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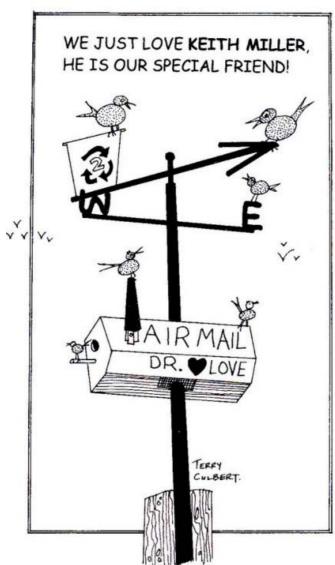
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- Ian Murray, editor

It is with some reluctance that the Beacon is printing two articles dealing with wind power. With two companies competing for windy sites and the inevitable opposition that will develop towards windmills, the Beacon does not want to be involved in any controversies involving Island residents – that's the job of the mainland media.

The Beacon will certainly report on the actual construction of windmills – if and when – but will not print any opinion pieces on this

The Beacon Staff apologizes to Judith Harrower for mistakenly reprinting her dowsing and wall building articles in the May Beacon. These articles appeared a year ago in the Beacon. The following article by Judith is the one that should have been in the May issue.

Policy on advertising inserts in the Beacon: Beacon staff will place one page advertising inserts in the Beacon for a fee of \$15.

MEMORIAL SERVICE AND CELEBRATION OF LIFE

- Judith Harrower

The first memorial service to be held on Amherst Island will be on Sunday, June 11 commencing at 2 p.m.

The service will be conducted by Reverend Zander Dunn to honour the memory of the early pioneer settlers of the Island. Light refreshments will follow the service and it is anticipated that sponsors, donors, dowsers and master stone masons will attend to respond to those with questions about the restoration process.

The Irish stone fences have been restored by members of the Amherst Island Women's Institute for the past two summers. The entire west fence of Pentland Cemetary has been completed, as well as what was remaining of the south fence. The east fence is nearly done and will be completed this summer.

The entire cemetery has been dowsed by two dowsers from Gananoque who will have a hard copy of where the bodies are located in the cemetery. They have located nearly 330 bodies both inside and outside the cemetery.

Plan to come over early and tour the Island, see friends, relatives and attend the service. Spend an early summer Sunday on the Jewel of the Lake appreciating the history and ambience at the same time.

For more information call me at 384-0435.



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JANET'S JOTTINGS

- Janet Scott



around us are the sights, sounds and smells of spring. The whole Island glows with greens of so many different

Everywhere

Photo by Dave Youell

shades and textures. Thistles are three feet high and drive off visitors with sharp prickly exteriors while soft Mullein leaves lie spreading out like velvet fans on rocky roadways.

I've found people like that as well: prickly exteriors with strong, self-reliant interiors and survivors who kind of turn a soft, pliant face to the world and manage to go on in hard places.

What a wonderful world in which to live and grow. We meet all kinds, greet all kinds with an Island wave and share our lives with those around us.

Visitors are flocking to the Island now that warm weather is here. They drive our roads taking in the sweet smells of lilacs so abundant along fence lines and hedgerows. Lilacs tell a story too. They speak of hardy settlers and indicate long after the home is gone that here stood a dwelling, someone's home that was wrenched out of the forests and dark past and made more beautiful by a homemaker's planting of lilac shoots, or hardy Phlox or even an old rose brought from home across the sea. The 100 year old walls, some repaired by our Stone Wall volunteers and some still standing because of the skilled hands



Photo by Brian Little

of a long ago builder speak volumes about our ancestors. They built with what they had and trees and stones were in abundance. Man lived by the work of his hands. He could see the results. Smell the flowers and ripening earth, see the colours and hear the birds sing, walk about in the misty rain and thank your creator and your ancestors that you walk free in a country so beautiful.

The birds you see now are residents. They are here to build nests, lay eggs and raise young. Feathers are getting worn

and tattered, energy levels are low and babies demanding, so take care and give that mother Robin or slow-witted Mourning Dove that extra few seconds to get airborne and off the road. You will now be



Photo by Dave Youell

swearing at the Canada Geese that are grazing on your lawn and pooping as they go. If you cut your grass short to the water's edge you welcome Geese with young that cannot as yet fly. Leave your water's edge with long grass and most geese will paddle right on by looking for easier pickings. Trust me, by late July they will have moved their young down stream to the Foot for summer grazing while parents molt and cannot fly and the young are learning to fly. Be patient they think that this is their home too.

The Uplands Plover is probably wolf-whistling as you jog by but he's not really rude. He will gracefully land on a post and remain with wings uplifted like angel's wings for a few seconds before folding them in against his body.

