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## THIS ISSUE

- Ian Murray, Editor

With regret we report that four people with deep Island connections died this month. Obituaries for Donald Fleming and Chris Gregg follow below. We plan to have obituaries for Edna Hefford and for our neighbour of many years, Royce Eves, in the April edition.

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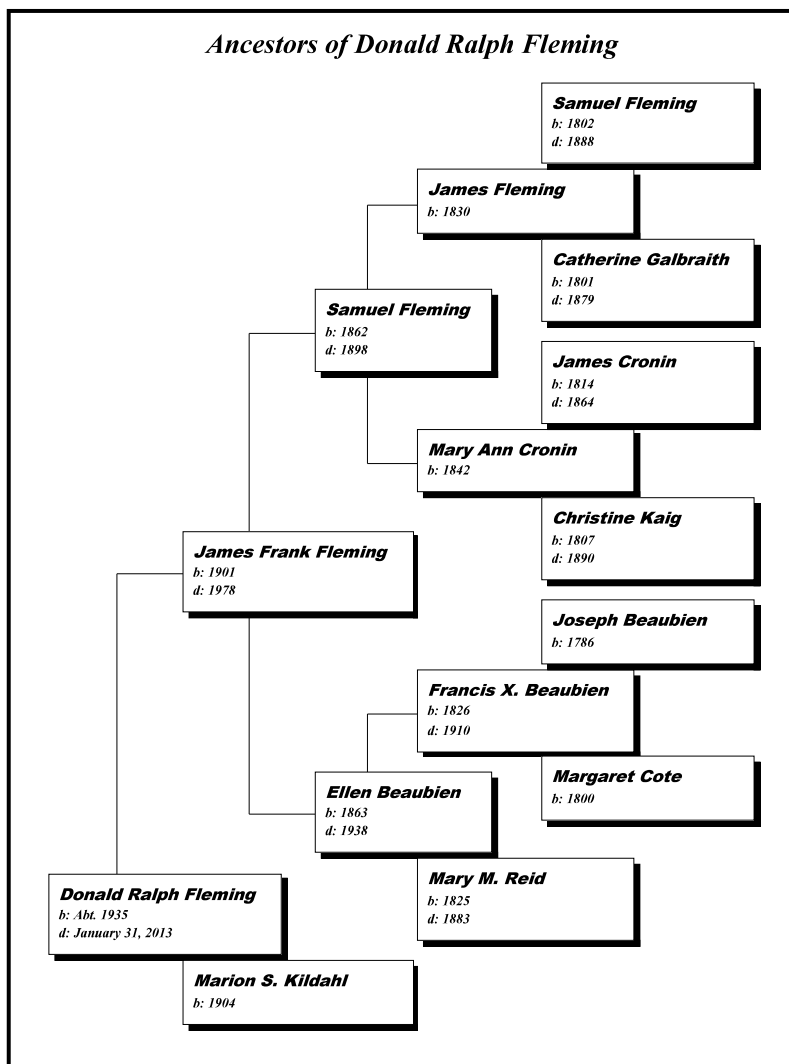
I am tempted to do a sort of memoriam for Terry Culbert who, with Barb, is leaving the Island and the Beacon, for Prince Edward County. Terry has been the largest contributor of Islander content to this newsletter since A. Bruce Caughey.

Terry's genuine interest in all things Island resulted in many professional quality photos and writing which certainly made this a more interesting publication. We will miss his productivity and his cheerfulness greatly.

Perhaps Terry's departure will encourage more people to submit photos and articles about Island happenings that interest them.

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### Ancestors of Donald Ralph Fleming



## DONALD RALPH FLEMING

Don Fleming died suddenly at Clearwater, Florida on January 31. He was born 77 years ago to Frank and Marion Fleming.

He grew up in their homestead on the 3rd Concession, next door to the Caughey's where Donald and Judy Miller now live. His older brother Art married Mary Eves (who grew up in the Topsy Farms frame house).

His younger brother Bob moved to Bradford. Both Donald and Art worked lifelong at Dupont. There were also two 'homekids' in the family, Doug and Sharon McCoy. Donald married Faye Grant (who grew up in Wilton) and they had 3 children, Kevin, Lori-Ann and Greg.

Don's father Frank was reeve here for many years and was deeply respected. It is in his memory that Island youth going on to post-secondary education receive money.

Although long gone from the Island, like many offspring of the old Island families, he left behind a lot of cousins among whom are: Garry Filson, Larry Fleming, Anna Hitchins, Warren Kilpatrick, Hugh Filson, Jim Reid, Marie Wemp and Janice McGinn.

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## **MARY CHRISTINE ORCHARD GLENN GREGG**

Mary Christine was born on Jan. 16, 1919 in Shrewsbury, England, to parents Victor Stanley and Mary Ellen Orchard. The family lived quite comfortably until the Great Depression caused them to lose everything.

Brothers Garth and Keith were forced to come to Canada as "home boys", ultimately ending up as farm hands on Amherst Island. Youngest brother Brian would later be killed in action in W.W. 2.

Chris, her parents and younger sister Daphne, would also come to Canada a few years later, each finding their own way in life.

Chris became a nanny to a Manitoba family for a couple of years and then joined her brothers on Amherst Island. She worked as a caregiver to an elderly gentleman and while so doing, met Bert Glenn whom she would marry and together they had 3 children, Allan, Jill and Joyce.

Life wasn't easy on the farm, for a city girl but she learned to cook, milk a cow, make butter, do up preserves and bake homemade bread. She joined the sorority of good cooks of Amherst Island.

After 50 years together, Bert passed away in 1988. Two years of loneliness brought Don Gregg into her life and they enjoyed 10 years of marriage until Don's passing in 2001. Mom's last years were spent with Joyce (excepting one year in Helen Henderson Care Centre) and Rick at Westport, enjoying good health and closeness of family and knitting dishcloths right up until the night before a massive stroke on January 30.

She was a beautiful lady, a loyal wife and a wonderful

Mother who is missed by many, many people.

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## **From JOYCE'S EULOGY TO HER MOTHER**

For those of you, Who have a Mother,  
Treat her with special care,  
For there will be, a day that comes  
That she just won't be there.  
Sadly for our family, that day has arrived.

Our Mother, Christine Orchard was a warm, compassionate & vibrant woman, who went out of her way to help others. She was a proud and gracious woman, who had a passion for life. She had a wonderful sense of humor which endeared her to everyone she came into contact with. It's a good testament to her nature that she formed long lasting relationships & friendships over the years – so many of you here today. . . .

Mom was brought up with traditional values and learned the skills a woman of her era should – baking, cooking, sewing, knitting and much more. Our Mother taught us many things as young kids that hold us in good stead today. These values have made us who we are & we thank her so very, very much.

Our family grew up with little money but we were always well fed & dressed, thanks to Mom's many talents. As an adult, she became my best friend, advisor & confidante. Her greatest quality was to encourage us and face problems head on. Mom had many friends of all ages. When friends came to see her she always gave them dishcloths. She spent a great deal of time knitting these cotton dishcloths, right up to her last few days.... Mom, you have always been our support, strength and comfort. You have been a wonderful Mother & friend. Now, you will be with the ones you lost and so dearly loved and missed.

You are finally returning to the Church and Island that you have held forever in your heart.

We are left to grieve the loss of you but we also celebrate your lifetime of amazing achievements.

We all love you.

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## **NEIGHBOURHOOD**

- Lyn Fleming

Condolences to Allan and Cathy Glenn and family, on the passing of Allan's mother, Christine Gregg. Our sympathy also to Allan's sisters, Joyce and Jill and families

Condolences to Marilyn Eves and sons Doug and

Paul and daughters Roycene and Marlene and families, following the passing of their husband & father, Royce. Our sympathy also to Royce's sister Faye Wemp and brothers-in-law Gord Miller, Ron Miller and Darrel Miller and families.

