



Flowers for Stella



Photo Brian Little

AIMS Member Ross Haines waters flower baskets in Stella.

THIS ISSUE

- Ian Murray, editor

The Beacon has received a small tidal wave of photos for this issue. We cannot print them all but we do appreciate receiving them. Perhaps we'll be able to use some of them in the next few issues.

The Beacon has received several old newspaper clippings which will appear in future Beacons. Once again, we thank you for sending them and they will certainly be used.

FLOWER BASKETS IN STELLA

Thank you to Amherst Island Men's Society for a lovely job on the hanging flower baskets in Stella. They were well watered and maintained all summer, and provided a beautiful splash of colour in the village.

JENNA LAMBERT SUCCESSFULLY FINISHES HER SWIM - CONGRATULATIONS JENNA AND VICKI (HER COACH)!!



Photo Brian Little



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NEIGHBOURHOOD

- Lyn Fleming

Condolences this month to Bob Hampton, following the recent loss of his mother.

Get Well wishes to Rick Morgan, Emily Tugwell and Tia Fleming.

Congratulations to Cathy Feraday, who was married at St. Bartholomew's in Emerald recently, followed by a reception at the family home on the 2nd Concession. Cathy and her new husband live and work in California. (see page 6 for Photos)

It has been a busy month for Anniversary Celebrations. Congratulations to the following couples.

Darcy and Mary Timms and Susan and Terry McGinn celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversaries at a joint celebration held at Terry and Susan's 3rd Concession home.

Harold and Irna Redekopp celebrated their 40th Anniversary with a quick weekend away, before Harold headed back to the Bahamas to finish his work there.

Many Islanders attended the 50th Anniversary celebration of Jim and Mary Neilson, held at their daughter's home in Westbrook.

Ralph and Beula Woods also celebrated their 50th Anniversary in August at their home on the South Shore.

Summer residents, Ed and Margaret Mooney, celebrated their 50th at St. Paul's hall.

Good-bye to Whitney Fleming, who is off to Guelph-Humber University in Toronto and also to Brendan Brady who is off to York University in Toronto.

Bonnie and Allen Caughey traveled with their motor home to the east coast where they met up with friends.

Stephanie Fleming, Nate Maleska, Veronica Welsh, Rick Bedford and Crystal Bedford spent a week in New Hampshire taking in race week earlier in the summer.

Dick and Ardis Shurtleff and family spent most of the month of August on a Mediterranean Cruise, with side trips to various cities and ports.

My mom (Kay Wolfreys) is here for a couple of months for her annual visit. Being from Orlando, she really didn't know what all the fuss was about during our summer heat wave. According to her, "we don't know what hot is".

Alan and Cathy Glenn recently returned from a trip to Newfoundland, where they enjoyed good weather and Cathy's says "you couldn't take a bad picture".

Peter Large was the featured artist for the August exhibit at the Lodge.

Various art and writing workshops were also held at the Lodge again this summer, followed at the end of August, by a music workshop. The singers and musicians capped off their week with a free concert at St. Alban's. Their lively and enthusiastic performance filled the church with amazing voices and instruments. Unfortunately the performance was poorly attended and only a handful of people got to enjoy this musical afternoon.

CJAI, (93.7), held their annual book sale / fund raiser in the shed at the radio station on a sunny Saturday.

Welcome back to staff and students Amherst Island Public School. A special welcome to the new Primary teacher, Sean Broom. Sean lives in Kingston, and plans to cycle to school as often as possible throughout the school year.

Well, it hardly seems possible, but summer is over. The "summer people" will soon be packing up, kids are back to school and the Friday night ferry traffic will hopefully return to normal for the commuters. The heat wave passed and instantly the nights have turned cooler, and now we look forward (hopefully) to a pleasant Island fall.



Photo Brian Little

JANET'S JOTTINGS

- Janet Scott

Fall is rapidly coming upon us and the migrations have begun. All Nature prepares for the onslaught of winter. Red Squirrels are harvesting cones and creating stock piles, Monarchs are gathering to fly south, birds are completing their moulting and the young are practicing their flying techniques. Mud Dauber wasps are building egg storage chambers and the Walking Sticks are laying eggs. Within a slight variance in time each year these things happen and we know fall is here. On the Island our migratory residents will be packing up belongings and closing summer homes. That time of rest is upon us.

I watched four Osprey flying together early one morning along the south shore. I presumed it was a family working on technique. Thank-you to Jim and Lynanne Whitton and Doug Shurtliffe who answered last month's column by reporting on Osprey activity at the school. My guess is that this is a young pair getting a new nest started in order to use it next spring. Now I guess they go south on their Honeymoon and return next spring ready to start their rigorous

task of raising a family. Lynanne reports that they seem quite skittish. We would hope that like the Osprey at the Amherstview ball diamond who have adjusted to trains, ball players and soccer moms, that our Osprey will adapt to children in a schoolyard. We will know next April and May.