Swallows swoop at you as they defend their nests from you, that rather large intruder. All the gnats, midges, flies etc. that their young consume will be caught on the fly as parents dip and dive over the Island. The growth of young birds is phenomenal as they go from egg to adult in 3 to 4 weeks. That white wash from the swallows nests that annoys you happens as the young turn to poop over the edge to help prevent fouling of the nest. They can't fly away to a privy and do the best they can. Patient, hard-working Robins, Thrushes and Grackles can be seen carrying the fecal sacs away from their nests. No laundry, diapers or blenders are needed but birdlings get baby food, changes and grooming from their parents or care givers too.

Karen Fleming told me about putting out oranges for the Orioles several years ago but I had not really tried it until this year. At the same time as you put out your Hummingbird feeder try putting out half oranges. The Orioles have gone regularly to clean out an orange a day. When I didn't have oranges I filled the half peels with canned Mandarin orange slices and they still came both male and female so I've had a wonderful close-up look at these birds. Thank-you Karen for the wonderful gift!

Enjoy your birds!

A FRUSTRATED CONVERSION

- Zander of DUNN INN

The May 22 issue of Maclean's magazine carries a powerful story in their "Justice" section.

Darren LeTourneau spent a lengthy spell in solitary confinement in jail. When he got into his cell he drained the toilet, stuck his head over the bowl and talked with the inmate next door. For months, Darren and his unseen neighbor, Ron, conversed for hours, through the underground pipes. In the process they became good friends. Then, one day, the pair met face to face. Letourneau was shocked speechless. Ron was black. Darren LeTourneau, a rabid racist who got a big swastika tattooed on his stomach at the age of 14, had been raised to believe blacks were to be despised and whites were to be praised. LeTourneau didn't like Ron, the black man, and had plenty to think about back in his cell. But he went back to the toilet to talk with Ron. He told Ron about himself and his beliefs. LeTourneau says, "We just kind of worked through it together."

By the time he got out of solitary confinement LeTourneau had been converted. He renounced racism. All that remained of his

CECROPIA SILK MOTH

-Terry Culbert

The "Hyalophora cecropia" or cecropia silk moth is Canada's largest insect. Walking our two Bouviers along the western end of the Second Concession Road, we discovered the rare beauty shown in the accompanying photographs, as it clung to a dogwood branch.

When full grown, the silk moth's wingspan stretches to 6-inches or 15-cm. Even though the wing tops are brilliant in colour, the underside is muted to help camouflage the insect from its predators while it is resting. The adult cecropia moth, living on body fat alone, lives for only two weeks. During this period, the female flies throughout the night from tree to tree, depositing egg clusters on leaves and twigs. The silk moth does not sting or bite and does not inflict damage to plant life.

Unfortunately, the Hyalophora cecropia is in the process of becoming extinct because of environmental changes. For Barb and I, coming across this seldom seen silk moth, was a truly special experience.



Photo by Terry Culbert

bigotry was his swastika tattoo. He formally asked Corrections Canada to pay for its removal. They said "Yes," before The Globe and Mail got hold of the story and then they said, "No."

The removal of the tattoo would cost \$6500 and the story in The Globe and Mail made it sound like too much.

There's more to the story - there always is - but when I read it to my family, my daughter-in-law, Claire exclaimed, "There's something the church could do - pay for the removal of his tattoo."

I was interested in her remark for two reasons. First, she saw immediately that this man, branded a racist, would never be free of his past or converted to a new life, until the swastika tattoo was removed from his body. She saw that but The Globe and Mail couldn't see that; Corrections Canada couldn't see that; many Canadians couldn't see that. Who cares about a deadbeat ex-con anyway? Who cares that the label he carries will forever work against his reformation? Who cares that the swastika on his body will mark him for discrimination by others? Who cares that this new man must carry about on his body the shame of his past foolishness which he committed at the age of 14?

The second reason I was interested in Claire's remark was that she looked to the Church to help "save" Darren LeTourneau from injustice.

Corrections Canada had already refused to help him fulfill his conversion. The Ken Thomson family - the richest family in Canada and the ninth richest family in the world worth \$24 billion – can't spare that money; they use their funds to purchase expensive works of art. Perhaps some other philanthropist would help, but the only organization which might help would be the church.

Will the church help? I don't know. Probably not, because we can't be sure Darren LeTourneau is not conning us and will revert to a life of crime again after we've helped him. We risk losing \$6500 if we help him. On the other hand, by paying for the removal of his tattoo the church might be helping to re-integrate this man into our society as a contributing individual.

Meanwhile, his conversion is frustrated - surely a concern for the church.



Photo by Dave Youell

FORTY-SECOND COUSINS

- Joyce Brown

Which family on Amherst Island can date their roots in North America back to 1640? Which can claim a matriarch murdered during the French-Indian Wars and burned in her own home? Which can boast of a family surviving a terrifying massacre? Which can tell of a grandson captured by Indians, marched for days to Montreal who then escaped to make his way back home?

