

Spring has arrived!! *And the Paparazzi are out in full force!*

FROM THE EDITOR

- Ian Murray

The Webmaster of the "amherstisland.on.ca, Alex "Sandy" Scott, requested that he be sent more Beacons to include on the web site. I have asked Sue, the production goddess, to send Sandy a copy of each Beacon at the same time that she sends it to the printer and e-subscribers. A month or so later, this issue will be added to the web site.

Sandy has now created a Beacon archive section where one can access the Beacon texts from the first issue, April 1970, up to April 2002. Don Tubb, former Beacon editor, photographer and peasant, did an immense amount of work to get the old Beacons onto his computer – about 1.5 million words.

Please let us know of any errors or omissions – including typos. Don did make an effort to make the spelling of names more consistent.

I am not sure how to deal with errors of content – probably on a case-by-case basis. Sometimes there were corrections made in subsequent issues but I am sure that not all factual errors have been discovered.

The April issue of Cottage Times - a Whig insert – had an article on general stores that featured a photo of the Amherst Island General Store.



Photo by Terry Culbert

Amherst Island's very own 'Paparazzi Little' with his Little assistant.

I had recently had a chat with Laurie in which I commented that the shelves did not seem to be loaded with stock to sell. She said that the winter had been pretty slow but things were picking up.

I phoned Annette to get her opinion on the health of the store – she used to run the store and I knew that she'd have something to say. She sure did and she offered to send me an article, which is included on page 3.

I have started to do more business at the store and I hope others will too. Many of us, I fear, have taken the store – and post office – for granted. As Annette says, the best support for the store is by pulling out our wallets and doing some business.

By the 24th, there were only 2 photos submitted to us. I phoned Terry and Brian and Sue (independently) e-mailed them to see if they had any good photos for this issue. Their response, and Dave Youell's, has been somewhat overwhelming and it has been a difficult job to select the photos that appear in this issue. Our thanks to those who sent in photos.

A thank you to Joyce Brown for pointing out that there was an error in Roberta Ruth Glenn's ancestor tree – I had mixed up 2 William Glenns. The corrected family tree is included in this issue (page 8). I do appreciate it when people take the time to correct the family trees.

There is a rumour that I made errors in my Council Gleanings report in the April issue. Please, if you see an error in the Beacon, let me know so that I can make the necessary correction in the next issue.

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I do not go to Council meetings – that job is still open (with the Beacon covering mileage and ferry costs) – so I get all my information from Council agendas and minutes.

Sue and I apologize for any confusion resulting from the placement of two of the ACW Beef Dinner photos taken by Brian Little. There was no intention to give the impression that Dorothy McGinn had done all the baking shown in the photo below the photo of Zander and Dorothy.

JANET'S JOTTINGS

- Janet Scott

Ah, the wonderful sights, sounds and smells of spring. How can one be anything but overjoyed as the world around us breaks out into song and colour as daily changes in temperature bring new arrivals and our senses are bombarded with new experiences. I don't think that I would be at ease living in a climate without changes as I revel in the excitement of each new season, whether it be autumn colours, the first snowflake, summer fireflies or a

bird's spring song. Each and every season has something special to awaken our inner man and lift our souls out of the doldrums.

Everyone comments on the first Robin as the harbinger of spring. I don't want to rain on your parade but many Robins stay all winter even here on blustery Amherst Island. The foot of Kerr Road is a good spot to find wintering Robins and other thrushes. Robins have wintered over in the Owl Woods as well but I know that first sighting of Robin Redbreast has always signaled the arrival of spring for Canadians.

The Robins are already nest building and the male sings from high points to mark his territory and I like to think that it helps Mrs. Robin put up with the sitting. She constructs a cup-shaped nest formed to her measurements by rotating her breast around the mud-lined cup to smooth and shape it. The grasses and string or hair are woven around the outside to give it strength and feathers soften the inside. Sometimes several trial nests are built before the exact location is decided on and housekeeping begins.

I like to think of the Red-winged blackbird as a true greeter of Spring. For over 40 years the Kingston Field Naturalists show the Red-winged Blackbird as returning on average on March 8th and sure enough I was

home sick from work on March 9th and looked out to see my feeder surrounded by Red-winged Blackbirds. Even though our weather had been so much milder this winter, they came at the same time seeking the cattail marshes to establish their territories. The females arrive a month later. We even had snow and the males could be seen on territory.

The swallows, beginning with the hardier Tree Swallow, arrive towards the end of March and by the end of April the more delicate Martins are squeaking around their nesting boxes happily discussing the trip back from the south with their neighbours and throwing unwanted House Sparrows out of their apartment complexes. It would be interesting to find out from the Bulch family just how long the Martins have been living in the village. I know the Martin houses at the foot had Martins at one time shortly after the houses were built but during one disastrous summer that colony disappeared. The combination of dry summer, no bugs and early winter was just too hard on them.

The sounds of spring can be as varied as the Mockingbird's melodious singing on the brush pile at the Fire Hall, the mysterious winnowing sound of the Snipe as it displays or the harsh croaking cackle of the Kingfisher as it marks its territory along the South Shore. Rebecca commented the other day when she saw the Kingfisher that soon it would race the bus again. She remembered its frantic flights parallel to the road as it defended its territory from Lyn's bus. I also heard one in the village so perhaps Laura Gartner's Kingfisher is back there at the creek again.

May is the month for colourful warblers and wild flowers in the Owl Woods so consider a dawn ramble through the woods or an afternoon walk by the shore. Don't worry about the bugs, Tom Sylvester is living proof that ingesting those annoying midges won't kill you. Be glad those midges aren't mosquitoes! Anyway the swallows, ducks, Bonaparte Gulls seem to just love them.

Enjoy the season!

Good Birding,

Moo



Photo by Dave Youell

Use it or lose it -

It's time for Amherst Islanders to step up to the counter.

- Annette Philips

Four generations of the Glenn family worked seven days a week to operate a general store for the Amherst Island community. In 1998, following the death of my grandmother, Irene Glenn, we sold the business and the building to Dave and Laurie Youell. Not only did Dave and Laurie have a passion for Amherst Island, they felt they had the energy and ideas to continue to run a business that provided an important service to the community. We welcomed the opportunity to pass on a treasured part of our family history to people who cared enough to take on such a significant burden.

But "burden" doesn't begin to describe the undertaking of running the Island's only store. The unfortunate truth is that the store is not now and hasn't in my lifetime been a business that returns a profit. It is at best a community service, at worst a financial albatross. I, and my grandparents before me, drew our income from the post office and from other off-Island pursuits. We needed this income because providing our community with a store often meant taking money from our own pocket to make sure we had a few quarts of milk in the fridge and a few loaves of bread on the shelf in case you ran out.

Providing our community with a store meant opening the door to you at 10 p.m. when you couldn't make it to the village during business hours. It meant delivering food to the elderly and ill. It meant extending credit, sometimes for months, to those who needed goods but couldn't pay. It meant special trips to pick up ice



Photo by Dave Youell

cream for the Garden Party or hot lunch fixings for the school kids or seeking out the right brand of tin-end ham for the Mother's Day dinner. It meant breaking Canada Post rules and jeopardizing our paying job because you needed a stamp or your mail when the post office was supposed to be closed. (Often you were in a rush to catch the ferry so you could buy milk and bread across the bay.) What running the store never, ever, meant was turning a profit or getting paid for our work. A vital community service for sure, but in many ways, an utterly thankless job.

