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## **WELBANKS, NOREEN née RICHARDS**

**(May 31 1924 to July 9, 2013)**

Gladys Noreen Richards was born May 31, 1924 on Amherst Island to Howard and Marion Richards.

Noreen, along with older brother Vernon, grew up and went to elementary and high school on the Island and then Noreen attended business college in Belleville and lived with her Aunt Irene there.

After graduating she worked at the Bank of Commerce in downtown Kingston until she married her high school sweetheart Howard Welbanks and moved back to Amherst Island.

Howard and Noreen had two children, a girl Dale and Brian to whom they devoted their love and support.

In addition to her family, Noreen was very involved with St. Alban's church teaching Sunday School, altar guild, ACW and eventually as a synod delegate.

She also helped in the family fishing business by doing the bookkeeping and cooking for family and crew. She also spent many hours picking strawberries and whipping up the best Strawberry Shortcake around.

In 1976 tragically Noreen and Howard lost their only son and the following year Noreen was admitted to hospital with a brain aneurysm. Somehow, her faith saw her through both of these ordeals and she began a new career as first mate on Howard's fishing boat, the Noreen.

They were joined in the family business at first for summers and eventually full time by their grandson Hugh.

Sadly, after celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary in September 1995 Howard passed away in July 1996.

Noreen continued living in their village home on the Island and going to activities with her neighbor and friend Emily until her health declined and she had a spinal cord injury in 2003, underwent surgery and was hospitalized for much of the following year between KGH and St Mary's.

In February 2004 she moved to Lenadco in Napanee and subsequently to the new John Parrott Centre. She received the best of care at these locations and was quite active using a walker. For many years she enjoyed life there with occasional outings to the Island to church and the cottage as well as Camden East and going out for shrimp dinners.

For about the last three years Noreen has been confined to a wheel chair gradually declining in health but many staff members have commented that she has been one of their favorite residents. She never complained, and always tried to smile and be co-operative.

Noreen has always provided unending love, support, generosity and understanding to her family.

She is survived by her daughter, Dale, grandchildren Tracey and her husband Graeme, Hugh and his wife Sandra, and great-grandson Connor.

[Staff: Noreen's family tree is shown later in this issue and, perhaps, some pictures for next month.]

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*Ancestors of Carlton Ronald Morrow*

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d: 1913"]
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b: 1832  
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d: June 25, 1938"]
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Carlton was born on Amherst Island, son of John Morrow and Annie Glenn. He is predeceased by his siblings, Glenna, Ralph and Wilma. He is survived by his wife Patricia, daughter Charlene and granddaughter Chantel and great-grandson Austin.

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**(June 30, 1917 to July 10, 2003)**

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## - Lyn Fleming

Condolences to Jack Ellis (Donna) and Paul Ellis and families, on the passing of their mother, Joan Ellis. Joan and her late husband Vic and their family have been long-time summer residents on the South Shore.

On July 6<sup>th</sup>, Bonnie Marshall, daughter of Dianne Marshall (Chris Kennedy) and Bob Marshall, was married to Neil Whittman at St. Paul's with a reception following at the Lodge. They will continue to reside in Los Angeles.

On July 14<sup>th</sup>, the Lodge was the location for the marriage and reception of Tara Kennedy and Dave Meikle. Dave and Tara live on the Island and Tara will continue to deliver our mail and Dr. Dave will continue to straighten our backs! Congratulations.

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Congratulations to retired ferry captain, Lloyd Wolfreys and his wife Elaine, who celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with more than 150 family, friends and neighbours, at an open house at their home on the Island. A potluck dinner was held in the evening for family and friends. [Staff: Pictures later in this issue.]

Happy 65<sup>th</sup> birthday to Rick Bedford. Rick celebrated with friends and family at a surprise party hosted by his children, Crystal and Rick.

The annual St. Paul's annual Garden Party was held on July 27<sup>th</sup> with a good crowd out to enjoy the great bargains, good food and lots of socializing.

Unfortunately, the Frontenac II didn't co-operate with everyone's plans on its first weekend back and hampered many mainlanders' plans to attend the Garden Party, threatened to ruin a wedding, a family reunion, and many private plans, as it sat broken down, less than 24 hours after returning. You would think after a 4 month absence, it would have had more than enough time to be repaired, updated and cleaned before being sent back to us. [Staff: once again... pictures later]

MTO answers to no one, typical government agency, especially citizens of Amherst Island, and more frustrating is the fact that they don't care, they sit in an office somewhere, shuffling papers, quit at quitting time, and take their weekends off, despite the hardships their actions and poor judgements cause for a whole community! Before long another ferry will need to be updated and, repaired etc. and we will be back to square one again.

Enjoy the Frontenac II while you can and give our ferry crews and staff a thank you for everything they do!

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## **MORE NEIGHBOURHOOD**

- Staff

Warmest congratulations to John for being the chosen recipient of the prestigious Paul Harris Fellow award from the Rotary Club. Others in the past who have received the award have included Mother Theresa and John's wife, Vicki Keith.

John worked as a volunteer for many years in a great variety of ways, most recently including Co-chairing the recent Ontario ParaSport Organizing Committee for the ParaSport Games.

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Also, warm congratulations to Freda Youell and her sister Doris DeCorte who were honoured by the L&A Humane Society for their contributions – time and money – over many years.

The sisters' efforts in the spay/neuter program have been especially appreciated.

The event is written up in the Napanee Beaver, July 18<sup>th</sup>.

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## **WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

- Claire Jenney

Fifteen WI members and three guests fastened their seat-belts and took off in their lawn chairs for South Africa's Kruger National Park on Wed. afternoon, July 17<sup>th</sup>. Talia Fleming spoke enthusiastically about her recent trip to the Park to study the wildlife and work in the laboratory, with the lions her specialty. She saw all the "zoo" animals living in the wild, the hyena being her favourite. It was sad to hear that poaching of rhinos is common as it is believed that their tusks can cure cancer. Talia also stayed in a native village outside the park and before flying home she visited Cape Town and the prison cell where Nelson Mandela was incarcerated on Robbin Island. Mandela's eyesight was permanently damaged as a result of his years working in the salt-mines which even in the picture were a blinding white under the tropical sun.

Our own sun felt tropical that afternoon and following Talia's talk we enjoyed cool drinks, cake and cherries beneath Elsie's shade trees before beginning our business meeting. After changes were made to the Agenda, it was approved, as were the Minutes (Nancy D, Joyce H) and Financial Statement (Joyce H, Mary Kay S) A motion was made to pay Small Bills (Joyce R, Judy B) Treasurer Debbie Barrett sent word that the Directories are selling well. In Correspondence a thank-you was received from Diane Pearce. Nancy Dunn affirmed our donation of \$500 to the Alberta Red Cross, seconded by Joyce Haines. Elsie Willard reported on the presentation at graduation of our Heritage and Social Studies Award to Mitchell Morgan.