If you guessed the Wemp family, you would be correct. The long history of the Wemp family in North America is well-documented in archives and museums in the Schenectady/ Albany area of New York State. Much of the following is from the work of William Barentse Wemple, the original compiler of the family's genealogy. He worked on the family tree from about 1885 to 1913. His manuscripts were never published, but he did contribute articles to the "Mohawk Valley Democrat" newspaper. "The Mohawk Valley: Its Legends and Its History 1608-1780" by W. May Reid, is also a valuable source of early information on this family. Many internet sources are also available and were used in the following stories.

By most accounts, Jan Barentse Wemple was born in Poest, Drenthe, Holland, about 1620. He arrived in the United States in 1640, possibly sailing on the Dutch ship 'den Houttuyn'. He made his way to the Mohawk Valley in New York state, locating in Beverwyck (near Albany). A newspaper report states that on April 10, 1645, he was hired by the Van Rensselaer family and placed in charge of their farm estate for three hundred pounds a year. The newspaper further reports that in June 1646 he was relieved of his duties because of 'trouble with the Indians', and took charge of a saw and gristmill for thirteen pounds a month. In 1646, he married Maritie Myndertse and five children were born.

Despite humble beginnings, Jan Wemple became prosperous and purchased farms or property in Fort Orange (Albany) and Troy, New York, and was well-regarded in his business dealings. He was prominent among these early settlers but his true potential was reached in his next venture.

Jan was one of the original fourteen pioneers who settled in Schenectady, New York. In 1661, the Mohawk Indians sold a parcel of land that became known as the Schenectady Patent. Each patent holder was allotted a farm on the flats and a home lot inside the town stockade. The first patent issued by Governor Stuyvesant was to Jan Barentse Wemp and Jacques Van Slyck for the great island located in the Mohawk River, comprised of eighty-two acres of rich farmland. This island became known as Van Slyck's Island and sometimes Wemp's Island. They each owned one half. On today's map, this is named Van Schuick's Island. The original patent for this land is held in the library of Union College, Schenectady. His village lot inside the town stockade was on the west side of Washington Street. Shortly after, all his property in Albany and Troy was sold and Schenectady became the family home

Jan Barentse Wemple died a moderately prosperous man at the age of forty-five, in 1663. He left a legacy of pride, hard work, determination and a foothold in the New World to his heirs. His wealth, comprised of extensive property and assets in Schenectady, was left to his wife, Maritie Myndertse Wemple, in trust to his heirs.

Her story then begins...(a tale of murder and massacres in next month's Beacon)

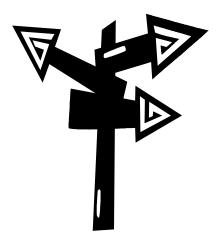
(Joyce Brown is the 3rd great-granddaughter of Barnabas Wemp of Stella, Amherst Island, Ontario and the 6th great-granddaughter of Jan Barentse Wemple of Schenectady, New York.)

HERE & THERE

- Ian Murray

Adam Miller and his "Breakfast from the Barn" Show were written up in a recent edition of the "Ontario Farmer". Adam often uses material from this paper on his show.

This has been a wonderful spring for blossoms. It seems that every bush and tree capable of blossoming is doing so in abundance. The lilac bushes at Emerald are probably setting aroma records.



A sheep farmer that Christopher knows in South-Western Ontario just had over 100 pregnant ewes die after being chased by several dogs on one of those very hot & humid days at the end of May. What a terrible experience for all concerned.

A parent has told me that a very good teacher is leaving the Island school at the end of this term. Andrew Cotton has taught here for 6 years and will be missed. He will be teaching in Kingston next school year.

93.7 FM IS INTO MONTH THREE

-Terry Culbert / CJAI Station Manager

All of us at 93.7 FM are proud that we have made it into our third month of broadcasting from our illustrious location, the Gowan barn in downtown Stella. There have been tiny glitches, but nothing serious as our transmitter sends out its five-watt signal to most of Amherst Island, portions of Hay Bay, Bath and Amherstview. I receive it driving into Kingston along the Loyalist Parkway as far as No Frills grocery store in Collins Bay. In May, a reconditioned system, also named HAL, was installed by Tom Richmond, CJAI Director of Operations and computer whiz Jim Gould, CJAI's Music Director. "The new HAL is faster and more efficient than the old HAL", said Jim Gould. "The new server was purchased with major storage and power (dual core memory). It will be used in the music library and for archiving and recording the day-to-day broadcast which is the requirement of the Canadian Radio and Television Commission. Old HAL won't be put out to pasture, it will become a print and fax server during its retirement".