We heard a lot of great advice over the years: Get new products, open longer hours, stock fewer products, open shorter hours, lower the prices. Believe me, we tried them all. The fact is, the store was missing the most vital ingredient of all: Community support. Yes, it costs a few cents more to buy a quart of milk on the island. Yes, choices are limited. Yes, the store may be out of pantyhose on the very day you need a pair. That's what happens when a community doesn't

support its store in any meaningful way for a few generations. The unfortunate result is that we could now lose our store completely.

The only way Amherst Islanders can make a difference and guarantee the store's future existence is by walking in with cash in hand and buying goods on a regular, long-term basis. There is no sustainable alternative. None. Ordering groceries from Bath Foodland doesn't count. It's a great service, but it doesn't contribute to this store's bottom line. Drawing from experience, if 100 people spend \$20 a week at the store, Dave and Laurie might begin to break even over time. A \$30 expenditure by 100 people each and every week might mean they would be able to cover the oil and electricity bills and maybe increase the stock. At \$40 a week, they might be able to eke out a very meagre wage and perhaps replace some of their aging equipment.

The general store has supported this community for well over 60 years, now it's time for the community to make its choice. Will we use the store or will we lose it?

Old Harrows in Stella



Ink Drawing by Peter Large, SCA

These are wrought iron harrows leaning against a fence in Stella. Harrows have straight teeth, whereas cultivators have curved ones.

Keith Miller tells me that these implements were used on the Island up to the middle of the 20th Century.

Further, Keith said an Island blacksmith probably made these here. The blacksmith would have made the entire apparatus including the connecting bolts and nuts that hold the frame together. As a final act, the blacksmith would custom-make a wrench that fit his custom-made bolts and nuts and give that to the farmer.

HELPING GOD'S CREATION

- Zander of DUNN INN

I wish God has consulted me before Creation. I could have rendered profound advice.

Take Spring for example. Now that the snow has gone God has left us with the earth colours. The brown land, the green grasses and leaves, the blue sky. Those colours are so dull! Indeed, Harold Kushner, in his book on the Twenty Third Psalm, suggests God deliberately gave us green grass and blue sky to calm us down. He points out that God has coloured the world with predominantly restful colours - brown, green and blue. He argues that if we slow down and look at God's Creation we'll be soothed by the colours of the world around us. According to him, that's what the words "He makes me to lie down in green pastures" are all about.

I must disagree. And I believe most Islanders would back me on this. We have too much calm brought on by the colours brown and green and blue. What we really need on this Island is to be jazzed up by the bright colours like risky red, yelping yellow, outrageous orange, passionate purple, pesky pink, to name only a few.

I say most Islanders would agree with me because they have sprinkled these colours around the Island to liven up the place. What, for example, could be more pleasing to the eye than to see beer bottles at the side of the roads reflecting the sun? The white Styrofoam of meal containers and coffee cups lift our spirits. The sun glints wonderfully off the clear plastic water bottles our Islanders donate to the roadsides. The silver pop and beer cans definitely bring new colours to our attention.

Enough with the bland already! How wonderful to see the striped, checkered, swirled plastic shopping bags which our people have used to decorate the island with better colours than God ever dreamed of. And, if you were to open some of those bags you would find delights and treasures beyond your wildest dreams - coloured string, dead rats, brilliant clothing.

One of the most effective colouring devices for our landscape are cigarette packages. Some are blue and green it's true; but not the blue and green of God. They stand out so well against the drab earth on which they lie. Unfortunately those containers are empty. But somebody carefully emptied an ashtray on the grass so the white, brown and yellow butts bring new beauty to light. Some people might consider these things to be garbage. They would be wrong! I believe the Islanders know better and are contributing to the improvement of the colours on our Island.

The Islanders are to be commended for brightening up the Island by tossing colourful materials, no longer of value to them, onto the ground. I'm proud to be able to take friends around the Island and show them how we are adding to, and improving upon, God's creation.

There is only one negative thing about all this and that is that those meddlesome men of AIMS (Amherst Island Men's Society) have undertaken to remove these bright objects from the roadside thus assigning our Island to the dreary drabness bequeathed to us by God. Come on, Islanders; let's keep this Island bright by leaving colourful things all about the land!

FORTY-SECOND COUSINS

- Joyce Brown

A recent mention in the Beacon of Islanders immigrating to Kansas before the turn of the last century reminded me of the research I had done on one family's move to Kansas. In 1871, Hugh Glenn, his wife, Eliza Scott and their two sons, Robert and William, with their wives and children all left Amherst Island and moved to Newton, Harvey Co, Kansas. Three questions that intrigued me were: 1) who were these long-lost members of my Glenn family; 2) what inspired them to immigrate to Kansas; and, 3) what did they find when they arrived in the American West?

Hugh was born in 1796 in Ballywalter, Ireland, the son of Robert Glenn and Nessie Johnson (Johnston), and brother to Samuel Glenn and Alexander Glenn. He immigrated to Canada c1835, settling on Amherst Island and plying his trade as a shoemaker and farmer. Hugh had a reputation as a man of fine physique and vigour. An old story tells of him beating his grandson in a footrace at the age of eighty. Hugh married Eliza Scott (b. 1801) in Canada. Their two sons, Robert (b.1839) and William (b.1842) grew to adulthood on Amherst Island.

As a young man, Robert sailed on the Great Lakes. He married Elizabeth Ann Sloan (b.1844) in Trenton, Ontario in 1864. They leased 96 acres of farmland from Robert P. Maxwell on the 2nd Concession on Amherst Island, Lots 51 and 52. Robert and Elizabeth gave birth to four children before leaving the Island in 1871. Seven more children were born after their arrival in Kansas.

William served with the 48th Battalion, Ontario from 1866 to c1870. He married Mary Carson McMath (b. 1850) in Napanee, Ontario in 1864, and they leased land on the 2nd Concession, Lot 50. It has long been thought that two small stones in Pentland Cemetery, almost indistinguishable, reading Victoria, dau. of Wm J &.....Glenn 1871(?) and John, son of Wm.&.....Glenn 1871(?), were attributable to this family. Records from Kansas suggest that these two children both died in the spring of 1871 on Amherst Island, but descendents there have no further information on them. Twelve more children were born in Kansas.

So why did this family leave their kin and a close community on Amherst Island to immigrate to Kansas in 1871? A quick look at the history of Kansas may provide the answer.

Following the Civil War and Kansas being granted statehood, the great age of building railroads in the West was at a fever pitch.

The Federal Government was determined to establish settlements in the state. As early as 1825, a treaty had been signed with the Osage tribe to build a public highway that became known as the Santa Fe Trail through their lands. With the near extermination of the buffalo lying ahead, and the discovery of gold on native lands, the Commanche, Iolas, Cheyenne and Osages accepted an offer (Treaty of 1867) by the government to move them to a reserve in Oklahoma. Promised good lands, housing and cattle, the Osage left Kansas, little knowing the tragedies that lay in wait for them. This cleared the way for railroads and settlement.

The Federal Government enacted the Homestead Act May 20, 1862 and offered land to any head of family or person over the age of 21 years, any veteran of the Civil War, any citizen of the U.S. or immigrant intending to become a citizen and who had not borne arms against the U.S. If they were willing to build a house, they could receive up to 162 acres for a minimal cost. Posters and pamphlets were circulated in newspapers extolling the wonders of Kansas... "gently rolling prairie...rich, inexhaustible soil...clear and limpid streams...sweet, nutritious grass... no fairer spot...Garden of Eden...." The railways offered free sleeping berths to weary travelers.

