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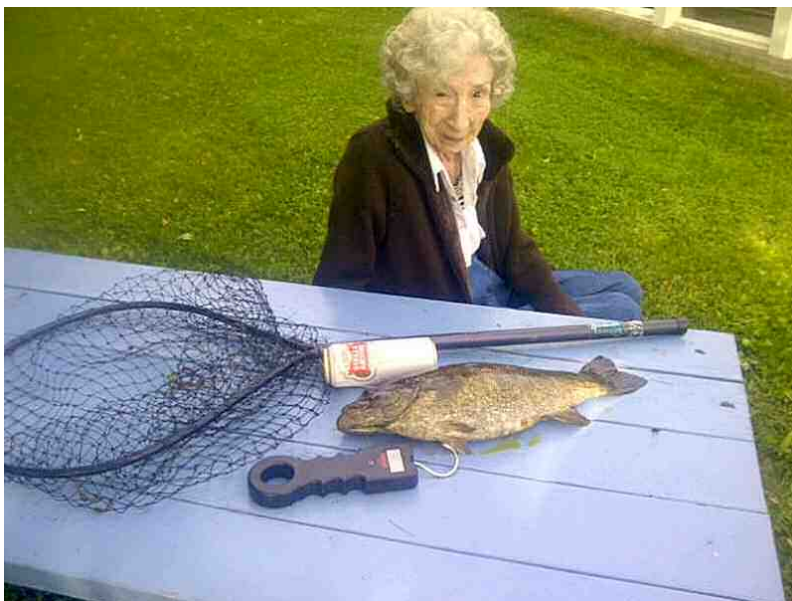
JOAN AVRIL ELLIS

May 2, 1922 - June 24, 2013

The family of Joan Avril Ellis are deeply saddened to announce her death on June 24, 2013. Joan was predeceased by Victor, her adoring husband and partner of 60 years, daughter Mary-Liz, her sister Pat and her parents Ruth and Jack. Joan is survived by her cherished children Jack (Donna) and Paul. She will be dearly remembered by grandson Jack; loved by Jonathan, Lyndsay, Paul and Ian. Great grandmother to Teagan and Andrew.

Joan served in the British Army, excelled at swimming and had a trademark sense of humour that all of her acquaintances will remember her by. Her major personal interests were books, fashion, social occasions, and most of all the opportunity to make someone crack a smile.

Immediate family held a private cremation service through the Humphrey Funeral Home. If you wish to make a donation in Joan's name, please consider helping someone in need through a charity of your choice.



Picture courtesy of the Ellis family

My Mom Joan bought property on the South Shore with her husband Victor in 1959. She loved Amherst and the attached picture of one of her recent expeditions can attest to that. Vic + Joan made many good friends over their 50 years on the island. Gone but never forgotten, we love you Joan, hope you have found Vic in that other place.
Jack + Donna Ellis

FERRY DOCK UPDATE

- Andrea Cross

Vladimir Weisser, Project Engineer for the Ministry of Transportation provided the following status update on the Amherst Island Dock Study:

As of early June 2013 the status of the Ferry Dock Conversions Study is progressing.

The Preliminary Design Report is being completed now along with the Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR).

In July the Ministry will also carry out remaining foundation investigations for the future docks at both terminals.

When the Transportation Environmental Study Report is finalized, an advertisement will be made in local newspapers informing people about the TESR document being made available for a 30-day public review and comment period.

The public will have an opportunity to provide further comments on the Study before the project moves into the construction stage.

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

- Lyn Fleming

Congratulations to Dana McGinn, the one and only grade eight graduate at A.I.P.S. this year. Dana will begin her high school education at Ernestown Secondary school in September. The annual Graduation and Awards ceremony was held on Tuesday, June 25th. Congratulations also to the annual award recipients.

Congratulations to Khrysta Trotter, daughter of Helen Trotter (Doug Shurtliffe), who was married on June 22nd to Jason Cram.

After 39 years in municipal government, Diane Pearce has retired. A celebration in her honour was held at the Loyalist Township Council chambers in late June. Diane started her career as the clerk for the Township of Amherst Island, and following amalgamation in 1998, became the CAO for Loyalist Township. Congratulations Diane!

Threatening skies and falling on a week night, seemed to deter some folks from coming out to celebrate Canada Day, as the crowd seemed smaller this year. Those who did come out enjoyed the Strawberry Social, hotdogs, kids games, and music by The Islanders, prior to another fantastic fireworks display. Although our school osprey wasn't very happy for 10 or 15 minutes, while the fireworks were on, she was back, happily sitting on the nest watching the clean-up.

We have settled into summer on the Island, and have even had some summer weather to go with the season! Although July 1st saw the beginning of a few days of chilly and overcast weather again, forecasts show things will be heating up later in the week. Things are green and lush, but farmers haven't had enough consecutive, dry, warm days to get their hay off. There are very few hay fields cut as yet.

I will leave you this month with a verse from a favourite old song by the Five Man Electrical Band;
*Signs, Signs, Everywhere there's signs.
Blocking out the scenery. Breaking my mind.
Do this! Don't do that! Can't you read the signs?*

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

- Claire Jenney

On Wed. June 19, 14 members of WI congregated on Claire Jenney's terrace to watch Mayo Underwood, our guest, make magic with her potter's wheel. We learned the basic principles of throwing pottery and then our member, Judy Bierma, stepped up to the wheel and created a little pot--so perhaps another potter is born on Amherst Island! Thank you to Mayo for a fascinating and fun presentation!

After refreshments offered by Kirsten Bennick and Claire Jenney, the business portion of the meeting commenced with the approval of the Minutes and some additions to the Agenda.

Debbie Barrett, Treasurer, reported that we are financially healthy and it is time to consider an investment plan in September.

Correspondence included a thank you from Talia Fleming for our financial support of her African adventure, a thank you from Michelle LeLay for our donation to CJA, information from the WI Provincial Board, and a certificate from Council for our work on Adopt a Highway.

Pennies for Friendship and the Collection were taken up while the Standing Committees and the Ad Hoc committees made their reports.

Under New Business, Elsie Willard was asked to present our Heritage Plaque at AIPS graduation on June 25th.

The preparations for the Canada Day parade were finalized.

A Market Committee was formed to explore ways of revitalizing the Saturday Market.

A motion was passed to give a flowering shrub and a card to Diane Pearce on the occasion of her retirement as CAO of Loyalist Township.

The meeting closed at 9:45 pm with reminders of the June 28 Bake Sale manned by Joyce Reid and Elsie Willard and the July 17 meeting on Elsie Willard's lawn at 2 pm with refreshments provided by Leslie and Liz.

JANET'S JOTTINGS

- Janet Scott

Where have all the Swallow's Gone

Long time passing?

(Apologies to Pete Seeger)

Where have all the swallows gone is a question that biologists and birdwatchers are asking. There has been a 30% drop in Barn Swallows numbers in the past ten years. That may not sound so much until I tell you that in the 1990's there were estimated to be 10 million Barn Swallows in North America and today there are only 4.9 million. What is happening? Do we have a canary in a coal mine?

Factors that affect a bird population are usually habitat, food, or climate. These are all factors that affect the whole food chain, even ourselves. There are six species of swallows nesting here on Amherst Island: Purple Martins, Tree Swallows, Barn Swallows, Cliff Swallows, Rough-winged Swallows, and possibly Bank Swallows. We don't know why the active colony of Bank Swallows that nested for at least 30 years on the south side of sand banks on the Third Concession have moved on but perhaps ground cover has taken over the exposed sand cliffs. Perhaps some climatic catastrophe on their migratory flight to South America and back wiped out that particular colony. Bank Swallows in other parts of the county nest in gravel pits and construction zones. They have brown backs, white fronts and dark brown breast bands and are our smallest swallow. Bank Swallows like to nest in colonies, in a bank close to water.

