concession was covered by Kurt Hennige, that many of us know from Owl Studies, Rob Worona from Calgary and our own Carl McCrosky formerly from Saskatchewan. They got a total of 37 species and then visited the Owl Woods later and added

Northern Harrier and a Northern Goshawk. While waiting for the tractor to come and pull them out (THANK-YOU) they were amazed to see an American Pipit on the South Shore.

The Third Concession was covered by Peter Good, Mary Ann McAndrews and Brian McAndrews. They were joined by their daughter Amy and her husband Jorge Montijo who come from Mexico and Kip Parker who has family connections on the Island. Kip was involved with Owl Research for many years



Photo by Lyndsay Murray

**A male Red-bellied Woodpecker at Frame House feeder.**



Photo by Terry Culbert

**Gaye Beckwith is with the Kingston Field Naturalists and has been part of the Amherst Island Christmas Bird Count for years. With him and on the right is new island resident Larry Jensen. Larry did play by play telephone calls from the field to the Friday Morning Show on December 28th.**



in South-western Ontario. They recorded 31 species with great sightings like 3 Horned larks, 2 Bald Eagles and a Cooper's Hawk.

Bud Rowe, Erwin Battalla, Kathryn Innes from the KFN assisted by Erin Jaggard from Toronto covered both Route 4 and 5 which took them from Stella East around the Foot and all the way to Long Point. They got 26 species with great sightings of ducks and our only Short-eared Owl until Ida Gavlas added 4 more that were flying around her ferry office at about 4 pm. A big THANK-YOU to George also, who helped a birder with a frozen Diesel Volkswagen get his car thawed and started so that he could get back to Toronto.

Judy Bierma and Andrew Tanas covered the Stella Forty-foot and McDonald's Lane and added an amazing Yellow-bellied Sapsucker to our sightings. Thanks to Ross Haines and Carl McCrosky who brought in their feeder lists, Laurets who phoned CJA with theirs and Sally Bowen, Dayle and Eloise Gowan, Barb and Terry who e-mailed their lists so data is still coming in.

Interesting sighting at the Bailey residence Sunday was a Northern Saw-whet, who spent time in his garage and both Jack Bailey and Rick Thompson report Spruce Grouse at Long Point. Spruce Grouse are so tame they've been nicknamed Fool's Hen so watch for them. If they're here then they have been brought. They don't migrate and are usually found in the north woods.

A big THANK-YOU to Debbie Scott, Bonnie Livingstone and Judy Bierma who helped with food and also one to Bonnie for imputing all the data. It was another successful Christmas Bird Count.  
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## COUNCIL GLEANINGS

- Ian Murray

From 28<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting - December 10<sup>th</sup>  
[The following are from the Agenda. If appropriate, more will follow from the minutes of the actual meeting.]

"CRCA Boat Ramp Approval for Amherst Island: The CRCA has granted a permit to repair the boat ramp on Amherst Island which was damaged by ice. The permit

specifies the time frame when the work can be completed and therefore, the work will be done during the summer of 2013."

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"Recreation Committee members discussed whether rates and bookings should apply to the Stella Bay Dock. It was decided that a set rate should not be applied, as there are many variables to consider, but rather the rate should be negotiable."

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"The Glenwood Cemetery vault repair has been completed."

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"There has been a lot of activity in the Cemeteries since the June meeting. In Glenwood Cemetery, there have been 5 grave sales, 3 casket burials and 3 cremains burials, as well as 3 new monuments placed. There has also been 1 body burial at Union Lutheran Cemetery. There are several monuments in Glenwood Cemetery that are in disrepair and in need of restoration.

"Graham Quick has placed and reset a lot of cornerstones in Glenwood Cemetery. Bruce informed Committee members that monument companies now charge a significant amount of money to deliver and place cornerstones."

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[The Heritage Committee was] "updated on the progress

towards designation of stone fences on Amherst Island."

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In a letter to Council, Amy Caughey and Marcus Berman requested "that council consider holding at least one, if not two, Town Hall Meetings on Amherst Island to discuss the findings of the HATCH report, Loyalist Township's proposed response, and to allow for wider public input from all Islanders , , , ,"

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From "Update to MPAC", December 4, 2012

"Wind Turbines – To date, MPAC's analysis of sales has not indicated that the presence of wind turbines that are either abutting or in proximity to a property has either a positive or negative impact on its value.

"MPAC is currently undertaking a study using its



Photo by Terry Culbert

Left to right: Janet Scott, the bird lady of Amherst Island, Debbie Scott and birder Bonnie Livingstone at the community centre. At this location, the bird counters were fed breakfast and lunch.