The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad was completed as far as Newton, Kansas on July 17, 1871, and settlers from all over the Eastern United States, Europe and Canada arrived.

Hugh, Robert and William Glenn and their families, along with Millers, Grattans, McGinns and others left Amherst Island and traveled to this promised land, riding to the end of the rails in Newton, Kansas. They arrived to find the "cowboy reign" of lawlessness in full swing in this western town.

In 1871 there were 22 gunfights in the streets of the town. Billy the Kid, Wyatt Earp, the Dalton Gang, William F. Cody, Wild Bill Hickock, Bat Masterson and Doc Halliday all passed through Kansas during this era. The Newton Massacre on August 20, 1871 followed the next day by the Hyde Park shoot-out are both infamous in Kansas history. An item in the Topeka Commonwealth newspaper on May 30, 1871 reported that "the state of Society....is at its worst. The town is largely inhabited by prostitutes, gamblers, and whiskey-sellers. Pistol shooting is the main amusement. Men are armed at all times, mostly with two pistols." And it was here, near this Wild West town, that our Islanders were determined to claim their land, and spend their lives. But what a shock it must have been after quiet Amherst Island!

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NEIGHBOURHOOD

- Lyn Fleming

Condolences this month to Mary Liz Best following the passing of her husband John Fisher.

Get Well wishes to Art Hitchins, Terry Culbert, Stanley Burke and Ralph Wemp, who all made trips to the hospital this month.

Happy 40th Birthday to Noel McCormick, who celebrated at a surprise party with family and friends.

Happy 50th to Pam McCormick, who also celebrated with a surprise party.

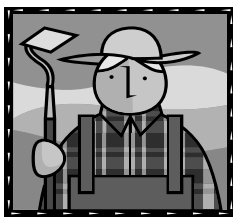
Alan Kidd and daughter Eva spent some time in England visiting and touring. Jim, Lynanne and Ben Whitton spent Easter in North Carolina.

Brian Little was off to North Carolina for a week of golf.

Congratulations to Amherst Island radio on a successful launch! It was a long time in the making, but I think has met and maybe even beat some expectations.

As I write this (late as usual), we are enjoying some beautiful spring weather on the Island. The first few lambs have arrived, the new calves are kicking up their heels in the fields and we have even seen our first family of new goslings on the south shore. Spring bulbs are blooming and adding splashes of colour in gardens and lawns and the grass-cutting season has begun.





AIMS

- Hugh Jenney, Secretary.

A delicious breakfast was served by the AIPS Senior Class.

Brian Little read Catherine Wemp's thank you letter.

Brian Grace reported that he could not locate a place to store the health department's well sampling bottles. Any ideas?

Peter Trueman reported that he had twelve calls for home care. All other reports were as usual.

Tree planting Committee: Marc Raymond and Doug Martin will put up a sign at the store asking for people who want a good sized maple, ash, or hickory on their property line. They will stake them as well as protect them from the voles. Doug Green recommends castor oil purchased from a farmers' co-op. Trees are \$10.00 each.

Ross Haines reported that we have ten vendors so far for the House Tour Passport Sales and that we need more volunteers for the house tour. 93.7 FM radio will have a taped discussion of all the houses on the house tour. All drivers should be tuned in while transporting our house tour guests.

Island Clean-up is being coordinated by Bruce Burnett. Bruce passed around the sign-up sheet for the AIMS table too.

New business: Speaker for the May 13th meeting will be the Township Engineer re. Lafarge; June 10 will be John Moolenbeek re. L&A Hospital Expansion; July 8th may be a private small scale wind and solar power information seminar by Dan Creighton of the Renewable Energy of Plum Hollow Inc. OPG will pay 11 cents a kilowatt now.

Guest Speaker: Judith Harrower spoke about Pentland Cemetery. \$12,000 has been raised so far. The fences should be finished by June 11 when there will be a memorial service. All are invited at 2 p.m.. The dowsers will demonstrate their system of locating graves. Judith's big excitement is that she has been given two airline tickets to be raffled off. The two tickets to anywhere in Canada or mainland USA must be used together and are non redeemable. She has one thousand tickets which cost \$20 each. 35% of the proceeds will go towards the AI Museum.

Judith went on to explain that the dowsers found seventeen bodies outside the fenced cemetery. (Sixteen natives and one Jewish lady with a small child) The road will never be widened at that spot because two bodies are very close to the road. Judith told us that the cost of a plot has gone up by \$150 and that it costs an additional \$150 to open and close the grave. Right now they are waiting for the township to clear off a tree which fell on the east wall.

...Workers are needed in May on Thursdays and Fridays starting at 9 a.m. unless it is very hot and then we should start at 8 a.m. Judith needs help with righting a shed. Marc Raymond volunteered to gather up some men and erect the shed. Judith went on to say that the furnace services are getting higher and that we should get together to coordinate having our furnaces serviced at the same time.

Brian Little thanked Judith and the meeting was adjourned at 9:45.



- Lyn Fleming

Congratulations to teacher Stephanie Raeburn-Gibson and the Amherst Island Science School, who recently received a \$2000.00 grant from the Limestone Learning Foundation. The grant was awarded for Ms. Raeburn-Gibson's newest program "GPS Geo-caching for Island Treasures".

The Science school has purchased 10 GPS units as well as related material and software for the program. The Amherst Island Science School is open to all schools in the Limestone District School Board for outdoor field trips, where students learn about fossils, erosion and wildlife habitats, among other things.

It has grown over the last few years and has become a popular program for many mainland schools.

(Photos of students by Brian Little)

HERE & THERE

- Ian Murray

Janet Scott mentions Red Wing Black Birds as her "harbinger of spring". For me, it is the snakes coming out of the ground on the north side of our house. We believe that there must be rubble under the sod from an earlier house that provides a lot of snakes good winter quarters.

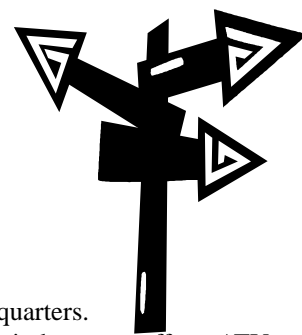
We sure made a mistake taking the wind-screens off our ATVs as the midges really are annoying when going at some speed. Actually they are annoying enough at zero speed.

The little that I've heard on our radio station - one of our radios will pull the station in but it has to sit on the dining room table - has been pretty good. I don't know how many times with Adam and Peter came across but they were fun to do. Peter, of course, is very professional and calm and clearly enjoys being on air. Adam may be new to radio but his enthusiasm for his program is infectious.

I see that the University of Guelph is claiming just-deceased American popular economist John Kenneth Galbraith as an alumnus. He graduated from the Ontario Agricultural College (OAC) which until 1965 was a college within the University of Toronto.

When I was at OAC, Galbraith was quoted in an interview that he had graduated from OAC which had the lowest fees and provided the poorest education in the western world. The rulers of the newly minted University of Guelph were mightily offended although Galbraith was clearly referring to a much earlier time.

Was it Galbraith who first said that economists were invented to make weather forecasters look better?



COUNCIL GLEANINGS

- Ian Murray

Council passed a resolution "that the 2006 budget for the Township purposes in the amount of \$17,974,000 as presented in the 2006 Final Budget be adopted."