There have been some great live and prerecorded shows. Retired Global Television News anchor Peter Trueman hosts his live Saturday morning show, bringing guests into the studio and spinning his favourite CDs. Adam Miller's "Breakfast from the Barn", has a different guest Monday to Friday from 6am until 9am. Adam's show is produced from either the radio station or from a studio set up in his farmhouse living room on Third Concession



Looking like two old football players commentating on the Grey Cup game, Terry Culbert and Brian Little were actually co-hosting 'Breakfast from the Barn' live on May 16th. (Photo by Tom Richmond).



Road. One day in May, his entire show was taped from the cab of his John Deere tractor. Tom Richmond and Adam did the 3-hour show planting corn at the same time. The 34-year old disc jockey and dairy farmer has created a one-hour show running on weekends. Titled: The Island Farmer, it will feature Amherst Island agriculturalists on location. So far a Topsy Farms feature on lambing has aired. Humorous Brian Little has been a frequent afternoon DJ. 'The Night They Invented Poutine", is a popular Canadian song Brian plays. It features his old Montreal friends Bowser & Blue. If you stay up after 10pm, catch the music played by Kyle and Leah Murray.

We are looking forward to our second annual Amherst Island Public Radio Book Sale on August 12th. If you have books that you would like to donate to our fundraiser, call CJAI at 384-8282 and leave a message. We will pick them up or if you haven't toured the station, drop off the books yourself and come in for a visit.

For program scheduling, listen to 93.7 FM, check the Beacon or our website: "www.amherstisland.on.ca/air".

If you are interested in volunteering, let us know. We can always use another pair of hands.

COMMUNITY RADIO IS FUN!

Retired Global Television News anchorman Peter Trueman took his friend Kevin Newman on a tour of CJAI Amherst Island Public Radio recently. Kevin is the National News anchor for Global Television, stationed in Vancouver. (Photo courtesy of Peter Trueman).





Photo by Dave Youell

LIFE IN THE 1500'S

- submitted by Richard & Donna Thompson

The next time you are washing your hands and complain because the water temperature isn't just how you like it, think about how things used to be. Here are some facts about the 1500s:

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May, and still smelled pretty good by June. However, they were starting to smell, so brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odor. Hence, the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children. Last of all, the babies.

By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water."

Houses had thatched roofs - thick straw; piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof. Hence the saying "It's raining cats and dogs".

There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house. This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other droppings could mess up your nice clean bed. Hence, a bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. That's how canopy beds came into existence.

The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt. Hence, the saying "dirt poor". The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in the winter when wet, so they spread thresh (straw) on the floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on, they added more thresh until, when you opened the door, it would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entranceway. Hence, the word "threshold".

In those old days, they cooked in the kitchen with a big kettle that always hung over the fire. Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They ate mostly vegetables and did not get much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner, leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight and then start over the next day. Sometimes stew had food in it that had been there for quite a while. Hence, the rhyme "Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot, nine days old."

Sometimes they could obtain pork, which made them feel quite special. When visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon to show off. It was a sign of wealth that a man could "bring home the bacon". They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around and "chew the fat".

Those with money had plates made of pewter. Food with high acid content caused some of the lead to leach onto the food, causing lead poisoning death. This happened most often with tomatoes, so for the next 400 years or so, tomatoes were considered poisonous.

Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top, or the "upper crust".

Lead cups were used to drink ale or whisky. The combination would sometimes knock the imbibers out for a couple of days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for burial. They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake up. Hence, the custom of "holding a wake".

England is old and small and the local folks started running out of places to bury people. So they would dig up coffins and would take the bones to a bone-house, and reuse the grave. When reopening these coffins, 1 out of 25 coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside and they realized they had been burying people alive. So they would tie a string on the wrist of the corpse, lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell. Someone would have to sit out in the graveyard all night ("the graveyard shift") to listen for the bell; thus, someone could be, "saved by the bell" or was considered a "dead ringer".



And The Lodge Puts on Another Successful Art Show...





Clockwise from top left: Artist Peggie Coulter; Peggie's Paintings; Stan Burke, Show Patrons in the reception area of the Lodge,; Peggie Coulter speaks with Martin Hauschild and Ula Steif.







With Paintings by Peggie Coulter









Track and Field Day











Left Page Clockwise from Top Left: Gavin Ashley; Daniel Little; Brandon Reid; Fae MacArthur; Center: Muressa Fabian

Above Clockwise from Top Left: Brooke Reid; Cody Mayman; Katelyn Aitkenhead; Danielle Wolfries spins Cody Mayman as Ben Whitton looks on.

All photos on both pages by Brian Little.