January 1, 2012 current value assessments for 2013 taxation to determine if the distance from a wind turbine affects the assessed value.

To complete this review, MPAC will compare the 2012 assessed values to recent sale prices to determine if the ratio between the assessments and sales prices differs between homes near wind turbines and those further away. This is referred to as a level of assessment study. This study will be completed in early 2013.”

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## **AIMS – December Meeting**

- Anders Bennick

Breakfast: Thank you to the senior class from AIPS represented by Meaghan Ashley and Jacob Welbanks with the assistance of Duncan Ashley and Senior teacher Cindy Caverly for an excellent breakfast.

Chair: Brian Little, President.

1. Victoria Cuyler reported on progress for planning the New Year’s party, including tickets sales. She suggested that the New Year’s party should be advertised vigorously

2. The Treasurer reported on:

1) The bank balance

2) Ameriks Scholarships which are in part funded by AIMS have been given to the following students: Beth Albertan, Ashley McGinn, David Albertan, Benjamin Whitton, Brooke Reid, Daniel Little, Katherine Little, Melinda Laing, Talia Fleming.

3. The next AIMS meeting in January will be chaired by Marc Raymond

4. Larry Jensen who has recently moved to Amherst Island presented a talk on his “pre Amherst life”.

Larry is an avid sailor who has sailed for 43 years. During that time he has owned 22 boats. Competition is his passion and he has taken part in many races including the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary race from Newport, RI to Bermuda. About 600 boats took part in the race and Larry showed

a video he had recorded of the race from the impressive start at Newport, across the Gulf Stream to arrival in the balmy and picturesque Bahamas. Larry keeps a boat at the marina in Bath and he is looking forward to sailing around Amherst Island.

The chair thanked Larry for his talk and welcomed him to the island.

5. The meeting was adjourned at ~9:45am.

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## **THE END OF THE WORLD**

- Zander of DUNN INN

I am told there were three “End of the World” parties on Amherst Island before Christmas last year. And the world did not come to an end. At least not that I know.

These parties arose because of the Mayan calendar which predicted the end of the world on December 21 of 2012.

Amherst Islanders are different because most people who were considering the end of the world would be shivering, shaking, crying out in fear and anguish. But the Islanders held parties. But then Islanders party for any old reason at all. We have full-moon parties, pot-luck parties, end of millennium parties, birthday parties, card parties - any excuse for a party.

To throw a party to celebrate the end of the world is new to me and probably new to all of us. I’ve never heard of anybody throwing a party to celebrate the end of the world. The end of the world doesn’t inspire

parties; it inspires worry.

At least it used to do that. In “the good old days” it was the religious people who were concerned about the end of the world. They were so concerned about it that they tried to figure out when the end of the world would come, even though they were told in the Bible that nobody knew when the end would come, not even Jesus; only God knew and God was not telling anybody.

Then they tried to figure out when Jesus

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was going to return to the earth. Every attempt to ascertain the date failed. For centuries people have come up with ideas and guesses but they have never been right.

One of the most famous attempts, which has had lasting impact, was the work of William Miller, a Baptist lay preacher in the 1820's to 1840's. From his study of the book of Daniel in the Old Testament he decided that Jesus would return sometime between March 21, 1843 and March 21, 1844. He never specified the actual day. But all the signs, he thought, pointed toward that year.

When Jesus had not returned by March 21, 1844 one of his followers specified April 18, 1844. When nothing happened on that date a new date was chosen – October 22, 1844.

That day many people, having sold all their belongings, ascended up the mountains, stood on their barn roofs, climbed up flag poles to meet Jesus in the air. When Jesus did not return the followers of Miller were mocked. Their failure became known as The Great Disappointment.

You might figure that would be the end of speculation but not so. Out of that experience grew what we know as the Seventh Day Adventist Church. The Jehovah's Witness leader, Charles Taze Russell, said he was indebted to Miller and his teachings. Not only that, but the date of April 4, 1844 was the exact time when the Bab of the new Bahai church felt the power of the Holy Spirit fill his heart. Miller and his predictions continue to be admired by the leaders of these churches.

It is a strange thing that Christians who are told not to speculate about the time of the end of the world or the return of Jesus have disobeyed and at least three cults or denominations have resulted.

Even more strange is that God has been able to work through the Seventh Day Adventists who are admired in foreign lands for their outstanding medical work. The Bahai faith is one that seeks to bring all religions together under God - a worthwhile purpose.