Guy Laporte, consulting engineer, "provided an overview of the 2005 Annual Report for the Amherst Island Waste Disposal Site and noted the following:

- 1) The Amherst Island landfill is filling at about 60% of predicted rate.
- 2) The anticipated life span of the site in Phase 1 (Part A and C) is 26 years (2031).
- 3) The life span of Phase 2 (Part B) is expected to be an additional 8 years (2039)."

Lafarge Alternative Fuel Proposal.

Rob Cumming, Resource Recovery Manager, "indicated the following: The Bath Cement Plant has BACT (best available control technology) and this equipment is already installed. The Bath plant would be in compliance with European regulations and all of them are using alternative fuels.

Sewage sludge is not part of the proposal and Lafarge has advised MOE that they would accept a limitation in the Certificate of Approval which would prevent the receipt of sewage sludge."

Glen Widish, Plant Manager "indicated the Council should be asking one question: 'who are the experts to say what Lafarge is saying is correct?' He noted that the experts are the engineers



and scientists working for the Ministry of the Environment who look at all processes across Ontario and choose the best. . . ." When questioned about the difference between an Environmental Assessment (EA) and a Hearing he advised that an EA is largely for a public project i.e. garbage dump that is going to be there forever and is irreversible. A Hearing is suitable for the Lafarge project because if Lafarge does not do what they

say they are going to do then Lafarge is told to stop by the MOE."

Council passed this motion:

- 1) That permission be granted for AIMS to supply and install hanging flower baskets on utility poles subject to the direction of Hydro One.
- 2) That permission be granted to obtain water from the public washrooms at the Amherst Island ferry docks.

Council agreed to grant \$1000 for the repair of the foundation of Neilson's Store. This grant is conditional pending further information.

Council approved new rates for Cemetery Services:

Grave purchases: local resident, \$500; and non-resident, \$650. Opening/Closing a Grave: for a casket, \$600; and, for cremated remains, \$250.

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By the next year, the railroad was extended to Wichita and the cattle business on the Chisholm Trail from Texas had moved on. In that one wild year in Newton, 40,000 cattle were shipped east, 43,000 buffalo were slaughtered for hides and meat and a sizable industry in ground buffalo bones for fertilizer, bone china and buttons had grown up. The first school house opened on August 10, 1872, a Presbyterian church was built that same year, and a town council was elected. Their first task was to hire a marshal. Two hundred and forty-nine settlers from Canada had arrived and by 1875, there were 5046 residents in Harvey County.

Hugh, Robert and William Glenn prospered. A section in "A Standard History of Kansas and Kansans" by William E. Connelley, first published in 1919, and currently housed in the University of Kansas archives, is devoted to our Islanders.

"Robert "being one of the early settlers has a fine location, with good future prospects...owns 240 acres in nearby Walton, 125 in cultivation, four acres of orchard, twenty acres in cultivated timber, 160 acres enclosed with hedge, with cross-hedges dividing it into forty acre fields...has five horses, twenty-eight head of cattle and twenty-two hogs...his wheat average for 1882 is thirty-seven acres, twenty-five bushels, and eighteen acres, twenty-two bushels." Robert Glenn died December 6, 1922 and is

buried in Walton Cemetery with his wife Eliza Sloan Glenn.

William Glenn left a diary detailing their lives between 1911 and 1913. A descendent has kindly photocopied it for me. It is difficult to read, but portrays a family focused on the minutiae of family life, the daily chores of farming, selling their crops, and riding into town on Saturdays to shop and gossip. We learn that William was 5 foot 8 inches tall, weighed 157 pounds, wore a size 7&3/8 hat, a 16&1/2 shirt and size 42 drawers! He died January 9, 1912 and is buried in Walton Cemetery with his wife Mary McMath Glenn. His very large family has continued to prosper.

Hugh Glenn, born in Ballywalter, Ireland in 1799, died in 1894 at the age of ninety-five, and is buried in Walton Cemetery, Walton, Kansas. He was the proud patriarch of a brave and adventuresome family with their roots in Ireland and Amherst Island. In Kansas, the Glenns found their 'Home on the Range', the state song today.

(Other Island families with connections to Kansas are invited to send their stories to me joyne@sympatico.ca. for inclusion in future articles)

Obituary

JAMES F. RICHARDS

Jim Richards, son of the late Fred and Marjorie (nee Neilson) Richards, passed away Sunday, April 2, 2006, Embleton Place, Courtney, B.C. Mr. Richards was 79. His death followed a long illness. He is survived by his wife, Ruth, and sons Robert, Andrew, and daughter Christina. [Some of Mr. Richards Island relatives: Hazel Gibson de Haan, 5th cousin; Connie Fabian, ½ 4th cousin twice removed, 4th cousin 3 times removed, 5th cousin 2 times removed; Hugh Filson, 2nd cousin twice removed, 3rd cousin 3 times removed, ½ 4th cousin twice removed, 4th cousin twice removed; Annette Glenn Philips, 1st cousin twice removed, ½ 4th cousin once removed, 4th cousin once removed; Noel McCormick, 5th cousin; Kaye McGinn, 4th cousin once removed, 5th cousin; Kitsy McMullen, 5th cousin once removed; Sammy Miller, 1st cousin three times removed, ½ 4th cousin twice removed, 4th cousin three times removed, 5th cousin twice removed, 5th cousin four times removed; Gwen Miller Lauret, 4th cousin once removed, 5th cousin; Jimmy Reid, 5th cousin once removed, 5th cousin twice removed; Ralph Wemp, 1st cousin, ½ third cousin once removed, 4th cousin; Noreen Richards Welbanks, 2nd cousin, 3rd cousin, 4th cousin once removed.]

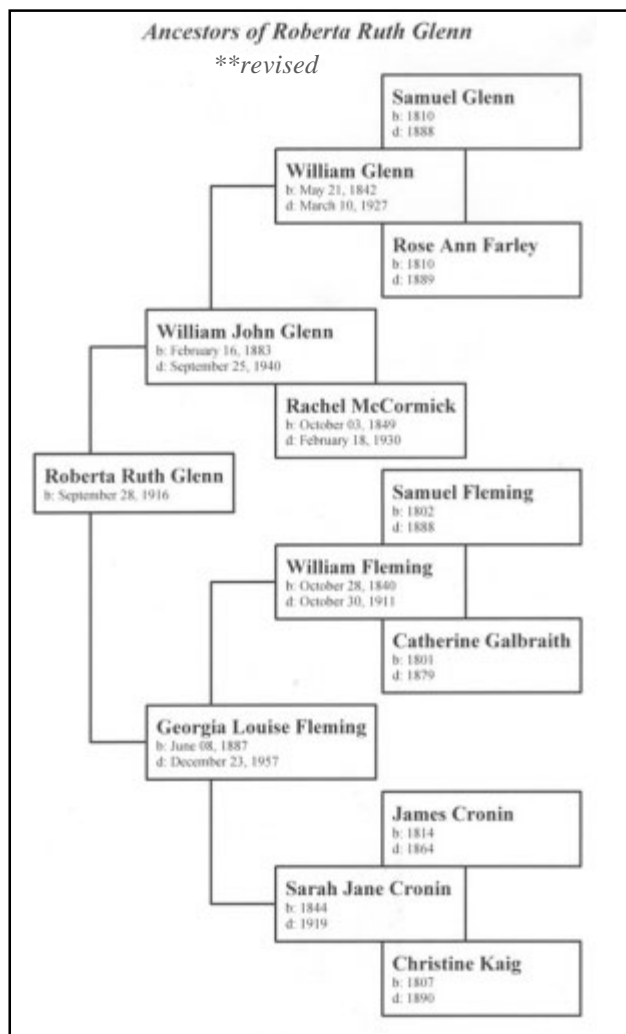
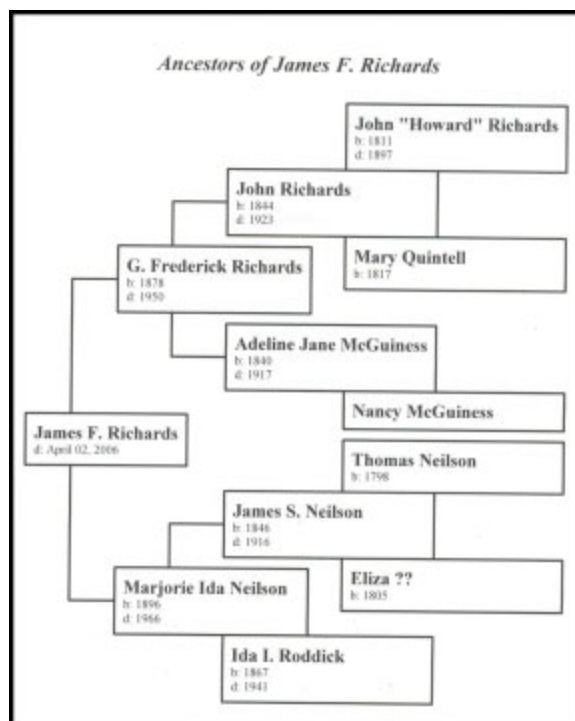