New Business included a discussion of the up-coming presentation by author Kate Hewitt as well as the idea of selling aprons with an Amherst Island logo. We will be selling squares and pies at the Emerald Music Festival from 12-7 on Sat., Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>. Joyce Haines and Claire Jenney will co-ordinate. It was decided that the revised 2012 WI Handbook be made available to all members.

Our annual Summer Outing on Aug. 21 (10 am ferry) will be to the Fairfield-Gutzeit House, the Bergeron winery and the chocolate shop in Bath with lunch at the Loyalist Golf Club. Wine and chocolate, two of my favourite food groups!

The pleasant afternoon ended with thanks to Elsie Willard for her hospitality and to Liz Harrison, Leslie Gavlas and Elsie for their delicious lunch and a reminder of the Aug. 2nd Bake Sale at the General Store at 3:45 pm.

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## JANET'S JOTTINGS

- Janet Scott

### Osprey

Over ten years ago, while gardening at the school, Lynanne Whitton noticed a pair of Osprey hanging around the school. They circled and eyed the tall light standards in the ball diamond. This was late in the year probably August as Osprey pairs choose and claim their sites and start building their nests in late summer.

The following spring the pair returned and set up serious housekeeping successfully raising two chicks. Mother constantly stays on the nest while the father brings fish. He eats the head first which is high in protein and then delivers the rest of the fish to the mother who tears it into small pieces with which she then feeds the chicks. The first Canada Day was upsetting to bird lovers as the female flew off the nest during all the activity and circled repeatedly, frantically calling her alarm call. We were much heartened to discover that shortly after the excitement was over she returned to her nest. Later that summer the chicks were able to fly to the Baseball backstop and wait there for mom and dad to deliver food.

In August of 2007, Bob Filson was saddened to find two dead Osprey under the nest at the school. Bob and the Osprey had developed a mutual acceptance as he cut the grass regularly. After contacting the Cataraqui Conservation Area, they then put me in touch with a group that was studying the deaths of water birds on the Great Lakes. The birds were shipped to Guelph and the adult female and a juvenile were found to have died of toxins. As our summers warm and the Great Lakes shrink, bacteria builds up in the Zebra Mussels that eat this contamination in the lake. Larger fish eat them and the toxins stored in them travel up the food chain until they poison a bird that eats only fish. After the death of the mother the male Osprey bravely took on the task of being a single parent and raised the other two chicks

successfully. One difference Bob noted was that the nest no longer appeared tidy and that there were branches falling out on the grass. Mother must have kept the nest tidy all those hours that she remained on the nest.

The following spring Father returned from his trip south to the Gulf of Mexico with a new female. We noticed right away that she was a calmer bird not flying off the nest whenever a soccer ball rolled too close to her claimed territory and she stayed on the nest on Canada Day except when the fireworks went off and then she flew away only to return shortly after the crowds left. The Ospreys were a great hit with visiting Science School children and soon became an accepted sight at our local school.

Osprey live to be 15 or 20 years old usually and one banded bird was shot at the age of 35 so this long life span helped them survive through the sixties before the DDT ban. The accumulation of DDT caused a change in the hormonal production of many birds, and raptors like Peregrines and Eagles were devastated, The Osprey species took a big hit as well but rebounded more quickly after the ban on the use of DDT because so many older birds had survived those deadly years.

Osprey eat mainly fish and have specially developed talons to grip these fish. They will hover 10 to 30 metres over the water and then dive sometimes completely under the water reappearing with a fish a few seconds later. They adjust the fish so that they can carry it headfirst into the wind and we have been amazed to see the late father at the school carrying such big fish. Male Osprey weigh about 1.4 kg. and have a wingspan of 159cm. while the females are larger, about 1.6 kg. and 163 cm. You can tell the genders apart because the female in North America has more of a black necklace than the male.

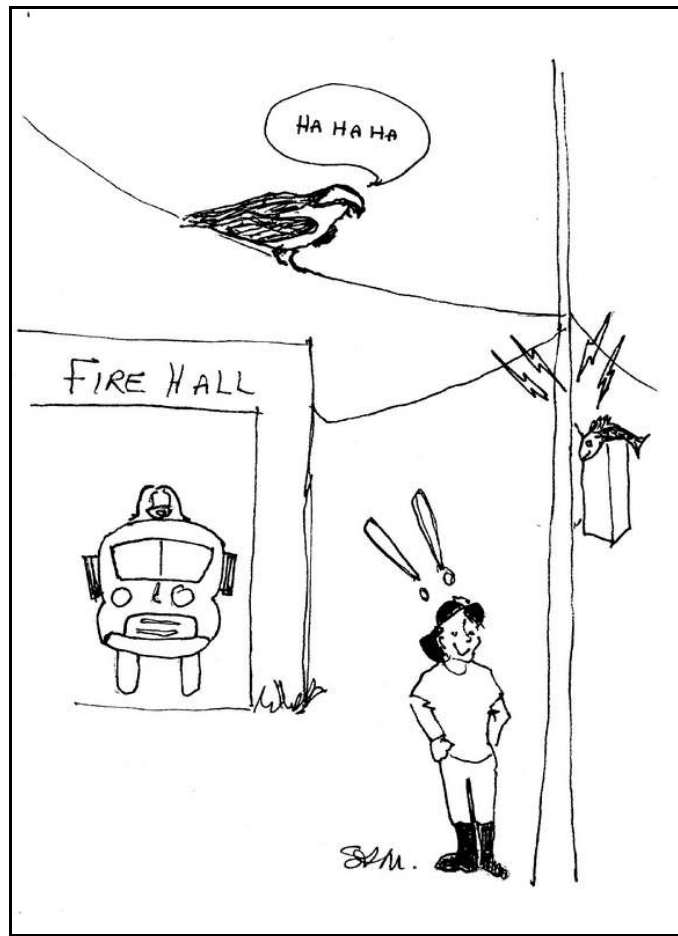
On Canada Day 2013 Judy Bierma called me to say that an Osprey had been found in the school yard by the crew setting up the fireworks. I picked up the bird about 5:30 and was able to catch the 6:00 ferry and take him to Sandy Pines Wildlife Centre west of Napanee. Although he was well fed he was in serious trouble and had partial paralysis. Sue Meech could tell that he was suffering from poisoning by toxins and had to put him down. Although it's hard to determine we have always presumed that this was the same male that had raised the young himself back in 2007.

A rather funny story followed this sad tale as Dave Meikle observed the other Osprey on the following Thursday as she dropped a fish on the transformer at the Firehall and blew out the transformer. She took the

time to retrieve her fish. Was it payback for those fire trucks that invaded her territory the day her husband disappeared or were her chicks tired of sushi and were demanding fried fish instead?

Several people have monitored the nest since and the female has continued to feed the young. Last week the chicks were sitting on the edge of the nest and flapping their wings as they attempted to fly. It has been noted that a male Osprey with an entirely white belly is now hanging out at the fire hall or on a post on the second. Young of previous years of many bird species will help raise chicks so perhaps "BIG BROTHER IS WATCHING"!!