I don't agree with much about the doctrines of Seventh Day Adventists, Jehovah's Witnesses or The Bahai and I certainly want nothing to do with trying to figure out when the world is going to end and when Jesus is going to return. (I'm one of those who think Jesus will never return because he is already here). But I must admit that God is not limited by the weird ideas of such groups.

God can take the best they have to offer and do some good with it.

I must be the first to admit that Presbyterians, and other Mainline denominations, are not right about everything. I am sure there are many who disagree with our theology and concerns. But we, along with many other Christian groups (such as those represented on the



Photo by Terry Culbert

With a lack of ice, the Lafarge English River appears to have a long winter season ahead as it heads to Bath through the Upper gap between Amherst Island and Prince Edward County.

Island - Anglicans and Roman Catholics) have been used by God for good, in Canada and in overseas lands, in helping to feed, clothe, house and support people of every religious faith who have been victimized by drought, disease and death.

What a mixed bag we are! Some of us have outlandish ideas - the result of doing what we are told not to do. And yet God can use us for good. It gives one hope.

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## OFF ISLAND ISLANDERS

- Sally Bowen and Catherine Wemp

Catherine and I were chatting about Beacon subscription renewal, and she was eager to take it, despite the fact that she knows so few people in its pages. So, she agreed to help me write a few tidbits of news about those who have retired off-Island. Perhaps this will be a first of a series.

Beth Forester, Catherine and Leslie-Ann (Glenn) Cox drove to Toronto for a surprise 90th birthday celebration for **Mary-Beth Hall**. Mary-Beth moved from Barriefield to Toronto two years ago to be near her daughter, Susan. She is interested in dancing, has had some health issues but is still lots of fun.

**Joan (Gibson) Brown** used to live below Anna Hitchins on the Second Concession. She's 91 or 92, still lives in her own home in Trenton and drives her own car. She plays shuffleboard and cards and only last year gave up cutting her own lawn.

**Catherine (Filson) Wemp** is 88, and still drives her own car too. She sometimes comes to the Island to visit her son Peter on Kerr Point Rd. She has 5 grands 2 great-grands with another expected soon. She likes enjoying life and "does everything I shouldn't do".

Please contact me, Sally, with information and suggestions on former residents, including those who only stayed here a short time – 613-389-3802.

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# Parade of Lights

- Terry Culbert

The 2012 Parade of Lights, organized by the Amherst Island First Response and Fire Department was again a success. The cold autumn rain during daylight hours subsided enabling many Island adults and children to line the short parade route. The colourful floats travelled west from St. Alban's Anglican Church through the village to the Community Centre on Stella's western boundary. Some of the parade highlights were Al Caughey's horses pulling a wagon loaded with ladies of the Amherst Island Women's Institute, Mike Walhout's twinkling combine and of course Santa himself. Many of Stella's homes were decorated for Christmas adding to the Parade of Lights.



Photo by Terry Culbert

Mike Walhout and the Emergency First Response Team



Photo by Terry Culbert

Garry Filson, Al Caughey and the Women's Institute



Photo by Terry Culbert

Laird Leeder and the AI Men's Society

## SHARING A DREAM

- Anthony Gifford

One requirement to our (Judy and me) retirement is to have a good coffee shop within walking distance. We hope to retire permanently on Amherst Island but we didn't dream that we'd have to open our own café. But we have.

When we don't have the time, desire or strength to keep the cafe going, what will happen to it? Given the population and the present support level of Islanders, it is doubtful that a café will ever be able to operate on a real business-model basis. Yet, it is so very needed as a center and is very important to many. What to do!

Every year there are several seniors who must leave the Island because they are just not able to continue to live on their own, or even as couples, find that maintaining their own place is beyond their means. So they leave for a 'senior's home' of some kind, a place where there is no responsibility and purpose, where they might know some folks but for the most part, is very foreign and strange. This migration is hard on those leaving and those who remain on the Island suffer loss as well. These people are our hearts!

As our population ages, there are more and more of us in this situation. This will become a crisis in a short while, a crisis in funding from the government (our taxes) and a crisis in our humanity. We need to find new alternatives for we can't afford the two to five thousand per month that the present model costs and we are foolish to be content to pay the disastrous human costs.

All over our society there are new possibilities popping up, often called SENIOR CO-HOUSING. There are many combinations and possibilities. I would like to offer one scenario for us.