Purple Martins are our largest swallow and sometime in the far distant past in North American history an Aboriginal tribe began to domesticate the Purple Martins. They hung calabashes in the trees around their villages and welcomed the Martins. They may have liked the friendly chatter sounds they make but more than likely they discovered that an aerial insectivore keeps down the bugs! Those lucky people who have Martin houses which are inhabited know how busy and active a Martin colony can be. Purple Martin males are uniformly bluish-black and the females are dark with lighter gray fronts. The juveniles have whitish bellies.

Our most common swallow on Amherst Island is the Tree Swallow. They are cavity nesters and have benefited from the numbers of Bluebird boxes that have been put up in the last 40 years or so. When we moved into 2090 South Shore Road back in 1984 there was still an old apple tree in the front yard surviving from a pioneer orchard. The Tree Swallows were nesting in a cavity in it. As we put up more and more boxes they

happily moved in with us and could be seen constantly dipping and diving over the lake in search of food. They eat other things than flying insects as they are often the last swallow to leave on migration and have been even seen on the Christmas Count. Tree Swallows are iridescent blue-green on their backs and white on the fronts while the female appears a little duller, that's in colour not in character!

The smaller Rough-winged Swallow is found along our shores. You've probably seen them dipping and diving around the ferry dock on a morning's wait for the ferry. I like to describe the Northern Rough-winged as sooty brown. The male and female are both drab brown all over but the juvenile may show cinnamon wing bars. They are single nesters and find crevices in our cliffs along North and South shores in which to nest.

The last two species of swallow look very much alike but only the Barn Swallow has that deeply forked tail. Both Cliff and Barn have buffy fronts and Cinnamon chins with dark blue-black upper sides but on the head of a Barn Swallow is a reddish-brown rectangular patch and on the Cliff Swallow this patch is cream coloured. The Cliff Swallow has a warm buffy rump patch when it flies and no forked tail. Both species use mud pellets to build their nests and each of these nests must be built one little mud pellet at a time. There the similarity ends as the Barn Swallow builds on a flat surface in a structure or under a porch while the Cliff Swallow builds the gourd shaped nest on the side of a vertical surface. Most Cliff Swallow colonies return year after year to the same habitat site but need to rebuild their nests as they don't weather well exposed to winter winds and rains. The Barn Swallow under the awning at my house just built last year's nest a little higher. The Cliff Swallow unfortunately did not fare as well. We had a drought last year so swallow numbers were way down due to low survival rates among the young. Secondly, severe storms hindered or devastated migratory flocks as they made their way north from Argentina. How relieved those survivors must have felt as they appeared at their safe and protected site at Amherst Island Public School where they've been welcomed by The Science School as part of their programme for the last ten years at least. This spring was not sympathetic to an adobe builder. The Cliff Swallows were only able to rebuild a half dozen of their former twenty-three nests. Numbers of birds were down, it was too cold to bake the adobe and too rainy to create the right mud puddles. Usually they gather their mud pellets from slowly drying mud puddles in the

parking lot. Along the edges of the receding puddles the mud settles in finely sorted particles just right for these artistic cliff-side dwellings. If you've ever noticed them they are shaped like a vase on the wall with a small circular opening on the side for the parents to enter and feed the young. A Cliff Swallow can build about an inch a day and it takes 1900 mud pellets at least.

Unfortunately when the Swallows had managed to build three nests on the preferred east side of the school, you know morning sun to cook the adobe but not too hot in the afternoons for the babies, it was decided to remove them because they were dirty. Number one it is against the Migratory Birds Convention Act to interfere with the nest of a bird that migrates and Number two, what kind of message to the next generation does it send? Is it alright to kill something because it makes a mess? Swallow babies do not defile their nests, they turn their bums outside and poop on the ground. This fecal matter is the results of thousands of mosquitoes being removed from human territory. When dry this can be swept up or washes away with the next rain storm. The babies are in the nest as eggs 2 weeks as fledglings two weeks. Are four weeks too much to ask for a tiny little 21 gram ball of fluff that eats its weight in insects daily? If that wasn't bad enough the displaced Cliff Swallows tried to move in at the Radio Station with the small colony there and the heavy rains washed out the nest last Sunday leaving dead baby Cliff Swallows for me to find Monday morning. Life is hard when you're small!

We may not be able to protect them from Climate Change, the use of pesticides in their wintering habitats, but can't we at least help them when they get here!

[Editor: Janet will be pleased to know that Barn Swallows are thriving in Topsy's 3 barns. We are glad to put up with swallow droppings as it means fewer mosquitoes.]

SNAPPING TURTLES

- Andrea Cross

Be on the lookout for turtles on Amherst Island gravel roads especially between May and October, and do your best to avoid hitting them.

Within two weeks in early June we found two Snapping Turtles on Amherst Island roads in danger of being run over. With the help of other islanders we were able to rescue the turtles and move them to safer ground. Both were Snapping Turtles.

According to the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, the Snapping Turtle is Canada's largest freshwater turtle, reaching an average length of 20-36 cm and a weight of 4.5 to 16 kg! Their tails, which can be longer than their bodies, have "dinosaur-like" triangular crests along their length. Hatchlings are about the size of a loonie.

During the nesting season, from early to mid-summer, females travel overland in search of a suitable nesting site, usually gravelly or sandy areas along streams. These turtles often take advantage of man-made structures for nest sites, including roads (especially gravel shoulders) like the ones found on Amherst Island.

It takes 15 to 20 years for a Snapping Turtle to reach maturity, and are known to live to be over 100 years old! However, reaching maturity is a challenge. During the summer, many turtles cross roads in search of mates, food and nest sites. As you can imagine this is risky for turtles as they are too slow to get out of the way of moving vehicles. Also, Snapping Turtle's eggs

in nests are subject to predators such as raccoons.

Snapping Turtles spend most of their lives in water. They prefer shallow waters so they can hide under the soft mud and leaf litter, with only their noses exposed to the surface to breathe.

You can help the Snapping Turtle population survive by protecting any wetlands and surrounding natural vegetation on your property - perhaps even create a gravel area far off the road for female Snapping Turtles



Photo by Andrea Cross
Don Miller giving the Snapping Turtle a Lift to Safety

to use for nesting.

When we spotted the Snapping Turtle on the 3rd Concession, it was just in front of Don & Sherry Miller's house. Don was kind enough to come to the rescue by grabbing his shovel. The funny thing was he was wearing a t-shirt that said "Fear the Turtle!" when we knocked on his door. Earlier that same day they had moved another turtle farther west, off the road.

Protect the turtles on Amherst Island - drive slowly and if you have a shovel in the car use it gently to avoid injuring the turtle. Don't get too close as a turtle's neck can extend a surprisingly long way and they have a fierce bite.

Long live the turtles!

A.I.P.S.

- Lynn Fleming

The annual Amherst Island Public School's graduation and awards celebration was held on Tuesday, June 25th.

Congratulations to this year's recipients.

R.A. Dodds Award - Wyatt Scott

Allan Kidd Memorial

Award - Rebecca Scott

CJAI Public Radio Citizenship Award - Sam Miller

A.I. Emergency Services "Blood, Sweat & Tears"

Award - Angus Little

Les Glenn Awards - Jacob Welbanks (boy) and Lucie Amson (girl)

I.S.L.E. Awards - J.P. Leeder (primary); Quentin Scott (junior) & Megan Ashley (intermediate)

Bruce & Helen Caughey Award - Nathan Murray

Royal Canadian Legion Award - Dana McGinn

Jack Kerr Memorial Award - Stephan McGinn

Secker Arts Awards - Finn Varette (primary) and Dana McGinn (senior)

A.I. Rec. Assoc. Young Scientist Award - Angus Little

A.I. Mutual Ins. Co. Athletic Award - Lucie Amson

A.I. Women's Institute History Award - Mitchell Morgan-Bursey

Goodyear Technology Award - Stephan McGinn

Jim Whitton Memorial Award (sponsored by AIMS)

- Jack Little

[Staff: more pictures at end of Beacon]

COUNCIL GLEANINGS

- Ian Murray

From the 14th Session of Council, June 10th

"Moved by Councillor Ibey and seconded by Councillor Ashley that the Planner's report, June 4, 2013 re: Amherst Island Trailer By-law and Zoning By-law Amendment be received and that Council authorize a public meeting to be held on July 22, 2013 regarding the zoning amendment to permit trailers on Amherst Island. Motion carried."