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Cartoon by Shirley Miller

A graduate of Brock University with a Bachelor of Commerce Degree, Harry also holds a Masters of Business Administration from Queen's University.

Harry was previously the CAO for the Town of Fort Erie and worked in the CAO's office in the Regional Municipality of Niagara. He has just recently completed the first and largest clinical integration for the Eastern Ontario Lab Association. As Vice-President of Operations he led a team of 850 professionals overseeing a budget of over \$90M annually. This transformation improved patient care and reduced health care costs. In addition, Harry has over 20 years in the private sector with the majority of those years at IBM and Nortel Networks.

Mayor Bill Lowry says he is pleased to have Harry assume the top staff position. "We believe in our team and are delighted to have selected Harry as our new leader. He has a proven track record of making things happen by building high performance teams. His diverse background is a real asset for the Township".

"I am really excited to take on this role and try and continue the positive momentum established by Council, Diane and the staff. My first order of business will be to sit down with Council, staff members and community stakeholders and listen in order to effectively accomplish some critical priorities going forward," says Schlange.

Harry has been very active in his community, as Chair and Board member of the United Way, fundraising for children in poverty and assisting special needs students entering the workforce, just to name a few.

Please join me in welcoming Harry to the Loyalist Township team!

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## COUNCIL GLEANINGS

- Ian Murray

From Council Meeting 17, July 8

The Township website now as a GIS feature – Geographic Information Service. GIS is a marriage of computer-mapping and data relevant to Loyalist Township.

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From Council Meeting 18, July 22

A by-law was passed hiring Harry Schlange as the new CAO.

Number of new home starts: Amherstview, 19; Bath, 4; Odessa, 1; Other mainland, 7; Amherst Island, 0.

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## PRESS RELEASE: HARRY SCHLANGE

- Mayor Bill Lowry

Loyalist Township Council is pleased to announce the appointment of Harry Schlange as Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), effective August 6, 2013.

# AIMS Meeting

July 13th

- Anders Bennick

The meeting took place at Stella's Café where a splendid breakfast was prepared by the proprietors Judy Bierma and Anthony Gifford.

Attendance: 16 members.

Convenor: Hugh Jenney

Agenda

## 1. Presentation

A video of America's Cup provided by Larry Jensen was shown. Due to time constraints only the first part of the video was projected.

## 2. Treasurer's Report.

The treasurer tabulated the expenses since his last report, income from the Saturday market so far and the bank account balance.

## 3. Discussion of Amherst Island Ball Caps.

Hugh Jenney presented a proposal to have a number of ball caps made with an Amherst Island logo and sell them for a small profit. The pro and cons of the proposal were discussed, but it was agreed to table this item for discussion at a future meeting.

## 4. Auction.

The annual auction will take place August 31. Hugh Jenney and Don Pepper will arrange this event and Bruce Caughey will be the auctioneer. It was agreed to charge 20% on consignments. Dayle Gowan agreed to store the items submitted to the auction. Members were urged to volunteer their help at the auction.

## 5. Car Rally.

Members were reminded of the Neilson Museum car rally which starts today at 10am.

## 6. New business.

A. There was a discussion on the possible closing of the market on July 27, the date of the Presbyterian Church Garden Party. It was pointed out that the Garden Party does not start until the market has closed. Another possibility would be to close the market at 11am.

B. Brian Grace pointed out that there are many items on the Saturday market AIMS wagon which have been there for at least a year. He suggested and members agreed that such items should be placed on a "White Elephant" table for anyone to pick up for free.

C. Brian Grace suggested that the flower baskets in the village should be hung lower since this would make them more visible and they would be easier to handle. After some discussion Hugh Groot volunteered on a trial basis to lower two of the baskets, provided that this did not contravene any township regulations.

D. The Township has proposed new regulations for trailers on Amherst Island. Any member who has any concerns regarding these new regulations was encouraged to attend an upcoming meeting of the Township Council where this item would be discussed.

E. David Pickering initiated a discussion of the role of the Transportation Committee which in the past has provided lifts to Islanders in need of transportation to medical appointments on the mainland. Ross Haines reported that usually there had been requests for 2-3 trips a year, and that the usage had gone down in recent years.

It was suggested to set up as list of people who potentially would be in need of this service and a list of volunteer drivers. Only requests for transportation to medical appointments should be accepted.

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

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## WHY DOESN'T GOD DO SOMETHING?

- Zander of DUNN INN

I have a friend who often asks me, "Why doesn't God do something about all this?" She cites the civil war in Syria which has killed about 100,000 Syrians, the use of child soldiers in the Congo, the lack of justice in the American prison in Guantanamo.

My friend goes on to tell me that she knows that we humans have caused all the trouble and chaos about which she is so concerned but if God is God, he/she should step in and put an end to the corruption, abuse, torture, warfare, killing etc.

Of course we are all frustrated by the problems of evil in our world and it would be good if God would come in and straighten things out for us. Or would it be good? I presume my friend wants God to stop the warfare in Syria. But if God did that would God also be expected to get rid of the present regime? If God turfed out or executed Assad, that would mean all those on his side would be upset. And what about the new government? Who would run that? Russia would not be happy and might try to cause grief for the new rulers and so the turmoil would continue.

I am sure my friend wants an end to child soldiers and child prostitutes and child brides but it would take a strong administration to stop the use of children in war. And who would care for the children who have been so badly treated? Most of those children would be considered unclean and worthless and beyond repair.

If it were easy to close Guantanamo prison I am sure

President Obama would have done so by now. Where would those prisoners receive fair trials and repatriation?

In other words, even if God were to descend upon us and put an end to the evil about which we feel so uncomfortable, that would not be the end of it. That would only be the beginning. All sorts of new processes would have to be put in place, agreed to by all involved and promoted by all sides.

It is true that God seems to be remote from all the horror that we hear about and read about in our media. God seems to be remote especially to us Jews, Christians and Muslims because in our holy books and throughout our legends it seems that God acts directly - killing evil doers and blessing those who do good.

The people who wrote those stories related how God acted or refused to act, gave commands and punished those who disobeyed. The authors make it sound as if God was right there. Some people heard God speak; others saw God from behind; others saw God face to face! Hard to believe? It is, if you take these stories literally.

I would argue that God is beyond our ability to perceive or understand and so God has always been hidden from us. Instead, God comes to us through people.

The best example of God coming to us in a person is Jesus. Jesus was a man, born of a woman, born under the law. Some rejoiced in Jesus; others rejected him. This man, whom many believe represented God and was filled with the spirit of God, was killed by the people among whom he came to live. Christians believe that death could not hold him and that he is alive among us now. But even Jesus does not come to us and interfere in our politics or religion today. Jesus has set us an example and is willing to listen to us, to bless us and to be with us, but Jesus, like God, refuses to do our work for us.