An interesting bird sighting in August was two Whip-poor-wills on the Marshall Forty-foot. At first I thought it was a small rabbit that wouldn't move off the grassy median. I stopped the car to see if it was hurt or only blinded by the headlights and the bird lifted suddenly and let out its distinctive call. Further along there was a second one.

Traveling the Stella Forty-foot you will see Kestrels in good numbers. American Kestrels are the smallest falcons and show the distinctive black facial pattern as you would see on Peregrines. They will be hunting voles, grasshoppers and other insects in the cut hayfields. Northern Harriers are also cruising the fields. This raptor makes



low-level flights across the newly cut fields looking for voles, small rabbits and snakes. The Red-tailed Hawks are increasing in numbers and soaring on the rising air currents, Meadowlarks whir up from the side of the road and Killdeer call as they feed in flocks now on newly turned earth or mud flats. The shorebirds from the north are already passing through so watch for more Yellowlegs, Sandpipers, Whimbrels and Plovers. The Swallows are gathering along the wires and fences and our Martins will be leaving first about the end of August.

I hope you are setting up birdfeeders and planning your fall and winter watching. Laurie at the store can get you an excellent mix from Willow Feeds that seems to satisfy most birdseed eaters. My Chickadees have already scolded me for not keeping the feeder filled. Check with your butcher and get beef suet to hang out for the Woodpeckers. Leave your Hummingbird feeder out for a little longer and PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO ENJOY THIS BEAUTIFUL SEASON THAT IS UPON US!

Good Birding

TOPRIGHT: Photo Dave Youell
LEFT: Photo Brian Little



UPDATE OF PROGRESS OF IRISH STONE FENCES AT PENTLAND CEMETERY

- Judith Harrower

Throughout June and the first two weeks of May this year, the east fence was excavated ready for Bill Hedges' working clinic on July 11-13. This was tackled by Joyce Haines, Stella O'Byrne and Judith Harrower and often we would lose one of the three in the trench. Bill was with many new and previous volunteers on two of the three days, (one was rained out) and the wall was extended nearly all the way to the north corner.

However, with very little stone to work with on this side many trips of donated stone were brought in by volunteers, with Ross Haines as the driver, Allan Kidd, Gordon and Lynn Miller, Joyce Haines

and her grandson, Michael and Judith Harrower. One of the best offers that was presented to the stone fence committee was that Jacob and Kyle Murray and crew made many trips bringing stone to the Cemetery. What a wonderful help and many thanks, gentlemen, for making such a generous contribution.

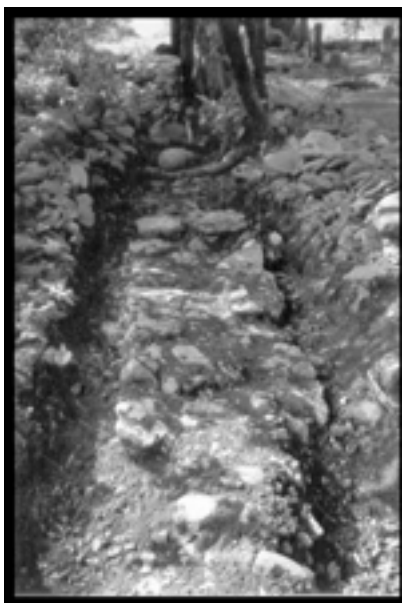
As quickly as we brought stone it was used in a day as Bill returned twice more in July and the east stone fence has turned the corner! Throughout August and September the fence will be

completed to its proper height, but more stone is needed to do so.

Please if any of you that have field stone that you would like to get rid of please call Joyce Haines at 613-634-7894 and your stone will be part of history on the Island.

You are invited to come to Pentland and see what has been accomplished in the last two and a half years. A heart felt thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time and effort making this huge project a reality.

THANK YOU from the Stone Fence



Digging down to the original base.



Joyce Haines and Stella O'Byrne dwarfed by weeds.



Tuppy asks, "Where are the snakes?"

All photos by Judith Harrower



COUNCIL GLEANINGS

- Ian Murray

There was a considerable amount of agenda material dealing with Lafarge's proposal to burn alternative fuels in its Bath plant. The evidence is mounting that we, the people who are down-wind of the Lafarge smoke stack, should be concerned about what we are breathing – now and in the future when tires and other waste products may be burned.

Anyone with interest and a computer can down-load agenda documents from the Loyalist Township web-site.

The August 28 agenda contains a report on the recent public meeting on ferry fares as well as a summary of public input.

I don't have the skill, space, time, or inclination to deal with either of these topics properly in this newsletter.

AUDITIONING FOR A RADIO DRAMA

-Terry Culbert and Michael Joll

Islander Michael Joll of Front Road East has written a superb radio drama titled: 'For Valour'. The play chronicles the lives of a wealthy English family during the First World War.