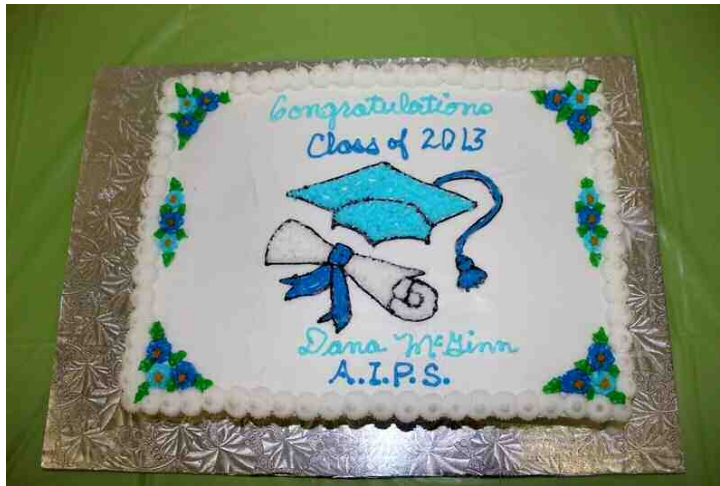


Photo by Brian Little

"Moved by Councillor Ashley and seconded by Councillor Daniliunas that the Planner's report, June 3, 2013 re: Amherst Island Stone Fences Heritage Designation By-laws be received and that By-laws 2013-058, 059, 060, 061, 062, 063, 064, 065 and 066, being by-laws to designate stone fences on Amherst Island be adopted.

"Enacted and Passed this 10th day of June 2013."

MESSAGE TO COUNCIL & STAFF

- Diane Pearce

It has been a true privilege to be the CAO of Loyalist Township for the first fifteen (15) years of its history and for the seven months before amalgamation and as Clerk-Treasurer for the Township of Amherst Island from 1974 to 1998. The successive Councils and the employees I have had the pleasure of working with and for during that period have all been dedicated to the task of making our community a better place to live. I honestly believe that there is no higher calling than to work on behalf of your community and I have been honoured to have that position.

My most sincere "Thank you" to everyone who has been part of my "municipal life" for 39 years."

DIANE PEARCE

- Ian Murray

Duncan Ashley did a great job as MC at Diane's retirement reception. She received some fine gifts and

tributes from those she has worked with as Clerk-treasurer of Amherst Island and CAO of Loyalist Township.

I would like to add that in the 12 years that I worked with Diane on Amherst Island's municipal government I found her to be competent, honest and cheerful. Municipal government can be quite stressful (and often is), even in small townships such as Amherst Island and Loyalist.

It is really quite remarkable that Diane appears to be as cheerful and optimistic after 39 years as she was at the start of her career.



Photo courtesy of Michelle Le Lay
A photo from Diane's retirement party
pictured here with Duncan Ashley.



Photo by Michelle LeLay

The 15 minute retirement party in the Silver Box on the 7:00 am ferry last Friday, organized by David Pickering to mark their shared retirement. David and Sharen provided urns of coffee from Stella's Café, soft drinks, cupcakes, party hats and noisemakers!

THE CHEESE MAKER'S DAUGHTER

- Judy Bierma (the oldest one)

Chapter Four

This is a picture of Neilson's Store in 1966. Our family did all or most of our shopping there. We did buy clothes on the main land but all of our groceries were bought at Neilson's Store. As a kid I remembered they had penny candy and we would visit them often. We did go to Glenn's Store too but most of our

purchases were made at Neilson's. Kilpatrick's Store was open then too, in Emerald. Perhaps Neilson's was closer to the cheese factory house or had different things than Glenn's.

One year for Christmas Mom bought both Joyce and me little transistor radios from Neilson's. It was my first radio. The Island didn't have its own radio station then, too bad. The radios were about twice the size of my palm and had a little leather case on it. I remember Fred Neilson had to order them in.

There were groceries on both sides of the store, lots of cans and bags. One year when the ice was in, the boat didn't run for a couple weeks and the ice was too thin to drive on and Neilson's store ran out of bread and other groceries, no cookies. That was a big thing for me at

the time.

You could buy gas at the store then too and just about anything you needed or it could be ordered in.

This is a picture I took. I loved taking pictures back then too. I was 14. I loved living on the Island.

Whenever someone asked you where you were from you got to tell them the story of what it was like living on an Island, about the community/family dances, the ferry rides, driving on the ice, etc. It felt so special to live on an Island rather than the mainland.

The dances at Victoria Hall would always include the whole family. My Dad taught me how to dance and so did Bertha. I remember being very proud to dance with



Neilson's Store in 1966

Photo courtesy of Judy Bierma

my father. Bertha would dance with the kids too. She taught me how to polka. Dad taught me how to waltz and fox trot.

When Robert and Joan got tired they would go to sleep on the coats up in the women's washroom with the other little kids. It was a big room where we would stack our coats on chairs. That's how the whole family came to the dance. There was a place for the little ones to lie down or they would curl up in the chairs at the side of the dance floor and fall asleep. The Island band was Sterling Glenn, Les Glenn, Tina Filson and I know there were other people but I can't remember who. Mom and Dad loved to dance and it was fun watching them twirl around the dance floor.

Do you remember more about these times? Call me and tell me about the good times you have had living on the Island. 613-389-7200.

A NEILSON STORE MEMORY

- Ian Murray

It was probably in the summer of 1973 when I stopped in at Neilson's Store for a soft drink after a trip to Kingston. I mentioned my frustration at not being able to find a replacement bolt for one that we'd broken on the farm - we didn't know about Baxter's then.

Maurice asked to see the broken bolt and disappeared for awhile. When he came back he was wiping a bit of dust off the required bolt.

Now that was a general store!

YOUNG CYCLISTS FROM OTTAWA VISIT THE ISLAND

- Judy Bierma

This week we had 18 students and four adults from Bishop Hamilton Montessori School in Ottawa. They have been coming to the Island for 18 years. It started with Brian Ray staying at Poplar Dell and deciding to offer the Island Experience to his students. With new kids every year they continue to visit. They stayed at Poplar Dell and Footflat's cottage



The cyclists' cycles.

and the Goodman House this year.

Stella's Café fed them Tuesday supper and Wednesday lunch and supper.

In the past they have been interviewed at the Radio Station, have toured the Dairy Farm and bicycled around the Island. Susie said that one of the fun things is that brothers and sisters have come at different times and the younger one will talk about what his older sister told him about the Island and how great the trip was. It was great having them visit again this year.

Thanks to Susie Caughey and Brian Ray for starting the tradition.

AIMS Meeting, June 8 at 8am

- Anders Bennick

Breakfast: Thank you to the Little family for a great breakfast.

Attendance: 15 members, including Gardner McBride who is renting the Carl McCrosky/Leah Murray farm and the new Presbyterian Minister Harry Klassen.

Convener: Brian Little

Agenda

1. Speaker.

Brian Little welcomed his daughter Katherine Little, this morning's speaker.