PCW Ham Supper





Clockwise from Top Left: Tia Fleming, Lyn and Larry Fleming, Ray and Zelma Koenders; Alan Kidd and Bill Harris Photos by Brian Little





Island Farmer's Market Kicks off with a bang...

ving cart for the Wome



Above Left: Candace Youell shops at the AIMS table; Center Diane Pierce and Mary Kay Steele at the Women's Institute's Cart. Top Right: Ben Whitton; Above: Ben Whitton practices the clarinet while Terry Culbert snaps a quick shot; Below: PCW cart. Photos by Dave Youell



The Amherst Island's Women's Institute unveiled their new four-wheeled canteen caddy at the 2006 Island Market. Created, designed and constructed by Ross Haines and George Gavlas. The sturdy roll-into-position-cafe also features a reupolstered umbrella stitched together by Stella O'Byrne and Joyce Haines. The smile on past-president Mary Kay Steel's face proves the Women's Institute is pleased. Photo by Terry Culbert















presents... RED VS WOLF







This year, the students from AIPS performed Red vs The Wolf.

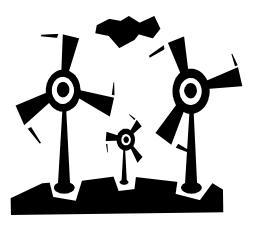
Pictured here are some of the participants. Left Page (clockwise from Top Left): Brooke Reid, Daniel Little and Fae MacArthur, Mrs. VanDyke putting make-up on Andrew LeBlue, Ciara Richmond.

Right Page Top Nicholas Varga, Bottom: Stephan McGinn.



A MIGHTY WIND VISITS THE ISLAND- Kitsy McMullen

On May 12th former Kingston mayor and current Wolfe Island resident Ken Keyes spoke at the Neilson Store Museum in the monthly series of Back Room Talks. There was no one under forty in the standing-room-only audience and only about a half dozen of the audience were people raised on the Island, but according to organizer Alan Kidd people under forty seldom show up at the Back Room Talks and there were more island-raised folk there than at any other talk—so far.



Ken Keyes' topics were wind farms and ferries, with the greatest interest in the wind farm issue. Wolfe Island has agreed to support the erection of 86 wind turbines in 2007, arranged as a joint bid for energy supply by the Canadian Renewable Energy Corporation (CREC) and Gaia Power. Gaia Power is one of two companies planning to bid on a similar project proposed for Amherst Island.

According to Mr. Keyes, the Wolfe Island Wind Project will provide 5 full time maintenance jobs and there was some mention of a programme established at St Lawrence College to provide such technical training. The current program is described in the St Lawrence online catalogue at http://www.sl.on.ca/fulltime/F1002.htm. Mr Keyes supports the Wolfe Island Wind Project and he described some of the discussions that he has had with many fellow Wolfe Islanders, both those for and those against it. He also introduced a category of people who are "not for" the project, including his older brother who decided to not have the family farm included in the pool of possible sites for towers because he felt he shouldn't make the decision for future family members.

Mr. Keyes described his visits to wind farm installations in Morocco and Spain and his positive impression of them. He also speculated on possible alliances for Wolfe and Amherst Islands to acquire better ferry services. Mr. Keyes told many amusing stories about his time as Kingston mayor, his new role as a Wolfe Island activist, and his friendship with some folk in the audience (who he did not realize had retired to Amherst Island). After his talk there were many questions including those about the noise produced by wind turbines, their effect on bird populations, and the responsibilities of decommissioning installations. Mr Keyes felt all these concerns were addressed by the arrangement Wolfe Island has established with the project implementers. He also provided his opinions about the noise and bird problems as solved by technological improvements.

Two very useful background articles about the Wolfe Island Wind Project and their associated problems that were published by the Queen's Journal are posted online at "http://www.queensjournal.ca/article.php/point-vol133/issue27/features/lead1" and at "http://www.queensjournal.ca/article.php/point-vol133/issue29/features/lead1".

WIND POWER

- Hans Krauklis

On May 13, 2006 the "Kitchener-Waterloo Record" published a lengthy and, in my opinion, well researched article on current and planned wind power projects in south-west Ontario, written by staff reporter Bob Burtt. Since similar projects are under consideration on Amherst and Wolfe Islands and the Invista site in Loyalist Township, it may be useful to glean some current information from the experience described in the newspaper article which I have summarized below. More information on local area projects is available on the Internet at "www.cityofkingston.ca/cityhall/

committees/keaf/envirofacts/windpower.asp" and web sites of local wind power companies.

The first large-scale wind farm in Ontario, a 45-tower operation, is located in Melancthon and Amaranth townships. Calgary-based "Canadian Hydro Developers Inc", the firm behind the venture, says that the whole project has cost \$126 million, of which some \$16 million was spent locally. Each wind tower will generate annual royalty payments of \$5000 to \$7500 to property owners. The project should generate enough electricity for 25,000 homes. 24 kilometers of road were built on farms to provide access to the turbines, plus 2 km of existing roads were upgraded. Regional employment during construction totaled 45 person-years. Annual operating costs, excluding royalty payments, are expected to be \$3.2 million, of which \$1.16 million would be spent locally. The company will pay a total of \$197,000 in property taxes to the two townships and county school boards.