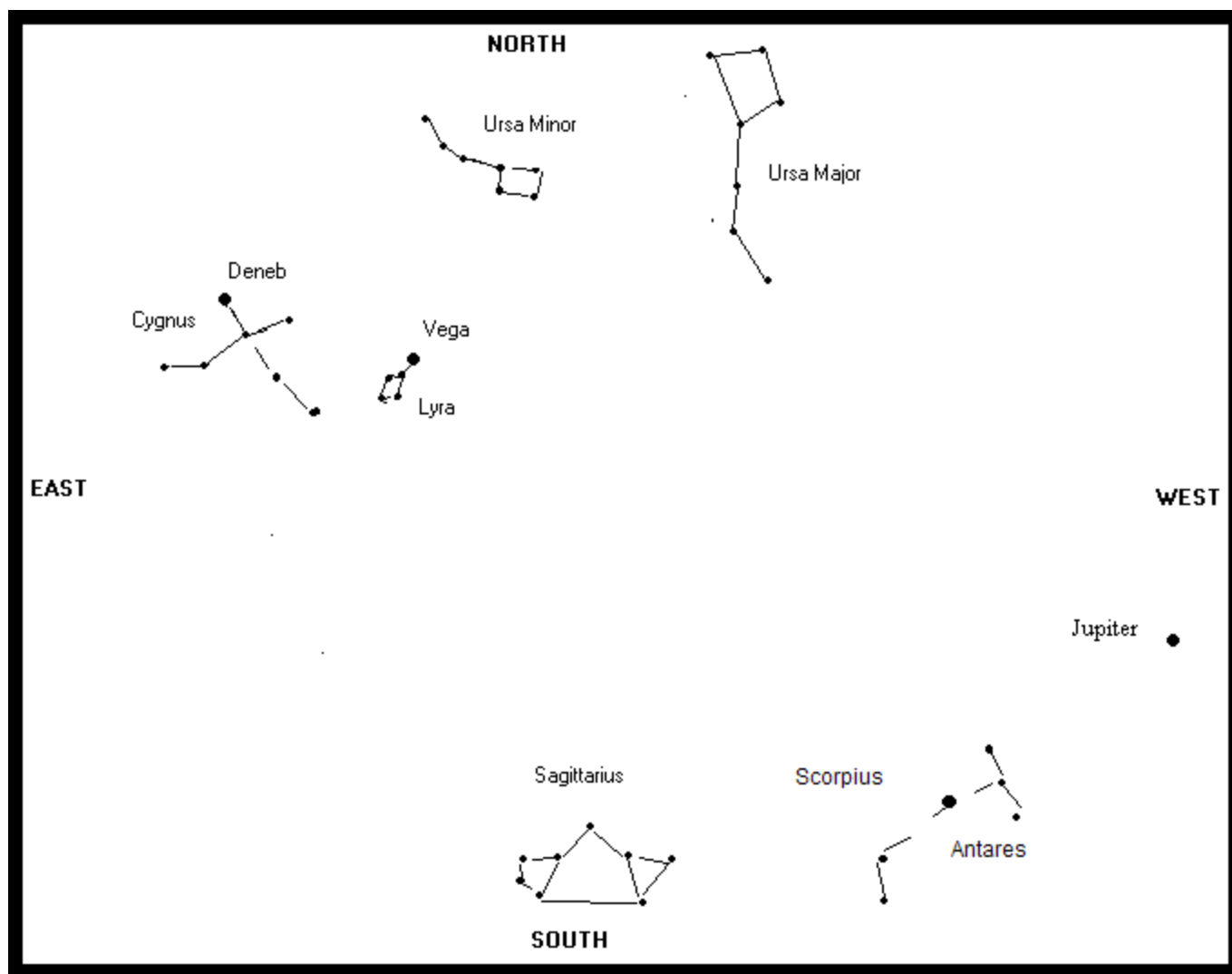
Amherst Island Public Radio will produce Michael's play with the hopes of broadcasting it over a three-day period the week of November 5th just prior to Remembrance Day.

Voices will be required to play the various characters in the radio drama.



No previous acting experience is necessary, but would be an advantage. There are no lines to learn by heart, as you will be reading from a prepared script. Age does not matter as the characters range in age from 16 to 60. What really counts, because it is radio, is how old your voice sounds.

If you are interested in auditioning for this historic, groundbreaking Island project, call CJA Station Manager Terry Culbert at 613-634-8217. Rehearsals will begin in late September, with the production being taped towards the end of October.



SEPTEMBER SKIES

-Alan Kidd

Although we are getting closer to fall, it's still summer (thank goodness) and the familiar summer triangle of Vega, Deneb and Altair is still overhead in the early evening.

Last month we took a journey down the Milky Way to the constellation of Sagittarius, or the teapot.

We'll still stay in the same area for this month's essay, and look at Antares in the constellation of Scorpius. Scorpius is immediately west of Sagittarius, and is low in the sky in the evening. Antares, the brightest star in the constellation, is noticeably red. In fact its name is Greek for "rival of Mars" so it is an appropriate star for this month.

Antares is a red supergiant, which means that it is a star nearing the end of its life. When a star runs low on the hydrogen used to fuel its nuclear reactions, the outer edge of



the star expands as the various forces within the star start to find a new balance. If Antares were where the sun is, Earth would now be within that outer envelope. Fortunately Antares is 600 light-years away so we don't have to worry.