Kathy has just completed undergraduate studies at Nipissing University. As part of her studies Kathy wrote an undergraduate thesis. She presented the main findings of her studies, entitled "A Study of Hungarian War Criminal, Lazlo Csartary". Lazlo Csartary was a member of the Arrow Cross, an Hungarian Fascist organization. During World War 2, he was head of the Jewish Ghetto in Kassa, a town in Slovakia, where he

was responsible for the deportation of Jews to Auschwitz. He defended the deportations by saying that it was a direct order, and you cannot disregard orders. He came to Canada in 1949 where he established himself as an art dealer. In 1995 his Canadian citizenship was annulled, but he escaped to Hungary before he could be deported. He was located in 2012 and is now under house arrest. Slovakia has requested extradition, but so far

Photo courtesy of Judy Bierma

Hungary has not complied.

Several questions followed the conclusion of an excellent presentation.

2. Treasurer's report.

The treasurer presented an interim financial report for the past year, and announced the income from the Saturday market so far this year as well as the present bank balance.

3. Road clean-up.

So far the weather has not been conducive for the spring clean-up. Members were reminded to complete the task before the roadside grass becomes too long and hides the refuse.

4. Flower baskets.

The baskets have been planted with flowers and hung in the village.

5. Market.

There is a need for quality items for the AIMS market wagon.

Members should contact Woody or Marc to sign up for market duty.

6. Request from Waterside Music Festival.

Because of the limited capacity of the "Quinte Loyalist" ferry, a request has been received from Waterside for volunteers with cars to act as a shuttle service for mainland attendees to the concerts between the ferry dock and the Presbyterian Church. Various members indicated their willingness to provide the service.

7. New Business. (Tent for School).

A tent is needed by the school. Some members indicated that they may have a suitable tent that they can lend or donate to the school.

8. Other?

A. It was tentatively decided that the date for the annual AIMS auction would be August 31, provided that Bruce Caughey is available as auctioneer.

B. Testing of water samples for bacterial contamination. Samples were picked up and brought to the Public Health Laboratories for testing.

C. The next AIMS meeting on July 13 will be at the Stella Café. Hugh Jenney will be the convenor.

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

"I BELIEVE"

- Zander of DUNN INN

After supper in the big tent at Mohawk College, after we'd biked for 100 km, after we had found our tents, after we had showered and eaten, several doctors from Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto told us that they

believe cures for various cancers will be found within our lifetime. Each one stated, "I believe we'll defeat cancer."

To help make this belief come to fruition 5,020 bicycle riders in "The 2013 Enbridge Ride To Conquer Cancer" pedaled from Toronto to Niagara Falls - 200 km on June 8 and 9. We raised a record \$19.1 million. One team, Steve's Cyclepaths, raised over \$1 million. Our little team of 30 members, GET IT DUNN, raised \$108,000. We were a committed group of people. When one of the doctors asked us how many of us had been affected by cancer or were related to people affected by cancer or were close to people affected by cancer all 5,000 of us in the dining tent raised our hands. We all wanted to help get rid of cancer.

I rode to honour my wife, Nancy, and other women like her who have survived breast cancer and her brother, Roger, who has stomach cancer and in memory of four men connected with our St. Paul's congregation who have died of cancer within the last nine months - Bill Harris, Keith Hewson, Doug Martin and Paul Henshaw.

I have prayed for all these people affected by cancer and for many others over the years whom I have visited in hospitals and in their homes. I felt I had to put my prayers into action so when my three sons urged me to join them in the ride I agreed. That meant raising a minimum \$2,500 (I actually raised \$7,000 thanks to parishioners and friends and relatives), buying the proper equipment and training on our roads (which were good compared to some of the roads we travelled). At 76 years of age, I was the oldest on our team. Our youngest rider was a beautiful girl of 16 who rode with her parents. Most of our members were young people - in their forties and fifties!

This was not a race or a competition, it was a co-operative ride. During the ride I was moved by those who cheered us on at the side of the road and who held up signs thanking us for what we were doing to end cancer. I was also moved by those who rode with us sporting yellow flags which indicated they had cancer or had finished their cancer treatments. I spoke with several of them and they told heroic stories. One woman told me she'd had breast cancer twice, ovarian cancer and another cancer and her father and mother had both died of cancer. She told me all that before she left me in her wake as she went to catch up to her friends. I asked another woman what all the names she had attached to her back meant. She told me she was a nurse and the people whose names were on her back were her patients and she was riding for them. A

member of our team, a Presbyterian minister, (there were four Presbyterian ministers on our team) had written the names of the people she was riding for on her legs. She had lovely legs! I pedaled for several kilometres with a man who told me he had been out of action for a year with testicular cancer. His latest treatment had been only two months ago but there he was riding with us to beat cancer. I talked with another girl who had a bandaged leg. She told me she had been kicked in the calf playing soccer. She could hardly walk but she could ride and so she was doing her best to defeat cancer. Last year our team "adopted" Sara Briginshaw whom I engaged in conversation when I saw on her name plate that she was from Kingston. She was a sergeant at Old Fort Henry where both I and my son, Scott had worked years ago. She turned up again this year, found us by our orange outfits and became one of us again. She is now an ensign at the Fort.

Although this was the Ontario Ride to Conquer Cancer, nine provinces were represented. Perhaps the most interesting was the team from Newfoundland. Twenty-four Newfies dismantled their bikes, shipped them by container to Montreal, flew into Montreal, re-assembled their bikes and pedaled the back roads to our starting point, Ontario Place in Toronto. One couple belonged to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in St. John's and knew another Presbyterian minister from their congregation who was my student intern when I was in Knox Church, Guelph. It's a small world!

Most of us participants remarked how humbled we were by all that occurred. When we heard about what the doctors were doing to defeat cancer, when we heard the stories of the cancer survivors riding with us, when we were cheered on by people on the side of the road, when people came up to us and said, "Thank You for what you are doing" we were humbled because we all knew that what we were doing was nothing compared to what cancer patients had endured.

"Erin's Team" came second in fund-raising - over half a million dollars - and Erin's two daughters addressed all of us after supper on Saturday night. Both spoke about their mother, Erin, who was expected to live only 18 months with her cancer but, thanks to the work of the Princess Margaret Hospital team, was able to live six years and to participate in two of the Enbridge Rides. They lauded their mother's bravery and the work of the doctors and staff of Princess Margaret Hospital who became their family. For six years they all worked together to prevent cancer from claiming Erin. Cancer finally won, but not before the family had celebrated several victories over their foe.

It has been an honour to ride with my sons and so many other sons and daughters who are working to end cancer in our life time. I believe we will do it. I say "we" humbly because while I don't fight cancer directly, I have been one of thousands who have raised money to make it possible for doctors to find a cure for the disease. God works through people, even humble people like me who are part of a team to bring life out of death. Believe it. I do.

DEAR ISLANDERS

- Gardner McBride

Here is information www.aicoop.ca about an agricultural and craft oriented cooperative being developed on the Island intended to support on-Island employment - especially for young families.

Another ad hoc group is giving thought to the needs of some on the Island who would consider an Island based social living solution superior and less costly to the alternative of living on the mainland as they grow a bit older.

The ownership of the agricultural and craft co-op would be typical of cooperatives with no one person owning a majority with control in the hands of Island producers. My role is the voluntary "Secretary" for the agricultural and craft group. Funding appears to be achievable.

In an ad hoc series of conversations we decided to start exploring a high value Island crop by trial growing Haskap berries. With an expenditure of less than \$1,000 we have planted 76 cultivars among several of us to see if Haskap will grow well on the Island. Last year this berry, grown on a five year ten acre established orchard, produced gross sales of \$18,000 an acre. The Government of Alberta, one of the provinces behind this berry, estimated \$9,000 an acre but demand far outstripped supply so the price of the berry harvest doubled. The biggest market is Japan and they will pay premium prices.

Your reaction to the website would be valuable for the future development of the website.

If you are interested or know others who may be interested in being part of the ad hoc group looking into this please let me know.