Condolences to the family of Donald Fleming. He was born on the Island and died recently in Florida.

Condolences also to the family of Edna Corke Hefford - another born-Islander who died recently.

Eric and Linda Welbanks had a rude awakening on their return from Mexico - finding their truck buried in snow from the major winter storm that was just winding down.

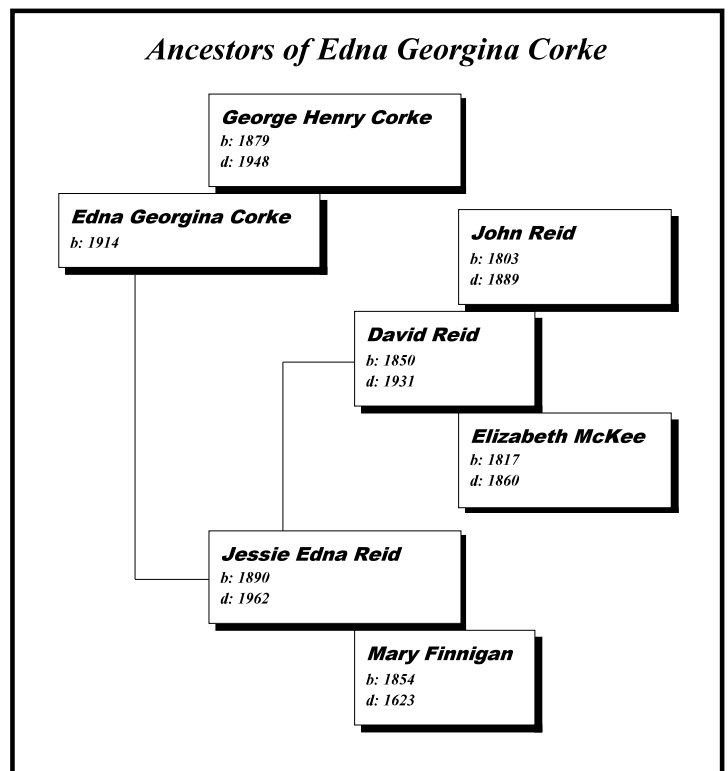
I spent a week in Orlando with my kids and grandkids, visiting my mom and sister and family, capping off the week with my nephew's botanical garden wedding, complete with sunshine and warm breezes, while back home everyone was in the midst of the big snow storm!

A Spaghetti Dinner fund raiser was held for Talia Fleming, at the Lodge, in February, and was attended by well over a hundred people. Talia will be spending a month in Kruger National Park, participating in an ongoing study of a rhinoceros herd there.

The first, of what we hope will become an annual, Valentine's dance was a great success according to everyone who attended. A last minute change in bands didn't stop everyone from enjoying great music and good company and lots of dancing!

The days are getting longer and the weather milder. I am sure we will get another day or two of snow or slop before it's over, but it seems that Spring is on the horizon. Of course with Spring, comes bad roads.

Our road crew no sooner gets the roads graded and passable and the wet, mild weather wreaks havoc again! We aren't complaining about snow and rain so much this



Hi Ian,  
Some pix from last Saturday's Dance with Music by the Monarchs.  
(Top Picture) Bruce Findlay + Judith Popiel,  
(Bottom Picture) Dr. Love and Shirley Miller.  
Cheerio Rosy



year, as everyone is concerned about record low water levels in the lake.

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## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

- Anne Henderson

On February 20<sup>th</sup> a dozen members of the Women's Institute gathered at Norma-Lynn's house in mid-afternoon to enjoy the movie "You Have Mail" and assorted treats. Our members, a sophisticated lot, commented knowledgeably not only on the characters and plot, but on the advances in computer technology since the movie was made—and how the two protagonists handled the technical challenges of conducting a clandestine online relationship.

From the movie in Norma-Lynn's comfortable living room, it was a short shuffle into her kitchen where we

worked on the advertising component of the 2013 edition of the Amherst Island Directory. With much enthusiasm, members signed on to visit local businesses and ask for advertising support for the Directory, which we feel is good for everyone; it's a valuable resource for Islanders, and businesses have their ads in front of Islanders any time they use the Directory. As so much has changed on the Island since the 2010 Directory came out, we are very excited about bringing out the 2013 edition.

No WI function is complete without good food. For dinner, we enjoyed delicious lasagna from the Little Red Hen, with salad and deserts brought by members. Most of our meetings are focused on usiness, but the February Movie Night is a time to simply enjoy the friendships we have found in the WI and renew our commitment to serving the Island community.

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## JANET'S JOTTINGS

- Janet Scott  
Spring

How do I know that Spring is coming? We don't have a Weather Groundhog, or even a groundhog of any kind on Amherst Island. I could say that I consulted Bruce Findlay or the late, great Percy Saltzman but I have to admit that a Little Bird told me. Well now I may be eccentric and have been known to hoot once in a while but DO I TALK TO BIRDS? Not really but I listen

(Staff: from Joan Simpson's e-mail)  
Just wanted to send a few pictures of the February Dance on Amherst Island for the beacon.

**The February 50's Dance**  
One February 9, 2013 the Amherst Island Rec Commity and Dan & Joan Simpson put on a dance in the community centre. Opened by Country Rythm and great dancing to the South of Seven Dance Band. The Evening was a great success and will happen again next year.



and observe.

Those noisy Starlings that so many have come to detest are telling us in subtle ways that Spring is just around the corner. Their beaks that have been dull and dark since Fall are beginning to turn the cheery yellow of sunshine and of buttercups and their outer feathers are growing in with iridescent hues of blues and purples.

Over the silent silo of Wayne Fleming's barn can be seen a pair of Ravens circling and soaring in an age-old dance of love. Their huge wings stretched out to ride the vagrant thermals warmed by the strengthening rays of the sun. Their soft, guttural croaks are almost whisper soft in morning air.

Ida Gavlas and Bonnie Livingstone have both heard the repeated love calls of The Great Horned Owls as they call across the wooded hills. Father hoots with five low, soft hoots and Mother answers with seven higher pitched hoots and whoos. Soon the female owl will be sitting on her nest even as late snow flurries cover her back while the male hunts for both and later for owlets as well. She cannot leave her precious eggs for 28 to 35 days, beginning with the first laid, or they would freeze. One family seems to be setting up housekeeping near Rita Browns and the other on Cadman's Point so stand out some evening in the quietness of Amherst Island and listen for their love song. Kit Chub took care of an injured Great Horned Owl for three months



at her Verona Rehabilitation Hospital and when it was released in the area in which it had been injured, she heard an answering hoot from the forest. Great Horned Owls

mate for life and one story tells of a female caring for an injured mate that was unable to fly or hunt.

The Short-eared Owls on Front Road have begun their courtship flights. The male flies high in the air till he's just a dot and then claps his wings under him and free falls. Now this is supposed to impress the female even though we might classify him an idiot but love does strange things to normally sensible beings. If Mrs. Short-eared leaves her perch and flies up to meet him then she has accepted the courtship.

The Horned Larks have returned from points south and are already nesting in the fields west of the Stella Forty-foot. They leave the side of the road as your car approaches and immediately fly low and disappear into the short, grassy stubble.

Shortly after this March Beacon is printed the Red-winged Blackbirds will have returned and the whole Island will know it is Spring with the loud Okarees from every pasture and cattail and the peace and quiet of a winter's siesta is no more!

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## BEGINNER'S BIRDING

- Sharen English.

I am a newcomer to birding. I am very lucky to have Janet Scott and Bonnie Livingstone teach me about these beautiful creatures.

I always enjoyed looking at birds but I never researched them.