Photo by Terry Culbert

Blair Heddle and Jeff Culbert of the London, Ontario based Finnegan's Wake performed to a packed house-audience at The Lodge on Saturday, April 29th. Jeff is Terry Culbert's first-cousin. The cousins were both raised in the Irish-Canadian village of Lucan.

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF AMHERST ISLAND PUBLIC RADIO INC.: April 25th.

- Tom Richmond, President/CEO

The year 2005 began with AIR having 39 members, and it ended with 132. Great gains were made in part due to regularly having a table set up at the Farmers Market to spread information and solicit memberships. We hope this can continue in the future.

The Book sale brought in roughly \$800 and the Pig Roast brought in roughly \$1800. Both summer/fall fundraising events took place at the Lodge, for which we thank Molly Stroyman. Another significant donation of \$3000 was had from Terry and Lily Horner in the form of construction materials for the station renovation. Donations totaling over \$2000 from The Amherst Island Beacon provided a significant boost to our treasury, and an agreement with Dayle and Ellie Gowan for the donation of the rental of their milk-house for our studio space saved us a considerable sum. Many other donations from a variety of sources enabled us to get to the point where work could be done and our transmitter ordered in December 2005.

Our application for licensing was mailed in only one day before the last AGM in April 2005, and on November 23rd we received our CRTC approval.

Several news stories on the CBC and the Beaver, Whig, CKWS TV channel 11, etc were done at that time. Peter Trueman and Harold Redekopp were very good sports about being pursued by 'the paparazzi'.

The board met many times in 2005-06 since the last AGM. Much progress was made, with the schedule of meetings increasing about one every 3 weeks after November 23rd 2005. January 25th saw a general public information session only days before the aeronautical testing took place, and it was well attended.

We completed the aeronautical testing programme with Industry Canada between January 30th and February 20th 2006. No airplanes hit the silo/antenna, nor did we receive any complaints of interference during that period, so we passed the test.

January and February 2006 also saw the resignation of the President/CEO, Vice President and Secretary due to time commitments, and the BOD filled two of the positions by decree to keep itself functioning until the time of this AGM. We thank the former BOD members for their efforts, and are pleased to have had both Kyle Murray and Peter Trueman answer our call to step in as BOD members until today's meeting.

The station has hired Terry Culbert as part-time Station Manager and Rosemary Richmond as Assistant Station Manager (the former's salary being \$0 and the latter being \$00).

Training sessions that were held at the Lodge for on-air volunteers were well attended, with four sessions held in less than 3 weeks, with twenty eight individuals in total. One-on-one sessions in the station have also taken place, giving equipment orientation and oversight of initial shows.

The children of Amherst Island Public School came to see the station armed with many questions on a field trip two days before opening- at that time we saw the future of the community in their young faces.

April 1, 2006 at 6AM we went on-air full time. Again there was the requisite media feeding frenzy with much hoopla. We re-

ceived calls reporting reception as far away as Napanee, Hay Bay, Deseronto, Harrowsmith, Sydenham and Kingston, and much press from other media outlets. Our signal strength is still lacking on the far reaches of the Island, such as the Foot and at the Head, where we are fighting distant signals from stations in the US.

The AIRFEST celebration was a huge success, with attendees through the five-hour event varying from about 45 to over 110 at its peak. We received many membership renewals at the event and 27 new memberships.

Many thanks to the artists who graciously donated their time and talents to the cause. Additionally, thank you to the volunteers who made it happen, and those who manned the station to do our 'simulcast' of the proceedings. Also once again thanks to establishments who donated accommodations and meals, artists and retailers who generously donated door prizes and the AI Rec Committee members for solving the mysteries of Community Centre rental on the day of the event.

Sponsorships continue to trickle in as we continue our on-air presence. We received a grant of \$500 from Loyalist Township in the 2006 budget year. Our fundraisers are to be commended for their efforts on our behalf: members are reminded that we all can play a part in this area of station operations.

We continue to struggle along, learning as we go. Sometimes it is a technical issue we work on, other times it is training and information gathering. We would like to thank everyone who is listening, supporting, and promoting the station. Special thanks must be offered up to Adam Miller, Peter Trueman, Brian Little, Kyle Murray, Terry Culbert, Rosemary Richmond and Margaret Maloney who have taken up both regular and irregular slots on the radio dial at CJAI.

We have until August 2007 to begin our process of applying for higher power and a permanent license, and that will take serious fundraising: Without this upgrade, we must go off air by August 31st, 2008. By upgrading our station, we remain on-air and raise our power up to 150 watts, increasing our coverage on the Island to accepted industry standards.

This will require hiring an engineer to complete our application, and many hours on our part to cover the roughly \$3000 fee that will entail. In addition, there will be a few equipment replacements and upgrades needed at that time, so our fundraising for maintaining and upgrading the station will probably range around \$5000. This means that (in addition to daily operating costs of \$24 per day, or \$8,760/year we have now) we will need to come up with roughly \$10 more per day in grants, donations and other fundraising per day over the next 485 days to cover the cost of this upgrade.

Community support has been very strong, but will only continue so if we fulfill our mandate to serve our Island community. Although we are being heard over an area of roughly 10-15 thousand people, our license makes us primarily responsible to the population of 400 where we are licensed. We must provide timely transportation reports, news relevant to the Island, and a venue for the exposure of local and Canadian talent.

To do these things, we need to make use of a strong base of community volunteers. Each and every one of you reading this is needed to make this project succeed.



BACK KITCHEN NEWS

-Susan Toumey

Spring has arrived here in Indiana, and with it come thoughts of summer on Amherst Island. Most islanders and island visitors know that The Back Kitchen has been for sale. In order to put to rest many of the rumors floating around, we thought it would be good to let you know the plans for this summer.