Only Jupiter is visible in the evening sky this month. However, Venus is still a spectacular object in the dawn sky. It is in the constellation of Gemini at the beginning of September, and Saturn is just above the much brighter Venus. By month's end, the fast moving Venus will be lost in the morning twilight as it moves toward the sun.

For those interested in when and where to look for various astronomical objects, including short lived phenomena such as comets and even satellites, a handy website is www.heavens-above.com. It allows you to enter a location (for some reason Emerald is listed, but not Stella) and then gives charts and times for almost any object one could imagine. Another site, which has lots of pretty pictures of all kinds of astronomical objects, is the Hubble Telescope site - hubblesite.org.

WEDDING BELLS PEAL FOR YOUNGEST FERADAY DAUGHTER

-Steve and Jill

The sun shone and the doves cooed as Ray and Betty Feraday saw the youngest of their eight children, Cathy, exchange vows with Tim Miller, at St. Bartholomew's Church on the morning of Saturday the 5th of August.

Cathy and Tim both live and work in San Francisco in the animation industry but Cathy was eager to come back to the Island where she spent summers growing up with her six brothers Ray, Michael, Danny, Stephen, David and John and sister Marie, in order to celebrate her marriage with her extended family and friends. Well over 100 guests came from Canada and the U.S. and as far away as South Africa to be part of the out-of-this-world celebrations that followed the nuptials under the big tent at the Feraday farmhouse and continued well into the wee hours.

A wonderful time was had by all and, by the end of the long weekend, many new converts had been made to the peaceful and idyllic existence Amherst Island offers all visitors.

Warmest best wishes to Cathy and Tim for a long and happy life together!



Photos Jill Schatz

MEMORIES OF WATERSIDE'S MOST SUCCESSFUL SEASON, - 2006

- Bill Harris

When thirty Waterside volunteers gathered at the home of Bev and Bill Harris on August 21 to celebrate the end of the 13th season, they had much to celebrate. Not only had the past season sold out to more people than ever before, but also it established a new level of performance that was reflected in the enthusiasm of the audiences. These performances were:

Mark Dubois and Elizabeth Beeler singing songs from Broadway and Operetta.

Eric Friesen hosting Studio Sparks on Amherst Island with cellist Amanda Forsyth.

Russell Braun, Norine Burgess and Carolyn Maule with great classical songs.

Mark Haines and Tom Leighton filling St. Paul's with Celtic song and laughter.

The Gryphon Trio closing the season with violin, piano and cello chamber classics.

To accomplish such success Waterside had to depend on more volunteers than ever before. Volunteers for moving furniture and directing parking; welcoming performers and selling their CDs; selling tickets and serving nibbles at intermission. We would like to thank these Island volunteers listed below:



Photo Brian Little
Haines & Leighton in Concert at the Presbyterian church

Inka Brockhausen, Peggie Coulter, Paul Edmondson, Laura Gartner, Janet Grace, Judy Greer, Bev & Bill Harris, John & Liz Harrison, Martin Hauschild, Nancy & Paul Henshaw, Laurie Kilpatrick, Peter Large, Brian & Eva Little, Margaret Maloney, John Moolenbeek, Andrew Patenall, Joyce Reid, John Schutzbach, Bobbi & Michael Shaw, Ula Stief, Jackie Sylvester, Saskia Wagemans, Lorna Willis, Woody Woodiwiss.



Top Left: Woody Woodiwiss, John Schutzbach, Judy Greer and Paul Henshaw at the end of the season celebration party for Waterside Volunteers. Right: Martin Hauschild, Saskia Wagemans, Lorna Willis, Margaret Maloney and Peggie Coulter.



Below Left: Ula Stief, Paul Henshaw, Stanley Burke and Janet Grace at the Waterside Volunteer Celebration. Below Right: Margaret Maloney & Peter Large in the foreground, with (from Left) two John Moolenbeeks, Martin Hauschild, Saskia Wagemans, Lorna Willis, and Peggie Coulter.



CJAI 93.7 FM ENTERS MONTH SIX

-Terry Culbert / Station Manager



**Photo Brian Little
Terry Culbert**

It is hard to believe we have been on the air 24-hours a day for almost half a year. Thanks to Tom Richmond and his dedicated crew of volunteers made up of Islanders and Mainlanders who not only broadcast as on-air personalities, but also give of their time behind the scenes. There are those who repair and programme the computers and others selling memberships and sponsor spots.

Many interesting events have taken place during the past couple of months including a live bluegrass show with mainlander Ellis Wolfreys. Ellis, father of Islander Dan Wolfreys, comes to the Island from Sydenham every Wednesday afternoon to host his bluegrass show from 2 to 4 pm called 'The Wolf's Den'. Ellis began by spinning his own collection of CD's but is now bringing in guests and jamming live from our 'Green Room'. His show has become so popular that on any given Wednesday afternoon bluegrass fans from the mainland will drive to the Millhaven Park enabling them to tune in our five-watt signal from across the North Channel.