Judy Bierma, Sally Bowen and I comprise our birding group along with Janet and Bonnie. We meet once a week and bird for 2 ½ hours. I am the writer and keeper of the list. In the winter we drive, stop, get out and look and go back into the warm car. In the summer we drive, stop, look and walk.

Funny things have occurred. Judy and I spent 15 minutes trying to identify a gull, to no avail. We knew that there is no such thing as a



Tundra swans in flight at 8:12am on February 12th.

Photo by Terry Culbert

Seagull and were trying hard to look at its features. We laughed because we could not find that Gull in our Birding Book. While doing this we enjoyed ourselves with hot

tea and snacks that Judy had brought. We marveled at the beauty of the rocks, waves, sky, clouds and the sun. We birders have mistaken white plastic bags, tree top stumps, clumps of snow and leaves for birds, until we get a closer look. I once told Sally to back up the car so that I could get a better look at what turned out to be a hydro join.

We go to the Owl Woods to fill, refill and repair six large birdfeeders. As soon as we arrive with the seeds the Chickadees follow us and chirp, asking us to hurry up and feed them. When a Chickadee lands on my seed-filled hand, I get a thrill feeling the delicate feet of the bird on my palm, and the opportunity to get a very close look at the bird. There is a steel box in the clearing of the Owl Woods that contains baggies of seeds that we have prepared for students and tourists. Beside it is a donation box, with the proceeds of the donations going to the Neilson Museum and Cultural Centre.

One of the thrills of birding with Janet is that we describe a bird that we have seen and she tells us what it is. I did not know what a Snow Bunting was. There were 20 of them flying in a wave formation by my driveway. I did not know that there were many kinds of ducks here: Mergansers, Mallards, Buffleheads, Ring Necked, Scaup, Goldeneye, and American Black Ducks to name some. Sally saw Red Poll Finches by her feeder but did not know what they were until Janet told her.

Janet and Bonnie do a weekly Owl Count. They report their findings to the Field Naturalists. We are seeing Snowy Owls on the Second Concession, the South Shore and right behind the Roads Garage.

Deanne Mayall saw a Bald Eagle near her house.



A lone Mute Swan fishes with Tundras on O'Drains Bay.

Photo by Terry Culbert

People phone Janet with information on bird sightings and about the birds they see at their feeders. Terry Culbert and Brian Little post photos of the birds

they see on Facebook. On our outings we check the bird feeders of residents who give us permission. Janet has had Red-Bellied Woodpeckers, Hairy Woodpeckers, House Finches, Red Poll Finches, Cardinals, Blue Jays, Sparrows and many other types of birds at her feeder. There are Starlings all over the Island, they travel and fly in large groups. Sally saw a Belted Kingfisher and told Janet, who was jealous that she had not been there to see it. I invited Janet to our home to see the Tundra and Mute Swans on the lake. Janet had never heard them honk and babble before. They do this all day and night.

Janet taught us the difference between a Rough Legged and a Red Tailed Hawk. There was a young male Rough Legged Hawk on a hydro pole at the Stella Forty Foot and the Second Concession intersection. It had been there every time we went birding for three weeks in a row. The bird had ruffled and ragged feathers. Janet named him "Scruffy" and she deduced that he had been in a scuffle and was resting and recuperating on the pole.

Dayle Gowan bought Janet a book that has pictures of birds and the appropriate recorded call of the birds. It is

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**St. Alban's Church Beef Dinner**  
**April 6th**  
**Adults \$15, Children \$7**  
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an interesting and fun book to use.

David, my husband, and I have a couple of herons which visit us in the early evenings in the Summer and Fall. I did not know that the herons have large nests on the Second Concession, high in the trees.

Janet showed us the three nests which were in two trees very close to each other.

In June and November the Mute and Tundra Swans visit our part of the Island. They were also here in January. They visit the South Shore and Kerr Bay, and other places on the Island. On one very windy January day I saw 40 of Swans huddled together by the bay near the Ashley's home. I have seen the number of the Swans who visit our Island rise from 20 to 180 in the last seven years that I have lived here.

There was a brown coloured owl, (I did not know what kind of owl, because I had not started birding), that I enjoyed watching on a hydro pole near Joyce Reid's house.

Lately I see the ducks and Canada Geese walking gingerly on the ice and curling up to keep warm at the Stella and Millhaven docks. Today I saw an Otter at the Stella Ferry dock.

When I bird I have fun, enjoy the outdoors and the beauty of our Island. I feel a sense of camaraderie with my fellow birders and I experience adventure and the thrill of learning.

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## COUNCIL GLEANINGS

- Ian Murray

More from the January 28 Council Meeting:

Three more letters regarding the Marshall 40'. Garry Osborne opposed the closing of the road. Elizabeth Barr and the Kingston Field Naturalists oppose the use of the road for wind generator construction.

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Third Session, February 11, 2013

From 2012 Highlights – Emergency Services.

- All personnel were re-certified in CPR as well as Defibrillation

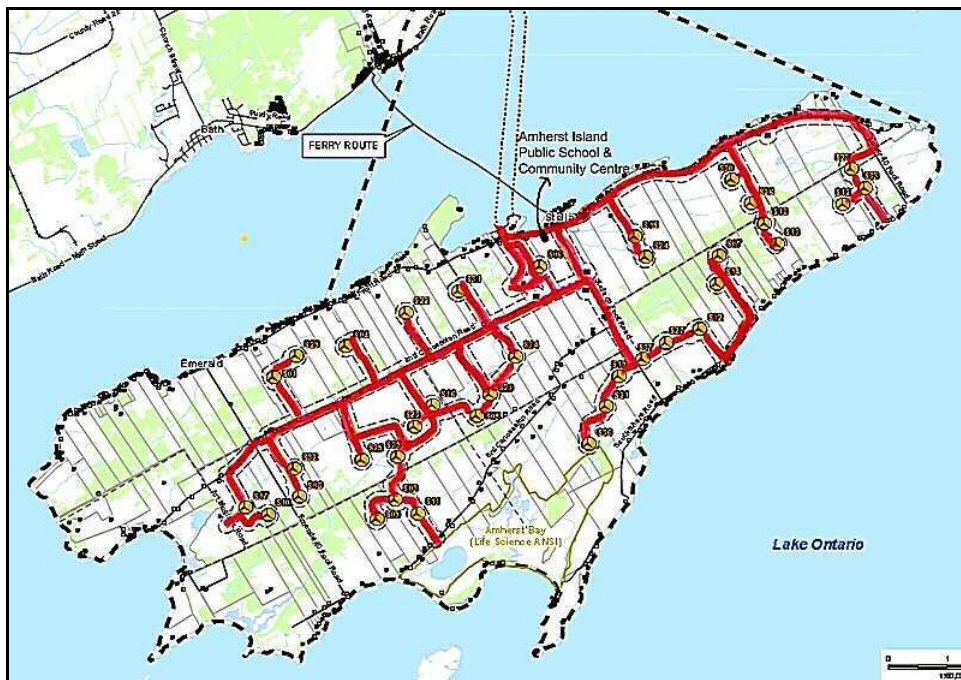


Image courtesy of Brian Little

Brian writes in his e-mail: The original map is from Stantec. I highlighted their roads as they were very difficult to see in the original and I added the school location for clarification.

- All personnel attended 2 scenario based EFR refresher trainings
- All personnel received RIT (Rapid Intervention Team) as well as Firefighter Survival practical training at the Loyalist Fire Training Centre.
- All personnel from the Amherst Island Station attended the training facility on three separate occasions for an extended evening training, including Survival and RIT.
- 69 personnel completed their mandatory driver training

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2012 Emergency Responses by Station (2011 responses in brackets): Amherst Island 47 (33); Bath 91 (68); Amherstview 139 (106); and, Odessa 134 (130).