I make several assumptions. Firstly, we don't really need as much LIVING room as the media tells us. Judy and I live on a boat for much of the time and we know that we can do just fine with very little space, as long as we have privacy and the conveniences we need. We can share much of our needs. We need to have the security and safety that others provide but we need to control a certain amount of space for our own. Sharing much of our living cuts the cost of living in half.

The vision is this: Build new a two-story building on the café lot. The lower level will be a café, much as it is now, with a garage attached. The second level (handicapped accessible) has five bed-sitting rooms, kitchen, dining, bath rooms, and lounge. The residents would pay from \$500 to \$700 per month for food and rent. The café would be run by volunteers, on a year-

long basis, having evening events like darts, card night, etc. The profits of the cafe would subsidize the rent. The whole thing would be a non-profit entity.

Judy and I would gladly offer the lot, our support and would hope to be among the first residents. We wonder if there are any of you who see any kind of dream like this to fit with your thoughts and hopes. The material costs would be around \$350,000. I bet that some of the materials and most of the labour will be donated, if the people of the Island get behind the idea. This CAN happen, if we want it.

Thanks for your time and dreams.

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## HERE & THERE

- Ian Murray

The snow on December 27 & 29<sup>th</sup>, plus some flu, certainly made chores more interesting for a few days. However, the 5 groups of breeding sheep plus several other bunches and their respective guard dogs all got fed – eventually.

The sheep and dogs are actually healthier (and maybe happier) in the winter as there are no flies and other external parasites to bother them. The coyote activity is also reduced; perhaps the deer innards left by hunters are preferred to lamb at this time of year.

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## THANK YOU

A warm thank you to AIMS volunteers for continuing to support me, picking up cases of liquid food from the pharmacy, and hauling them to our home. Claire and Hugh Jenny, with occasional backup from Don Pepper helped in the spring, summer and fall, and Don and Larry Jensen have volunteered to continue the food delivery all winter. I'm very grateful.

Sally Bowen

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I guess we have to reach a milestone in our lives to qualify for three birthday parties. First of all, I want to thank my sister-in-law Barbara Reid for a wonderful surprise dinner to celebrate my birthday on Dec. 7th with her family and friends. The following week, my neighbours John and Alena Schram hosted a lovely dinner for me that included my neighbours Woody and Judy and Molly, but then on the 15th of Dec. came my really big party, hosted by my whole family and Molly at the Lodge.

What a wonderful place to have a party. Thank you



Molly.

This party included my neighbours on McDonald's Lane, and many dear friends from as far away as B.C. and Florida. We enjoyed a fabulous dinner catered by Janice and her sister-in-law Yvonne McGinn. I also want to thank my granddaughter Ashley for doing the invitations.

Thank you everyone for coming, the beautiful cards and gifts, and all those who helped make my special day a memorable occasion.

Elsie Willard

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## Island Radio Program Changes

### - Terry Culbert

Beginning the first week of January, there will be three major changes to programming at CJAi 92.1FM. Devin Stewart, host of Thursday Morning Matinee, will move to Saturday evening from 6 to 8pm with his new program called THE SPIRAL GROOVE. Devin will play his favourite music from his vast collection of vinyl records.

Terry Culbert of the Friday Morning Show for the past six and a half years, hosting 342 editions, will move to Thursdays with his new show THURSDAYS @ EIGHT, heard LIVE from 8 to 11am and repeated Thursday evenings between 8 and 11pm.

Larry Jensen, an new Island resident will take over as host of the Friday Morning Show, heard LIVE from 7 to 10am and repeated Friday afternoons between 2 and 5pm.



Photo by Terry Culbert  
Devin Stewart, host of The Spiral Groove.



Photo by Terry Culbert  
Larry Jensen, host of the Friday Morning show.



Photo from Terry Culbert  
Terry Culbert, host of Thursdays @ Eight.

## LIVE shows (with some exciting changes):

**MONDAY:** Udder Morning Show with Dayle Gowan & Susan Filson 7-10am (repeat 3-5pm).

**TUESDAY:** Up Steve's Sleeves with Steve Kennedy & Keith Miller 7-9pm (repeat the following Tuesday morning 7-9am).

**WEDNESDAY:** Breakfast with Brian with Brian Little 7-9am (repeat 5-7pm).

**WEDNESDAY:** Believe with Mary Lou Wolfreys 1-2pm.

**WEDNESDAY:** Wolfs Den with Ellis Wolfreys 2-5pm (repeat Fridays 10-1pm / Sundays 4-7pm).

**THURSDAY (NEW show):** Thursdays @ Eight with Terry Culbert 8-11am (repeat 8-11pm).

**FRIDAY (NEW host):** Friday Morning Show with Larry Jensen 7-10am (repeat 2-5pm).

**FRIDAY:** Eric's Friday Night Radio Show with Eric Tremblay 7-10pm (repeat the following Thursday afternoon 2-5pm)

**SATURDAY:** Afternoon Delight with Nic Rossetti 4-6pm.

**SATURDAY (NEW show):** The Spiral Groove with Devin Stewart 6-8pm.

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See more at: "thewholehogblog@blogspot.com"; Facebook, "Godden's Whole Hog Sausage"; or, follow us on "Twitter@Godden Farms".