It is our work to find solutions to our problems, to minister to those in need, to support those who are engaged in peaceful pursuits and loving actions. That's how God works today - through people. God has given us many guides and examples and has granted us the gift of free will. We can choose what to do and God will not over-rule us.

That means that our diplomats, our politicians, our leaders in every realm must "do something" to make this a better world. God is not going to drop upon us from the sky and solve our problems for us. God is calling us to be his/her agents in the world.

But beware; when we act we can't claim to be acting

for God because whatever we do will upset, as well as help people. We can only claim to be acting in the light of what we know about God, what we believe about God.

I've been concerned recently about cancer. I've seen so much of it lately. God is not going to solve the cancer problem for us. Nor can we blame God for cancer because we are the ones, I believe, who cause most cancers - by smoking, by pumping dirty chemicals into the air, by letting the animals we eat ingest poisons and pass them on to us.... I have prayed to God for an end to cancer. But cancer will not be defeated by prayer alone. Cancer will be defeated when men and women put their money where their concerns are and invest in research and prevention. To that end 5,000 of us rode our bikes to raise \$19.1 million to pay for the work that must be done. When cancer is defeated we can thank God, alright, but especially we can thank God for the men and women who raised the money to pay the doctors and scientists to find the cures we must have. And we can thank God that those doctors and scientists devote their talents and time to searching for an end to cancer.

Where is God and why doesn't God do something? God is calling us to be the ones through whom God brings good out of evil, order out of chaos, peace out of war.

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## HERE & THERE

- Ian Murray

A lot of hay has been made on our Island this summer. We are getting about half again as much hay per field as we did in last year's dry summer. The basically useless showers have made getting the hay cured a challenge - a challenge much easier than last year's scramble to get enough hay to over-winter the Island livestock. And the hay, despite the delayed harvest, is certainly better than I expected.

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I don't know if it's a law or not, but we were taught as rural children to walk on the left side of the road so as to face on-coming traffic.

It is disturbing to approach a group of pedestrians while driving farm equipment to have some walkers split to the left and some to the right.

It's beyond disturbing coming up on a group of cyclists and having them split to either side of the road - especially if there are children riding along. Many hay cutters - including ours - are about 14 feet wide and that takes up quite a bit of road - from Emerald



east on Front road, it takes up all the road.

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Despite the enforced metrification of Canada's measuring system under PM Pierre Trudeau, it is interesting how entrenched the Imperial system still is in some areas. Prince George's weight was given as 8 pounds and, I think, 6 ounces – a good healthy weight. Our sheep and lambs that are sold at the Ontario Stock Yards are sold in pounds.

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I have, for many years, considered our Royal Family a necessary nuisance – preferable to the custom of our southern neighbours electing a pseudo-royal family every 4 or 8 years. So, it is with some reluctance that I admit admiring Princes William and Harry. They, unlike the pseudo-royals south of us, have risked their lives alongside their grandmother's subjects in the armed forces and in rescuing people from a helicopter.

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## A LETTER

- Postmarked, Stella Ontario K0H 2S0, 5 July 2013

Dear Ian,

There was a buzz of excitement at the Stella Post Office this morning. Excitement?! At our own Post Office? Here's why.

It was a special day at the Stella Post Office on Friday July 5, but you wouldn't know it from the business-as-usual routine going on behind the counter. When I arrived, our Postmistress, Laurie Youell, was at her post greeting customers coming in to pick up their mail and stamping outgoing letters ready for dispatch. Around the back, Tara Kennedy, our very own RSMC (Rural Suburban Mail Carrier) was sorting the day's incoming correspondence, her cute 1993 Subaru Sambar, parked outside, ready for its daily run around the Island.

"I guess you're here for the stamp," Laurie said, as I eagerly leaned in over the counter.

"Yes, the *Stella* stamp!" I exclaimed. "Today's the first day of issue" and our very own Post Office was the official place of issue.

"Well, that's something," said Laurie as she retrieved the newly delivered parcel of stamps from safekeeping.

You see, Ian, Laurie and I have a special interest in stamps. Like me, she's a collector. I

discovered this one day a few years back when I came in to mail some letters.

"You got any commemoratives?" I asked. "Sure, some new ones have just come in. Why? Are you a collector?" Thus began an ongoing conversation about stamps. It turns out that Laurie, like me, has a special interest in collecting Canadian stamps. "I collect the ones that catch my eye," she admitted, adding, "I especially like the stamps with the Queen on them." I told her my tastes were a bit more eclectic. Since then, we've been sharing our views on stamps, collecting, and the new issues from Canada Post.

But on this Friday, it was down to business.

Recently, I'd received word via Canada Post's mail circular of a new issue, due out in early July. *Children's Literature: Stella* was the header on the article. It turns out that this year as part of its program to celebrate children's literature, Canada Post chose to honour Marie-Louise Gay, author and illustrator of a delightful series of children's books about a girl named Stella and her little brother, Sam. This is the second in the series of stamps on children's literature from Canada Post, the first being about Franklin the Turtle, which had been issued two years before.

Laurie kindly opened the package from Canada Post and together we examined the new stamp. The *Stella* stamps are issued in a book of ten, a pair of post cards and a souvenir sheet of two, all in the Canada Post Permanent™ denomination. Red haired Stella is pictured on the stamps, swinging upside down from a tree and at the seashore reading aloud to Sam, her curly haired little brother, who is attentively listening by her side. "That's really something. The pictures are great," Laurie commented, as I paid for my stamps. We both agreed that we'd be adding them to our collections.

I spoke with a representative of Canada Post who told me that for every new stamp issued, a first day cover is prepared with a special postmark from the place of issue. Our stamp, the *Stella* stamp, is cancelled with a great sketch of the little girl Stella, her curly locks

blowing in the wind and the postmark of our very own Post Office as part of the cancellation.

"I haven't heard of the books before, have you?" asked Laurie. Stella is new to me too, but not so to others. She's a very familiar character to several

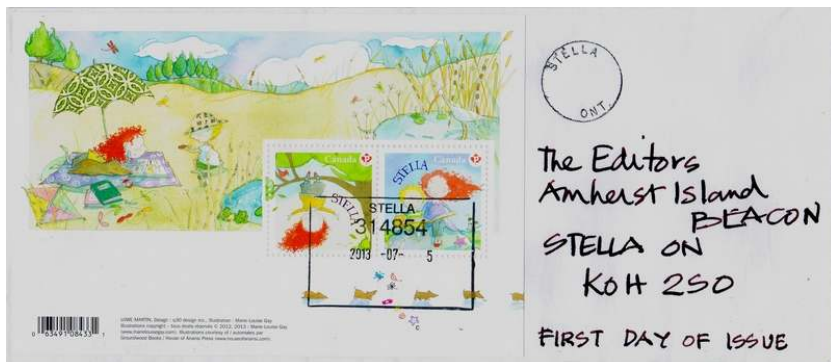


Photo by George Kapelos



Island children. So I invited a few of my young Island friends to drop by the Post Office on the day of issue. "And bring your favorite *Stella* books, too!"