Gardner McBride

1-905-984-7879

1245 Art McGinn's Road, Stella, ON K0H 2S0 Canada
gardner.mcbride@gmail.com

LYME DISEASE

- Sally Bowen

Black-legged or "deer" ticks are all over Amherst Island. The ticks may or may not carry the Lyme Disease bacteria but it is safer to assume they might. The local Public Health Unit says that 21% of the ticks tested in 2012 were positive.

The ticks are very tiny before they become embedded, feasting on your blood. Please get in the habit of checking your body (and your partner's) regularly, to ensure you are not playing host. Ticks may come off trees (birds transport them) or from long grasses or from wooded areas or from the family pet. Long-sleeves and pants-in-socks prevention is recommended.

If you find an embedded tick, USE A TICK LIFTER. Many Islanders have these, all vets carry them, and the Health Unit gives them out free I'm told. Do not use any technique that squeezes the mouth parts. Keep the live tick in a pill bottle and take it with you to emergency or a clinic for testing. Request a single prophylactic dose of antibiotic. Doctors will probably agree (if you are assertive) if the tick was attached for over 24 hours and you seek help within 72 hours.

Rob Wemp is the latest person on the Island who has been diagnosed and treated, unfortunately after some months had elapsed. It is much harder to eradicate the Lyme bacteria after the many and varied severe symptoms start to appear. Act immediately.

This is not an abstract threat. Please take it seriously

FROM LEAH'S BLOG

- Leah Murray

The population [of Flores Island [part of the Azores] has gone from a peak of 10,500 to fewer than 4000, and there's no indication of that trend reversing. Like so many small towns the world over, the young folks leave for school and never come back. There is little employment here, and apparently many plum local government positions are all nepotism appointments. Their tourist season is only two months long, although the weather is good enough that it could be extended for another two. There's little subsistence agriculture left, in a place that used to produce most of its own meat, vegetables, grains, dairy products and wine. So, there isn't much draw and the population continues to dwindle. If it weren't for EU subsidy money, I've no idea how they would manage. It is heart-breaking for some of the residents. I can't help but compare it to our

wee Island, where the kids do come back, often to raise the next generation in a safe and healthy environment.

POEM

- Sharen English

What does a city girl know of:

Star-filled dark nights when the constellations are so many and clear.

Baby lambs gamboling and bleating. I hear them in the night.

Cows, sheep, chickens, coyotes and foxes.

Horses that walk down the street with their owners or a teenager riding her horse.

Fishers. I had never heard of them before I moved here.

Midges, millions of them, noisy, dark and inconvenient.

Their corpses line my sliding doors and when I open the door at night with the light on, hundreds of them rush in.

A large frog on our lawn. A first for me. A turtle on my lawn, another first.

Spiders and snakes. The first snake I found inside our house appeared out of the fireplace in my living room.

When I saw it I panicked, picked it up by the tail and flung it outside. I marveled at what had just happened. When I see dead snakes oozing blood on our sidewalk, like the victim in the song "Mac the Knife", I wonder which one of our two cats are the murderess. I think it is Puss. Maxine is very sedate.

Walking Simcha, my dog down a country road while admiring the scenery, birds, horses and sheep.

Poor little birds that fly into my window. I should put up a sticker on the glass like Joyce Reid does, to keep them away.

Plentiful ducks of many kinds and Canada Geese that poop on my lawn. When the babies of the geese are born, the cute chicks follow their parents in the water in a straight, quiet row.

SWANS.

OWLS.

Chickadees on my hand in Owl Woods.

Wasps on our porch every year in August.

House Swallows that dive bomb me if I use our front deck.

An infestation of ladybugs the likes of which I could not have imagined.

Voles in our attic.

Fireflies.

Birding with my buddies.

A shoreline to walk.

Ice sculptures on the South Shore, made by nature.

A llama, alpaca and the late Icicle, the huge, famous sheep and house pet.
 The impossibly beautiful ¾ lakeview at Garry and Susan's, and their lawn and garden that is so well manicured. Bev's house is lovely from the outside too. Seeing the mail lady every weekday, in her cool van. Driving David to the ferry at 6:49 a.m. because the small ferry is in use, and picking him up at the end of his work day.
 The school buses that always come on time.
 Planning when to leave the house and when I will be home. Calculating how many hours I will be gone from the island.
 Speeding to the ferry and asking myself "Is it worth my life or some else's to be on time." The answer is, "No."
 Pulling up at the dock as the ferry pulls away and knowing it will be 47 minutes before the ferry arrives again.
 A general store, post office with a friendly post mistress, a museum, cultural centre with a public dock behind it.
 A school, gym and public hall all in one.
 The friendliest restaurants, past and present. Thanks Bernice, Neil, Judy and Anthony.
 A lodge where seminars, parties and shows are held.
 A blacksmith walking to his shop.
 A monthly newsletter pertaining to matters of interest to our Islanders.
 A RADIO STATION.
 Seeing the sunsets that are orange, pink and purple. They sometimes reflect on the lake.
 The Moon.
 Lectures and world class music.
 Small town parades and going to the dump.
 3 churches that a Jewish girl likes to attend now and then.
 Walking the Lower Forty Foot to the end and back again, using the South Shore view as my reward.
 The cows and birds I see on my walk.
 I like to talk to cows. They come over and look at me. I talk to horses and dogs too.
 A raccoon.
 Garry's horses that graze across from my front lawn.
 Gavin and Meaghan tubing, jet skiing, four-wheeling or snowmobiling. I am jealous of them.
 A music festival in August. Sing-a-long on Friday nights.
 Homemade pie, bun and bread makers.
 A summer market.
 Pot lucks. Honestly, I had never heard of pot lucks until I moved to Kingston from Toronto.

Friendly people (for the most part).
 A sense of community and people who care for each other.
 Different kinds of people. Artists, philanthropists, an ambassador, farmers, city workers and professionals. A man who walks or cycles 5 kms., 365 days a year. A bird lady. A bare foot mechanic, hopefully not when he is working.
 A friendly landscape artist.
 The ferry and the wonderful crew.
 The First Responders, who are unbelievably wonderful too.
 Sheep farms and a wool shed.
 Loud, barking guard dogs.
 The Island Wave.
 Driving on Taylor Kidd Rd. after coming off the island, and wanting to wave at everyone I pass.
 Dirty pants all year round from the mud and gravel roads.
 Having to get my car suspension looked at every 4 months.
 Weekly or biweekly car washes.
 Mailboxes that both deliver and pick up mail.
 Deer. I don't have a garden for them to eat, so I just watch them hang around my front and back yard.
 Deer strikes. Not fun.
 Hearing the banging of the hunters' guns and seeing the cattle in the trucks. They are going to be slaughtered.
 Not fun either.
 People fishing and kids swimming off the dock at the Millhaven ferry docks.

That is what a city girl knows now.
 Wow.

ISLAND ARTIST PART OF PROFESSIONAL JURORS FOR EASTERN ONTARIO'S PREMIER ART EXHIBITION

- Terry Culbert

Amherst Island artist Peter Large was one of three renowned jurors to choose the best of Prince Edward County artists at the 20th annual ART IN THE COUNTY. The other jurors were Katerina Atanassova, chief curator for the McMichael Canadian Art Collection in Kleinburg and Linda Jansma, senior curator for the Robert McLaughlin Gallery in Oshawa. Peter Large is an elected member of the Ontario Society of Artists and past president of the Society of Canadian

Artists as well as past president of the Toronto Arts & Letters Club.

"The credentials of these three art professionals are indeed impressive," said Claudia McCabe, Chair of this year's Art in the County. Ms. McCabe is well known to many Amherst Island artists for her summer workshops held at The Lodge on McDonalds Lane.

197 quality works created by Prince Edward County artists and artisans were submitted, 87 were selected. Painter Barb Hogenauer, formerly of Amherst Island was one of those juried in. Her 36x48-inch mixed media painting was titled: Into the Mystic. "This was a difficult task for the jurors because of the range of imagery, the high quality of the work and the range of the media used," said Peter Large. "It was an honour to have been a juror for this exceptional exhibition."