Please call ahead for large orders, 705-653-5984.

With Sincere Thanks

Lori Caughey & Family.

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## HARTIN'S PUMPING SERVICE:

Septic Pumping & Inspection

613-379-5672

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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.

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## I AM NOW SELLING WATKINS PRODUCTS AS WELL AS RAWLEIGH PRODUCTS.

Catalogues available. To place an order call Marie Ward at 613-389-5767 or via email: [bandmward@xplornet.ca](mailto:bandmward@xplornet.ca)

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## ISLAND YOGA

Call Taggett for more information 613 888-5156

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**LOCAL ELECTRICIAN** 30yrs exp, \$25 an hour. Also Home Renovations, Tree Removal, Pressure Wash. Call Cary 389-8327.

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## POPLAR DELL FARM BED & BREAKFAST

3190 FRONT ROAD, AMHERST ISLAND

Welcoming guests for over 30 years.

Also, Cottage Rentals and Godden Sausage sales.

Call Susie @ 613-389-2012

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## STUDIO ON THE BAY

8750 Second Concession Road

Acrylic works of Barb Hogenauer & Terry Culbert

Open by chance or appointment 613-634-8217

[www.studioonthebay.ca](http://www.studioonthebay.ca)

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## TOPSY FARMS WOOL SHED 613 389-3444

Wool and sheepskin products including yarn, blankets, and crafts, the 2013 Calendar, and individual photos, books and booklets by Don Tubb.

Open weekends and most weekday mornings.

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**HONEY:** Topsy Farms once more has Island honey for sale at the Wool Shed.

Phone 613-389-3444 for an appointment or drop by and take your chances.

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**TOPSY FARMS** has new fresh frozen lamb cuts for sale in the Wool Shed. We also have lamb patties, and our own sausage for sale.

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# Senior's Dinner

Pictures by Liz Harrison



**Marion Glenn**



**Art Hitchins, Anna Hitchins, Jean Tugwell**



**Bill Barrett, Judy Bierma, Judy Greer, Victoria Cuyler, Sharen English**



**Leslie G, Joyce Morgan, Peter Morgan, Coralie**



**Mary Kay Steele**



**Janet, Elsie, Bruce C. Being serenaded by audience and Elvis -Happy Birthday**



# NEW YEARS EVE DINNER-DANCE

Article & Photos by Terry Culbert

Once again, the Amherst Island Men's Society New Years Eve Dinner-Dance was a great success. Victoria Cuyler and her team including Bruce Burnett and his audio system, all did a superb job of putting the evening in order. The band was entertaining as always. A scrumptious roast beef dinner was prepared by Cory Wilson and his Small Town Restaurant & Catering staff from Napanee. AIMS wishes everyone the best for 2013.



**Dorothy McGinn on the right, sitting with Father Don Bailey's sister Linda Klein and her husband Bernie of Yarker.**



**Brent Gould of Montreal sang Johnny Cash's *Folsom Prison Blues* with country band The Runnin' Kind, as Brent's friend Barb Maraz videoed the occasion. Brent is the son of Amherst Island's Jim and Judi Gould**



**"How do you like my shawl?" Barb Hogenauer seems to be asking Shirley Miller, Judi Gould and Diane Hieatt.**







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### DRIVING CLUB PLEASED WITH SUCCESS OF NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

The members of the Amherst Island Driving Club would like to take this opportunity to thank all our friends and neighbours for another happy and fun-filled New Year's Eve celebration.

Special thanks go to the ferry crew and Council for the extra trip of the boat.

Although we are few in number (7) we enjoy this annual good-time and we continue to try to operate on a break-even basis, without having to sacrifice good food, good music and ample refreshments. Our books show a deficit for the dance of only 17¢ per person, but we are sure that if the weatherman builds us a racetrack in time for 19 Feb. (or thereabouts) that we can get back in the black for '83.

Best Wishes for the New Year from the Island Horsemen.