And so they did.

Lily Bermann, 7 years old, along with her sister Maeve, age 4, and their cousin Anna Walhout, age 3 ½, arrived at the Post Office clutching their books, accompanied by Lily and Maeve's parents, Amy Caughey and Marcus Bermann, who have a house on the Third Concession. Maeve's favorite is *Stella, Star of the Sea*, and Anna's is *Stella, Princess of the Sky*. Lily told me how much she liked Stella's adventures. "You see," she explained, "Stella is a big sister, just like me." Her little fingers turned the pages to show me one well-read story. "My favorite is *When Stella was Very Small*, because it reminds me of when I was a little girl."

A read of the *Stella* stories makes it clear why these books are so popular. Illustrations – handsome, imaginative and beautifully rendered in water-colour – fill the pages. The stories are amusing, as Stella and her brother Sam discover the world around them. There are only a few lines of narrative on each page ("It keeps children interested" confided Lily and Maeve's mother, Amy) and the stories flow off the pages from adventure to adventure.

I asked Margaret Maloney, a specialist in children's literature and an Island neighbour who lives near me on the Front Road, why children's books would be celebrated. Margaret, who is a rare books librarian and former curator of the Toronto Public Library's Osborne Collection of Early Children's Books, explained that good picture books are especially important for young readers. They make reading and being read to a pleasurable experience. "Often books with few words on a page and expansive pictures will start children on the way to becoming lifetime readers," she added. "Before you know it, children can read books by themselves or, in Stella's case, to her younger brother, and before you know it reading becomes an enduring passion." For Margaret what makes the *Stella* stories so remarkable is their high quality, both in word and image. Marie Louise Gay has been writing for children for decades and her books have become popular for several generations. "In addition, children like books in series, like the *Stella* stories. They begin to know the characters, relate to them and look forward to reading the next adventure."

Author and illustrator Gay's prodigious talent has been recognized at home and abroad. She received the *Governor General of Canada's Literary Award* and has

been nominated for the prestigious *Hans Christian Andersen Award*. In talking about the new stamp, Gay hoped her work would inspire visual literacy while impacting a child's world view.

As for choosing our own Stella Post Office K0H 2S0, Canada Post wished to recognize our facility as one of the many thousands providing an important service across Canada. Amherst Island postal service dates back to the nineteenth century, when letters could be mailed anywhere in Canada for just a penny. Laurie, a native of Toronto who has been our Postmistress for almost 15 years, told me that the history of the Island Post Office can be found on the Canadian Postal Archives website. John Oliphant, Emerald's first Postmaster, is buried on the Island in the Pentland Cemetery, she added.

There are over 150 households on Amherst Island who count on Stella K0H 2S0 for their mail. Or, for a seasonal resident like me, a letter sent c/o General Delivery can also reach you. Just drop by and pick it up. Besides the mail, our Post Office has passport applications and Revenue Canada tax filing forms available during tax season. In addition, in her capacity as Postmistress, Laurie can notarize certain documents.

Marie-Louise Gay's books are published by Groundwood Books / House of Anansi Press and are available at bookstores everywhere. She plans a new book soon, about more adventures of Stella and Sam. Perhaps we can entice Ms Gay to the Island, where she can find some wonderful places to set future adventures of her sister-brother duo. The *Stella* stamps can be purchased from Canada Post Philatelic Service at 1-800-565-4362, online at [www.canadapost.ca](http://www.canadapost.ca), or, better still, you can always find them at our very own Post Office. But hurry up; Laurie tells me that supplies are limited!

Best from *Front Road Modern*, sincerely yours,  
George Thomas Kapelos

[More pictures later in this issue.]

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## FARM LIFE BALANCE

- Jacob Murray

I was asked what I'd do if I won the lottery. The answer came readily - I would continue living and working at Topsy Farms.

I can't imagine living anywhere else. The land and animals and very air are as much a part of me as my skin and fingernails.

Driving our ATV every morning through the woods doing chores is the best part of my day. There is utter

peace and stillness inside and out. You can't put a price on that. This life doesn't fit into any neat box that any career counselor could understand. I get bored too easily by static routine; am not built to sit in an office. Every day there is something different:

Today I'm a mechanic, yesterday a vet  
The storm is getting closer, 60% chance of getting wet  
Tomorrow its construction; repairing the old barn  
Everyday's a little different, when you wake up on a farm

I saw a Dodge commercial the other day that featured a Paul Harvey monologue. I dare you to watch that and not want to work the land - it's a powerful piece.  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GdR5TOhHJGM&feature=share>

We are surrounded by the things we fixed the day before. That's a potent thing, a reason farmers keep getting up and digging out of snowstorms or rebuilding machines that others have discarded.

As my apprenticeship continues, I get more independent, picking my own tasks and timing, which increases my ability to lose myself in a job.

There have been no hassles with the generation relations, probably a tribute to them. I feel I am respected as a man now; and for skills learned elsewhere. The older farmers are surprised/ amused when I know how to do something they didn't expect

However, ultimately I struggle with idea of struggling. The sheep farm will never make a decent return on labour.

Some folks may continue a mindless struggle all the time, working 10 -12 hrs/day and never getting ahead financially. I need to seek a way to balance living and work; to find a better business model that isn't just dependent on numbers of sheep or blankets sold.

I want the mental freedom, the balance, of occasionally playing golf or going to a concert. I need not to feel that a dollar spent on myself is a dollar less for the animals.

It's such a huge commitment. I won't consider taking on the farm without my brother's involvement and at the moment the farm can't afford to pay us both. The decision to become a farmer feels sort of like joining a monastery: giving up most of my worldly possessions for the betterment of mankind. Lots of days I don't feel that generous.

And yet, I want to raise my boys the way I was raised. There is zen in this as we improve the land and the

buildings and the animals and machinery - they improve us.

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## MORE FARM LIFE BALANCE

- Lori Caughey

Imagine how winning the lottery could relieve our every day stresses and allow us to worry less. We could feel more 'comfortable' in the knowledge that a whack of cash (our cash!) is stashed in the Royal Bank! Our children's education would be paid for! What a relief! ..... and we would still milk the cows. Oh yes, we would, for sure.

What a statement that Jake is making! Putting into words the modern struggles of farming youth. We who farm have a lot on our plates. Getting lost in the everyday tasks, chores, can be a calm, rewarding experience when you know your day will be spent farming, in your barn clothes, happy... unless you are in a rush to head to this event or that meeting or have the kids in tow, or have to get them to point A or B, or are worried about the finances, struggling to market your products, then it becomes stressful and you start to feel overwhelmed... and wish you have become an insurance salesperson who works 9-5. ha ha.

In our generation, our peers are striving for 'success'. Now, you and I know that 'success' is a relative term, for me it means 'happiness'. But for so many others it means money, titles, possessions, brand names, having your kids on the right hockey team, etc, So I am finding fewer folks my age that I can relate to.