Prince Edward County Arts Council's 20th anniversary juried show is a signature event of the summer season. It attracts thousands of visitors, generating meaningful opportunities for County artists and provides economic benefits for County businesses.

ART IN THE COUNTY runs daily from 10am to 5pm until Sunday, July 14th. The exhibition is on the second floor of Books & Company, 289 Main Street in downtown Picton. Admission is \$3. for adults. Children 12 and under are FREE.

For more information visit: www.artinthecounty.com or call the Prince Edward County Arts Council at 613-476-7901

WOOLLY BULLY RUN

- Joe Duval

I am a running enthusiast, taking up running as my prime recreational activity in my mid-20's and have been at it for over 35 years, taking part in various races during that time. I have worked for the Ottawa Race Weekend www.runottawa.ca since 2007 and have organized smaller events since 1982.

Wherever there are runners in this region, province, country or throughout the world, there is an event put on by somebody, and there will be people who will commit themselves to participate or volunteer.



Photo by Terry Culbert
Juror Peter Large with former Islander Barb Hogenauer and her painting titled 'Into the Mystic'

When my friend Carol Sinclair and I visited Judy Bierma on Amherst Island a few autumns past and as we toured around, I mentioned to her that it would be a great place to have a running event. Carol immediately came up with the name of the race, "The Woolly Bully Run," as we had just left Topsy Farms. The idea sat for a year but a subsequent visit later in 2011 to visit Judy and Anthony on the

Island got the plans started.

Last year's event attracted 28 runners. Not as many as we'd hoped but we were still able to donate \$350 to the Amherst Island Public School.

We'd like to see 50 runners this year and plan to increase the promotional effort to get there.

This race has been endorsed by the Amherst Island Recreation Committee and by I.S.L.E.

[Race details in the Notices section.]

NEWS FROM THE MUSE

- Ali MacKeen

The Neilson Store Museum and Cultural Centre welcomed Lee-Ann Gallarano to speak at the Backroom Talks on her work with The Center for Mind-Body Medicine, Washington, D.C. {www.cmbm.org}

Lee-Ann was an eloquent and passionate speaker whose warmth and energy permeated the audience. It became quickly apparent that her choice of career, working in Global Trauma Relief, was a perfect match for her amazing interpersonal skills, her compassion, dedication and courage. Her role is organizing, managing and training staff throughout the world on relieving population-wide trauma resulting from war and natural disasters. By empowering individuals with the skills to cope with their own personal traumas, hundreds of trained leaders are able to reach thousands of others and help them deal with post traumatic stress.

Lee-Ann and her staff are invited by leaders to work with traumatized communities such as The Gaza Strip, The West Bank, Haiti, Kosovo, and Syrian refugees in Jordan Refugee Camps. They also work with First Nations, War Vets, and with victims of natural

catastrophes such as tornados or floods.

The gift of the Mind-Body medicine is that the training of leaders and the reaching out to the communities can be accomplished with virtually nothing except the human element: no electricity, technology, paper or pencils, or even a roof are required. The global trauma relief program which she manages, trains local health care professionals, educators, and elders to teach children and adults simple, powerful, self-care, self-awareness techniques that can help to relieve stress and suffering.

Lee-Ann shared with us a few of the techniques used. For example, she invited us to close our eyes, if we wished and to inhale deeply from a "soft belly", and then to exhale through our mouths. We did this for a minute and when we opened our eyes we felt refreshed and ready. In the healing sessions, this is an important start as people unconsciously will leave behind their anger or stress or pain as they calm their hearts and mind with the deep slow breathing. Another example is the, "shake and dance". Lee-Ann pointed out that traumatized people may well be in a frozen state both physically and mentally and unable to perform the simplest task. By engaging in a shake and dance, the body is physically energized and the mind unlocked and relaxed.

Thank you Lee-Ann, for sharing your hope and dedication to the Global Trauma Relief. Your audience was most attentive and appreciative of this critical work you carry out for the vulnerable of the world.

HERE & THERE

- Ian Murray

Nice article on the front page of the June 18th edition of the Whig about CJAI's successful fund drive.

The unstable weather – every day with some chance of rain, usually 40% - is certainly making the harvesting of the hay crop a challenge. As time goes on the nutritional value of the forage declines and that tempts us to take more risks. Rain on almost dry-enough hay also reduces its feed value and mould can be a real problem for livestock.

However, unstable weather with the chance of rain is usually preferred to very dry, stable weather when it is easy to make hay but there isn't much to make.

STELLA'S CAFE UPDATE

- Anthony & Judy

Yes, we're serving hamburgers with bacon. Nothing from a deep fryer but everything else is in full swing. We are planning on getting in a new stainless steel hood system in the fall in order to have fries and everything else next year. The rare Amherst Island flying poutine will return.

We'll be having PIZZA specials on every Saturday from now on.

Come on in and let us serve you. Also, if you can use our facilities for meetings or get-togethers, even on days we are not usually open, you are most welcome. (Card parties, chess, etc?) No charge, of course.

Join us any time, especially on Friday evenings when we serve until 7:30 and then convert the place to a sing-along gathering.

GLENN FAMILY ORCHESTRA

- Allen Caughey

For the better part of 60 years in the 1900's, various members of the Glenn family, their relatives and friends, provided musical enjoyment for our Island community.

Such is the topic of one of the display cases this summer at the Neilson Store Museum.

My sincere thanks to all the Islanders who supplied information and memorabilia to put the display together - there was more material than we could fit into the case.

THANK YOU NOTES

The Amherst Island W.I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of the Lennox and Addington Women's Institute District AGM on May 22.

Thanks to Molly, Victoria, Sandra and Brooke for all they did to assure our comfort and well-being. We and our guests appreciated their care and attentiveness to our needs.

Anthony and Judy were a great hit with their after lunch sing-along and easy good humour.

Of course, Janet's presentation on our Amherst Island owls incorporating snippets of island history, personal anecdotes and memories of the science school (sadly no longer in existence) was wonderful and Brian's photographs brought gasps of delight from the audience.

Bruce was in early and with his technological know-how was able bring bird-calls into the Lodge as our guests were welcomed.

The sun didn't manage quite to break through but it was a thoroughly enjoyable and memorable day.

Thank you each and every one.

Sincere thanks to AIMS and to the faithful volunteers who pick up and deliver the cases of my liquid food. Don Pepper did the hauling and slogging during the winter, and now Hugh Jenny with able backup from Claire, has taken over the task.

Thanks for being my "Meals on Wheels".

Sally Bowen

NOTICES

LOVING SPOONFUL

Anyone who grows food knows that sometimes there is an excess. The darn stuff all comes at once. We also know there are people who are hungry and who can't afford fresh food.

The Loving Spoonful organization works to link producers with the hungry, to help alleviate this problem. Through one of its programs, "Grow A Row", staff supply 15 shelters and food programs year 'round with fresh or freshly preserved food.
www.lovingspoonful.org

Topsy Farms will be supplying our excess vegetables and fruits to their programs, with a simple drop-off arrangement at Edith Rankin Memorial United Church. PLEASE consider participating. It does not require any large quantity, especially if we pool our produce.

Please call Sally at 613 389-3444 to express interest in participating and to ask any questions.

WOOLLY BULLY RACE

The 2nd Annual Woolly Bully Races will be held on Sunday, August 18, 2013, 9:15 a.m. The start and finish are from the Public Works Depot on the Stella 40 Foot Road. Below are the other details related to the race:

RACE FEES:

\$25 per runner. This fee covers race costs including the fare to ride the Amherst Island Ferry, insurance, advertising, with the rest being directed to the race charity. Kingston Road Runners Association members are entitled to a \$5 rebate with proof of membership at race kit pickup.

RACE PROCEEDS:

Proceeds from this event will be directed to the Amherst Island Public School.