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### COUNCIL REPORT FOR JANUARY

- Chris Kennedy

Council met on Jan. 4, 1983. All members were present. Council decided to send around new notices listing fire and other emergency numbers.

They discussed the possibility of adjusting the ferry ramp more frequently to stop cars dragging their back ends. The road crew intend to pile the snow banks (if we have any snow) along the new road in two feet from the edge to lessen the possibility of cars going over. It should be noted that the curves on the new road were designed to be negotiated safely at 30 m.p.h. maximum.

Council intends to meet with M.T.C. soon to discuss what to do with the rest of the development road money. Putting black top on the section already done has been suggested, but

# From The Archives

this would require considerable bureaucratic paper shuffling.

Council passed two by-laws concerning taxes for this year. They are due April 1st this year and the interest on unpaid taxes starts on May 1st. The interest rate will be 14%, which is the prime rate in January 4th + 1½%. This is the legal maximum.

Council wanted to find out exactly what was happening with the Miller Municipal Drain. Since April 3, 1982 Council has received or sent 56 letters about the drain. These have been among the lawyers for Council, Keith Norton, the petitioners, the appellants, the lawyers for the appellants, the drainage referee, the drainage tribunal, the Court of Revision, the drainage engineer, the Minister of Natural Resources, the Ministers of Agriculture both past and present, and probably several others I've missed. Part of the grant for the drain lapses in March 1984, and Council is concerned that the drain will lose the grant and possibly die because it is still tied up in the courts, without a decision either way.

The Council is in the process of preparing a County Official Plan. The draft plan is under review and they request comments by March 5, 1983. A copy of the plan is available in the Township office if anyone would like to look at it.

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### COUNCIL APPOINTED COMMITTEES

Cemetery: Henry Hitchins; A. Bruce Caughey, Sec.; W. Bruce Caughey; Earle Tugwell; James Neilson; Chester Tugwell; Betty Wemp.

Recreation: Chester Tugwell; Heather Welbanks, Sec; Barbara Wemp; Jack Forester; Brian Ward; Richard Bedford; Jack Kerr; Elizabeth Silver.

Sheep Evaluators: Ralph Wemp; Christopher Kennedy; Neil Babcock (substitute).

Fence Viewers: Art Ackerman; Garry Hitchins; Lloyd Clare.

Committee of Adjustment: Dave Vrooman; Heather Welbanks; Jacqueline Sylvester.

Pound Keepers: Topsy Farms.

O. H. R. P.: John Hall; Jack Kerr.

Ferry Committee; Eldon Willard; Ted Welbanks; Diane Pearce; Norman Allison, manager.

Sanitation & Property: Larry Fleming; Chester Tugwell.

Roads: Ian Murray; Chester Tugwell.



Fire Protection: Larry Fleming; Ted Welbanks.  
Finance: Ted Welbanks; Ian Murray.  
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### FERRY RATES FOR 1983 PASSES

Individual, with Spouse:

Annual: \$150, \$200.

April 1<sup>st</sup>: \$120; \$160.

July 1<sup>st</sup>: \$80; \$110

Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>: \$40; \$60.

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### NEW YEAR'S

- A. Bruce Caughey

Another year has dawned upon us and we look back upon 1982 with gratitude for its many blessings and forward in to the uncertainties of 1983. The Amherst Island tradition of ushering in the New Year with the usual community party certainly was no exception this year when 200 people gathered at the Amherst Island Community Centre to join in light hearted gaiety and wonderful fellowship.

We cannot help but be truly appreciative of the efforts and the organization that the few members of the Amherst Island driving club put into the arranging of this gala affair. This organization started many weeks ago, when a contract was made with a band, again the "Hickory Winds" a new name, but pretty well the same group of musicians, followed by the advance sale of tickets, with the first opportunity of purchase going to those who purchased tickets last year and a list of "newcomers" being arranged whereby almost everyone was satisfied with being able to obtain a ticket.

The dinner which precedes the evening is no easy matter to arrange, and judging by the compliments one heard of the juicy "Red Brand" hips of beef that were supplied by Ed's Hind Quarter along with the foil-wrapped baked potatoes, vegetables, salads, jellios, cheeses, celery, radishes, nicely decorated cakes etc., everyone ate to their capacity and "went back" as many times as was required to do so.