There are lots of statistical data shown graphically in the Agenda.

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The operating costs of the ferry in 2012 were \$2.38 million.

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There were 2 letters to Council opposing the wind generator project.

Amy Caughey and Marcus Berman wrote a lengthy letter outlining in considerable detail why they oppose the project.

The second letter is signed by some of the parents of students attending our public school. They requested that Loyalist Township “prohibit the use of heavy industrial equipment of the size, frequency and volume posed by wind turbine construction on Front Road in the vicinity of Amherst Island Public School and the village of Stella.”

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**NOTE:** There was no AIMS meeting in February due to bad weather conditions.

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## BACKROOM TALK

- Ali MacKeen

On Friday evening, February 22nd, the Neilson Store Museum and Cultural Centre hosted a Backroom Talk led by Laird Leeder. A special thank you goes to Laird for showing

us the film, “Economics of Happiness” and afterwards leading a discussion. The film presented research which showed the destructive impact of corporate globalization and discussed the importance of 'an economics of localization'. When communities work together to rebuild ecological economics, people regain their sense of identity, of belonging and of overall well-being. By involving individuals for example, in the process of growing food locally, in buying at local Farmers' Markets, or in becoming members of cooperatives or credit unions the economic benefits remain within the smaller community. Although the consequences of corporate globalization are dire for the planet, the film, “The Economics of Happiness”, works to restore our faith in humanity and challenges us to believe that together we can build a better world for everyone.

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## OFF ISLAND ISLANDERS

- Sally Bowen

**Vera Hogeboom** just celebrated her 102nd birthday in February. She is content, in residence at Helen Henderson now for just over two years. She says there are lots of activities in her residence, the staff members are kind, and she keeps busy with her flowers, reading, and writing letters. She goes to the Island on occasion but doesn't much like going out in the cold.

**Emily Tugwell** moved to Helen Henderson last summer. Her life is pretty quiet now. She sees her sons Raymond and Ted regularly, as well as her niece Dorothy.

**Mary (Eves) Fleming** still lives in the home in Kingston she shared with **Art** for many years. The Eves moved to the Island in the 40's, lived in the former Alan Kidd home then moved to what is now Topsy Farms Frame House. Mary's siblings were James, Faye, Charles, Royce and Jackie. She and Art had a girl and a boy. Though in her mid-80's, Mary lives on her own, is active in her church and is very involved with family.

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Photo by Terry Culbert  
Laird Leeder of Stella walks his 10-year old quarter horse Mack through the village.



# WILDLIFE IN WINTER ON AMERST ISLAND

- Terry Culbert -

This collection of bird and wildlife pictures were taken on the Culbert- Hogenauer property along Second Concession Road during January and February.



Photos by Terry Culbert

Ruth, our female Red-bellied Woodpecker chases a sparrow from the feeder.



Photo by Terry Culbert

A second year male Northern Harrier checks out the bird feeding area on our deck.



Photo by Terry Culbert

Three teenage deer visit our front garden, February 3<sup>rd</sup>.



Photo by Terry Culbert

Hennie, our female pheasant has just finished breakfast.



## MODERN MIRACLES

- Zander of DUNN INN

Hugh Jenney sent me an astonishing e-mail video of a man named Steve Frayne performing what seemed like three miracles in London, England.

First, to the amazement of many onlookers, who took pictures of the event, Steve Frayne walked on water. He went down to the River Thames and walked for several yards on the water. He did not sink; nor did he walk on submerged rocks. He walked on water.

Second, Steven Frayne stood behind a coat held up by two men. Behind him was a big picture window which came down to a wall about a foot from the floor. He slowly went down behind the coat and emerged outside on the other side of the window and walked away from the crowd.

Third, Steve Frayne took an empty, clear, glass Corona beer bottle in one hand and the cell phone of a volunteer in the other hand and smashed them together so that the cell phone ended up inside the beer bottle. The cell phone and the beer bottle were undamaged.

When a sceptic refused to believe what he'd seen Steve Frayne took his cell phone in one hand, slapped his other hand on top of it and the cell phone disappeared!

I've never heard of Steve Frayne; nor have I seen him before. He is either a miracle worker or a brilliant illusionist.

I cannot explain what he does; but what he does is extremely impressive! His three "miracles" got me thinking about the miracles the Bible says Jesus performed.

Jesus is said to have walked on the water. How, we don't know. Did Jesus walk on water to astound people? I don't know that he actually walked on the water, but I think what he did was meaningful. He walked on turbulent water to show the Jews that he was greater than Leviathan, the monster of the deep, whom the Jews believed stirred up the waters in a storm. Jesus stomped all over evil!

Jesus, in all four Gospels, is reported to have fed 5,000 men (not counting the women and children - about 20,000 people all together) with five loaves and two fishes.

In Luke's Gospel he also fed 4,000 people. The loaves would have been the size of one of our buns. The fish were small too. So, how did Jesus do that? I don't know and I'm not sure he did. Jesus was no magician. But he was (and is) the Bread of life. Bread is the basic, staple food of the people. In John's Gospel Jesus told the woman at the well that he was the water of life.

Jesus is the one who is essential to our lives because we must have water and food to live. Jesus gives life to those who believe.

Jesus is credited with healing many sick people. I believe he did heal them.

When friends brought a paralyzed man to Jesus and lowered him down through the roof the first thing Jesus did was to assure the man his sins were forgiven. When that man knew he was loved, forgiven and accepted by God he was able to get up and walk away. Paralyzed by guilt, he was given a new life by the loving One who forgave him.

Jesus also made blind people to see. I think they saw more than physical sights; they "saw" God; they "saw" love in action; they "saw" the meaning of life. Jesus healed the wasted limbs of several people and such people were able to live and move and have their being in God because Jesus had touched them or spoken to them.

It is significant we read nothing about Jesus healing cancer or restoring the limb of an amputee or returning the proper rhythm to a heart. Such things were unknown.

In other words the difference between Steve Frayne and Jesus is that what Jesus did changed lives and had great meaning for his followers while Steve Frayne is an entertainer (and a good one), an illusionist who amazes and amuses us.

Steve Frayne does not invite me to put my faith in him and follow him. Jesus does.

Steve Frayne does not promise to change my life for good. Jesus does.

Steve Frayne is not doing much to benefit humanity; Jesus has brought new life to countless people.

There are many Christians who take the Bible literally and believe Jesus did exactly what he is reported to have done - walked on water, multiplied the loaves and fishes and fed 5,000 men and also 4,000 men, made blind people to see again.

My concern is what those "miracles" mean. They have to mean something or they are of no value. To me, the "miracles" of Jesus show that God was at work in him and that he was revealing something of the power of God among us.

Because of what I know of Jesus, who performed miracles out of love for us, I want to follow him and serve him and his people.

I enjoyed the miracles of Steve Frayne. I trust my life to Jesus who pointed to God in extraordinary ways.

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## THE ISLAND RADIO PAGE:

- Terry Culbert



Photo by Terry Culbert

Dan Simpson will become Island Radio's newest morning host beginning Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. His weekly program will run from 7 to 9am. 'The Island Sunrise Show' will play good old country, bluegrass and a bit of rock n' roll.



Photo by Terry Culbert

The Kingston-based Celtic group Irish Roots spent 90-minutes with Terry Culbert January 31<sup>st</sup> on his Thursdays @ Eight program. Left to right: Paul Gillespie, Andrew Vanhorn and Mary Kennedy were promoting their new album: 'The Roads We Choose'.



Photo by Barb Hogenauer

After seven years of broadcasting with Island Radio, Terry Culbert said his final farewell on-air March 7<sup>th</sup>. In that time, Terry set two records: The longest and shortest running programs. The retired television news journalist hosted the Friday Morning Show for 342 editions and for the shortest record, he hosted Thursdays @ Eight for 10 editions. Terry and his life partner Barb Hogenauer are moving to Prince Edward County.