REGISTRATION/RACE KIT PICK UP:

Register at www.eventsonline.ca – Look for 'Woolly Bully Races.' Online registration closes on Friday, August 17 at 11:59 p.m. Final registration will be held on Saturday, August 17, "Runner's Choice" store, 54 Brock Street, Kingston from 10 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Race kit pick up can be done during this time or on race day at the site on Amherst Island. There will be no race day registration on day of race registration.

TIMING/RESULTS: This race will be scored without the use of timing chips but we will capture all times at the finish line and a full set of results will be produced. The official results will be sent out via e-mail.

AWARDS/PRIZES:

The top runners, male and female, in both races will be presented prizes as well as the top finishers in the following age categories: 14 & under; 15-19; 20-29; 30-39; 40-49; 50-59; 60-69; 70+

Several prizes will also be given away in the post-race draw

POST RACE:

All runners will be served refreshments after the race prior to the awards/draw prize ceremony.

INFORMATION:

Joe Du Vall, joeduvall@rogers.com or Carol Sinclair, carolasinclair@rogers.com

If you insist, contact Joe at 613-292-7102 evenings only.

CONDITIONS RE USE OF BACK BEACH

Loyalist Township advises that effective January 1st to September 2nd, 2013 Back Beach is available for public use under the following conditions:

1. All terrain vehicles, dirt bikes, dune buggies and other motorized vehicles and bicycles **are prohibited**. All vehicles must be parked in the designated parking area.
2. No persons shall be allowed to camp, light fires, hunt or discharge firearms on the Beach.
3. Use of the Beach is permitted only during the period from January 1st to Labour Day and at no other time.
4. Persons using the Beach do so at their own risk as the Beach is unsupervised.
5. Keep the area clean by placing all garbage in the garbage receptacles provided. Users are

encouraged to take their garbage with them when they leave the Beach.

6. No one shall use the Beach for sleeping or residential purposes or for the storage of personal effects or articles.
7. No trees of any nature may be cut or destroyed in the Beach or adjacent areas.
8. Consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.
9. Management reserves the right to make such other and further reasonable rules and regulations as in its judgment may from time to time be needed for the safety, care, cleanliness and appearance of the Beach.

For information concerning this notice, please contact the undersigned.

Andrée Ferris, Recreation Director,
Loyalist Township
263 Main Street, P.O. Box 70
Odessa, K0H 2H0
Phone: (613) 386-7351, ext. 131
E-mail: aferris@loyalist

EMERALD MUSIC FESTIVAL

August 9, 10 & 11
12675 Front Road
Music styles include Country, Celtic, Bluegrass and 50's Rock & Roll
17 acts plus an open mic Friday and a closing set on Sunday
Daily passes – Friday & Sunday, \$10; Saturday, \$20
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Passes available at the Gate, Stella General Store, Stella's Café, & Marie's Place in Napanee
Food Venues and Washroom Facilities on Site.
This event is hosted by Dan and Joan Simpson – 613-389-8297
emeraldfestival@gmail.com
www.emeraldmusicfestival.com

CAR RALLY

Neilson Store Museum & Cultural Centre
The 3rd Bi-Annual Car Rally with a Difference
Fundraiser

Saturday, 13 July, from 10 am to 1:30 pm

Whether you're an avid car rally'er and/or have an interest in learning a bit more about Amherst Island, it's time to think about entering a team for this bi-annual fundraiser for the Neilson Store Museum!

Registration will take place from 9 to 9:45 am on Saturday, 13 July.

Adults are \$15 each, while children under 12 years of age are free!

The entry fee includes a free picnic lunch when you return from your trek around the island.

This year's rally route will take you along the Front Road, a portion of the Stella 40', the 2nd Concession, and a portion of the Emerald 40'.

We anticipate that the rally route should take between 2 and 3 hours for those in cars. But this year's route also allows for experienced cyclists, cowboys and horse-drawn carriages to also participate. This is not a race per se – it's an opportunity for participants (islanders or mainlanders) to learn more about the history of the Island and enjoy a fun outing on a beautiful summer day.

Just show up in your vehicle at the Museum on Saturday, 13 July (between 9 and 9:45 am) and we promise you a good time on the island!

If you require more information, don't hesitate to call Janet at 613-389-4608.

BEACON ADS

Two New Items For This Month

FOR SALE

Wooded, hilly, 4-acre-plus, waterfront lot next to the Fowler House. \$150,000 less \$10,000 if you do not want 3 acres at the back = \$140,000 less 10% for cash = \$126,000 OR half down with no interest on the balance.

Come and take a walk through a wooded wonderland and make up your mind on which way you want to go.

Call Hugh & Claire Jenney 613-384-7830 for an appointment to see the property and enjoy tea on the patio next door where Sir John A MacDonald's wife rested while her husband campaigned in Stella.

WANTED

Does anyone have a small desk that could accommodate a computer for a child's use?

Call Sally 389-3444.

AMHERST ISLAND CHIROPRACTIC

10650 Front Rd.

Office hours: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

For appointments call 613 328-8892

AMHERST ISLAND STORE

Monday - Friday: 9am - 11:30am; 2:30pm - 5pm

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

Sunday: closed

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- available year round

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GODDEN'S WHOLE HOG SAUSAGE

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

Now selling packages of 4 sausages!!

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.

HELP STILL NEEDED. We need the following items for the Lennox and Addington S.P.C.A.. Used towels and linens, paper towels and cleaning supplies, pet food, kitty litter, dog and cat toys are always in demand as are used stamps (any kind), Canadian Tire coupons and pop cans. There is a large container in my porch for the pop cans and any other items can be left in my porch as well.

Thank you for helping to support our animal shelter.

Further information needed? Call Freda Youell - 613 384-4135.

ISLAND YOGA

Call Taggett for more information 613 888-5156

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judybierma@gmail.com

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Open weekends and most weekday mornings.

HONEY: Topsy Farms has Island honey for sale at the Wool Shed. Phone 613-389-3444 for an appointment or drop by and take your chances.

TOPSY FARMS has fresh frozen lamb cuts for sale in the Wool Shed.

Children Visiting in the Summer?

**Visit Topsy Farms to bottle feed
our 3 pet lambs.**

Play with them on the grass.

Learn about sheep and wool.

Visit the Wool Shed.

Bring a camera.

PLEASE call us in advance at 613 389-3444.



Janet Scott's Grandson, Bryce Atamanuk, the son of Drew Atamanuk and Kathi Scott.

FROM THE ARCHIVES:

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REPORT ON REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

July 5, 1983

- Chris Kennedy

All the councillors attended.

Two representatives from the Ministry of Revenue reported on the preliminary study of assessment on the Island. This survey studied how many of the properties on the Island were over-assessed and how many underassessed. They had a lot of statistics. To summarize them, it seems that 54% of the properties are within 25% over or under their correct value. The rest are further out of line, with the odd one or two wildly inaccurate. Council asked the Ministry to study the effect of correcting the assessed values in the tax base for the Island.

Ed Chadband asked about the rental of portable toilets for ball games at the school.

Five building permits were granted in June; for the Chippendale property an addition; for Foley a boathouse; for Frontini a barn; for Gavlas an addition; for Wolfreys a porch deck. Ed Chadband asked for a permit to demolish the former MacArthur property in the village. There was discussion concerning the Ed Filson property's front porch in the village and he will be asked to submit the matter to the committee of adjustment.

Council is still discussing berthage fees with Transport Canada. Council thinks that according to the regulations, we should be exempted and Transport Canada disagrees. The letters are becoming firmer about demands for money. The Township lawyer will take the matter up again.

It was decided that the Ferry crew could take holidays between Christmas and New Year's but they would have to arrange their own relief from among the regular crew or the reliefs.

There was a report from the surveyor about his work for the Development Road.