Recently, while Adam Miller and Tom Richmond were recording one of Adam's 'Breakfast from the Barn' segments, a

baby purebred Holstein was born right in front of them, which led to a 'name the calf' contest, won by Eloise Gowan who named the newborn 'Lily Mae'.

During the Canada Day parade, co-hosts of 'The Friday Morning Show' Brian Little and I did CJAI's first live remote, albeit connected to the milk house studio with a long, long, long microphone cable. Unfortunately about half way through our play-by-play of the parade, I managed to break the microphone cable getting down from the box on my old pickup truck which we used as a stage. A huge thank you to Matthew McClure, foreign correspondent for CTV National News and son-in-law of South Shore's Peggie Coulter, who came to our rescue, telling us we were producing 'dead-air'. Matthew had been up the street listening to us on a car radio. Brian and Matthew, with their wits about them, rushed back to the studio and broadcasted the



As Cathy Christmas' 'Cat's Show' draws to a close, Kyle Murray slips into the on-air studio to host his own rock show, heard Friday nights from ten to midnight.

remainder of the parade from the safety of our indoor studios.

The wonderful show 'Jazz from Jim's Vault' continues Monday through Friday from 11am to 1pm. 'Jim' by the way is my good friend Jim Gould who lives on South Shore Road, sharing with us his seemingly endless supply of music.

Peter Trueman's 'Saturday Morning-Wednesday Noon' is a great show and over the months has had some interesting guests including Islander Eric Friesen, host of CBC Radio 2's 'Studio Sparks' heard nationally from Ottawa Monday through Friday from noon to 3pm. Other guests have included Deborah Kimmitt, Richard Tkachack, Alena Schram and Margaret Maloney.

Cathy Christmas travels the North Channel from Bath every Friday



On a recent visit to Amherst Island, Jay Berman, an old friend of Terry Culbert, co-hosted a live Monday afternoon radio program with him, called: 'The Court-Ordered Community Service Show'.

A note about the new CJAI sign with the Frontenac II in the background - it was designed and painted by Ross Haines (pictured on front cover watering flowers).

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evening to produce and host the 'Cat Show', an eclectic collection of her favourite rock music.

Kyle Murray produces his own rock show aired after many of us have retired to bed. Periodically I have been up listening. His show is great!

The second annual used book sale was a resounding success, held this year in the equipment shed next to our milk house radio station. It was not unusual to see sixty people choosing books at any one time. This year was a bigger success than last -with a larger supply of books on offer. Thanks to all who cleaned out their home libraries donating so generously to CJAI.

The second annual Pig and Lamb Roast will be held at the Lodge on McDonald Lane September 9th. Don't miss it!



Photo Lorna Willis

Cherry Allen's 39-year old identical twin sons Rupert and James Bonham-Carter were guests on 'The Friday Morning Show' with host Terry Culbert.

If you have a program idea or would like to volunteer behind the scenes, call Rosemary and Tom Richmond at (613-634-1855) or Terry Culbert at (613-634-8217). Thanks for listening.



Michael and Linda Joll look over the script of Michael's radio play titles: 'For Valour'. When it goes to air this fall, the play will be a world premier.



Lorna Willis, a frequent guest co-host on 'The Friday Morning Show', interviews her Nova Scotia friend Joe Murray and plays some of his favourite musical artists.



After completing an hour and a half with Terry Culbert on 'The Friday Morning Show', Mel and Rick Dade of Oshawa seem so relaxed that they danced the Gay Gordon. The couple met each other playing at a military band tattoo. Rick is the retired pipe major of the Toronto Scottish.



The voice behind many of CJAI's public announcements belongs to Rosemary Richmond.

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7 Lessons in Boating & Water Safety

with Saskia
Wagemans
(our newest Ferry Crew
member)



Photo Terry Culbert



Lesson #1 : REACH!!!



*Lesson #2 : IF AT FIRST YOU
DON'T SUCCEED...REACH FAR-
THER!!!*



*Lesson #3: SOMETIMES EVEN THE BEST
LAID PLANS...*



Lesson #4: SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO DO IT THE HARD WAY...

Lesson #5: THERE'S ALWAYS KUNG-FU!!



Lesson #6: WHERE THERE'S A WILL...



Photo Brian Little

Lesson #7: JUMP!!!

Photos provided by Janet and Andrew Grace except where otherwise noted.





A LETTER

- Margaret Pentland Pritchard

[The following letter was submitted by Helen Bulch. She was asked by the Kingston Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society to reply to this letter which is dated July 16, 1980. Helen has done a lot of genealogical work related to the Island. This letter is probably a result of Helen's "Pentland Cemetery, Amherst Island" booklet in which she transcribed information from the gravestones of that cemetery – an impressive accomplishment.]