The cooking of large quantities of meat such as is required for such a meal has hitherto presented a problem and the caterers, Susie and Beth, tried to no avail to have this farmed out to larger

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facilities, only to meet with one refusal after another due to the demand for such facilities for this evening. The final arrangement resulted in the forty pound hips being accommodated in local ovens and the result of this was the serving of hot beef sliced from the roasts as served, along with hot gravy and freshly baked potatoes - - so again it can be done locally after all, but a special thank you to those who sacrifice their time and who work so hard to do so.

It is always a pleasure to see the efficient and methodical operation of our genial "dispensers of the liquid refreshment" Doug and Art and to recognize the absence of rowdiness etc which was so dourly predicted by our friends in Napanee during the great struggle to have intoxicating beverages "served in our school?" some years back.

This is the fourth annual sponsorship of this event by our "Horsemen" and each year one is astonished as one learns of the great breadth of representation that mingle here as a family gathering and the miles that lie between those points. Do we realize that we had visitors with us from Victoria and Vancouver B.C., from Banff and Calgary Alta., from Cape Breton N.S., Baie Comeau Que., as well as more local points of St. Catherines, Buffalo N.Y., Sudbury, Ottawa, and from the adjoining areas of Kingston, Napanee, Moscow, Centreville, Yarker, Odessa etc.

It was also a joy to see the great mix of young and old upon the dance floor and to realize the span of years represented there -- to see our old friend Tena, now 80+ dancing with her grandchildren and to reminisce of the dozens of years when she played the piano along with the Glenn orchestra for so many New Years Eve balls in Victoria Hall. I enjoyed Tena's comment, "Dancing is just like milking a cow! You never forget how!" How true!

We should be truly grateful to those who made this evening a reality at such an expenditure of their time and efforts, and if I could be permitted to offer just one "wee bit" of criticism, I hope that I may live to see the day when "over-amplification" of good time-beating music is not one of the prerequisites of good dance music.

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## SEASON'S GREETINGS

An attractive nature card bearing a picture and description of a Snowy Owl perched on a willow bough was received by the Beacon with this message: "To Amherst Islanders with fond memories of many happy birding expeditions on that beautiful island.

"Sincerely Betty Hughes"

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## LENNOX AND ADDINGTON COUNTY MUSEUM TO FEATURE DISPLAY ON 'ISLE TONTI / AMHERST ISLAND

- from Gaol News Bulletin Dec./82

Work on the display 'Isle Tonti / Amherst Island continues. Due to a number of complicating factors, we did not meet our projected September opening. It is anticipated that the room will be completed the first part of 1983. However due to winter weather, the staff have decided to delay the official opening of the exhibit to April. A definite date will be announced later. It is planned that the opening will be accented by a two week exhibition of quilts and/or coverlets from Amherst Island.

A number of contacts have been made with people on and off the Island with the assistance of the Amherst Island Women's Institute. A particular thanks is extended to Mrs. Ernest Fleming for her efforts. Visits have also been made to the Archives of Ontario and the Public Archives of Canada.

The exhibit endeavours to tell the story of the Island from its beginning until 1930. Approximately ninety photographs illustrating initial settlement, settlers, homes, Daniel Fowler, Stella and Emerald villages, the harbour, the steamers, churches, schools, cheese factories, clubs and fishing have been reproduced.

Among the picture and map collections at the Public Archives, we found a 1680 map which shows the Island situated in LAC ONTARIO OV DE FRONTENAC, designated Katanesgo.

Portrait views of La Salle, La Salle inspecting the first Fort Frontenac, General Amherst, and Sir John Johnson will be used to illustrate the Island's early history.

The holdings of the Archives of Ontario helped complete the story of the early period. Our search revealed a description of Isle Tonti signed D.W.

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Smith P.L.S. 1797. A copy of the grant from the Crown to Sir John Johnson was obtained from the Official Documents. Land Registry documents pertaining to Mount Cashell and other land owners have permitted us to detail the Island's ownership history.

During the preparations of this exhibit, a splendid Archival acquisition was received courtesy of Mr. And Mrs. Fred Neilson. Approximately 10 to 15 linear feet of documentation pertaining to the Neilson's general store on Amherst Island was received. Included are day books from 1870's to 1950's, grain shipment records, post office records and stock books. Such a complete collection is unusual. The Museum extends a most sincere thank you to the Neilsons for their generous donation.

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## LIBERTARIAN MEETING

- Ian Murray

Neil Reynolds, leader of the Libertarian Party of Canada will be at the Amherst Island Public School in the evening of January 27th, 1983 from 8 to 10 p.m. Mr. Reynolds will make an informal address and will discuss the policies of the Libertarian Party with anyone who is interested.