The Ministry of the Environment has allocated \$2000 to the Township to cover the entire dump site with fill and to grade and level it. Council thought that \$2000 was totally inadequate for the job and decided to point this out to the Ministry representatives.

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There was an enquiry as to whether the township park could be used as a trailer park during the ball tournaments. Council was not keen, but said that if the ball players could form a group to be responsible and the clean-up afterwards, they would consider it.

A.R.D.A. asked for a reduced assessment on some of its properties where they have demolished buildings.

Council discussed the tariffs and procedures for rezoning or amending the zoning by-law. Heather Welbanks, Jackie Sylvester and David Vrooman were appointed to the Committee of Adjustment.

After dealing with the correspondence, Council adjourned.

A.I.P.S. REUNION

- Beth Forester

The reunion committee met again recently to finalize plans for the coming Reunion Week-end. Response has been good from the some 190 invitations sent out.

The Friday night function will be the only one open to the public. We hope to arrange suitable seating to be able to "pack" the auditorium for the presentation of the play "Look Out Lizzie!" to begin at 8 p.m. All of the original cast will be replaying the parts with the exception of the part played by Arah (Cochrane) Wilson, which Nina (Wemp) Churchill has kindly filled in. The other players are Allan Glenn, Eleanor (McGinn) Taggart, Elsie (Reid) Willard, Barbara (Adams) Little, Ron Miller, Stuart Miller, and Peter Coulson. We appreciate the efforts that these people are putting into this.

After the performance, you will be welcome to visit and enjoy coffee, tea and cold drinks.

Ladies are asked to contribute cookies, squares, or small cakes to be served at this time also.

We felt that the Saturday night and Sunday afternoon functions were already reaching numbers that would not warrant opening these to the public. However, we hope that Friday night and Saturday might be used for visiting with people and renewing old acquaintances.

If you have any old photos that might be of interest to have on display at the school, we would appreciate getting them in advance.

If anyone is interested in volunteering their services for the week-end to help in any way; i.e.

setting up chairs, serving food, etc we would be only too glad to hear from you.

Call Dale Filson - 384-**** or Beth Forester - 389-****

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

- Lulu Strain

The Lennox and Addington Dairy Princess for 1983, Pam Harker, was the special guest at the June meeting of the Amherst Island Women's Institute held at the home of Genevieve Fleming on June 15th. Introduced by Ena Baker, Pam gave a very interesting talk on the Dairy Princess Competition in Ontario.

A delicious lunch prepared by Anna Hitchins and Leslie Gavlas was very much enjoyed.

A business meeting followed with Georgie Allison president, presiding. She welcomed some of the senior members who had not been able to attend over the winter months and also a welcome new member.

The Secretary-Treasurer, Phyllis Strain, read the minutes and financial report.

Marion Glenn, District Director gave a good report on the District Annual which she attended at Selby in May.

A donation of \$25.00 was voted to the Grasshopper Ball Team.

The July meeting is to be an open meeting in the school, July 20th at 8 o'clock concerning "Water Purification".

The meeting closed with Grace and the "Queen."

DEDICATION AND CONFIRMATION

On Sunday, July 10th, Bishop Allan Read of the Diocese of Ontario visited St. Albans Anglican Church for the morning service. He dedicated a clock in memory of Charlotte Elizabeth Adair Willard given by her daughter, Mrs. Annie Clyde. Several of the Willard family were present.

Nine candidates were prepared for Confirmation by Rev. Clarence Babcock, rector of St. Albans, Amherst Island and St. John's, Bath. Those from Amherst Island were Paula and Kirk Collins, Trudy Strain and Steven Ward; from Bath, Vicki and Carolyn Armstrong, Angela Dixon, Mark Schaub, and Connie Simpkins.

A pot luck lunch and social time were enjoyed

in the school gym following the service.

The Bishop and Mrs. Read are entertaining the class at dinner in their home on Tuesday evening, July 12th.

OPEN HOUSE

The family of Royce and Marilyn Eves cordially invite all their friends, neighbours and families to Open House from 2-4 p.m. on July 23, 1983 at their Island home, on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary.

OPEN MEETING

The Amherst Island Women's Institute invites everyone to attend a meeting on Safe Water.

Mr. Peter Nilley from Environment Canada will be at the school on Wednesday, July 20th at 8 p.m. to give a talk and answer your questions.

Everyone welcome.

Refreshments provided.

ST. PAUL'S GARDEN PARTY

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Annual Garden Party will be held on Saturday, July 30, on the Church grounds.

Take note of change of time 1 P.M. to 6 P.M.

Afternoon Tea will be served as well as all other usual booths.

THANK YOU

The Anglican Church Women would like to thank all those who helped make our recent Strawberry Social and Bake Sale such a success.

A special "Thank You" to Mrs. Jean Harcourt of Bloomfield for her very kind donation of the price of the strawberries.

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

A.I.P.S. Graduation and Awards

All pictures by Brian Little



Wyatt Scott receiving the R.A. Dodds award



Angus Little receives the AI Emergency Service's award.



Jacob Welbanks and Lucie Amson receive the Les Glenn award.



JP Leeder receives the ISLE award



Sam Miller receives the CJAI Public Radio Citizenship Award



Nathan Murray receives the Bruce and Helen Public Speaking award.



Megan Ashley receiving the ISLE award



Dana McGinn receiving the Royal Canadian Legion's Leadership award.



Stephen McGinn receiving the Goodyear Technology award.

Canada Day



Photo by Zander Dunn
The WI ready to go.



Photo by Vicki Keith
On the way!



Photo by Vicki Keith
The flag leads the way.



Photo by Brian Little
CJAI Mobile Traffic Division reporting on the heavy congestion in the village.



Photo by Vicki Keith
The parade was enjoyed and appreciated.



Photo by Brian Little
Despite CJAI's Traffic Division being present, Frontini's spectacular car appears to have been stuck in traffic for a very long time.



Photo by Brian Little
Jacob Murray drives one of the Loyalist Township Emergency vehicles with a couple of young volunteers-in-training.



Photo by Brian Little
Judy Bierma rides into town splendidly be-decked with flags.



Photo by Brian Little
Zander??.. as Zander.



Photo by Zander Dunn
 Caughey's provided a contented-looking cow and a milker to lead Dairy Farmers' float.



Photo by Brian Little
 The Dairy Farmers of Ontario float (or, at least, the important part of the float... the people).



Photo by Brian Little
 ... and when was the last time you had milk delivered right to you!!



Photo by Brian Little
 A very enthusiastic CJAI float.



Photo by Brian Little
 and the night ended with fireworks!!



Photo by Brian Little
 ... and more.

Around The Island and Beyond



Photo by Kyle Murray

Cardboard Wars being fought out on the Second Concession... the charge!



Photo by Brian Little

The battle rages on...



Photo by Brian Little

The Art Show at AI Lodge on Opening Day June 29th/2013
Titled "surface - depth" by Artist Andrew Sookrah



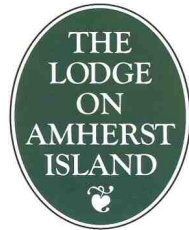
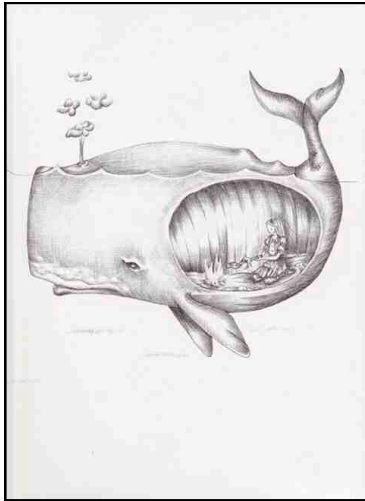
Photo by Rosy Findlay

Molly Stroyman and Harold Redekopp
at the Art Show



Photo by Don Tubb

Millhaven Fibres as of June 14th... now, only the structure on the right remains.



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