The restaurant has not sold as of this date, and we really hope to open May 19, 2006, but the opening date is probably going to be later than planned. In order for The Back Kitchen to open, I need to sell my house here in Indiana, and so far that has not happened. Once my commitments are taken care of in Indiana, I'll be free to head back to the island, so please be patient if we don't open Victoria Day Weekend as planned. There is also a chance that we won't open at all, but we are doing everything possible to be open.

Once we are open, our hours and menu will be different than in previous years. We will be open on Tuesday and Wednesday from 11 am - 2 pm, and Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 11 am - 8 pm; and we will be closed on Sundays and Mondays. We will have a separate lunch menu from 11 am - 4 pm, and then the full menu for the evening hours.

We might schedule some private parties on Sunday evenings if there is an interest. All the details have not been worked out with these special parties, so that is all that can be reported at this time.

Please watch for more news in the next Beacon. If you have any questions or ideas, please feel free to contact me. Hope to see you soon!!



Photo from Judith Harrower; information provided by Donna Strain-Willard
Back Row: Extreme Left - James Strain (my grandfather), 3rd from left - Ellen Jane Strain (nee Burleigh) (my grandmother), 4th from Left - Nanetta Glenn (Strain at the time of the photo) (my aunt), 5th from left - Hazel Reynolds (Strain) (my aunt), 8th from left - Estel Strain (my father)
Front Row: Seated in chair - Agnes Burleigh (nee McKee) (my great-grand-mother)

****Unfortunately, Donna was unable to identify the others in the photo. She is not even sure if they are all "Chatham Relations". If you recognize and are able to identify any of the others in the photo, please contact us at aibeacon@sympatico.ca. If we are able to identify more people, then we will rerun the photo at a later date.**



Sample of Artwork by AIPS students on Display at the Lodge

Photo by Brian Little

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

- Joyce Haines

The April meeting was held at the home of Joyce Haines on the sunny evening of April 19.

The meeting was opened with the ode, collect and National Anthem.

Liz Harrison was welcomed as a new member to the group and Nancy Henshaw, secretary, was welcomed back from Florida.

The standing reports were given. The district annual meeting which will be at Fredericksburgh Hall on May 17 was discussed and Leslie Gavlas and Joyce Haines will be attending.



Outstanding and new business was discussed.

The regular meeting was followed by the annual meeting which included the nomination of the executive for the coming year. The election was chaired by Claire Jenney with Nancy Henshaw as secretary. The new line-up is as follows: President Jackie Sylvester; Past President Mary Kay Steel; Co-Vice-presidents, Kirsten Bennick

and Claire Jenney; Secretary Nancy Henshaw; Treasurer Stephanie Boissonneault; Co-Rose Coordinators Coralie Marshall and Liz Harrison; Public Relations, Joyce Reid; Tweedsmuir Curators, Leslie Gavlas and Judith Harrower; Good Cheer, Marion Glenn; and, Advocacy Coordinator, Elsie Willard.

We wish them all well in the coming year.

This was followed by a brown bag auction with everyone vying for the bag they thought looked the most interesting. Fun was the name of the game. Refreshments were enjoyed between bids supplied by hostesses Joyce Haines and Judith Harrower.

MYTHORFACT

- Judith Harrower

Dowsing has been described by some as the "The Art of Discovering" and by others as nonsense, superstition and witchcraft.

On Friday, July 22nd commencing at 10 a.m., a "Dowsing Workshop" will be held in Pentland Cemetery on Amherst Island.

Dowsing has been used for centuries - pictographs located in Libya date back 8,000 years - to locate water, coal, gold, artifacts and in cemeteries the location of bodies.

Dowsers have used Y-shaped rods, "Diving rods", made from either metal or a supple tree branch, willow is thought to be the best, a pendulum, a wand, or angle rods.

The angle rods may be as simple as

using a coat hanger and others use brass rods both shaped into an "L" shape. The shorter ends are held loosely in both hands with the longer section pointing straight ahead. The hands are held a body's width apart and parallel to each other. As one walks over an area a "dowsing response" will occur by the rods crossing or the end of the "Y" branch pointing downwards. This will indicate the presence of water or metal pipes, bodies or for whatever object one is dowsing.

Mr. Glen George and his associate, both from the Gananoque area, who were here in 2004, will host the Workshop. This Workshop is to provide interested Islanders with a chance to learn how to dowse and for the skeptics to come and have their own opinions confirmed or dispelled.

Cost for the daylong workshop is

\$25.00, and space is limited due to the individual instruction. Bring a lunch and drinks. The Cemetery is shaded but you may wish to bring a hat and if you wish coat hangers. At the same time volunteers will be working on the Stones Fences and you may learn how the fences were constructed.

Come out and experience something that is different and unique right here on the Island. For more information call me at 384-0435.



RESTORATION OF EAST STONE FENCE AT PENTLAND CEMETERY

- Judith Harrower

Restoration of the east fence in Pentland Cemetery began in early June and Mr. Bill Hedges was again instructing volunteers in the building of the fence. About a hundred feet were completed in four and a half days, but this time there was more excavation. Over the last eighty years surplus soil from the dug graves was put against this fence, then on top and eventually over the fence, burying the entire wall. Volunteers excavated down about two feet and on both sides and due to time constraints the bottom of the fence was not found. Mr. Hedges believes that this fence was the same height as the west wall.

During the excavation two old cedar posts were unearthed which are parallel to the stone fence and large trees, and are most

likely posts from the original wooden fence erected when Pentland was designated a cemetery. They have been left exposed at this time. Large animal bones were found in the dismantling of the fence and it is known that workmen would bring their midday meal, usually dinner, to the worksite, and once finished with their meal would place the bones in the centre of the fence.

Everyone is invited to come and visit on Thursday mornings - you may even put a stone or two in the fence and volunteer time each week.

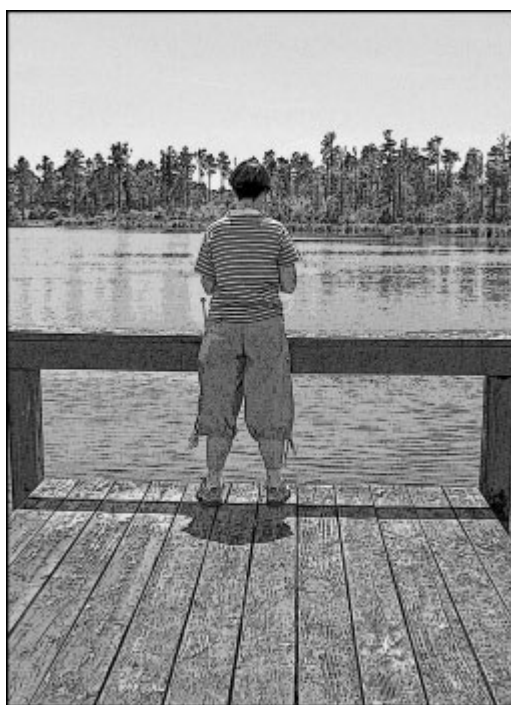
Artwork from



By Daniel Little



By Katelyn Aitkenhead



By Ben Whitton



By Brooke Reid

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from Art Show.

The letters "A", "I", "P", and "S"
brought to you by Brian Little and the
students of Amherst Island Public School.
We wonder how they took these photos.



By Cody Mayman



By Gavin Ashley



By Muressa Fabian



By Kyle Aitkenhead



By Fae MacArthur



By Danielle Wolfries



By Andrew LeBlue



By Brandon Reid

April 01, 2006

Where were you?