## From an E-MAIL

- Elizabeth Barry

[Elizabeth and Don Newgren live in New Zealand when they are not at home in the house they bought from Warren and Laurene Kilpatrick.]

I have thoroughly enjoyed the stories in this month's Beacon. Excuse me my laziness when I tell you I sat up in bed and read the whole thing through, birds, boats, women, pole repairs - everything! I felt silly being down here and missing all this. So a big thank you to all those who gave their time to write about all those doing such active and interesting things; I had my heart in my throat reading about that voyage.

We welcomed Dianne and Chris here on Wednesday night, and waved them off in their buggy, after an early brekkie on Thursday morning, down to the west coast; they will by now be across to the other side, in Christchurch with Chris's relatives, and I'm hoping they were taken to see the Mokeraki boulders and the blue penguins nearby before they had to head north to Picton to get the ferry for Wellington and all those treasures there. . . .

It was astounding to see them walk up the path!

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## THANK YOU NOTES

Thank You

The families of Chris Gregg ( Glenn) wish to thank the many friends and neighbours who brought food and sent cards of condolence for the loss of our Mother. Thanks also for the many donations to St. Paul's Memorial Fund in lieu of flowers

To the ladies of the P.C.W., spearheaded by Janet Scott, the reception luncheon was superb. Thank you so much. Mother was a 50 year plus member of the P.C.W. and held that group and its good works near and dear to her heart

Finally, thank you to Wartman's Funeral Home for the professional and compassionate care provided.

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## NOTICES

A Celebration of the life of Royce Eves will be held April 6 at St. Paul's from 1p.m. to 3p.m.

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## PAPER SUBSCRIPTIONS

Due to steadily rising costs of printing, enveloping and mailing, the annual subscription to the Beacon will now be \$40 in Canada and the mainland USA.

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## TALIA FLEMING'S AFRICAN FUNDRAISING DINNER

- Terry Culbert

A very special dinner was held at The Lodge on Amherst Island on Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. The event, a spaghetti dinner fundraiser for Talia Fleming. The dinner was called 'Talia's African Adventure'.

This May, Talia, the youngest daughter of Karen and Wayne Fleming, will be participating in an ongoing study of the DNA of a rhinoceros herd in Kruger National Park, South Africa. Talia was one of two third year St. Lawrence College Biotechnology students selected by a panel to go. She will be spending a month in South Africa, working in the field as well as the lab. Talia's fundraising dinner was an overwhelming success.



Photo by Terry Culbert

The Lodge kitchen staff include left to right: Talia's aunt Debbie Scott, her mom Karen, Lodge manager Victoria Cuyler, cousin Rachel Scott, Talia and her father Wayne Fleming.



# **‘Winter’ By Brian Little**

**- all photos by Brian -**



**Red and White**



**The Dump Road**



**Bar-B-Q This Morning**



**Stone Wall in the Snow**

**Bar-B-Q Tonight**



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# WINTER ON AMHERST ISLAND

- Terry Culbert -

With less than a month until spring, Amherst Islanders have experienced one of the coldest and snowiest winters in years.



Photo by Terry Culbert

The Frontenac II cutting through the ice on the North Channel heading for the mainland.



Photo by Terry Culbert

Liz and John Harrison return home from a snowshoe workout.



Photo by Terry Culbert

On February 9<sup>th</sup>, Noel McCormick was kept busy plowing out Islanders' driveways.



Photo by Terry Culbert

Noel McCormick





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### **Council Decides to Petition MTC to Blacktop Development Road**

#### **Council Report for March 1, 1983**

- Chris Kennedy

Chester Tugwell was away in Western Canada.

Phyllis and Lloyd Strain applied for a building permit. Since we do not have a building inspector, Council will consider applications.

Mr. Stevenson applied for a severance on Pt. Lot 24 Con. 1 which is near Lloyd Wolfreys'. Council supported an application to continue the Oral History Project from last summer.

The Council is still negotiating for fire-fighting breathing apparatus for the ferry crew.

The discussion with the Federal Government over the wharfage fee continues. One estimate on work on the shed on the Island dock has been received and Council will ask for others.

Council has to have some survey work done on the development road.

Council received about twelve comments regarding the paving of the development road, most of them in favour of black topping. MTC will be asked for funding to go ahead with the work. Council is recommending that the development road is not continued past the Emerald bridge.

The dump clean-up is continuing.

Doug Shurtliffe and Larry Fleming have been elected to the Recreation Committee. A.R.D.A. has applied for an assessment reduction on Municipal taxes for the buildings they have demolished.

On the drain, there is a problem with co-ordinating the date of the trial when the referee and both lawyers will be available.

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# F r o m T h e A r c h i v e s

### **I.S.L.E. Bingo-Euchre a Big Success**

I.S.L.E.'s annual Bingo-Euchre Family Night was a tremendous success.

Thanks to everyone who came out and joined us. The night was enjoyed by young and old alike. This was not planned as a fund raiser; charges were only to cover costs. Because of the large turnout, after our expenses, we made a profit of \$7.00!

Congratulations to our winners listed below:

#### **Bingo Winners:**

1st Game - Sherry Ward

2nd " - Jeff Pearce

3rd " - Peter Horth

4th " - Mark Flanagan

5th " - Rick Welbanks

6th " - Mark Flanagan

7th " - Julie Forester & Paula Collins

8th " - Bill Bustard

9th " - Steven Ward

10th " - Paula Collins

11th " - Rick Welbanks & Hugh Filson

#### **Euchre Winners:**

Top Scores

- Helen Caughey

- Kelly McGinn

Consolation Prizes

- Jane deHaan

- Doug Willard

- Margaret McMullin

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### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Amherst Island Community Sunday School will begin classes again this Sunday, March 20.

Sunday School is held from 9:45-10:45 every

Sunday morning at the school. Our Sunday School is multid denominational and children may attend from age 3.

Volunteers from the community to help with the younger children, tell a story, or teach the children a craft are always welcome and greatly appreciated. If you would like to volunteer, or have any questions, please call Debbie Bedford at 389-8434.

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## SUMMER STUDENT EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION

- Sally Bowen

Bev Wemp and Pauli Bulch worked with Ian Murray and me to prepare an application for funding for a second summer employment project, submitted to Employment and Immigration, Canada. We should hear by the end of April whether or not we have 3 jobs to offer to Island students. (Anyone who might wish to apply must be registered with Napanee Canada Manpower.).

Most people probably know of last summer's history project. It resulted in:

- 46 taped interviews with older Island residents.
- detailed written summaries of the content of the tapes
- a bibliography (that the Genealogical Society plans to publish)
- a walking tour of Stella (available in the municipal office to copy)
- farm folders collecting property title information
- a community night, demonstrating the summer's work.

We have requested support to continue the work solidly begun last year. We wish to obtain a few more interviews, then work with the contents of all the interviews, to produce Beacon articles, a series of essays, a "historical scavenger hunt" for the school, a photo album and a scrapbook for the library.

The only concern we have heard raised was that we might be duplicating the excellent work being done on Amherst Island in the Napanee Museum. Here is the letter of support written by Jane Foster for our project submission (one of 7 generous letters accompanying our submission). We hope, if the project is accepted, to once again have the Islanders support.

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## LENNOX AND ADDINGTON COUNTY MUSEUM SUPPORTS ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

Feb.23, 1983

To Whom It May Concern:

Following the 1982 oral history project conducted on Amherst Island under the auspices of Summer Canada, the tapes an accompanying

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written outlines were deposited at the Lennox and Addington County Museum. The 1982 project made a significant addition to the sound recordings contained in the County archives. Additional recordings as proposed by the 1983 project group would make the holdings of the archives more representative of the Island. Subject access to both existing and additional tapes would greatly facilitate staff and researcher access to the oral history holdings.