For more information, please contact Ian Murray at 389-3444.

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## CARD OF THANKS

My sincere thanks to my friends and neighbours for the cards, telephone calls and visits during my stay in the hospital; also to my neighbours after returning home.

Reg Robinson

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## NOTICE

Would the owner of a glass salad bowl from the Anglican turkey supper please call Jean Tugwell 389-4636

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## FOR SALE

The Welton house in the village of Stella is for sale. Any inquiries can be made by phoning Sharon Muirhead, Orangeville at 1-519-941-6644

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## REUNION

- Beth Forester

Response was not overwhelming, but the comments and offers of assistance in organizing a reunion, which I did receive were most encouraging and enthusiastic about the idea.

Amherst Island School opened in January of 1948, and therefore, this year will have achieved 35 years in the development of education. This seems like a logical time to celebrate a milestone!

A meeting for the purpose of planning such an event will be held at the school on Sunday afternoon, January 23rd at 2 p.m. Any interested people are more than welcome. Your input will be most beneficial. Some definite plans must be made as to the date of the event various activities, and our approach to finding some of the "long-lost" graduates. Readers, can you help?

For any further questions, comments, or assistance with this, please call Beth Forester 389-5582

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## HELP WANTED

The Township of Amherst Island has just been advised that funds are available to hire at least one person to work at the Dump Site.

Duties include:

1. separating bulky items and removing them to a suitable location for pick-up;
2. removing litter in and around the site;
3. erecting snow fence to indicate where dumping should take place;
4. other duties as directed.

Qualifications: Must be unemployed

Duration of Job: From January 17 to March 25, 1983.

Terms of Employment:

No. of hours per week - 30

No. of weeks - 10

Hourly rate - \$4.00

If you are interested in this job, please contact the Municipal Office during regular hours (389-3393) the clerk after hours at 389-6725, or the chairman of the Sanitation Committee (Larry Fleming) at 389-8273 before Saturday evening, January 15th, 1983.

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## SOME RECENT ACQUISITIONS OF THE L&A COUNTY MUSEUM

- hand woven, hand dyed plaid shawl made near Erinsville c 1850

- Edison Standard Phonograph c 1903 with Edison cylinder records

- chop used by the Gold Horn Mining Company of Lennox and Addington c 1889

- gold chiffon beaded dress c 1920's worn by Georgie Warner Holmes

- human hair wreath c mid to late nineteenth century

- waxed fruit farmers wreath c mid to late nineteenth century

- print dress made for Mrs. Henry Spencer pre 1881

- man's morning coat c 1880-1890

- black lace morning cap c 1840-1890

- model of the 1881 Bath Academy made by Amos Purdy

- a small hand carved moulding plane dated 1777

- a horsehair watch chain made by Lucy Gibbons c. 1898

- Shoo-Fly Rocker used by Walter Shibley c 1885

- Victorian bell jar with fabric floral arrangement

- celery vase and compote, frosted lion

- blue pressed glass maple tree vase c 1880's

- silver glass mercury globe said to be associated with the Herring Works

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# Winter Birds

Article & Photos by Terry Culbert

The pictures below are just a sample of the birds wintering on Amherst Island that Barb Hogenauer and Terry Culbert feed daily at their Second Concession home on O'Drains Bay. These photographs were all taken the last week of December 2012.



**A pair of Bluejays with poor table manners.**



**The Northern Cardinal is fairly common in Southern Ontario from Windsor to Ottawa.**



**The rarest of Ontario woodpeckers is the Red-bellied Woodpecker seen dining with a Bluejay on December 27, 2012.**

**Snow Storm by D Tubb**  
(not really but it is a quick page-filler, but you know... the composition is pretty darn good!!)

# On The Farm

Don Tubb

After delaying moving the ewe flock to their wintering grounds due to poor conditions (snow storm, deep snow, high winds, drifting snow, plus wet and heavy snow), we finally found some good conditions. I plowed a path with the tractor and the flock followed... after doing this for years and years now, I think, the flock sort of knows what's going on. Chris and Jake followed on ATVs with really nothing to do. (Bye-the-bye, the ATVs are well off to the right of the picture with the last of the sheep.) That is, nothing to do until we got up to one field before the intended one where the flock got distracted by a few hundred bales of hay. They had to be rounded up and pointed in the right direction again and peace was restored once again.



Photo by Don Tubb

**Moving day for the ewe flock. The line of ewes (and rams) stretches back beyond the trees... and if you look carefully, the line continues off to the right.**

And that's all she wrote, folks... see you next month!!