Staying connected to other farmers is so important for Ben and myself. I worry a bit about the Jake's and Mike's and Jill's of Amherst Island. They don't have a lot of peers to converse with (face to face) on a daily basis. At least 3 trucks roll into our farm every day with neighbours stopping in for a chat or a cold beer. A very small number of them could sustain a conversation about balancing farming with 'life' but then, they are a passionate group in their own way, certainly happy to spend all day everyday on their farms and share the neighbourhood gossip with us.

Ben just returned from 3 days at the Master Feeds research station in Eureka, Missouri. A tour paid for (flight/food/everything) by Master Feeds. Ben and I are touring John & Eddy Steele's sheep pastures (Norwood) with the Eastern Ontario Grazing Association on Saturday. These types of things come along, on occasion, and are cheap ways to learn and expand our knowledge and network... and give us a jolt of enthusiasm. We also set aside an amount of money

each month from the farm income and save it for a trip, 2 yr. intervals. (Ben and I are headed to Wales next month) This has great value, to us.

I am thrifty shopper, Value Village 50% off days are fantastic, Bibles and Sally Ann, and it does not bother me one bit. Malls are not a place that I am comfortable. For so many reasons. That said, I still worry about money, a lot.

Basically, I too struggle with the idea of struggling. I get hives when people ask me, What do you do? I, uh, raise my children (their eyes glaze over, they just heard the equivalent of 'nothing') I farm (what?), I volunteer A LOT (nothing, again), I sell food at the farmers market (they hear: idealistic, expensive). I have a good education, though it certainly doesn't sound like it! Do I feel that farmers are undervalued? Yes. Rural Ontario ignored? Yes. Is Amherst Island a pocket of goodness where people value farming? Currently, no. Historically, yes. One day it will be again. I keep hearing that farmers will be valued as population increases, more food is needed, local food will become the norm. Well, I want to be in on it when this happens and I will always value land ownership. You have a great wealth of land, the most beautiful shoreline on the Island. If the shit completely hits the fan, we will own land.

So few are willing to do the work. The work won't kill us, but the worry might. The zen is there if we can find the time to feel it. And Yes! we are greatly improved by farming. We value LIFE. not Walmart! We value what is real! not botox! and we deserve a round of golf, a concert, and a cold beer after putting up 3 loads of straw... you bet we do!

So this ramble ends up sounding very optimistic. Am I trying to convince myself?

Thanks for a great read Jake. So good to talk about it.  
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[Alright... enough's enough with the waxing of the eloquence... the combine needs servicing and there's a couple thousand large round bales to bring home. Let's get busy now.

Signed... the old dude]

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## THANK YOU NOTES

The family of the late Noreen Welbanks née: Richards wish to express their appreciation to friends and family for their help and support following her death at the John M. Parrott Centre.

Our thanks go out to Dr. Alkenbrack and all of the staff of Orchard Trail as well as administrative staff for their unending compassionate care of Noreen during her residence at both Lenadco and John Parrott Centre.

Thank you for all acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy: flowers, donations, cards, e-mails, on-line condolences, phone calls, prayers and visitation as well as many memories shared. To Leslie Anne Cox for being with us at the Parrott Centre, to James Reid Funeral Home and staff, especially David Hopper for their thoughtful and detailed guidance during this sad time; to Father Don Bailey for the beautiful funeral service and being with us throughout; to Cathy Glenn for playing the organ; to the Pall Bearers- Raymond Wemp, Ted Welbanks, Hugh Filson as well as her grandsons Hugh Filson and Graeme McDonald and great-grandson Connor McDonald; to Linda Bertrim for the scripture reading and Jacob Welbanks for handing out song sheets; to Sally, Chris, Hugh and Nina for the wonderful meal between visitations, the Anglican Church Women for the lovely luncheon following the service and to Linda Welbanks for the amazing beef bourguignon and homemade bread she and Eric brought to the cottage for dinner Saturday night.

Our family are truly blessed to be in the hands of such caring and wonderful relatives, friends and neighbours.- Dale Filson and family  
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We wish to thank all our relatives, friends and neighbours for making our 60th wedding anniversary party a memorable occasion.

Special thanks to Roxanne, Brent and Dakota and our extended family Ann and Craig Coles, Heather Crisp, Sister Rosie and Lynn for all their hard work and planning.

Special thanks also to Country Rythmn for their beautiful music, which everyone enjoyed. Bruce Burnett and Rick Bedford and crew were especially helpful with the tents.

Cards and gifts were over flowing and we Thank You so much.

Elaine and Lloyd Wolfreys

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Thank You!

We would like to thank the volunteers of the Amherst Island Fire Department for saving their little cottage on the south shore last week. That was close!

Gord Forbes and Bonnie Livingstone

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Thank you to all the Ferry Staff and our Island Neighbours who offered assistance to ensure our daughter's special day was a success. This is the reason we moved to Amherst Island, it is all about the "people" and it was certainly evident on July 27th when the ferry was having some problems.

Sherri Jensen

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## **NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **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

Weekend pass, includes camping, \$30

Passes available at the Gate, Stella General Store,

Stella's Café, & Marie's Place in Napanee

Vendors are welcome - first come basis.

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

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### **KFN CEREMONY**

On Tuesday September 10, the Kingston Field Naturalists will be unveiling a sign at their property at the east end of Amherst Island.

The property will be named the Martin Edwards Reserve in honor of their recently departed Honorary President. Dr Edwards was a world renowned birdwatcher and naturalist who had accumulated a lifelist of 8,456 species of birds.

A ceremony will take place at 10:15 a.m. on the property near the south end of the Lower Forty Foot Road.

Everyone is welcomed to attend.

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### **KATE HEWIT READING**

This is your invitation to a special event arranged by Andrea Cross of the Amherst Island Women's Institute.

Kate Hewitt writing as Katharine Swartz, author of ``Down Jasper Lane``, the first of an historical saga

trilogy, will read from and talk about her work at The Lodge on Amherst Island, 320 McDonalds Lane, on Tuesday, August 13 at 2:00 pm.

With some of the story set on Amherst Island, ``Down Jasper Lane`` is in the tradition of Anne of Green Gables. Kate now lives in Cumbria in England with her vicar husband, five children and a golden retriever.

A nominal fee of \$5 will apply for the event and refreshments. As pie is featured in Kate's book, Pie Island will live up to its name.

Please join us for a unique literary afternoon on Amherst Island and an opportunity to meet other book lovers and aspiring writers on the Island.

Kindly share this invitation with others. While no reservation is necessary, please let Andrea (andrea@meriton.ca) know if you plan to attend so that the pie is plentiful.

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### **AMERIKS SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Applications for the Ameriks Scholarship Fund in memory of Reeve Frank Fleming, will be received by the Township until October 31, 2013.