At the present time those wishing to gain access have to search each tape and outline for relevant information. A subject access file would do two things: (1) reduce handling of the tapes, thereby contributing to longer tape life (2) permit researchers and staff to use their time more efficiently. Collation of information, oral, written, photographic and documentary, about the Island is a useful activity, particularly as there is no existing definitive history.

Having spent the last year preparing a display about the Island, I am aware of how long it takes to generate information. As time and the older generations pass, it will become increasingly difficult to preserve the Island's history, I would recommend therefore, the 1983 Amherst Island history proposal.

Jane Foster, Director, Lennox and Addington County Museum

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## HERE AND THERE

- Ian Murray

The previous Council has left the Township finances in very good order. The new Council has inherited no outstanding debts (including debentures).

For those who are reading the Beacon remote from the Island, this has been a very, very mild winter. The ice went out of the channel in early March. There has not been a storm this winter that could be called "bad".

I was pleasantly surprised to receive six letters and several phone calls regarding the hard-surfacing of the completed portion of the Development Road.

Several Island residents have been boiling down maple syrup for their own (and friends) consumption.

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## NOTICE TO ISLAND FIREFIGHTERS

The biennial meeting of the A.I. Firemen's Association to elect new officers will be held Tuesday, March 29/83 at 8 p.m. at the fire hall.

The attendance of all members is requested.

Thank you.

Larry Fleming, Sec.-Treas. A.I.F.A.

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## CARD OF THANKS

I would like to thank all my relatives, friends and neighbours for all the cards, visits and calls while I was a patient in K.G.H. and since my return.

Thanks also to the Canadian Legion for my basket of fruit and to the members of the A.C.W. for my gift. Everything is much appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely, Ralph Wemp

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## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE NEWS

A big thank-you to all who contributed to the Heart Fund Euchre. We collected \$225.00 in all.

This month's meeting is Wed. March 16 at 8 p.m. at Jane Miller's. Brown Bag auction after meeting.

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## AMHERST ISLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS

- Trudy Strain & Penny Thornhill

This month at school we have had such things as Public Speaking and our Science Fair. This year in

Public Speaking we had 10 finalists who were:

Julie Forester

Shannon Eves

Leah Murray

Mike Strain

Monte Neil

Sherry Ward

Steven Willard

Laura Wemp

Trudy Strain

Jamie Miller

Julie Forester went on to win the contest and is representing our school on March 15 at Prince Charles School. Good Luck!

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Our second annual Science Fair was held and was fun. We had four winners. They were:  
Guppy Love by Julie Forester and Leah Murray  
Rockets by Steven Willard  
Electro Magnets by Penny Thornhill and Paula Collins

Weather Forecasting by Trudy Strain.

These four went on to Napanee but we're sorry to say no prizes were brought home.

The Senior class has been doing the Canadian Fitness Award Event in the gym. It has been a lot of hard work and fun.

The week of the 21 to 25 is the March break. Fun time!

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[The following were received too late to be included in the Feb. Beacon. Contributors are asked to try to submit articles by the 12th of the month.]

## SCHOOL NEWS

- Julie Forester and Steven Ward

Reporters Julie Forester and Steven Ward were on the scene covering news and views around A.I.P.S.

The ISLE ham dinner was a booming success. Plates were \$1.50 for children and \$3.50 for adults. Many people showed up to enjoy a dinner of ham, scalloped potatoes, salad, cake and tea, coffee or milk.

Thanks one and all for coming out to this delicious ISLE annual event.

The annual school Winter Carnival which is usually held from Feb 1-4 was postponed because of the amount of snow we didn't receive.

The Students' Council held a Christmas Literature contest in December. Three people entered. Shannon Eves won a radio for her story which won for the Junior room. Julie Forester and Penny Thornhill had a tough battle because both stories were good. But in the long run, Julie ended up winning a chess set for the Senior room.

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Monte Neill arrived at our school after Christmas holidays. Monte is 13 and is in Grade 8. He comes from Robert Meek School in Kingston.

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**LETTER TO ROAD CHAIRMAN  
MR. IAN MURRAY,  
CHAIRMAN TWSHP. ROAD COMMITTEE**

Dear Ian:

I thank you for the opportunity which you have given in the last issue of the Beacon, Feb. 5/83, inviting comments concerning the completion of the present "Development Road Program" which is in progress during the past two years.

If you will permit me, I would first of all like to review, as briefly as possible, the expenditure of specially allotted provincial funds on road construction in the township during a long period of years.

Let us go back to the year 1935. My father, David Caughey, had been elected Reeve and a new dock was in the process of construction by the federal government, our roads were suffering badly as we had now reached the transition period from horse and buggy travel to automobiles and our only source of road materials was "shore gravel" which seemed to be in increasingly short supply and of an increasingly rough nature. Through political channels my father sought and received favourable consideration from the then Department of Highways for a substantial amount of road construction in the way of grading and application of crushed stone.

The Council made the decision that the mileage to which this would apply was to the Stella Crossroad, commencing at the South Shore to the village of Stella, thence the Front Road to the village of Emerald (then a very flourishing hamlet with lots of activity).

A contract was let in 1936 for this work and it was well on in the fall before the work was in progress. Commencing at the intersection of the South Shore and Stella Crossroad we experienced our first taste of powered grader equipment under a very competent operator and saw the reduction of grade level on the then rather steep "Taylor's Hill" accompanied by a very good ditching and widening program with the application of a 4"-6" depth of crushed stone (crushed from shore gravel on the "Taylor Beach" where the present Thornhill residence is). Unfortunately, the contract would not provide for the continuance of this standard and by the time construction reached the Third Concession road, it was evident that a reduction had to be made, however some 46 years later I suggest that this section of the

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road still shows some evidence of this standard of work that was carried out and the advantages of it.

In December 1936, the contract had been fulfilled and while the designated mileage had received a decreased amount of grading and crushed stone, there was still a distinct improvement in the condition of the remainder of the designated road.

With a provincial election in the offing (Premier Mitchell L. Hepburn's second election), my father who was again Reeve in 1937, through political channels, succeeded in getting a further allotment of monies and a subsequent extension of contract which was carried out during the summer of 1937 and provided completion of the program to Emerald, with a few loads of stone applied to the Emerald crossroad, extending as far as the Second Concession road.

I think we all enjoyed the advantages of this expenditure of provincial monies and in succeeding years our Department of Highways introduced the "development road program", hopefully to assist municipalities like our own in improving the standards of our roads to take care of automobile and truck traffic. I think it was about the year 1945, with Mr. Cochrane our Reeve and again a provincial election in the offing, Reeve Cochrane sought and obtained an allocation of a substantial sum of monies to be used in a "Development Road Program"- this time the Council of that day, designated a mileage extending from the Apps-Marshall farm. East of Stella, to the village of Emerald and a portion of the Emerald crossroad to the Second Concession on which the monies should be expended.

Emphasis this time was on widening the road allowance from our previous 40 ft to 66 ft., in the interests of better snow removal along with drainage in the way of culvert placement.

The month was October, a rainy fall season was in progress and negotiations for acquisition of additional road widths met with determined opposition from many landowners, and the result was rather disappointing in this way. The lack of engineering, establishment of grade levels, the wet weather and the requirement that the monies had to be expended before "election day" resulted in very inadequate installation of culverts, which in subsequent years suffered irreparable damage

from grading which was done on a contract basis with County and Provincial equipment before we purchased our own power grader.