Melancthon Township mayor Gerry Mathews knows that not everyone is happy with the township's newest business. He fields complaints about noise and about lights at night. He also hears concerns that "Canadian Hydro" does not pay enough municipal taxes. He notes that for tax purposes the towers are assessed at value of \$40,000 each (a value set by the Province), even though they cost \$2 million each to put up. The township gets about \$600 per tower in annual taxes. Others are more critical. They cite studies in other areas showing that communities with wind farms have seen property values slip and have reported a higher incidence of problems, including vibration caused by low-frequency sounds. (Note: The Archives and Collections Society of Picton, Prince Edward County, offers a thoughtful article which is available on the Internet at "www.aandc.org/research/wind community health.html".)

Nuclear energy produced 51 percent of Ontario's electricity in 2005. Renewable energy sources (mainly hydro, that is water-driven power) provided approximately 23 percent, (with fossil fuels, mainly coal, generating the remaining quarter). The share of renewable resources in electricity generation is expected to rise to 40 percent by 2015. The Ontario Power Authority hopes that by 2025 wind power will provide 15 percent of Ontario's electricity, up from 0.5 percent today which is produced by a currently installed wind power capacity of 15,000 kilowatts. Denmark already produces 20 percent of its electricity from wind power. To encourage investment in wind power, Ontario pays a premium price of 11 cents per kilowatt-hour (kwh), compared to 4.95 cents per kwh for nuclear power, 3.3 cents for hydro power, 4.7 cents for fossil fuel generated power, and 42 cents per kwh for solar energy.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

- Joyce Reid

The May 17 meeting was held at the home of Joyce Reid with 18 members in attendance.

The Guest Speaker was dietician, Renee Robbins from the Public Health Department of Kingston, Lennox and Frontenac. Her topic was Trans Fats, which we should avoid by reading food labels carefully.

A nutritious buffet was offered by cohostesses Stella O'Byrne and Joyce Reid.

The regular meeting, with a very full agenda, followed, under the leadership of the new president, Jackie Sylvester. It was opened with the Ode, Collect and National Anthem.



Sharen English was welcomed as a new member. Standing reports were given.

Thanks to Ross Haines, Alan Glenn and George Gavlas, the new cart on wheels is expected to be ready for the opening market day on May 20. This should make the setting up of the Coffee & Muffin Stand easier on Saturday mornings.

Many other business items were discussed.
The next OPEN meeting at St. Paul's on June 21 will feature Robert Burtch from the Peony Society.

The meeting was adjourned around 10:30 and closed with the singing of God Save The Queen.

AIMS: May 13
- Hugh Jenney
Forty-two men
enjoyed a
delicious

enjoyed a delicious breakfast prepared by the AIPS Senior



proceeds are being used for the 7th & 8th grade year-end, overnight trip to Picton on the Brigatine St. Lawrence II.

Our special guests were Councilors Duncan Ashley, John Ibey, Bill Lowry and Reeve Clayton McEwen.

Marc Raymond and Doug Martin are now taking orders for deciduous trees. They will plant and stake and protect them from voles. Cost is \$10. Duncan Ashley explained that Island trees on the road allowance are being cut to create clear site lines. David Thompson also advised him that the township insurance people want the road allowances to be free of impediments so that deer may be spotted more easily plus there will be less to hit if a driver goes off the road.

Ross Haines showed us the hanging flower baskets and the frames. Everything is coming in under budget. Sponsorships will be sought.

Ross Haines gave his report on the progress of the AI Museum's house tour and strawberry social to be held on June 24 from 11 AM 'til 4:30 PM. Everybody is encouraged to buy a ticket and have fun visiting the six unique Island homes.

Bruce Burnett passed out the Island Clean-up sheets for this year. He also passed out the AI Market sheets with the advice to get at least two people for each Saturday. Tom Iverson advised that he will have approximately two hundred DVDs to donate.

Alan Kidd brought us up to date on the progress with the A. I. Blacksmith Shop. Many scenarios were discussed.

Brian Little introduced our guest speaker, Mr. Frank Reinholz, Loyalist Township's Assistant Engineer who proceeded to guide us through the Ministry of the Environment's approval process. He also provided us with an overview of the municipal role in the Lafarge application to burn tires at their Bath plant.

Mr. Reinholz explained the differences between an EPA (Environmental Protection Act) and an EAA (Environmental Assessment Act).

An EPA applies to both the Private and Public sectors. The Certificate of Approval is based on the MOE's requirements at the time of application and is site specific, i.e. no discussion of where the tires will come from.

The EAA applies to the Public Sector such as highways, bridges. The kicker here is that the Private Sector is exempt unless designated by Regulation. It covers environment, social and economic issues. The Minister denied the Loyalist Environmental request for an EAA in November of last year. The Minister determined that the application and any concerns can be dealt with through an EPA.