Your book on the Pentland Cemetery on Amherst came into my possession an hour ago, and I am finding it very interesting. You may be interested in a bit more information. Samuel Pentleton was the son of my great-great grandfather, who came to Canada in 1834 and settled on Amherst Island. You may have noticed the number of Irish names on the gravestones which is very natural as the Island belonged to an absentee Irish landlord. I expect you have heard the Island story of how he got possession of it.

Seven years later Samuel Evans Pendleton died and was buried in the front corner of the farm. Whether the family did not want a child buried in the Anglican Cemetery if it existed then or if the Anglicans would not have the child of Methodists, I have never been able to find out.

When I went to Amherst Island to teach in 1924 and said my ancestors, Pentland, had lived there, no one knew who I meant. Finally I remembered that

some of the Irish in our community in Huron called us Pentleton, and that was the magic word. They showed me the farm and the cemetery and the little gravestone and I was accepted almost as a native. By 1839, when Mary J.[Pentland] died, the old spelling was the correct spelling. Old records from Scotland and Ireland use several variations of the spelling. I expect Mary J. was either a much older sister, or more likely, an aunt of the baby who died. You probably noticed the dry stone construction of the limestone wall around the cemetery. It is exactly like those in Northern Ireland from which the family had come.

As you also know, many families came from the British Isles in the early 1800s to better themselves or else because they were unemployed with the rise of the factory system. The Pentlands probably came for both reasons. They found that they were not any better renting from the absentee landlords than they had been in Ireland. In 1840 they were becoming discontented and thinking of going somewhere else. They heard that the Northern Townships of Huron County had come on the market and they were Crown Land. My grandfather and his friend Thomas Anderson were chosen to go and "spy out the land" and they took back a good report.

By the way, you did not find an Anderson grave in the cemetery. I understand that Thomas' parents had died crossing the Atlantic and he was taken into the home of McQuoids and raised as one of the family. Thomas and Alexander liked the new country, bought farms there and received Crown Deeds which are still cherished by their descendants who were Century Farm Families.

As a result of their good report, nearly a dozen families decided to move to Huron County in 1845 and a few years later. They settled around Dungannon (which was just four-corners in the bush at that time) and at Nile.

You may be interested to know that the first settlers at Dungannon were from Dungannon in Ireland – Northern, I mean.

Life in the bush was difficult, rugged and often lonely, but they persevered. By 1870 my grandfather was able to afford a brick house, in just 25 years. In the meantime, his father realized the need for a weaver in the community. He built a loom which is now in the museum in Toronto in the Pioneer Textile Department. The officials in the department pronounced it perfect in every detail and that it was built by an expert. They suspect that the big beams were from a shipwreck and were picked up on the shore of Lake Huron. For a number of years he supplied the pioneers with much-needed blankets and homespun material. The same thing happened which we think had happened years before in Ireland. There was a woollen mill built at Benmiller, 5 miles away (now recycled to become a posh restaurant and motel) and he was unemployed again. But the people needed floor coverings and he made a few changes in the loom and wove rag carpets for them. He and son and daughter also wove beautiful coverlets. There is one in the museum which was woven by the daughter, 70 or 80 years ago.

And that is a bit of the story of the Pendleton/Pentlands in one bit of Canada.



RADIO NEWS

- Tom Richmond

CJAI has been making some technical updates of late.

The ferry-camera pointed at the Stella dock is now viewable ON LINE: just go to the radio website: <http://amherstisland.on.ca/air> and you will see it. It takes a new picture about once per minute and sends it to the website for you to see, 24 hours per day.

CJAI's audio programming is also now available ON LINE. Just go to the website above, and click on the link to HEAR the station from your computer (it may take up to a minute to start, depending on your internet hookup speed). This works from anywhere in the world with internet access. So if you are in T.O. or even Hong Kong and can't stand to miss a show, just visit the radio website and you will be connected.

IN ADDITION, this page will also show you what artist is playing, what song, and from which album. It also shows what is about to play, and what has played recently.

We got this running in order to prove the system works, and the other day we had 5 internet listeners to Ellis Wolfrey's live performance show on Wednesday afternoon, 5 listeners to Uncle Barry's Blues Hour, and 8 Listeners to Cat's show (the website will tell YOU how many listeners there are too!). Some formatting changes are coming for the website, so watch that space!



Air Booksale a Big Success!!



Top Left: Rosemary Richmond collects a few dollars from an American visitor as radio Director Michele LeLay looks on. Right: Tom Richmond, CEO of CJAI, shows his father Jim of Pittsford, New York, an interesting used book. Below left: Judi Gould of the South Shore enjoys a chat with CJAI gardening expert Doug Green and his mother from Brockville. Below Right: Searching for the perfect treasure at the CJAI 2nd Annual book sale is left to right: Peter Large, Diane Pearce, Michael Shaw, and Barb Hoegenauer.



For more updates on AIR, please see Terry Culbert's Article "CJAI 93.7 FM Enters Month Six" on page 8.

THE MESSAGE OF THE BLACKBERRIES

-Zander of DUNN INN

In August I spent two weeks in White Rock, British Columbia. Nance and I went there to be with my mother as she celebrated her 96th birthday. All went well and we had a quiet party with her three children and closest friends in attendance.