Now we are in the final stages of another "Development Road Program" with, of course, revised standards of construction dictated by modern needs and as a result of another approach and solicitation, on our behalf by the Chairman of our Township Road Committee in the early months of 1978 to the Hon. James Snow, Minister of Transportation and Communications, met with favourable consideration by him and has resulted in an allocation of \$500,000 of Provincial funding for this purpose.

The Council of 1978 designated a mileage of road from the Amherst Island ferry dock via the Stella crossroad and Third Concession to Amherst Bay (Sand Beach) for expenditure of this allocation, but the election of a new council in 1979 resulted in designation of 8.0 kms. of road extending from the end of the present pavement (near the E. Hogeboom property) west to the Harvey Eves property on the Front road.

An engineering study, I believe, was done on this mileage, grade levels set and straightening etc. planned, in the last two years extensive work has been carried out and substantial sums of monies expended, some of us question the wisdom of the extent to which ditching has been carried out and grade levels created, which will pose a problem in future for maintaining and restricting weed growth and brush growth along the roadside as well as creating a distinct hazard should accidents occur. Be this as it may, I am very strongly of the opinion that our present Council should proceed to complete that portion of the completed road bed to the intersection of the Emerald crossroad with a hard surface, which would in my opinion, provide for a long term of years of good road condition with a minimum of maintenance in every way.

As a life-long resident, I would hope that when the "wheel" has gone full circle again and it becomes our turn to be recipients of more "ministry handouts" that the council of that time will not look around and say "We must use this on the Front Road".

Now to give consideration to the pros and cons, stated in your Beacon: I heartily agree with the pros stated in items A, B, and C but would like to state opinions on the cons by item as follows:

# F r o m T h e A r c h i v e s

A) Winter Maintenance Costs- one only need to ask our road dept. or any member of council how much expenditure has been made for winter maintenance on the existing surfaced roads either in the way of sanding or in the purchase of equipment to do the same. I suggest that it has been very negligible, - very negligible during icy periods as one finds that the ice very quickly disappears from the surfaced roads when the sun appears compared to the way it clings to gravelled surfaces when the attachment for the scarifier on the grader has to be used to roughen up the same. Perhaps some sort of sanding equipment is long overdue for installation on one of our trucks for use on treacherous spots on all our roads.

B) We can experience fast driving on any of our roads, be they gravel or hard surface and I would point out that nothing is more disgusting than to experience stone damage to your vehicle as a result of excessive speed when meeting or passing on gravel road.

C) My views are pretty well stated in answering (A). above.

(D) I contradict the statement that previous hard-surfacing jobs have not lasted - let us consider for a moment the record: In 1970?, the Stella crossroad received a so-called surfacing job. This was undertaken without adequate preparation of the roadbed, ditches, etc, insufficient grade levels were established, and the final application was more or less an oil treatment or a low cost substitute for a high quality, long-life surface. This application was followed by a very severe winter with above normal snow fall during which all sorts of snow removal equipment was brought in to use in order to keep the road open. This certainly, to my thinking, told its tale, and the following year was torn up by the grader.

The result of this was seeking the advice of a well-known road contractor with M.T.O. personnel whose advice was to add some 10" of rough stone, properly compacted, followed by 6" of fine stone, preparatory to another application of hardtop. This was proceeded with in 1976, but first the rough stone was placed and compacted on that section of the road from the Third Concession to the village of Stella, the ditches and road shoulder of the "blind spot" at "Fanny\*s Hill" was never finished and a very thin skimming of fine stone was sprinkled on it, later

# From The Archives

to be swept away across the fields of adjoining farms in the wind. This was the unfortunate experience as a result of a job not well done and cannot be criticised as “not standing up”.

2) In 1972, approximately a mile of surfacing was done east of the village on the North Shore road. Again inadequate preparation preceded it, with no contribution of an off-season carrying out the work was productive of a low-grade job, but in spite of this and giving recognition of the volume of heavy traffic that it carried, e.g. the hauling of stone from the Caughey quarry at all seasons of the year, this road is still some ten years later, in remarkably good condition, although, admittedly in need of another surface to be added in the not too distant future.

3) The approximately one mile west of the village, which bears heavy traffic as well, has, in my opinion, stood the test of time since 1974 with a minimum of maintenance cost.

E) The concern of fiscal restraint and attention to keeping people employed with “make work efforts” with Government funding is completely unacceptable to me. I know that I may be considered of the “old school” but expenditure, of such money for programs which show little or no results are only wasteful of tax resources as well as destroying people’s initiative and willingness to give a day’s work for a day’s pay.

From time to time I become critical of the instability of road programs within our municipality. In 1974?, Council under Reeve Vince Aitken, initiated a five year program, the carrying out of which I have covered in preceding paragraphs and which, you will have to agree has in succeeding years been discarded. I am most concerned regarding our maintenance procedures, countless hours of grader maintenance is employed that we manage to maintain a respectable driving surface, but I can still identify the same location of water holes in our roads as existed 40 years ago, applications of loads of gravel seem to last only a week, then another rain and we are back in the same pot holes, all due to the lack of concern for drainage. I well remember a nomination meeting of many years ago during the Reeveship of the late T.E. Cochrane when he told of having been advised by Harvey Smale regarding road construction who stated that “the first essential of good road construction is drainage, the second essential is drainage, and the

third is drainage.” (Harvey Smale was the Municipal Engineer with MTC.)

I think I am right in quoting a cost for the two sections of surfacing presently in place at \$15,000 each. When one compares this figure with the cost per load of our present dust control program and what it costs (\$1000.00 per load?) there is no doubt about the way we should be going, particularly with our more heavily travelled section of road.

Two years ago I made a survey of the application of our dust control program measuring the mileage covered and relating it to the number of people which it served on a full-time and part-time resident basis. The results were very interesting. I have long been critical of the principle of “hit and miss” application such as we receive on that section of the Third Concession west of the Marshall Glenn hill and after one has driven over the areas of untreated sections one concludes that the application in front of residences is a useless exercise and I admit that I am just a little envious of my neighbours when I meet them on the ferry with a lovely clean car while I am in a grimy dust-filled one.

A couple of years ago, a friend of mine from another part of the province was visiting us. He happened to be a road supt. in the area where he lived. He asked me with some concern why we did not have dust control on our Island roads and when I assured him that we did, he replied, “I think you better investigate the quality of the product you are using.”

In the last several years, I think that it is disgraceful the treatment which has been applied to the Stella crossroad. To apply a single application to the centre of this much travelled road from the Third Concession road to the village is totally inadequate. I have driven this road with vehicles and with farm equipment when I felt my life was in jeopardy with visibility zero in clouds of dust. Remember this is one of our main roads - it is part of a mail route, a bus route, a milk route as well as the road to the cemetery and it serves a lot of people, both resident and visitor.

May I conclude by re-emphasizing what I have previously tried to state - let us finish the allotted expenditure of Development Road funds by doing a good surfacing job on that part of it presently



completed. Remember a job "well done" is "twice done". If we require guard rails, as a result of errors and engineering judgment, let us try and find the necessary dollars to put the same in place. Remember, some of our most precious possessions, our children travel this road some 200 days of the year.

I am, Sincerely,  
A. Bruce Caughey  
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### ISAAC PRESTON MENTIONED IN ONTARIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

From the Peterborough Examiner March 11, 1875

Another of our old Loyalists has gone to his rest.

Isaac Preston Esq. was born near Market Hill, Co. Armagh, Ireland, Jan. 1 1777, and died at the home of his daughter-in-law, Mrs. James Preston, Manvers Twp., Feb. 9, 1875 aged 99 years.

He was particularly noted for his strong Conservative principles and unswerving attachment to British institutions. In Ireland he served for 5 years in a regiment of Dragoons, which was dismembered by the Treaty of Amiens in 1802. That year he emigrated to America and settled in Amsterdam, U.S.