It was dark, and pouring rain at 6:01am on April Fool's Day, Saturday, as Tom Richmond took 93.7 CJA1 FM to the air from the Milkhouse Radio Station on Amherst Island. (Photo by Terry Culbert)

93.7 FM CJA1 Amherst Island Public Radio
operating schedule for May 2006

Time	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thurs	Friday	Saturday
6 am	<i>Classical</i>	Breakfast	from the	Barn	with	Adam	<i>Canadian</i>
7	<i>Classical</i>	BFTB	BFTB	BFTB	BFTB	BFTB	<i>Content</i>
8	<i>Classical</i>	BFTB	BFTB	BFTB	BFTB	BFTB	<i>Weekends</i>
9	<i>Classical</i>	<i>Canadian</i>	<i>Folk</i>	<i>Mellow</i>	<i>Jazz</i>	<i>Mornings</i>	<i>6am-6pm</i>
10	<i>CanFMJ</i>	<i>CanFMJ</i>	<i>CanFMJ</i>	<i>CanFMJ</i>	<i>CanFMJ</i>	<i>CanFMJ</i>	Peter &
11	<i>CanFMJ</i>	<i>Jazz</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>Jim's</i>	<i>Vault</i>	<i>Show!</i>	Guests
12 Noon	<i>OldTime Radio shows</i>	<i>JFJV</i>	<i>JFJV</i>	Peter &	<i>JFJV</i>	<i>JFJV</i>	<i>Canadian</i>
1pm	Book	Book	Book	Guests	Book	Book	<i>Content</i>
2	<i>Blues</i>	<i>Blues</i>	<i>Blues</i>	<i>Blues</i>	<i>Blues</i>	<i>Blues</i>	<i>Weekends</i>
3	<i>CanJazz</i>	CELTIC	CELTIC	CELTIC	CELTIC	CELTIC	<i>6am-6pm</i>
4	<i>CanFMJ</i>	<i>Can-Intl FMJ</i>	<i>Can-Intl FMJ</i>	<i>Can-Intl FMJ</i>	<i>Can-Intl FMJ</i>	<i>Can-Intl FMJ</i>	<i>CCWE</i>
5	<i>CanFMJ</i>	<i>Canadian</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>Intl</i>	<i>FMJ</i>	<i>show</i>	Live
6	<i>CanIntl FMJ</i>	<i>Can-Intl FMJ</i>	<i>Can-Intl FMJ</i>	<i>Can-Intl FMJ</i>	<i>Can-Intl FMJ</i>	<i>Can-Intl FMJ</i>	Concert
7	<i>CanFMJ</i>	<i>CIntl FMJ</i>	<i>CIntl FMJ</i>	<i>CIntl FMJ</i>	<i>CIntl FMJ</i>	Cat's	Show
8	Book (repeat)	Book (repeat)	Book (repeat)	Book (repeat)	Book (repeat)	Show	URBH
8:30	<i>Chill</i>	<i>Uncle</i>	<i>Barrys</i>	<i>Blues</i>	<i>Hour</i>	<i>CS</i>	URBH
9	<i>Show</i>	<i>Uncle</i>	<i>Barrys</i>	<i>Blues</i>	<i>Hour</i>	<i>CS</i>	URBH
10	Kyle	& Leah	Show	Cats	K&L	K&L	K&L
11	Kyle	& Leah	Show	Show	K&L	K&L	K&L
12 mid	<i>Post</i>	<i>Modern</i>	<i>Nights</i>	<i>(repeat)</i>	<i>Hal</i>	<i>PMNBH</i>	<i>PMNBH</i>
1	<i>Post</i>	<i>Modern</i>	<i>Nights</i>	<i>By</i>	<i>Hal</i>	<i>PMNBH</i>	<i>PMNBH</i>
2	<i>Post</i>	<i>Modern</i>	<i>Nights</i>	<i>By</i>	<i>Hal</i>	<i>PMNBH</i>	<i>PMNBH</i>
3	<i>Post</i>	<i>Modern</i>	<i>Nights</i>	<i>By</i>	<i>Hal</i>	<i>PMNBH</i>	<i>PMNBH</i>
4	<i>Post</i>	<i>Modern</i>	<i>Nights</i>	<i>By</i>	<i>Hal</i>	<i>PMNBH</i>	<i>PMNBH</i>
5	<i>Post</i>	<i>Modern</i>	<i>Nights</i>	<i>By</i>	<i>Hal</i>	<i>PMNBH</i>	<i>PMNBH</i>

BOLD: relatively permanent show scheduled with host
ITALIC: programmed and subject to change

AIR-FEST WAS A GIANT SUCCESS!

- Terry Culbert / CJA1 Station Manager

Saturday, April 8th, one week after 93.7 CJA1-FM went on air, the Amherst Island Community Centre bulged to the rafters with the musical sounds of singers from Kingston, Burlington, Toronto and from our own Amherst Island. These outstanding performers gave their time and talent during a four-hour show in support of Amherst Island Public Radio. This was truly a reflection of the generosity, which exists in the Canadian music scene, especially where independent artists are concerned.

Everyone at CJA1 thanks the children's entertainers Splash 'n Boots, singer-songwriters Bob Robertson and Gord McRae, jazz and bluegrass performers Karen LaRose and Howard James, Amherst Island's musical brothers Jacob and Kyle Murray, folk-blues artist Kevin Head and singer-guitarist Ian Montgomery. Without these folks we would not have had a show! We also thank Loyalist Township Reeve Clayton McEwen and Councilor Duncan Ashley for making time in their busy schedules to appear on our stage.

To all the hard working volunteers baking for the event, selling memberships, (32 new ones April 8th alone), and decorating the auditorium and to those who donated wonderful door prizes, CJA1 thanks you! The Brian Little framed photograph went to Ida Ash, who listens to 93.7 on her analog kitchen radio in Kingston, and the framed Peter Trueman photograph went to June and Bernie Lemieux of Napanee for the 'new member' draw. The Lemieux' cannot receive CJA1 at home, but can pick it up on their car radio. They can't wait for our signal to become stronger. We can't either!

Amherst Island Public Radio owes a big thank you to Dayle and Ellie Gowan for generously offering the use of their milk house and silo, providing a home for our community radio station.

Last but not least, a huge thank you to all the Amherst Islanders who came out to AIR-Fest and to all those who are tuning in and giving us a chance.

CJAI FM Goes to Air with AIRfest

Please See Story on Previous Page



*"Breakfast from the barn" AIR Personality
Adam Miller*



A "chip off the old block" - Alan Miller

See pages 16 & 17 for
more photos of performers,
speakers and patrons.

*tests his radio voice.
Photo by Brian Little*

*Above: Ian Murray and
Sally Bowen enjoy a perform-
ance by their sons Jacob and
Kyle.*

*Right: Supporters enjoying
the performances at AIRfest.*

Both Photos by Brian Little





MC Terry Culbert
Photo by Brian Little



Pirate Little of Lake Ontario
Photo by Brian Little



Performer and Weekend
Night DJ Kyle Murray
Photo by Brian Little

MORE FROM AIRFEST



Shirley Miller and Grandson, Alan
Photo by Brian Little



Above: Bob Robertson and Gord McRae
Left: Loyalist Township Reeve Clayton
McEwen and Councilor Duncan Ashley
Middle: Kevin Head
Photo by Brian Little

*To see more photos
on recent media
coverage turn to
page 18.*



Left: Sound Technicians - Left to Right - Tom Richmond , Jacob Murray (who also performed), and Uncle Barry (Uncle Barry's Blues)

*Below: Ian Montgomery
All Photos by Brian Little*



Above: Howard Jones Band



Amherst Island's Own Little Veggies (Brought to us by Nick & Taes of 'Splash n Boots' - pictured right)



If you are interested in training as a programmer or reporter for CJAI FM, call Tom or Rosemary Richmond at 634-1855.