Every morning during those two weeks I picked blackberries. I would pick about a litre of blackberries each day to bring home for us to enjoy on our breakfast cereals, on our lunch cottage cheese and on our supper ice cream.

The amazing thing about blackberries in British Columbia is that they are free! Oh, you can buy them in those flat half-pint plastic containers in the big grocery stores for \$2.50, but they grow everywhere and anybody can pick them! I was puzzled that I seldom saw anybody else picking blackberries.

I picked blackberries on vacant corner lots, on road sides, on private property, on railroad land.

They grow like weeds!

It shocked me to discover blackberries are considered to be weeds. Many people - private homeowners, construction workers, road builders and railroaders - cut down, bulldoze or burn the blackberry bushes.

Years ago, I used to enjoy picking blackberries around the bus-stop while waiting for my transportation. Now those bushes have been removed. I carried a ladder to pick berries from the bushes which had grown up into the trees and hung over the sidewalk. Those blackberry tendrils have all been cut down. I donned protective clothing to pick blackberries near the tracks of the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railroad which runs through White Rock. The Railroad had hacked them twenty feet back from the track.



And therein lies a story. A Railroad Policeman came along and told me I was trespassing and demanded I stop picking blackberries on Railroad property. When

I resisted he told me I was acting as a criminal and could be charged. I stopped picking, but laughed at him and told him it was criminal that the Railroad would prevent people from picking blackberries. The Railroad was going to do nothing with them which I considered criminal. I used to work for a Railroad company in 1960 for 85 cents an hour when the minimum wage was \$1 an hour. I figured that was really criminal. I pointed to the poor state of the track and said it was criminal to leave the track in that condition. The policeman had

nothing to say except that he was only carrying out his duty. I moved on to other berry patches.

It struck me that beautiful, delicious blackberries are ignored by the majority of the people - even though they are free for the taking. Many people want to get rid of them. Some people forbid the picking of them on their property - even though they will never pick them or use them for themselves.

God's love is like those B.C. blackberries. It's absolutely free - to everybody. Perhaps that's why many of us ignore it. Perhaps we figure if it's free it must be worthless. Many folk want nothing to do with God's love and some even outlaw it. I know blackberries are healthy and nutritious - good for you. I also know God's love is good for you. It's criminal if we don't enjoy it.



Photo Dave Youell

The Beacon would like to thank all contributors to this edition as well as all past and future issues. We are often overwhelmed by content (as we have been this month) and simply cannot fit all of the submissions in each issue. All submissions not used are kept on file to be used in the future.

We would also like to remind contributors that the deadline for submissions is the 25th of the month. We strive to have the Beacon printed and distributed by the 10th of every month, which is contingent on receiving submissions on time.

Terry Culbert: A roving reporter for CJAI, and one of the Beacon's wandering Photographers.

Below are a few of the pictures that Terry has submitted to the Beacon over the past month. As you can see, his roving pays off with some interesting photo opportunities.

All Photos by Terry Culbert unless otherwise noted.

Below: Carman Hewitt on the left, seems to be racing 12-year old Dylan McMullen on the garden tractor, as the two Caughey farm workers travel west along the Third Concession Road.



Photo by Brian Little
Terry starts off his day with a delicious breakfast...This one was delivered to CJAI by Lynn Flemming.



Above: Keith Miller (Doctor Love of the Island landfill site), shows off his new t-shirt to retired surgeon Doctor Brian Grace.

Left: Vicki Keith comes to the wig rescue of the ex-Mrs. Zander Dunn, played by Vicki's husband John Munro, at the 58th annual St. Paul's Presbyterian Garden Party.

THANK YOU



Marcia and Tom Ivison want to thank everyone for welcoming Elsa Gonzalez to Amherst Island. Marcia's mom had a great and unforgettable holiday in her recent visit from Argentina.

We would like to thank everyone who joined with us in celebrating our twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. For all the cards and best wishes. A special thanks to Jess and her helpers. It does the soul good to see such an array of family and friends together forming a very large circle.

Terry and Susan McGinn.

CONCERT

The Loyalist Environmental Coalition will be joining with the Lake Ontario Waterkeeper to welcome Gord Downie from the Tragically Hip at a solo concert in Kingston on the evening of 21 September at 8pm. There will be four concerts along the lake and the series is called "Heart of a Lake" Tour.

This not for profit event is a fundraiser for the Lake Ontario Waterkeeper. The concert is aimed at sending a positive message to our community about our lake and the importance of Lake Ontario in our lives.

Details are as follows:

Thursday, September 21st, 8pm: Sydenham Street United Church, 82 Sydenham Street, Kingston. Tickets \$18, fees extra. Available online at www.maplemusic.com and www.grandtheatre-kingston.com, at the Grand Theatre Box office, the John Deutsch University Centre and The Grad Club, and by phone at (613)530-2050.

ACW TURKEY SUPPER

Saturday, September 23rd at the Community Centre from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 pm. Adults: \$12.00; Children ages 6-12, \$6.00 and Children under age 6, free.