Not feeling at home or happy under republican institutions, he crossed over to Canada, and was one of the earliest settlers of Amherst Island. It was here during the Rebellion of 1837, that he and his family suffered great hardships.

Both he and his six sons took an active part in quelling the Rebellion. Their home was plundered by rebels and father and sons seriously wounded, indeed narrowly escaped with their lives.

He left Amherst Island in 1854 and settled with his son James at Manvers Twp. where he lived until his death. His wife died here aged 84 in 1866.

He joined the Orange Lodge No. 2 in 1796 and was the oldest Orangeman in America. He leaves a large connexion.

[Ed. note - Isaac Preston 75 and his wife Sarah 70 are listed in the 1851 Census of Amherst Island; he is a farmer, belonging to the Church of England.]

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### AMHERST ISLAND WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

- Thelma Howard

The Amherst Island Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Lulu and Phyllis Strain on Wed. Feb. 16 at 8 p.m. The meeting was opened by the president Mrs. Georgie Allison with the Ode and Mary Stewart Collect followed by O Canada.

Correspondence and the financial statements were read by the sec.-treas. Mrs. Phyllis Strain.

The officers' conference in Waterloo is to be held May 3, 4 and 5, and Mrs. Phyllis Strain was chosen to attend as a delegate from the branch. The branch also gave a donation to the Boy Scout fund in Alberta.

A brown bag auction is planned for the March meeting. Everyone brings something in a bag to be auctioned. We discussed a donation to the Napanee Museum and will donate later.

Mrs. Marian Glenn gave an account of the executive meeting she attended in Napanee in the Memorial Building on Feb. 9. The area convention will be held in Frontenac County again at the Ambassador hotel in the fall. The District Annual will be held in Selby this year and is being catered by the Maple Ridge Branch.

We also discussed the Napanee Fair display which has three topics to choose from "How W.I. Helps", "Results of W.I. Work", or "W.I. Needs You". The Institute has been asked to cater for a School Reunion banquet on Sat. July 23 at the school. The menu was discussed and would be presented to the committee by the President. More plans will be discussed later.

The program convenor for World Affairs, Mrs. Jane Miller told us some very interesting things about Canada's Immigration Act. She read about the new Immigration Act which began in 1978 (the previous one began in 1952). Then she told us the problems she and her husband and family had before they could come to the country to live from the United States, which interested everyone.

Each member was to bring a homemade Valentine.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Jane Miller on Wed. March 16 at 8 p.m. The meeting closed with the Grace and Queen. Each member brought a bit of pink lunch to share for Valentine's Day, which everyone enjoyed.

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## KIDS' SOFTBALL

- Brian Ward

I know that March seems early to be thinking about softball, but now is the time for coaches to be thinking of players and teams. Upon listing our Island players in age groups, it looks like we should strive to have three teams in 1983:

- 1) Age 5-8 Grasshopper - we should have 11 to 13 kids;
- 2) Age 9-10 Mite - we would have 11 to 13 kids; and,
- 3) Age 11-12 Squirt - we would have 11 kids plus two overage 13 yr olds for whom I will try to get permission from the league for them to play.

This means that we are going to require extra coaches mainly for the Grasshopper team. It should be quite a challenge as only three of the thirteen have played before. I will continue to coach the other two teams with the ample help that I have had in the past few years.

If anyone is interested in coaching the Grasshopper team or helping with Mite or Squirt, please let me know as soon as possible. Any kids that have not played in past years and wish to play this year should also give me a call. If you played last year but do not want to play this year, please call me to let me know that as well.

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## From The Archives

## CARD OF THANKS

We would like to thank our wonderful family, relatives, friends and neighbours who made our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary such a memorable occasion. A special thanks goes to Lucille Brown who made such a beautiful job decorating our cake, Jack Forester, who arranged so efficiently providing us with our "liquid refreshments", our bartenders Doug Wilson and Art Hitchins for a "job well done", Beth Forester for suggesting such a super disc jockey, Marian Glenn, Barbara Reid, Anne-Marie Hitchins and Lois McCormick for being a tremendous help to Janice, Doug Shurtliffe for setting up tables and decorating on Friday afternoon, all the ladies who worked in the kitchen making tea and coffee and arranging the food.

Thanks also to all those wonderful people who brought food, also for lovely gifts, cards and money. We enjoyed our evening very much as we hope everyone who turned out on such a cold night did also. Thank you all for just being who you are.

Sincerely, Eldon and Elsie Willard.

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**This ends another 'From The Archives'**

**Staff: So we are almost done with this issue... but there is one more picture that needs its place. Perhaps it's a reminder that civilization is only a layer of paint thick.**



Photo by Shirley Miller

**"Relentless Pursuit" This guy won't eat any lambs!**

Keith writes:

"There were no coyotes seen in Newfoundland 'till 1982, now there is estimated to be over 20,000 of them. Think what they'd be here if no one hunted them!"

# FAREWELL AFTER TEN YEARS ON AMHERST ISLAND

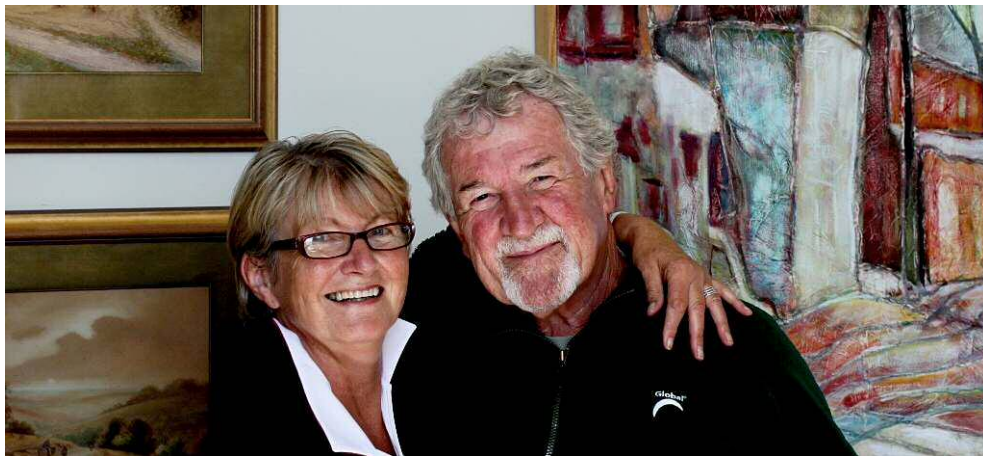
- Terry Culbert & Barb Hogenauer -

After a decade of being part of this wonderful Amherst Island community, we have sold our Second Concession Road home. As of March 15<sup>th</sup>, we shall begin a new chapter in our lives in Prince Edward County.

Moving to the island in 2003 has been a great experience for both of us. After retirement, our love for art as painters has blossomed, helped by daily inspiration this magical island provides. We have been blessed with great neighbours and friends from the first day we set foot on Amherst Island. Being involved with Island Radio, the Beacon, Neilson Store Museum, Weasel & Easel, the Amherst Island Men's Society and St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, has been very rewarding. We will truly cherish those life-long memories.

Thank you to everyone who came to our 'send-off party' at The Lodge on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> organized by CJA. There was plenty of delicious food, great company, and the crowning glory was a special cake baked and decorated by Lyn Fleming. The large farewell card created by Shirley Miller will find a place of honour in our County home. Island hospitality is truly legendary and will be missed. A hearty thanks again to all of you and all the well-wishers who were not able to attend. It's not good-bye – it's just au revoir.

Any time you are in The County, please drop in and see us at: 3339 County Road #2, Ameliasburg, On.



Phot by Neil Hogenauer

Barb and Terry