Amherst Island residents who currently attend post-secondary institutions on a full time basis and have lived on Amherst Island for a minimum of 5 years are eligible to apply. Application forms are available at the Ferry Office in Stella during office hours, Monday, Wednesday and Friday or on the Loyalist Township website at:

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

Please forward completed applications to the attention of the undersigned at:

The Corporation of Loyalist Township

P.O. Box 70

Odessa, K0H 2H0

Attention: Pamela Barnard

or leave at the Ferry Office for delivery

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

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## CONDITIONS RE USE OF BACK BEACH

Loyalist Township advises that effective September 3<sup>rd</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013 Back Beach is **prohibited** for public use. Violators will be prosecuted by Nut Island Farms Limited and/or Loyalist Township. For information concerning this notice, please contact the undersigned.

Andrée Ferris Recreation Director

The Corporation of Loyalist Township

P.O. Box 70, Odessa, Ontario K0H 2H0

Phone: (613) 386-7351, ext. 131

E-Mail: [aferris@loyalist.ca](mailto:aferris@loyalist.ca)

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Cheers to Madeline Glenn, who rose early to bake pies for the Garden Party, was thwarted by the ferry shut down but, undaunted, sold the pies to others waiting for the boat. We understand there was quite a line up to her car. All proceeds to the church of course. A valiant Islander.

Sally Bowen

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## Community Fish Fry/Picnic

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church

Saturday August 31 5:00 to 7:30 pm

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## Lloyd and Elaine Wolfrey's 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary (the pictures)



Photo by Zander Dunn

Lloyd and Elaine at their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary party.



Photo by Zander Dunn

The Cake



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Rick Bedford, Larry and Lynn Fleming

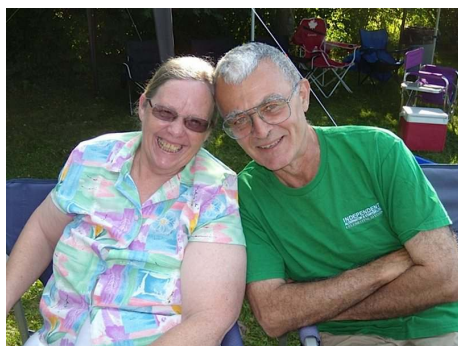


Photo by Zander Dunn

Ida and George Gavlas



Photo by Zander Dunn

Diane Hieatte and Lynn Miller



Photo by Zander Dunn

Duncan Ashley and Ralph Woods



# BEACON ADS

## AMHERST ISLAND CHIROPRACTIC

10650 Front Rd.

Office hours: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

For appointments call 613 328-8892

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## 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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## BETTY'S HOME COOKING

My Market Goodies are available!

Plus if you want a full meal to go... a few days notice and your cooking for company is over.

Call Betty 389-7907

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## COLIN BRADY

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## FOOTFLATS FARM ACCOMMODATION:

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## FOR SALE

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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.

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## FOR SALE

One pull-out Sealy sofa-bed. Double size mattress.

Beige/brown/cream \$100.00

One chaise-longue. 68" long Creamy/beige \$100.00

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Call Sally, 613 389-3444

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## GODDEN'S WHOLE HOG SAUSAGE

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

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

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.

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

Thank you for helping to support our animal shelter.

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

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## ISLAND YOGA

Call Taggett for more information 613 888-5156

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Open weekends and most weekday mornings.

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**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.

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

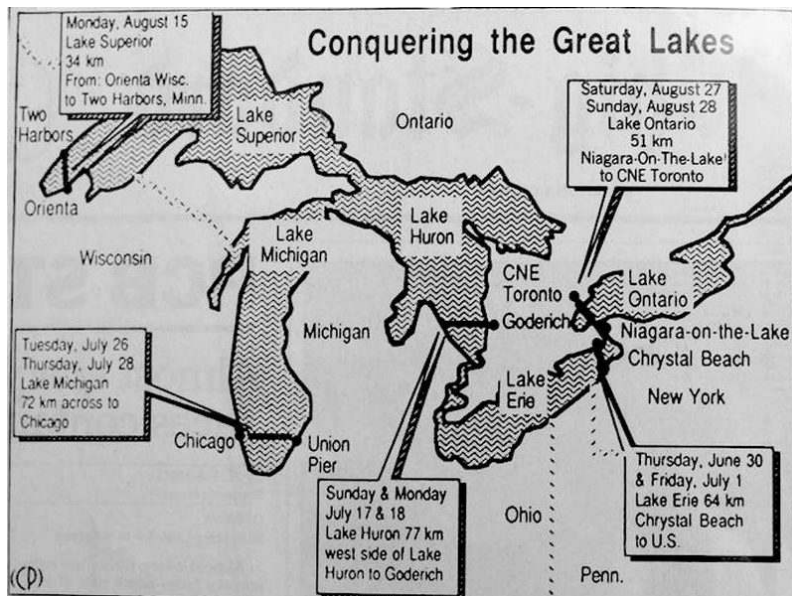
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**WANTED**

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

Call Sally 389-3444.

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From Sally Bowen

Read the powerful descriptions on Facebook of Vicki's experiences as she swam each of the Great Lakes in one summer at "Revisiting the Great Lakes – 25 Years Later".

***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.**



**Photo by Dave Youell (via Janet Scott)  
Osprey coming back to the nest**

## FROM THE ARCHIVES:

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### **COUNCIL REPORT FOR REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 2, 1983**

- Chris Kennedy

All the councillors were present. It was decided that farmers will be required to obtain building permits and will be charged for them at the normal rate.

Portable toilets were meant to have been installed at both ferry docks by the time Council met, and Council is to investigate why this has not been done. In order to prevent mix-ups and line-jumping at Millhaven dock, temporary help will be hired to supervise line-ups at peak periods.

It was decided to make the crossroads in Stella a four-way stop.

Council was concerned about the dry weeds on the lots in the village and the danger of fire. With this in mind they are enquiring about the ownership of the fairground and will try to get people to keep their lots cut.

Township has received a complaint about a dog running loose in the village and decided to take no drastic action but to notify the owner.

Having no further business, Council adjourned at 9:30 p.m. This was the shortest regular meeting of the year.

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### **QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

The art of taxation consists in so plucking the goose as to obtain the largest amount of feathers with the least amount of hissing.

- Jean Baptiste Colbert, a 17th century minister in France, on taxation

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### **Contractor Expresses Appreciation for Island Cooperation**

July 29, 1983

Dear Council:

We would like to express our appreciation of the cooperation we received from all concerned and especially the Captains and crew of the Amherst Islander.

The importance of the meeting held in June between ourselves and the representatives of Amherst Island became apparent at the start of the job, as everyone including the residents of Amherst Island were aware of any problems which might occur, and as a result all scheduling conflicts were avoided.

Once again, thank you for the co-operation received.

Yours truly,

McGinnis and O'Connor Ltd.

A.C. Allison, General Manager

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### **PARENTS' SOFTBALL GAME**

Sunday, September 4, 1983, 1 p.m.