Advance tickets only.

For tickets call: 389-4874 or 389-4327.

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NOTICES

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, 613-389-4334; Judith Harrower, 613-384-0435; Bruce Burnett; and, Bruce Caughey.

The draw will be held on September 23 during the St. Alban's annual Turkey Dinner.

INTERESTED IN A FREE HOUSE?

All you have to do is move it! The house in question was Doug Wilson's - the one that sits on the North-east corner of the crossroads in Stella village. We have purchased this property recently, and although Blacksmith's shop will remain, we want the house removed. It doesn't look much from the outside, however the house structure is of very solid post and beam construction, dove-tailed and held together with iron spikes made in the blacksmith shop. The building has no foundation (it sits on horizontal logs) which should make moving it easier. If we have no takers for moving, then we would like to have the house demolished, so we are also interested in quotes for demolition. call Jim and Lynann Whitton, 613-384-5027

If you're interested in wholesale prices of fall bulbs for spring blooming, give Jackie Sylvester a call at 613-389-1320. She has catalogues and price lists and will be co-ordinating a wholesale priced order for fall delivery to the Island. These are better prices than you'll get on the mainland and the bulb selection is quite extensive.



FOR SALE

Hand hewn beams, various lengths – all in good condition – some with nails but useable as mantles. All are clean and some have hewed out notches for previous support posts.

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Recliner Chair	\$25.00
Vibrating Recliner Chair	\$100.00
Load of Fill	Free
Coffee/End Tables	\$5.00-\$50.00
Stereo/Component Cabinet	\$20.00
Call Paul and Nancy 613-384-0799	

DOORS OF AMHERST ISLAND

The Doors of Amherst Island posters available at the Amherst Island General Store, and Weasel and Easel. All proceeds go to the restoration of Pentland Cemetery and the Stone Fences on the Island.

Cost is \$20.00, no GST or PST.

Great gifts! If you would like a poster they are available at the General Store, The Lodge and from Judith Harrower 613-384-0435. Also available are Amherst Island brochures, which describe points of interest and historical locations on the Island. Cost is \$2.00, proceeds go to the restoration of Pentland Cemetery.

W.I. ISLAND SIGHTS 2006 CALENDAR

Calendars are \$10.00 each.

Envelopes @ \$1.00 each.

Postage @ \$2.00 each. (Canada)

Make cheques payable to:

Amherst Island Women's Institute.

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

Or contact any W.I. member.

LANDFILL SITE HOURS

Wed 11-2; Sat 10-noon; Sun 2-4.

FERRY OFFICE HOURS

Mon, Wed, Fri: 9-noon & 1-4

Ferry fuel-up days are Tuesday and Friday (be prepared for a delay).

LIBRARY HOURS

Tuesday 7-9pm, Wed 10-Noon,

Friday 1-3pm.

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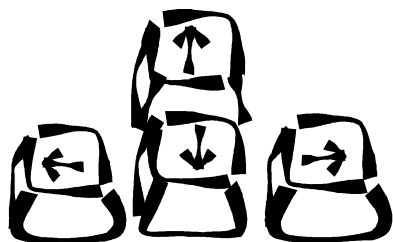
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Does anyone do furniture appraisals on the Island or do you know someone who will come to the Island to appraise old furniture please? I have three bedroom dressers and a night table which I want appraised.

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I am collecting the following for the Napanee S.P.C.A. Any kind of used stamps. A&P tapes, Canadian Tire Money. Used towels, etc, and cleaning supplies. Cat and dog food. Knitted squares & material placemats. (The latter provide comfort to cats and dogs in cages.) The "Cat's Meow" thrift store is always grateful for used clean clothing and paperback books. 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 613-384-4135

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HOUSE FOR RENT:

Year-round, by the week, weekend or month on the North Shore.

Call Cherry 613-634-1212

COTTAGE

Three bedroom cottage for rent on north shore, sleeps ten. Paddle boat, canoe, bikes and swimming raft. Reasonable rates. Contact Carolyn (905) 729-3259 or cgreen@look.ca

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Contact Susan & Garry Filson
2 Front Road, Stella.

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Private with good swimming. By the week or week-end, May-October.

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On private, secluded peninsula. Over 2000ft of limestone shoreline.

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Home cooked food...

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Our seasonal specialty soups like:

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Tempting Desserts:

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- Our Special Cheesecake...and Neil's Key Lime Pie!

Open Year Round

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5545 Front Road, Amherst Island

NEWS From the GENERAL STORE

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.

Summer hours (to 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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Mon-Fri: 9am - 11:30am; 2:30pm - 5pm.

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Linda Welbanks.



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Terry Culbert did a feature radio interview with 97-year old Bill Tilden who taught school on the South Shore Road in 1932. Bill is seen here surrounded by his daughters Annette Tilden and Willa Wicks. Ula Stief, present owner of the remodelled school house, holds one end of an old chalk board while Bill's good friend Ted Welbanks holds the other.