Certificates of Approval can include performance standards that:

- 1) protect human health and the environment by reducing the potential for harmful effects
- 2). require a facility to conform to generally accepted engineering practices with the expectation that it will operate reliably

3) provide minimum requirements for compliance as set out in the EPA 4) place specific responsibilities on facility owners and operators.

Ministry of the Environment Director makes the decision on whether a public hearing is warranted. In some cases the hearing is mandatory. In the Lafarge application it is not mandatory. There has been no decision to date by the Director.

There is a provision in the Act for an appeal of the Certificate of Approval by either the applicant (Lafarge) or a 3rd party (Loyalist Environmental Coalition through the Sierra Legal Defense Fund) for an Environmental Review Tribunal. The MOE Director implements the decision of the ERT.

Role of Loyalist Township: They have no decision power. They are limited to comments on the application and whether or not to have a public hearing. The MOE told them that they couldn't have an Environmental Assessment because Lafarge is a private business. The Loyalist Environmental Coalition asked them to ask for one anyway. It is really up to the Minister of the Environment.

Martin Hauschild suggested we push for an Environmental Assessment because this is a province-wide problem with all cement companies participating.

Brian Little thanked Frank for coming over on an early Saturday boat to give us all this valuable information.

Amherst Island on the Farm...





Photo by Brian Little

...and watching soccer.



Above: Adam Miller, dairyman and host of "Breakfast in the Barn" drives his tractor as he discs 30 acres in preparation for a field of oats. Photo by Terry Culbert

...in the Sky



Above: Janet Grace takes a moment to smile for the camera while flying over Amherst Island to view real estate.

Left: Soccer fans Valerie Wolfries, Lorna Willis, Eva Little and Alicia Wolfries. Photos by Brian Little.



End of the Tulip Season

Ink Drawings

by Peter Large, SCA.



New Delphiniums

JUNE SKIES

- Alan Kidd

June is a bit of a difficult month for star gazers, simply because there isn't much darkness at our latitude- also the mosquitoes are now out. However, there are some rewarding sights worth putting on the bug spray.

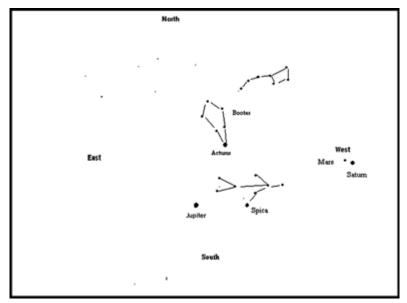


The star Vega in the constellation of Lyra reappears this month. It is the bright blue-white star in the eastern sky visible shortly after the skies become dark. The bright reddish star almost directly overhead is Arcturus.

Arcturus is the brightest star in the kite shaped constellation of Boötes. Arcturus and Boötes can be found using the "arc to Arcturus" which involves following the arc made by the stars in the handle of the Big Dipper about twice the length of the handle. It this line is continued about the same distance you will come to another bright star, Spica, in the constellation Virgo. This month Jupiter is located near to Spica, just a little to the left and much brighter. In fact, it is probably easier to locate Spica by first finding Jupiter.

Virgo is one of the constellations of the Zodiac and the name means, not surprisingly, "the Virgin". However, which virgin the constellation is named for is a matter of some dispute. One theory is that the Virgin in question was Persephone, the daughter of Demeter. Demeter is a fertility goddess, like Ishtar and Isis in Egypt, who were also associated with this constellation. This is not surprising, since the appearance of Virgo in the skies in spring is a symbol of the start of the planting season. In this context, it is fitting that the name of the brightest star in Virgo, Spica, means "ear of wheat".

Jupiter continues to be the brightest planet in the evening sky, shining high in the South as night falls. Saturn is also



prominent in the west-southwest. Mars will continue to be visible throughout the month, but just barely, being low and dim in the evening sky between Saturn and Castor and Pollux. However, at dusk on June 17th, Mars and Saturn will come so close (only apparently, they will still be 700 million miles apart) they will look like a double star. Saturn will be below and to the left of the much dimmer Mars. Throughout the month Mercury will be just visible – low in the west at Dusk. Mercury should be easiest to spot on June the 20th, when it reaches it greatest distance from the sun (called greatest elongation).

Venus is also visible, but is a morning star, which means you will have to rise early this time of year (or stay up late) to see this planet.

On June 21st the Summer Solstice occurs and summer officially starts. This is the best time for many of us, but it makes for indifferent Astronomy, because the nights are so short, and the bugs so plentiful. We'll just have to put up with it until fall.

I've included a chart showing the positions of the Big Dipper and the constellations of Virgo and Boötes, as well as the positions of Jupiter, Saturn, Mars and Mercury.