This is where we give the kids the chance to run the game as coaches and umpires and spectators.

Coaches: Team 1 - Ricky Welbanks, Hugh Filson, Jason Silver; Team 2:- Donnie Miller, Jeff deHann, Amy Caughey.

Score Keepers: Team 1 - Trudy Strain, Laura Wemp; Team 2: - Julie Forester, Sherry Ward.

The coaches will pick their teams before the game from the parents that show up to play.

Come on parents! Borrow the kids' gloves and come on out and show the kids how to play.

Kids are to wear their sweaters and hats so we can get pictures. Parents, bring your cameras.

In the event of rain, we will try to play on Monday the 5th at the same time.

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### **KIDS SOFTBALL 1983**

- Brian Ward

Mites:

The Mites finished the season in first place winning 7 games, losing 1. and tying 1 for 15 points. They were shocked in their one game elimination by a good Selby team which beat them 5 to 4.

It was a good season for the team and they have a trophy for first place for the season. The trophy and the crests will be presented on Sunday Sept. 4 during the parents' softball game. This trophy will be on display in the school showcase next year.

Squirts:

The Squirts finished the season in 5th place with 3 wins, 4 losses, and 1 tie for 7 points. This was very deceiving because the team, lost quite a few 1-run and 2-run games.

They had a very good season.

They met the first place team in their one game elimination and gave a very good showing before losing to the stronger team.

The team will get their crests on Sunday Sept. 4 during the parents' softball game.

Grasshoppers:

The Grasshoppers finished the season in last place but we know that this young team learned quite a bit this year. Their coach says that they improved 100% over the season and this is going to pay dividends in future ball games.

I wish to thank a list of people for our successful 1983 season. First I would like to thank our financial sponsors for the year:

- 1) The Island Legion
- 2) Dick Dodds
- 3) Betty Bedford for the Ball Caps
- 4) The Recreation Committee for helping the Grasshoppers get started
- 5) The Women's Institute.

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I would like to thank the individuals who did the umpiring for us. They were: Noel McCormick, Mark Wemp, Doug Shurtliffe, Dick Dodds, Dave Fleming

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I would also like to thank the parents who helped drive the kids to the games, helped umpire the bases and coach the kids.

Thank you all,

Brian Ward

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## CARD OF THANKS

We would like to thank our children, our families, and all the friends, neighbours and relatives who came to help us celebrate our 25th anniversary, also for all the beautiful gifts and lovely cards we received.

Thank you again,

Royce and Marilyn Eves

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Laurie with the 'Stella' stamp

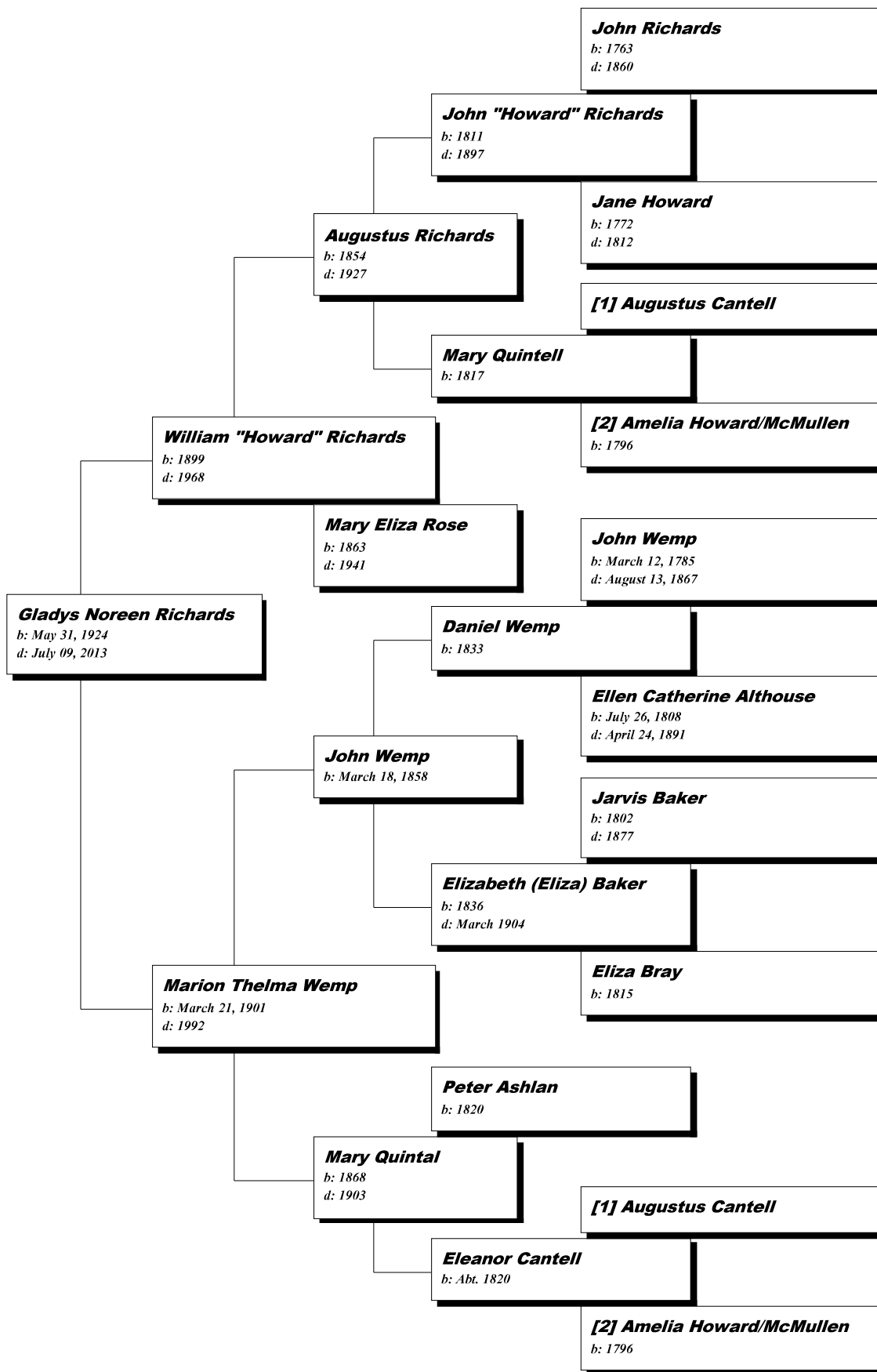
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Anna Walhout and sisters Lily and Maeve Bermann (pictured left to right) were at the Post Office to admire the new Stella stamps.

## Ancestors of Gladys Noreen Richards







**Photo by Don Tubb**

**She's back... here people wait to board the first boat.**



**Photo by Don Tubb**

**And many waited in line for the first boat... eventually, the line ended at Caroline Ackerman's with 2 vehicles not making it on.**



**Photo by Don Tubb**

**Our bales on Gowan's property in Stella.**



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