On AIR with the Local Media



Videographer Chris Harvey of CKLW Television interviews Operations Director Tom Richmond.

Photo by Terry Culbert



Seth DuChene, editor of The Napanee Beaver interviews Tom Richmond in the Milkhouse Radio Station.

Photo By Terry Culbert



Below: JC Kenny of CBC Radio interviews Peter Trueman and Terry Culbert.

Photo by Terry Culbert



Above: Reporter Brock Harrison of the Kingston Whig Standard interviews some members of the radio staff for an article. Clockwise: Brock Harrison, Peter Trueman, Adam Miller, Rosemary Richmond

Photo by Terry Culbert



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

May 4, Happy 65th Birthday to Brenda Hatton (nee Wemp) of Napanee.

*Love, from your sister-in-law,
Doris Wemp*



-Terry Culbert

I would like to thank the men and women who tended me on Thursday, April 20th. On the afternoon of that day, I suffered a severe allergic reaction to Phenoxy-methyl Penicillin.

Since childhood, I was aware of my allergies to sulpha drugs, but never experienced any ill effects taking penicillin. Suffering from an inflamed tooth, my dentist prescribed the dosage I took enroute home from the mainland. Within forty minutes of swallowing my two tablets, my body welted, my mouth area swelled, my eyesight began failing and I became faint. Alone in the house, I was able to call 911.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart to everyone, including the 911 Operator who assured me that the Amherst Island First Response Team was on their way; Gary McDonald and his son Andrew, the first to come to my aid, followed by Don Miller, Mike Walhout and Jacob Murray. Thank you to the Captain and Crew of the Frontenac II who brought the ambulance crew to the Island. The paramedics, as well as our First Response Team were not only professional, but kind and helpful from the time they arrived at our O'Drain's Bay home until they delivered me to the Emergency staff at Kingston General Hospital.

Barb was at the Millhaven Dock among those waiting to return to the Island, unaware who was in the ambulance until volunteer firefighter Alex Scott found her in the lineup.

Thank you to all the wonderful Amherst Islanders who phoned after I returned home.

What a wonderful place to live!

On behalf of St. Alban's ACW I once again want to thank everyone who purchased tickets for our annual Roast Beef Dinner on March 25th and made this event a huge success. Special thanks to all the members and associates who baked the pies and cooked the beef as well as non-members from our Anglican Community who offered their services.

I also want to thank Diane Pollock and members of the 4-H Club for the help they provided and the manpower we received on Friday night for set-up and also for clean up after the dinner.

Though we are a small group, and all getting older we work very hard to keep our organization functional and I feel truly blessed to have such great members.

Community support and hard work makes us successful.

Elsie Willard



Seussical the Musical at N.D.S.S.

*Above: Brendan and
Laurel Brady*

Left: Katie Little

*Below: Candice
Youell (Hair and
Makeup)*



Photos by Brian Little

NOTICES

SPRING DANCE & FISH FRY

by The Amherst Island Rec Association Saturday, May 21
Doors open 6:00- 6:30 p.m. Dinner at 7:00 with dancing follow.

Dinner/Dance - \$25.00 per couple

Dinner only - \$13.00 per person

Dance only - \$5.00 per person

Please reserve tickets early as the Caterers need our numbers 7 days prior to event.

For tickets, call Rick - 389-8434

or Larry & Lynn - 634-2509

WATER SIDE SUMMER SERIES

All concerts at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church

Friday June 30 @ 7.15 pm

The Music Within Tickets \$18

Mark DuBois tenor

Elizabeth Beeler soprano

Danny McErlain piano

Saturday July 8 @ 7.15 pm

Studio Sparks on Amherst Island Tickets \$18

Eric Friesen host

Amanda Forsyth cello

Jean Desmarais piano

Tuesday July 25 @ 7.15pm

On Wings of Song Tickets \$30

Russell Braun baritone

Norine Burgess mezzo-soprano

Carolyn Maule piano

Thursday August 3 @ 7.15pm

The Celtic Spirit Tickets \$18

Mark Haines fiddle, guitar and voice

Tom Leighton accordion, bodhran, keyboards and voice

Wednesday August 9 @ 7.15pm

The Gryphon Trio Tickets \$18

Annalee Patipatanakoon violin

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.

Strawberry Social HOUSE TOUR

on Amherst Island



Neilson Store Museum

Saturday,
June 24, 2006
11:00 AM - 4:30 PM
\$25.00 / Person

Proceeds to Restoration of Neilson Store
Museum & Cultural Centre, Amherst Island

For more information contact:
613-634-7894 1-866-787-3655 alhousetour@kos.net

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 annual turkey dinner.

TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ATTENDANT

for directing traffic at the Amherst Island Ferry Dock (Millhaven)
Hourly rate \$7.75

This non-union position is for a three-month term commencing on or about June 1, 2006.

This is a casual part-time position and hours of work will be scheduled on an "as-needed" basis.

The number of hours per day is not likely to exceed five (5).

Detailed job description and qualifications required are available at Loyalist Township Office in Odessa and at the Ferry Office on Amherst Island.

Written applications, outlining qualifications and experience, will be received by the undersigned until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 12, 2006.

Please submit your resume to:

Diane Pearce, CAO

Loyalist Township

P.O. Box 70, 263 Main Street

Odessa, Ontario K0H 2H0

Only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted. In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, personal information is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act, 2001, and will only be used for candidate selection.

Loyalist Township is an equal opportunity employer; municipal offices are smoke-free workplaces.

~ CLASSIFIEDS ~

FOR SALE _____ WANTED _____ FOR RENT _____

WI ISLAND SIGHTS 2006 CALENDAR

Calendars are \$10.00 each.
Envelopes @ \$1.00 each.
Postage @ \$2.00 each (in
Canada).

Make cheques payable to:
Amherst Island Women's Institute.
Send to: 2006 Calendar 14005
Front Road, Stella, ON, K0H 2S0
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Friday (be prepared for a delay).

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Friday 1-3pm.

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I am collecting the following for
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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 389-4334, I
will gladly pick things up from you;
alternately, you can drop things off at
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In 2004, we raised over \$4000 to
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ciated

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Our delivery day (Saturday) has changed a bit. Orders will be arriving at 10 a.m. If you would like to order groceries or newspapers etc from Foodtown, please have your order in by 4 p.m. on Friday.

Our hours for the May long weekend will be:

Friday: 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Saturday: 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Sunday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Summer hours begin the long weekend: May 20 – Sept 2:

Monday – Thursday: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Friday & Saturday: 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Sunday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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Sat. 9am-noon.

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*Howe shall we knowe seasonable tyme? (to sowe)
Go upon the land, that is plowed and if it
synge or crye, or make any noyse under thy
fete, then it is too wete to sowe; And if it
makes no noyse and wyll beare thy horses,
thanne sowe in the name of God.*

*from The Book of Husbandry, 1534, by Master
Fitzherbert*

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