COUNCIL GLEANINGS

- Ian Murray

There will be copious information accompanying the municipal tax bills explaining to us, the curious rate-payers, where the money to run Loyalist Township and the County of Lennox & Addington is coming from and where the money will be going.

New barriers are being (or have been) installed at the ferry docks.

Council has retained the engineering consulting firm of TSH for "the reconstruction design of 2.5 km of Front Road and 4.0 km of South Shore Road".

Motion adopted by Council:

- 1) That the contract for supply and application of calcium chloride be awarded to Morris Chemicals Incorporated at the tendered amount of \$85,241 including GST;
- 2) That staff be directed to provide funding recommenda-

tions to Council, in the event the budgeted amount of \$70,000 is to be exceeded in 2006.

Council approved the donation of \$1000 each to the Neilson Store Museum and to Pentland Cemetery.





AN INVITATION

Two lives, two hearts joined together in friendship, and United forever in LOVE,

Please join us on this joyous occasion when our parents, Gordon and Lynn Miller, celebrate their 40th Wedding Anniversary in the same year they celebrate their 60th birthdays.

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Best Wishes Only



I would like to thank the First Response Team for coming so quickly to help me on the evening of April 27th. We are so lucky to have these people who take so much time out of their busy schedules to do training and answer calls for help.

Thanks again. Ralph Wemp

I want to thank everyone for all the cards, phone calls and visits that I received while in the hospital and at home.

It's very much appreciated.

Art Hitchins

NOTICE

WATERSIDE OPENING

Featuring Mark DuBois

The 2006 Waterside Summer Series begins June 30th with tenor Mark DuBois and soprano Elizabeth Beeler performing songs from popular musicals such as My Fair Lady, South Pacific, Cats and West Side Story.

Mark DuBois last appeared on Waterside with pianist Gloria Saarinen in the summer of 2004. He remembers the terrific response of the audience, including the applause from those who were leaving for the ferry while he was still singing encores!

In addition to show tunes, Mark has programmed some wartime favourites and gospel selections in his interesting program.

Tickets are still available at \$18 by telephone 613 384-2153

Bees, bees, they're everywhere!!





Photos by Dave Youell

NOTICES

ST.PAUL'S GARDEN PARTY FLEA MARKET DONATIONS

St.Paul's Garden Party is once again looking for flea market items for donation. So please think of us when spring cleaning or clearing out all of those wonderful treasures! Any and all items welcomeplease drop off at the Whitton front porch in the village or call 384-5027 for pick up.



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Tuesday July 25 @ 7.15pm

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and voice

Wednesday August 9 @ 7.15pm

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Jamie Parker piano
Roman Borys cello

Ticket Information. To reserve tickets, payment by cheque must be received in advance. They go on sale May 1, and may be ordered by telephone at 613-384-2153, or by mail at Waterside, RR#1 Stella ON K0H 2S0 Reserved tickets will be mailed if purchased two weeks prior or can be picked up on the day of the performance after 6:30 pm. If available, tickets may be purchased at the door.



BACK KITCHEN NEWS

Hello from Indiana! I am still here waiting for my house to sell, so we will be postponing the opening of The Back Kitchen again. Many apologies for those that depended on us for lunch or dinner. We are trying everything possible to be open for at least a short season, but that will depend on things I cannot control. Have a good June, and we hope to see you in July.

ACW CHICKEN BARBECUE

Saturday, July 8th at the Community Centre from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Adults: \$12.00; Children ages 6-12: \$6.00 and Children under age 6: Free. For tickets call: 389-4874 or 389-4327.

RAFFLE

The Loyalist Township Cemetery Committee and the Directors of the Neilson Store Museum are holding a raffle for 2 airline tickets good for anywhere in Canada or mainland United States – some restrictions apply.

The tickets are \$20 each and are available at: the Amherst Island General Store; the Victoria Tea Room; and, the Weasel and Easel Gift Shop. Tickets may also be obtained from: Alan Kidd, 389-4334; Judith Harrower, 384-0435; Bruce Burnett; and Bruce Caughey. The draw will be held on September 23 during the St. Alban's

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FOR SALE

WI ISLAND SIGHTS 2006

CALENDAR

Calendars are \$10.00 each.

Envelopes @ \$1.00 each.

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Send to: 2006 Calendar 14005 Front Road, Stella, ON, K0H 2S0

Or contact any WI member.

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FOR SALE_

DOORS OF AMHERST ISLAND

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Any of the above may be left in my porch or call me regarding any other items. The animals really do need our help Freda. 384-4135

A.I. ANGELS FOR AIDS

We are seeking any and all donations of material, fabric, ribbon (especially wired) and all manner of fancy, shiny things for making our Angels. If you call me, Judy Roberts, at 384-5774, I will gladly pick things up from you; alternately, you can drop things off at St. Paul's Church on Sundays.

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